## SCRIPT TITLE

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## CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

SAM - Male, 10-12 years old, Any Ethnicity (blonde in script)

A skinny, blonde boy who is Annie's best friend and used to come to their house every day. He's a victim of severe child abuse - he arrives at Pete's house with visible injuries: big scars, purple/black eyes, and bruises. He doesn't speak about where he gets hurt.

NOTE: This is a non-speaking role in terms of the audition, but the character appears in key flashback moments showing the abuse that shaped Pete's mission.

## SCENE CONTEXT

Over time, Pete notices Sam arriving with increasingly severe injuries - scars, black eyes, bruises. Pete follows Sam home one night and witnesses Sam's father beating him through the window. Pete later kidnaps Sam's father, trying to "reform" him and stop the abuse. When Pete releases the father (believing he's changed), the father goes home and murders Sam before killing himself. This failure becomes Pete's greatest regret and the reason he continues his vigilante mission for the next years. Sam's death is the wound that never heals.

## AUDITION SCENE

INT. SAM'S ROOM - NIGHT (FLASHBACK/REFERENCED SCENE)

SAM sleeps in his bed. Above him, his FATHER points a gun at him. SAM's face shows fear and confusion - he doesn't understand what's happening.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ROLE

Makeup/Effects Needed:

Bruises (black eye, various stages of healing)

Scars on face/arms

Swollen eye (can barely see out of it)

Crying/red eyes

Wet clothes (soaked pants from river scene)

Emotional Range:

Sad, withdrawn (normal state)

Afraid (when being hurt)

Unable to speak about abuse (trauma response)

Vulnerable, small