

Bear Trap

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INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

TOM(23), JERRY(23) and KONRAD(23) are sitting in the living room, talking. Tom and Jerry are brothers, named after the famous cartoon characters. Tom is broad shouldered, a bit bigger than Jerry. Tom and Jerry wear dark colored sweaters and normal jeans. Konrad is a friend of theirs. Jerry is drinking from a can of soda.

JERRY

I may have tooth decay.

KONRAD

You can feel it?

JERRY

Yeah, up here in the back.

TOM

You think that's strange?

JERRY

Hm?

KONRAD

You drinking a lot of soda?

TOM

He's been drinking nothing but soda since the breast.

JERRY

Funny, Tom.

KONRAD

You think it's true about african kids, that they get chocolate breastmilk as babies?

TOM

Pfh..the milk may be brown, but i seriously doubt i tastes anything like chocolate.

KONRAD

I heard that they drink breast milk many more years too, than normal babies in our country.

TOM

They probably get breast milk until they're 18, then they can decide for themselves, what do i know?

Jerry is getting slightly annoyed by this talk.

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JERRY

Christ, Tom.

TOM

What's with that fucking attitude? I'm not telling facts, it's just bullshit.

JERRY

Oh it is? I did not know that.

TOM

Sarcasm is cheap, you know it.

JERRY

Can't you be serious for just one minute?

TOM

Some mormons came by yesterday.

KONRAD

Haha, that sucks. They actually believe that stuff is true.

TOM

They don't believe it's true, they know it's true.

KONRAD

The bible says that the humans has existed for about two thousand years.

TOM

Two thousand years.. not even sand existed that long ago.

Tom gets up, ready to leave.

KONRAD

You're leaving?

TOM

Soon, i just gotta get something first.

Tom walks in to his own room and opens a bag. In it lays a medium sized bear trap, not the kind with teeth. He takes it out and brings it in to the living room and activates it on the floor.

JERRY

The fuck are you doing with that?

TOM

You have something i can test it with? Never mind i got something.

Tom picks up a small broomstick from the corner of the room.

KONRAD

Is that a bear trap?

TOM

It depends on what you plan to trap in it.

Tom puts the broomstick down in the trap. It snaps with raw power, breaking the broomstick into two pieces.

JERRY

What are you going to do with it, Tom?

TOM

Im taking it over to EVAN'S house, im gonna place it on his bathroom floor. Hopefully he'll step right in it.

KONRAD

Are you kidding?

JERRY

Tsss..

TOM

I could give a flying fuck about what you believe, Jerry. But that i do not.

KONRAD

Why do you want to do that?

TOM

Because he owes me money.

JERRY

Evan owes you money?

Tom looks at Jerry but doesn't answer.

KONRAD

Well, how much does he owe you?

TOM

He owes me about twelve dollars.

JERRY

Twelve dollars, and you're going to put a bear trap in his bathroom?

TOM

Spot on, brother.

JERRY

Have you reminded him that he owes you twelve dollars?

TOM

I've reminded him.

JERRY

Several times?

TOM

I said it to him one time.

JERRY

Oh you said it to him one time. Also, its fucking twelve dollars, not twelve million dollars, whats the big deal?

TOM

Its not about the amount cash owed, jerry. Its about him being a fucking snake, not paying back what he owes. Besides he is a complete asshole, have you heard the way he talks to people? Especially those who are smaller than himself. He treats your friends like shit, and no one has the guts to get back at him.

Konrad is just about to say something but changes his mind, realizing it would be a waste of time.

KONRAD

Is he really stubborn?

JERRY

He is decicive. leave it.

KONRAD

What if he get caught by the police?

JERRY

I guess he has thought it over.

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KONRAD

Think so?

JERRY

Yeah, actually i do think so.

EXT. OUT ON THE STREET

Tom walks down the street towards evan's house. The cellphone rings, Tom answers. We can not hear Jerry talking back in the phone.

TOM

What is it now?

TOM

I'll soon be there, and i'll turn my phone off.

TOM

I checked it, do you think i'm stupid?

TOM

Yeah, thats okay.

TOM

What is he not nervous about, he should pull himself together and grow up, atleast a little.

TOM

Yeah i-

TOM

Yeah i realize that, but if you're gonna be so god damned precautious about absolutely everything then you are a fucking coward.

TOM

Okay, thats cool. See you later.

EXT. OUTSIDE EVAN'S HOUSE - EVENING

It's dark outside. Tom is approaching Evan's house. When he comes to the door he starts to look around for the key. After a while he finds it in a flower pot. It's amazing how many people that actually hides their key not even five feet away from the front door.

INT. EVAN'S HOUSE

Tom enters the house, finds his way to the bathroom, picks up the bear trap from the bag and activates in on the floor.

TOM
Fuck you, Evan.

A sound. Tom freezes and stare into nothing, like people tend to do when they really concentrate about hearing something. Tom waits for ten seconds. Not hearing anything more, he exits the house.

Fade out

EXT. ON A BENCH OUTSIDE A SHOPPING MALL - DAY

Tom and Konrad sit on the bench. Tom spots a rather funny looking man a bit away from them.

TOM
And there we have us a man with the transmissible disease downs syndrome.

KONRAD
..Can we go back home now?

TOM
yeah let's go.

Just as they start to walk, Tom's phone rings, he answers.

TOM
What is it?

JERRY
When are you coming home?

TOM
Me and konrad are on our way now, fifteen minutes.

JERRY
Somebody blew up our mailbox.

EXT OUTSIDE TOM AND JERRY'S HOUSE

Jerry meet tom and konrad as they come home. On the ground lay the destroyed mailbox.

TOM
Do you know who did that?

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JERRY

No. I heard the sound then i ran out to see what it was.

TOM

They did it in the middle of the day?

JERRY

Yeah, they actually did.

TOM

Gutsy, gotta give'em creds for that.

JERRY

I don't get you.

TOM

That's alright. Yeah, you should've been out here faster. caught the sons of bitches and snapped their necks.

JERRY

Yeah sure Tom, i'll remember that

TOM

I'm going inside. I'll fix us a new mailbox later today.

JERRY

Hm. MONA is visiting, just so you know.

Tom quickly turns around and looks at jerry.

Mona is a friend of Jerry. She is very beautiful and very kind.

TOM

Why is she here?

JERRY

Like i said, she is visiting, she often do.

TOM

I'm gonna go and get that mailbox.

JERRY

Jesus, she is a nice girl, Tom.

EXT. OUSIDE RANDOM NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE - DAY

Tom looks around for people. Nobody around. He sees the mailbox outside the house, walks up to it and checks if anything is in it. A couple of letters which he leaves below the front door. He stomps the foot of the mailbox, making the wood snap like a twig. The DOG can hear this and starts barking very loudly. Tom runs off with the mailbox.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Tom enters the living room and sit down. Mona has gone home.

TOM

Got us a new mailbox. Don't ask, Konrad.

KONRAD

Okay? Then how did it go with the bear trap?

TOM

Suprised it took you so long to ask. Its not a bear trap. But yeah, it went fine, just as planned.

JERRY

Havent heard anything about it yet.

TOM

If he has stepped in it, he wouldn't tell anybody. Thinks he's so damn feared and respected. Finally somebody got back at him, he is probably embarrassed.

KONRAD

That may be. Think he has talked to the police?

JERRY

I don't think he's gonna do that.

TOM

No way. He deals with dope, he wants the police as far away from him as possible.

KONRAD

How do you guys know all that?

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JERRY

They can't keep their mouths shut about it.

KONRAD

Won't they get caught?

TOM

I'm surprised they haven't got caught yet.

Tom and Jerry's little brother KASPER comes into the living room. Kaspar is 10 years old. These moments are almost the only moments when Tom actually smiles, he loves his little brother. Tom gets up and walk over to him.

TOM

ey! You've been bored over at mom's?

KASPER

yes, but we have been out working some days.

TOM

yeah? how's it going with that little business you guys have? puttin' some heavy digits in your pockets?

KASPER

Shiet..

Kasper walks to the bathroom.

TOM

Ha, little guy is getting a bit full of himself

KONRAD

Isn't he a little young to be swearing?

TOM

Pff, cock was the first word i ever learned to write. You remember it jerry, we carved it into that tree by the neighbor's house

JERRY

Ah, i remember. But me and Konrad are going out now, might be back late. See you guys then.

TOM
yeah, bye.

Fade out.

INT. LIVING ROOM - EVENING

Tom has fallen asleep on the couch, Kasper sleeps in his bed. The television is still on. A loud sharp bang comes from outside the house. Tom wakes up with a jerk, looking at the front door for one second, then runs out, not even putting his shoes on.

Two persons are running away, but they are already too far away for Tom to catch them. Smoke is coming up from the mailbox, blown up the second time in one day.

TOM
Fuck.

On the ground is a piece of paper with writing on it. Tom picks it up and reads it: 'outside the mall 1 am, or we'll come to you, choice is yours. Evan'. But how could he know, Tom thinks. He goes back inside to wait for the clock to be 12:45 AM. Takes fifteen minutes down to the mall.

Kasper stand in the hallway outside his room, wondering what is going on.

TOM
Hey, sorry about that. Somebody
blew up our mailbox, but im going
to talk to them later tonight.
Jerry will be home by then.

KASPER
Why did they blow up the mailbox?

TOM
I guess they thought it would be
funny. You should go back to bed.

KASPER
Where is that metal thing that
was in the bag?

TOM
Have you seen that?

KASPER
I saw it one day.

TOM
Did you tell someone about it?

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KASPER

I took a picture of it with
snapchat on my iphone.

TOM

Ah now. Did you send it to HUEY?

KASPER

Yes, i sent it to Huey and OSCAR.

TOM

okay. That's alright, now back to
bed.

Tom is not angry with Kasper. Kasper goes to bed and Tom
sit down in the couch and change the channel. Michael
mann's Heat is playing on one of the channels, that's what
Tom watches as he wait for the time to reach 1245 AM.

Speed lapse of hours passing by on a clock until it
reaches 12:45 AM.

EXT. OUT ON THE STREET - NIGHT

Tom calls jerry on the cellphone while walking to the
mall.

TOM

Hey, how long will you be up?

JERRY

I don't know, 2 AM maybe, why?

TOM

Nothing, just wondered. I'll
probably be back before that
time. Thought we could eat some
ice cream and watch tv.

JERRY

Yeah, that sounds pretty good, i
wasn't planning on getting up
early in the morning anyway.

TOM

Later.

EXT. OUTSIDE SHOPPING MALL - NIGHT

As tom approach the mall, Evan and 5 other GUYS stand
there and wait for him. Evan has plaster bandage wrapped
around his leg. In his hand he holds a baseball bat.

EVAN

Right on time, Tom.

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TOM

Why not.

EVAN

Kid brother plays with snapchat
uh? my stepbrother does that too.
Asked me what that metal thing
was

TOM

Some things just can't be planned

EVAN

So, playing around with bear
traps now, are you?

TOM

But you stepped in it, didn't
you? Not a bear. That's kind of
strange, isn't it? A human
stepping in a trap made for
bears.

EVAN

I was wondering if you'd have the
balls to show up here, i really
did

TOM

Yeah, well. I find it interesting
having conversations with you
Evan, and frankly, im curious to
see how this will play out.

Evans backup guys love this, outnumbering Tom six to one
they feel very confident. Tom is sure feeling nervous,
seeing the bat and all, but he manages look confident too.

EVAN

Oh yeah? How do you think it will
play out, Tom?

Evan looks at the wooden baseball bat and then at Tom.

TOM

You feel mighty comfortable with
that crew behind you, don't you?

EVAN

(Smiling)

Didn't like that question did
you? Is it the bat?

TOM

I bet you didn't like to step in
that trap, evan. Was it scary?

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TOM (cont'd)
Embarrassing? Little bit of both
maybe?

Evan can't hold his anger back anymore, and hits Tom over the face with the bat. Tom shouts in pain and falls to the ground. Blood is pouring from his right eyebrow and from his nose.

EVAN
You fucking psycopath, i should
beat you cold.

Tom just coughs, he is not able to answer yet, the pain is too much.

EVAN
Think that's all? Think again,
boy.

Tom looks up at evan and smiles slightly.

TOM
Boy? Did you really say that? You
skinny skeleton of a junkie.
Jesus christ, are you stupid,
man.

EVAN
What is wrong with you? Why did
you put that bear trap in my
bathroom? Because i owed you
what, ten-twelve dollars??

TOM
Because you had it coming, Evan.
You are mean to people, i don't
care about fucking twelve
dollars. You gotta stop thinking
you're above everyone else. I had
to do it to bring you down a bit.

EVAN
The next strike will hurt you
badly.

TOM
You strike me again, Evan, and
you are in serious trouble, i
promise you.

EVAN
You do huh?

TOM
Oh i do. I put a bear trap in
your bathroom, man. What do you

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TOM (cont'd)
think i'll do next if you hit me
again? huh? You didn't even know
i had been in your house.

Evan starts to look a bit insecure.

TOM
You got me good, we're even now,
Evan.

Tom gets up on his feet.

EVAN
The fuck have i ever done to you?

TOM
I acted on behalf of a lot of
people. Now go home, i'll do-

Evan swings the bat against Tom's face, Tom ducks, grabs the bat and pulls it towards himself, forcing evan to the ground, Evan loses his grip on the bat. Tom quickly gets up and points the bat right on evan's teeth, as Evan lay on his back. The bat touches his teeth. Three of Evan's crew was on their way over to help Evan, they stop now as they see the bat on Evan's mouth.

TOM
Take one step closer guys, and
i'll crush his teeth in, yeah?

Evan stare at tom with big waterfilled eyes.

TOM
How's that feel?

EVAN
Get the bat away.

TOM
Move an inch and i'll lean my
whole bodyweight on the bat. Your
teeth will bend and break into
your fucking mouth.

Evan doesn't reply. He is really scared now.

THUG 1
We'll beat you to shreds
afterwards, you know that right?

TOM
Shut up, you fat idiot, and get
back. I'm gonna talk to Evan now,
you guys just stay back.

Tom squats down esidey Evan, still holding the bat to his teeth. He whispers to Evan, inaudible.

Tom gets up and takes the bat off of Evan. Evan gets up and walk to his buddies.

EVAN
We're leaving. Come on, now.

They leave whitout saying anything more. Tom calls jerry.

JERRY
Hello?

TOM
Think you could come down to the mall? I feel dizzy, help me walk home.

JERRY
Something happened?

TOM
Just get down here, please.

JERRY
Okay, fifteen minutes.

EXT. OUTSIDE SHOPPING MALL - 01:23 AM

JERRY
What the fuck happened to you?

Tom smiles to Jerry.

TOM
Me and Evan are even now. Even stephen.

JERRY
He beat you?

TOM
With this very bat.

JERRY
Jesus, you alright?

TOM
Ohyeah, man. I showed that prick. Now let's go brother. Let's go home and eat some ice cream and watch television. How bout' Ben&Jerry's?

They walk.

The End.