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### **THE STORY**

David Kim (John Cho) looks through past Videos of his Daughter Margot (Michelle La) and his Late Wife Pamela (Sarah Sohn). After Pamela died of Cancer, David and Margot's Relationship grew more distant, with David having Margot attend Piano Lessons she no longer enjoys. When David Kim awakes to multiple missed FaceTime Calls from his Teenage Daughter, he calls the Police and opens a Missing-Persons Case led by Detective Rosemary Vick (Debra Messing). David contacts all of Margot's Friends after successfully logging into her Facebook, and finds out that she has no Close Friends. David discovers that Margot had a YouCast (Video Blogging) Account, and that Margot frequently spoke to a User called fish\_n\_chips. Through her Various Social Media Accounts, David finds that Margot frequently visited Barbosa Lake and contacts Vick about his Discovery....

### **OUR REVIEW**

Produced by Timur Bekmambetov, with Aneesh Chaganty's Directorial Debut, is a Tense Thriller that takes place entirely across Smartphone and Laptop Screens. It's a Clever Conceit that creates an Uneasy Sense of Voyeurism. John Cho as a Father desperately trying to find his Daughter from behind a Computer Screen. "Searching" parcels out Clues so discretely we hardly recognize them as such. The Film reflects on the Biggest Irony of our Lives : Loneliness and Human Disconnect in Times of Online Connectivity. This Innovative Storytelling Technique makes you a part of David's Search Operation instead of being a mere Spectator. Every Call missed, Key pressed or Text read, brings a Lump in your Throat, almost mirroring our Reliance on Technology in our Daily Lives....

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