

INT. COLLEGE TELEVISION STATION- PRESENT- ACTUAL EVENTS

A COLLEGE NEWSCASTER addresses the camera.

COLLEGE NEWSCASTER
And finally tonight, one of Watson
University's most beloved alumni
will soon make his triumphant
return to campus.

NEWSREEL: SOOGA'S ANNIVERSARY

INT. MURPHY ARENA- 1989- ACTUAL

Grainy footage of a scrappy young hockey player, flipping a
goal into the net.

COLLEGE NEWSCASTER (V.O.)
In 1986, one backhanded shot turned
the Watson Bulldogs hockey team
into Conference Champions, and one
tiny bench warmer into a hero.

The Bulldogs crowd the player on the ice in celebration.

COLLEGE NEWSCASTER (V.O.)
Peter "Sooga" Sugameli only scored
one goal in his hockey career. But
that didn't stop Hollywood from
calling.

INT. MURPHY ARENA- 1997- FOOTAGE FROM "SOOGA" MOVIE

MOVIE SOOGA, striking behind his helmet mask, scores his
heroic goal.

COLLEGE NEWSCASTER (V.O.)
In 1997, the film "Sooga" grossed
over two hundred million dollars
and caused quite a boom in Watson
enrollment.

EXT. WATSON CAMPUS- PRESENT- ACTUAL

GENE DEMELLO (50's), a weasel of a man in a cheap suit,
addresses a small crowd.

COLLEGE NEWSCASTER (V.O.)
 And today, The Watson Alumni Board
 announced a 1986 Bulldog Reunion
 Ceremony before next month's match
 against the Thurman Wildcats.

GENE
 Look, there's no way we're passing
 by such a milestone and not having
 the King of our campus return to
 his Kingdom. It's gonna be a
 helluva day!

SERIES OF SHOTS FROM THE "SOOGA" MOVIE.

MOVIE COACH MURPHY, constantly scowling, reviews footage from
 a game.

COLLEGE NEWSCASTER (V.O.)
 Mr. DeMello confirmed the entire
 team has been invited back,
 including the stoic Coach Murphy.

MOVIE JARED OKUN, a chubby, unlikeable sort, sneers at Movie
 Sooga.

COLLEGE NEWSCASTER (V.O.)
 ... Jared Okun, Sooga's teammate
 and adversary..

MOVIE KYLE, lanky with strapped-on Coke Bottle glasses,
 earnestly turns to Movie Sooga by the Watson bench.

COLLEGE NEWSCASTER (V.O.)
 ...And Sooga's teammate and closest
 friend, Kyle Colwell.

MOVIE KYLE
 Go out and get 'em, Sooga! With all
 that you got!

On the ice, Movie Sooga pumps his arm in the air. An
 unforgettable FIST PUMP FREEZE FRAME.

COLLEGE NEWSCASTER (V.O.)
 No confirmations as of yet, but we
 can only assume that one and all
 will return to help commemorate our
 campus' most celebrated moment.

NEWSREEL FOOTAGE ENDS

EXT. FROZEN POND- 1977- MOVIE

THEME MUSIC BEGINS- The Music should be a Hero's Journey in song. Something to make men in their forties weep.

SLOW FADE UP on a picturesque image of young boys playing pond hockey.

Makeshift garbage can goals wobble as the boys hack their sticks against the ice.

A group of boys pick sides, with only two boys left to choose. One of them MOVIE YOUNG SOOGA (12), an adorable little boy with a sweet, determined smile.

BOY #1

Alright, we got Carter. You get the shrimp!

The other boy takes his side.

BOY #2

Aww man! that's not fair!

BOY #3

Come on. Let's give him a shot.

BOY #2

Ugh... Fine.

MOVIE YOUNG SOOGA

Oh boy!

Movie Sooga jumps in the air, slipping as he lands.

BOY #1

What a spazz!

LATER, Movie Sooga plays Right Wing at the Face Off.

The centers knock their sticks together as the puck squeezes out of the center and hits Movie Sooga's stick perfectly.

BOY #3

Go, Sooga! Go!

Movie Sooga hurdles towards the opposing garbage can, his size and speed making him a tiny blur to his opponents.

Boy #1 attempts to hook Movie Sooga's skate, but falls on his face. Movie Sooga curves his stick, and SHOOTs. Goal!

VARIOUS BOYS

Yeah! Alright, Sooga! Sooga! Sooga!

EXT. FROZEN POND- 1977- ACTUAL

The pond looks grosser. Wet patches, thin ice. Even the other kids look less attractive.

ACTUAL BOY #1 (O.S.)
Hey, Sooga!

YOUNG SOOGA turns around. A much less attractive boy. The beginnings of puberty leaving him snot nosed and sneering.

ACTUAL BOY #1 (CONT'D)
You know that didn't count.

YOUNG SOOGA
Nuh uh! You're just jealous!

ACTUAL BOY #1
It was out of bounds!

YOUNG SOOGA
(Slamming his stick down)
You guys have such crappy rules!

ACTUAL BOY # 2
Take it easy. We're just trying to have fun.

YOUNG SOOGA
It's hard to have fun when you're all such pricks!

He shoots the puck way out of bounds.

ACTUAL BOY #2
Hey, that's my puck!

YOUNG SOOGA
Don't worry, I got it.

He skates over and gets the puck. He then keeps going.

ACTUAL BOY # 2
Sooga... Hey, Sooga!

He speeds off, getting to the edge of the pond, and then into the woods. The others kids begin to chase him.

ACTUAL BOY # 2 (CONT'D)
... What an asshole.

EXT. SMALL TOWN- 1977- MOVIE

THEME MUSIC PLAYS as Movie Young Sooga rushes through his working class town with his stick and skates.

EXT. NORMAL SUBURB- 1977- ACTUAL

Young Sooga drags his feet down an affluent street.

INT. RICKETY HOUSEHOLD- 1977- MOVIE

Movie Young Sooga sneaks into his living room where MOVIE SOOGA'S FATHER, a boorish alky in an easy chair, crushes a beer can in his hand.

MOVIE YOUNG SOOGA

... Hi, Pop.

Movie Sooga's Father lets out a grunt and a puff of cigarette smoke. Movie Young Sooga pulls a paper from his winter hat.

MOVIE YOUNG SOOGA (CONT'D)

I got my report card today. Four A's.

Movie Sooga's Father BELCHES. Movie Young Sooga goes to the television, where a Watson Bulldogs game plays.

MOVIE YOUNG SOOGA (CONT'D)

You know, Pop. One day, I'm gonna play for the Bulldogs too.

His father roars with disapproving laughter.

MOVIE SOOGA'S FATHER

You, play for the Bulldogs? Sure, kid. And I'm dating Farrah Fawcett!

MOVIE YOUNG SOOGA

I'll make you so proud, Pop. It'll be just like before... When Mom was still alive.

Movie Sooga's Father immediately stirs with anger.

MOVIE SOOGA'S FATHER

Don't you mention her again! I'll slap you so hard, you'll forget she ever existed.

MOVIE YOUNG SOOGA

I'm sorry, I just... I miss her...

Movie Sooga's Father rises with vigor and SLAPS his son hard.

MOVIE SOOGA'S FATHER
That's enough!

He throws an empty can against the wall as Movie Young Sooga scurries away, hiding his tears.

INT. SUGAMELI HALLWAY- 1974- ACTUAL

SOOGA's MOM, alive and well, approaches a door with hesitancy. She sighs, then knocks.

SOOGA'S MOM
Petey? Honey, can we talk to you
for a second?

INT. SUGAMELI BATHROOM- 1974- ACTUAL- CONTINUOUS

Young Sooga MASTURBATES to a Playboy with Farrah Fawcett on the cover.

YOUNG SOOGA
I'm busy!

SOOGA'S MOM (O.S.)
When you're done in there, your
father and I will be in the den.

Young Sooga sighs, then quickly resumes.

SUGAMELI LIVING ROOM- 1974- ACTUAL- MOMENTS LATER

SOOGA'S Mom and SOOGA'S DAD, distinguished and sober, wait in silence for their son, who slinks down the stairs.

SOOGA'S DAD
Peter, we got your report card.

SOOGA
Yeah, so what?

SOOGA'S DAD
Well, if you're having trouble in
school, you know you can always
come to us.

YOUNG SOOGA
I'm not having trouble. School just
sucks.