ON SITE - (PILOT)

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A family eat at the table.

DEAN, (22), tall, attractive. Dean's mom SARA, (37), slim, attractive.

Sara's boyfriend PHIL, (40), slightly overweight, rugged.

PHIL

(To Dean)

I found you a job today.

Dean acknowledges Phil.

PHIL (CONT'D)

A labouring job, on that new building site.

Dean takes a deep breath.

PHIL (CONT'D)

Don't start crying like a little bitch. I've heard great things about the place.

DEAN

Name them?

PHIL

What?

DEAN

Name the people told you about it.

PHIL

Dave said it.

DEAN

You don't know a Dave.

PHIL

Everybody knows a Dave.

DEAN

I don't.

PHIL

Well, John said it, too.

Dean puts his cutlery down and is about to leave.

SARA

Dean, it's nearly a year since your last job and you--

DEAN

Haven't found a career, I know. Already this sounds like something I wouldn't be happy doing.

PHIL

We're not talking a fucking lifetime career here, just a job. Until you know what you want to do.

DEAN

I know what I want to do.

Phil laughs.

PHIL

To be a writer, we know.

DEAN

Why is that funny?

SARA

We know how hard you're trying, but you need to get a job.

PHIL

Listen to your mother.

DEAN

How is sweeping floors going to help me become a writer?

PHIL

You do time-sheets each week.

SARA

It could give you inspiration, a different perspective of things.

DEAN

I can't see it.

PHIL

Just take the job.

DEAN

I don't know--

PHIL

You're taking it.

DEAN

You can't make me.

PHIL

You wanna bet on that? Because I'll win, odds are on me. I'm the favorite--

SARA

Phil.

PHIL

Sara--

DEAN

Phil--

PHIL

Dean--

SARA

Phil--

DEAN

Mum. I don't want to start on this path, get stuck, and give up on my dream.

Phil laughs again.

SARA

You'll find time to write. Go for one day, for me. If you don't like it, you won't have to go back.

PHIL

You will.

SARA

You won't.

DEAN

Okay. One day.

PHIL

Get in.

DEAN

But if I see one stereotype builder, I won't go back.

PHIL

Great. I'm happy. Ecstatic.

Dean leaves the table, kisses his mother and leaves the room.

SARA

Did we do the right thing?

PHIL

Hey, let's celebrate. Dean's got a job.

Sara frowns at Phil.

EXT. BUILDING SITE - MORNING

Dean approaches a temporary-office-container outside a building that's undertaking maintenance.

He's wearing pristine P.P.E. Gloves, glasses, hard-hat, boots and high-viz vest.

INT. OFFICE - MORNING

It's small and cluttered with paper. Multiple electric heaters are turned to the max.

Andy, (50), dangerously overweight, he sweats while he sleeps in a chair.

Dean enters.

DEAN

Hello, I'm--

Dean's knocked back by the heat.

DEAN (CONT'D)

Jesus.

Dean sees Andy and the heaters.

DEAN (CONT'D)

Andy?

Andy SNORES gently.

Dean grabs a time-card, signs his name and punches it into the machine.

It reads: 7.30 Scottsdale Site.

EXT. BUILDING SITE - MORNING

Dean has removed his protective glasses and gloves.

He searches the yard for anybody.

He heads into the building.

INT. BUILDING SITE ENTRANCE - MORNING

Dean enters into a large foyer. He removes his hard hat and places it on a box.

DEAN

Hello? Hello?

Tim, (26), a tall, timid, skinny electrician walks into the room. He carries a toolbox.

DEAN (CONT'D)

Hey.

Tim acknowledges Dean and picks up speed.

Dean follows, trying to match his pace.

DEAN (CONT'D)

You alright, mate? I'm Dean.

Dean holds his hand out to Tim.

Tim ignores Dean and runs toward an elevator door.

Dean's confused, he keeps up with him.

DEAN (CONT'D)

Are you okay, man?

Tim rushes into the elevator and bashes the up button. The door closes.

DEAN (CONT'D)

What the hell was that?

Dean heads for the exit.

Dean grabs his hat, and opens the door.

PAUL (O.S.)

Hold on there, my boy.

PAUL, (60), small, sweet and frail. He walks toward Dean.

Dean meets Paul half way.

PAUL (CONT'D)

Don't mind Tim, he has a difficult time talking to new people.

DEAN

Okay.

PAUL

Come to think of it, he's never said a word to me. A man of no words.

Paul shakes Dean's hand.

PAUL (CONT'D)

I'm Paul, the tiler. You must be the new labourer.

DEAN

Yeah, I'm Dean.

PAUL

Welcome to Scottsdale.

DEAN

Thanks. You're the first person who's actually communicated with me.

PAUL

It's better that way. Nice to meet you.

DEAN

You too, Paul.

PAUL

Come this way.

They head for some stairs.

PAUL (CONT'D)

I guess you were referring to Andy?

DEAN

I was.

Paul laughs.

PAUL

Don't worry, he'll make an appearance later.

DEAN

So is it just you three?

PAUL

At the minute, the others won't arrive for another hour.

Paul spots something on the stairs.

PAUL (CONT'D)

I'm sorry. I forgot. There's also Ben.

An extremely SEXY GIRL, not fully dressed, creeps down the stairs. She's embarrassed.

SEXY GIRL

Excuse me. Thank you.

Dean and Paul move aside, she rushes past.

DEAN

That's Ben?

PAUL

No. It's another one of his many suitors. He's Andy's nephew, he lives on the site, if you'd believe that.

DEAN

I do.

PAUL

Try not to spend too much time with him. We had a labourer a few years back, the nicest guy you'd ever meet, he got friendly with Ben, he was never the same.

DEAN

Thanks for the heads-up.

PAUL

Strictly between you and me, Ben's a bit of a lost cause.

DEAN

I won't tell.

PAUL

Come on, you can come with me until break.

EXT. BUILDING SITE - DAY

Dean and Paul head toward a red container emitting CHATTER and LAUGHTER.

Dean is only wearing his high-viz vest.

PAUL

You ready for this? They're a pretty heavy bunch.

DEAN

Ready as I'll ever be.

INT. CONTAINER - DAY

Tables and chairs stagger the room. There's a small kitchen area to one end. It's littered and dirty.

Tim sits quietly, separated from the rest.

DAVE, (30), tall and handsome reads a newspaper.

BEN, (21), good looking and very confident. He sits with SPIKE (20), Overweight, hairy faced.

They huddle around a mobile phone.

BRYAN, (40), Big and round, perpetually angry. Sits in silence.

Dean and Paul enter.

The CHATTER ceases.

PAUL

Morning.

BRYAN

Is it?

DAVE

Good to see ya, Paul.

Paul goes to the kitchen area and makes a coffee.

Dave stands up and shakes Dean's hand.

DAVE (CONT'D)

Hey. I'm Dave.

DEAN

Dean.

DAVE

Nice.

Dave notions to the people he introduces.

DAVE (CONT'D)

That devil's reject there is Ben and his slim boyfriend Spike.

DEAN

How's it going guys?

They snigger at the phone.

DAVE

Yeah, that's them.

DEAN

Awesome.

DAVE

That's Tim, descendent of Charlie Chaplin.

DEAN

Yes. We've already met.

DAVE

If you can call it that.

Dean smiles.

DAVE (CONT'D)

And that's the Incredible Hulk. Anger issues Bryan.

Bryan MUMBLES.

DEAN

Glad that's over.

DAVE

Yeah, me too. Take a seat.

DEAN

Thanks.

They both sit at a table. Dave continues with his newspaper.

PAUL

You want a tea, Dean?

DEAN

No thanks. I'm good.

PAUL

Bryan?

BRYAN

No.

PAUL

Okay.

SPIKE

We don't need a shitty-ass labourer here.

Dean's confused.

DEAN

I'm sorry. You talking to me?

BEN

Obviously.

DEAN

Andy seems to think you do.

SPIKE

New guys make the rest of us look bad.

DEAN

I don't mean to upset the apple cart or anything.

SPIKE

Please, we're not farmers.

DAVE

Shut up, Spike.

DEAN

Spike?

BRYAN

Don't listen to the fat pig, Dean. He barely moves.

SPIKE

You're bigger than I am.

Bryan makes eyes contact with Spike.

SPIKE (CONT'D)

Or not.

Bryan gets worked up.

BRYAN

Come to think of it, you don't do anything, and neither do the rest of freeloaders.

Bryan's angry, he stands.

BRYAN (CONT'D)

I'm sick of doing all the heavy lifting and not getting the Goddamn recognition I Goddamn fucking deserve. You can all go--

DAVE

Bryan. Bryan. Remember your breathing. Smooth it out.

Bryan massages his cheeks. He sits down.

SPIKE

I always pulled my weight here.

DAVE

Your back okay?

Dean laughs. Spike isn't impressed.

BEN

Don't laugh at his weight, Square. He may be the size of a jet, but he's sensitive.

Spike's insulted.

DEAN

Did you just call me a Square?

BEN

What are you going to do about it, Square?

SPIKE

He'll turn you to stone. Like medusa, because he's ugly.

Spike and Ben laugh and high-five each other.

Spike tries to high-five Tim, who ignores him.

DAVE

That was embarrassing for everybody.

Andy comes to the door.

ANDY

Dean, could you come to the office for a sec.

DEAN

Sure.

Dean leaves the container.

ANDY

Come on guys, time at the bar.

Andy closes the door.

A chair SLAMS against the door.

INT. OFFICE - DAY

Andy takes a seat. He shifts until comfortable.

ANDY

Close the door. Don't want to let the heat out.

DEAN

It's like twenty degrees today.

ANDY

I like the heat. Helps me relax.

Andy's eyes show signs of heaviness.

DAVE

I can see.

Dean closes the door.

ANDY

Welcome to Scottsdale. I'm the king and, well you've met the peasants.

DEAN

Yes.

Andy searches his heap of papers. He places a sheet on the table.

ANDY

We're not the strictest site around, our main rule is simple, don't kill yourself or anybody else.

DEAN

I'll put my machete in it's case then.

Andy stares with a blank face.

DEAN (CONT'D)

It was a joke.

ANDY

Yes, well, just sign here please.

Dean signs the sheet of paper and heads for the exit.

DEAN

So what do I actually do?

ANDY

Sweep up, move boxes that need moving, hold things that need holding.

Dean laughs.

DEAN

Okay.

ANDY

Spend some time with everybody, get to know the people and their trades.

DEAN

Okay then, I'll do that.

ANDY

Any other questions?

DEAN

No, I think I'm good.

Dean steps outside, he gets a question and turns back to Andy.

DEAN (CONT'D)

Actually.

Andy sleeps in his chair.

Dean leaves.

INT. SITE LIVING ROOM - DAY

Spike is covered in paint, he sits on a paint tin starring at his phone.

Dean stands, watching.

DEAN

Shouldn't we do something?

SPIKE

What do you want from me? I'm sitting here, on my phone.

DEAN

I can see that.

Spike laughs at his phone.

DEAN (CONT'D)

So, you do much this weekend?

Spike sighs, puts his phone away and gives Dean his attention.

SPIKE

You really wanna know what I did, or are you trying to make annoying small talk?

DEAN

Mostly just small talk.

SPIKE

Me and Ben went to a few bars, got pretty hammered. Oh shit--

Dean panics.

DEAN

What? Are you okay?

SPIKE

I just remembered. There were these girls. It started with a round of shots then—— I can't believe I forgot. Oh fuck.

Spike laughs.

DEAN

Will you shut up and tell me what happened?

SPIKE

Try to picture this, me and Ben at the bar, we've just ordered a shot each minding our own business. When two smoking hot dames--

DEAN

Dames?

SPIKE

Came up to us and gave us another shot each.

Dean's getting intrigued.

DEAN

Right, then what happened?

SPIKE

Well that was it. They gave us a shot each, so we had to do our shot and then theirs. I tell ya, never again.

Dean stares in disbelief.

INT. SITE BATHROOM - DAY

DEAN

Ben, you in here?

Dean opens the bathroom door.

Ben is hunched over the toilet, humping the seat.

Dean looks away. Ben just continues.

BEN

Get the hell out.

DEAN

Oh shit, I'm so sorry. I'll, uh, I'll come back.

Dean leaves and SLAMS the door.

INT. SITE KITCHEN - DAY

Dave is fitting a kitchen. Dean watches.

DAVE

Have you always wanted to be in the building trade?

DEAN

No. I've been out of work for 10 months so my step dad pretty much forced me to come here.

DAVE

It ain't as bad as it seems, you meet a lot of interesting characters on building sites.

DEAN

Yeah, I've noticed.

DAVE

The work can be hard, other times it's not. You need to learn to have fun while doing it.

DEAN

Yeah, I guess. Not really what I planned, though.

DAVE

Things don't always go the way you want them to. When I was twenty, I wanted to be an actor.

DEAN

Really?

DAVE

I was young, full of hopes and dreams.

DEAN

What happened?

DAVE

I got a temporary job, and I've been here ever since.

DEAN

Shit.

DAVE

I know. It sucks. What about you?

DEAN

I want to be a writer. A novelist, screenwriter, journalist, anything as long as I'm writing.

DAVE

It might not be tomorrow, it might not be in five years, but don't give up. I did, and now I'm fitting kitchens.

DEAN

But you're happy, right?

Dave pauses.

DAVE

Just don't give up.

DEAN

I'm glad you're here, Dave. You and Paul are the only normal people I've met today. I just caught Ben trying to have sex with a damn toilet.

Dave flips out.

DAVE

That little shit's an idiot. He wouldn't know what sex is if it penetrated his face.

Dean looks confused.

DAVE (CONT'D)

I'll tell you something about sex.

Dave's very overzealous with his gestures.

DAVE (CONT'D)

Me and my wife do all this wild, crazy shit. Oh man, you have no idea. Just last night.

Dean's disappointed.

DAVE (CONT'D)

She brought this leather dildo type thing, she tied me up like this--

Dave holds onto his ankles. Dean heads for the exit.

DEAN

I just remembered, I've got to help somebody.

DAVE

Okay, cool. I'll tell ya later.

Dean leaves.

INT. SITE BATHROOM - DAY

Dean knocks on the door before entering.

DEAN (O.S.)

Is it safe?

BEN

Come in, Square.

Dean enters.

Ben lies in the bath tub, smoking a cigarette.

DEAN

Makes sense.

BEN

I train one labourer and they send me another.

DEAN

Don't flatter yourself. I have to spend time with everybody.

BEN

Sure, whatever. You've done your time, now go.

DEAN

What's your problem?

BEN

Look, I've got a good thing going here. I live rent free, I can bring as many girls back as I want, and I use a different toilet every fucking day. And all I have to do is plumb a few pipes. So I don't need you blowing your whistle.

DEAN

But you haven't put any pipes in.

BEN

Fuck off.

Dean heads for the exit.

DEAN

The toilet's not plumbed in. Idiot.

Dean leaves the room.

Ben rushes to the toilet.

BEN

Shit.

EXT. BUILDING SITE - DAY

Dean stands with Bryan. Bryan builds a small wall.

An awkward silence.

BRYAN

What the fuck are you doing?

DEAN

What?

BRYAN

You come out here, stand right behind me and fucking stare. I can't stand it when people fucking stare.

DEAN

Sorry, I wasn't staring.

BRYAN

Just back off a little. Making me feel uncomfortable.

Dean steps back a few. Bryan returns to his wall.

Dean is about to speak.

BRYAN (CONT'D)

And don't make small talk. Nothing I hate more.

Another awkward silence.

DEAN

So, how long have you worked here?

Bryan flinches, he drops a brick on his foot and EXPLODES.

BRYAN

Jesus fucking Mary. You mother fucking, son of a bitch.

Bryan vents his anger by kicking down the wall he just built.

Dean backs away slowly.

INT. SITE BEDROOM - DAY

Tim cuts some cables up some steps. Dean watches from the ground.

Complete silence.

DEAN

This is nice. Thank you.

Silence

Tim cowardly checks if Dean is still there.

EXT. CONTAINER - DAY

Dean slumps in a chair outside the noisy container.

Paul joins Dean.

PAUL

Dean.

DEAN

Alright, Paul.

PAUL

Are you?

DEAN

Yeah, I'm fine.

PAUL

The trick is to give them better than they give you.

DEAN

Thanks.

Dean gives Paul an appreciative smile.

INT. SITE HALLWAY - DAY

Dean sweeps the floor.

Ben and Spike walk by, they stop to talk to Dean.

SPIKE

Alright, Square?

DEAN

Ladies.

BEN

We've been told you're not enjoying your time here.

DEAN

You needed telling to get that?

BEN

You need to hang with us if you really wanna have fun.

DEAN

I know, I heard about your wild night of two shots at once. Close to the edge.

BEN

Holy shit. Spike, you told him about that? I totally forgot.

SPIKE

I know, man, so did I. That night was awesome.

BEN

So awesome.

DEAN

You two are made for each other.

SPIKE

What's that supposed to mean?

DEAN

Haven't you got some work to be doing?

BEN

Haven't you got a boyfriend to be gay with?

Ben and Spike high-five.

DEAN

You jumped right into sexuality there, are you hiding something?

Ben looks away.

BEN

Shut up.

SPIKE

Yeah, you homosexually, erm--

DEAN

I'm going to go. You two need to share your feelings.

Dean walks away.

SPIKE

Go be gay somewhere else.

Spike tries to high-five Ben. Ben walks away.

BEN

That was stupid, you always go too far.

SPIKE

I don't go far enough.

INT. SITE KITCHEN - DAY

Tim, Paul, Bryan and Andy stand in the room.

Dean enters.

PAUL

I'm sorry, Andy. I don't know anything.

ANDY

Bryan, what about you?

Bryan's insulted. He jumps the gun.

BRYAN

You little insignificant--

PAUL

Bryan.

ANDY

I'm not saying you did it. I've been informed of whom it may be, but I'm not going to name the accused without any proof.

DEAN

What's going on?

ANDY

My wallet has been stolen from my office. With quite a substantial amount of money inside.

DEAN

Who took it?

PAUL

He won't say.

DEAN

I could probably guess.

BRYAN

I said, I had nothing to do with it.

Tim stands innocently.

DEAN

No, I wasn't referring to you.

BRYAN

I'm sick to shit of this.

Bryan shouts in Tim's face.

BRYAN (CONT'D)

Shut up.

Bryan leaves.

DEAN

Was it me?

ANDY

You're in the running, yes.

PAUL

What?

DEAN

And Ben or Spike tipped you off.

ANDY

Possibly.

PAUL

Dean wouldn't steal your money.

ANDY

I'm calling a staff meeting at three. If the culprit doesn't step forward then I have no choice but to call the fuss.

Andy leaves.

Dean and Paul share concerned looks.

Dean turns to leave. Tim stands right behind him, Dean jumps.

DEAN

Jesus. We gotta put a bell on him.

Dean leaves.

INT. CONTAINER - DAY

Paul, Dean, Bryan, Tim and Dave are in their usual places watching Andy.

Andy paces the room in silence.

BRYAN

Andy--

Ben and Spike enter, interrupting Bryan.

Bryan's annoyed

Dean sees Ben drops something in the bin as he sits down.

ANDY

Now we're all here, let's get this over with. All I want to know is, who took he wallet?

Nobody confesses.

ANDY (CONT'D)

The sooner the villain confesses, the sooner you can all go back to whatever it is you all do

DAVE

I had nothing to do with it.

DEAN

I think we all know who took it.

BEN

Yeah, Square. Tell him how you did it.

DEAN

Ben, I know it was you.

BEN

Prove it, Square.

DAVE

If you took it Ben, just give it back, I've got shit to do.

BEN

Let's think for a moment. This is the first ever time something has been stolen, and it coincides with Square's first day.

DEAN

Such a dick.

SPIKE

Don't you talk to him like that--

BRYAN

I'll knock all you fat pigs out if nobody steps the fuck up--

DAVE

Bryan, calm down, Remember your Massages.

Bryan throws a tool catalog at Dave's head.

ANDY

Dave, shut up.

DAVE

I was trying to--

PAUL

Dave, that's enough.

Dave goes quiet.

ANDY

Then I have no choice. I must call the authorities. I don't really want to do that, but I will.

Ben and Spike laugh at Ben's phone.

DAVE

When did it go missing?

ANDY

Must have been around one o'clock.

BEN

So diner time?

ANDY

Yes.

SPIKE

Well, we were all in here during dinner.

BEN

Everybody except Square.

DEAN

Oh come on.

SPIKE

Yeah, he had more than enough time to steal the money. And he has the motive.

DEAN

And what is that, Sherlock?

SPIKE

Being ugly.

Spike and Ben high-five.

DAVE

I don't want to say it, Dean. But they're right. About the time, not the motive.

DEAN

I was sitting outside, Paul was with me.

ANDY

Paul?

PAUL

He's telling the truth.

Tim is getting agitated, he watches what Ben and Spike are laughing at.

SPIKE

You didn't come out until late. He was out there the whole of dinner.

BEN

More than enough time to break a commandment.

ANDY

Paul?

Paul pauses.

PAUL

They're right, I didn't. But Dean wouldn't steal. I know him.

SPIKE

For a day.

BEN

That's right.

SPIKE

That is right.

PAUL

And I already know he's not a criminal.

DAVE

I'll second that.

BRYAN

Third it.

ANDY

Sorry, Bryan?

BRYAN

What are you fucking deaf?

ANDY

Then I have no choice but to involve the police.

Andy opens the door.

BEN

Call the police.

SPIKE

Yeah.

PAUL

Andy.

DAVE

Andy.

DEAN

Paul, I didn't--

SPIKE

He did.

PAUL

Andy.

BRYAN

Everybody shut the fuck up.

Silence.

Tim grabs Ben's phone and tosses it to Dave.

BEN

That's mine, asshole.

SPIKE

Tim, you're one weird mother fucker.

Dave checks the phone.

DAVE

Andy. Andy.

Andy turns back, Dave hands him the phone.

It's a picture of Andy asleep in his chair. Ben and Spike posing beside him. Ben holds his wallet.

DEAN

What is it?

ANDY

Ben, have you got my wallet?

BEN

No, I have not.

ANDY

The proofs right here, Ben.

BEN

Search me. I haven't got it.

Dean remembers.

BEN (CONT'D)

I never touched your wallet.

SPIKE

He hasn't got it.

DEAN

Wait.

Dean goes to the bin and pulls out a wallet.

ANDY

That's my wallet. How did you--

DEAN

Ben dropped it when he came in.

DAVE

Open it.

Dean opens the wallet, it's empty apart from a few coins.

DEAN

No, I'm sorry, Andy. It's gone.

Dean hands Andy the wallet, he checks inside.

ANDY

No no, it's there.

Dean's dumbfounded.

ANDY (CONT'D)

I want to see you both in my office. Now.

Andy leaves.

Ben charges Dean.

BEN

You little prick.

Bryan steps between them.

BRYAN

You got something to say to one of us, you say it to all of us.

Ben pauses.

BEN

I was just leaving.

Ben steps around Bryan.

Everybody looks to Spike.

SPIKE

And so was I.

BEN

We'll get you for this, Square.

Ben and Spike leave.

DEAN

Thanks guys. You didn't have to do that.

BRYAN

No problem.

DAVE

I'm glad you didn't do it.

DEAN

Thanks for the help, Tim.

Tim looks up to the group. The anticipation builds.

Tim puts his head down.

BRYAN

Fuck.

EXT. BUILDING SITE - DAY

The site is quiet. Dean heads for the office.

INT. OFFICE - DAY

Andy is asleep in the chair.

Dean enters, he punches his time card.

It reads: 4.30 Scottsdale

EXT. BUILDING SITE - DAY

Dean closes the site gate behind him.

Paul stands outside the gate.

PAUL

So, Dean. Will we be seeing you tomorrow?

Dean pauses.

DEAN

It was nice meeting you, Paul.

They shake hands and share friendly looks. Dean walks away.

EXT. BUILDING SITE - MORNING

Paul down the site, he looks for somebody. He enters the building.

INT. BUILDING SITE - MORNING

Paul smiles. Dean sweeps the foyer floor.

FADE OUT.