

CHANGES

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INT. MUSIC STUDIO - NIGHT

JARED and DONNIE sit behind a sound mixing board.

DONNIE
What's up, man? You seem down.

JARED
I'm alright. We going to the bar?

DONNIE
Alright...why your balls twisted?

JARED
I think I'm moving on.

DONNIE
With what?

JARED
This whole thing. I think I'm
gonna make a change.

DONNIE
What change?

JARED
Forget it, I shouldn't have said
anything.

DONNIE
What is it? Can't start something
and leave me hanging.

JARED
I don't think I want to be this
anymore.

DONNIE
Can you speak english?

JARED
This man, music...I don't know
about making music anymore.

DONNIE
Music?

JARED
I'm done with it.

DONNIE
Tomorrow you'll be talking about
your next track.

JARED

Nah, I'm being honest. Can't hang with this no more. Losing my edge. Not as passionate as I used to be about it all. It's getting old and I'm getting tired of the struggle.

DONNIE

What put this in your head?

JARED

Nothing. It's been on my mind for awhile now.

DONNIE

Dora, she's got nothing to do with it?

JARED

Don't go blaming Dora, alright?

DONNIE

Well, I can see her trying to get you to do other things.

JARED

She's not, she's not.

DONNIE

Just checking cause this doesn't sound like you.

JARED

Cause I keep this shit in, I don't ever talk about it. You know how I am.

DONNIE

Yeah, I know that you'll want to kill yourself if you stop making music. I know that. Since we've been kids it's all you ever did.

JARED

Things change. I'm evolving. I'm getting to a different place in my life now.

DONNIE

And what place is that?

JARED

I'm growing up. I want things. Not making any progress---

DONNIE

You're not making any progress because you're not hustling enough. Don't look at me like that man, it's true. Now you want to walk away from what you love cause you haven't been fighting hard enough for it to begin with? Maybe you should walk away from it then.

JARED

Why you coming at me like that?

DONNIE

Because man, I see how you are...you're straight up lazy.

JARED

I'm not lazy. I'm always grinding.

DAN

I've seen you let so many opportunities run cold throughout the years. How many things come your way that you said no to cause you always have some excuse, always thinking you're above it, that you should have more. Everybody starts somewhere.

JARED

That's not true, people bail on me.

DAN

Come on, man.

JARED

People are always playing themselves and you know it. Like that one guy who wanted to put me on and kept me waiting for two years and then tells me it's on and---

DONNIE

And what did you do?

JARED

I told him what I had to tell him.

DONNIE

See? That's the kind of shit that gets nobody nowhere. What if you said yes?

JARED

That guy was a complete asshole.

DONNIE

Really? He was giving you a shot and you blew it? You didn't take it and you should have taken it. That's what I'm talking about, Jared. That's why you are struggling.

JARED

I just don't want to do this no more! It doesn't make me happy anymore. I'm quitting the band also. I'm not doing any more solo work or band. I'm telling the guys tonight.

DONNIE

You're a damn liar.

JARED

Don't call me a liar. You know I hate that word.

DONNIE

Liar, liar, pants on fire bitch.

JARED

Yo, shut up DONNIE! What is this grade school now?

DONNIE

You are a lying dog. Lying to yourself, lying to those that believe in you and lying to me.

JARED

Call me a liar one more time and I will put my fist through your face.

DONNIE

Will you really?

JARED

Really.

DONNIE

Really?

JARED

I swear I will.

DONNIE

If that's what it takes for you
not to give up on your
dream....LIAR.

Jared grabs donnie by the chest and growls at him. He lets
him go.

Pause.

JARED

Get out of here before I kill you.

DONNIE

You're not killing anybody.
Listen, wake up. Sort your
priorities out and stop getting
soft. Ever since you met Dora
you've become soft. Man up! A
year ago you would have followed
through and put a whole in my
face. Wake up!

JARED

I got nothing to say to you. I
don't want to know you anymore.

DONNIE

Yeah, well, tough shit I'm your
best friend. Besides, that makes
two of us.

JARED

Oh, you won't be friends with me
cause I gave up music?

DONNIE

You're not giving up on
music...you're giving up on
yourself and I don't want to be
around someone who I believed had
all the talent in the world and
never did anything with it. I
don't want to see what that guy
looks like in the future. I can't
even look at you now.

Donnie walks out.