PAUL'S ASSISTANT

START

41 INT. VICE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE -- CONTINUOUS. 41

PAUL hangs up. His ASSISTANT looks up.

ASSISTANT
What's up?

PAUL
Oh -- Joe Chandler's in the hospital again.

PAUL'S ASSISTANT
Who was on the phone?

PAUL
That was Lee Chandler.

PAUL'S ASSISTANT
Lee Chandler?

PAUL
The very one.

END

42 INT./EXT. LEE'S CAR/RT 128 NORTH. DAY. 42

Lee drives PAST the EXIT for MANCHESTER. The SIGN for GLOUCESTER and ROCKPORT is up ahead.

43 INT. GLOUCESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL - HOCKEY RINK. DAY. 43

The Rockport/Manchester team is having practice. PATRICK is on the ice. He is just 15, skinny, athletic, long-haired. He is bright, practical, pugnacious. The HOCKEY COACH, 40s-50s, is shouting instructions.

PATRICK checks another KID against the boards. They start fighting. They're evenly matched but Patrick is kind of wild. The COACH yanks Patrick off the other kid.

HOCKEY COACH
OK, break it up! Break it up! You! Chandler! One more time and you are OUT. Understand me?

Patrick sees LEE in the stands, over the coach's shoulder..

PATRICK
Aw, fuck me.

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