FADE IN:

1. L.S., **HIGH ANGLE** of the street on a beautiful autumn day. We see four neighborhood kids: 10-year old DAVID MARTINEZ; SCOTTIE, a pudgy little kid who is always eating something; MARY ELLEN, a black girl with long legs who is very athletic; and ERIC, the “brain” of the group. The **CAMERA TRACKS** with them as they walk down the sidewalk. They are each carrying pumpkins that they have just picked at the local pumpkin patch. We **TILT DOWN** and **MOVE CLOSER** as Eric tries to balance a pumpkin on top of his head. **OPENING TITLES** and **MUSIC** play over the scene.

**DISSOLVE TO:**

2. TWO SHOT David and Eric:

    **DAVID**
    (beaming)
    Now this is what I call a pumpkin!

    **ERIC**
    Hey Scottie! Your pumpkin kid of reminds me of you. It’s a wide body.

3. C.U. of Mary Ellen laughing at Eric’s joke.

4. C.U. of Scottie:

    **SCOTTIE**
    Watch it “slide rule” or you’re going to be wearing it for a hat.

5. M.S. as everybody laughs. The **CAMERA PANS** over to MRS. OLIVER’S house. Mrs. Oliver, an old cantankerous woman, in her 70’s is out raking leaves in her garden beside the house. The **CAMERA MOVES UP CLOSER** to register the look of irritation on Mrs. Oliver’s face as she observes the kids on the sidewalk.

6. M.S. of Mary Ellen who turns abruptly and looks toward the street at the **SOUNDS** of an old car **SPUTTERING TO A STOP**.

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