

# MEMOR.IO

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ONSCREEN SHORT MOVIE

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# Synopsis

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A girl is waiting for a skype call from her father at her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. When she was 10 he left home for a military operation and since that she receives rare skype calls several times a year.

During the call the girl notices something strange in her father's behavior; thinking that he's giving her some sign, she starts her own investigation...

**Genre:** drama

**Duration:** 15-17 min



# The story

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The story takes place at the desktop of a 14 y.o. girl. Today is her birthday, she's reading messages at Facebook when her boyfriend calls her by Skype.

During their conversation alarm rings and the girl suddenly asks the boy to disconnect. She urgently closes all the applications, starts a screen capture program and keeps waiting. Skype rings, she starts conversation –her father (wearing military uniform) is online but the connection is very bad, the image freezes very often, the quality is also poor. He says their military operation is still going on and he will not return home in near future. Father asks the girl about her life, her boyfriend, her school – he's missing her very much and hope to see her when the campaign is over.

After the conversation ends, the girl stops screen capturing and launches the video playback of their conversation. One moment takes her attention and she keeps watching it again and again when her friend calls her again. She apologizes and explains that her father calls her several times a year at the exact time. She haven't seen her father since she was 7 and every call is very important to her – she even records them and watches them again and again.

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While telling her story she continues watching the video again and again – and her friend gets interested in what she's doing. She shares the screen with him and shows the recent video and then an archive video made long ago. It seems that in two videos there are two exact gestures which her father makes – is it a coincidence or is it some kind of hidden clue? Trying to solve this, they check other videos and find out several more similar moments.

The girl says every video looks nearly the same – in the same place, in the same clothes, the same look. But there was one video which differs a little. In that video her father is holding a pen in his hand – at the still frame the girl sees the logo at the pen. She zooms it and goes to google images search. Lots of images look the same but several gets girl's attention – they are from website Memor.io – nearly empty webpage with logo and log-in form.

The boy suggests to try her father's email as login – the girl tries but it is not registered in the service. Then she remembers and tries another father's private email which is still used at their family's iPad. Her guess is right and she succeeds to restore the password.

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She gets into the service and finds there a folder called “Source videos”. She starts watching them - videos consist of 1-5 seconds phrases, told by her father, like “How are doing at school”, “I miss you very much”, etc. Looks like somebody cut her father’s monologues into parts.

She girl starts opening bigger files and they consist of longer monologues of her father some of which she already heard, some of them – not yet. She is struck and shocked when she opens the video where her father wishes her happy 16-year birthday. She starts understanding what is going on.

She finally opens the last and the biggest file. In this video her father wishes her happy 18 y.o. birthday and says she’s finally ready to know the truth. If she’s still getting the skypes from him, and he didn’t return home it means that he’s gone – their military campaign had little chances of survival. He didn’t want his 10 y.o. daughter to lose her father like that, so he used their secret military startup project Memor.io – where A.I. computer asks a person lots of questions, cuts them as small videos and then use their combinations to simulate long dialogues via any messenger available.

The girl starts crying while watching the video and disconnects her boyfriend – she wants to watch it alone. The father says he is sorry for not keeping his promise – he will not go around the world with her at her 18 y.o. birthday, but he did his best – in case of his death a great insurance amount will be transferred to her account when she turns 18 and he wants her to spend that money to make their dream come true. He stops, stares at the cam in silence and says it’s time to say goodbye. The girl cries and when the video ends, the movie ends too.