

"JOHNNY SMILES"

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FADE IN:

EXT. PARK/PATHWAY - DAY

It is cloudy. A young man named JOHNNY is walking. He is carrying a bag with a strap over his shoulder.

Johnny sees an empty bench and heads towards it.

EXT. PARK/BENCH - DAY

Johnny sits on the bench. He puts his bag next to him. He looks around.

The sun comes out from behind the clouds.

The sunlight shines on Johnny's face. He looks up and closes his eyes. A satisfying smile appears on his face. He remains this way.

EXT. PATHWAY - DAY

Two boys in their late teens are walking. Their names are PETE and KEVIN. Kevin sees Johnny.

KEVIN

Hey, man. Look at that guy over there.

PETE

What? Where?

Kevin points.

KEVIN

Are you blind? He's over there.

Pete sees Johnny and laughs.

PETE

What's that tard doing?

KEVIN

I don't know. Let's go fuck with him.

Pete is reluctant.

PETE

Come on, Kev.

KEVIN

Dude, don't pussy out on me!

EXT. BENCH - DAY

Kevin and Pete are standing in front of Johnny.

Johnny is still facing the sun with eyes closed and a satisfying smile on his face.

PETE

(with a quiet voice)

I think he is basking in the sun or something.

KEVIN

(with a quiet voice)

Don't move.

In a quiet manner, Kevin walks around the bench and gets behind Johnny.

Kevin takes out his phone and squats. He is looking for something on the phone. He moves the phone close to Johnny's ear and presses on the screen.

A loud bang.

Pete gets startled.

Johnny does not get affected and remains the same way.

Kevin appears from behind Johnny.

KEVIN

What the fuck!?

A park maintenance worker named BOBBY approaches. He is an older man. He is carrying a reacher grabber pick up tool.

BOBBY

What are you kids doing? Leave the man be.

Kevin walks up to Bobby.

KEVIN

Or what? You gonna chase me with your trash stick?

Kevin points at the reacher grabber tool.

BOBBY

When I was your age...

Kevin interrupts Bobby.

KEVIN

I don't need your life story,
gramps. Go lie in a grave
somewhere. You already smell like
dirt!

Kevin turns around and starts walking away.

Bobby gets angry.

BOBBY

Fuck you! You little shit!

KEVIN

Fuck me?

Kevin turns and starts walking towards Bobby.

Bobby swings and hits Kevin on the head with the reacher
grabber pick up tool.

Kevin touches his head and looks at his hand.

There is blood on Kevin's hand.

BOBBY

I got you good, didn't I?

Kevin takes out a knife.

KEVIN

And now I'm gonna get you even
better!

Bobby starts running. Kevin runs after Bobby.

Pete is hesitating.

PETE

Fuck this...

Pete starts running in the opposite direction.

The sun disappears behind a cloud.

Johnny opens his eyes. His smile disappears. He looks
around. Kevin, Pete and Bobby are gone.

The sun comes out from behind the cloud.

Johnny looks up and closes his eyes. The same smile appears
on his face. He stays this way.

EXT. PATHWAY - DAY

An attractive woman named KATIE is walking in high heels. She has a tight dress on. She is carrying a fancy shopping bag. She is on her phone.

KATIE

Can you believe that guy? I am not seeing him again. What a loser!

Katie sees the bench with Johnny.

KATIE

Oh, finally. These shoes are killing me.

EXT. BENCH - DAY

Katie sits on the bench without paying any attention to Johnny. She is still on the phone.

KATIE

Hold on a sec.

Katie places her phone between her breasts and puts the bag on the bench. She takes off one of her shoes and puts it next to the bag. She rubs her foot.

KATIE

These shoes are killing me. They are totally worth it though.

Katie looks at Johnny. He is still smiling with eyes closed.

KATIE

What the hell?

Johnny does not react.

Katie takes the phone out from between her breasts.

KATIE

You are not gonna believe the creepo sitting next to me right now.

A shady looking man named TONY approaches.

TONY

Is this guy bothering you?

KATIE

(on the phone)
I got to go. Talk to you later.

Katie ends the call and puts the phone on the bench. She takes the shoe and puts it on.

TONY
He don't look right.

KATIE
He could be deaf. I don't know...

TONY
Deaf, huh? I'm Anthony but you can call me Tony.

KATIE
Dude, I am not calling you anything.

Katie gets up and takes her bag.

TONY
Where you goin', mama?

KATIE
Go away.

Tony gets close to Katie.

TONY
Nah, I'm not goin' anywhere.

Tony shows her a knife.

Katie is scared.

TONY
Don't scream. Don't do nothin' or I knife your ass.

KATIE
Please don't hurt me.

Tony puts his arm around Katie's waist and leads her away.

TONY
I'm not gonna hurt you. Tony's gonna have his little fun. That's all.

As they are walking away, Tony grabs her ass and squeezes.

TONY
You've been working out, huh? Tony loves the tight ass.

KATIE

Please...

Johnny is still smiling at the sun. His face is lit by the direct sunlight.

The sun hides behind a cloud.

Johnny opens his eyes. He looks around.

There is no one around.

The sun shines. Once again, Johnny looks up, closes his eyes and smiles.

EXT. PATHWAY - DAY

A man named DEREK is running. As he is running, he looks back, checking if he is being chased.

EXT. BENCH - DAY

Derek stops running. He is in front of the bench, where Johnny is still smiling at the sun. He is panting. He looks at Johnny.

DEREK

Man, I wish I could be like that.

Derek sits next to Johnny. He is breathing heavily.

DEREK

I fucked up, smiling man. I stole money from a very bad guy. Now he's got this psycho chasing me.

His breathing calms.

DEREK

The funny thing is, it wasn't even that much. But it's the principle, right? These fucking criminals and their principles.

He looks at Johnny.

DEREK

I wish I could...

Derek looks towards the direction from which he came from.

DEREK

Shit!

Derek gets up and starts running.

Johnny's face is lit by the sunlight. The footsteps of another man running by can be heard.

The sun hides behind a cloud.

Johnny opens his eyes.

There is no one around.

Johnny takes out a phone from his pocket and looks at the time. He puts the phone back in his pocket. He grabs the bag and puts the stripe over his shoulder.

Johnny gets up and walks away.

The sun comes out from behind the cloud.

EXT. PARK/TREE - DAY

Bobby is revealed lying face down next to a tree. He appears to be stabbed multiple times in the back.

EXT. PARK/BUSHES - DAY

Katie is revealed lying on her back. Her clothes are torn. She appears to be strangled.

EXT. PARK/TALL VEGETATION - DAY

Derek is lying on his back. He's been shot in the head.

The sun hides behind a cloud.

FADE OUT.

THE END