

FADE IN

EXT. ADIRONDACK WOODS - UPSTATE NY, 1983 - DAY

A hawk soars in a cloudless sky. It gracefully catches and falls, floats and flaps. As the bird descends toward a nearby tree, the faint SOUND OF JET ENGINES grows increasingly louder until--

Two F-111 jets race loud and low toward the base ahead.

EXT. PLATTSBURGH AFB - CONTINUOUS

Various military aircraft sit open for public viewing.

Families and Military personnel visit the stations, look inside cockpits, snap pictures, snack on hotdogs and cotton candy, and sit on bleachers.

A bright-eyed little dark-haired girl, RONNA KAY, (6) walks hand-in-hand with her sister, HANNAH (12), mature for her age. They stop at the far end of the grounds where their father, MAJOR STEPHEN KAY (34), dark-haired and handsome in his flight suit, meets them.

KAY

(hurriedly)

How are my girls? Having fun?

YOUNG RONNA

It's hot, Daddy.

YOUNG HANNAH

We're fine, Dad. Don't worry.

Maj. Kay offers Hannah a wrinkled bill from one of his many zippered pockets.

KAY

Here, Hannah. Buy the two of you some ice cream and then find some good seats. I'll be coming by shortly.

(to Ronna)

And you, tiger, mind your sister.

YOUNG RONNA

Why can't I stay with you?

KAY

Little girls aren't allowed to ride in jets. Besides, you're always with me, see?