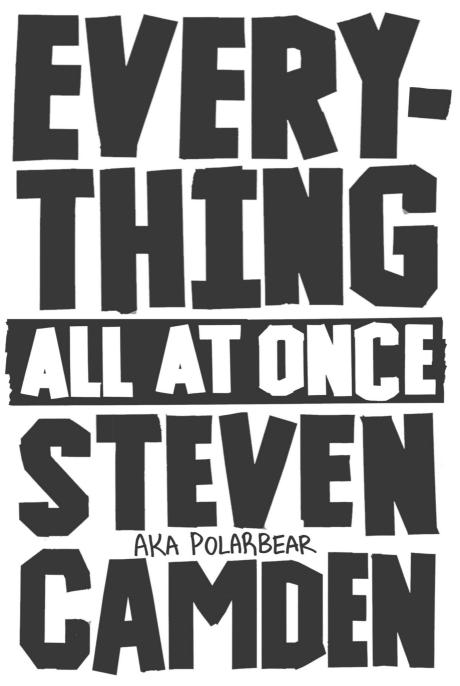
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PROLOGUE

What's it about then?

Well,

It's about the tapestry of moments, woven of a thousand threads. Different versions of the world swirling inside a thousand heads. We go from the biggest to the smallest, dropped off, left to fend, in the secondary school jungle jumbled enemies, new friends. It's a war zone. It's a haven. It's a stage full of bright lights. It's a series of scary alleyways walked on a dark night. Always moving. Unforgiving. Full of music. Full of living. Zoom in. One mind. Split screen. Another mind. Another mind. Another mind. Another mind. And another mind. All together. Same place. Same walls. Same space. Every emotion under the sun. Faith lost. Victories won. It doesn't stop. Until the bell. Now it's heaven. Now it's hell. Who knows? Not me. I just wrote what I can see. So what's it about? Here's my response: It's about Everything, All At Once.

EVERY EMOTION UNDER THE SUN. FAITH LOST. VICTORIES WON. IT DOESN'T STOP. UNTIL THE BELL NOW IT'S HEAVEN. NOW IT'S HELL WHO KNOWS? NOT ME.

FIRST DAY

It looks like a spaceship a jagged silver spaceship windows like portals reflecting the light no it looks like the head of a massive metal monster its sliding glass mouth with teeth ready to bite no it looks like it sprouted right out of the floor ripped through rock, dirt and gravel burst out of the ground no it looks like it fell from some alien planet crash-landed on earth with some terrible sound no it looks like it looks like I don't know what it looks like Massive and scary

Noisy Alive I feel like a mouse stepping into the jungle Tell my mum that I love her I'm going inside.