

BAD SITUATION

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INT. HOUSE. DAY.

JACK, a ninety year old man, smokes a cigarette. JACK lives alone, in a brick house, built in 1990.

He drags on his cigarette, and exhales, and then begins to cough uncontrollably.

He reaches for his oxygen mask, and inhales.

His heartbeat returns to normal. JACK breathes a sigh of relief.

On the table next to him, are his pride and joy. Three large plant pots, with his cacti.

He butts his cigarette out, in one of the plant puts.

A knock on the door.

JACK  
Come in, it's open!

Reaching for oxygen.

GEORGE, a sixty one year old man, looks at JACK, and grins.

JACK  
Hi, how are you. Come in!

GEORGE  
I see you living here alone, and  
just wanted to know if your  
alright!

JACK  
I'm okay. I'm still alive.

GEORGE  
Are they all your books?

GEORGE walks to the books, stacked on the table, near the pot plants. And looks at the titles.

GEORGE (CONT.)  
You must like reading?

JACK  
I don't read much, I like being  
surrounded by books!

JACK lights another cigarette.

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JACK (CONT.)

Good to see someone. Your welcome here anytime. Can I get you a drink?

GEORGE

Water.

JACK slowly gets up off his chair, and goes into the kitchen. GEORGE follows him.

JACK pours a glass for GEORGE.

GEORGE drinks the water.

GEORGE (cont'd)

So. How's the women situation here! With you!

JACK

Women? Plenty women! But theirs one that stands out! Forty years ago. Met her at a park, in the city. We will have sex, once a week, every Friday, she comes over for sex. MELODY was her name.

CU ON GEORGE.

JACK (CONT.)

One day she comes over late! It turns out she stole \$500000 from her pimp, or boss, or someone. Anyway, this someone, comes over, turns my house inside out, looking for the money. Then he storms off, leaving me kind of shaken up!

CU ON GEORGE.

GEORGE

Did you call the cops?

JACK

No!! She arrived the next morning, and we took off, down the coast, to the house we're in now!

GEORGE

So, did he find you guy's down here?

CU ON JACK, WITH SAD EXPRESSION.

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JACK

Yes!!!

GEORGE

What did he do?

JACK TAKES A MOMENT TO THINK.

JACK

Burst through that very door, you came in, looking for MELODY. He knocked me off my feet. By the time I reached him, he was holding MELODY down, screaming *'Where's the money? Where's the money? The money, where's it!!'*

GEORGE

And then, what did you do?

JACK

Went to the gun cabinet. Took out the gun, and shot five bullets into his back!

GEORGE

Oh shit! Did you go to jail?

JACK

No. We buried his body under the peach tree.

JACK points to the tree, in his back yard.

JACK lights another cigarette.

GEORGE

Why are you telling me this?

JACK sits back at his chair, drags on his cigarette, and begins to cough, uncontrollably, his face goes bright red.

JACK

I killed someone, because I could!  
That's it! Feel free to tell the cops!

JACK clutches his chest, and dies....