

EXT. PINWOOD STREET - MORNING

It's a cool autumn Thursday morning in the small town of Danville, TN.

STEVIE (precocious 6 year old with pigtailed auburn hair) and her big brother DAVID (11) walk on the sidewalk on their way to school.

Fall leaves dance in the wind.

Stevie swings her plastic My Little Pony lunch box as David kicks a rock down the way.

Questions fire out of her mouth.

STEVIE

Why do we have to go to school?

DAVID

Everyone goes to school. We have to learn things so we can get a job.

STEVIE

Why do we need a job?

DAVID

So we can make money and buy things.

Stevie kicks David's rock.

STEVIE

Mommy has a job and she's going to buy me a puppy for my birthday and I'm going to name him Hercules!

Across the street... a small park.

On the weekends playing children fill its slides and swings but this brisk morning it's empty except for one person.

A homeless man sleeping on a bench.

A shopping cart sits next to him, filled to the brim with his entire worldly possessions.

A morning jogger runs past making sure to not get too close.

DAVID

Mom is never going to buy you a puppy.