

YOUNG PENNYWISE

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CAST

Penny - a young clown, 16

Father - Pennywise's dad, a famous circus clown, 30s

Teacher - an encouraging teacher, mid-20s

Olivia - Penny's girlfriend, 16

Narrator - exactly what it sounds like

OPENING: THE NETFLIX LOGO

NARRATOR

You loved watching Sheldon Cooper from the Big Bang Theory grow up on Young Sheldon. You sat glued to your TV while learning about Dwayne Johnson's childhood on Young Rock. Now, get ready for a new twist on everyone's favorite fictional character.

CUT TO: TITLE SEQUENCE - YOUNG PENNYWISE

NARRATOR

Young Pennywise. See the world's favorite clown like you've never seen him before. Watch as he navigates the ups and downs of high school, family, and his journey to becoming the clown you know and love. See Pennywise struggle in his relationships with his father.

CUT TO: A DINNER TABLE

PENNY sits with his father, clearly in the middle of an argument.

PENNY

But Dad! I want to be a dancing clown!

FATHER

I didn't raise any clowns! I raised a mime!
You'll be a mime just like your father, and my
father, and his father!

PENNY

Stop yelling at me! Mimes don't talk!

NARRATOR

Watch Pennywise do everything a teenager would
do: Play sports-

CUT TO: A HIGH SCHOOL GYM

PENNY is playing dodgeball. He gets hit in the face.

PENNY

(Distraught)

Guys! I thought we agreed no head shots!

NARRATOR

Find love-

CUT TO: A LAKE

PENNY stands at the edge of the lake. OLIVIA is in the
lake.

OLIVIA

Come on, Penny! Get in!

PENNY

What if I drown?

OLIVIA floats in the lake.

OLIVIA

See! I'm floating! That means you'll float, too!

PENNY

I'll float, too?

OLIVIA

You'll float, too!

NARRATOR

And watch as he earns the name Pennywise.

CUT TO: A CLASSROOM

PENNY sits at a desk, surrounded by other students.

TEACHER

Now, can anyone tell me who this man is?

A picture of a clown appears on the projector. PENNY'S hand raises. He answers without being called on.

PENNY

That's Emmett Kelly, he was a famous clown from the 1940s! I know all about him!

The class laughs at him.

STUDENT

(Mocking)

Look at Penny! He's such a loser for being smart! Penny-wise!

The rest of the class chants "Pennywise" over and over.

PENNY

(Inwardly)

Pennywise?

NARRATOR

And his journey to reclaim that name.

CUT TO: A LIVING ROOM

FATHER is sitting on the sofa, reading a newspaper. PENNY enters, wearing his clown outfit and does a little dance.

PENNY

Look, Dad! I'm Pennywise the Dancing Clown!

FATHER

Not in my house, you're not! You're going to Mime School like every other man in this family!

PENNY

But I hate miming!

FATHER

Son, miming is your dream!

PENNY

It's not my dream, Dad... It's yours.

NARRATOR

And no origin story is complete without a heartwarming scene where we learn about his family's backstory.

CUT TO: THE CLASSROOM

TEACHER sits with FATHER in the middle of a conference.

TEACHER

Penny shows skills that are extremely advanced for his age. I'd venture to call him a clowning prodigy. Look at his drawings from art class.

She pulls out pages of drawings of clowns, all uncomfortably realistic. I cannot emphasize how unsettling these drawings are.

TEACHER

You need to support him in his journey. He could get a scholarship to clown college.

FATHER turns away.

FATHER

I can't.

TEACHER

Why not?

FATHER

My wife died in a clowning accident.

NARRATOR

Witness a series that the New York Times called, "A thrilling look at the mind of cinema's most complex and misunderstood character," and had Steven King saying, "I didn't sign off on this."

CUT TO: A MONTAGE OF DIFFERENT CHARACTERS FROM THE SERIES

NARRATOR

Featuring Andrew Garfield as the loving but haunted Father. Zendaya as the young and optimistic teacher. Sadie Sink as Olivia, the smart and adventurous girlfriend. Amy Adams as the ghostly figure of Pennywise's dead mother. And, of course, Timothée Chalamet as Young Pennywise, Joshua Bassett as Younger Pennywise, and Finn Wolfhard with a CGI'd face to make him look like a child as Youngest Pennywise.

CUT TO: THE TITLE CARD - YOUNG PENNYWISE

NARRATOR

Young Pennywise. Because we as an industry can't move on until we know you feel at least a shred of sympathy for our villain.

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