HEROES **(Niki and her Son Micah)**

NIKI: Micah?

(There's no answer. Niki heads down the hallway. She turns and checks Micah's bedroom. It's empty.)

(Panicked, she turns to check the other rooms. She turns and heads into the next room.)

NIKI: Micah!

(Camera moves over to the mirror over the dresser. A beat later, Niki's reflection turns and leaves the room.)

NIKI: (o.s.) Micah?

[INT. SANDERS' HOUSE – LIVING ROOM – DAY – CONTINUOUS]

(Micah is working on some computer equipment. He appears to be soldering a motherboard.)

NIKI: (shouts) Micah!

(He turns.)

MICAH: What?

(Niki stops as she passes the room door.)

NIKI: Damn it, Micah, don't do that to me.

MICAH: Do what?

(She kneels in front of him. She was worried.)

NIKI: You need to be careful. All right?

MICAH: I'm just working on my computer. The logic board was bad. So I had to build a new one.

NIKI: A new one. Did anyone ever tell you you're the smartest little man on the planet?

MICAH: You do. All the time.

(Niki smiles at him. She gets up and looks at something else on the coffee table.)

NIKI: What's this?

MICAH: It's a pinhole camera. It's for the eclipse. (He watches her and clarifies.)   The moon's gonna cover up the sun today. We're supposed to look at it at school.

NIKI: Speaking of which ... you need to go get ready. We can't be late. Not today.

MICAH: Mom, I'm already dressed, and I've packed my own lunch. That's what I've been doing this morning. What about you?

NIKI: Hey, don't get smart with me. All right, I've been working to pay our bills.

MICAH: Yeah, that's why they turned off our gas again?

(The doorbell rings persistently. Niki looks at Micah.)

NIKI: Go grab your stuff and wait by the back door, okay?

MICAH: Why?

NIKI: Just do it.

(Micah gets up and leaves the living room. Niki looks out the windows through the cover of the curtains and sees two men standing at the front door – one large and burley, the other greasy and sleazy. They look like thugs. The sleazy thug puts his gloves on.   This is not good. Niki steps away from the window.)