

Not Alone

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OVER BLACK

Basketball BOUNCING. Sounds like a HEART BEAT.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Silence.

FADE IN:

INT. GYM- NIGHT

Gym is dull and dark. Gray consumes view.

BASKETBALL PLAYER (20s), dribbling a ball down the court.
Working on ball handling alone. He pretends that he's facing,
PHANTOM OPPONENT.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Disconnected.

He dribbles the ball down court.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)(V.O.)

Isolated. Heart break.

He uses a cross over. His dribbling intensifies. So do the
sounds of the heart beat.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)(V.O.)

Anger. Pain

He loses the ball off a bad dribble. Heart beat decreases in
sound.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)(V.O.)

Doubt.

He picks up the ball.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)(V.O.)

Fear.

He shoots and misses.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)(V.O.)

Sadness.

He crosses over and makes a drive to the basket.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)(V.O.)

Rejected.

He gets knocked down HARD, by PHANTOM Opponent.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)(V.O.)
Hopeless.

HEART BEAT INTENSIFIES.

Basketball Player, FULL RAGE. ANGER. TEARS flowing from eyes.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)(V.O.)
Give up!

He launches the basketball, breaking FOURTH WALL.

FADE TO BLACK

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GUN SHOT. Heart beat stops.

Beat.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)(V.O.)
But, if you just remember --

FADE IN:

INT. GYM- NIGHT

Basketball Player, lying down on the gym floor after being knocked down.

TEAMMATE (20s), runs over and GRABS Basketball Player's FOREARM.

Basketball Player grabs hold of Teammate. He jumps to his feet.

Gym, suddenly now BRIGHT.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
You have a team.

CROWD stands in unison.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)(V.O.)
Support. Courage. Love.
(pause)
That's when you realize --

BASKETBALL rolls back over to Basketball Player.

Basketball Player looks down at it. He picks it up.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)(V.O.)
(continuing statement)
-- Your life is still in play. And you
are not --

ENTIRE CROWD, is now behind Basketball Player as he looks up
and sees he's in a game, playing against FIVE PHANTOM
OPPONENTS.

PHANTOM OPPONENTS backing away.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)(V.O.)
(finishing statement)
-- Alone.

Basketball Player, breaks the FOURTH WALL.

FADE OUT