

BECCA'S BROTHER

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EXT. MCDONALD'S PARKING LOT - EARLY MORNING HOURS

PESTO and SANDWICK stand beside a car having a smoke.

SANDWICK

I mean it's unbelievable man. When you clocked that guy maaaaan, my mind was blown! It was blown! Dude was launched through the air like he was on a game show challenge and answered the wrong question. Was like a bah-bye.

PESTO

I told 'em, I told 'em to back off. Boy wouldn't listen to me. I practically begged 'em.

SANDWICK

Man, the way he came at you and when your fist connected with his jaw and you launched him back through the air like that...I ain't never seen nothin' like that in all my damn years. I been around long enough to know that boy scout was seeing little birdies around his head man. Ha ha!

PESTO

I didn't want to hit 'em.

SANDWICK

You shoulda went into boxing or the MMA or something man. Damn!

PESTO

I wish I didn't have to take it to him like that.

SANDWICK

What you sayin? That dude deserved it. He was bumpin' into you all night long. No excuse me, pardon me, NOTHIN'. Just kept rollin' those elbows into you and we kept movin' over and over and over and then it was like we had no more room to move over and the nerve man, the nerve of this guy confrontin' you like you was the one bumpin' into HIM all night. I could not believe---I almost hit 'em at that point myself.

PESTO
He was a big guy.

SANDWICK
I think they still looking for
where he landed!

PESTO
I'm glad it's over with but I, I
don't know...

SANDWICK
Yo, you still hungry? Wanna grab
more grub?

PESTO
I'm full. I gotta get up early
for work tomorrow so---

SANDWICK
It's Saturday, bro.

PESTO
Yeah but they called me in.
Covering for a friend.

SANDWICK
Alright man...well, I guess you
can just drop me off at the crib
but do you mind if I get some more
fries real quick?

PESTO
It's cool man.

SANDWICK
Hungry as all hell.

PESTO
No problem.

SANDWICK
Hey, you alright? What's up?

PESTO
I think I recognized the guy.

SANDWICK
The guy you slugged?

PESTO
Yeah. I think it was Becca's
younger brother.

SANDWICK

Becca who? OH, Becca, yes,
Be--HOLY SHIT man, I think you're
right.

PESTO

Yeah. Had I recognized him
sooner---

SANDWICK

Well he didn't recognize us,
neither.

PESTO

I thought I knew him from
somewhere but I didn't make the
connection till now.

SANDWICK

Ohhhh shit.

PESTO

And I like Becca. She was always
good to me in school. Her brother
looks totally different. He got so
big. I remember him walkin' home
with us after school, always
taggin' along.

SANDWICK

He was always a little runt.

PESTO

Was he?

SANDWICK

Can't tell you how many times I
wanted to kick that kid.

PESTO

No shit?

SANDWICK

He was always so loud and wild.

PESTO

I don't remember him like that.

SANDWICK

Yeah, man. Pain in the ass he was.
I'm glad you clocked 'em good.

PESTO

Wait a sec, did you recognize him?

SANDWICK
I wasn't exactly sure.

PESTO
But did it cross your mind?

SANDWICK
Come on man, who cares?

PESTO
You recognized him, didn't you?

SANDWICK
So what? He had it coming to 'em.

PESTO
You should have told me. You should have called him out and told him who we were. All that shit could have been avoided.

SANDWICK
I wasn't sure at the time.

PESTO
But you had a hunch, right?

SANDWICK
Well--

PESTO
Well nothin' man. Should have told me something. You could have stopped the whole thing. You wanted to see him get hit. I never would have hit 'em had I known he was Becca's brother.

SANDWICK
Dude, the guy was elbowing you all night.

PESTO
The place was cramped.

SANDWICK
You still hit 'em.

PESTO
Because he was about to make a move is all.

SANDWICK
So there you go.

PESTO

I feel like absolute shit about this now.

SANDWICK

Who cares? Don't matter if we knew the guy or not, he deserved to get smashed in his big round face.

PESTO

You waited. You knew who he was and you waited for shit to escalate because you wanted to see him hurt and you used me.

SANDWICK

What the hell has gotten into your head man---

PESTO

You should have told me.

SANDWICK

We've had bar fights before.

PESTO

It was Becca's brother! That kid looked up to me growing up. I taught him how to fish cause he ain't ever had a father so I sort of took him under my wing with a few things cause I liked his sister and he wasn't a bad kid. (beat) Shit, it's been so many years...wearing a beard and everything...looked nothing like what I remember him being like.

SANDWICK

Screw 'em.

PESTO

Man why you gotta be like that all the time?

SANDWICK

Is it that important?

PESTO

You think he recognized me?

SANDWICK

I don't think he's gonna be recognizing anybody next few days.

PESTO

I'm serious. When I pushed back to take my swing at him our eyes connected and for a split second I thought I recognized his eyes and I felt like he recognized mine but it was already too late cause I was in full motion and--oh man, I think he knows.

SANDWICK

And? Look man, you only taught him another valuable lesson, bar etiquette. A man shouldn't be bumping and elbowing another man on a regular basis. It's not cool. Once or twice, okay, it's forgivable but a series of times, I don't think so.

PESTO

Becca's gonna find out.

SANDWICK

You don't wanna let this go, do ya?

PESTO

She's gonna know it was me that did that to her brother and she's gonna think things about it.

SANDWICK

Think what? You sounded---

PESTO

We dated man. We had a thing. I ain't never told you...we had a thing, a big thing that only her and I knew about and she's gonna think this was intentional cause of our history. You get it?

SANDWICK

Was it?

PESTO

Was it what?

SANDWICK

Intentional. Here you are blaming me for not telling you but maybe all along you weren't telling yourself.

PESTO

I told you---

SANDWICK

I bet you already had your own hunch about who he was long before you punched him out.

Beat.

Well? Did you?

PESTO

It's hard to say, I had a few in me already when he---

SANDWICK

That's why your ass feels so bad. This was an opportunity to settle the score and you took it.

PESTO

No way.

SANDWICK

Subconsciously man. Subconsciously you saw this nut and wanted to shatter your past with one good whammo.

PESTO

I was too messed up to know for sure.

SANDWICK

I know your ass my whole life partner, I call it as I see it. Tonight was more than just some random punch. My question is, what happened between you and Becca?

PESTO

That's another story for another time man.

SANDWICK

Why ain't you ever told me?

PESTO

Some things are better left unsaid.