Autonomic Emotion

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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 we're gonna grab some food at O'Day's 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? We're 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 Gooooo. Then he shifts to the nananannanana 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 shoulda 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, that's 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! Today's 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
I'm 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 we're 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 spic-ville 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
That's what I hear. The chics are smoking.

WILL
That's chicas 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
That's 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.
(MORE)
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 that's 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.

(MORE)
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. We're 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?
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 it's 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 that's all I'm fine. A couple of hard whiskey's 'll help out.

DENIS
Ya, that's 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 we're good thanks Jess.

MATT
Six shots a whiskey? Damn son.

Will hands everybody 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.
All right guy maybe.

They all become silent.

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

The family is eating dinner.

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

Eh. You know, little nervous I guess.

I'm sure they'll be very friendly.

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.

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.

Just gotta be cool and work my social skills.

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. It's all clicks and shit you
just gotta find yours and since u's
new that's 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 kid goes up to the nerdy kid and takes his lunch trey 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
That's 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 else's 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 that's what it takes to become free.

DENIS
Free from what?

DENIS' 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 longs 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
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 off, 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
That's 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, what's 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
Your in the hospital. You got yourself a head injury.

DENIS
Ya, I can tell. Hurts like hell.
(makes a groaning sound)
What happened?

JACK
Member 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 thats great. Hi yall. 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 sceeez?

    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 there's 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 hes 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 what's up?

JACK
Can you come over here for a sec?

DENIS
Man. This game's intense. What's 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
That's 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

There's 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 off.

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 sceezey 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 an 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
What's 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.

There's a crowd that has gathered. The crowd is furious and ready to make a retaliatory strike.

DENIS
I know we are all very angry. There's 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 let's 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 clamy 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 hear. 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.