THE DARKEST PART OF THE NIGHT
VISUAL STORYBOARD
THE CAST

JAMES CLYDE plays Mr Campbell / Police Officer / Prison Officer

BRIANNA DOUGLAS plays Young Shirley

ANDREW FRENCH plays Leroy / Calvin

HANNAH MORRISH plays Anna

NADIA WILLIAMS plays Shirley / Josephine

LEE PHILLIPS plays Dwight
The characters

Present Day
Dwight – 51 years old. Dwight is an Autistic Person and speaks with a Leeds accent.
Shirley – Dwight’s older sister, 53 years old. Speaks with a Leeds accent.
Calvin – Shirley’s husband, 53 years old. Speaks with a Leeds accent.

1981
Josephine – Shirley and Dwight’s mother, 42 years old. Speaks with a hybrid Leeds/Jamaican accent. Married to Leroy.
Leroy – Shirley and Dwight’s father. 45 years old. Speaks with a hybrid Leeds/Jamaican accent. Married to Josephine.
Dwight – 11 years old. Speaks with a Leeds accent.
Young Shirley – Dwight’s sister, 13 years old. Speaks with a Leeds accent.
Anna – Dwight’s social worker. Mid 20’s, Speaks with a London accent.
Mr Campbell – Dwight and Young Shirley’s Deputy Headteacher.
Police officer – Speaks with Yorkshire accent.
Prison officer – Speaks with Yorkshire accent.
Other characters mentioned

1981
Samson – Community barber. Josephine thinks he's more responsible than Leroy. Leroy doesn't like him much.
Leanne – Samson's wife.
Young Calvin – Samson and Leanne's son. Young Shirley and Dwight's friend. Grows up to be Calvin in the present.
Curtis – Leroy's friend. Josephine thinks he's not to be trusted.
Pauline – Curtis's wife.
Rachel – Curtis and Pauline's daughter. Sometimes Young Shirley's friend. Sometimes her enemy.
Mrs. Harris – Black former teacher at Dwight and Young Shirley's school.
David Oluwale – A Black man with mental health issues who was killed by the police in 1969.

Present day
Tanya – Dwight's girlfriend.
Running Time
The show is approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes.
There is a 15 minute interval.

Content and Trigger Warnings
· Loud noises.
· Strong language.
· Racism.
· Mild sexual references.
· Police violence.
· Domestic violence.
· Ableism.
· Poor treatment in mental health system.

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1. Present day. Dwight's mother Josephine has died. He is sad and won't talk to his sister, Shirley. He sees a younger version of Shirley like he went to school with in 1981. He gets stressed. In the present, Calvin (Shirley's husband) tries to calm him.

2. Present day. At the church, Dwight won't leave his mother's coffin so Shirley can bury her. He sees Young Shirley again. Calvin and Shirley are worried about Dwight.
3. 1981. Dwight remembers playing with Young Shirley. He is now Dwight aged 11. They play their Adventure Game. Mr. Campbell tells Shirley to go on her camping trip. He doesn't like Dwight and gives him a detention.

4. 1981. Dwight remembers that evening at home. His father, Leroy, is angry because he's lost his job. He shouts at Dwight when Dwight plays music loudly. Josephine, Dwight's mother, calms down Leroy and dances with Dwight. As Dwight dances, Josephine disappears. He's scared.
5. 1981. Dwight remembers two days later. Young Shirley is back from camping and tells him about it. Anna, a social worker comes to the house. She thinks Dwight shouldn't live with his family or go to school with Young Shirley. Josephine asks Leroy to look after Dwight.

6. 1981. A movement sequence shows Dwight listening to the car radio all day when he's with Leroy. That evening, Dwight is at a different house but wants to go home. He leaves. A police officer thinks he is suspicious and arrests him.
7. 1981. Leroy and Young Shirley search for Dwight. They can't find him.

8. Present day. Shirley and Calvin argue about what to do. Shirley feels guilty because she opened the door and told Dwight to leave in 1981 when he got arrested. Calvin tells Shirley to make up with Dwight.

Then there will be a 15 minute interval.
9. 1981. Dwight has been put in a psychiatric hospital: Meanwood Park. Josephine and Leroy argue with Anna about how to get him out.

10. 1981. Anna takes Josephine to visit Dwight. They're shocked by how bad the conditions are. Josephine is worried about him. She knows that there is nothing wrong with Dwight. Anna says she'll help get Dwight out. Dwight sings a song to calm himself.
11. 1981. Two weeks later, Young Shirley argues with Mr. Campbell about how he has hurt her and Dwight.

12. 1981. At home, Leroy wants to protest the police but Josephine wants to find a letter to help Dwight. They fight about whether Leroy cares about Dwight. Leroy leaves and is arrested at a protest. Josephine hits Young Shirley. In Meanwood Park, Dwight is scared by an alarm but sings a song.
13. 1981. Anna finds Young Shirley trying to tidy the house. Anna apologises for not doing enough to help and says she has a plan to get Dwight out.

15. 1981. Anna, Young Shirley and Josephine meet Dwight at Meanwood Park. He's been diagnosed as autistic. This explains the way Dwight sometimes behaves. Josephine tells Young Shirley to look after Dwight. Shirley feels guilty about Dwight being in the hospital. Dwight doesn't want to play with Shirley.

16. The present, Dwight speaks to Shirley. She's sorry about trying to control his life. He forgives her. They mourn their mother. Calvin reveals Dwight's girlfriend Tanya is outside. They all leave the church.
The Sonic Story provides information about what to expect from the music and sounds in the play. It shows the volume changes throughout the performance and highlights loud and quiet moments and when the sound changes suddenly.

**Act One**

- Crowd noise, heart beat & loud music
- Gospel music with church echo
- Shouting over a loud record player
- Josephine shouting
- Short, loud banging
- Dwight listens to radio
- Audience applause
- Loud, faster music
Act Two

- Shouting and raised voices
- Megaphone, sirens, sounds of protest
- Music
- Laughter
- Music swells, audience applause, clapping and cheering