

**NARRATOR (V.O)**

I remember those days. They had been a tad strange.

**INT. MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSROOM**

A STUDENT stands in the middle of a classroom surrounded by classmates. She screams, then shatters like glass.

CUT TO BLACK

**NARRATOR (V.O)**

All of them went eventually. They had to at some point.

**INT. HOUSE - NIGHT**

A TEENAGER sits on the floor sad, but not crying. His PARENTS are mad at him. He closes his eyes, then shatters like glass.

CUT TO BLACK

**NARRATOR (V.O)**

Except for one, as it is in all stories.

**EXT. ALLEYWAY - EVENING**

It's rainy. A few YOUNG ADULTS loiter the alley. One person gets shot in the leg and falls; He continues to shatter like glass.

CUT TO BLACK

A school bell rings

**INT. HIGH SCHOOL**

A BOY walks through the halls. He wears primarily black clothes, and he has a few colorful highlights in his hair. The BOY walks into a CLASSROOM. In the front, the TEACHER

**TEACHER**

Late again, Mr. Coffman?

The BOY sits down in a seat without a word. The class is completely silent.

**TEACHER (O.S)**

Alright, if everyone could get out their textbooks and open up to page 501. Today we're going to learn about the mitochondria and its prevalence in our bodies.

The BOY takes out a book from his backpack reluctantly. He flips to a page, but immediately yawns.

**TEACHER**

So, who here knows what the mitochondria is? I assume since everyone did the assigned reading last night that *someone* knows what it is.

Nobody raises their hands.

**TEACHER**

Hmm, okay then. Alex, since you came in early, you can help us with the question.

**ALEX**

Umm...

He looks around a bit, then back to his book. He reads from it.

**ALEX**

"The mitochondria is an organelle of a cell that allows for respiration and provides energy to the rest of the organelles. It is essentially the cell's powerhouse."

The class giggles.

**TEACHER**

Thank you, Alex, I couldn't read that part of the book myself.

Bored out of his mind, ALEX yawns again. Looking around, he looks at a few of his classmates.

PAN TO RIGHT OF ALEX

A NERDY BOY is furiously scribbling in his notebook as the teacher continues the lesson. ALICE sits behind him, appearing just as tired as ALEX.

**TEACHER**

Now, Alice.

The GIRL looks up at the TEACHER.

**TEACHER**

Tell me, what kind of energy does the mitochondria provide?

**ALICE**

(non-energetically) The mitochondria provides energy in the form of adenosine triphosphate, or ATP, Mr. Chapman.

**MR. CHAPMAN**

Good.

ALEX writes "ATP" in his notebook, then underlines it. Looking up at the board, he sees MR. CHAPMAN has written a few things. He looks back down at his notes and begins drawing something. Time passes.

A school bell rings.

ALEX'S notes are shown. In the corner, a drawing of some students digging a hole in the middle of a CLASSROOM with the teacher pushing everything back in.

CUT TO ALICE, who is now at her locker. Aiden walks up.

**AIDEN**

Heyyyy what's up, Alice? Got anything for me today?

ALICE just closes her locker while staring at the BOY unenthused.

**ALICE**

You've got to have some real balls coming up to me, Aiden.

**AIDEN**

Fuck you! We made a deal, you gotta follow through.

AIDEN hand ALICE a sheet of PAPER labeled "Homework." ALICE takes it reluctantly, rolling her eyes.

**AIDEN**

I'll be expecting that by this afternoon.

AIDEN walks away. ALICE closes her locker, and the bell rings again.

CUT TO ALICE sitting in a desk in another classroom. This room is silent and smaller, but everyone in scene is working hard. The teacher looks up from her LAPTOP.

**TEACHER**

Has anyone seen Frank today?

**BOY IN BACK**

Oh, didn't you hear? He, um...

**TEACHER**

He what?

BOY IN BACK makes an explosion motion with his HANDS. TEACHER is mildly saddened, but looks back down at his LAPTOP.

The school bell rings another time. This time, the students are walking out of the school. ZOOM TO ALEX, who is walking alone. MONTAGE of him walking home. Cue title cards.