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1 INT. ADAM'S CAR - NIGHT

1

Driving the car is ADAM, a young man 19, wearing a uniform from his job at the movie theater driving and singing along to the song on the radio. He pulls into the parking lot of the college he is attending.

2 EXT. PARKING LOT - NIGHT

2

Adam is walking into the dorms it is Halloween night and many students are dressed up and drunk in the parking lot.

STUDENT

Hey Adam! What's going on?

ADAM

Oh hey, just going back up to my room for the night.

STUDENT

Do you wanna come and hang out in our room? We are gonna be drinking some more.

ADAM

I'm okay tonight, but maybe some other time.

Adam continues walking.

3 INT. DORMITORY - NIGHT

3

Adam turns towards the elevator and sees multiple football players waiting for the same elevator and he turns and heads for the stairs. Heading up the stairs to the third floor and walking down the hallway hoping no one tries to talk to him. Makes it to his room when the door across the hall opens up. JACK, wrestler 19, sees Adam.

JACK

Hey Adam buddy! What's going on?

ADAM

Oh what's up man? Just going to go do some homework and relax, what about you?

JACK

I was just heading out to head over to the wrestling house for a party, The Tie 2.

I mean after all it is Halloween.

ADAM

Yeah I know, usually my ass would be getting fucked up with everyone but I just have too much homework to do.

JACK

I get it man, I have a lot to do myself but fuck it, it's Halloween!

ADAM

(Laughs) Maybe next year I'll be out there with everyone. Stay safe.

4 INT. ADAM'S DORM ROOM - NIGHT

Adam enters his room to find his roommate SEAN, very tall 19, playing video games in the room.

SEAN

(Looks at Adam and into his head set) Hold on for a second guys. (Takes the headset off and turns to Adam)

Hey man, what's up?

ADAM

Not much, what have you been up to?

SEAN

Not shit, just went to basketball practice and now just hanging out.

ADAM

Nice nice, I'm about to do some homework and then hang out.

Adam sits down at his computer on his half of the room, but once he opens his homework up he can't seem to muster the energy to get it done, so he closes his laptop and goes to plug his phone into the charger and the cord on it snaps.

ADAM

FUCK ME. FUCK ME. FUCK ME.

SEAN

What's going on?

ADAM

The cord on my phone charger just broke in half!

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SEAN

Oh shit, do you have another one?

ADAM

(Thinks for an extra long time)

Yeah I think I have one in my car. I'm going to head out and grab it.

Adam starts to put his shoes and jacket on to go outside, and before he does without Sean noticing Adam takes one of his neck ties with him.

5 INT. DORMITORY - NIGHT

5

Adam starts to make his way down the same hallway and down the elevator this time. Adam stands silent in the elevator. Walking towards the exit.

6 EXT. PARKING LOT - NIGHT

6

Adam walks through the cold Halloween night towards his car.

7 INT. ADAM'S CAR - NIGHT

7

Adam gets in his car and grabs the cord, but then he starts the car and drives it to the end of the parking lot. He wrestles around in his glove box and pulls out a joint and begins to smoke it and turns on the song Vindicated by Dashboard Confessional. He fins

INTER CUT EXTERIOR SHOTS OF THE CAR

8 EXT. OUTSIDE THE CAR - NIGHT

8

Adam steps outside the car and finishes the joint and takes a big deep breathe and gets back in the car.

9 INT. ADAM'S CAR - NIGHT

9

Adam takes out the tie he took for the room and begins to tie it around his neck, once he has it tight around the throat he takes the loose and end shuts the tie in the door and begins to strangle himself.

INTER CUT OUTSIDE SHOTS OF THE CAR AND STUDENTS WALKING IN THE LOT

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Adam's face turns a bright red and right as he is about to pass out, the tie comes out of the door. Adam struggles to breathe and begins to sob. He text Sean and tells him to meet him outside by the bench near the football field.

10 EXT. BENCH BY THE FOOTBALL FIELD - NIGHT

10

Sean rushes in the night and walks fast towards the bench and sees Adam sitting on the bench overlooking the field and the sky is full of stars.

SEAN

Hey man, I got your text. Is everything okay?

ADAM

Actually no, I just attempted suicide.

SEAN

(Sean laughs assuming it has to be a joke)
Seriously, what's going on?

ADAM

I am serious, I tried to strangle myself in my car with a neck tie.

SEAN

What do you mean?

ADAM

(Angrily with tears in his eyes)

I'm not fucking around with you Sean.

Sean is lost for words and just takes a seat on the bench.

ADAM

Have you ever just wished that everything that has happened to you was a dream? I wish that every single day of my fucking life. I just want to wake up from this life where someone is always in my head telling me that I'm not good enough or that the world would be better without me. I just want one day in my life where I can wake up and just be happy for once. Not fake happy REAL happy. The moment I wake up I just want to jump out of bed and go

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see life and experience things and really feel. The only time, I've ever truly been happy was when I was with Lucy and now she wants nothing to do with me, so if I don't find a reason to live soon, then I just won't live.

SEAN

We all have days where we wake up and wish it all wasn't real, but do you know what I do on those days?

ADAM

What's that?

SEAN

I get up and still go on with my day that day because we don't know how many we have left. I just know that you are special Adam and you have a reason to be alive.

Adam stares off into the distance thinking about what Sean said.

ADAM

I need to leave this school and find my reason then. I'll never find it here.

SEAN

If that's what you need to do, then do it and I'll be right here if you need me.

ADAM

(Tears running down his face)

Thank you Sean, you saved my life.

Adam and Sean hug and start to walk back into the dorms.

FADE TO BLACK