

Rock of Love

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EXT. RESIDENTIAL STREET - DAY

GEORGE (12) slowly strolls down the sidewalk, passing parked cars and litter. He lets out a long sigh, eyes fixed aimlessly ahead.

THWACK!

George stops and looks down. His foot knocked into a SMALL ROCK now resting a few feet in front of him. He stares at it, face expressionless.

THWACK!

He kicks it again. The rock rolls forward and lands several feet ahead of him.

For the first time, George smiles.

EXT. RESIDENTIAL STREET - MOMENTS LATER

George continues walking while actively kicking the small rock. With each punt, it rolls a few feet ahead of George, always settling in the center of the path.

The young lad gives a cheerful LAUGH as he BOOTS the rock once more.

THWACK!!!!

This time, the rock LAUNCHES. George watches in horror as the rock slowly begins to tumble off the edge of the sidewalk.

His eyes WIDEN.

Time slows down.

The rock falls into the tall grass as George continues walking. He looks back, but the rock is nowhere to be found.

A beat.

Slowly, George turns his attention back forward. He keeps walking, his face sour, eyes empty.

THWACK!

He stops and slowly looks down.

George's foot has kicked into a NEW SMALL ROCK. It remains on the path, resting a few feet ahead of him.

George smiles.

CUT TO BLACK