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FADE IN

INT. DENIS'S HOUSE - DAY

Two story messy house. Living Room we see a small TV with an antennae coming out. The TV has the Boston Celtics playing. Shot turns to the couch where DENIS (17 years old) is sitting holding a beer and bag of chips. Next to him is his dad, Mr. O'Neil (42 years old) reclined back in a chair. Denis gets up and heads to the kitchen.

MR O'NEIL

Hey can you grab me a another?

DENIS

I thought I'd change it up and got some Yuengling Light. You wanna try one? There pretty good not as syrupy as the original

MR O'NEIL

Ya sure

DENIS

Here we are

MR O'NEIL

I really can't stand watching basketball. Its just so damn boring. You throw a ball at a hoop and jump around. Change this shit. No hockey today?

DENIS

Ya the Bruins are playing the Canadiens at 7:30. Me and the boys are going to the game.

MR O'NEIL

That'll be a good game

Mrs. O'Neil(40 years old) comes in. She has long curly red hair walks down the stairs carrying a laundry basket

MRS. O'NEIL

Will just called. Do you guys have plans for tonight?

DENIS

Ya were gonna grab some food at O'Days Place and head to the hockey game.

MRS. O'NEIL

Well you boys be careful. There always seems to be trouble when you hangout with him.

DENIS

Will do

Knock at the front door. Its Denis's friend Will (17 years old)

WILL

Ey Denis. Come on man I'm starving

DENIS

All right I'll see ya guys

MR O'NEIL

Yo. Stay cool out there. No fights all right. Don't get that Irish blood of yours too boozed up.

DENIS

Sure thing Pops

The mom comes back into the scene after Denis walks out of the living room

MRS. O'NEIL

Did you talk to him about the layoff?

Dad with an agitated face gives her a silent wave motion to keep quiet.

MR O'NEIL

Yeah right. Have a good time and tell your buds I said hi.

DENIS

All right

Denis grabs a couple beers for the road and walks out the front door.

MR O'NEIL

Nows not the time. He's going out to have a good time with his friends.

EXT- DENIS'S HOUSE -- DAY

Will's outside leaning on his Mustang. Will puts his hands up in a catching motion for one of the beers in Denis's hands. Denis throws him a beer

WILL

We gotta pick up Ben and Matt

DENIS

Well shit in that case. Hold on for a sec.

He goes back into the house and emerges with the rest of the case of beer. They tear off screeching the tires.

EXT - WILL'S DRIVING SCENE IN THE MUSTANG WITH DENIS --
CONTINUOUS

Will is driving his mustang to pick up Ben and Matt. He is flying around showing Denis how fast and good he can drive.

WILL

Hold onto your beer sally

Will punches on the gas and Denis flies back against the seat somewhat startled. The scene shifts from a straight away to a winding road and Will hits the bends with great acceleration. They come to the end of the bend to another straight away where Will reaches high speeds. They pass a subdivision on their left.

DENIS

Jeez man your nuts we got beers in here. You passed the turn.

Will pulls a 180 degree donut to go back the other direction. The camera shifts to Denis's face who's just smiling. Will looks over and is smiling too. The car pulls up to a house.

DENIS (CONT'D)

That car's gonna fucking kill you

WILL

Kill... No. Jail... Yes. But I ain't scared. You guys'll bail me out. Right after you find lucky's pot of gold at the end of the fucking rainbow. Why you gotta be so negative.

DENIS

You are insane, I hope you know that.

WILL

Just ring the fucking doorbell. Your killing any buzz I was gettin.

DENIS

Jesus Christ

Denis knocks on the door and Ben's sister answers. Shes 16 and very beautiful. Denis looks her over wide eyed

DENIS (CONT'D)

Wut up gorgeous?

She Giggles and smiles and looks down then looks back up at Denis

JENNIFER
Hey Denis wuts up?

DENIS
Goin to the hockey game tonight.
Bruins and Canadiens. Its gonna be
huge. You should come with.

Shot shifts to Will who sees Denis talking to Jennifer and he chuckles.

JENNIFER
Ya that would be fun but I don't
think Ben would want to hang out
with me and his friends.

DENIS
Why? You're cool

JENNIFER
Haha. Well cause he probably acts
different with his friends than with
his sister and you boys would have a
better time.

DENIS
I wouldn't have a better time.

She smiles

JENNIFER
haha. Maybe some other time

BEN (17 years old) comes over to the door to see whats going on

BEN
All right, all right. Now break it
up break it up.

EXT- OUTSIDE OF BEN'S HOUSE -- CONTINUOUS

Denis is still looking at Jennifer and shes looking back at him. Then Ben and Matt walk out to the front door and say lets go.

JENNIFER
I'll see ya at school.

DENIS
Ya ok.

Our boys pack into the Mustang and Denis sits up front.

WILL
Way to ruin the moment Dick Weeds.

BEN

That's my sister man.

WILL

Ya, and if I had a hot sister you fucks be doin the same thing.

BEN

Well you don't now do ya, so shut the fuck up and drive cupid.

Will gets ready to respond

DENIS

All right lets go girls its getting late.

INT- O'DAYS PUB AND EATERY -- AFTERNOON

O'Days place is an Irish pub and eatery. The hostess has long curly red hair and is a friend of the boys. The guys walk in.

DENIS

Hey there she is. How we doin Jess?

JESSICA

Denis. Hi. Oh wow the whole crews here. Looks like trouble.

WILL

Sure is. We just need to get our energy first.

JESSICA

You know we got a new special six course dinner going that'll give ya a kick.

WILL

Now that's what I'm talking. Real man like me needs six courses.

JESSICA

One baked potato and five draft beers.

Denis laughs and they follow Jess as she leads them to their table. They all sit down. Denis, Will, Ben, and Matt

JESSICA (CONT'D)

Someone will be out to serve you shortly.

DENIS

Hey Jess can you bring us all a round of beers.

JESSICA

You guys got IDs?

DENIS

Naw. We're going to the Bruin game and only wanted to have a couple. We got a Designated Driver.

JESSICA

All right I'll bring out three beers but if anyone asks, you showed me your IDs.

DENIS

Course.

WILL

Man, why'd you have to blurt out the whole DD thing dude. She might not have even asked.

DENIS

Cause the way you drive that fucking car. I'm sure as hell not getting in there if you've had even one, ya need for speed psycho. Where the hell are we? Daytona.

Denis looks at Matt and Ben

DENIS (CONT'D)

Hey guys lookie here we get to eat dinner with Jeff Gordon.

Matt and Ben start laughing.

MATT

Can I get an autograph?

WILL

Hey funny guy you see these.

Will dangles his keys in the air.

WILL (CONT'D)

Don't ever piss off the driver thats the first rule. Now you can pass over your beer when it comes unless you feel like walkin to the game.

Jessica brings over three beers and places them down. Matt passes his over to Will.

DENIS

Thanks.

Will takes a sip and makes a ahhh sound showing how delicious the beer is in front of Matt.

WILL

Delicious.

BEN

Man this game is gonna be sweet.
Both teams are fighting for the top spot in the East.

MATT

Ya, the Bruins are looking like the team of old champions again.

BEN

It's all about getting a hot goaltender going into the playoffs. If Moog or Lemelin can get on a role going in we're set.

DENIS

Hockey man. It's just so fast and intense. I wish I would've played.

WILL

It's an awesome sport but ya gotta know how to really skate.

DENIS

Ya, I didn't skate enough growing up.

MATT

Well shit, how good do you gotta be to play for the high school team? Were gonna be seniors next year we should go out for the team and have some fun.

BEN

Those guys are actually pretty damn good Matt. They almost went to states last year.

MATT

Ya all right well lets start off by going skating.

WILL

Broomball?

MATT

No man, really skating.

WILL

Good luck not breaking your ass. Oh
nevermind you got plenty cushion
back there ya fat ass.

A waiter comes up to there table and they order

WILL (CONT'D)

I'll take the steak and potatoes
with broccoli my good man.

WAITER

How would you like your steak cooked?

WILL

I'll take it medium well

DENIS

Woh, Woh, wait up. Medium well. My
as well just order it overcooked and
chewy. Ya gotta go rare with the
blood coming out. That's the only
way to eat a steak.

WILL

I'll get steaks the way I want them
and you can get your steaks raw,
Mufasa.

DENIS

I guarantee mine's gonna be better

EXT- LEAVING O'DAYS PLACE -- EVENING

They all get into the Mustang and take off for the game.
Will drives.

INT- WILL'S MUSTANG -- NIGHT

The boys are driving through the downtown portion of the
Irish neighborhood.

BEN

I predict the scores gonna be 4 to 1
Bruins.

MATT

Naw its gonna be a close game. 3 to
2 Bruins in overtime.

BEN

Think there's gonna be any fights?

MATT

Hell ya, this is one of the most
heated rivalry's in the NHL.

BEN

Damn I'm pumped. Let's go.

Matt starts to sing Go Speed Racer Go Speed Racer Go Speed Racer Gooooooooo. Then he shifts to the nanananananana Bat Man music. Ben starts following along. (Will steps on it and is weaving in and out of turns hauling ass). Denis is silent and is looking out the passenger side window. As the car travels past a local Irish convenient store. Denis sees the store being robbed by three black men.

DENIS

Quiet. Pull over.

WILL

Goddammit. And the pisses begin already.

DENIS

I don't gotta piss ya jackass. I just saw Debby's place gettin held up by three guys.

WILL

So what, shit happens. We're gonna miss the faceoff. We spent a lot on these tickets man.

BEN

Ya. It's getting late lets just keep going. We can call the cops on the way and let them know.

DENIS

It was three black guys.

MATT

What the fuck are they doing in our part of town?

WILL

Robbing us. Mother fucker. That changes things. Debby's a good lady. It wasn't her in there was it?

DENIS

Naw, it looked like a guy to me. They were throwing him around pretty good though.

WILL

So what do we do? These guys are gonna be strapped. I ain't dying for this shit.

DENIS

Pull around back and I'll go check
it out. There's windows out front.

EXT- MUSTANG IS PULLED OVER BEHIND THE STORE NEAR AN ALLEY
THAT LEADS TO THE FRONT OF THE STORE.

Denis gets out of the car and sneaks through the side alley
to the front of the store. The store is decorated with the
normal convenient store advertisements but there is also a
lot of shamrocks and Irish decoration. Its tough to see
clearly into the store.

INT- MUSTANG -- MOMENTS LATER

WILL

What the fuck are these monkeys doing
takin down a small mom and pop Irish
store a good twenty fucking miles
away from the projects?

BEN

Maybe its just a solo job. You know,
no affiliation with the Crips.

WILL

Naw not in this town, Benny. You
don't make a move or take a shit
without making damn sure it's safe.
Else you end up floating down the
Dan.

Denis gets back into the car.

DENIS

Ok. There's three of them. Two are
getting the money and a third has a
gun drawn on the clerk. Matt, call
the cops. Heres what I got so far.
We gonna have to take down the one
with the gun first.

BEN

Woh, woh. I don't know if we should
get involved. Maybe we should just
call the cops

WILL

And let these hoodlums come into our
town and take our friend. You know
the cops aren't gonna get here fast
enough.

Will pops his trunk and goes around back and gets a baseball
bat. He plays baseball. Denis gets out too and Ben and Matt
follow.

MATT

So what are we gonna do about the guy with the gun?

DENIS

The plan is we gotta take that guy down first. That's Will's job.

MATT

But hows he gonna know which guy that comes out has the gun.

Denis goes around front and hides behind the ice machine and looks into the store again. He sees that there is a back entrance and sees that the guy with the gun is looking around out front and towards the back. He then goes back to the boys.

DENIS

Ok. So we gotta assume they're gonna go out the back. That's where their car is parked. So we'll have Will hide behind a crate or something and have him take out the guy with the gun.

WILL

Ya that all sounds nice but how am I goin know which one to hit?

DENIS

Were gonna spread out and send signals.

MATT

What do you mean?

DENIS

Im gonna stand out front behind the ice machine so I can see inside. I'll be able to see the order that the guys leave. I'll see in which position the guy with the gun is leaving and then I'll put up that number of fingers. If its the first guy I'll put up one and so on. Matt will be farther down from me right at the beginning of the ally and he'll pass the signal on to Ben and Ben you pass it on to you.

WILL

So whatever number of fingers that Ben raises up is the guy I take out.

DENIS

Ya and then we all converge on them.

BEN

I don't like it. What happens if they change position after you can't see them anymore just as there leaving the back door. Will's taking a bullet.

DENIS

You come up with somethin better let us know. But we gotta go now get into your positions.

They all scatter out to different places. Denis takes his spot out front and looks at the guys in the store.

INT- CONVENIENT STORE -- MOMENTS LATER

Robber 1 (30's) gathers up the cash into a big bag. Robber 2 (30s) has the gun pointed at the clerk. Robber 3 (30s) is moving around the store checking things out destroying the video footage. He goes outside to look around and make sure the coast is clear.They tie the clerk up and put something in his mouth so he can't speak.

ROBBER 1

Hurry up lets go.

Robber 2 goes out front and sees a car go by. The car slows down as it passes the store and puts its break lights on.

ROBBER 2

We gotta go now.

ROBBER 3

Move

Robber 3 has the gun and starts to go out the back.

ROBBER 3 (CONT'D)

Come on.

ROBBER 2

No lets go out the front.

ROBBER 3

The cars out back

ROBBER 2

There could be an alarm on that back door lets go.

He leaves out the front first and the other two follow. Denis doesn't give any signal. He waits for them to leave past him and then runs over to the boys.Dennis waves over the other guys.

DENIS

They went out the front

The sound of a car engine starting and taking off. The boys turn and see a Lincoln Towncar speeding off.

WILL

Here we go.

Heads over to his Mustang and the boys quickly follow him and pile in. Music starts Korn - Are You Ready To Live

EXT- CHASE SEQUENCE -- CONTINUOUS

The Mustang catches up to the Lincoln and is following behind a pretty far distance. The Lincoln tries to lose them and soon they discover there being followed.

DENIS

Yo Matt call the cops. Keep them posted to our position. All we gotta do is keep them in sight till they show up.

Matt calls the police up and the phone and keeps the operator posted. Will shows off his impeccable driving skills once again. The Lincoln can't shake them. After awhile the cops catch up to them and force the Lincoln to stop. No damage is done to the car and no one is hurt in the chase. The boys stop to talk to the cops and then continue on there way to the Bruin game.

EXT- INTERSECTION OF STREETS -- EVENING

POLICE OFFICER

You the boys that called in the robbery?

DENIS

Yes sir. Just doin our duty as any caring citizen would do.

The officer goes up and shakes Denis's hand

POLICE OFFICER

Well good work and thanks a lot.

DENIS

Kina strange to be seein these kina folk out here huh?

POLICE OFFICER

Ya probably gang related but we'll see after the investigation. We'll keep you posted

DENIS

Thanks

INT- WILL'S MUSTANG ON THE WAY TO THE BRUIN GAME -- LATER

WILL

Wow man that was crazy. What the hell were those nigs doin in our town?

DENIS

I don't know.

WILL

I bet Sullivan might have some idea.

INT- BRUIN HOCKEY GAME AGAINST THE CANADIENS -- LATER

Our boys have great seats behind the Canadien Goal and they'll all got beers.

MATT

Holy shit these are the best seats I've ever been in.

BEN

Ya cause these are the only seats you've ever been in sparky.

WILL

Drink up boys, tonight we be heros!

DENIS

Now we just gotta find some ladies to give the heros a kiss.

EXT- THE OAKS COUNTRY CLUB -- AFTERNOON

Denis is working in the cart area cleaning out the carts and gathering them up as members drop them off.

COUNTRY CLUB MEMBER

Hey Denis, how ya doin?

DENIS

Good. Howd you shoot today?

COUNTRY CLUB MEMBER

Ahh decent. Couple good shots here and there. I gotta get out more to ever get any good. Maybe if people stop getting so sick for awhile, I'll get some more time.

DENIS

Hah. Wouldn't count on that

COUNTRY CLUB MEMBER

Me neither.

(MORE)

COUNTRY CLUB MEMBER (CONT'D)

(Chuckles)

All right I'll catch ya later.

(Hands him a tip)

DENIS

Thanks Dr. Patterson. You have a good one.

Denis takes his cart and drives back into the storage shed.

EXT- BEHIND THE CART SHOP -- CONTINUOUS

Scene shifts to Will's Mustang pulling up out of sight of the cart shed. Will gets out and sneaks up, he's got two golf balls in his hands and hides behind a bush. He sees Dennis walking out front and throws them both over.

WILL

FOUR!!!

Denis looks up and then covers his head. Two balls drop down on the concrete right next to him.

DENIS

Jesus! Who the hell?

He starts scanning around trying to make out where the balls came from.

Will pops out Laughing at Denis

WILL

Haha.

DENIS

I shoul'da known it was your goofy ass. That shit almost hit me.

WILL

No where near you sissy.

Denis goes back into the cart shed and starts moving the carts around. Will walks up to him

WILL (CONT'D)

Went to go see Sullivan today.

DENIS

Oh ya? What he have to say?

WILL

Said it was a solo project. Isolated away from the crews.

DENIS

I don't buy that. Not in this city,
thats pretty rare.

WILL

I don't know man. There hasn't been
any trouble around here for awhile.
If nothin else happens, maybe it was
just some fluke.

DENIS

True. I'm almost done here, then we
can go up to the club for some food.

WILL

Sweet.

EXT-HIGH SCHOOL -- DAY

Students are shuffling into the school. Scene then shifts to
Denis and the boys sitting at a table in the cafeteria.

BEN

You see Erika today. Holy shit!

MATT

Ya she's looking pretty hot.

Scene then shifts over to the girls table where a group of
gorgeous girls are eating lunch.

Denis and Will sit down. They look around and shoot glances
over to the hot girls table.

DENIS

Aw man! Todays fucking sloppy joes.
That stuff sucks. Something about
that sauce that gives me the shits.

WILL

Amen to that.

DENIS

Let's go get some burgers off campus.

BEN

Im down.

They get to leave the cafeteria and walk out to the parking
lot. Where they discover Will's Mustang shattered. All the
windows have been smashed in and the hood has been smashed
in by what looks like a baseball bat.

MATT

What the fuck?

BEN
Holy shit man.

WILL
Them damn niggers.

BEN
I thought those guys got locked up.

DENIS
They did but they got a good look at the vehicle and got the word out to their buddies. I knew that job wasn't just some free lancers bullshitin around. Looks like the blacks are making moves.

WILL
We're goin to Sullivan's.

DENIS
After this its time something gets done.

BEN
Thats what the cops are for.

MATT
If they can find any evidence or fingerprints. If not, there's no way in hell their gonna find out who's responsible. Its pretty tough just to go off possible motives.

WILL
We know who did it. And if they can't give us justice, I'm getting it myself.

EXT- PARKING LOT WHERE WILL'S CAR IS SMASHED -- LATER

Cops and a detective (40s) arrive at the scene and do an in depth investigation. They take fingerprints and forensics looks over the crime scene. They tell Will there going to investigate and get back to him.

DETECTIVE 1
Hi guys. How we doin? Not too good I guess.

WILL
Thats right.

DETECTIVE
Bet this baby flew.

Will nods his head.

DETECTIVE 1

Ya. Well were gonna do everything we can to find out who did this son.

WILL

Thanks.

DETECTIVE 1

Yup and sorry about your car.

EXT- O'DAYS PLACE -- NIGHT

Denis pulls his pick up truck into the parkinglot. Will and Denis get out of the car and walk into O'Days Place.

INT- O'DAYS PLACE -- MOMENTS LATER

They meet a hostess and she looks over to Sullivan (mid 20s) who waves them on to come join them at a table. They sit down.

SULLIVAN

(To Hostess)

Two cokes for the fellows please.

HOSTESS

Coming up.

SULLIVAN

You look pretty good for a guy that goes around chasing crips. You must be pretty young.

WILL

I am. But that don't mean I take nobody's shit.

WILL (CONT'D)

This is my buddy Denis. He was there when Debby's place got hit.

SULLIVAN

Nice to meet ya. I heard about your car. We've been having some trouble recently.

WILL

Yeah I'll say. Debbys place and now my fucking baby. In Southie, where I live.

SULLIVAN

These other gangs been thinkin we're gettin weak or somethin. Ya know cause we've been pretty content with the territory and business we've got goin right now. Well they fucked with the wrong Irish crowd and it's gonna be takin care of.

WILL

When you makin the move?

SULLIVAN

Its being taking care of as we speak. Were not the aggressors here, we didn't provoke anything. This is on them and their gonna pay for it. If it's a war they want it's a war they'll get but I doubt they'd survive one. We're protecting our territory and our people. Tryin to dip their paws into our culture and lemme tell you that ain't gonna happen.

WILL

Thats good to fucking hear.

SULLIVAN

I wouldn't be worried of anything else goin down around here.

WILL

Alright Sulli sounds good. Thanks for meeting with us.

SULLIVAN

Don't worry bout nothin.

Will and Denis leave O'Days

INT- DENIS'S TRUCK -- MOMENTS LATER

Denis and Will are driving.

DENIS

It just doesn't seem right

WILL

What doesn't

DENIS

Taking the law into your own hands. Gangs and shit doing things. Doesn't seem right. We're a country of law and order.

WILL

Hah. Ya, look what happened to my car man.

DENIS

The insurance company is gonna pay ya back for it. Your gonna get a new car. What's the difference? Why do you need to get the people back?

WILL

It ain't about that. I could care less about the money. It's about being safe in my neighborhood. This is our neighborhood. How you supposed to deter people from committing crimes?

DENIS

You have strict punishments under the law.

WILL

Ya but you got strict punishments under the law everywhere in the country. Every state and every neighborhood. But here in this neighborhood you don't only got to deal with the law, you gotta deal with the fighting Irish, and that my friend is a double deterrent.

DENIS

A double deterrent uh? You feel safer huh? Ya, but at what cost?

WILL

Two hundred bucks a month is how much my Pops has to pay for protection at his bank. That's not too bad.

DENIS

So, it's a dollar cost to you, but what about the actual members who could die? Is it worth that? It is worth having on your conscience the knowledge that some young misguided Irish kid is dead to settle a score over a smashed up Mustang?

WILL

That part ain't my problem man.

DENIS

Sure that would change shit if it was.

INT-DENIS'S HOUSE WATCHING THE EVENING NEWS WITH HIS DAD --
EVENING

DAD

Hey Denis.

DENIS

Ya

DAD

I need to talk to you. You know the
plant I work at. There shutting it
down in a couple months.

DENIS

What! No way you've worked at that
place for like 10 years.

DAD

13 years.

DENIS

So what are you goin do?

DAD

Well I know we all wanna stay around
here so I've been lookin for jobs
all over but theres just none around
that can pay me what I was gettin at
Teva pharmaceuticals.

DENIS

We really don't need that much money.
I can start working more too.

DAD

Ya but we got our health insurance
through them and we can't afford it
otherwise. But there is some good
news. They've got another plant
down in Florida they can set me up
at.

DENIS

Where in Florida?

DAD

Miami.

DENIS

Wow. So we'd leave sometime over the
summer.

DAD

Unless somethin turns up around here.
It's not lookin like thats gonna
happen.

DENIS

Well don't worry about me I can make new friends I'm a likable person. I can adapt. You just do what you gotta do and know that I'm fine.

DAD

It'll work out.

INT- CAFETERIA THE BOYS ARE EATING LUNCH -- AFTERNOON

The boys are eating lunch. Matt and Ben are talking but Denis is eating in silence and seems to be in a glum mood. Then Matt and Ben stop talking and start eating in silence.

MATT

How hot is Mrs. Jones?

BEN

Oh my gosh man. There's no way those tits are real?

MATT

What? why do you gotta go and spoil my fantasy and how would know?

BEN

Just look at um man there too big and too firm real boobs just don't come like that

MATT

oh ya and I guess you know that from all you extensive experience huh killer?

BEN

Ya buddy.

MATT

All right how bout I bet you a hundred bucks there real.

BEN

How you gonna find that out

MATT

(gives a smirk)
There's only one fool proof way to know for sure.

BEN

Haha. Your outta your fucking mind.

MATT

Haha. Ya that'd be sweet.

Matt and Ben stop talking and Denis is eating in silence. Matt and Ben then start to eat in silence too for awhile.

WILL

Yo ladies, why's everyone so goddamn glum. Check this out.

Will takes his plastic spoon and loads it with some applesauce and flicks it at a group of nerdy kids and it hits one right in the face getting all over his glasses and stuff. Everyone but Denis laughs. Denis gets up with some napkins and goes over to the nerdy kid and hands him the napkins.

DENIS

Here you go, sorry about that.

KID

Yeah right.
(grabs the napkins)

Denis then walks out and leaves the cafeteria. Ben and Matt look at Will. Will gets up and walks out of the cafeteria

WILL

Yo man wuts up? You ok?

DENIS

Why you gotta pick on those new kids?

WILL

Cause it's funny. And since when the hell do you care about picking on some new kids. You do it all the time.

DENIS

Since I found out that pretty soon I'm gonna be a new kid.

WILL

What the hell are you talking about?

DENIS

My dad got laid off from work and got offered another job by the company but its down in Miami. If he can't find a job around here over the summer we're moving.

WILL

What! No way man you can't leave your senior year. Were gonna have a blast around here.

DENIS

I know man. It's gonna be tough.
(MORE)

DENIS (CONT'D)

I just been thinkin about what it's gonna be like to start all over again. You know make new friends, be the new kid again.

WILL

I hear ya. Especially down in spicville USA

DENIS

It can't be that bad.

WILL

Man your gonna be the minority down there. It's a whole different culture nothing like Southie. Your gonna be by yourself down there tryin to fit in with all dem spics, nigs, and guineas man. You can't go bro.

DENIS

You think I want to? Southie's all I've ever known. You guys are all like my brothers here.

WILL

Well shit. At least you'll get to walk out on South Beach and see some pretty amazing racks year round.

DENIS

Thats what I hear. The chics are smoking.

WILL

That's chिकास for you now ese.

DENIS

(laughs)
Yeah right. Gracias amigo.

INT- DENIS'S HOUSE- -- EVENING

Denis and his dad are watching the news in the living room.

DAD

You know there's a lot of pretty girls down in Miami and the weather is nice year round.

DENIS

Thats what I keep hearing. I'm ready to get down and see some of these chics. I hope they like Irish guys. I hear its pretty diverse down there.

DAD

Ya I know what you mean. I'm sure they will. They always like the guy that's different.

Next we see breaking news on the TV. The Peoples Bank has just been robbed in South Boston.

DENIS

Holy shit that's Will's Bank.

Denis's mom walks in.

MOM

Oh my gosh.

DENIS

I'm headin over to check it out.

Denis heads over to Will's house. He's not home. Then he goes over to the People's Bank and pulls up. There are cops everywhere and he sees Will with his father talking to a cop.

WILL

Fuckers made off with twenty grand.

DENIS

Holy shit. They got any leads? Video surveillance, witnesses, fingerprints?

WILL

All the cameras were destroyed.

DENIS

You think Sullivan might have any info?

WILL

We're goin to see him after we get through here.

Will's Dad shakes the detective's hand and then walks over to Will.

WILL'S DAD

All right let's go son.

WILL

I'll ride with Denis.

WILL'S DAD

Ok were going to Lucky's mechanic shop.

INT- LUCKY'S MECHANIC SHOP -- LATER

Will, His dad, and Denis get out and walk inside.

WILL'S DAD

Hi there. I called ahead and talked to Wallace about getting my brakes looked at they've been squeaking. Name's Murphy.

The guy at the front desk (20s) looks behind and gets a nod from Another Guy (30s) working the desk sorting through paperwork.

FRONT DESK GUY

I got you down here. If you could just follow me.

INT- BASEMENT OF LUCKY'S AUTOMOTIVE -- MOMENTS LATER

All three follow the man into the shop and downstairs into the basement. There's a bunch of guys sitting at a table playing cards and a couple guys sitting at a bar. It's a little hangout down in the basement. They are escorted to a table and seated. Wallace (40s) comes out and greets them.

WALLACE

Hey Scott good to see ya. How's business?

SCOTT MURPHY

It's been good till today. We had a break in and robbery down at the bank.

WALLACE

Ya I saw on the news. Sorry to hear that. The police got any leads, suspects?

SCOTT MURPHY

They disengaged all the alarms and video cameras. They had all the time in the world to clean things up.

WALLACE

Professional job no doubt. Type of job that's organized and set up.

SCOTT MURPHY

Ya. I came here to ask you if you could find out who's behind this and make an example out of em. I can't have people thinkin People's Bank is an easy mark.

WALLACE

Smart. What your asking gonna take some cash to make happen.

SCOTT MURPHY

So what the hell am I paying you guys every month for? To have my bank robbed.

WALLACE

Like you said this wasn't no usual job. It was finely crafted. It's hard to prevent shit like that. We'll check into it and be better prepared for the future. Talk to the security company that set up the alarms and find some better way. We'll look into the job and see if we can find this prick. But this shit ain't free we ain't paid employees of the state like the detectives you got working this case. If you wanna just rely on them that's up to you.

SCOTT MURPHY

(annoyed)

Just take care of it.

(Finishes up his drink
and leaves the boys
get up to follow)

INT- HIGH SCHOOL HALLWAY -- DAY

Denis is at his locker getting his books for his next class. Jennifer walks up to him.

DENIS

Jimmy boy! Whats up? How you doin'?

JIM

Tryin to figure out how I'm gonna pass my math class man. Shits tough!

DENIS

Ya doesn't your teacher give you good examples and stuff!

JIM

Ya, but I never write that shit down. I thought it was all in the book.

DENIS

It is all in the book but they give you step by step notes in class man. That's your problem.

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DENIS (CONT'D)

Look just find a nerdy girl and start smooth talking her. Before you know it you'll be poundin out more than just A's. . . huh huh haha.

Jennifer walks up to Denis.

JENNIFER

Hey Denis.

DENIS

Hey girl. I'll catch up to ya later Jim. Good luck with that math.

JIM

(looks Jennifer over
and gives Will a nod
of approval)

Thanks buddy.

DENIS

Whats up? Hows my girl doin?

JENNIFER

(Smiles and giggles)

Bad.

DENIS

Bad? Thats no good. What for?

JENNIFER

Are you really moving to Miami?

DENIS

Oh, you heard bout that, uh?

JENNIFER

Ben told me.

DENIS

Ya, I'm leavin in the summer. Pops got a job down there. Gotta do whatcha gotta do.

JENNIFER

I won't let you go I'm gonna miss you too much!

DENIS

Haha. I'll be back to visit and check up on ya and make sure you're being good.

JENNIFER

Maybe we can hangout soon? Go to a hockey game or somethin?

DENIS

Now thats a plan. For sure. Give me your number.

She writes the number down and leaves. Denis walks away down the hall to the cafeteria.

INT- CAFETERIA LUNCH TIME -- MOMENTS LATER

The boys are eating lunch. Denis sits down next to them and finds himself in the middle of a conversation.

MATT

It's hard to prevent something like that from happening. There's two ways it can be handled either the cops can catch em and put em away or the gangs find out who did it and retaliate. So, unless you're a detective or a hired gun, calm down Mr. Wayne.

WILL

Who says I'm not a hired gun?

Ben Laughs

MATT

Cause you're not.

WILL

Maybe it's time I start protecting my family interests a little more directly. Talk to Sullivan later, have him find me a spot.

DENIS

That's about the worst thing you could do.

WILL

I'm gonna show whoever these pricks are that no one fucks with us.

DENIS

Ya, and end up jailed or dead. You wanna ruin your future and dishonor the investment your family's made in you. Once you get involved in that lifestyle, it's a slippery slope man. That shits for guys with no future. Guys that are stupid. Are you stupid?

WILL

Ya keep talking.

(MORE)

WILL (CONT'D)

Shits easy for you to say your fucking car wasn't smashed in or your family's business attacked. So how would you know?

DENIS

I don't know. All I'm saying, is let the cops do their jobs and let Wallace and Sullivan take care of it. Don't risk your future and who knows maybe you'll be the one controlling the system the fair and legal way. Make something of yourself. We just went to Wallace lets give him a chance to take care of it Ok? Just chill out?

Will remains silent and is looking at Denis and then the bell rings. People start to get up to leave. Will gives Denis a nod showing he agrees.

EXT- THE OAKS COUNTRY CLUB -- EVENING

Denis is finishing up cleaning the carts and putting everything away. Denis has a soapy towel and is wiping the carts down. He has a TV switched on to the local news. Will is on the putting green next to the cart shop, smoking a cigarette, and taking putts.

WILL

Ladies and Gentlemen, Phil Mickleson walks up to the 18th green. He's got this twenty footer for the championship. He's taking his time on this one folks gettin a good read.

Will gets set takes a couple practice swings and putts the ball. It fizzles out just short of the hole but right on line. Denis looks up to the TV and sees a police officer in front of a podium on the news. He turns it up and calls out to Will

DENIS

Hey Caddyshack! Come check it out.

Will walks over with his cigarette.

OFFICER

Upon early investigation this act of vandalism and looting appears to be gang related. Four men from a local irish gang have been arrested and charged with vandalism, trespassing, and theft. The incident took place early this morning at a used car sales dealer over in North End.

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OFFICER (CONT'D)

Police arrived to find cars destroyed with bats and sledge hammers. As of now motive appears to be reconciliation for a recent bank robbery at the People's Bank in South Boston. However, authorities have made no connection between the owner of the shop and the burglary.

News report shifts to the owner who makes a short statement. The owner is very Italian looking and speaks with a deep Italian accent.

WILL

A fucking guinea. A fucking guinea took Pop's money. Fuck this I'm ridin. you coming or not.

DENIS

Jesus. Just chill out for a second.

WILL

You heard em North End. Some fucking guineas up there think they can come down to southie and fuck around. I'm out man. You comin?

DENIS

Goddamn it.

Denis gets into Will's Mustang and they speed off

EXT- THEY PULL UP TO LUCKY'S AUTOMOTIVE AND TALK TO SULLIVAN --
LATER

Will enters the shop. Denis gets out and goes to the pay phone where he calls Ben at his house

WILL

Hey where's Sullivan at?

GUY AT THE FRONT DESK

Who's asking!

WILL

A guy whos lookin to beat the fuck out some guineas?

The guy picks up the phone and calls Sullivan and hands it to Will.

WILL (CONT'D)

Yo Sulli it's Will man.

SULLIVAN

What can I do you for?

WILL

Where can I find the guineas at?

SULLIVAN

Look Will. Were not ready to make any moves man you gotta chill. Didn't you just see what happened. We just lost four guys to the slammer

WILL

This shits personal just fucking tell me.

SULLIVAN

Corner of Slate and Downie. Yo Be careful man these guys aren't ...

EXT- DENIS IS USING THE PAYPHONE OUTSIDE OF LUCKY'S --
CONTINUOUS

DENIS

Hi is Ben home?

INT- BEN'S HOUSE -- EVENING

Denis calls up Ben from the outside payphone. Ben is at home watching TV and eating a sandwich. Denis talks to him on the phone and he unexpectedly fumbles his sandwich around in his hands startled once he hears what Denis has to say.

BEN'S MOM

Yes, one second, who's calling.

DENIS

It's Denis.

BEN'S MOM

Oh hi Denis. Here he is.

BEN

Hey wut's up man?

He goes from a normal eating look watching TV to a wide eyed shocked and surprised look and drops his sandwich.

EXT- LUCKY'S AUTOMOTIVE -- CONTINUOUS

Will exits Lucky's and heads for his car. Denis hangs up the phone and walks over

DENIS

We're meetin Ben and Matt off Douglas at the movie parking lot.

WILL

Did you tell them what they'd be gettin themselves into?

DENIS

Course.

WILL

Nope

They both get into the Mustang

EXT- THEATRE PARKING LOT -- LATER

Will and Denis pull up and sit in the car waiting for Ben and Matt

DENIS

I take it you got a location from Sullivan.

WILL

We can find the gweeds at the corner of Slate and Downie.

DENIS

How many? They gonna be strapped?

WILL

Don't know.

DENIS

Yo man. You startin to cool down over there and think about this. this could be bad. They just got hit.

Ben and Matt pull up next to them.

WILL

If you pussies are coming, follow me.

Will speeds off and Ben follows him.

EXT- HOUSE -- NIGHT

Three guys are outside of the house at the corner of Slate and Downie. One is smoking a cigarette. The two cars pull up and a fight sequence ensues. Will takes out the first two and Denis takes out the other. They are the first ones on the scene. Then a group of about 7 guys come rushing out of the house. Our boys are outnumbered and take some shots but are the last ones left standing. Soon they hear sirens approaching and get in there cars and screech off.

EXT- O'DAYS PLACE -- MOMENTS LATER

The boys decide to head to O'days after for some drinks. Will took a couple of hard hits to the face and has a black eye and some blood coming from his mouth.

BEN

Damn Matt where'd you learn to fight like that?

MATT

Dad taught me but I don't like to show it off unless its completely necessary.

WILL

Ya buddy, you got one hell of a left hook. Wouldn't wanna fuck with you?

(smiles giggles)

Let's get some beers over here, please.

(loudly, belligerently)

DENIS

Hey man you ok? You don't look so good.

WILL

Some shots to the face thats all I'm fine. A couple of hard whiskey's 'll help out.

DENIS

Ya, thats what I thought. Let me take care of it.

Denis walks up to the hostess Jessica whom he knows and works his magic.

Walks out to them with a tray containing a pitcher of beer and six shots of whiskey.

JESSICA

Here we are boys. Can I get you anything to eat.

DENIS

Naw, I think were good thanks Jess.

MATT

Six shots a whiskey? Damn son.

Will hands everbody a shot. Then he places the last three down in front of him.

WILL

Cheers you guys and thanks.

He holds up his shot and toasts with the others.

REST OF THE GUYS

Cheers.

They all take their shots. After he finishes his first shot he takes down the other two one right after the other. The guys give a little cheer. They are smiling having a good time and Denis is pouring all the beers from the pitcher and passing them around the table. Then they all raise there beers and give each other a cheers.

INT- O'DAYS PLACE -- LATER

The camera zooms up to the glasses and when they pull away the scene fast forwards to Denis's going away party at O'Days place and instead of beer its coca cola in the glasses because family is there.

INT- O'DAYS PLACE -- AFTERNOON

All the boys are gathered around at a table. Denis's parents are there. Ben's family is there including his sister Jennifer. Will's family is there his mom and his dad and his much younger sister about 6. Matt's there by himself. Food has come out and people are eating. The boys are sitting at a table by themselves.

MATT

(As he has a slice of
pizza in his hand)
Damn man, can't believe its already
close to the end of summer.

BEN

Sure flew by.

DENIS

It was good to have one last summer
with the boys. I'm sure I'll be up
to visit sometimes here and there.

WILL

Same goes for us.

MATT

Spring break man. That'd be sweet.

DENIS

We'll be ready for ya. Hit up the
beach. Check out the pretty girls.

Looks over at Jennifer sitting with Ben's parents

DENIS (CONT'D)

Yo Ben, when you come down bring
Jenn.

The others laugh.

BEN

All right guy maybe.

They all become silent.

EXT- MIAMI -- DAY

Camera shifts to an overhead shot of the city of Miami. It shifts to the beach and then all over the city. We see expensive cars and beautiful women. Then the scene shifts to the intercity slums and alleys where we see different ethnic groups of people together. We see the blacks hanging out with each other making deals and distributing drugs. We see the Cubans, the Haitians, and the Puerto Ricans. The scene then comes to a smallish house in a typical neighborhood

INT- DENIS' NEW HOUSE IN MIAMI -- EVENING

The family is eating dinner.

DENIS'S DAD

So tomorrow's the big day. How you feelin?

DENIS

Eh. You know, little nervous I guess.

DENIS'S MOM

I'm sure they'll be very friendly.

DENIS

I can remember like 2nd grade and on and being with the same kids you just kind of become great friends. I've never really had to go out and make new friends on my own. It always just kind of fell into place.

DENIS'S DAD

You went to school with those guys for close to 12 years. It's going to take some time, but you'll find your niche. This is a good life experience for you.

DENIS

Just gotta be cool and work my social skills.

INT- HISTORY CLASSROOM -- DAY

History teacher (30s) is giving a lecture. The camera shoots to Denis who looks around. He's one of only a few white kids in the class. Its made up of mostly Hispanics and Blacks. Everything is different around here from the way the students dress to how they talk. The school is very gangster like. Saggy pants and big shirts with cut off wife beaters.

HISTORY TEACHER

Next time we will be starting with the rise of single party states such as Hitler in Germany, Mussolini in Italy, and Stalin in the Soviet Union. First we will look at how the craftiness of Stalin's precise movements within the politburo which allowed him to outmaneuver the sure replacement to Lenin, Trotsky.

Denis spots out some of the guys he thinks looks cool. There's three of them together and there talking back and forth and laughing. Bell RINGS and the students make their way out of class. Denis leaves and sees the guys who head to their lockers in the hallway.

DENIS

Hey, what's up guys?

ONE OF THE GUYS

Hey what's up whitey? You lost or somethin'?

DENIS

Naw man. I'm new around here just started.

ONE OF THE GUYS

Oh ya. Well you've thrown yourself into the lion's den coming to this school. Its all clicks and shit you just gotta find yours and since u's new thats always tough.

DENIS

What you mean clicks.

ONE OF THE GUYS

You know man. Clicks. Black gangsters, black jocks, black Haitians, black belts. Shit ton of Cubans and Puerto Ricans. Losers, Surfers, nerds, Football kids. Clicks.

DENIS

So what about you guys?

ONE OF THE GUYS

Us? We juss chill man. And I know what your thinkin. Hey that sounds just like me.

DENIS

Ya kina.

ONE OF THE GUYS

You seem like a pretty cool dude.
But we's don't usually hangout with
white kids. You might feel a little
uncomfortable.

DENIS

True. Ya I hear that well thanks for
the info man.

ONE OF THE GUYS

Name's Dwayne

DENIS

I'm Denis. Nice meeting ya.

Dwayne nods his head and Denis keeps walking down the hall.

INT- CAFETERIA -- DAY

Dwayne was right and Denis could see this was true even more
at lunchtime. He buys his lunch and walks around finally
seeing a fairly empty table with a few white kids sitting
around it talking. They are not nerds but are not jocks either
more just like chill surfer stoner listen to music kids.
They are also all Irish/Scottish/English looking white kids
We have Jack (18 years old) and Andy (18 years old) and
Brandon (18 years old) and Joey (Nerdy 17 years old).

DENIS

Hey. What's up guys? You mind if I
sit here?

JACK

Naw, man go head.

DENIS

Cool.

ANDY

You must be new never seen you before.

DENIS

Just moved down here from Boston.

JACK

Oh nice man. How the hell you end up
in Miami?

DENIS

My Pop's gotta new job down here.

JACK

Gotcha. I'm Jack and that's Andy.

ANDY
 (puts his hand up to
 acknowledge Denis)
 How ya doin?

JACK
 And Brandon.

BRANDON
 Yo.

DENIS
 Nice to meet you guys, I'm Denis.

JACK
 This your senior year.

DENIS
 Yup.

JACK
 We're all seniors too. This school's
 not too bad you just gotta watch
 your back and stay away from trouble.
 By stay away, I mean let stuff slide,
 you know.

DENIS
 Naw, I don't know. You mean let people
 mess with you and get away with it.

JACK
 That's exactly what I mean. You wanna
 know why? Cause these low lifes don't
 give a fuck. They don't give a fuck
 if they go to jail or get shot man.
 So how you supposed to stand up to
 some crazy mother unless your just
 as crazy as them? Plus, they all
 got back from their gangs. So taking
 one down's like startin somethin
 with all of em.

DENIS
 Jeez, guess we do things a little
 bit differently in Boston. We fight
 our own fights.

JACK
 You're in Miami now man.

Also sitting at the table, kind of by himself is a quiet,
 nerdy kid who is eating his lunch by himself next to Denis
 and the guys he sat down next to. A decked out HISPANIC KID
 (18 years old) comes up to the table.

HISPANIC

Surf's up dudes.

(Puts both his hands
up with the thumb
and pinkie extended
with the three middle
fingers tucked into
his palms. This is a
classic surfer gesture)

Hispanic kid goes up to the nerdy kid and takes his lunch tray and whips it off the table onto the ground. A big crowd of Hispanics all start laughing behind him at the table they are sitting at. Denis gets up and walks over to Hispanic kid.

DENIS

Hey yo? You gonna get him another lunch?

HISPANIC

Who the fuck are you? Hey look guys
another new white kid around here.
(group starts laughing)

DENIS

You gonna get him another lunch?

HISPANIC

Ahh ya sure here ya go.
(Reaches into his
pocket takes out a
few coins in change
and tosses them up
into the air at Denis
for him to catch)

Denis punches the Hispanic kid in the face. He falls down. Denis picks him back up and takes his face and mashes it into the food that fell on the floor.

DENIS

Eat it. Eat it. mmmmmmm good stuff
huh? Bet you wish you wouldn't done
that.

INT: CAFETERIA FIGHT -- CONTINUOUS

Three more hispanic kids jump up from the table toward Denis. Denis takes out the first one who came up by himself and is started on the other two. He is outnumbered two to one at this point. The next two are more systematic in how they approach Denis. Just as Denis is about to get hit by the second kid he is fighting the three white kids sitting at the table get up and join him in the struggle.

They take down all the hispanic kids in the fight. At this point everyone in the cafeteria is watching and at the end it gets silent. Four of the hispanic kids are down rolling around in pain and anguish.

SMALL HISPANIC (19 years old) in a black wife beater with a chain and dark skin real tan comes up to Denis and gives him two bucks.

SMALL HISPANIC
(deep hispanic accent)
For the lunch.

Then he walks away and the group follows him after collecting the ones who got beat. Bell rings. The four white kids are left standing with Denis at the head lead.

INT- DENIS'S HOUSE -- EVENING

The family is eating dinner.

DENIS'S DAD
So how was your first day?

DENIS
It was great. I met some new guys at lunch that seem pretty cool.

DENIS'S MOM
Oh dear what happened to your face
(He's got a big bruise
on his cheek)

DENIS
I was playing wall ball with some of the guys and took one to the cheek. It's fine just a little bruise.

Denis's dad looks at his knuckles and sees abrasions and wear and tear and knows that he got into a fight.

DENIS'S MOM
Jeez, well be more careful. What if it would have hit your eye?

DENIS
Ya ya.

They finish dinner and Denis's Mom starts doing the dishes. Denis and his dad go out to the living room to watch some TV.

DENIS'S DAD
Thats no tennis ball mark.

DENIS

Got into a little scuffle with some hispanic kids starting trouble.

DENIS'S DAD

Be careful out there now. This isn't like back home ok? You don't know how things work around here yet. I don't want you gettin hurt, people are crazy sometimes.

DENIS

I know but I can't control it. I just feel so angry all the time. People can annoy the shit outta me. It's like they have no consideration for other people.

DENIS'S DAD

I'm the same way. You just have to learn to control it. Sometimes it takes a serious wake up call to really smack you before you come to grips with how dangerous an angry temper can be. Once the trigger gets pulled living, dying, going to jail, it doesn't matter.

DENIS'S DAD (CONT'D)

So one night, after a breakup, I was driving home on the interstate. There was a lot of traffic and I was in the left lane goin about 80. All of a sudden this car comes flying up on my ass and starts ridin me. I'm talking like a foot away. I was pissed as shit. My emotions were already flying. As soon as I passed the last car to my right I got over. And what did I do? Let him go on his way? No, in my pissed off rage I had to follow him and tailgate him just like he tailgated me. I was all over this prick swerving in and out of traffic just following him. Wouldn't let him get more than a few feet in front of me.

DENIS

Jeez man thats bad

DENIS'S DAD

Ya but I didn't care. I didn't care if I died right then and there.

I didn't care about my life or anybody
elses on the road. The guy break
checked me hard. I had to slam on
the breaks going about 90. Holy
shit man those tires locked up and I
started slidin around, felt the car
startin to tip up. I thought that
was it. Then somehow I regained
control and just slowed down. It
was almost as if the only thing
that would dispel my hate and anger
was coming that close to the end or
just beating the shit outta the guy
in that car.

DENIS

Holy shit Pops.

DENIS' DAD

It was only after that I told myself
and promised myself to chill out.
It's just not worth it. I got to the
top of the mountain where things
could have gone either way and was
lucky. Some get lucky others don't.
But thats what it takes to become
free.

DENIS

Free from what?

DENIS'S DAD

Free from emotion. To be in control.
To walk away. To not let stuff bother
you. I just hope that when you get
to the top of that mountain you're
one of the lucky ones like me.

EXT- FRONT OF THE SCHOOL -- DAY

The bell RINGS and students enter through the doors. Denis
walks to his locker and takes notice that many people are
looking at him now as he's walking to and from classes and
to his locker.

INT- CAFETERIA -- DAY

Denis goes and sits down at the same table he was at
yesterday.

DENIS

Hey guys, what's up?

GUYS

Yo Denis.

They are all eating and Denis starts to eat too.

JACK

That was a pretty ballsie move there yesterday man you got lucky. Jorge must have liked to see you stand up and put up a fight. Being the new kid and all

DENIS

Who's Jorge?

JACK

He's the guy that came up to you and gave you the two bucks. He's one of the Puerto Rican gang leaders around here and could have you dead if he wanted to. That's why I say you got lucky.

DENIS

So do those guys start problems with you for no reason? I mean that dude just came up and threw his lunch down for nothin. Is that just routine or somethin?

JACK

Naw, it's not routine. It happens every so often. Different groups of gangs around here will do fucked up shit to us and other independent kids just minding their own business.

DENIS

What do you mean independent kids?

JACK

Those of us who ain't involved in any sort of gang activities. Those of us that just chill and try to not get hurt. But sometimes shit happens.

DENIS

I see. So is there a lot of different gangs around here.

BRANDON

This is south Florida man, you know how many fucking minority clicks we got floatin around here? Dem fucks are everywhere; spics, nigs, guineas, slavs. You name it we got em. I'm glad we got to knock up dem taco eating faggots a little there yesterday. Bout time we started standing up.

DENIS

How long's this been going on?

Then Joey, the nerdy kid, whose lunch was thrown in on the floor speaks up.

JOEY

Well I can remember my freshman year that same thing happened to me. Only they took my applesauce and dumped it all over me. I had to leave and go change. It was pretty embarrassing. Wish you'd have been here then Denis.

DENIS

Jeez guys. Some of the same stuff use to go down in my school back up in Boston. Im fully against gangs and violence. I mean sometimes I let my temper get the best of me and do stuff like yesterday but only when it's called for. That was messed up what that guy did and he paid for it. I'd never start shit for no reason. People that do are the types that I wanna pummel.

JACK

That's what I'm tryin to tell you man. Your gonna have to pummel about 70 percent of the kids in this school if that's your mentality. People here can do messed up stuff for no reason. If your gonna be a knee jerk kina guy than I suggest you get some serious back fast. Where'd you say your from again?

DENIS

South Boston.

JACK

Wow. We got ourselves a southie. I'm from Germantown. Moved down here when I was about 13 and lemme tell you man, you ain't in Kansas no more.

DENIS

I understand that. All I'm sayin is that we should be able to just mind our own business, be safe, and block all that other stuff out.

JACK

It all sounds good, that doesn't mean it's gonna happen.

Bell RINGS they leave.

INT- HALLWAY AT DENIS'S LOCKER -- AFTERNOON

Denis is packing up his books and getting ready to leave for his last class of the day. Andy approaches him.

ANDY

Yo Denis, we're gonna go play some football after school today at the fields off Waters, you down?

DENIS

Heck ya, man.

ANDY

We're gonna meet up after class outside Building 11.

EXT- FOOTBALL FIELD -- AFTERNOON

The boys have a big football game going. They are playing for about 15 minutes when a big group of black kids start walking over towards the field.

ONE OF THE BLACK KIDS

Hey yo.
(kind of loud so they
can hear)

ANDY

Hey wut's up man?

ONE OF THE BLACK KIDS

We want to play too.

ANDY

That would be too many people man.
We were here first.

ONE OF THE BLACK KIDS

This is our field boy.

DENIS

What seems to be the problem?

ANDY

They want to play on this field too

DENIS

All right well lets play for it.
Winner gets the right to the field
whenever they want it.

ONE OF THE BLACK KIDS

Haha. Ya lets do it. Us vs You Guys.

He says this in a very jokingly condescendingly sort of way.
 Andy and Denis walk back over to the other guys.

DENIS

Ok everybody listen up. Were gonna play those guys for the rights to the field. We only need seven guy's. So if you think you're pretty good step forward and I'll pick the team.

Denis picks the team out and the game begins. A crowd starts to gather. On one of the plays one of the blacks rushing the quarterback places a late hit on Denis and hits him hard from the back. He gets up and looks at the guy.

BLACK GUY

You done?

Denis is down for a couple seconds then shakes off the hard blow and returns to the huddle.

DENIS

Huddle up. We're goin deep on this play. Andy do you think you can out run the guy covering you.

ANDY

Naw he's too fast.

DENIS

He's starting to jump the routes. We're gonna run a stop and go. Run ten yards down stop turn around come back towards me about a yard and then turn around and take of, the ball's gonna be in the air. Got it?

ANDY

Ya

DENIS

Alright break.

They all clap their hands together when he says break. They run the play and score a touchdown. The whites win.

INT- SCHOOL HALLWAY -- DAY

Denis, Andy, Brandon, and Jack are walking through the hall and a group of girls come up to them.

AMY

Hi boys. What's up my name is Amy.

DENIS

Hey Amy. I'm Denis.

AMY

Oh ya I've heard about you. These are my friends Lexi and Kasey. We're having a party at my place later tonight and you guys should definitely come.

DENIS

Oh, we'll be there.

The girls continue walking down the hall and walk past a group of hispanics all wearing white.

HISPANICS

Hey what's up ladies

AMY

Ewww. Don't talk to us.

Just as they are trying to squeeze by one of the hispanics smacks Amy on the butt.

HISPANICS

I would show some respect if I was you.

AMY

Thats sexual assault

She turns to get away as soon as possible. Denis turns around to see if he can catch another glimpse of Amy and he witnesses the butt smacking. He becomes enraged and loses the control that his father was telling him about.

DENIS

Hey guys I'm gonna need some back
I'm goin in for those hispanic kids

ANDY

What? What for man?

Denis doesn't respond he just starts walking over to the Hispanic kid that smacked Amy's ass and punches him the face. Then he throws him into the lockers

JACK

Oh shit

INT- HALLWAY FIGHT SCENE -- CONTINUOUS

Andy, Brandon, and Jack rush over to give Denis some back up. As four other hispanic kids come forward. They come forward look at the three guys and then look at each other and decide to just leave. They don't want to get their asses kicked again.

DENIS

(grabs the Hispanic
on the floor)

You like your teeth? You ever touch
her or anybody else like that in
front of me again you'll be eating
them.

Amy and the girls hear the commotion and turn back to see
and she sees Denis kick the crap out of the guy that smacked
her butt.

EXT - AMY'S HOUSE -- NIGHT

The party is going on at Amy's house and our boys are just
pulling up in Jack's car. They all walk up to the house.
Denis is carrying an 18 pack of beer. They walk inside and
post up near the beer bong table. There's a bunch of people
there. They all crack open beers and start chilling. Amy's
walking around and sees them.

AMY

Hey Denis. Hey guys I'm glad you
made it. The keg's out back.

DENIS

We brought our own stuff for now but
I'm sure we'll make it out there
soon.

AMY

You guys can have cups on the house.

DENIS

Why do we get this special treatment?

AMY

I saw what you did to that guy today
at school.

DENIS

He shouldn't have touched you. I
figured you weren't feelin it.

AMY

Thanks.

DENIS

You don't gotta thank me beautiful.
Just let me get a dance later.

Amy GIGGLES

AMY

Maybe.

Scene shifts to Lucas (small hispanic kid, 17 years old) who's on the phone.

LUCAS

Ya they just pulled up. There's only three of them here. It's of White. You take Jefferson down about three miles past the Lowe's and make a left on White you'll see a shitload of cars.

He hangs up the phone. The party resumes.

JACK

Damn man that Amy chic is pretty smokin.

ANDY

Where her friends at?

DENIS

I'm sure they'll be comin round. Check out these chics dancin over here. Yo, whats up ladies?

One of the girls grabs Jack over and Andy goes with him. Andy starts dancing with some other girl. Denis wanders off and finds Amy he grabs her and drags her to the dance floor. All our boys are dancing with hot chics on the dancefloor.

EXT- OUTSIDE OF AMY'S HOUSE -- NIGHT

Lucas is outside on the driveway. A Suburban pulls up and six hispanic guys get out. They proceed into the party.

Denis is dancing on Amy and he's getting into it. The all of a sudden the music stops

DENIS

What the fuck?

Denis gets sucker punched from behind and falls to the ground. The girls SCREAM and run away.

BIG HISPANIC GUY

Think you can do whatever you want gringo?

He kicks Denis while he is down. The five other guys are on Jack and Andy. Throwing them around and beating them down bad.

BIG HISPANIC GUY (CONT'D)

This is what happens when you get involved in other people's business.

Kicks him again.

BIG HISPANIC GUY (CONT'D)

Don't ever fuck with us again. Next time you'll need a machine to breathe.

He takes Denis by the hair and smashes his head on the ground.

INT- HOSPITAL -- DAY

Denis wakes up from unconsciousness and sees his mom and dad, Jack and Andy by his bedside.

DENIS'S DAD

There he is.

DENIS

Where am I?

DENIS'S DAD

You're in the hospital. You got yourself a head injury.

DENIS

Ya, I can tell. Hurts like hell.

(makes a groaning sound)

What happened?

JACK

Remember those hispanic kids from school? They jumped us at that party man. They sent a big dude after you and there was like five of em on me and Andy.

ANDY

The big dude had it out for you man. You were down and he still smashed your head down on the floor.

DENIS

Jeez sounds pretty bad.

DENIS'S DAD

Sure the hell was. You got lucky son.

Nurse comes in with some medication.

NURSE

Oh hi, Denis you're awake that's great. Hi y'all. Well, it's time for your medication. These will make you real sleepy

DENIS

Oh well I'm tryin to talk to my visitors right now.

DENIS'S DAD

You need your rest son. We've been here for awhile anyhow. We'll be back.

JACK

Ya man. Hope you feel better and we'll see you back in school.

Andy and Jack go up and shake his hand and leave. Denis's Mom comes over and gives him a kiss.

DENIS'S MOM

I love you.
(tears in her eyes)

DENIS

Love you too.

DENIS'S DAD

Get some rest now. We'll be right here if you need anything.

DENIS

Thanks Pops.

His parents leave. Denis goes to sleep.

INT - HOSPITAL -- DAY

Denis is meeting with police to tell them all what happened and to try to get some of the people responsible for this charged.

DETECTIVE

Did you get a good look at the person who attacked you?

DENIS

Not really I was hit pretty hard in the head from behind and don't remember too much after that. I remember he had a gold chain.

DETECTIVE

All we have as possible motive is revenge for what you reported as some fights with some hispanics at school. Other than that we don't have anything at the moment. I'm sorry.

DENIS

So what these pricks are just gonna get away with this.

DETECTIVE

Theres almost two million hispanics in this city and your gonna have to narrow it down a lot better than gold chain to have any chance. Only other thing I can think of is if somebody gets arrested and can give us some information for a deal.

DENIS

Ya ok Thanks.

DETECTIVE

We'll be on the look out and do everything we can.

DENIS

Appreciate it.

INT- SCHOOL HALLWAY -- DAY

Denis is walking down the hall. Everybody is looking at him. He makes his way to his locker. Andy and Jack are at there lockers which are near Denis's.

ANDY

How you feeling man?

DENIS

Feel just fine. Just like the old me. Except I can't get any more head injuries anymore so I guess that means no more fighting.

JACK

I'd say thats probably a good thing.

DENIS

Haha ya. So what's new?

JACK

Not much. Been pretty quiet around here. No more shits gone down. We been gettin some pretty nasty smirks and smiles from those pricks that jumped us. But that's about it. Nothing worth throwin down for or nothin.

DENIS

Our little run was good while it lasted but it looks like you were right Jacky.

JACK

It's all or nothing around here.

Bell rings for the next class

JACK (CONT'D)

I gotta jet. See ya at lunch.

DENIS

All right man.

Denis turns back to his locker to get the rest of his books. The hallway starts to clear out as that was the late bell. Denis closes his locker and turns to walk down the hall and Jorge appears.

JORGE

Ese. You look a lot better. Muy guapo eh?

(he laughs)

DENIS

Whats up you sceez?

JORGE

Word on the streets is that you went to the cops and now there's a detective out looking for people.

DENIS

Listen you short fuck. Go home and diversify your diet a little bit. I mean the black beans and rice don't seem to be cutting it. Throw in some tacos here and some steaks in there maybe you'll break five foot.

JORGE

That was bad move goin to the police

DENIS

(haha)

Don't you mean policia you stupid fuck can't even speak your own goddamn language.

Jorge makes a quick punching and lunging motion at Denis to try to see if he'll flinch. Denis doesn't move a muscle. Denis LAUGHS

DENIS (CONT'D)

You think I'm scared of some beaner.

(laughs)

That's right walk away. Gotta get back and start pickin that fruit before the sun goes down.

Jorge walks away. Denis smiles and just stares him down as he walks away.

INT- HIGH SCHOOL HALLWAY -- DAY

Denis walks back to his locker to put his books away for the day. Jack and Andy are next to his locker waiting for him. They turn to him.

DENIS

Another day over huh? What's up for today? You guys wanna go play some super smash bros at my house?

They don't answer. They point over to Denis's Locker. It says Muerto hombre in red sharpie.

DENIS (CONT'D)

All that beaner talk must've finally struck a nerve.

JACK

What?

DENIS

I ran into that Jorge character today.

JACK

You talked to Jorge today?

DENIS

Ya. He came up and asked me if I went to the cops. Then I started talking shit.

JACK

Jesus man, I thought this shit was over.

DENIS

It is over. I'm not doin anything. He came up to me.

ANDY

Next time ignore him man or just walk away.

DENIS

So what I got a little permanent marker on my locker no big deal. Chill out.

They all start walking out towards the parking lot. They get to Denis's car and its completely smashed in as well as Jack's car.

INT- DENIS'S HOUSE IN HIS ROOM -- EVENING

Jack and Andy are over at Denis's house.

DENIS

It's time for a change around here.

ANDY

Where we gonna find people?

DENIS

I don't think its gonna be hard to find guys just like us that are tired of this shit. Kids that don't want to be scared anymore. We are that answer.

JACK

Lets gather the troops.

Scene shifts to Jack and Andy going around to all the white kids they can find at school, around the area, playing sports, Rec centers, other schools, wherever. They organize a meeting at an abandoned warehouse.

EXT- WAREHOUSE LOT -- NIGHT

The organization gathers at a abandoned warehouse lot. Its a big hanger like structure with a huge open space in the middle and rooms around the periphery. A large crowd (Made up mostly of guys aged 15 to 18) has gathered. Denis goes to the center and starts to make a speech.

DENIS

Welcome.

(He starts walking
around looking at
everyone)

I see a lot of faces around here. Faces that appear on edge, nervous, and jumpy. Faces that have to walk around at times looking at the ground to avoid eye contact with the wrong person. Faces that constantly have to turn around and see if theres a threat behind them like a beatin skidish dog. Those times are over. No longer will any member keep their mouth shut when some fucking minority with a wife beater and gold chain makes remark. This organization is for protective and retaliatory purposes. We do not start shit. Thats not who we are.

We are a group of like minded people banded together that's through taking shit. Who's with me?

Denis raises his left hand and makes a fist with it.

The crowd erupts with loud cheers and outstretched hands in the air. Denis looks around with a stoic intense look upon his face. Jack and Andy look around and then look at Denis and smile. Denis nods his head.

EXT- HIGH SCHOOL MAIN ENTRANCE -- DAY

This is a different high school in the area. The camera first shifts to the front of the high school where the name is and we see the name. It is not the one where the main characters go

INT - HIGH SCHOOL HALLWAY -- DAY

A white boy about 17, a junior, is at his locker packing things up. A very attractive latino girl with very large breasts and nice cleavage comes over to him.

BRIANA

Hey Kyle.

KYLE

(wide eyed)

Hey Briana.

BRIANA

How you doin'?

KYLE

Good. Just so much fricken math homework.

BRIANA

Ahh I know. I missed yesterday and was hoping I could get your notes and the homework.

KYLE

Ya, of course.

At this point there is a group of hispanic guys down the hall and one of the guys takes notice of Briana and then gets the attention of the other guys to check it out.

BRIANA

Cool thanks. I'll see you in there.

KYLE

Well do you just want them now? That way you'll have some time to copy them down?

BRIANA

Are you sure you don't need them to work on or anything?

KYLE

Naw, I finished them all last night.

BRIANA

So studious.

KYLE

Maths kina my thing

She giggles

BRIANA

It's like a whole nother language
to me. Thanks Kyle

And she walks off with his notes. Kyle watches her leave and then packs his things up for his next class. As hes heading to his next class he goes to the bathroom and while he's in there the hispanic kid that saw him talking to Briana and the group he was with trap him in the bathroom.

HISPANIC KID

Hey Romeo. I see you do pretty good
with the ladies huh?

KYLE

What you talkin bout?

He gets punched in the stomach hard and falls to the ground.

HISPANIC KID

Stick to your own girls whitey.

The other kids start to laugh and then they walk out as they walk out the scene shifts to Jack picking up his cell phone and he gets a wide eyed concerned look upon him.

INT- GYM CLASS -- DAY

The boys are in gym class and there playing dodge ball. Jack is not dressed out and is sitting by the bleachers just chilling talking to some people. He gets a phone call on his cell phone and a serious look comes over his face. He goes up and calls out to Denis.

JACK

Yo Denis

DENIS

Ya whats up?

JACK

Can you come over here for a sec?

DENIS

Man. This game's intense. Whats up?

JACK
It's important.

Denis stops playing and turns to look over at Jack. While he looks over he gets pelted hard with a ball in the upper arm.

DENIS
Happy? Whats up?

JACK
One of our members from Lincoln High just got jumped in the bathroom.

DENIS
Hey Andy. Come over here.

Puts his attention back onto Jack

DENIS (CONT'D)
Call up about about five guys and tell the kid who got jumped to meet us at the warehouse in 30 minutes. I want a fast response.

INT- WAREHOUSE BASE -- AFTERNOON

Denis and the boys are gathered at the warehouse base. There is about six other members who have shown up and Kyle tells them what happened.

KYLE
I was at my locker getting books for my next class. When this smokin hot busted Hispanic chic from my math class comes up to me and asks me for the notes and homework. We start talking and I give her my notes and shit and tell her I'll see her in class and then I go to take a piss and these fucking spics surround me, punch me in the stomach, and tell me to stick to my own girls. Hurt like hell knocked the wind outta me. Then I called Jack.

Denis gets up and starts talking

DENIS
Thats exactly what you do. Call Jack and we come here first. All right. Does your school get out at 2:30 like ours?

KYLE
Ya.

DENIS

You think they will still be there?

KYLE

Not sure they kina come and go as they please.

DENIS

I want a message to be sent and quick. So we're gonna go check it out today and see if we can find em. You guys in or what?

The group CHEERS and raises their hands.

GROUP

Let's do this.

EXT- OUTSIDE OF THE WAREHOUSE -- AFTERNOON

Theres a big van parked outside the warehouse. Denis, Jack, Andy, Brandon, Kyle, and about five other guys get into the van and ride out. And head to the high school.

EXT- HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT -- LATER

Kyle gets dropped of.

INT- INSIDE OF HIGH SCHOOL -- MOMENTS LATER

Kyle walks around and eventually sees the crew in the gym playing basketball and chilling on the bleachers. He decides to stay on them and will stay in communication with the other guys via a cell phone. The final bell RINGS and they leave the gym. They decide to keep playing and walk over to the outside courts.

KYLE

(On the phone with Jack)

I found em. They're in the gym playing basketball. I think there going to the outside courts. Ya they're gonna walk over to the outside courts. Give em some time then head over there. I'll meet you back at the van.

Kyle heads back to the van and meets up with them

KYLE (CONT'D)

I saw em. They're walking over to the outside basketball courts to go play.

DENIS

That's perfect. All right guys, everybody put your masks on and get ready. Now remember give em a beating but don't get too carried away and don't say nothing that they could use.

ONE OF THE GUYS IN THE VAN

How they gonna know we're getting them back for what they did to Kyle?

DENIS

I'll let em know

EXT- OUTSIDE BASKETBALL BALL COURTS -- MOMENTS LATER

They roll up in the van up to the basketball courts. They jump out with masks on and beat the hell outta everyone of them there.

DENIS

Don't ever fuck with us again. And instead of punching you in the stomach when your in the bathroom taking a piss. I'll break your leg so hard they won't find the pieces to put it back together.

Picks him up by the hair.

DENIS (CONT'D)

You got that? Lets ride.

They all jump back in the van and take off.

INT- BASE WAREHOUSE -- DAY

Denis is sitting down at a table with Brandon in the warehouse. There are other people around him and there are a few members of the organization guarding the front entrance. Denis is spinning a coin on the table not really doing anything.

Jack and Andy enter the scene.

JACK

Yo man what's up? You weren't at lunch today?

DENIS

Ya, I just be hanging out around here all day.

JACK

Hey man you ok? I mean you haven't been to class in two days now.

ANDY

That Amy chic was asking where you been today at school.

DENIS

School. School's a joke. Everywere I go in that place I gotta see minorities there like a fucking plague or something. You know they're slowly becoming the majority in this country. Not on my watch

ANDY

What are you talking about man? What are you saying you hate all minorities now?

DENIS

(silent)

ANDY

Look man I don't know what your problem is or what's gotten into you but maybe you forgot why we made this whole thing in the first place. To protect ourselves from people like you. People that can't see past who THEY are or where THEY come from. People who just think about themselves and what's best for them. If you've forgotten that then I don't know if I wanna be a part of this anymore.

Andy starts to walk away. Jack starts to follow him.

INT- CAFETERIA -- DAY

The next day at lunch. Denis comes up to the table and sits down.

DENIS

Hey you know look guys I messed up. I don't know what it is about me but I just feel so angry all the time and don't give a shit. I really think I'm gonna have to get some help. I'm just lucky I got some cool friends who have the balls to let me know when I'm messin up.

JACK

That's what were here for.

DENIS

I organized a little football game after school today at the fields. You guys wanna play?

ANDY

Hell ya. I gotta meet with this teacher about some makeup work and then I'm free.

JACK

For sure.

DENIS

Sweet. I gotta bunch of guys from the organization down to play too. I'll meet you guys at the bench in front of Building 11 and we'll head over.

EXT- FIELDS -- AFTERNOON

The boys are walking over to the fields and they see a big game going on. Its the black kids playing. The guys from the organization that Denis invited are already there waiting for them.

DENIS

Oh nice these guys decided to play on this day too.

ANDY

It is a pretty nice day out here today.

DENIS

Well these are our fields remember we won them that day we played.

ANDY

Oh ya, I remember. I had the winning touchdown pass at the end.

DENIS

Ya and I'm sure they remember it all too well.

Denis walks up to them and calls out.

DENIS (CONT'D)

Hey guys. What's up?

BLACK GUY

We already got enough players man.

DENIS

I'm not asking to come play with you guys. I'm telling you that these are our fields. Don't you remember when we beat you guys for the rights to the fields whenever we want them.

BLACK GUY

Naw. I don't remember that because it never happened. This is the first time we've ever come to play at these fields before man. Your trippin?

DENIS

That's a funny joke guy. But I remember beating the shit outta you guys bout a month ago right here on these fields and we agreed that the winner gets the rights to the field.

BLACK GUY

Wow you don't get it do you. What you tryin to say we all look the same or some shit.

DENIS

Ya maybe I am. What you gonna do about it?

The black guys turns to walk away.

BLACK GUY

Lets huddle up

Denis mumbles the N word as he's walking away

DENIS

(quietly)

Ya, that's what I thought nigger.

EXT- FIGHT SCENE ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD -- CONTINUOUS

The black guy heres this and charges toward him. Denis knows he's coming and turns around right as he's about to approach and punches him lights out right in the face really fast. A brawl between the two groups ensues and both groups are pretty evenly matched and its all bad for everybody. Everybody gets banged up pretty good.

INT- WAREHOUSE BASE -- EVENING

Denis sits down at his table with Brandon and a group of other new people that we have yet to see. The people he's surrounded by have a very low life sceezy appearance to them. Denis has fallen to his anger and wrath.

And has lost the close friends he had.

BRANDON

Hey boss, there's about ten people
outfront asking for ya.

DENIS

About what?

BRANDON

Said they heard bout what happened
over at the fields.

Denis gets up and walks down over to where they are.

EXT- IN FRONT OF THE WAREHOUSE -- MOMENTS LATER

DENIS

Hey guys. How we doin'?

LEADER OF THE GROUP

We heard about you taking care of
those nigs at the field. We been
looking for a group where we can
come band together and have protection
in numbers.

DENIS

That's what were all about here.
You guys are more than welcome with
us anytime. Come on up I'll show you
around.

He takes them up to the warehouse, shows them around, and
introduces them.

INT- CAFETERIA -- DAY

Denis comes up to his old friends.

DENIS

Yo.

ANDY

Don't sit down here.

DENIS

What?

JACK

He said don't sit with us no more.
And don't talk to us at school on
the days you decide to show up.

DENIS

What the hell happened to you guys?

ANDY

(Laughs)

What happened to us? What happened to you? Your like this angry Nazi dude now who hates everybody except for white people and himself.

DENIS

I just hate people who hurt, steal, and mess with people for no reason. And since I've moved down here the people that have been doing that shit to me just happen to not be white.

JACK

Man if you could hear yourself right now you'd be disgusted. Just get outta here. All people of every type can act like that at times. There just happens to be a lot more of certain groups of people around here. You need to learn to embrace your fellow man.

DENIS

Whatever. Forget you. Next time some spic comes over and jacks your lunch money don't come cryin to me.

Denis leaves.

EXT- DENIS IS WALKING HOME -- EVENING

Denis is walking home through the neighborhood. Guys hanging out outside there homes give him a nod as he walks by acknowledging that he is the leader of their group. Denis then walks up to the door and goes inside

INT- DENIS'S HOUSE -- MOMENTS LATER

Denis walks in

DENIS'S DAD

Hey that you Denis? Come on into the dining room, we were just about to eat dinner.

DENIS

Hey. Ya. I'll be right in.

Scene shifts to him walking into the kitchen where he grabs a beer.

DENIS (CONT'D)
Anybody want anything to drink?

Offscreen - Voice Over

WILL
Ya, I'll take a beer.

Denis proceeds to get another beer and there's no change in his facial expression. Then he switches to a inquisitive look upon himself.

DENIS
I recognize that voice.

Denis walks into the dining room.

DENIS (CONT'D)
No way? What the hell is this?

Will gets up and walk over to Denis and they shake hands.

WILL
Surprise man. What's up buddy?

Denis is smiling now.

DENIS
Haha. Look at this guy. Sir William.
Wow.

Will smiles. He goes to sit back down in his seat and Denis sits down in his.

DENIS (CONT'D)
What's new up in southie?

WILL
Aww you know same ole same ole.
Working with Pops in the bank now,
learnin the ropes. Stayin outta
trouble. Things are a lot more calmed
down since all that stuff happened
when you were there.

DENIS
Nice, nice. Glad to hear it.

WILL
How's Miami?

DENIS
Good man. Real good. I'm making a
lot of new friends. You were right
about the girls. We'll have to go
down to the beach before you leave.

WILL

Haha. Hope you've improved your game.

DENIS

Pssshh. I put whatever game you got to shambles son.

Will smiles.

DENIS' DAD

All right you guys eat up before all this food gets cold.

DENIS'S MOM

Aren't we going to say grace

DENIS'S DAD

Go ahead.

DENIS'S MOM

Thank you God for this food and for the safe arrival of our friend Will. Amen.

REST OF THE GROUP

Amen.

Now they all start eating.

WILL

So what's school like?

DENIS

There's a lot of minorities man. I found a group of pretty chill guys at lunch one day and pretty much hang out with them and try to block all the other stuff out.

DENIS'S DAD

Well you haven't been able to block everything out.

Denis looks over at his dad.

DENIS

Ya, there's been a couple of times where I've lost my temper pretty bad.

WILL

Well that's your personality.

DENIS

It's not good.

WILL
So what happened?

DENIS
Got into a fight at lunch with a big group of hispanic kids cause they threw some nerds lunch down on the ground. Stuff like that just really pisses me off.

MR O'NEIL
That wasn't the only time. You came home a couple weeks back with a black eye again.

DENIS
What is this? An interrogation? Jesus. Is that why you brought Will down here? To have some kind of divine intervention.

WILL
I came down here on my own. Whats the deal man? Why you gettin all worked up?

Denis remains silent for a little bit.

DENIS
I'm not. I gotta go outside, get some air.

MRS. O'NEIL
Ya you guys go on out. I'll take care of the dishes.

WILL
Thanks a lot Mrs. O'Neil.

EXT- OUTSIDE OF DENIS' HOUSE -- MOMENTS LATER

Will follows Denis outside. Denis reaches for a cigarette and opens the pack up for Will.

WILL (CONT'D)
Naw I'm good.

DENIS
What did you quit?

WILL
Like I said. I been doin good. Made a lot of changes, got my shit together now.

Denis LIGHTS the cigarette up. He CHUCKLES at this comment.

DENIS

I'm happy for ya. Things are pretty rough around here man. If you don't stand up for yourself, nobody will. I learned that pretty fast.

WILL

What's that mean?

DENIS

I'm involved in a pretty big gang. We provide protection to kids like you and me from the masses of minorities that think they can fuck with whoever they want and get away with it.

WILL

Holy shit man. How did this come about?

DENIS

I got jumped. Bad man. Landed me in the hospital.

WILL

What for?

DENIS

There was this girl. Some spic smacked her on the ass and I snapped. Beat the shit outta him. They got me pretty bad at a party not too long ago and I made a decision that I or anybody else was never gonna have to walk around with one eye over there shoulder.

WILL

So what are you guys like fully loaded and shit?

DENIS

Naw it usually doesn't come down to that shit. But I don't know. They don't like this new strength we've gathered. Our numbers are pretty high were becoming pretty dominant. Plus we just had a bad scuffle with the Haitians.

WILL

How the fuck did that happen?

DENIS

I called one em a nigger.

Will taken aback pretty aghast.

WILL

What? Jeez Den. I've never heard you use that word before.

Denis takes a big long drag of his cigarette. Just then Brandon pulls up quickly to Denis's driveway.

BRANDON

We got trouble. You gotta come quick.

DENIS

Whats wrong?

BRANDON

The warehouse was hit. Boys are outta control they're packing up.

DENIS

Who was it?

BRANDON

The Haitians.

DENIS

Jesus christ. Those monkeys don't fuck around. This could be bad.

BRANDON

Who's this
(points to Will)

DENIS

Will. My good buddy from back home.

Brandon puts his hand up to acknowledge Will. As he goes to get back in the car.

DENIS (CONT'D)

I gotta take care of this.

WILL

Woah, woah, man. What the hell are you doin? I did shit like this, not you. Get out of this. Your gettin to carried away.

DENIS

As carried away as you got when you went after them Guineas.

Will becomes silent for a bit. Denis turns to get into the car. He gets in and hears the door behind him close too.

Denis turns his head around to Will

DENIS (CONT'D)

What the fuck are you doin? This ain't like Southie, you don't know what you're gettin into.

WILL

Just fucking drive

They ride off.

EXT- BASE WAREHOUSE -- NIGHT

Denis, Brandon, and Will arrive at the base warehouse. The windows are smashed and three of the guys are badly beaten.

INT- BASE WAREHOUSE -- MOMENTS LATER

DENIS

Damn they really trashed this place. You guys ok? You need to go to the hospital?

ONE OF THE BEATEN GUYS

It's nothing too serious just bruises and stuff.

Theres a crowd that has gathered. The crowd is furious and ready to make a retaliatory strike.

DENIS

I know we are all very angry. Theres a lot of damage but the injuries are not severe. If we make a reprisal we'll continue this cyclical event with the haitians until it escalates. Escalates to the point of weaponized violence which nobody wants. We can be the bigger men here and forget this happened.

The crowd grows restless and shows their disappointment

CROWD

And let those nigs get away with this shit. Let them think they can do whatever they want and nothin's gonna happen. Bullshit.

Then the crowd cheers to this remark.

DENIS

All right then lets get prepared.
(MORE)

DENIS (CONT'D)

Ready the van. We ride out in twenty minutes.

INT- HANGAR OF THE WAREHOUSE -- LATER

Loading up the van with baseball bats and masks.

EXT - IN FRONT OF THE WAREHOUSE -- MOMENTS LATER

They pack the van with about ten guys and Brandon is driving.

EXT- HAITIAN HOUSE BASE -- LATER

They roll up to the Haitian base and get out a brawl ensues and Will gets involved.

EXT- IN FRONT OF THE HAITIAN HOUSE -- CONTINUOUS

One of the Haitian kids at the base, JAMAL is a very young kid only about 13 years old. He gets his teeth knocked out. The older brother, DARYL (mid 20s) arrives on the scene late and finds his brother with his teeth knocked out.

DARYL

What the fuck happened? Everybody alive?

CENTURAS 30'S

Ya, everybody's alive.

DARYL

Those guys wanna fucking play. It's time to show'em how we do shit back in Haiti. I'm fucking done. These fuckers spring up and think...

CENTURAS

Yo Daryl.

DARYL

What?

CENTURAS

Jamal was here when they rolled up and...

INT- HAITIAN BASE HOUSE -- MOMENTS LATER

Daryl rushes off inside and sees his younger brother with his teeth knocked out and bleeding bad from his mouth.

DARYL
Mother fuckers are dead. Centuras
get him to a hospital now.

EXT- DARYL IS DRIVING -- MOMENTS LATER

He becomes infuriated loads his gun and gets in his car and speeds off to catch up with the guys who did this. He knows a shortcut and speeds up very fast to a point where he knows the van will have to pass to go back to their base.

EXT- CORNER STREET -- NIGHT

He goes there and gets on top of his car and takes out his pistol ready to fire. He sees the van coming up and starts to shoot.

INT- VAN -- CONTINUOUS

DENIS
Down

They all get down and Brandon steps on the gas to get away from the shooter.

DENIS (CONT'D)
Everybody ok?

Denis looking around. Will got shot in the chest and is gasping for air. The bullet hit him in the center of the chest and he is having trouble breathing. Denis sees this and jumps in the back of the car to be with his friend.

DENIS (CONT'D)
Oh no. Get to University hospital as fast as possible.

WILL
Denis?

DENIS
Ya?

WILL
You're my best friend. And whatever happens it's not your fault. Same thing coulda happened to you when you were there for me. I want you to know that.

DENIS

Don't talk. Rest. Everything's gonna be fine. We got the best hospitals around. We'll be there soon. Just hold on.

Will gives him a smile and puts his hand up. Denis takes ahold of his hand and holds onto it tight. Will has a pale clammy look about him.

Brandon steps on the gas and hangs a quick right.

EXT- IN FRONT OF HOSPITAL -- LATER

They arrive at the hospital.

INT- INSIDE HOSPITAL -- MOMENTS LATER

Denis rushes into the hospital carrying Will in his arms. At this point music starts to play and no more words can be heard. The shot shifts from color to black and white or something that would simulate what Will would be experiencing. We can see Denis talking and shouting for a doctor. But no words can be heard.

Music starts playing. The scene shifts to Nurses coming up to him with a stretcher and they lay him down on the stretcher. Two doctors rush up to him and take the stretcher and rush him into the operating room. Denis follows and they tell him he must stay outside. Doors close on him as they rush Will back into the OR. He stands at the door and watches Will get taken away knowing that will be the last time he will see his friend. Denis falls down in agony on the floor and is screaming his lungs out. He cannot bear the pain. The music is still playing.

INT- HOSPITAL WAITING ROOM -- LATER

Denis is in a hospital waiting room. His parents come into the room. He is still teary eyed. They all embrace and start anguishing in pain. Words start to be heard. Denis' is giving a narration to the audience but is not saying them. He is thinking them.

V.O. DENIS

You know its funny how people can give you the best advice in the world and you let it pass through both ears. The sort of advice that comes from people who have lived the experience. But hey, you'll do what I did. Live through it yourself.

(MORE)

V.O. DENIS (CONT'D)

Maybe you'll be lucky like me, maybe
not. But know this. Ya we make
mistakes.

Ya we go through things. Ya we get
angry and annoyed and find faults
and blame.

INT- HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA - DAY

Denis sits alone and looks around at all the different types
of people in the lunchroom who are ignoring him. He eats his
lunch.

V.O. DENIS

But universally we are all our own
person and once we understand that
all people feel, hurt, and desire
just as we ourselves do. We learn to
embrace them, forgive them, and at
times ignore them.

- FADE OUT.