

OVER BLACK

GUNSHOT. GUNSHOT.

EXT. SMALL TOWN CEMETERY - DAY

Marines in dress uniform aim rifles in the air and FIRE.

A small gathering of mourners and family pay their respects to a headstone. Children hold tiny flags.

A SHAKING HAND clenches into a fist, then moves up to adjust a frayed cap. HARLEY, 30s, sits in her pickup truck, watching the funeral from afar. The LAST POST rings out.

Harley pulls down her cap and shrinks in her seat as a mourner glances in her direction.

EXT. WOODS - DAY

Harley's pickup truck winds along a forest highway.

EXT. STONERIDGE TOWN - DAY

A FLYER stuck to a streetlight shows STEVIE WHITLOW, 13, mixed-race. Printed underneath his face, the word "MISSING".

Every streetlight displays the same flyer. We hear an approaching TAT-TAT-TAT of military DRUMS.

Pickup trucks cruise by, flags waving from windows. A handful of servicemen march behind them - small town Veteran's Day celebrations.

A few heads turn as Harley drives past.

The missing flyers FLITTER in her wake. Sounds of the parade take us into--

INT. CHIP'S GROCERY STORE/STAFF RESTROOM - DAY

Harley thumps her chest repeatedly, fighting a panic attack.

She wrings her shaking hands, trying to control her breathing. She SLAPS her face until she's calm.

Harley checks her face in the mirror, gathers herself, and puts on a yellow apron.