

Remember Me

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INT. PRISON BATHROOM

We faintly hear two men grunting getting punched while a crowd cheers.

The Sound slowly becomes louder and we see the scene. It's a large prison bathroom, nearly empty except for a circle of people gathered tightly watching something go down..

Two Men, CLAYTON and ROB are getting punched and mocked in a circle of gang members.

The leader BIG T, A strong Muscular man with scars and tattoos. Big T is the one doing most of the beating and is the obvious leader of the gang. He signals for them to stop.

BIG T

Had enough?

Clayton and Rob catch their breaths, Bending over their legs and panting loudly. Clayton begins to lightly chuckle.

CLAYTON

Ooh, Ya Know you guy's are pretty strong... but are you as strong as this!

Clayton slap's Big T, he is so weak that his slap barley makes a sound. Big T doesn't move an inch, the crowds jeers in astonishment. Clayton keeps weakly slapping Big T.

Big T grabs Clayton by the neck and slaps him so hard it echoes throughout the room, The crowd jeers as to say "That's gotta hurt". Clayton fall's to the ground coughing up blood and laughing.

BIG T

Idiot.

Big T signals for them to go and all of them leave. Clayton and Rob are the only ones left. Clayton lies on the floor.

ROB

Why...

(Take's a breath)

Do you keep doing this stuff?

CLAYTON

(Laughing and coughing up blood)

It was funny wasn't it?

Clayton keeps laughing like an absolute maniac, something is definately wrong with this guy.

THE CAMERA SLOWLY ZOOMS OUT ON CLAYTON LYING ON THE FLOOR

CLAYTON (V.O.)

Yeah that's me Clayton, and my BFF Rob. Your probably wondering, Why did these dude's just get beat up? Why is that dude still laughing? Why is there so much expulsion in this movie? Well let me try to explain.

INT. PRISON CAFETERIA

Two Years Ago

Flashback of Clayton entering the cafeteria on the first day of prison. He holds his tray while scanning the cafeteria for a place to sit.

CLAYTON (V.O.)

Me and Rob go way back, Like 2 year's ago I went to prison for like trying to rob a bank or something. On my first day I saw Rob sitting all alone. And I couldn't just let him be alone, everyone deserves a friend. So I went over and sat down right next to him.

Clayton looks around and sees Rob sitting alone and joyfully walks over to him and sits down only a few inches away from him. It's just as awkward as it seems.

Rob side eye's Clayton as he eats his food. Then he turns his head fully addressing Clayton.

ROB

Do you need something.

CLAYTON

Nah I'm good.

Beat.

ROB

Then why are you sitting here?

Clayton takes a bite of food.

CLAYTON

You looked all sad and lonely and I was like that dude looks like he could use a friend.

Clayton laughs then takes another bite of his mashed potatoes.

ROB
I don't need a friend.

CLAYTON
Sure you do, My name's Clayton.

ROB
Look Clayton, you don't want to be friends with me, I'm not exactly popular in here.

CLAYTON
Well obviously, that's why you don't have friends.

A large shadow forecasts on Clayton and Rob's food, Something is behind them. Big T and his gang are standing behind them looking down upon them from the back.

CLAYTON (CONT'D)
Oh wassup guys, you want a bite too.

Clayton picks up his tray and moves it a bit closer to Big T. Big T laughs then his face sharply turns back to angry as he smacks the tray across the table.

The tray slides across the table, it almost seems like time is moving in slow motion. The screeching sound ends as the tray dangles at the edge of the table for a few seconds until ultimately falling off.

BIG T
Well isn't this just special Rob's got a little friend.

CLAYTON
Well my doctors always said i was special. But me and Rob here are BFF's we're like 2 peas in a pod.

Clayton looks over at Rob smiling while Rob looks at Clayton shocked at the nerve he's got.

BIG T
Oh you guys hear this they're like 2 peas in a pod how cute is that?

CLAYTON
Yeah man! You wanna join our pod?

BIG T

Do I wanna join your pod? Let me
think about that one. No!

Big T grabs Rob's food tray and slaps the tray across Rob and Clayton's face. Mashed potatoes slop down on the right sides of their faces, Big T and his gang walk away.

Rob stares into the distance at nothing and grabs a napkin to wipe his face. Clayton licks his lips and smiles.

CLAYTON

Hey can I get one of those napkins?

Rob hands Clayton a napkin and he starts to wipe his face too.

- "Mr Blue Sky" begins playing

CLAYTON (V.O.)

Yeah That dude and his gang never
really liked Rob for some reason.
but that's fine because after that
day Rob had a friend and we were
inseparable. We would scrub the
toilets together.

They scrub toilets.

CLAYTON (V.O.) (CONT'D)

We'de ball out together

They play basket ball.

CLAYTON (V.O.) (CONT'D)

We'de nerd out together.

They play chess.

CLAYTON (V.O.) (CONT'D)

We'de work out together

They lift weights.

CLAYTON (V.O.) (CONT'D)

We'de bunk out together.

The music stops and we see them sleeping in bunk beds.

CLAYTON (V.O.) (CONT'D)

We'de card out together.

The music is back, Clayton and Rob play Uno.

CLAYTON (V.O.) (CONT'D)
We'de get curb stomped together.

Clayton and Rob are getting curb stomped by Big T's gang and Clayton starts lightly chuckling

CLAYTON
(To Rob)
What do you call an aligator in a vest?

ROB
(Genuinely Confused)
What?

CLAYTON
An Investigator.

Clayton LAUGHS like he just heard the funniest thing to ever be said.

Music Fades out.

INT. PRISON COMMUNITY ROOM

CLAYTON (V.O.)
But my favorite thing we did was watching movies, well not really movies, just a movie.

Clayton and Rob are sitting down on a hard metal bench watching a T.V play Coco. There's 3 other people blankly watching and 2 guards overseeing the inmates from behind a glass window.

CLAYTON
Man this movie always impresses me.

JAKE
Shut up Clayton! This movie suckes!

Jake is one of the inmates sitting down watching he isn't friends with Clayton or Rob and isn't enemies with them, he is just a dude.

CLAYTON
O to the M to the G what! This movie is a work of modern art from the animation to the plot to the songs...

JAKE

Well maybe I wouldn't hate it so
much if it wasn't
(Begins to yell angrily)
the only thing they played here!

Jake gets up and pounds on the glass window to the guards.

JAKE (CONT'D)

Yeah you, you mind putting
something else on!

GUARD

(Smiling)
What's that you said you want it
louder.

The guard turns the volume louder as "Remember Me" plays. The guards laugh hysterically watching Jake sit down disappointed. Clayton starts singing "Remember Me" joyfully.

CLAYTON

REMEMBER ME THOUGH I HAVE TO SAY
GOODBYE...

CAMERA SLOWLY ZOOMS IN ON ROB'S BLANK FACE

CLAYTON (V.O.)

Ok you all caught up? Good cause
now we gonna start getting into the
good stuff.

INT. PRISON CAFETERIA

Back to Present Time

Clayton and Rob, Both with bruises, are getting in line to get food from the cafeteria holding trays, they get to the front of the line and DALORIUS, the lunch lady is about to serve them.

CLAYTON

So what's the meal today?

Dalorius slops some disgusting prison mashed potatoes on Clayton's tray.

DALORIUS

Mashed Potatoes.

CLAYTON

Yummy! You're the best Dalorius!

Rob follows behind, they both get some mashed potatoes, water, and an apple on their plates. They begin to walk over to their table. The isles are crowded with inmates.

Big T is man spreading at the edge of his table, His leg hangs into the isle. Rob walks by him and gets his shoulder pushed by a random inmate, he moves a bit to the side and accidently steps on Big T's shoe.

Rob doesn't even notice and keeps walking. Big T stands up.

BIG T

Robby!

Rob and Clayton stop and turn back to see Big T standing, The crowded hallway is now nearly empty, Big T moves closer to them while his gang gets up to back him up.

BIG T (CONT'D)

You stepped on my shoe.

Big T points to a small spot of dust on his shoe.

ROB

My Bad.

Beat.

BIG T

Clean it up.

The tension is real, one wrong move and everything goes sideways, It sure would suck if someone did something stupid right now.

CLAYTON

I got you T.

Clayton put's his tray on a table, he grab's a napkin kneels down spits on Big T's shoe and wipes the dust off. Clayton makes a squeaking sound with his mouth.

CLAYTON (CONT'D)

See what I did there with the...

(Makes squeaking sound)

Clayton laughs then stands up and grabs his tray. The silence is killing us. Big T is only 5 inches away from Clayton and Rob's face.

BIG T

You spit on my shoe idiot!

Big T pushes Clayton back. Clayton falls to the ground but his tray slips from his hand. All of his Mashed potatoes fall onto Big T's torso.

Clayton is holding in his laughter. The crowds ooh in shock. Big T's gang member's begin to wipe it off of him, but he recklessly pushes them away.

BIG T (CONT'D)
Get off of me!

Big T looks around and sees the guards watching his every move.

BIG T (CONT'D)
Tomorrow, we kill you both.

Big T and his gang begin to walk away.

CLAYTON
What! We! That's crazy, you need a gang to kill us, do it yourself.

Big T turns back and his gang follows.

BIG T
You think I can't kill you both with my bare hands.

CLAYTON
That is correct, All my gang this and my gang that, for goodness sakes man just do it yourself.

BIG T
Tomorrow, 10, Showers, I come alone, I kill both of you, you don't show up I make death more painful.

Big T and his gang walk away

CLAYTON
Yeah that's more like it, good luck bro.

Rob looks at Clayton in disbelief at what just happened, Clayton gives a sly smile back. They go sit down.

CLAYTON (CONT'D)
(Motioning with his arms)
So then you grab his arm and swing him into my kick Boom!
(MORE)

CLAYTON (CONT'D)
K.O. Or we could do like a bull
rush thing where I distract him and
you attack him or a...

ROB
I'm gonna stop you right there,
none of that will work.

CLAYTON
Oh right because you know how to
fight.

Beat.

CLAYTON (CONT'D)
Do you know how to fight?

ROB
I am fluent in many forms of
martial arts.

CLAYTON
What! For real?

Beat.

ROB
For Real.

CLAYTON
Well you gotta teach me bro.

ROB
No.

CLAYTON
What do you mean no?

ROB
No.

CLAYTON
My dude we bouta fight Big T to the
death and you can't show me some
ninja moves or something. Come on
please.

Rob is considering it.

CLAYTON (CONT'D)
(Begging)
Please?

ROB

Ok

CLAYTON

Yes! So were do we start?

INT. PRISON GYM

- "Wannabe" by the Spice Girl's start's playing.

Rob begins training Clayton.

- They both bow

- Rob does a move and Clayton follows

- Rob shows Clayton various different moves

- Rob explains how the moves work

- They meditate

- They spar and Rob wins

- Rob wins over and over again

- Clayton finally takes Rob down and then helps him up

INT. PRISON COMMUNITY ROOM

Rob and Clayton sit down on the bench after a long day of training. Coco plays faintly in the background on the T.V.

CLAYTON

So are we gonna win?

Beat.

ROB

Maybe.

CLAYTON

Let's go! We gonna take T down!

Remember me starts playing and Clayton begins to sing the lyrics while joyfully moving around the bench.

CLAYTON (V.O.)

Oh yeah! It was on, the dopest
fight in the history of fights was
bouta happen. It's gonna be lit!

INT. PRISON HALLWAYS

- "X Gon' Give it to Ya" starts playing

Clayton and Rob walk through a prison hallway holding their heads high. It would be a crime to not mention how cool they look walking down the hallway.

They go to the prison cafeteria and get their food. They begin to eat their food then walk to the community room and play chess. Rob beats Clayton in chess and they walk out.

INT. PRISON GYM

They walk to the Gym, at this point they don't look super cool anymore and are just walking like normal people. The music does not match the scene at all but it still keeps playing.

CLAYTON (V.O.)

Ok ok that's enough of that.

Music Stops.

Rob is standing across from Clayton he begins recapping what he taught him the day before.

CLAYTON

Ok so use my hips when throwing an in and box out because I'm lengthy?

ROB

Correct.

Clayton start's throwing punches and kicks at the air.

ROB (CONT'D)

You ready?

Beat.

CLAYTON

I'm ready. Let's go beat up T!

They start walking out of the gym with their heads high again

CLAYTON (V.O.)

Put it on again put it on again!

"X Gon' Give it to Ya" starts playing from where it left off

They reach the door's to the showers and Rob signal's counting down from 5. He get's to 0 and they run in.

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Music Stops.

as they burst through the doors. They circle each other watching everything closely. They are tense and ready for anything.

Nothing happens, they keep circling.

CLAYTON
Maybe he's a no show.

Beat.

ROB
Stay prepared.

A guy flushes the toilet, washes his hands, then walks out.

CLAYTON
Yeah he's a no show.

The tension is gone and their hands drop down and they stop circling they both face the showers away from the door.

CLAYTON (CONT'D)
Maybe he's scared. Or he got family stuff or some...

BANG! The door slams open as Big T walks through, The tension is back. Clayton and Rob turn back and see him enter in.

CLAYTON (CONT'D)
Oh snicker doodles!

They get back in fighting positions facing Big T.

BIG T
Now you die.

Big T bull rushes in, Rob and Clayton both dodge it.

Rob and Clayton keep dodging the long deadly swings of Big T's arms but they can't get close enough to hit him. They are surviving but not winning

ROB
Bull Rush?

CLAYTON
I thought you would never ask. Say
T you got a sister?

T yells and charges Clayton. Clayton dodges the attack and Rob comes in from behind and kicks Big T using T's momentum to make him run into a wall. BANG!

Big T wobbles around then falls to the ground face up. Clayton grabs Big T by his neck with one hand and begins ruthlessly beating him.

CLAYTON (CONT'D)
Don't feel so good does it? Idiot!

CLAYTON (V.O.)
Yeah look at me go! Go me.

Clayton keeps punching but eventually Clayton gets tired and can't keep it up, his punches slowly get weaker until he can't punch anymore and is just holding Big T down.

They both breathe for a few seconds.

BIG T
Help!

CLAYTON
What?

Big T's gang runs into the bathroom.

CLAYTON (V.O.)
Oh my gosh this just got real!

Clayton gets pushed off and Big T gets up. Clayton recovers and gets back on his feet. Big T is on one side and his gang is on another, Clayton and Rob circle in the middle.

ROB
You get the gang I'll get T.

CLAYTON
Whose first!

Clayton runs into the gang to go fight them. Big T and Rob begin to brawl.

Rob is more agile than Big T but Rob's moves get predictable. Rob dodges a swing and begins getting some good hits on Big T's face until...

Big T grabs Rob by the neck and pushes him against the wall choking him out. Rob gags for air.

BIG T
Any last words Robby?

Rob sees a stalls door handle, he uses all his strength to reach out for it and slam the door into the back of T's head. The door rebounds and Rob continuously slams it until Big T falls unconscious.

CLAYTON (V.O.)
Ooh! And 3, 2, 1, and he's down for
the count!

Rob looks down at Big T on the ground a small smile of comfort creeps up on his face but it leaves as soon as it comes. Distress falls on Rob's face, He knows something is wrong.

Rob looks around, he sees a ton of gang members injured lying on the ground and near them one stands, he pulls out a knife and throws it right at Rob. Time slows. Rob is in shock.

CLAYTON (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Rob, a son, a friend, but most
importantly a hero
(Gets cut off halfway
through hero)

SLASH! The knife cuts into flesh, Clayton jumps in front of the knife and takes the hit. The gang members all leave injured dragging Big T away.

Silence, Rob looks visibly distressed looking at Clayton on the floor.

CLAYTON
Ah, this one kind of hurts, Do me a
favor Rob, When I die....

Rob tries to help Clayton and put pressure on the wound.

ROB
No, Don't die.

CLAYTON
When I die, Remember me.

Clayton DIES as his lifeless face smiles to the ceiling. Rob processes this for a few seconds.

he closes his friends eyes, composes himself and walks out.

He is trying his best to look the same as he always does. To the average person he looks like he has no emotions but to us we can see he's holding his emotions back.

INT. PRISON COMMUNITY ROOM

Rob walks over to the bench, he sits down and watches Coco, Remember Me begins to play. Rob's face slowly turns from blank to angry and holding back tears

Rob aggressively walks over to Jake and grabs him

JAKE

Hey what's your problem man!

Rob starts punching him in the gut continuously, The guards behind the glass run out and pull Rob back restraining him.

GUARD

Hey watch it big guy, Send him to solitary confinement for the night.

INT. SOLITARY CONFINEMENT ROOM

Rob gets put in a dark small cell and we see him in the shadows as he breaks down over his friend sobbing. Rob yells and it echoes throughout the hallway.

UNTIL YOUR IN MY ARMS AGAIN
REMEMBER ME.

The End