CAUTIONARY TALES

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'A cautionary tale is a tale told in folklore, to warn its hearer of a danger.' - Wikipedia

WE FALL INTO

Pages in books.

REGINALD (V.O.) Some things are inevitable. We humans are plotters. We create stories that follow a plan. But truth is usually unclear.

We see drawings of Hercules, Zeus and other Greek Gods.

REGINALD (V.O.) Myths. Legends. Tales. All from another life.

Now onto fairy tales like: little Red Ridding Rood, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Bears.

REGINALD (V.O.) They last through time because they are thoughtful, unique. Things from another world.

Picture of the cross, with Jesus Christ.

REGINALD (V.O.) Even amidst inevitability the of every tale - purpose is still assured.

DEEP VOICE (V.O.) Yo, have you got that thing for me?

Fade in:

EXT./INT. PARK -- ALLEYWAY -- AFTERNOON

The alleyway is surrounded by thick bushes and greenery.

Two 20 year old guys stand by a bench. One Tall, the other Stocky.

Tall Guy looks over his shoulder.

TALL GUY Yeah, I've got it for you still.

Tall Guy takes off his bag and sets it on a bench. Slowly opens up the zipper.

TALL GUY Wait hold on. Not yet.

Tall Guy stops.

TALL GUY What's wrong?

STOCKY GUY I've got no-where to put it.

TALL GUY Just hold it.

STOCKY GUY Nah, I can't hold it.

TALL GUY Stop acting like a pussy.

Tall Guy laughs.

STOCKY GUY Just give it to me then.

Tall Guy opens up his bag and takes out a thick Law textbook. He hands it over to Stocky Guy.

Stocky Guy takes it and puts it under his arm.

FURTHER DOWN THE ALLEYWAY

LEWIS (20, thick chain; Gucci hat, Gucci belt and Gucci bag) walks in between two pretty girls.

LEWIS Why are you walking so quick. I want to tell you something. There's a house party tonight at mine.

The girls smile.

LEWIS It's gonna be a madness. You have to roll.

FURTHER FORWARD

Stocky Guy sees Lewis coming.

STOCKY GUY Look who it is.

TALL GUY

What?

Tall Guy sees Lewis as well.

FURTHER DOWN

Lewis hasn't seen them. He takes out a few flyers from his pocket and hands them to the girls.

Be there.

The girls nod and hurry away.

Just then, Lewis sees Tall guy.

LEWIS

Shit.

Lewis turns around. Stocky Guy stands in his pathway.

STOCKY GUY You've been hiding for a while.

Lewis puts his hand up.

LEWIS

It's cool.

STOCKY GUY It's not cool. I want my money.

Lewis looks for a possible route out, but he's totally blocked.

STOCKY GUY Where's my money?

LEWIS I don't have it.

STOCKY GUY What do you mean, you don't have it? I'll end your life you know.

LEWIS

Allow it man.

TALL GUY Allow what? You've got a debt to pay.

STOCKY GUY You've been trying to hide. We know where you live.

TALL GUY He doesn't even go home.

STOCKY GUY He's a pussy.

TALL GUY Look at his belt.

Stock Guy looks down and notices Lewis' Gucci belt.

Gucci yeah. He smiles. STOCKY GUY Take it off. Lewis shakes is head. STOCKY GUY Are you stupid? Stock Guy grabs Lewis' neck. STOCKY GUY Take it off now. LEWIS Get off me. Stocky Guy slaps Lewis. STOCKY GUY Take it off bruv. LEWIS Okay. Okay. Stocky Guy lets go. Lewis slowly takes off his Gucci belt. Stocky Guy moves forward and takes it. He smiles. Tall guy moves over to take a look. SUDDENLY Lewis runs off. Barely able to keep his trousers up. The guys laugh as he disappears down the alleyway. But soon the laughing stops. Tall Guy inspects the belt. TALL GUY That's fake bruv. STOCKY GUY You're lying. TALL GUY Look at it. Stocky Guy stares at the belt. STOCKY GUY Ah shit.

STOCKY GUY

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Opening credits.

Fade in:

EXT/INT. CAR -- DRIVING -- EVENING

The car moves through narrow one-way streets.

Inside, DANIEL (20, blond hair and clean cut face) drives.

In the passenger seat, OSCAR (20, dark hair and unshaven) smokes a cigarette.

Jazz music plays lightly in the background.

OSCAR Uni is okay I guess.

DANIEL As good as it's shown on TV?

OSCAR Our Uni life isn't really shown on TV.

DANIEL I've seen a couple shows.

OSCAR Yeah, but not like American Universities.

DANIEL

Obviously.

OSCAR There's so many of them.

DANIEL And they make it look so fun.

OSCAR Do you remember Jack?

DANIEL

Jack who?

OSCAR

Jack...

Oscar ponders for a moment.

OSCAR What the fuck is his second name? He shakes his head.

OSCAR Can't remember. But you should remember him.

Daniel shrugs.

DANIEL

I don't.

OSCAR Kind of short. Dark hair. Hairy. We used to play football with him.

Daniel nods.

DANIEL

Oh Jack. Yeah I remember Jack. He's in America now.

OSCAR

I was skyping him the other day. I asked him if American Uni life is as good as the TV shows. And guess what he says?

Daniel looks over at Oscar.

DANIEL

No.

OSCAR Yeah man it's even better.

Daniel raises his eyebrows.

OSCAR I must have spent the rest of the night imagining it. Hot weather. Sexy girls.

Daniel laughs.

OSCAR House parties with the pool outside.

DANIEL We should visit him.

OSCAR And you know what makes it better for him?

DANIEL

What?

OSCAR

He's English. They love us over there. Our accent makes the girls wet.

Daniel chuckles.

DANIEL Where's the closest airport?

Oscar laughs.

OSCAR

He'd go to house parties, and all the girls would be like, where's the British guy. I'm telling you, he's one lucky son of a gun.

Oscar stares out of the window, with a contemplative look.

OSCAR Here the weather is shit, there's nothing to do and most girls are ugly but I like it.

DANIEL You really make me want to be here.

OSCAR There is one girl though.

Daniel sees Oscar's face light up.

DANIEL Not so bad after all.

The car stops.

OSCAR Uni is what you make of it.

INT. SUPERMARKET -- EVENING

Daniel and Oscar enter the alcohol section.

Oscar squats and gazes into rows of alcoholic beverages. Daniel stands by a trolly full of crates of beer.

> DANIEL You're getting quite a few things.

Oscar grabs a bottle of scotch and looks at the back.

OSCAR

What?

Daniel looks at the trolly.

DANIEL Are you paying for all of this?

Oscar stands up and places the scotch into trolly.

OSCAR You're chipping in too. For most of it actually.

Oscar grabs a crate of beer and drops it in the trolley.

DANIEL

Am I?

OSCAR You're going on as if money is a problem for you.

Oscar takes hold of the trolly, and pushes it down the isle.

INT. FLAT -- LIVING ROOM/KITCHEN -- EVENING

A pile of tobacco on a table. It's positioned onto a rizla in a straight line.

> REGINALD (O.S.) It still bothers you, I can tell.

The filter is placed on the tip.

VIRTUE (O.S.) No. I'm over it. I'm just saying if you say that thing to certain people, they'd get angry.

The rizla is rolled up into a cigarette.

CHRISTIAN (O.S.) Wait hold on.

CHRISTIAN (20, pretty boy with stylish clothes) puts the rolled up cigarette into his mouth.

He sits at a dining table on the KITCHEN side of the room.

CHRISTIAN What did he say?

REGINALD (21, tall with a thick beard) smiles. He sits beside Christian.

VIRTUE He said God is psycho.

VIRTUE (20, colourful clothes with a fresh haircut) sits on the couch. He eats plain rice with chicken.

CHRISTIAN

What?

Christian takes out his lighter.

CHRISTIAN He said God is a psycho? Oh shit.

Christian laughs so much he has to take the cigarette out of his mouth.

VIRTUE I know. Certain guys would have punched you in the face.

Christian laughs again.

CHRISTIAN

Oh shit.

REGINALD

Really? Someone would have punched me in the face? That's an overreaction.

Virtue stands up and waves his hands about.

VIRTUE How is it an overreaction? Look at what you said.

CHRISTIAN

It's true.

REGINALD What do you mean it's true?

Door opens.

Oscar and Daniel enter carrying large plastic bags.

OSCAR What's up lads?

VIRTUE

Nothing.

REGINALD

Cool.

CHRISTIAN

Safe.

Oscar and Daniel deposit the bags on the kitchen tables.

OSCAR This is my friend Daniel, by the way.

REGINALD The one you're showing about Leicester tonight? OSCAR

Yeah.

CHRISTIAN Did you tell him how shit it is?

They all laugh.

DANIEL Let's just say, I've got low expectations already.

CHRISTIAN (to Oscar) Can I have some drink?

OSCAR How did I know you'll ask me that?

Christian smiles.

CHRISTIAN

Well?

Oscar opens a plastic bag with the bear cans. He rips open into the packaging.

VIRTUE Do you remember when Reginald called God a psycho.

Oscar immediately stops.

OSCAR Not this again.

Christian laughs.

CHRISTIAN

You were there?

OSCAR I'm not involved in this.

REGINALD Oscar, don't you think it's an overreaction to punch someone in the face for that?

OSCAR I said I'm not involved.

CHRISTIAN Listen Reginald. Do you know why it's not an overreaction?

VIRTUE How can you call God a psycho? Who are you to call God a psycho? CHRISTIAN Wait, hold on Virtue. Hold on.

REGINALD

Go on.

Daniel leans back by the sink, intrigued.

CHRISTIAN Some Christians hold God higher than there parents man.

VIRTUE

Yeah.

CHRISTIAN

If someone called my mum a psycho. Are you dumb?

Christian acts out a punch with minimal power.

CHRISTIAN I would knock them out. Trust me. Am I gonna have it?

Oscar gives Daniel a beer. Then opens up one for himself. He takes a sip.

He then offers one to Reginald.

REGINALD

I don't drink.

OSCAR

Since when?

REGINALD

I'm taking a break.
 (to Christian)
You have an interesting point, but
you're still wrong.

CHRISTIAN

(to Oscar) What about me?

Oscar throws one to Christian. He catches it.

REGINALD

If someone came to me and said my mum was a psycho, then yeah, maybe I would be angry. But if he came and said it peacefully amongst a debate, and then outlined good reasons why she is a psycho then I would be like, okay. I might be still angry, but I won't take it as an insult. Virtue shakes his head.

CHRISTIAN Why did you call God psycho in the first place?

REGINALD

Have you read the Bible? He's all loving, jealous, angry and murdering all at the same time. What do you call that?

VIRTUE You just don't understand him.

REGINALD Oh I understand.

CHRISTIAN Do you guys mind if I smoke in here?

REGINALD

By the window.

Christian stands up and moves to the window. When he gets there, he puts the roll up in his mouth and lights it.

REGINALD Those stories are there to scare us Virtue.

BOOM BOOM BOOM.

INT. FLAT -- HALLWAY -- EVENING

Oscar opens the front door. Lewis appears. He holds flyers in his hand and has a smile on his face.

> LEWIS What took you so long?

Oscar's sighs, dissapointed.

INT. FLAT -- LIVING ROOM/KITCHEN -- EVENING

Lewis enters after Oscar.

Reginald has a look of disappointment in his face.

LEWIS

My niggers?

REGINALD Who let you in? LEWIS I just want to let you guys know, the girls who live here are ugly.

Lewis looks over at Daniel.

LEWIS Ain't seen you before. You've added a second white boy to your team.

VIRTUE Why you here Lewis?

LEWIS Virtue, still a Virgin yeah?

Lewis laughs on his own.

LEWIS

Oh man. Where the girls man? Whenever I come here it's just man, man, man. Are you guys gay? I know Christian is.

Christian frowns.

CHRISTIAN

Fuck you Lewis.

Lewis walks around the room and hands everyone a flyer.

REGINALD

What's this?

LEWIS Information. I'm having house party tonight.

CHRISTIAN Who makes flyers for a house party?

Everyone laughs except Lewis.

LEWIS

Fuck you guys. It was last minute. I need to get the word out. It starts at ten.

REGINALD You spelt house wrong on the flyer.

They all erupt in more laughter.

OSCAR Since when was there a D in house mate.

VIRTUE And you're a university student. Lewis screws everyone in the room.

LEWIS It was a fucking typo.

Door opens behind Lewis.

IMRAN (21, short and built) appears.

IMRAN You guys are making bare noise.

REGINALD Oh snap, why are you so dressed up?

Imran can't help smiling.

IMRAN

Don't worry.

OSCAR It's that girl.

Imran laughs.

OSCAR That crazy girl.

Imran looks away.

REGINALD Oh snap, it is.

Virtue laughs.

VIRTUE Are you going to her house?

LEWIS Who's this girl? Is she sexy?

Imran becomes the centre of attention.

IMRAN You man need to mind your own business.

REGINALD I don't think you should go.

IMRAN

Why?

REGINALD She's off her head.

CHRISTIAN Wait, who's this girl? IMRAN She just text me that she's just got out of the shower and is feeling get to high.

VIRTUE Reginald's right man. She's nuts. Don't go.

Imran squeezes his hands together like he's pleading.

IMRAN You guys don't understand. She told me she gets horny when she's high.

Oscar puts his beer down.

OSCAR Imran, she talks about her boyfriend whenever you're together.

IMRAN I don't care. We're never going to meet.

LEWIS She has a boyfriend?

VIRTUE A crazy boyfriend.

Lewis slaps Imran on the shoulder.

LEWIS My man Imran doesn't a play.

Imran looks at Lewis and he quickly removes his hand.

REGINALD Tell us that story she told you us the other day.

Imran shakes his head.

REGINALD

Plus his name.

Imran smiles, then starts:

IMRAN Her boyfriend's name is Bilbo.

CHRISTIAN

Bilbo.

Christian laughs. It's infectious. Even Daniel can't help but join in.

CHRISTIAN

I don't believe it. I refuse to believe it.

IMRAN Anyway the legend goes that some kid made a joke about his mum.

VIRTUE

What was the joke?

IMRAN

I don't know. She didn't tell me. But it pissed off Bilbo. So he kidnapped the boy, drove him to Wales and threw him into a river.

Everyone breaks out in laughter.

IMRAN It's a minor though. I've got no beef with him.

VIRTUE

You just want to sex his girl.

More laughter.

REGINALD Did the boy survive?

IMRAN

I didn't ask.

REGINALD

All jokes aside. Whether she's making up the story or really telling the truth, she's crazy bro.

IMRAN

I told you man, it's cool. Anyway, I was on my way out.

More laughter.

LEWIS I'll walk with you.

Imran opens the door.

LEWIS And remember my party. In a few hours. It's gonna be a madness.

Lewis follows Imran through the door.

Oscar moves over to the beers and starts to pack them away.

VIRTUE Imran is a crazy guy.

DANIEL Aren't you guys gonna stop him?

REGINALD No one here can stop him.

CHRISTIAN He's The Bulldog.

Oscar looks over to Daniel.

OSCAR How he got that name, is a story for another day. We need to go.

DANIEL

Okay.

REGINALD Still good for money Oscar?

Oscar nods quickly.

OSCAR

I'm fine.

Oscar picks up the crate of beers.

CHRISTIAN Are you gonna take all of that?

OSCAR

Yeah.

CHRISTIAN Allow me man. Leave a few.

OSCAR Get your own drink.

Oscar leaves with Daniel.

CHRISTIAN Is that how it is yeah. I'll remember this. Fucking prick.

Reginald stares at Christian.

CHRISTIAN

What?

Reginald continues to stare.

CHRISTIAN Please don't give me that look. I don't like that look. EXT. CITY STREET -- EVENING

Attached house on either side and almost empty.

Imran walks with Lewis.

LEWIS Does she have a friend?

IMRAN

No.

LEWIS Is she on gang bang?

Imran stops.

IMRAN What is the matter with you?

LEWIS I'm joking bro. Chill.

Imran continues walking.

LEWIS You Muslims have no sense of humour. Always ready to blow up.

Imran stops again. Moves in closer to Lewis' face.

IMRAN What did you say

Lewis puts his hands up.

LEWIS Relax bulldog.

IMRAN Don't call me that. That's not my name.

LEWIS

Calm down.

IMRAN Don't tell me to calm down.

LEWIS You take things to heart man. It's just banter.

Imran turns.

IMRAN

I'm gone.

LEWIS Wait. Follow me down the road at least.

Imran ignores him.

LEWIS Two minutes. Just down this road. I beg you fam.

Imran hurries off.

Lewis shakes his head.

INT. FLAT -- LIVING ROOM/KITCHEN -- EVENING

Steam rises from a kettle. The sound of bubbling water crescendos to a loud stop.

Reginald picks it up and pours a generous amount into a large mug.

VIRTUE (O.S.) Why are they after him?

Reginald carefully picks up and the mug, then goes and sits down on the couch.

Christian stands by the window with a cigarette. He watches Reginald, smiles and shakes his head.

CHRISTIAN Cos' of a some beef in a rave.

Virtue lies, with his feet up, on the couch.

VIRTUE

Was I there?

CHRISTIAN Nah. Reginald was.

Reginald shakes his head.

CHRISTIAN You were, though.

REGINALD I'm shaking my head at the situation.

VIRTUE What is the situation?

CHRISTIAN Lewis is a ticket seller. So many guys think he works for the club. When actually all he does is work (MORE) CHRISTIAN (cont'd) as a promoter for the student union.

VIRTUE

Okay.

Christian sees his reflection in the window, plays with his hair a little bit, then continues.

CHRISTIAN So I'm just chilling in the club. Some girl try to move to me but she wasn't that nice.

Reginald accidently lets out a laugh.

CHRISTIAN

What's funny?

VIRTUE

Just continueman.

Christian, a bit annoyed, continues.

CHRISTIAN

Anyway, I didn't see what started it. I just saw someone on the floor being kicked in the head by bare guys.

VIRTUE

Oh shit.

REGINALD

All I saw was a big black bouncer come and drag him out. He saved his life.

CHRISTIAN

But we didn't know it was him. To us, it was just some random guy getting fucked over. Only afterwards did I know it was Lewis.

VIRTUE

So no-one helped him?

Christian watches Reginald takes another sip from his mug.

CHRISTIAN Are you actually serious? You've given up drinking?

REGINALD

Yeah. It's over.

CHRISTIAN

Shit.

REGINALD

(to Virtue)

Even if we wanted to help, a club is a dark place. People were kicking and punching him from all directions. Realistically all we could have done is get him the hell out of there.

Virtue laughs.

VIRTUE

I swear he's popular.

Christian wags his finger.

CHRISTIAN

Lewis doesn't have proper friends. A lot of people know him. Like we do. But they're not his boys.

REGINALD

I was telling Christian this the other day. I would rather be tight with five friends than be known by the whole campus.

VIRTUE

True.

REGINALD

And because he's popular, they found out where he lived. So he had to move.

CHRISTIAN And now he's having a house party in that new place.

They all laugh.

REGINALD

I'm telling you. You can't write this stuff.

VIRTUE So they still wanna beat him up?

REGINALD They already beat him up.

Christian laughs like a mad man.

CHRISTIAN They banged him outside the library.

VIRTUE

The library?

They all laugh.

VIRTUE What do they want from him?

CHRISTIAN Supposedly during the madness a guy's chain got robbed. They're blaming Lewis.

VIRTUE

That's peak.

REGINALD Nah, but wait. This is flipping dumb. And it flipping pisses me off.

Christian takes the cigarette out of his mouth as he is engulfed with laughter.

REGINALD How can you come university and act like a gangster? You're at university. You wrote a flipping personal statement.

CHRISTIAN They're pricks.

REGINALD They filled out UCAS. Do know how long filling out UCAS is. And you're a gangster.

They all laugh in harmony.

INT. STUDENT FLAT -- EVENING

Pills. Alone on a table.

Male with a scouse accent speaks.

ANDY (O.S.) This is the shit, MDMA. You may have heard of it as Ecstasy or Molly. I'd like to think of it as a psycho drug.

BECKY (O.S.) What does that mean?

CLOSE ON different logos printed on each tablet. These include a KISS, BUTTERFLY, QUESTION MARK and SMILEY FACE.

ANDY (O.S.) It fuck's with your mind.

BECKY (21, brunette with nose piercing) watches curiously.

BECKY What are those things on them?

ANDY (O.S.) You mean the logos.

A hairy hand picks up a KISS printed tablet.

BECKY (O.S.) How did they do that?

ANDY (24, long hair and rock star look) stares at the tablet in his hairy hand.

ANDY The more interesting question is why.

BECKY Why do they do it?

Andy offers the tablet to Becky, open handed. Becky waits for a moment, then picks it up.

She looks at it closely.

ANDY

Why do Nike put a tick on their trainers, or Adidas put three stripes on their hoodies. Distinctive logos that everyone recognizes.

BECKY Can I have this one?

SALLY

No, Becky.

SALLY (20, blond hair with innocent eyes) stands near the kitchen area with a drink in her hand.

ANDY You can try it too.

SALLY I'm fine thanks.

Andy turns back to Becky.

ANDY The advertising of the product is important. You become known in the (MORE) ANDY (cont'd) market, which is us. If the shit is good, then you'll know what to look for when you inevitably want more.

BECKY

Wow.

Becky seems transfixed on the pill.

INT. CAR -- DRIVING -- EVENING

Daniel drives, as Oscar drinks.

DANIEL You sound obsessed with this girl.

OSCAR

I like her.

DANIEL Have you told her?

Oscar shakes his head.

DANIEL

Why?

OSCAR I don't know. It's never really come up.

Daniel eyes veer from the road, and glances at Oscar.

OSCAR

What?

Daniel smiles.

DANIEL

Nothing.

OSCAR What do you know about girls?

DANIEL

I have one.

OSCAR

Really?

Daniel nods 'yes'.

OSCAR What's her name?

DANIEL It's also Sally.

INT. STUDENT FLAT LOBBY -- LATER

Oscar walks with Daniel in the foyer area.

OSCAR She has a friend.

DANIEL

Yeah.

They enter a lift. The doors close.

INT. STUDENT FLAT, LIFT -- LATER

The lift rises.

OSCAR Her name's Becky.

Oscar looks over at Daniel.

DANIEL

What?

OSCAR I need you to take care of her.

DANIEL What do you mean, take care?

OSCAR

You know.

Oscar shrugs his shoulders.

DANIEL

I can't.

OSCAR I'm just asking you to talk to the girl. Nothing more.

Lift stops.

They exit.

INT. STUDENT FLAT -- EVENING

Sally opens the door.

Oscar smiles. Daniel looks shy.

SALLY

Hey Oscar.

OSCAR Hey. You look great. Thank you.

Sally looks at Daniel.

SALLY So this must be Daniel?

OSCAR Yes. My mate of ten years.

SALLY You didn't tell me he was cute.

Oscars smiles instantly goes.

SALLY

Well, come in.

INT. STUDENT FLAT -- LIVING AREA -- LATER

Oscar and Daniel sit on a small couch. Sally sits on a similar couch opposite them.

She pours alcohol into a cup for Oscar on the table in between them.

SALLY Is that enough?

Oscar nods.

Sally turns to Daniel.

SALLY Do you want some?

OSCAR

He does.

SALLY

Daniel?

DANIEL

I'm driving.

OSCAR I already told you. We won't be needing the car tonight.

DANIEL

Go on then.

Sally smiles as she pours some alcohol into Daniel's cup.

SALLY What car do you drive?

DANIEL

One series.

Sally thinks for a moment.

DANIEL You don't know what that is, do you?

Sally shakes her head and laughs. Daniel joins in. Oscar looks disinterested.

OSCAR Who's that guy Becky is with?

They all look over.

At the KITCHEN TABLE, Becky chats with Andy.

SALLY

Andy.

OSCAR You didn't tell me Andy was going to be here.

SALLY She just invited him. I don't even like him to be honest.

OSCAR

Why?

SALLY

He's weird.

OSCAR Why don't you just kick him out?

SALLY Because Becky wants him here.

OSCAR

Fuck Becky.

Everyone stops and looks at Oscar.

Oscar quickly stands up.

OSCAR (to Sally) Can I use your toilet?

SALLY Room 2. Out of the door, on your right.

Oscar rushes out.

Sally looks up at Andy and Becky.

SALLY He must be drunk already. They smile and nod at her. Sally turns back to Daniel. SALLY So Daniel. Where are you from? DANIEL West London. SALLY Oscar told me you don't go Uni. Why? DANIEL Decided to work instead. Sally pours more alcohol into her cup. SALLY Really. Sally smiles. SALLY What do you do? DANIEL What do I do? SALLY Yeah. DANIEL Guess. Sally crosses her arms and looks at Daniel. SALLY Family business? Daniel smiles and shakes his head. SALLY Entrepreneur? Daniel laughs.

> DANIEL You think a lot of me, don't you?

SALLY You're an apprentice. Daniel nods.

DANIEL In engineering.

SALLY

Wow.

DANIEL You seem disappointed.

SALLY (sarcastically) No. I'm actually very impressed.

Daniel chuckles.

SALLY (to Daniel) How much do you get paid?

DANIEL Straight to the money. Why am I not surprised?

Sally laughs again.

INT. STUDENT FLAT -- TOILET -- EVENING

Oscar splashes water into his face.

OSCAR Fucking Becky. Messing up and the plan.

He then slams his hand on the sink.

OSCAR What is wrong with me? Like what the fuck is wrong with me?

Oscar looks up at a mirror.

INT. STUDENT FLAT -- LIVING AREA -- EVENING

Sally laughs hysterically.

SALLY You're a funny guy.

Daniel nods. Takes a sip from his cup.

DANIEL So how do you know Oscar?

SALLY He's on my course.

DANIEL Are you just friends?

Sally looks at Daniel suspiciously.

SALLY Very good friends.

INT. STUDENT FLAT -- TOILET -- EVENING Oscar shakes his head. Hand on hips.

> OSCAR She likes him already. We've been in there two fucking seconds and she likes him already.

Oscar slaps his own head repeatedly. INT. STUDENT FLAT -- LIVING AREA -- EVENING

Sally gets up and sits next to Daniel.

SALLY Can I see your watch?

Daniel lays out his wrist. Sally touches the golden watch.

SALLY How much was it?

DANIEL You and money.

SALLY Shut up. Did your girlfriend get it for you?

Daniel laughs.

DANIEL I see what you did there.

SALLY So are you telling me your single?

DANIEL

No.

Sally smiles.

SALLY

I knew it.

INT. STUDENT FLAT -- TOILET -- EVENING

Oscar wipes his face with a towel.

OSCAR Okay Oscar. Stop being a idiot. Go back out there.

He leans closer to the mirror.

OSCAR

They're just talking. Why are you panicking? They're just talking.

Oscar leaves the bathroom.

INT. STUDENT FLAT -- LIVING AREA -- EVENING

Andy and Becky stand and approach the seated Daniel and Sally.

BECKY

Hey you guys.

ANDY I thought it would be rude not to offer you guys one.

Andy holds out his hand. On his palm are ecstasy tablets.

DANIEL

What's that?

ANDY Something that will liven up your night.

SALLY

We're okay.

Oscar appears out of nowhere.

OSCAR That would be perfect.

Andy smiles.

INT. FLAT -- HALLWAY -- EVENING

Sound of a large flush. Reginald leaves the toilet and enters a narrow hallway.

He bumps into Virtue, who is in a towel.

REGINALD

What's good?

VIRTUE Taking a shower.

REGINALD You going to the party? VIRTUE

No way.

REGINALD What's up then?

VIRTUE

Don't worry.

REGINALD Seeing that girl?

VIRTUE Don't worry.

Reginald nods.

REGINALD Always with the secrecy?

Reginald smiles as Virtue continues into the bathroom. OFF SCREEN: Virtue groans and howls in his disgust.

> VIRTUE (O.S.) What the fuck? That's disgusting. What's that smell.

Virtue marches out. He finds Reginald laughing.

Virtue looks nauseated.

VIRTUE

Was that you?

Reginald continues laughter.

VIRTUE That's disgusting.

REGINALD This is too much.

VIRTUE What did you eat? You need to go doctors?

REGINALD Wait, aren't you gonna shower?

VIRTUE You fucking dropped a bomb in there.

Virtue walks past him down the hallway. Reginald continues to laugh.

INT. GIRL'S BEDROOM -- EVENING

Thick legs in tight leggins.

A girl lies on a bed, tapping into a blackberry. It's FELICITY (20, braids and thick body).

RAVAE (O.S.) How do I look?

Felicity continues to tap away on the blackberry.

RAVAE (O.S.) Felicity. How do I look?

Felicity looks up and see RAVAE (20, slim with blond highlights). She wears tight jean shorts and belly top. She smiles at Felicity.

FELICITY

Wow.

RAVAE What do you think?

FELICITY Where are you going?

RAVAE Nowhere. I just wanted to see how it looks.

FELICITY Looks like you're going to a brothel?

Felicity laughs.

RAVAE

Shut up.

FELICITY Don't you know the rule. Legs, belly and chest. You show one of these. Maybe even two. But definitely not all three.

RAVAE You're just jealous that I look sexy.

They both laugh.

RAVAE Who are you texting?

Ravae sits down next to Felicity.

FELICITY None of your business.

RAVAE Is it that guy?

Felicity smiles.

RAVAE It is. What's his name?

FELICITY You don't know him.

RAVAE

Try me.

FELICITY

Virtue.

RAVAE Virtue? What kind of name is Virtue?

FELICITY It's a little out-there.

RAVAE Would you name your son Virtue?

FELICITY

Maybe.

RAVAE

Lies.

They laugh at each other.

FELICITY Go to your brothel.

RAVAE

Shut up.

FELICITY That's not even his name. It's actually God's Virtue.

RAVAE

Nigerian.

Felicity raises her eyebrows. Ravae laughs again.

RAVAE And he's taking you out at what time?

FELICITY Late night cinema. RAVAE

Okay.

Ravae winks.

FELICITY Silly girl. It was my suggestion.

Suddenly a phone rings, on top of a cupboard. Ravae gets up and walks over.

She looks at the screen and sighs.

RAVAE

It's Lewis.

Felicity gets up from her laid position.

FELICITY Don't let him up here.

RAVAE Let me just see what he's saying.

Ravae answers the phone.

RAVAE (into phone) Hello.

LEWIS (V.O.) Ravae. Baby.

Ravae sighs.

RAVAE

Yes.

LEWIS (V.O.) I need a favour.

RAVAE

No.

LEWIS (V.O.) I haven't even asked you anything yet.

RAVAE You still owe me money.

 $\begin{array}{c} \mbox{LEWIS (V.O.)} \\ \mbox{I had to pay for my new yard. Allow} \\ \mbox{me.} \end{array}$

RAVAE What do you want? LEWIS (V.O.) There's a party I wanted to invite you to.

RAVAE

A party?

Ravae looks at Felicity. Felicity shakes her head.

RAVAE

Whose party?

LEWIS Let me up and I'll tell you all about it.

EXT. STREET -- EVENING

Dark skies. No cloud.

Imran walks down a street. There's a park to his left, just ahead.

He speaks on the phone.

IMRAN I just want to pick up a ten... That's it... Yes I'm sure... Just tell me where you are... Where?

Imran looks up.

A short male, RAAJ (20), waits outside a park opening.

IMRAN I see you. I'll be there in one second.

Suddenly a car speeds past Imran and parks close to the curb.

Three men JUMP out. They hold baseball bats.

Imran sees this and runs towards them.

The men batter Raaj with the bats. They then scrummage through his pockets and take out contents.

Imran gets closer. The beating has stopped. The men escape back to their car.

The car speeds off.

Imran stops beside Raaj.

IMRAN Are you alright?

37.

RAAJ

I'm good.

Who were they?

IMRAN

Raaj struggles to his feet.

IMRAN Raaj, who was that?

RAAJ

I don't know.

Raaj holds his stomach.

IMRAN Should I call an ambulance?

RAAJ I'm alright man.

IMRAN Are you sure?

RAAJ Yeah man. But they took everything. It's all gone. Sorry bro.

IMRAN Don't worry about that.

Imran has another looks down the road.

IMRAN I know that car. I've seen it before.

Imran looks back at Raaj, who wipes blood off his face.

IMRAN Which way are you going?

Raaj just about points down a road.

IMRAN I'll walk with you.

INT. POOL CLUB -- NIGHT

A group of four guys stand around a pool table. Two of them play.

Suddenly the door opens. Imran helps Raaj in.

RISHI (21, lots of facial) drops his cue stick.

RISHI Oh shit. What happened?! He got robbed.

Raaj sits down next to the table. Rishi smiles and shakes his head.

RISHI Are you being serious bro?

IMRAN Yes. Couple guys jumped out the car. Battered him.

Rishi starts laughing.

RISHI

Oh shit.

The other friends laugh also.

RAAJ It's not funny.

Raaj groans as he tries to move his arm.

RISHI This is serious. Who were they?

IMRAN I didn't see any faces.

RISHI (to Imran) Where were you?

IMRAN On my way to meet him.

They continue to laugh.

IMRAN It's not funny. They battered him and took his stuff.

RISHI Look at him. He'll be fine. Probably some crazy locals. What can we do now?

Rishi reaches into his pocket and flashes a small bag of a green substance.

RISHI Don't worry we'll sort you out here. Let's have a quick game first. IMRAN I've got somewhere to be.

RISHI

Where?

IMRAN I'm seeing a someone.

Rishi takes a cue stick from one of the other boys.

RISHI I'll let you have this ten for free bro. Just stay for a bit.

Rishi offers the cue stick to him.

IMRAN

I don't know.

RISHI How long has it been man.

Imran takes the cue stick.

INT. STUDENT FLAT -- LIVING AREA -- EVENING

Oscar has his arm over the shoulder of Daniel in a corner of the living area.

Music blazes in the background.

DANIEL I don't know about this Oscar.

OSCAR It will be fine.

DANIEL

I've never done it before.

OSCAR dude Vou wan

It's cool dude. You wanted the uni experience.

DANIEL

Yes but--

OSCAR Let's enjoy ourselves then. Fuck that American Uni life, we're going to live it up here.

DANIEL

Okay.

OSCAR

Nice one.

MOMENTS LATER

Andy looks around at everyone.

ANDY

You guys ready?

OSCAR

Yep.

He hands everyone a pill.

Sally is the last one.

SALLY

No.

ANDY We're all doing it.

SALLY

I don't care.

OSCAR Sally. Honey. It will be fine. My friend came here all the way from London.

Andy has the pill on his palm in front of her.

OSCAR It's a special occasion.

She looks at the pill. It has a question mark on it.

SALLY

Okay.

Sally takes the pill.

Oscar looks at Daniel.

OSCAR

To university.

Daniel nods back.

DANIEL

University.

They all put it in their mouths and swallow it with a glass of drink.

INT. FLAT -- EVENING

Christian bashes again a door with his fist. Then sips on a bottle of beer. By his feet is a crate holding the rest of the beers.

Moments later the door is opened. Reginald stands disgruntled on the phone.

REGINALD Why you hitting the door like that?

Christian smiles.

CHRISTIAN Sorry. Thought you asleep.

Reginald takes the phone from his ear.

REGINALD What do you want?

CHRISTIAN I need your help.

REGINALD

Later.

Reginald puts the phone back on his ear. Goes to shut the door but Christian has his foot in the way.

CHRISTIAN Please. It's urgent.

REGINALD

Urgent?

CHRISTIAN Yeah. Really important.

Reginald sighs.

REGINALD (into phone) I call you back later hun. Need to sort out something important... Bye.

Reginald puts the phone away.

CHRISTIAN You remember them girls?

REGINALD What's girls?

CHRISTIAN Those girls man.

REGINALD There's many girls.

CHRISTIAN Remember, the one which was proper on me on that last week.

Reginald thinks.

REGINALD

Yeah.

CHRISTIAN She text me, just now. She's on my nuts.

REGINALD What did she say?

Christian drops the crate. He quickly pulls out his phone. Taps a button.

CHRISTIAN They're at a The Warning.

REGINALD

What's that?

CHRISTIAN Pub just across the road.

Reginald sighs.

REGINALD That's your urgent news.

CHRISTIAN You can chat to your girlfriend later.

REGINALD That's not the point.

CHRISTIAN Then come. Just for a few hours. She's on my nuts. I'm telling you.

Reginald grits his teeth.

REGINALD Have you asked Virtue?

CHRISTIAN Fuck Virtue. You know how he is.

Reginald looks to the side.

Virtue stands by his bedroom door; an Iron in his hands with clothes over his shoulder.

VIRTUE

How am I?

CHRISTIAN You're never on anything. VIRTUE

How do you know? You haven't asked me.

Christian nods, sipping on his bear. His speech slurs a little bit.

CHRISTIAN Do you wanna come link some chicks with me?

VIRTUE No. I've got plans.

CHRISTIAN

Exactly.

VIRTUE But why are you swearing though?

CHRISTIAN Cos I fucking feel like it.

VIRTUE

Stop swearing.

CHRISTIAN

Or what?

Virtue looks at Reginald.

VIRTUE (to Reginald) You better calm him down.

REGINALD I think he's drunk.

VIRTUE I don't fucking care.

CHRISTIAN (to Virtue) Why are you going to him?

VIRTUE Because he's your baby-sitter.

REGINALD

What?

Christians puts his hand on Reginald's shoulder.

CHRISTIAN Leave him. Let him go out with his Christian buddies.

Christian laughs.

Virtue looks like he's about to explode.

VIRTUE I'll deck him. I'm not playing. I'll deck him.

Reginald moves Christian's hand off his shoulder.

REGINALD

Relax guys. (to Christian) I'm not going with you when you're drunk.

CHRISTIAN

Why?

Christian tries to put his hand up again, but Reginald moves it away.

CHRISTIAN I'll be cool. Please. I'll be good.

Reginald looks at the crate.

REGINALD How many have you had?

Virtue laughs. Christian ignores him.

CHRISTIAN I want to get through as many as possible before we go.

REGINALD

You mean you.

CHRISTIAN You're my wing man. I need you. Don't snake me.

REGINALD This isn't about snaking.

CHRISTIAN You're my boy. Don't leave me hanging. Please.

Reginald ponders for a little bit.

CHRISTIAN I want this girl bro. This is important. You know I'd do it for you man.

Reginald sighs.

REGINALD Okay. Let me get ready. Christian smiles.

CHRISTIAN

Top man.

Christian picks up the crate.

CHRISTIAN

Beer?

Reginald shuts his bedroom door.

INT. GIRL'S BEDROOM -- EVENING

Lewis stands with his arms crossed. He watches Felicity and Ravae, sitting on the bed, looking at his flyers.

LEWIS It starts at ten.

FELICITY You do know it's almost ten.

LEWIS You know black people time. I say ten, they'll be there at twelve.

Lewis chuckles.

FELICITY But who even knows about this?

LEWIS Everyone knows about this. This is gonna be live. Trust me.

Felicity looks a Ravae. Shakes her head little bit.

FELICITY

I'm busy Ravae.

RAVAE

I wanna go.

FELICITY It will be dead.

LEWIS

It won't be.

RAVAE I wanna do something tonight.

FELICITY Tomorrow's Saturday. We'll do something then.

RAVAE Nothing's happening tomorrow. Come on babe. YOLO, init. Will be bare man there too. Come shake a leg. Bus a whine. Twerk that booty.

Felicity gives Lewis a dirty look.

FELICITY I can't just cancel on this guy.

RAVAE

Okay.

Ravae looks away. Saddened.

Felicity sighs.

LEWIS Stop being a cock block Felicity.

FELICITY Can you just shut up.

Lewis stops smiling.

LEWIS Are you stupid? Don't get rude?

FELICITY Why do you talk like that? Talk like a normal person.

Lewis goes to speak, then stops. He grits his teeth.

RAVAE You should go. I'll talk to you later.

LEWIS Make sure you come.

RAVAE

We'll see.

Lewis screws Felicity as he walks out of the door. Ravae shuts it behind him.

Ravae turns and gives her a look.

FELICITY I don't like him.

RAVAE

He's harmless.

FELICITY He thinks he's something that he's not. Ravae picks up a few of her belongings: bag, phone and flyer.

RAVAE I'll go on my own. FELICITY For God's sake. Felicity finds her phone on her bed. RAVAE What are you doing? FELICITY I'm texting this guy. RAVAE You don't have to. Felicity taps the buttons on her phone.

FELICITY

Go get ready.

RAVAE

Thanks.

INT. VIRTUE'S BATHROOM -- NIGHT

Virtue smiles into a mirror.

He wears a smart blazer over a fitted shirt.

VIRTUE Yeah baby, what's good.

Virtue chuckles.

VIRTUE Looking the 'ish. Woo.

Virtue does different poses.

VIRTUE Yeah. Baby. Yeah.

He picks up some aftershave and squirts it all over his clothes, neck and down his trousers.

Suddenly his phone vibrates in his pocket. Virtue takes it out. But decides to not look at it. He instead, takes out a brush and starts styling a hair. INT. POOL CLUB -- NIGHT Hip hop music plays in the background. Rishi and Imran play pool.

RISHI That's white girl's though. They hate us.

Some of the group laugh.

IMRAN I don't know about that.

Imran hits a cue ball into a corner pocket.

RISHI What do you mean? How many white girls have you moved to and they had it bro?

IMRAN

Plenty.

Rishi smiles.

RISHI Ladies man yeah. You've changed bro. (to the group) Don't you guys remember this guy?

Some of group nod in agreement.

RISHI So many stories man. You had a low threshold for anger.

Imran shrugs his shoulders.

RISHI

Hey Raaj.

Rishi looks over at Raaj.

RISHI You didn't know him last year, did you?

RAAJ

Nah.

RISHI He's kind of a legend around here. I remember one time we was out. There was a couple of us. But we got split up. I don't remember why.

Rishi goes to play a ball but stops. Puts the cue stick by his side.

girl. Then some next Indian tapped his arm and said 'that's my girl blood musla'.

Rishi laughs.

RISHI

All I see is bangs. Guy drops on the floor. Imran is just punching him in the head. He just kept on punching.

They all laugh except Imran.

RISHI Do you remember that?

Imran nods.

RISHI You were a mad man, shit. That all seems like a myth these days. What happened to you?

IMRAN

I need to go.

Imran places the cue stick on the pool table.

RISHI That was quick. The girl can wait.

IMRAN

What girl?

RISHI Don't bullshit. Only a girl can take you from a pool table.

Suddenly a phone rings. It's Raaj's. He takes it out and answers.

IMRAN I'll see you guys later.

Imran goes around the group, shaking hands.

RAAJ (into phone) Yeah. What? It was you?

Imran stops just by the door.

RAAJ I want my shit back.

RISHI Who's that? RAAJ I want it back. RISHI Who is that? RAAJ (to Rishi) Ahmed and his boys. He's saying he's got my gear. RISHI Put it on loud speaker. Raaj presses a button. A deep rugged voice speaks. AHMED (V.O.) I can't just give it back to you. RISHI Hey Ahmed. AHMED (V.O.) Who's that? RISHI Rishi. AHMED (V.O.) Oh Rishi. RISHI Did you rob my boy? AHMED (V.O.) Yeah bro. I did. Rishi is dumbfounded. RISHI Why would you do that? AHMED (V.O.) Ah bro. You know how things go. It just happened. RISHI How does that just happen? AHMED (V.O.) I don't know. RISHI

So you're feeling remorse now.

AHMED (V.O.) I want to give him back his stuff, for a fair price.

Rishi smiles. The rest of the group moan and groan.

RISHI So you're going to steal his shit, then sell it back to him.

The line goes silent.

RISHI Are you being serious?

AHMED (V.O.) He's lucky I'm even doing this.

RISHI I've known you for while Ahmed. Raaj is my boy. You have to give him back his stuff.

AHMED (V.O.) It's not happening.

Imran looks at Rishi's angry face.

RISHI I know where you live Ahmed.

AHMED (V.O.) Alright. Cool.

The phone line goes dead.

RISHI

That idiot.

Rishi grits his teeth.

RISHI We're going to his yard now.

Raaj sighs.

RAAJ

You sure?

RISHI We need to get your stuff back. He can't get away with that.

RAAJ He was offering a decent price.

Rishi looks at Raaj.

RISHI Are you being serious?

Raaj stays quiet.

RISHI Imran, you coming yeah?

Imran shakes his head.

RISHI What do you mean, no?

IMRAN Let it cool down. We both know Ahmed. He'll be saying sorry in a couple days.

RISHI He thinks we're wastemen.

Imran stays quiet.

RISHI You were there. You saw it.

IMRAN I don't do this anymore.

RISHI

Just go then.

Imran turns and walks towards the exit.

RISHI

Go.

Rishi shakes his head.

INT. WHITE STUDENT FLAT -- EVENING

SERIES OF SHOTS:

- Oscar and Daniel sway to the music it's hypnotic.

- Everyone takes shots simultaneously.

- Oscar and Sally sing the lyrics to a song.

- Everyone takes more shots.

LATER

Oscar sits at the table.

He watches Daniel and Sally sit on the couch. Daniel holds Sally hand.

She laughs at a joke. Oscar screws his face.

Andy sits next to Oscar.

ANDY You already coming down?

Oscar ignores him.

ANDY You should be happy.

He continues to look at Daniel and Sally flirt with each other.

OSCAR He's already got a girlfriend.

ANDY

What?

OSCAR He's already got a damn girlfriend.

Andy looks up.

ANDY You like Sally yeah.

Oscar turns away from the flirting.

ANDY Can't blame you. She's a great girl.

OSCAR Why are you speaking to me?

Andy drops a see-through bag of white powder onto the table. Oscar looks at Andy.

> ANDY Pure heroine.

OSCAR You want to take that?

Andy shakes his head.

ANDY It's for later when we come back. Perfect thing for after a night out.

Oscar picks up the bag.

ANDY Take it now and it will be an early night for you. OSCAR What happens?

ANDY I did it by mistake and it knocked me out until the morning.

Oscar plays with it in his hands.

EXT. BACK STREET -- NIGHT

Reginald and Christian walk down a quiet street. Christian with a beer bottle in hand, Reginald with a phone.

REGINALD Virtue says he's going to the house party.

Christian sips on the bottle.

CHRISTIAN I don't care. He's a snake.

Christian downs the rest of the bottle. Reginald watches.

They arrive at

'THE WARNING'

CHRISTIAN

One second.

They stop outside. A few people smoke.

Inside sounds busy.

Christian looks at his reflection in a glass window. He touches up his hair.

REGINALD

Are you done?

CHRISTIAN

Hold on.

Christian takes out a comb. Reginald smiles.

REGINALD Have you heard of Narcissus.

CHRISTIAN

Who?

Christian's main attention is on his face.

REGINALD

Narcissus.

REGINALD That's what I'm asking.

Christian is finished. He smiles at himself.

CHRISTIAN

What?

REGINALD He fell in love with his own reflection in a river. And died when he couldn't leave it.

Christian struggles up the steps into the pub.

CHRISTIAN

My condolences.

Reginald shakes his head.

REGINALD Easy on the drinks man.

INT. PUB -- NIGHT

Reginald and Christian enter. It's half full, but very noisy.

They sit at the bar. Christian opens his wallet.

CHRISTIAN Do you want anything?

Reginald looks around the pub.

At the top is a stage. Someone performs but he can't see. A group of people have gathered.

REGINALD

Get me some water.

CHRISTIAN You serious? Get a coke at least bruv.

Reginald gets up.

REGINALD

Meet me at the front.

Reginald moves to the crowd near the small stage. We follow.

There's loud clapping.

A beautiful Somalian woman is just about to sing. Reginald finds himself on the edges. He can see her though.

The clapping stops.

SOMALIAN SINGER Thank you. This is something I wrote whilst I was in the library. Something about that place reminded me of home.

The SOMALIAN SINGER readies herself. Then begins.

Her voice is heavenly. She sings from the heart. It's a soulful song. And it describes university life whilst also referencing her home country, Somalia.

Reginald feels a tap from behind. It's Christian. He hands Reginald a glass of water. Then sips on his pint of beer.

CHRISTIAN

Let's go.

REGINALD

One minute.

The Somalian Singer finishes her song softly.

Then the crowd erupts with claps and cheers.

SOMALIAN SINGER

Thank you.

Reginald turns and follows Christian.

On the side, four girls sit in a corner. They sip on exotic drinks.

MARA (21, short hair and glasses) sees Christian.

MARA

Christian.

Christian turns around.

CHRISTIAN (to Reginald) There they are.

Christian and Reginald walk to the table.

CHRISTIAN

Hey.

GIRLS Hey. Hi. Hello.

CHRISTIAN This is my friend. Reginald.

KIARA (23, dark hair with a massive mole under her nose) smiles at Reginald.

KIARA

Aww Reggie.

REGINALD It's just Reginald.

KIARA Reggie sounds better.

Reginald smiles faintly.

REGINALD I don't like being called Reggie.

Kiara laughs.

KIARA

Okay Reginald.

Mara moves down her seat to allow more space.

KIARA I'm Kiara. That's Wendy.

WENDY (24, dark hair and very thin) waves.

KIARA

And that's Aideen.

AIDEEN (19, blond and beautiful) leaves a touch of lipstick on a glass after taking a large gulp of beer.

AIDEEN

Nice to meet you.

Christian sits down next to Mara.

Reginald grabs a seat and joins the end of the table.

EXT. STREET -- EVENING

Virtue leaves the flat holding a box of chocolate.

He struts across the road, taking out his phone as he reaches the other side.

Virtue taps the screen. Sees Felicity's name. A smile covers his face.

He stares at the phone. A few moments pass. The smile is gone.

VIRTUE

Fuck.

He throws the box chocolate onto the floor..

VIRTUE Fuck. Motherfuck..

Virtue kicks a dustbin which falls over.

VIRTUE

For fuck sake man.

He calms. Stands still for a few moments. Both hands on his wait.

VIRTUE

Girls.

Virtue starts laughing.

VIRTUE

Fucking girls.

Suddenly, Virtue attacks the dustbin again. This time though his slips, landing on his backside.

VIRTUE

Ah fuck.

INT. PUB -- NIGHT

Conversations happen simultaneously around the table. Indie music plays in the background.

REGINALD I hear an accent. Are you American?

AIDEEN Do I sound American?

REGINALD

Yeah.

AIDEEN

But I'm Irish.

Aideen laughs.

REGINALD

Republic?

AIDEEN Do you know Cork?

REGINALD I've heard of the football team.

AIDEEN It's next to Dublin.

REGINALD

Oh okay.

Reginald watch Aideen drink from a new pint of beer.

Aideen chuckles.

AIDEEN You haven't told me what you study.

REGINALD English Language and Creative Writing.

Aideen eyebrows rise.

AIDEEN Always wanted to that. I used to write stories all the time.

REGINALD Why did you stop?

AIDEEN Nursing takes all your time.

REGINALD You still need that release though.

AIDEEN What do you mean?

REGINALD That creative release.

AIDEEN I still read fairy tales.

REGINALD What's your favourite?

Suddenly laughter takes over the table. Christian is the loudest.

CHRISTIAN Ask him. Just ask him.

Reginald turns to the rest of the group.

MARA Does he own a porn site?

Reginald looks dumbfounded.

KIARA He said he owns a porn business. Is he telling the truth.

WENDY

Be honest.

Reginald looks at Christian.

CHRISTIAN Tell them. They don't believe me.

Christian's eyes are weary. He sips on a fresh pint.

REGINALD

Supposedly.

Aideen laughs.

AIDEEN (Christian) What's it called?

CHRISTIAN Forced Entry dot net.

KIARA Forced entry. Wow.

All the attention is on Christian.

CHRISTIAN Try it when you get home.

MARA

No.

CHRISTIAN

What, are you crazy? Women watch porn all the time. Even more than men.

MARA

That's not true.

CHRISTIAN

It's true. I've got a partner. He's smart. He studied the viewers that we get. Sixty percent are women.

KIARA

I watch porn.

Kiara smiles. The mole on her face stretches.

Reginald looks away.

WENDY

Me to.

CHRISTIAN You see. You girls love it.

AIDEEN I watch it sometimes. I can't lie. Everyone laughs.

KIARA What about you Reggie?

Reginald looks at Kiara.

KIARA Sorry. Reginald.

REGINALD What about me?

KIARA Do you watch porn?

Reginald shakes his head.

KIARA

You don't watch porn. You don't drink. What do actually do then?

Everyone laughs except for Reginald, who downs the rest of his glass of water.

CHRISTIAN It's his girlfriend ladies.

Christian does a whip movement with his hand and sound effects.

The girls make a collective 'aww' sound.

AIDEEN

That's cute.

Reginald stands up.

AIDEEN

We're you going?

REGINALD I need to get some air.

Christian takes out some cigarettes.

CHRISTIAN

Wait for me.

Christian gets up. He almost falls over.

CHRISTIAN I need a cigarette.

INT. ASIAN GIRL'S STUDENT FLAT -- NIGHT

Door opens.

Imran nods at AMINA (23, clear skin and long silky hair).

AMINA

Look who it is.

Amina smiles and jumps into his arms.

AMINA What took you so long babe?

Amina swings in Imran's big arms.

IMRAN

Got held up.

Amina lets go.

AMINA

Come in.

Imran steps in.

BEDROOM -- LATER

Imran looks around the room. It's big, filled with pink colours and cuddly toys.

AMINA

Come sit here.

Amina sits on the bed. She taps a spot next to her. Imran sits in it.

IMRAN This room looks so poor.

Amina punches him in the arm.

AMINA

Shut up.

IMRAN Are you a baby?

Imran grabs a fluffy bear.

IMRAN

Look at this?

AMINA Leave my toys alone.

Amina playfully snatches it out his hand.

IMRAN You think you're tough. Don't you?

AMINA I'm dangerous you know.

They start play-fighting.

Imran turns her over and holds her down in a mounted position.

IMRAN

What did you say?

AMINA Watch when I get you.

Imran laughs at her.

IMRAN I thought you were dangerous.

Amina feels him getting closer. The intensity increases. Imran kisses her passionately. It lasts for a few moments.

> AMINA Wait. Wait. Wait. Get off me.

> > IMRAN

Why?

AMINA I need to get in the mood.

Imran reluctantly gets off her.

Amina stands up. Walks over to an Ipod connect to a stereo.

AMINA Remember the other day when you mocked me.

IMRAN

When?

AMINA You said I was wooden.

Amina taps the Ipod and Indian bangra music plays.

Imran gets into a seated position. Notices something under him. It's an hijab. He picks it up and moves it to the side.

Amina begins her dance moves.

She teases Imran.

AMINA Don't you like Bangra?

As the music hits a crescendo, Amina's moves become more sexual. She's fully into the music.

Imran takes out the bag of weed.

IMRAN Look what I've got. Amina tries to snatch it out of his hand. Imran dodges.

IMRAN Look who's excited.

AMINA Come on. Let's get high.

LATER

Imran and Amina sit on the bed.

Imran passes a spliff to Amina.

IMRAN What do you study again?

Amina smokes the spliff.

AMINA Business Management.

Imran laughs.

AMINA

What's funny?

Imran shrugs.

IMRAN

Don't know.

AMINA

You're high.

IMRAN Look at you. You can't even sit properly.

AMINA

Shut up.

Imran moves closer.

He puts his hand behind her neck, then kisses her passionately.

As they kiss, he gently slips his hand down her trousers.

Suddenly a phone rings.

Amina pushes him off. Goes over to her phone on her desk and answers.

AMINA (into phone) Hey baby. BILBO (V.O.) Hello babes. How are you?

AMINA

I'm fine.

BILBO (V.O.) What are you up to?

AMINA I'm chilling with Imran. You remember him, don't you?

BILBO (V.O.) Oh yeah. Let me say hi.

AMINA

Okay.

Amina offers Imran the phone.

IMRAN

Who's that?

AMINA It's Bilbo. My boyfriend. He wants to say hello.

Imran looks at her confused.

IMRAN Your boyfriend?

AMINA Yeah. He wants to say hello.

Amina offers the phone again.

AMINA

Go on.

Imran takes the phone. Looks at it. Then puts it on his ear.

IMRAN

Hello?

BILBO (V.O.) Yo what's good?

Imran responds slowly.

IMRAN Is this a joke?

BILBO (V.O.) Nah bro, just seeing how you're doing.

IMRAN Seeing how I'm doing? BILBO Are you good? IMRAN What? BILBO Can't you hear me. Amina takes back the phone. AMINA (into phone) Hey... he can be shy... Yes. Okay. Bye. Amina puts the phone away. AMINA That wasn't nice Imran. IMRAN What? What's wrong with you? AMINA What are you on about? IMRAN Your boyfriend knows I'm here. Imran is agitated. AMINA So what? IMRAN Don't you see anything wrong with that? AMINA Shut up Imran. She sits down next to him. Grabs his arm. Imran immediately gets up. IMRAN I'm going. AMINA Why? IMRAN You're insane.

66.

AMINA We're only getting started.

IMRAN

I'm gone.

AMINA

No your not.

Amina moves over to her desk cupboard. She pulls it open.

IMRAN

What?

Amina takes out a gun. Points it at Imran and smiles.

AMINA You're not going anywhere.

INT. WHITE STUDENT FLAT -- NIGHT

Oscar and Daniel sit on the sofa.

OSCAR Where did she go?

DANIEL She's getting ready.

Oscar nods his head slowly.

DANIEL You look pretty drunk.

OSCAR

I'm fine.

Daniel nods.

DANIEL I'm really having a good time you know.

OSCAR

With Sally.

DANIEL

What?

OSCAR You're all over her.

DANIEL

No I'm not.

OSCAR Yes you are. DANIEL Why you freaking out?

OSCAR You think you're better because you got more money than me. You got a better job than me.

DANIEL

No way.

OSCAR

Don't lie.

DANIEL You're drunk Oscar.

OSCAR No I'm not. You came here to take my girl.

DANIEL If you want Sally, go get her.

Oscar goes to speak, but stops.

DANIEL Or are you scared?

Oscar storms off out of the living area.

INT. SALLY'S ROOM -- NIGHT

Portraits, paintings and drawings are plastered all over the wall.

Sally brushes her hair, holding a small mirror.

There's a knock on her door.

MOMENTS LATER

Sally opens the door.

Oscar stands, nervous.

SALLY

Yeah.

OSCAR We need to talk.

SALLY

About?

Oscar pauses.

OSCAR Can I come inside? SALLY

I'm getting ready. What's all of this about?

OSCAR

I like you.

Oscar pauses, realising what he's just said.

SALLY

What?

OSCAR You know, we spend a lot of time with each time.

SALLY Are you drunk?

OSCAR I'm not drunk okay. I'm not drunk. I know what I'm saying. I like you. I want you.

Sally smiles.

SALLY I feel like I'm in a movie or something.

OSCAR I'm being serious.

SALLY I'm sorry. It's just a shock. We always hang out together.

OSCAR

Exactly.

SALLY Because your my friend.

Oscar sighs.

OSCAR You like him. Don't you?

SALLY

Who?

OSCAR Don't play dumb.

Oscar screws his face.

SALLY He's got a girlfriend. Like you care.

Sally grabs the side of her door.

SALLY I need to get ready.

Sally shuts the door.

HALLWAY

Oscar slowly walks back.

He hears talk from another room.

BECKY (O.S.) Stop Andy. Stop. I need to get ready.

Then laughter.

He grits his teeth in anger.

INT. GIRL'S BEDROOM -- EVENING

Ravae stairs into a tall mirror. She applies lipstick. The rest of her outfit looks dazzling.

RAVAE You really like this guy, don't you?

Felicity puts on her shoes at the bed.

FELICITY We're not having this conversation.

RAVAE Let's talk about me then. I know a couple cuties that might be out tonight.

Felicity sighs.

FELICITY Must we talk about men always.

RAVAE What do you want to talk about?

FELICITY

Anything but men.

Ravae now shapes her eyelashes.

Felicity creams her legs. Her outfit is also dazzling.

Go on.

FELICITY

What?

RAVAE Talk about something.

FELICITY Can't we be silent sometimes.

Ravae looks back momentarily.

RAVAE You can be so difficult.

FELICITY This is how I was born.

RAVAE You choose to be this way.

FELICITY

No one chooses the way they want to be really. I discovered this the other day.

RAVAE What are you on about?

Felicity moisturizes her arms.

FELICITY

I can't fly with my arms if I want to. I can't run a hundred miles per hour with only my legs, if I want to. There is no real free-will beyond what I want for dinner.

RAVAE

I don't get you?

FELICITY

For dinner I could eat mud, dog poo, muffins; steak. Is that free will? If I chose a muffin over dog poo, am I expressing true free will? What if the muffin tastes as bad as dog poo?

RAVAE

That would one be a nasty muffin.

They both laugh.

FELICITY I'll have to find something better to eat. But why would I even be eating? I have to eat or I'll die.

Ravae laughs.

RAVAE So I how do I look?

She models what she's wearing.

FELICITY You look good girl.

RAVAE

Thank you.

INT. LEWIS'S FLAT -- LIVING AREA -- DAY

A few people lounge about.

It's dark, but with a light red glow.

Lewis drops a bag on the kitchen table. He takes out bottles of alcohol and a packet of paper cups.

A DJ sits with his DJ kit ordered in front of him on a small table.

Classic RnB plays in the background.

Lewis taps him on the soldier.

DJ takes off his headphones.

LEWIS What you saying?

DJ

I'm good.

They touch hands.

DJ Where is everyone?

LEWIS They're on their way. Bare girls, trust me, bare girls are coming.

DJ

Live.

Lewis moves away. A couple girl sit on the couch.

LEWIS You good ladies? GIRLS

Yeah.

INT. LEWIS'S BEDROOM -- LATER

Lewis looks into a mirror and sprays on some aftershave.

LEWIS No ones messing with you tonight.

He stops. Walks over to the door and locks it. He goes back to the mirror, opens a drawer and pulls out a gun.

Lewis stares into the mirror with stone cold eyes. Eyebrows tensed.

LEWIS I said who the fuck are you talking to like that?

Lewis' face looks constipated.

LEWIS You think I'm a mug? You think I'm a wasteman? Are you dumb?

He grabs the thick chain around his neck.

LEWIS

You've messed with the wrong nigger blood. This nigger don't play around.

He thumps his chest with his left hand.

LEWIS I'm a real nigger. You're scared now, aren't you? Crying like a bitch.

He waves the gun at the mirror.

LEWIS I warned you. I told you not to play with me.

Lewis smirks and shakes his head.

LEWIS You're gonna learn a lesson today boy.

He throws his arms in the air and towards the mirror.

LEWIS I'm the top boy.

Lewis spins the gun on his finger.

LEWIS The fucking sherrif. Suddenly there's a knock on his door. LEWIS Who is it? GIRL (O.S.) People need to be let it downstairs. LEWIS One minute. Lewis hurriedly puts the gun back in the drawer. EXT. THE WARNING -- PUB Christian lights a cigarette barely able to stand. Reginald stands with his hands in his pocket. CHRISTIAN Why are you crying for? REGINALD What are talking about? CHRISTIAN You're sad. Why you sad bruv? Reginald shakes his head. CHRISTIAN Just because your girlfriend isn't here. Christian smiles. CHRISTIAN I didn't know you were this whipped. Are you in love? Christian drops his cigarette. He looks down. Can't find it. Reginald points. REGINALD It's there. Christian finds it. Slowly bends down and picks it up. CHRISTIAN Ah shit. Where's my lighter? Where the fuck is my lighter?

> REGINALD I think I'm gonna go Christian.

Christian looks up at him. His eyes are barely open.

CHRISTIAN

What?

REGINALD

I'm going.

CHRISTIAN What do you mean? You can't go. There's pussy inside there.

REGINALD

I don't care.

CHRISTIAN Are you gay? Is your wifey here bro? I need you.

REGINALD You're embarrassing yourself.

Christian looks around.

CHRISTIAN In front of who.

A few people stand around the entrance. They have a look at Christian.

CHRISTIAN

Think I give a fuck.

REGINALD

I told you not to drink too much.

CHRISTIAN

Are you my dad though fam? Are you my dad?

REGINALD

Who's going to carry home? Me. That's who. Again. How many times now? You're an alcoholic.

CHRISTIAN Fuck you. Hater.

REGINALD I'm hating on you?

CHRISTIAN Yeah. Can't take the gyaldem giving me all the attention.

REGINALD

Really?

CHRISTIAN

It's not your fault. They love my face.

Reginald laughs.

CHRISTIAN

Laugh, but I'm not the one who's on a tight leash.

Reginald immediately stops laughing.

CHRISTIAN She's got you tied up so much you're not even allowed to drink.

REGINALD You're pathetic. You go around as if you're Brad Pitt. You can't get any girls without alcohol.

CHRISTIAN

No.

REGINALD It controls you.

CHRISTIAN You're jealous. You always have been.

REGINALD I'm gone Christian.

Reginald walks off down the street.

CHRISTIAN You're a coward. Run, you prick. I don't need you.

INT. THE WARNING -- PUB

Christian staggers back inside.

He drops onto his seat beside Mara.

MARA

Are you okay?

CHRISTIAN

I'm cool.

AIDEEN Where's Reginald?

CHRISTIAN He's gone home.

KIARA

Why?

CHRISTIAN Because he's a fucking prick.

The girls look at each other. Not knowing what to say.

CHRISTIAN Anyone want a drink? I'm going to go get some drinks.

MARA Don't you think you've had enough?

Christian knocks over a glass of beer.

CHRISTIAN What are you talking about? The night has just begun.

Mara picks up the glass. She wipes the table with some tissue.

CHRISTIAN I'm sorry. Was that me?

MARA

It's okay.

CHRISTIAN I need to take a piss. I'll be back. One minute.

Christian struggles to his feet. Turns back.

CHRISTIAN Where's the toilet?

AIDEEN Right next to the bar. To the left.

Christian nods and makes his way.

Mara and the rest of the girls look at each other.

INT. TOILET -- NIGHT

Christian stumbles into a relatively clean toilet.

He opens the door to a--

CUBICLE.

As he enters, he slips and

HITS his head on the toilet seat.

Ah, fuck.

INT. THE WARNING -- PUB -- LATER

The girls are packing away their things.

AIDEEN

Let's just go.

MARA We can't just leave. I have to say goodbye.

Aideen sighs.

KIARA Let her say goodbye.

Christian walks back from the toilet.

He has a mark on his face.

MARA Oh my God. What happened?

CHRISTIAN Nothing. Nothing.

MARA Look at your face.

Mara tries to touch the mark, but he brushes her hand away.

CHRISTIAN

I'm fine.

Christian notices they are ready to go.

CHRISTIAN Are you guys going?

AIDEEN

Yes.

CHRISTIAN It's only twelve man.

MARA We've got a lot of homework to do.

CHRISTIAN I thought we were going to spend time together.

MARA

We will.

CHRISTIAN

Let me come over.

Christian touches her face, then her neck.

CHRISTIAN Let me come over now.

Christian plays with her hair.

MARA

I can't.

CHRISTIAN I wanna spend time with you.

Mara moves his hand away.

MARA

Next time.

Christian's face turns angry. He looks over at the other girls.

CHRISTIAN You fucking girls are cock-blocks. Cock-blocking my situation.

AIDEEN

No we're not.

CHRISTIAN Shut up you slag.

AIDEEN

What?

Mara pulls Christian a way from the pack.

MARA Christian. You're very drunk.

Christian smiles.

CHRISTIAN I'm not that drunk.

MARA We're going now. Let us walk you home.

CHRISTIAN What? I'm not a baby.

MARA I didn't say you are. CHRISTIAN I don't need looking after. If you girls wanna fuck off. Then fuck off. I'm staying here.

MARA

Please Christian.

CHRISTIAN

I said fuck off.

Mara quickly turns, picks up her bag and walks to the exit. Aideen, Kiara and Wendy follow.

INT. ASIAN GIRL'S STUDENT FLAT -- NIGHT

Imran sits on the bed.

Amina leans on her cupboard. Gun in hand. Smile on her face.

IMRAN You think I haven't had a gun pointed to my head before.

Amina laughs.

AMINA

I don't care.

IMRAN You think you can get away with something like this.

Amina smiles.

IMRAN What's going on in your head?

Amina shrugs.

IMRAN What do you want?

Imran stands up.

AMINA I want us to carry on having fun.

Imran puts his hands up.

IMRAN Just let me go before something we both regret happens.

AMINA But I don't want you to leave.

Imran steps closer to her.

IMRAN

Please Amina.

Imran edges even closer.

AMINA Stop. You better stop moving.

Imran doesn't stop.

AMINA I said stop moving.

Amina raises the gun to Imran's head. Imran stops.

> AMINA This isn't a game Imran.

There's a knock on the door.

AMINA

Come in baby.

The door opens. Bilbo (26, white, long hair and hippy look) walks in.

He takes off his sunglasses.

BILBO Wow. Did I get here too late?

INT. WHITE STUDENT FLAT, LIVING AREA -- EVENING

Daniel plays on his phone.

Oscar enters.

DANIEL You were gone a while.

Oscar sits down opposite Daniel.

DANIEL How did it go?

Oscar takes out the small bag of heroin.

DANIEL What did she say?

Oscar drops the heroin on the table between them.

OSCAR Do you wanna shoot up?

DANIEL What did she day Oscar? OSCAR I don't want to go into it.

Daniel nods.

DANIEL

Okay.

OSCAR So do you want to shoot up?

DANIEL What is that?

OSCAR Just a bit of heroin.

DANIEL Heroin? Are you mad?

OSCAR

Relax.

DANIEL That's serious stuff.

Oscar smiles.

OSCAR

No need to bloody worry. It's okay here and there. You won't get addicted to it.

DANIEL I don't know, I've already done a drug.

OSCAR We took that MDMA a couple hours ago. It's out of your system now.

Oscar pours the powdered heroin on the table.

OSCAR

You came here to live the uni life. This is the uni life. You've enjoyed it, haven't you?

DANIEL

Yeah.

OSCAR And we haven't even left the door. The night is still young mate.

Oscar starts to order the heroin into two lines.

This will make our night. Take this and we're living tonight. Fuck America. Fuck New Jersey. Fuck London. We're living here. In Leicester, the United Kingdom.

Daniel, still drunk, smiles.

DANIEL What will it do?

Oscar thinks.

OSCAR It will make you happy.

DANIEL

Like the pill?

Oscar nods.

The lines have been ordered.

OSCAR You're the guest. You deserve the honour.

Oscar retrieves a straw already on the table.

OSCAR Come. Sit next to me.

Daniel switches seats.

Oscar hands Daniel the straw.

DANIEL I sniff it up.

OSCAR

Yeah.

Daniel places the straw on the heroin line.

He closes his eyes.

OSCAR It will be alright.

Oscar watches intensely.

Suddenly Daniel shoots up. His head jerks backwards.

OSCAR

How's that?

Daniel grunts, looks at Oscar. He can't breathe.

He drops back onto the sofa. Slips off and lands on the floor.

Oscar turns him onto his back.

OSCAR Daniel. Daniel.

Oscar SCREAMS at the top of his lungs.

OSCAR

Daniel.

Daniel struggles to breathe.

Sally rushes in.

SALLY What's happened?

Oscar looks up.

OSCAR Call an ambulance.

SALLY What's happened?

Sally bends down, next to Daniel.

OSCAR Call an ambulance.

Sally jumps up. Runs out of the Living Area. Oscar cradles Daniels head.

> OSCAR Daniel, stay with me.

Oscar eyes are engulfed with worry.

OSCAR

Daniel man.

Daniel is out of it. His eyes are disoriented.

Becky and Andy enter the Living Area.

ANDY

On shit.

BECKY

Oh my God.

ANDY What happened?

Andy sees the heroin on the table.

ANDY Now? It's too early.

OSCAR Look at what it's done.

ANDY He's over-dosing.

Andy rushes over.

ANDY How much did you give him?

Sally enters, phone on her ear.

SALLY

(into phone) Can you please hurry up he can't breath properly... I'm not sure what happened to him... He's not breathing.

Daniel eyes are barely open. He's stopped breathing.

OSCAR What can I do Andy?

ANDY

I don't know.

OSCAR What the fuck do you mean you don't know?

ANDY He needs adrenaline.

Daniel suddenly stops moving.

OSCAR

Daniel.

Daniel.

Oscar shakes him.

OSCAR

BECKY

He's stopped breathing.

SALLY (into phone) How long are you going to be? He's dying. Oscar puts his hands together, then begins pressing them into Daniels chest. Hard and fast. SALLY (into phone) Yes. Someone's trying that now. Silence. Just the sound of Oscar pushing his hands into Daniel's chest. Sally drops to her knees. Oscar continues. Again. And again. Pumping his hands into Daniel's chest. But there's no change. Eventually it gets tired. Daniel lies lifeless. Oscar is in complete shock. He falls onto his back. Stares at the ceiling. INT. LEWIS'S FLAT -- LIVING AREA -- NIGHT The flat is now packed with people. Music blazes. Lewis cuts through the crowd, bottle in hand and a smile on his face. He gets a tap on the shoulder. It's Ravae. LEWIS Hey baby. They hug. LEWIS You look sexy. Ravae laughs.

RAVAE This party is getting live. LEWIS You ready to live tonight?

RAVAE

Yeah.

LEWIS Are you by yourself?

Ravae looks back.

Lewis sees Felicity. He nods his head to her. Felicity ignores.

RAVAE

I looked on the table and all the drinks are gone.

Lewis smiles and raises the bottle in his hand.

LEWIS

Come. Let me get some glasses.

Lewis walks off. Ravae looks back at Felicity. Signalling her to follow.

She doesn't move though. She watches them struggle through the crowd.

Lewis and Ravae find themselves at the table. Lewis grabs a few plastic cups from a packet.

He gives one to Ravae.

She holds the cup, as he pours some in.

RAVAE That's enough.

LEWIS I'm getting you drunk tonight.

RAVAE

No.

Ravae giggles.

At the other end of the party, a group of boys enter.

Lewis notices. His eyebrows rise.

RAVAE

What's wrong?

LEWIS

I need to go.

Lewis quickly moves away through the crowd.

These group of boys go and stand in a corner. They laugh amongst themselves.

Lewis sees this. And catches one of them in the eye. He quickly turns into--

TALL and STOCKY guy.

TALL GUY It's been a while.

Lewis is in shock.

STOCKY GUY You look surprised.

TALL GUY The belt was fake.

STOCKY GUY We still need that money.

LEWIS Give me a minute.

Lewis weaves out of the crowd.

INT. LEWIS'S FLAT, HALLWAY -- NIGHT

A few people stand, drinking their drinks - just outside the living area.

Lewis approaches STEVEN (21, average height and rough looking).

LEWIS Hey Steven, I need a favour.

Steven stops speaking to a girl and turns to him.

STEVEN

What is it?

Lewis rushes through his speech.

LEWIS

These boys are trying to move me bruv.

STEVEN

Is it?

LEWIS Yeah. Trying to mess up my party.

STEVEN What are you going to do?

Lewis looks back quickly, then continues.

LEWIS I was thinking we get a couple boys and scare them off.

STEVEN

I can't do that.

LEWIS

Why?

Steven shrugs.

Lewis speeds off.

INT. LEWIS'S BEDROOM -- MOMENTS LATER

Lewis scrambles over to his cupboard. Opens it. Takes out the gun.

He breathes quickly.

LEWIS I'll deal with it myself.

He cocks the gun.

LEWIS

Fuck it.

He points it at the door.

Sweat cascades down his forehead.

His hand trembles on the trigger.

The door opens wide.

Ravae walks in.

BANG BANG. Two shots catapult through her chest.

SCREAMS.

PANDEMONIUM.

LIVING AREA

A crowd of people try to rush out.

Felicity can't find Ravae as bodies push past her.

BEDROOM

Ravae lies in front of Lewis.

He's frozen.

The gun slides through his hands. Shaking.

INT. ASIAN GIRL'S STUDENT FLAT -- NIGHT

Bilbo walks over to Amina. They kiss and hug.

BILBO How are you darling?

AMINA

I'm good.

IMRAN

What is this?

Bilbo turns and smiles at Imran. He holds his hand out. Amina places the gun in his hand.

> BILBO You must have a lot of questions. Who am I? What are we doing? Am I going to die?

Bilbo puts a cigarette into his mouth.

BILBO (to Amina)

Have you got a light?

Amina picks up a lighter. Then lights the cigarette for him.

BILBO Now. To this situation you've put yourself in.

Bilbo shakes his head.

BILBO You've been a bad boy.

IMRAN

What?

BILBO

Let's not mess around here. You wanted to fuck my girlfriend. And you new she had a boyfriend.

IMRAN She didn't seem to care.

BILBO

That's not the point. The point is you're going to be taught a lesson. When people hear about this they'll learn something. They'll learn from your mistakes.

Imran shakes his head.

BILBO Oh yes my friend. We're going for a trip.

IMRAN I'm not going anywhere with you.

BILBO You see this in my hand.

Bilbo shows the gun.

BILBO

This is gonna make you sit down right now. So we can tie you up and put you into the boot of my car.

IMRAN Amina. You're really gonna do this?

Amina smiles. Looks at Bilbo.

AMINA Yes. Now lie on your back on the bed baby.

Imran doesn't move.

BILBO Didn't you hear?

Bilbo points the gun at Imran's head.

BILBO

Move.

Imran sits on the bed.

BILBO Lie down on your chest. Now.

Bilbo steps forward. Wielding the gun.

Imran springs up. Get's a hold of the gun.

They STRUGGLE.

Amina tries to get involved. She is knocked backwards.

Imran manages to bring Bilbo down. Imran is now on top.

His repeatedly smacks Bilbo's arm on the floor until the gun falls away.

Imran PUNCHES Bilbo. Again and again. Blood starts to build on his fists.

He continues. Amina tries to grab his arm.

AMINA

Stop. Please. Stop.

He doesn't. He continues to punch until what he is hitting isn't hard anymore.

Imran stops. He tries to catch his breath. He looks at his hands. They are covered in blood.

AMINA

Oh no.

Imran moves away from Bilbo. Amina wants to throw up.

AMINA

Bilbo.

Imran picks up the gun. Studies it. Finds a label on the handle.

It's a fake.

EXT. STREET -- NIGHT

Reginald walks down an empty road.

Sitting on a curb in front of him is Virtue.

Reginald approaches him.

REGINALD

Hey.

Virtue looks up.

REGINALD What are you doing?

Virtue stands up.

REGINALD (smiling) What happened to plans?

Virtue looks cross.

VIRTUE I did what I had to do init.

REGINALD You're all dressed up.

Reginald laughs.

VIRTUE Don't start!

REGINALD Wow. Calm down.

VIRTUE Why are you here?

REGINALD I left the pub. Christian got too drunk.

Virtue laughs.

Reginald looks at his phone.

Three MISSED CALLS from Christian.

He looks back at the way he came.

VIRTUE So you just left him.

REGINALD

Yeah.

VIRTUE How drunk was he?

Reginald sighs, turns and walks back.

VIRTUE Where you going?

REGINALD

To get him.

Virtue giggles like a school child.

VIRTUE Wait, I need to see this.

Virtue follows him.

EXT. THE WARNING -- PUB

Christian stumbles just outside the pub. No one seems around.

He struggles down the road.

Then drops.

POINT OF VIEW: Everything is dizzy. He can't focus on anything.

Christian slowly manages to pick himself up.

He continues down the pavement.

A light flashes from behind him. A car drives by.

The light and sound sends Christian into disarray. He looks up, down and everywhere.

Christian falls again. Holds his stomach. Then throws ups.

When he's done he gets back up, breathing heavily. Sweat covers his face. He moves towards the road. Juggling from side to side.

As he steps of the pavement, the sound of a car increases.

Christian moves off the curb.

Headlights beam.

Christian enters the road.

A car appears. Christians looks straight into the headlights and--

AROUND THE CORNER

Reginald walks quickly. Virtue is right behind.

A car turns in the street. Reginald watches it speed erratically away.

As Reginald turns he sees a body on the ground.

He can't make out who it is.

Reginald jogs a bit.

He recognises the coat. He jogs bit a quicker.

Christian lies on the floor. Blood everywhere.

Reginald runs over to him. He's scared to touch him.

REGINALD

Oh no.

Christian's eyes roll back and forward.

REGINALD Christian. Do you hear me?

Christian's eyes just about manages to focus on Reginald.

REGINALD

Stay awake.

CHRISTIAN

Reg--

REGINALD

Stay awake.

Virtue arrives. He has his hands in his head.

VIRTUE Oh shit. Shit man. Reginald takes out his phone.

REGINALD Keep your eyes on me. I'm not going anywhere.

Reginald dials 999.

REGINALD

I need an ambulance... Warning pub.

Reginald hangs up.

REGINALD (V.O.) Some things are inevitable. We humans are plotters. We create stories that follow a plan. Truth is usually unclear.

Christian can see Reginald. He can't quite say any words though.

Reginald lifts Christian's shirt. Blood spews everywhere. He tries to use his hands to stop it, but there's just too much.

REGINALD (V.O.) Myths. Legends. Tales. All from another life.

Virtue bends down and tries to help.

REGINALD (V.O.) They last through time because they are thoughtful, unique. Things from another world.

Reginald takes Christian's hand. He holds it tight.

REGINALD (V.O.) Even amidst inevitability of every tale- purpose is still assured.

WIDE SHOT:

Reginald holds Christian's hand in an empty street.

THE END