

The Champion

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**Fade In :**

**Ext. Huge Stadium**

Caption : FINA Swimming World Cup

**Int. Swimming Gymnasium (Wide shot)**

We are in a huge gymnasium and you can hear the crowd cheering and clapping. (Wide shot of pool , swimmers and crowd)

**Close on the Coach (Jimmy)**

He's in his sixties , White guy with Boston accent , Wearing a United states national team Sweater , Looking anxiously and kinda talking to himself loudly

JIMMY :

COME ON BOY , ONE LAST PUSH

**Close on Marques Wilson**

African american athlete ,20 years old ,in the Swimming pool swimming to the finish line and Winning the championship. Looking to the Board and seeing his name on the top ,Big smile and putting his glasses on his forehead and looking for his mom and brother in the crowd , Scream of joy.

**Close on the mother and the brother.**

Mom is crying , She's in her 50's , African American , Wearing a cheap but clean dress , many wrinkles on the face and looking a little exhausted. Brother is 10 years old , wearing a jean and a t-shirt , Screaming loudly , jumping up and down and pointing at Marques and saying : He's the world's Champion , that's my brother

**Close on Marques again :**

Pointing to the sky and high fiving the next lane swimmer.(William , White guy in his early twenties , His teammate who finished second , Both wearing Usa Swimming head Caps)

**Int. Sports Bar**

A group of drunk boys and girls , Singing "USA , USA , ..." and watching the Medal Ceremony on the Tv.

TV :

WINNER OF THE GOLD MEDAL AND WORLD  
CHAMPION IN A WORLD RECORD TIME OF 1  
MINUTE AND 41 . 26 SECONDS , REPRESENTING  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA , MARQUES WILSON

Hearing the name of Marques Wilson and seeing him stepping over the Podium with a big Smile , Receiving the Gold Medal and Seeing him putting his hand over his heart during the national anthem.

**Int. Media room**

Marques Enters the room with a soda in his hand , Everybody starts clapping and cheering. He sits down with the coach.

REPORTER :

CONGRATULATION MARQUES ON YOUR AMAZING PERFORMANCE , WORLD CHAMPION AND WORLD RECORD HOLDER AT THE AGE OF 20 , TELL US ABOUT YOUR THOUGHTS AND WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU?

Marques Looking at him happily and still a little in shock

MARQUES :

(SMILING AND STUTTERING A LITTLE )  
HONESTLY I GUESS I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE A LOT TO SAY BUT I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT TO SAY (BIG PAUSE , SMILING AND PUTTING HIS HAND ON HIS FACE ) ..... IT WAS FUN , IT WAS THE ONLY THING THAT I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED IN MY LIFE , A LOT OF HARD WORK TO GET HERE AND ALSO A LOT OF SACRIFICES , (HIS VOICE SHAKY A LITTLE) SPECIALLY FROM MY MOM WHO SCARIFIED EVERYTHING IN HER LIFE FOR ME AND MY LITTLE BROTHER , YOU KNOW I NEVER HAD A NORMAL TEENAGER LIFE AND SEEING ALL THOSE DAYS PAYING OFF MAKES ME FEEL THAT I MADE THE RIGHT DECISIONS , EVEN THOUGH AT THE TIME EVERYTHING SEEMED DARK AND IMPOSSIBLE , I'M JUST GRATEFUL TO BE HERE AND I HOPE THIS CONTINUES.

ANOTHER REPORTER :

WE JUST HEARD THAT NIKE SENT YOU A COMMERCIAL CONTRACT FOR 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS TO HAVE YOU AS THE FACE OF THE COMPANY IN UNITED STATES , WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT ?

MARQUES :

AS I SAID I'M JUST GRATEFUL , AND I GUESS THE FIRST THING IS JUST TO TAKE CARE OF MY FAMILY , THEY HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT AND MADE A LOT OF SACRIFICES FOR ME AND I JUST WANT THEM TO BE HAPPY FROM NOW ON.

ANOTHER REPORTER :

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO CELEBRATE ?

MARQUES (LAUGHING) :

WELL I HAVE NOT EATEN CHOCOLATE CAKE FOR ABOUT A YEAR NOW , SO SOME CHOCOLATE CAKE AND A FEW BEERS WITH MY PEOPLE.

**Ext. Outside of Stadium , afternoon**

Marques comes outside and his mom and brother are waiting for him , as soon as he comes out , his brother runs and hugs him , His mom is crying and go hugs his son , So many flashes from the cameras , they go in the car and leave.

**Ext. Outside of a famous nightclub , night**

A very long lineup outside a well-known club in downtown Miami , So many dressed up girls waiting to get in , 3 girls and a guy come and tell the bouncer name of Kyan Wilson on the guest list , the bouncer opens the Red rope and let them in.

**Int. in the club , night**

Kyan , a 23 years old African American guy , wearing a fancy sport jacket , Lacoste jeans and sneakers , is talking to two 20ish years old blond girls.

KYAN :

HE'S MY COUSIN , WE HAVE BEEN SWIMMING TOGETHER SINCE I WAS 9 , I WAS HIS FIRST SWIMMING TEACHER , COME ON LADIES , LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO THE WORLD CHAMP.

THE GIRLS ARE FOLLOWING KYAN INTO THE VIP SECTION.

**Int. VIP Section in the club , night**

Marques is sitting in the middle of the booth surrounded by all of his friends , there are several expensive bottles of champagne and vodka in the big cooler in front of him on the table , surrounded by red-bulls and juice bottles.He's talking to a guy sited next to him (His agent Bobby , He's wearing an expensive suit and looks serious)

BOBBY :

THIS IS IT , THIS IS WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR ALL YOUR LIFE , I TOLD YOU YOU ARE THE ONE , BUT THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING , I WILL MEET THE GUYS FROM NIKE TOMORROW , I THINK I CAN EVEN GET US MORE THAN WHAT THEY OFFERED , DUDE WHEN THE PRESIDENT IS TWEETING ABOUT YOU , IT SHOWS THAT YOU MADE IT , THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS TALKING ABOUT YOU , I'M JUST SO PROUD OF YOU.

MARQUES (DRUNK AND SMILING) :

MY MAN , I COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU , YOU ARE MY BIG BROTHER FROM A DIFFERENT MOTHER MAN , LOVE YOU BRO.

(HE'S HUGGING BOBBY)

Kyan enters with the girls (Girls are giggling together)

KYAN :

WELL HERE HE IS , CHAMPION OF THE WORLD , MR MARQUES WILSON , MARQUES THESE ARE MY FRIENDS VICTORIA AND CHLOE , THEY WANTED TO MEET YOU.

MARQUES (DRUNK AND HAS A COCKY SMILE) :

WELCOME TO THE PARTY GIRLS , IT'S SO NICE TO MEET YOU.(HE KISSES THEM ON THE CHICK)

CHLOE : CAN WE TAKE A PICTURE WITH YOU

MARQUES : OF COURSE

(THEY TOOK A SELFIE TOGETHER.)

William , white guy in his Twenties ,tall very fit and in shape , comes towards them (Pretty drunk and laughing) dancing and cheering ( he has a drink in his hand)

WILLIAM : (CHEERING MARQUES'S NAME)  
MARQUES , MARQUES , MARQUES , (HE STARTS TO DO BOOTY DANCING ON CHLOE'S LAP)

Chloe starts to giggle and put his hands on Marques's shoulder.

MARQUES : LADIES AND GENTLEMEN LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO MY TEAM MATE AND BEST FRIEND , MR WILLIAM MILLER.

Everybody is cheering and laughing , William bows to them and laughs , Then he turns back and

WILLIAM MURMURS TO CHLOE (WITH A GRIN) :  
YOU KNOW HIS DICK IS BIGGER THAN HIS HEAD

he winks and starts dancing again and goes away

MARQUES (NODDING HIS HEAD IN DISAPPOINTMENT AND GRINNING AT THE SAME TIME) :SORRY , HE IS A LITTLE TOO MUCH SOMETIMES , ENJOY THE PARTY GIRLS , WE WILL TALK A LITTLE LATER.

CHLOE (LOOKS AT HIM WITH A SMILE) :I'M SURE WE WILL

Marques grins and gets back to talking to Bobby

KYAN (TO THE GIRLS) : WHAT YOU GUYS ARE DRINKING?

### **Int. Victoria's Apartment**

She's sleeping in her last night's dress , Someone is

knocking on the door ,Victoria hardly opens her eyes (She has a very bad headache) , she hears Chloe groaning. She gets up immediately and opens the door.

Chloe is sitting on the floor , leaning to the door , as Victoria opens the door , Chloe falls down to the ground , she's still drunk and there are some bruises on her arm and neck , her dress is dirty and she's half conscious , Victoria screams and take her in her arms.

VICTORIA : CHLOE , CHLOE , OH MY GOD , HELP (SHE SCREAMS) , OH MY GOD , CHLOE PLEASE TALK TO ME SWEETHEART , COME ON BABY OPEN YOUR EYES , CHLOE

CHLOE : MOANS A LITTLE AND MURMUR SOMETHING (SHE SAYS : MY MOM).

One of the neighbors open the door , A chubby white woman in her forties , wearing a shirt and comfortable pants.

NEIGHBOR : WHAT'S GOING ON?

VICTORIA: PLEASE CALL 911 , MY FRIEND PASSED OUT , PLEASE NOW.

The neighbor rushes back into her apartment , She comes back after a few seconds already talking to the Operator.

NEIGHBOR : YES , SHE ALREADY PASSED OUT , 2050 7TH STREET , APT. 103 , AH I DO NOT KNOW , OK WAIT A MINUTE , (SHE GIVES THE PHONE TO VICTORIA) , SHE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU.

VICTORIA: HELLO , YES IT'S MY FRIEND (CRYING) , SHE'S NOT GOOD PLEASE SEND SOMEONE , NO SHE DOES NOT HAVE FEVER OR COUGH ,THIS IS NOT COVID19 FOR GOD'S SAKE (SHE SCREAMS AT THE OPERATOR) , SHE HAS BRUISES AND I THINK SHE'S INTOXICATED , YES SHE'S BREATHING , OK , YES THAT'S THE RIGHT ADDRESS...

### **Int. Hospital**

Chloe is sitting on a bench in the hospital , she is a mess , and crying softly.The doctor finally comes.

DOCTOR: WELL SHE'S STABLE BUT UNFORTUNATELY HER BRUISES AND WOUNDS ARE CONSISTENT WITH RAPE AND THERE WAS SEMAN PRESENT , THE POLICE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU.

**Int. Ansari's family House (Kitchen)**

Marques is sitting at the table with his brother , eating some eggs and sausage talking to his mom who is cooking something. There are some envelopes over the table having a red "Overdue" stamp on them.

Marques : I guess the meeting is at 3.30 , bobby will pick me up and the Interview is at 7 , i'm sure she gonna ask about dad , what should i say?

Mom : the truth , that he's an alcoholic lowlife who gambled all his life and left us alone , that may actually prevent him from coming and asking you for money ,I'm sure he's coming soon with some flowers and his speech about how you got his genes and blood. ( She seems very pissed even thinking about it)

Heavy knocking on the door

Man behind the door : Open up , Police.

Marques and his mom looking at each other in Surprise and confusion.

Marques stands up and go to the door and opens.

OFFICER 1 : MARQUES WILSON ?

MARQUES : YES (IN CONFUSION)

OFFICER 1 : (PUTTING HANDCUFFS ON HIM) YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AND RAPE OF CHLOE WALKER , YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT , ANYTHING YOU SAY CAN BE USED AGAINST YOU IN COURT. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE A LAWYER.

MARQUES (SO MAD TRYING TO FREE HIMSELF AND SCREAMING) : YOU GOT IT WRONG , I DID NOT DO ANYTHING TO THAT WHORE , LET ME GOOO , FUCKKKK , MOM , CALL BOBBY , NOWWW.

His mom is coming screaming



MOM : LEAVE HIM ALONE , WHAT ARE YOU DOING  
TO MY SON???

**Int. Police station - Interrogation room**

Marques is sitting at the table with Bobby and Arthur Bloomberg (His lawyer , Jewish lawyer with a judenhut in his late 50s , wearing expensive suit and a loose tie , seems agitated and a little angry)

Arthur : I need you to explain to me exactly what happened last night , We both (Looking at Bobby) have known you for a long time and there's no judgment here , I need you tell me everything and i need it now.

Marques (looking at him at first and then giving him rolling eyes and looking to the one sided window)

Arthur : Nobody is listening to us , It's us and I'm sure you know that we are here to help you.

Marques: Honestly i do not know exactly , i was wasted and Kyan also gave me some pills , i do not know what exactly though , Ok i know that i fucked her yeah and maybe i fucked her a little hard but She wanted it , She was begging me to Fuck her , I did not do anything wrong , i did what she asked me to do.

Arthur : She asked you to beat her and Choke her (Asking with surprise and eyebrows up)

Marques : I just remember pulling her hair maybe or slapping her ass but i did not beat her or anything.

Arthur : the girl did a rape kit at the hospital , there is your DNA all over her and unfortunately inside her , Marques i need you to tell me the truth or this is gonna be very hard for all of us , specially your family. they also have the CCTV from the building showing you as the only person entering and going out of her apartment for the last 48 hours , Marques my friend , I need you to be honest with me.

Marques (Screaming and shaking angrily) : I have not had a drink or sex for a year , Yes i fucked her hard but I did not rape her , she loved it , she begged for it , I did not rape her.

Bobby : Nike already backed out of contract and USA Swimming is already tweeting about condemning sexual violence , Marques , I need you to tell us everything so we can at least keep you out of prison.

Marques (Shaking furiously and screaming with a crying voice , putting his hands on his face) : O god , oh my fucking god , do not you hear me ? i did not rape that bitch , I do not remember everything but I did not rape her , I dont know why she is saying that , Oh my god (crying and screaming) oh my god , my mom , my poor mom.....

**Int. Chloe's Apartment , night (Flash back)**

Chloe and Marques enter the Apartment (both wasted and laughing) , Marques closes the door behind them , he turns back and see Chloe in front of him , She comes up to him, leans into him as she puts her mouth close to his ear.

CHLOE : SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT YOUR DICK IS BIGGER THAN YOUR HEAD , IS THAT TRUE? (SHE PUT HER HAND SOFTLY ON HIS CROTCH AND FEELS HIS HARD ON)

Marques looks into her eyes with a wild look , pushes her to the wall and start kissing her , He moves to her neck and she starts moaning , He picks her up and takes her to the bedroom , throwing her softly on the bed , he removes his shirt and pants and throws them away , He pushes up her dress , kissing her between her thighs.Chloe starts to moan , He reaches for her panties.

CHLOE : RIP THEM OFF

He does so.

**Int. Court room**

We see Chloe sitting beside her mom , She looks pale and with no make up , wearing a sweater , a jacket and a long skirt , She looks at her mom for a second (She's in her Fifties , wearing a long black dress)

Her mom looks back into her eyes and take her hand with both hands.

CHLOE'S MOM : IT'S GONNA BE ALL RIGHT BABY (SHE KISSES HER ON THE FOREHEAD)

Chloe put her head on mom's shoulder.

JUDGE : I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE JURY HAS REACHED A VERDICT , PLEASE HAVE THE JURY RETURNED.

**Close Marques**

He's wearing a suit , his face looks very pale and like a ghost , he has a beard and looks exhausted and older.

CLERK'S VOICE : ALL RISE FOR THE JURY

JUDGE : PLEASE BE SEATED , WILL THE DEFENDANT AND COUNCIL PLEASE RISE.

Marques and Arthur both rise , Marques is staring at the floor.

JUDGE:(HE LOOKS AT THE JURY) MADAME FOREPERSON HAS THE JURY REACHED A VERDICT?

LADY IN THE JURY : YES YOUR HONOR (SHE HAND A PAPER TO THE CLERK TO GIVE IT TO THE JUDGE)

Judge takes it and have a look at it

JUDGE : I'M GONNA HAND IT TO THE COURT TO PUBLISH (HE GIVES IT TO THE CLERK)

CLERK :IN THE CIRCUIT COURT AND IN FOR MEAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA STATE OF FLORIDA VERSUS MARQUES WILSON CASE NUMBER 2424CF008543 A VERDICT , AS TO THE CHARGE IN COUNT ONE WE THE JURY FIND THE DEFENDANT MARQUES WILSON GUILTY OF RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE OF ..... (THE VOICE FADES OUT)

We hear chaos and noise from people in the courtroom, we see an officer taking away Marques while he's crying softly. We see her mom sitting on her knees on the floor crying while bobby and another woman trying to calm her down.

Chloe is looking at Marques's mom with a pale face while she's leaving the court with her mom

**Ext. in a dark alley - night (Flashback)**

Chloe is standing there wearing the same dress as the night of the incident , She's smoking.

A man wearing a black suit enters the alley and come towards her , he comes close and look around then reaches into his pocket and gives Chloe a yellow Envelope.

THE MAN IN BLACK : HERE IS 25K AS PROMISED  
 , WE WILL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING AFTER  
 YOU FINISH THE JOB , TONIGHT YOU WILL BE  
 INTRODUCED TO HIS COUSIN AND THE REST IS  
 PRETTY EASY , JUST REMEMBER TO LEAVE THE  
 BALCONY DOOR OPEN , I'LL BE WAITING  
 OUTSIDE , AS SOON AS HE LEAVES , I'LL COME  
 INSIDE TO PREP YOU.

Chloe looks at him in indifference while smoking and nods her head then starts walking to the opposite direction.

**Int. Inside a beautiful mansion (Living room) (Flashback to the night of the incident)**

We see a white man with gray hair in his sixties sitting on a comfortable chair looking into a family album , he has a glass of whisky in his hand. We see the pictures of William in different competitions since he was a kid.

WILLIAM : DAD I'M GOING OUT WITH THE TEAM  
 , YOU ARE GOOD?

DAD : I'M FINE SON , BE CAREFUL AND HAVE  
 FUN.

WILLIAM (WITH A GRIN) : WILL DO , SEE YOU.

he leaves.

The man in black enters the house and he crosses William.

WILLIAM : HEY JOHNNY

JOHNNY : HI , GOOD JOB TODAY , SO PROUD OF  
 YOU.

WILLIAM : THANKS MAN , SEE YOU.

Johnny enters the living-room

JOHNNY : IT'S DONE SIR

DAD (STILL LOOKING AT THE ALBUM): THANKS  
 JOHNNY , PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL IS TAKING  
 CARE OF AT THE HOSPITAL , YOU KNOW (PAUSES  
 FOR A SECOND) , SHE'S FAMILY.

JOHNNY : YES SIR

Dad nods his head and johnny leaves.

**Int. Hospital room - day (flashback to a week after the incident)**

We see the heart monitor and hear the beeps

**Close on the patient (It's Chloe's mom)**

she opens her eyes and looks around , she finds Chloe sitting beside her looking at her holding her hand.(Chloe still has the bruises and look so anxious and very weak)

Chloe burst into tears and hugs her mom

CHLOE : I LOVE YOU MOM , I LOVE YOU MORE  
THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD.

MOM (SMILES SOFTLY) : I LOVE YOU TOO  
SWEETHEART , I LOVE YOU TOO.

Doctor enters the room with a big smile on his face.

Doctor : Well , well well , how are my girls this morning?

Chloe and mom are both crying and laughing at the same time.

Doctor (looking at the patient sheets) : well all seems good , your body is responding very good to the new kidney and you gonna be as good as new in no time , You know i told you good things happen to good people always .....(Voices fade away)

**Fade out**