A person is silhouetted against a bright light source at the end of a dark, narrow tunnel. The person is standing on a ladder and reaching towards the light. The tunnel walls are dark and textured, and the floor is also dark. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and dramatic.

Chase THE Light

The Gruesome Art of
Becoming Unbreakable

LOGLINE

A rising immigrant actor's dreams are shattered by a drunk driver, forcing him to relearn life itself, as the unwavering love and sacrifice of his family forge an unbreakable spirit and redefine his purpose.



SYNOPSIS

A rising immigrant actor, on the cusp of Hollywood stardom, has his world shatter in an instant. A horrific drunk driving accident leaves him fighting for his life, facing the daunting task of relearning how to breathe, eat, walk, and talk. As he navigates this painful recovery, his girlfriend abandons him—the very person he was on his way to see that night. Adding insult to injury, the drunk driver is from his own hometown.

While Cesar grapples with a broken body, shattered dreams, and a devastated heart, his family sacrifices everything to ensure his survival. In the midst of the overwhelming darkness; his mother's love and devotion becomes the light that guides him home.





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Nuria

Nuria Perez is a woman of fervent faith whose spiritual convictions are both a source of immense strength and, initially, a cause for profound crisis. She is the physical embodiment of true love and acts selflessly. Her son's accident is a tragedy that shatters her world and forces her to confront the very foundations of her faith. Yet, ultimately, her journey reflects a spiritual resilience, as she navigates through despair to find a renewed sense of purpose, faith, and becoming a testament to the enduring power of a mother's love and the complexity of spiritual healing through unimaginable hardship.

Nuria

Rolan

Rolan Perez is a man of quiet strength and deep dedication to his family. He is Cesar's best friend and the first to make him laugh. His presence is a guarantee that laughter is just around the corner. Not with forced jokes or rehearsed gags, but with an effortless wit that finds the absurdity in everything. When he is around, the weight of the world feels lighter. Though he breaks down at times, he doesn't let anyone see. He knows he is the place his family can find refuge and be reminded that when hope feels like a distant whisper, laughter remains our defiant echo.

Rolan





Carolina

Carolina is the embodiment of fierce loyalty and pragmatic dedication. She puts her own life on hold, dedicating herself to being her brother's keeper, providing constant presence and support through his most challenging moments. Being so close in age with Cesar, his accident devastates her and she vows to not search for her happiness until her brother gets better. She represents the often unsung hero who quietly but powerfully holds things together when life falls apart.

Carolina

Alicia

As the eldest of three children, Alicia is a trailblazer, paving the way for her younger siblings, including Cesar, with her quiet determination and intellectual ambition. Her commitment to her family is further highlighted by her actions during Cesar's accident and painful recovery. Alicia plays a crucial role in starting his GoFundMe, keeping everyone updated, and most importantly - bringing his girlfriend to see him. She tries to keep the remaining fragments of his previous life intact.

Alicia

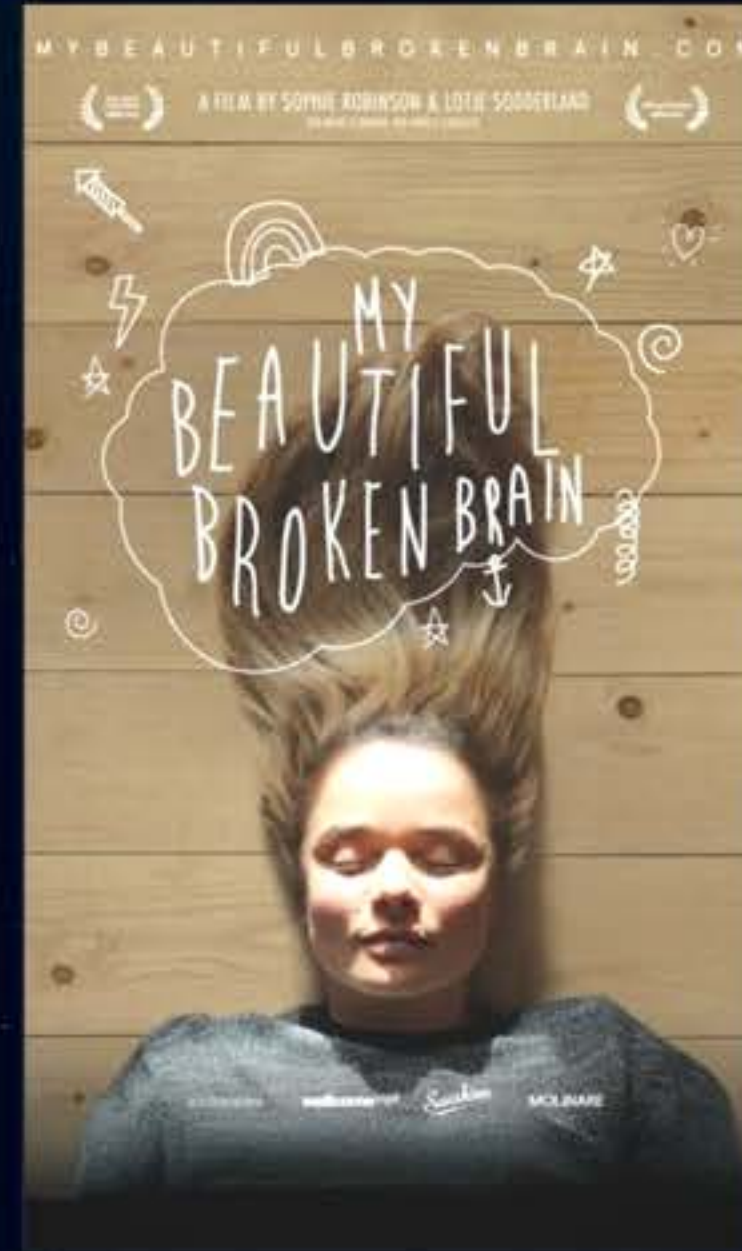




Cesar

Cesar Perez is a driven and ambitious professional actor with dreams, aspirations and a strong sense of self-reliance. He builds a promising life for himself but a car accident shatters his identity, forcing him into a new reality. He's a man who has to relearn every basic function of life. This period reveals his raw determination to not just survive, but to reclaim his life. His decision to seek out the drunk driver who caused his accident demonstrates his courage to confront his past and to find meaning and purpose in his suffering. He learns to rebuild himself stronger and with a renewed sense of purpose.

COMPS



THE HUMAN SPIRIT'S CAPACITY FOR SURVIVAL, FAMILY, AND REDEMPTION



"Sometimes, the heaviest burden we carry is the memory of a **light** that has gone out."





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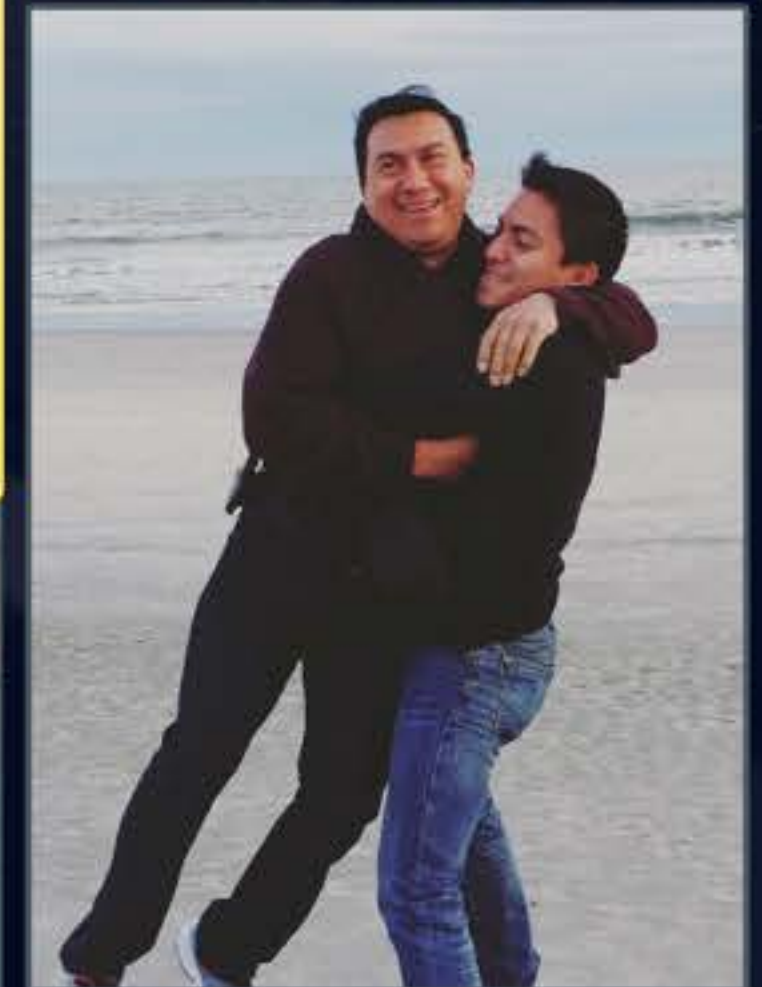
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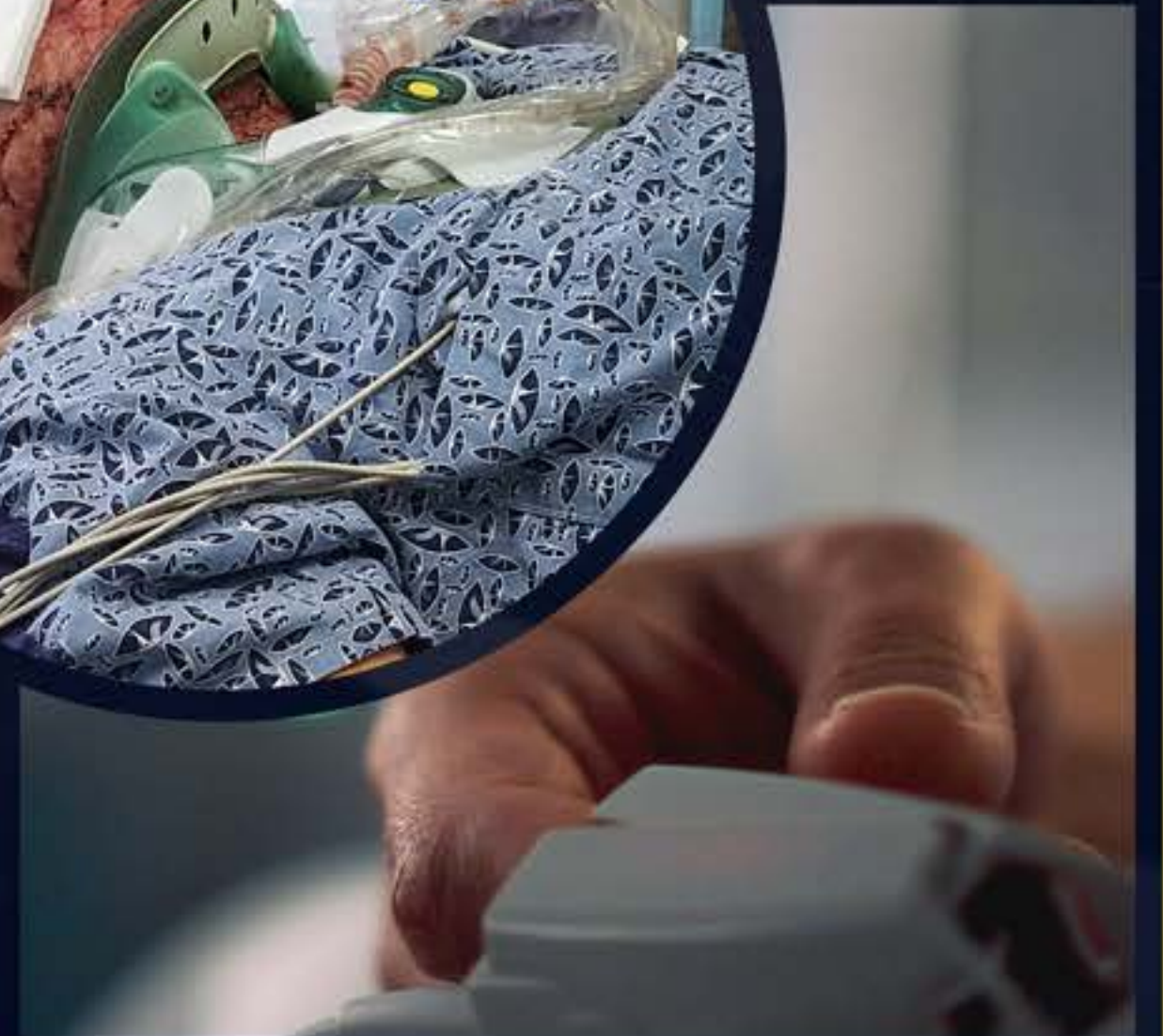
ACT I

We are introduced to the Perez family, Salvadoran immigrants for whom "family" is not just a word, but the very cornerstone of their existence. At the heart of their hopes stands Cesar, the youngest and only boy, a source of immense pride and the embodiment of their American dream. His talents and aspirations are hinted at, building empathy for the life he—and by extension, they—stand poised to lose.



ACT II

The calendar flips to January 12, 2018. The Perez family is plunged into unbearable suspense, their world suddenly silent with the dread of the unknown as hours tick by without word from Cesar. Unbeknownst to them, their son has just been the victim of a devastating drunk driving accident. The force of the head-on collision doesn't just crush Cesar's physical body; it instantly obliterates his promising future, brutally ending "life as he – and the entire family – know it." We hear from the EMS crew, therapist, and family as they showcase the immense physical struggle and emotional toll - plus the fear of not knowing what comes next.



ACT III

The Perez family's unwavering support is explored deeper as Cesar slowly regains mobility and begins to confront his new reality. The agonizing physical tests are intertwined with emotional blows: the painful, defining moment his girlfriend leaves him, ripping away the fragment of his old life.

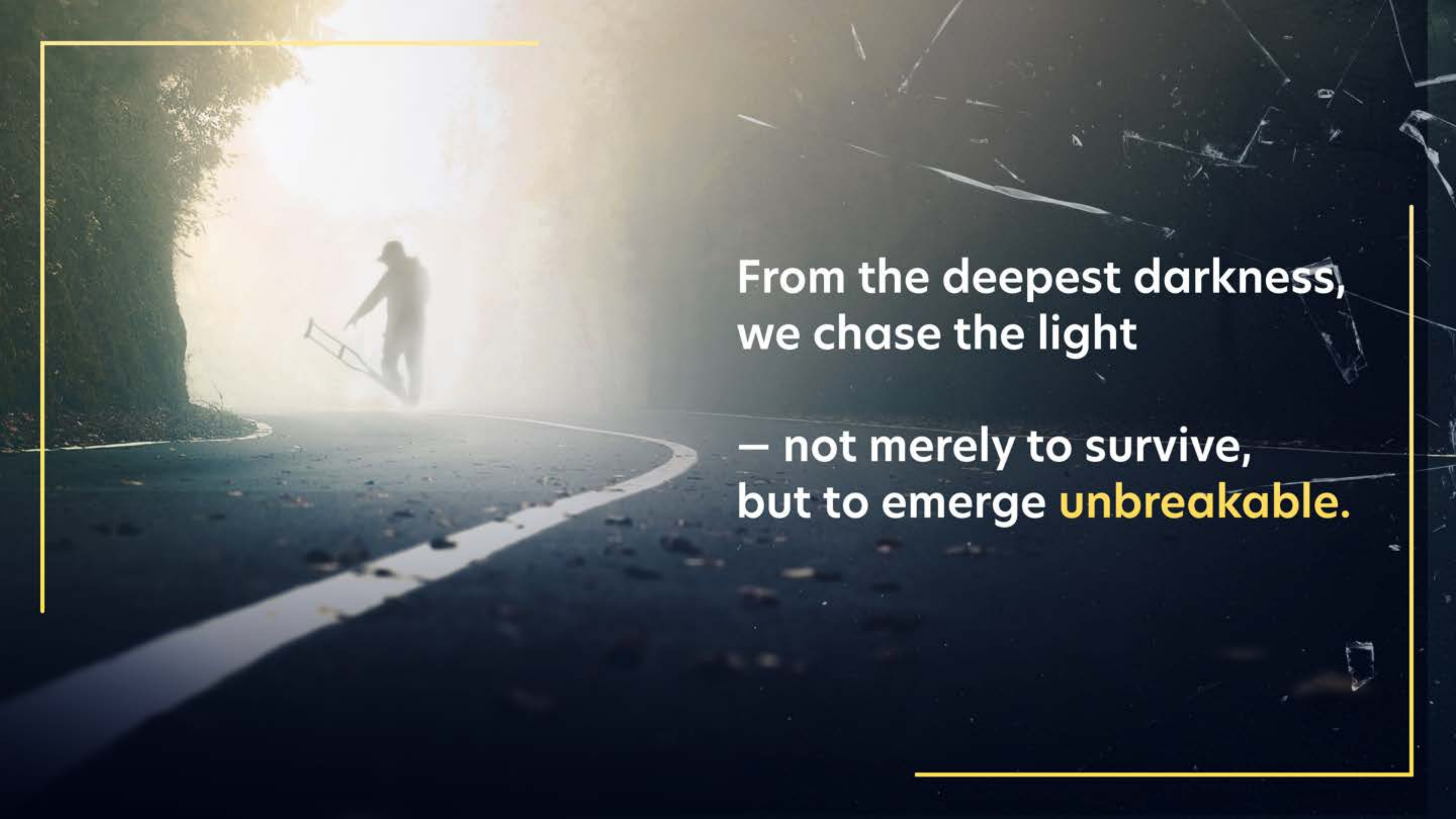
Amidst this profound personal devastation, a shocking revelation emerges: the drunk driver is from his own birthplace. This cruel twist of fate, culminating in their first, charged meeting, adds an unexpected and deeply ironic layer to his pain, forcing Cesar to grapple with not just a broken body and dreams, but a shattered sense of connection to his origins.



ACT IV

We see Cesar embrace his new normal and step into a transformed life, driven by a commitment to himself, to never give up. His new perspective, born from almost losing everything, is deepened by the emotional reunion with the EMS crew who saved him. As his family begins to heal, celebrating the arrival of a nephew named in his honor, Cesar emerges as an unbreakable spirit, relentlessly chasing the light and inspiring others. He solidifies this new purpose by publishing his memoir, Chase the Light, a powerful beacon demonstrating that even from the deepest darkness, light can be found, and lives rebuilt.





From the deepest darkness,
we chase the light

— not merely to survive,
but to emerge **unbreakable.**