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LION-MAN

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BLACK - DAY

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AMANDA (23) dials the phone, OWEN (23) answers it.

AMANDA (V/O)

I'm on my way to your parents'. Are you there yet?

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EXT. FLOWER SHOP- SAME

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Owen exits his car and walks toward the gas station.

OWEN

I'm on my way now. Should I get flowers?

AMANDA

White carnations.

As Owen walks through the shop, SEB (21) limps out, pushing Owen. Seb drops his wallet. Owen picks it up.

They make eye contact. Owen freezes. Seb yanks the cigarettes out of Owen's hand and limps away.

AMANDA (O.S.)

Owen?

OWEN

That's him.

AMANDA

Who's him?

Owen ducks below the window and peeks out at Seb. Seb enters his lemon car.

OWEN

The guy who hit us. He's here.

AMANDA

Please don't do this.

OWEN

Amanda I'm serious.

AMANDA

I know this year has been hard on you, but you've made so much progress. You're just nervous. It's probably not even him, just a lookalike.

OWEN
Yeah you're probably right.

AMANDA
Just don't do anything rash. I'll see you soon, 'kay?

OWEN
I love you.

AMANDA
I know.

Owen hangs up the phone.

He sits in his car. He looks at a picture of LEO in his console, then to the mangled and burned LION-MAN TOY sitting on his dashboard, then to Seb's car.

Seb drives off. Owen follows him.

5 INT. BAR - LATER

5

Owen enters. Seb is already sitting at the bar, his back turned to the door and his eyes glued to a baseball game on TV. Owen sits next to him. The BARTENDER nods at Owen.

OWEN
I'll have what he's having.

Seb looks at Owen. The bartender opens a beer bottle and places it in front of Owen.

OWEN
Can I get a glass?

The Bartender places a glass next to Owen's beer. Seb shifts uncomfortably in his stool and massages his knee.

SEB
Something wrong with the bottle?

OWEN
Something wrong with your knee?

SEB
I fucked it up.

OWEN
Playing ball?

SEB
Car crash.

OWEN
Must've been a helluva crash.

SEB
Yeah you could say that.

OWEN
Could've been worse. You made it
out alive.

Seb whips around at Owen. Owen's phone RINGS. He answers.

OWEN
Hello?

AMANDA
Owen, where are you?

OWEN
I'm fine how are you?

AMANDA
What are you talking about? We're
about to go to the cemetery without
you.

OWEN
I'm happy with my insurance policy
right now but I appreciate your
call, you take care.

AMANDA (O.S.)
Don't you dare hang up on me.

Owen hangs up on Amanda.

6 INT. OWEN'S HOUSE - SAME

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Amanda sits with Owen's parents.

AMANDA
I'm sure he'll be here soon.

6.2 INT. BAR - SAME

6.2

OWEN
Telemarketer.

Seb turns back to the game.

SEB

You always talk this much during a game?

OWEN

Guess I'm just used to it. I used to take my brother to games and teach him how they work. I think he really understood everything and just let me keep going. He got me a bat signed by Gonzo for my birthday last year.

SEB

Imagine that.

OWEN

He saved up all his birthday money. He comes in with this bat-shaped present that he wrapped himself, and just the biggest grin on his face. He was only 8 years old.

Seb whips around.

SEB

The fuck did you just say? The fuck did you just say?

Seb grabs at Owen. Owen jumps back, accidentally knocking over his beer and soaking Seb.

SEB

Fucking asshole.

Seb limps off towards the bathroom. Owen looks at the empty beer bottle.

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INT. BAR RESTROOM - SAME

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Seb stands at a urinal. He zips up, and Owen comes up behind him and smashes the bottle over his head. Seb falls back into Owen's arms. Owen struggles under Seb's weight.

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INT. BAR - SAME

8

Owen drags Seb out of the bathroom and toward the exit.

BARTENDER

Is he okay?

OWEN

Oh yeah he just had a little too
much. I'll get him home safe
though. Have a great night.

9 EXT. BAR - SAME

9

Owen half carries, half drags Seb out the front door.

Owen loads Seb into his car.

10 INT. OWEN'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

10

Seb fades back into consciousness. He is tied to a chair.
Owen sits across from him, fiddling with the Lion-Man toy.
Seb sees Owen and struggles against his constraints.

SEB

What the fuck is this?

OWEN

It's okay, we're just two people
talking it out. Do you know who I
am?

SEB

I just met you, you fucking
psychopath.

Owen shows Seb a picture of Leo.

OWEN

That's right. You know who he is.
And you know what you did. How do
you live with yourself. You just
keep going, like nothing ever
happened.

SEB

My car fucking hydroplaned man it
wasn't my fault.

Owen puts his face close to Seb's and looks him deep in his
eyes.

OWEN

Maybe you're right. Maybe it was
just pure bad luck that killed my
brother. But I want you to say it
anyway. Say you killed him.

SEB
I'm telling you it was a fucking
accident.

Owen picks up a signed baseball bat from its place on the wall.

OWEN
Say it.

Owen places the bat against Seb's head.

SEB
Please.

OWEN
Say it.

Headlights pass over the room. Owen looks up.

OWEN
Amanda.

Owen tips Seb's chair back and drags him into his...

11 INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

11

Owen drags Seb across his bedroom and drops the chair.

SEB
Who the fuck is Amanda?

Owen slaps a piece of duck tape over Seb's mouth.

OWEN
Don't go anywhere.

Owen slams the door in Seb's face.

12 INT. OWEN'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

12

Amanda enters. She throws her purse and keys on the couch.

AMANDA
Owen.

Amanda grabs Owen into a hug. She breaks off and hits him.

AMANDA
Do you know how fucking worried
I've been? Are you okay?

OWEN
I'm fine.

AMANDA
Where were you?

OWEN
Around?

Amanda rolls her eyes and walks toward the bedroom.

OWEN
Don't go in there.

Amanda stops.

AMANDA
Why not?

Owen approaches her.

OWEN
I can't tell you. Please trust me.

AMANDA
What is that suppose to mean?
What's in there?

OWEN
Just go get dinner or something and
come back later.

AMANDA
No, not until you tell me what's
going on.

OWEN
It's complicated.

AMANDA
That's bullshit.

13 INT. OWEN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

13

Amanda opens the bedroom door.

AMANDA
What the hell is this?

OWEN
I can explain.

Owen looks in the room. Seb is gone. A window is open.

OWEN
No, no, no, no, no.

Owen looks out the window.

AMANDA
Owen what's going on?

OWEN
He's gone.

AMANDA
He?

14 INT. OWEN'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

14

Owen walks back into the living room, Amanda follows him.

OWEN
The guy who killed Leo.

AMANDA
What did you do?

OWEN
I tried to leave it alone.

AMANDA
But you didn't.

OWEN
What was I supposed to do?

AMANDA
You've gone too far. You keep
looking for someone to blame when
there isn't. Sometimes shit just
happens.

Owen reaches to pick up the bat, then stops and looks at the Lion-Man toy.

AMANDA
Go. Kill an innocent kid for
something that wasn't his fault
Make Leo proud.

Owen stares at the toy.

15 EXT. OWEN'S HOUSE - NIGHT

15

Two POLICE OFFICERS knock on the front door. Amanda opens the door.

AMANDA
I know where he is.

16 EXT. ROADSIDE - NIGHT

16

Owen approaches a cross at the side of the road. He places the Lion-Man toy at the cross. Red and blue lights flash on his face.

CUT TO BLACK.