

Only God Forgives

By

Alex Garcia

Copyright 2014

alexg.zander@gmail.com

Title card: Thou shalt not kill -6th Commandment

We then a hear a shovel digging into dirt as
we fade in to...

EXT. WOODS - DUSK

A dolly backwards of a 17 year old boy with short brown hair and a hoodie. As the camera moves backwards we see that he is digging into the rocky soil of the woods. It's unclear what for, but the sound of a highway with a million cars zooming by starts fading in. It gets louder and louder as the shot gets wider and wider, until we see a pair of legs on the left corner of the frame. The boy stops digging and throws the shovel to the right. He leans down and grabs the legs and slides the body into it's burial. CUT TO-

EXT. PARK - GLOOMY DAY

We see STACEY (17) curly ginger hair with plastic beige nails and PAUL (18) crew cut with a body that can lift a few hundred pounds, are standing near some benches.

STACEY

She was honestly a really good friend of mine. I loved her but now she just turned out to be a total wreck.

PAUL

Who we talking about again?

STACEY

Jasmin you fucktard, didn't you hear?

PAUL

No...

STACEY

Uh why do I hang out with you? She slept with the principal after she completely stood up Derek.

PAUL

What do you mean?

STACEY

Derek wanted to fuck her but she went all christian and refused.

(CONTINUED)

PAUL
That's normal.

STACEY
Not for Derek! Don't tell him I told you that. He's never been rejected before and when word got out about the principal he's been real angry. Also, I heard she does meth. What a loser, really your life is that fucked up that you have to go to the extreme? Everyone hates her now, I do too.

Paul sees RODRICK (17) brown hair and wearing a *hoodie* coming from the distances. Stacey spots him.

STACEY
What's HE doing here?

PAUL
He wanted to talk to us so I invited him.

STACEY
Why?

PAUL
I thought we liked him.

STACEY
I don't. You know he has a thing for Jasmin. Words out that their both talking. I don't know how he can still be interested with all this adultery flying around.

Rodrnick stops in front of them with clenched fists and swollen eyes, he's been crying over something. Stacey and Paul look shocked.

STACEY
Jesus Rodrick, what happened?

Rodrnick looks at her not wanting to explain. He turn to Paul hoping he would know something. Paul shrugs an I-don't-know.

RODRICK
(to Stacey)
You really don't know?

STACEY

YEAH! of course not. What the fuck is wrong with you?

RODRICK

Have you heard anything about Jasmin?

STACEY

Oh that, nothing much. I really don't get into rumors.

RODRICK

I need you to tell me who was messing with her last night.

PAUL

What happened? Is she okay?

Rodrick shoots him a look, just thinking about it almost makes him cry.

beat.

RODRICK

This is really hard for me. It's best if I don't say it. Just tell me if you know anything about last night.

PAUL

Sorry, man I don't.

Rodrick looks a Stacey.

STACEY

I still don't know what you're talking about.

RODRICK

(almost losing his temper)
It's a simple question... Do you know anything about last night?

STACEY

Why do you care? It's not like you're dating or anything, unless that rumor is true.

This hurts Rodrick, he pauses to think.

RODRICK
(about to cry)
She needs my help, okay, so just
tell me anything you know.

STACEY
Fuck you! Playing detective. Coming
here all baby faced, crying. It's
not like anything serious happened,
like suicide.

Rodrnick looks at the floor, a tear runs down his cheek.

STACEY
It's not like that, right?

Rodrnick looks at her, confirming her suspicion.

PAUL
Rodrnick, holly crap man.

STACEY
Oh my God Rodrick, I'm sorry. I
didn't mean any of that. Jasmin was
a close friend of mine. We all
loved her.

She attempts to touch Rodrick, he tears away. Not buying the
sympathy.

STACEY
It was Derek and his friends. They
cyberbullied her last night.

With no other words, Rodrick leaves. Eyes still swollen. He
pulls out his phone and texts Derek: "We need to talk."

EXT. UNDER HIGHWAY BRIDGE - DAWN

Rodrnick leans on the base of the bridge, smoking a
cigarette. Trying to keep his cool. Bushes start moving from
his left, he turns his head, someone is coming down the hill
that leads up to the highway. Rodrick gets up and throws his
cigarette away.

DEREK(17) sharp preppy hair, polo shirt and shoes that are
to expensive for this environment, comes down the dirt path.
He stops a few feet away from where Rodrick stands.

DEREK
Hey, man.

(CONTINUED)

RODRICK
Do you have thing to say to me?

DEREK
What do you mean?

RODRICK
Is there anything you have to say?

Derek look dumbfounded.

RODRICK
How about Jasmin, huh? How about
you killing he last night.

DEREK
I haven't done such thing!

RODRICK
Then why is she dead!

beat.

RODRICK
What where you doing last night?

DEREK
I found out this morning, like
everybody else, alright. It was a
shock to me too. I think we should
calm down and see what happens.

RODRICK
There is no need to calm down! You
know you did it and I know. She
told me everything about you.

DEREK
So what? I don't care. I have a
lawyer that can pay off every
problem I have. Why am I even here?
Jeez, I knew it was a mistake even
coming here.

Derek starts to leave.

RODRICK
Who do you think you are?

Derek then stops on his tracks and starts turning around as
he listens.

RODRICK

Some high class white kid who hasn't paid for a thing in his life. What is it? Can't get laid by every girl in school so you go ahead and bully them to the point of suicide!?

DEREK

Who are you to tell me this! Fucking hell! I didn't know she was going to kill herself.

beat.

DEREK

Jesus, those weren't my intention. Fuck you for coming her and telling me this. Just because you finally found a slut that would suck your dick and is gone doesn't mean you can go ahead blaming me for it!

RODRICK

What did you call her?

Derek looks at him, know that this bugs him.

DEREK

Yeah I said it, she's a slut. Sleeping with the principal and sucking everyone's dick but yours and mine.

Rodrnick swings at Derek giving him a good punch to the jaw. Derek must of tasted blood because he sticks a few fingers in his gum and then looks at them. Red drips down his fingers. Rodrick walks backwards a few steps as Derek gives him a hard look. Derek spits to the floor and starts pacing towards Rodrick.

DEREK

You little shit.

Derek swings his fist and Rodrick doges it leaving Derek's belly open. Rodrick takes the opportunity and knees him in the gut. Derek falls to the floor coughing. Rodrick jumps on top of him pinning him down.

Derek tries to push him off but Rodrick keeps slapping his hands away and then bunches him in the face again. Blood is now running down Derek's nose. Rodrick starts chocking the life away from Derek. He isn't thinking and just keeps on squeezing his palms on Derek's neck.

(CONTINUED)

Rodrnick's face gets redder and redder and Derek's squirms get slower and slower. Soon his gurgling stops and Derek lays dead on the newly pounded floor. Rodrick lets go, still forming the neck shape on his hands as he lifts them away from the newly dead flesh. He can't believe what he has just done. Thinking of this he then comes to the conclusion that he has to do something so he looks straight up where his eyes meet the woods. CUT TO-

INT. RODRICK'S ROOM - HOURS LATER

Rodrnick walks towards his bed with his hoodie and jeans, dirt smeared all over them. He collapses on top of the comforter and barely makes the effort of placing his phone on the night stand and then turns off the lamp. He buries his head in the pillow and falls asleep. Minutes later his phone starts vibrating, text messages from Jasmin:

"Are you awake?" "I need to talk to you." "Everyone is talking about me and I don't feel good." "Rodrick?" "I wish I could talk to you one last time." "I'm sorry."

We then hear the sound of a GUNSHOT

Rodrnick jolts up from his bed, sitting straight. As if he just awoken from a nightmare. He looks outside to see that it's morning.

He then turns to the night stand and picks up his phone to find out that it's flooded with messages. Not only from Jasmin but from their parents and friends saying that she is dead. Tears drip down his cheek when all the sudden, a KNOCK is heard from his door.

Rodrnick drops to the floor and sticks himself to the corner of the room. While falling he must of seen something on his arm because he goes ahead and checks it, there is now a hash symbolizing one. He looks confused on how that got there. He loses interest when the door slowly starts to open. A man walks towards him, Rodrick stares at him the whole time. Paralyzed. The shaded man kneels down to Rodrick's level.

RODRICK

Who are you?

GRUMMET

No need to be scared Rodrick. I'm detective Grummet.

GRUMMET, late 20s determined eyes and a friendly face, smiles at Rodrick.

(CONTINUED)

GRUMMET

I've been assigned on Jasmin's case. I'm assuming you just heard.

Rodrick shakes his head "yes".

GRUMMET

I'm sorry for coming in so quickly, her parents want to find whoever did this as soon as possible. We suspect cyberbullying but if that was the case then all messages and posts have been deleted.

Rodrick is in denial, not listening to a word he is saying.

GRUMMET

Which frankly I don't know how they can delete a message-

Grummet stops, realizing this is too much information at this time.

GRUMMET

I'm sorry, this is impolite of me. Would you like me to leave?

Rodrick doesn't say anything.

Grummet gets up.

GRUMMET

I'm sorry.

Grummet walks towards the door and grabs the handle and looks at Rodrick.

GRUMMET

Take as much time as you need.

Grummet closes the door.

INT. CAR PARKED AT THE PARK - HOUR LATER

Rodrick is in the driver's seat with the engine turned off, Grummet sits in the passenger seat. They're serious faces match the gloomy weather. Rodrick looks out the window in front of him to see Stacey and Paul talking.

GRUMMET

Are those her friends?

(CONTINUED)

RODRICK

The closest they'll ever be.

Grummet looks down, understanding the pain. He would ask another question but it would only make things worse. Rodrick gets out of the car.

EXT. PARK - CONTINUOUS

Rodrick approaches Stacey and Paul.

STACEY

Jesus Rodrick, what happened?

Rodrick looks at her, a bit confused. He looks at Paul. Paul shrugs his shoulders.

RODRICK

(back to Stacey)

You really don't know?

STACEY

YEAH! of course I don't. What the fuck is wrong with you?

RODRICK

Jasmin is...

Rodrick can't get the word out.

RODRICK

Jasmin is...

STACEY

Jasmin is what? Rodrick.

It's as if he's supposed to say something else but doesn't remember. His words finally come out.

RODRICK

Jasmin is dead.

STACEY

Oh my God Rodrick, I'm sorry. Jasmin was a close friend of mine. We all loved her. What happened?

RODRICK

She committed suicide last night.

(CONTINUED)

PAUL
I saw her yesterday.

Rodrnick shoots him a look.

PAUL
She looked terrified.

RODRICK
That can't be possib...

He trails off and looks down at his hand holding his phone.
Text messages start coming in from Jasmin: "I" "AM" DEAD"

Rodrnick looks back up at Paul and Stacey. Their eyes are completely black and blood starts dripping down their foreheads. Rodrick shakes his head.

STACEY
Rodrick? Are you okay?

Stacey starts coming near him, Rodrick jumps back and then swings towards Paul. Punching him in the face. Rodrick firmly grabs Paul's neck.

RODRICK
Tell me who killing her last night!

Stacey starts hitting Rodrick on the back with her small purse. She's worthless.

STACEY
Rodrick stop!

INT. CAR - CONTINUOUS

Grummet looks up from his paper, in the distance, he and only sees Rodrick, Stacey and Paul talking as normal human beings. He goes back to reading his paper.

EXT. PARK - CONTINUOUS

RODRICK
Tell me what happened!

PAUL
Get off me you freak!

STACEY
It was Derek! It was Derek!

Rodrnick stops strangling Paul and looks up.

(CONTINUED)

STACEY
Derek and his friends cyberbullied
her last night.

Without another word, Rodrick gets up and leaves. Stacey and Paul stare at him with small smiles as they fade away into the shadows, as if they were ash blown away by a strong gust of wind.

INT. CAR - CONTINUOUS

Rodrick enters the car. He pulls out his phone from his pocket.

GRUMMET
You didn't need to do that.

RODRICK
I wanted too.

Rodrick texts Derek: "We need to talk."

EXT. UNDER HIGHWAY BRIDGE - DAWN

We see Rodrick laying underneath the bridge.

We then CUT TO-

Rodrick facing Derek underneath the bridge.

DEREK
You could have saved her!

RODRICK
It's not my fault! Your actions
made her kill herself.

DEREK
Yeah but you were sleeping.

RODRICK
How do you know that?

DEREK
If only you stayed up a little
later you would have saved your
little slut.

RODRICK
She never did none of that!

(CONTINUED)

Rodrnick goes for Derek's chest. Derek pushes him back, he swings his fist and misses Rodrick. Rodrick slides his foot underneath Derek making him fall.

Rodrnick begins to choke him. Derek begins to drift off and dies. Rodrick looks shocked, a little confused. He looks up and sees Grummet coming out of the bushes. He looks at him with anger.

RODRICK

You.

Grummet smiles. The same GUNSHOT noise is heard again.

INT. RODRICK'S ROOM - UNKNOWN MORNING

Rodrnick jumps straight up from his bed, he looks around and then checks his phone. Same text messages. He remembers. He looks terrified. A knock on the door makes him fall to the floor, he huddles to the corner.

He looks at his arm, hash symbolizing two . The door opens and a man walks towards him. He kneels down and Rodrick looks up at him.

RODRICK

(this time, more terrified)

Who are you?

We now see Grummet again, but with a suit and tie. Looking more serious.

GRUMMET

I'm detective Grummet. I've been assigned to Jasmin's case. Would you help me out?

RODRICK

How did this happen? I remember you. You were here yesterday.

GRUMMET

Yesterday, today, tomorrow. There's none of that.

RODRICK

What?

INTER CUT WITH FLASHBACKS:

Rodrnick waking up and reading his text messages, leaving the room.

(CONTINUED)

GRUMMET(V.O)
It's all really hard to remember
right?

Rodrick driving.

Rodrick approaching Stacey and Paul.

Rodrick pulling away from Stacey's hand.

RODRICK
I'm I...

GRUMMET
Just listen to me Rodrick.

Rodrick strangling Derek.

GRUMMET(V.O)
You killed a man.

Rodrick digging the hole.

GRUMMET(V.O)
You buried his body and left him to
rot.

Rodrick typing on his computer and Derek's dirt body
standing behind him.

GRUMMET(V.O)
Once you got home, you couldn't
shake the feeling. You couldn't
shake the feeling of him still
being alive.

Rodrick brushing his teeth, rinsing and then leaving.
Derek's body laying in the bath tub.

GRUMMET(V.O)
You where paranoid.

Rodrick turning off his lights to go to bed. Derek's body
standing next to the window. Rodrick quickly turns the light
on and the body is gone. Rodrick gets up and leaves.

GRUMMET(V.O)
You couldn't take it anymore.

Rodrick driving the car late at night.

GRUMMET(V.O)
You had to make sure.

Rodrick parks car off highway and pulls out a gun from glove department.

GRUMMET(V.O)
But it was to late.

Rodrick digging the hole can't find the body. A light flashes behind him. Rodrick turns around, hands raised.

DETECTIVE GRUMMET
This is detective Grummet. You are under arrest of the murder of Derek Fulton. Put the gun down!

The flash light shinning on his face, we see that Rodrick is struggling on what to do.

GRUMMET(V.O)
You knew it was over. There was nothing you could do but pull the trigger.

Rodrick closes his eyes and is about to pull the trigger.

DETECTIVE GRUMMET
NO!

BAM, the same gun shot as before. Rodrick jumps up straight from his bed.

GRUMMET(V.O)
There is nothing you can do now.

Rodrick falls to the floor and huddles to the corner.

GRUMMET(V.O)
There are no more days.

Rodrick looks at his arm, now there's a bunch of hash symbols and then he looks up at Grummet.

RODRICK
Who are you?

Grummet smiles.

GRUMMET
I'll be whoever you want me to be.

RODRICK
Why is this happening? I feel
terrible.

Rodrick starts shacking.

RODRICK
Are you even real?

EXT. UNDER HIGHWAY BRIDGE - DAWN

Rodrick stares at Derek.

DEREK
Well are you even going to say
something?

RODRICK
Don't you feel weird Derek?

DEREK
What?

RODRICK
Do you even remember waking up this
morning.

DEREK
Of course I do. What type of
question is that?

RODRICK
Go home Derek. I don't know why I
called you here.

DEREK
What?

Rodrick starts walking away.

DEREK
Come here you little shit.

Derek paces towards Rodrick and spins him around.

RODRICK
I'm not fighting you!

Derek starts gurgling and his face begins to turn red. He falls to the floor holding his neck. Something is choking him. Rodrick just stares until he sees himself choking Derek. His other self turns and looks at him with black eyes

and blood smeared on his face. Rodrick jumps at the sight of seeing himself like this.

INT. RODRICK'S ROOM - UNKNOWN MORNING

Rodrick is in the corner with Grummet looking at him.

GRUMMET

You will repeat this day
forevermore.

Grummet gets up and walks off.

RODRICK

Wait, you can't do this to me. I
didn't know. I was acting out of
anger. Please you can't do this.

Grummet turns around.

GRUMMET

You have already told me this. Try
to remember it this time.

Grummet begins to close the door.

RODRICK

No! Please! I'm asking for
forgiveness.

Grummet stops.

GRUMMET

Only God Forgives

He closes the door.

CREDITS ROLL.

THE END.