

# ***Becca's Brother***

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FADE IN.

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.

SANDWICK (cont'd)

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 that 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, yeahhh,  
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.

PESTO (cont'd)  
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 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.

Beat.

PESTO

I told you---

SANDWICK

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

PESTO

I already had a few in me, so--

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 the dude 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.

SANDWICH (cont'd)

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.

FADE OUT.