1 INT. BEDROOM - MID-NIGHT 1

Camera on Flo as she wakes up and slowly walks over to Maddy and taps her on the shoulder. She whispers to Maddy being weary of Bella in the room.

FLO
Maddy... are you awake?

Maddy sits up on her bed and rubs her eyes.

MADDY
It’s the middle of the night flo, what is it?

FLO
I had a nightmare.

MADDY
Come here Flo,

Flo sits on Maddy’s bed and Maddy puts her arm around her.

FLO
I wish Daddy was here.

MADDY
I wish he was here too Flo,

FLO
Why did he have to go to war?

MADDY
That’s a soldier’s job Flo. Our daddy was very brave and he wanted to do something amazing, and he did it, he sacrificed his MADDY life for those who can’t fight for their own.

FLO
But I really miss him...

MADDY Everyone misses him Flo, he was so funny and kind and he loved us so much and he wouldn’t want his little sugar lump so sad. Do you know what Daddy is doing right now?

FLO
No... what?

MADDY
He’s looking down on you up there and he’s so proud of you and how brave you’re being.

FLO
Really?

MADDY
Yes, I promise, He will always be with you, I Love you Flo...

FLO
I Love you too Mads...

Girls hug.

2 INT. BEDROOM - MORNING 2

Girls are sitting on Bella's bed - faint laughing.

MADDY
I absolutely love this blanket,
I wish I could have it!

BELLA
I love it too!

MUM
Come on girls! Hurry up! We
haven't got ALL day!

MADDY
Coming Mum!

Camera watches Bella and Maddy run past and then follows them down the stairs.

CUT TO:

Girls stand in doorway while Mum is clearing plates with Flo.

MUM
I'm just going into town to pick
up a few things for when Jack
comes over tonight, will you be
ok on your own?

MADDY
Yes Mum!

MUM
Look after your younger sister
ok!

MADDY
Of course!

MUM

Ok! I'll be back in an hour
or two. Call me in an
emergency!

BELLA
Yep.

Mum walks out of the door.

FLO
Can we go and climb that tree!

MADDY
Ok then! Bella, you’re the judge!

3 EXT. TREE - MID-MORNING 3

Flo touches the top of the tree and climbs back down.

Flo's hand swipes part a branch which looks damaged. She descends without a problem. She stands at the bottom of the tree.

BELLA
13.73 seconds... WOA!

MADDY
Whoa! That was quick Flo, don't know if I'll beat that!

FLO
Go on! You better be quick!

Maddy starts to climb above her is a shaky branch.

FLO
Careful Mads that branch looks shaky...

A zoom on the broken branch she tries to put her hand on.

BELLA
Maddy! DONT TOUCH IT!

MADDY
Why? (screams)

Maddy is on the ground.

4 INT. PLAYGROUND SWINGS - MORNING 4

Bella is on the swings, suddenly Maddy appears next to her on the next-door swing.

MADDY
Bella.

BELLA
Maddy?! Is that really... Maddy! I love you so much what happened... how come?

MADDY
I don’t understand either, how long has it been, since I...

BELLA
six months...

MADDY
(gulps)

BELLA
I know, but how, how come your here, can you see Flo, can you see any...

MADDY
No. I can’t. It’s all empty apart from you. I mean, I can hear their voices like I’m close, I am close but...

BELLA
Oh... I’m so sorry Mads. I love you, please, is it really?

MADDY
Yes it’s me...

Awkward silence

Voice of Mum

MUM
Bella! Come in for supper...

BELLA
I’m not hungry!

MUM
Jacks come over with Skye!

BELLA
Oh... ok, coming. I've got to go Mads, Jack and Skye are here.

MADDY
Skye... you've met Skye.

BELLA

Oh, I'm sorry Bella, I know you wanted to...

MADDY
It's fine, it's not your fault. Is she nice?

BELLA
Yeah, she's lovely.

MADDY
That's, that's nice.

5 INT. KICTHEN - DUSK 5

Bella and Maddy are sitting down at the table.

Jessie, Flo and Skye run in.

Jessie grabs hold of the chair that Maddy is sitting at.

BELLA
What are you doing Jessie?! Don't sit there! That's where Maddy sits.

SKYE
But Maddy isn't here any...

JACK
Not now Skye, Bella, Jessie, your mum and I are taking Flo and Skye to the cinema, do you want to come?

Bella looks at Maddy.

BELLA
No thanks.

JESSIE
It could be fun!

SKYE
Pretty Please!

JACK
Come on Bel!

BELLA
I'm tired.

JESSIE

So am I but it's not like you have to do much at the cinema.

BELLA

You don't understand.

JESSIE
What is there to understand?!

MUM
Bella, please what are you going to...

BELLA
Please! no.

FLO
Well... if Bella's not going to come, that doesn't mean you can't come Jessie... I'd love you to come!

SKYE
Me too!

Jessie looks at Bella

BELLA
Go! I'm not stopping you.

MUM
Bella...

Bella rolls her eyes

MUM
Fine, but we'll be a couple of hours at-least...

6 INT. KITCHEN - MORNING 6

CLOSE UP ON SCRAPBOOK

Bella and Maddy are at the table making a scrap-book.

MADDY
You could've gone out if you wanted.

BELLA
I would NEVER have left you Mads,

Bella points to a photo.

BELLA
That's my favourite photo...

MADDY
Same! that day was SO much fun!

BELLA
Remember when Mum took me and you to Alton towers and we had to pretend that we were 14!

MADDY
That was so funny!

MADDY
Hey Bel! Do you remember our hand-shake?

BELLA

Of-course!

Girls do their hand-shake.

7 INT. BELLA'S BEDROOM - MORNING 7

Bella and Maddy are playing on her bed.

They do their hand-shake.

Mum shouts up the stairs...

MUM (VOICE OVER)
BELLA! We're making pancakes! Come-down.

BELLA
No thanks Mum! I'm busy!

Flo and Skye run into the room.

FLO
Please Belle! Skye's come over too!

SKYE
Please come Belle!

BELLA
Sorry Skye! Next time...

The two little girls leave feeling rejected.

Bella looks at Maddy...

BELLA
Sorry Mads...

MADDY
That's ok... I get it. I'm sorry too.

8 INT. BEDROOM - MORNING 8

Bella and Maddy are playing on her bed.

BELLA
"A sailor went to sea sea sea, to see what he could see, see, see, but all that he could see, see, see was the bottom of the deep blue...

Voice-over of Mum at the door.

MUM
Bella! I'm going to collect Skye and Flo, Jessie's come because her Mum's at work. Can she come up?

Bella looks at Maddy

BELLA
Ok

CUT TO:

Bella and Jessie are sitting on her bed. Bella looks uncomfortable. Jessie is trying to pleasant regardless. Maddy is sitting in the window sill looking sad.

JESSIE
Do you want to go on the trampoline?

BELLA
Not really...

JESSIE
Can we go to the park?

BELLA
Nah...

JESSIE
We could go and get an ice-cream...?

Bella looks at Maddy behind her.

BELLA
Can we just stay here?

JESSIE
Yeah, I guess.

JESSIE

I remember movie night every Friday night with Mads!

Bella looks at Maddy and doesn’t reply.

JESSIE
Sorry Bella, I didn’t mean to...

BELLA
Forget it...

JESSIE

Where have you been! I feel I haven’t seen you in ages...

BELLA
I’ve been here.

JESSIE

I know you’ve been... here, but you never come out, I mean I know that it must be really hard but I miss you.

BELLA

You don’t understand Jessie, no-one does.

9 INT. LIVING ROOM - EVENING 9

Mum and Jack are sitting together talking.

MUM
I'm getting kind of worried about Bella, she's never joining in... it's like she's stuck in this little world.

JACK
Have you tried talking to her?

MUM
She won't listen to me... I don't know how to help!

JACK
There's not much you can do, we're already offering her to join in, but that's all we can do. The rest is up to her,

MUM
I know, I just wish I could do more, she won't listen to me, or her sister.

JACK
I could try and speak to her...

MUM
You could try... If you wouldn't mind?

JACK

Of-course not!

MUM

Sorry to drag you into all this...

JACK
You're not dragging me into anything... I want to help, I love you, and I love your family... My family.

10 INT. BEDROOM - DUSK 10

Jack walks in to Bella's bedroom and sits at the end of her bed.

JACK
Hey Bella!

BELLA
Hi

JACK
I was thinking, you're nearly 14, why don't you re-do your room?

BELLA
I don't know, I haven't changed it since Maddy...

JACK
Bella... Maddy would want you to have a nice room! Come on...

BELLA
I guess...

JACK
You don't need all these dolls, do you?

We could get some really cool pillows for your bed... these are getting a bit old now!

BELLA
I guess...

JACK
And this blanket... we'll definitely get you a new blanket.

BELLA
(Flash-back to before) (shivers)

JACK
Bella?

BELLA

Nothing, sorry. I love that blanket.

JACK
Ok, not the blanket then... Come on get your shoes on, I'll be waiting downstairs! We can go into town with Skye.

BELLA
Yeah coming...

Jack walks out looking pleased.

Bella looks behind her at Maddy she mouths, I'm sorry.

Maddy looks upset.

Bella picks up her coat and walks out.

Maddy walks over to Bella's bed and sits down.

Maddy hugs the blanket.

11 INT. FALCON - MID-DAY 11

PAN IN AT TABLE

Jack, Bella and Skye are sitting together.

JACK
I’m exhausted, from all that shopping!

BELLA
Yeah... but that was actually quite fun!

SKYE
And look at all the decorations we’ve got for Bella and Flo’s bedroom!

JACK
Soon to be your bedroom too Skye!

BELLA
What?

JACK
Oh... Mum didn’t tell...

BELLA
I mean... I know your moving in and all that but we don’t have enough beds for Skye in our bedroom.

SKYE
Yes, we do... I can stay in Maddy’s bed! Then I’ll be next to Flo!

BELLA
But that’s Maddy’s bed.

SKYE
Yeah, but no-ones sleeping it!
Can I help you decorate today!

BELLA
No... sorry.

Long awkward break broken by Jack.

JACK
Well Kids, we better be off, Flo will be back by now.

BELLA
Yeah.

12 INT. BEDROOM - AFTERNOON 12

Flo and Bella in her Bedroom sitting on her bed. Maddy is behind them on the window-sill.

FLO
Can we go on the trampoline?

BELLA
Nah.

FLO
There's the ice-cream van, an ice-cream? We can get your favourite!

BELLA
I'm not hungry.

FLO
You're never hungry.

BELLA
Please Flo, let me be on my own.

FLO
But I never see you anymore, and I love Skye so much but I need a big sister.

Skye walks in.

SKYE
Dad's just dropped me off! Can we go play!

Flo looks at Bella... long silence.

SKYE
I just heard the ice-cream van!

BELLA
I'm not really hungry.

SKYE

No, neither am I... but we can still go get one.

BELLA
What?!

SKYE

Bella. Stop! It doesn’t matter if you’re hungry, it’s just nice to come and chat with your sister. Can’t you see, Flo needs you, I need you. I can’t imagine the pain without Maddy, but you can’t sacrifice your whole family. We all miss you, it’s like you’re fading away, please, please come back. We don’t want to lose you too.

BELLA

(Looks at Maddy)

I..I... I’m sorry Flo, I’m sorry Skye, I didn’t mean too...

FLO

That’s ok, please come and get an ice-cream...?

BELLA

Ok then...

They walk out of the bedroom.

13 INT. BEDROOM - MORNING 13

Jessie and Bella are on her bed with Maddy crouched in the corner. CLOSE-UP

JESSIE
Thanks Belle, for inviting me over.

BELLA
That's ok Jessie, I've missed you.

JESSIE
I've missed you too.

BELLA
It's been weird without Maddy, now she's gone.

JESSIE
Yeah, I know, it hasn't really been the same.

BELLA
I'm sorry if I've seemed distant these past weeks, months! I just it's like I can't really go on without her.

JESSIE
But you can Bella, you can move on. You have such a loving family. Jack; Skye, she's so funny! And your Mum, she's moving on and Flo and... and you have me too Bella.

BELLA
I guess...

JESSIE
Hey Bella, Are you still on for Movie night tonight.

BELLA
Of course! After decorating though...

JESSIE
I can't wait! Let's go!

Camera follows Jessie and Bella walk out of the room and then Pans back to Maddy crying.

14 INT. BELLA'S BEDROOM - EVENING 14

Bella and Skye are sitting on Bella's bed looking tired

BELLA
That was so much fun!

SKYE
Yeah I know!

BELLA
Shall we do your bed now...

SKYE
My bed?

BELLA
Yes, your bed... I got you a couple of pillows.

SKYE
Really?

BELLA
Yes.

Bella takes the pillows out of the bag.

SKYE
They spell out my name...

BELLA
Yes... they do!

SKYE
Thank you so so so much Bella!

BELLA
Hey, don't worry about it.

CLOSE-UP OF PILLOWS BEING PLACED

Bella puts them on 'Maddy's' bed and takes off Maddy's pillows.

Maddy sits at the end of her bed looking sad.

Skye and Bella sit down on Skye's new bed.

SKYE
This room looks so nice now!

BELLA
Yeah it does...

MUM
(VOICE OVER)
Come on girlies! Movie night, Jessie and Flo chose Harry Potter!

SKYE
Let’s go!

BELLA
Yey!

15 INT. LIVING ROOM - EVENING 15

The whole family and Jessie are sitting on the sofa engaged in the TV.

Maddy is sitting on the arm of the sofa looking down.

MUM
Does anyone want any more popcorn?

Girls speak but not taking eyes off screen.

BELLA
When would I ever refuse popcorn!

JESSIE
Yes please!

FLO AND SKYE
I LOVE popcorn!

SKYE
Jinx!

MUM
Thought so! Jack?

JACK
Of course!

MUM
Bella, can you pause it?

BELLA
Yep!

Mum gets up to go get popcorn and Maddy follows.

Mum walks through and shuts the door on Maddy.

Maddy looks very sad and walks up the stairs.

16 INT. BEDROOM - EVENING 16

Bella walks into the room and sits on her bed. She sees a note and reads it. Maddy is standing behind Bella though she can't see this.

BELLA

Dear Bella,

I'm glad I could see you for the past weeks,

BELLA AND MADDY

even if you were the only one...

I wish I could've spent longer, but we all have to move on...

MADDY

I'm just glad I could say good-bye and tell you how much I love you, Flo and Mum.

Maddy walks around and sits next to Bella.

The truth is, I couldn't leave until you let me. Daddy explained everything to me. I'm not sad anymore. Please don't be either. I love you SO much and will never forget you... Please never forget me, us...

We're so proud of how brave you are being.

Look after Flo and Skye, they're so lucky to have a sister like you and Jessie has such an amazing friend in you,

Lots and Lots and Lots and Lots of Love,

MADDY

Mads…

…and by the way Bell - you're never alone x

While Maddy is saying the last line she slowly fades away and leaves Bella on her own. Bella holds the letter close to her heart.

We pass slowly by Bella and towards the window. As we see the view outside we see a man in a soldier's uniform standing facing us. A second later we see Maddy walk over to the man. The meet, hold hands, turn and walk away into the distance.

THE END.