

INT. HOME - DAY

LILY, 7, sits next to her brother ALEX, 10 on the sofa. Lily COLORS a bright bold scene. Alex listens to music on his HEADPHONES, intent on a video game.

Lily slyly elbows Alex. No reaction. Lily elbows again. A little harder. Alex reaches over a grabs one of her CRAYONS, breaking it half.

The pair turn away from each other, now back to back, disgruntled.

TITLE CARD: THE DYNAMIC DUO

DING DONG.

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Alex opens the door to find an UNMARKED PACKAGE on the doorstep. He picks it up, RIPPING OFF the paper.

Lily peers out from behind him, interested in the unusual gift.

An old, weathered book is revealed underneath the package paper. On it's cover, two heroic figures stand above a title reading: THE ADVENTURES OF JIM AND JOAN DARK: THE DYNAMIC DUO.

We zoom into the cover transporting us to:

EXT. DARK LAND - NIGHT

Sunset falls over a peaceful forest scene.

NARRATOR

Once upon a time, in a world not so different than your own, the land remembered only peace.

Strong hands feel the green of the leaves, moving in and out of sunlight. We follow the back of a masked figure in black: JOAN DARK.

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Lily reads the book, intent on every word.

NARRATOR

But it was only a matter of time
before the winds of change reached
those calm shores.

The FRONT DOOR opens and Lily looks up. She breaks into a GRIN.

Lily hugs the visitor, big boots and a GUITAR CASE by his side - dad.

MOMENTS LATER

A GUITAR PICK strums the strings of a guitar. Lily falls asleep happily in the lap of her mother.

Alex, headphones around his neck, listens to the music of the guitar. He turns the pages of the Dynamic Duo book, reading.

EXT. DARK LAND - NIGHT

Heavy boots fall onto wet grass. We follow the movement of a mysterious figure in black: JIM DARK.

NARRATOR

The wind carried a great storm that
descended upon the land.

Jim Dark turns with alarm. We see his face, hidden behind a black mask. Wind whips around him.

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Alex reads the Dynamic Duo book at the kitchen table. Behind him, we see the mom and dad in a heated ARGUMENT.

NARRATOR

It brought chaos and darkness -
threatening all that was and ever
could be.

Alex slips on his HEADPHONES. He turns the music up.

EXT. DARK LAND - NIGHT

Jim puts his hands next to his face, radiating ENERGY. A force field grows around him, protecting him from the storm.

NARRATOR

Two heroes emerged from the
darkness, one here and one there.

Joan holds out her hands, filling them with sparkling FIRE. She valiantly throws fireballs into the darkness.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

Both powerful and willful, they used all their strength to survive the storm.

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The GUITAR CASE slams shut. Clothes get thrown into a suitcase.

Lily, watches from her bedroom, as a SUITCASE gets wheeled down the hallway.

She turns back to her coloring, creating bright bold streaks in CRAYON.

NARRATOR

They couldn't find each other, the darkness was so intense.

In his room, Alex leans against the wall, listening to his music and reading the book.

EXT. DARK LAND - NIGHT

Jim struggles with his FORCEFIELD as the storm outside intensifies.

Joan's FIRE sputters and then finally goes out.

NARRATOR

"Is it supposed to look like this?" our heroes asked the wind. So dark, so desolate, so alone.

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Alex and Lily pick at their dinner. Their mom finally gets up and leaves the table without a word.

Lily looks to the EMPTY CHAIR at the head of the table.

Alex pulls out the GUITAR PICK from his father. He looks from the pick to Lily.

NARRATOR

Was it fate that finally brought our heroes together?

EXT. DARK LAND - NIGHT

Jim, in the darkness, hears FOOTSTEPS. He turns, seeing Joan appear before him.

The pair slip off their MASKS and look at each other.

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Alex perches the Dynamic Duo book on his knees in bed. He flips open the book where the GUITAR PICK has been placed as a bookmark.

Lily sits beside him, her head on his shoulder.

NARRATOR

For it's not in the flame, not in
the shield, but in each other where
their true power lay.

INT. DARK LAND - NIGHT

Jim advances towards Joan. Joan holds up her hands to his. Their energy joined creates a blinding flash of LIGHT.

SILENCE.

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CHILD'S LAUGHTER.

The Dynamic Duo book lays on the table. In the window behind it, Lily & Alex are a blur of movement.

In the yard, Lily & Alex chase each other playfully, their faces masked in black.