TRISTY VOID

PILOT

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FADE IN

INT-COURT HOUSE-DAY

DREW

Is that really the best you can come up with?

DREW looks TRISTY up and down shaking his head at the torn clothes that TRISTY is wearing

TRISTY

You said to try and go for the rehab

DREW

I didn’t mean this, I really think you are trying to go to jail.

TRISTY

Will it get me out of it if say I want to go to jail?

DREW

I doubt it, they will probably just feel less guilty about sending you to jail. Lucky for you I know the judge and he trust me so you might just get house arrest.

TRISTY

I don’t have a house anymore, can they put me on hotel arrest and then pay for the hotel?

DREW

What do you mean you don’t have a house anymore, how the fuck am I supposed convince people you’re a stable human being if you live on a street bench?

TRISTY

I told you to just forget the paperwork

DREW

What the fu…

GUARD

All rise for the honourable judge MICHEALS

DREW

Shit

EARLIER THAT DAY

INT-POLICE OFFICE-DAY

TRISTY (23) a childish alcoholic wakes up in a cell block to see DREW HENDRICK standing over her.

DREW

I told you that if I saw you in here again I would have to press charges.

(He had a satisfied smile on his face.)

TRISTY

Go back to sucking JAMES’S cock.

TRISTY rolled over in pain her head throbbing.

DREW ignored her.

Just because we used to go to school together doesn’t mean shit if you keep this up, I have pulled a lot of stings already just to keep you out of jail but this is the last straw you are going to face a trial later today. Try to look decent.

TRISTY

Do I look like I can handle a trial right now? I don’t even think I can stand.

DREW

Yea, well you’ve already been out for a couple days, how much did you drink to knock yourself out for that long?

TRISTY

I think you skipped a bit did you just say a couple days? As in more than one.

DREW

Yea three, you pissed and shit yourself during that time. We all had to pull straws to decide who was going to change you.

TRISTY

Did none of you shit heads consider to take me to the hospital to check if I had brain damage?

DREW

Relax your fine, now answer my question

TRISTY

Who had to change me?

DREW

It’s none of your business now tell me how much you were drinking and wh-

TRISTY

It was you wasn’t it

DREW

NO, it wasn’t me

TRISTY

Who was it then?

DREW breathed in heavily.

DREW

Fine it was me, I answered your question now answ-

TRISTY

I fucking new it, probably good practice for that new baby

DREW

How did you- Just answer the god damn question

TRISTY

What question?

DREW

How much did you drink to knock yourself out for three days?

TRISTY

I lost track after the second bottle of… shit it was something expensive

DREW

Why the hell would you drink that much?

TRISTY

Well I was obviously trying to forget something

DREW

What?

TRISTY

Well I can’t remember it so it obviously worked.

DREW

Can you take this seriously, you realise I am trying to help you. Just try to stick to the mental illnesses defence like depression and you might get off with just rehab.

TRISTY

Why don’t you just skip the report and let me go like normal?

DREW (with a devilish smile)

Because I am worried about you.

TRISTY opened her mouth to say something, but the room was spinning as she passed out.

INT-DREW’S HOUSE-NIGHT

JAMES (25) and DREW are arguing.

DREW

I don’t know how it ended up like this but please I promise it will only be for a couple months.

JAMES

I don’t even know why she is here in the first place.

DREW

I told you I don’t know it just kind of happened, and I know it sounds old by now but I do still owe her a lot.

In the next room TRISTY is listening to the conversation. JESS (3) comes round the corner to greet her.

JESS

What are you doing here?

TRISTY

Where the hell did you come from?

JESS

Daddy said I was brought here by an angel

TRISTY

Your daddy’s a god damn liar

JESS

You want to see my toys?

TRISTY

Does it look like I want to play toys with you? And did you just actively ignore my comment?

JESS

I didn’t say you could play with them you can only look at them

TRISTY

Go away

JESS

You go away this is my house

TRISTY

Well I can’t leave because of this bracelet or I would’ve left as soon as I saw your snot nose little face

JESS

Take the bracelet off then

TRISTY

If I could I would, now shut up

JESS leaves the room in a huff straight to her two fathers.

JAMES

What are you doing here sweetie?

JESS (with tears in her eyes)

The person in the next room is being mean to me

TRISTY

That’s a bunch of bullshit she was being a little brat, so I kindly asked her to get lost

JAMES picks up JESS and cradles her in his arms

JAMES

You see why I don’t want her here. It was bad enough before but now that we have JESS who knows what could happen

TRISTY

What and you think I want to be here? You can both blame DREW for being a snitch.

DREW

What the hell are you talking about? It’s your own fault you’re a useless alcoholic and you should be a lot more grateful for all we have done. If it wasn’t for us taking you in you would have been thrown into jail and torn open by fat lesbians

TRISTY glared at DREW, both JAMES and JESS stared opened eyed at DREW. JESS then turns to JAMES

JESS

What does lesbian mean?

FADE OUT

FADE IN

INT-KITCHEN-DAY

DREW is in he’s uniform ready for work, JESS is eating chocolate chip pancakes that JAMES made.

JAMES

Do I just drop some food at the door?

DREW

No, don’t bother she can starve for all I care

JAMES

I think I will just drop it of at the door and knock

DREW

Just make sure to spit on it before you do

DREW gets up and kisses JAMES and JESS goodbye. JAMES walks DREW to the door.

DREW

I will talk to the chief about getting her a hotel, I promise she won’t be here for much longer. Sorry you were right all along she can’t stay with JESS around.

JAMES

Are you sure?

DREW

What now all of a sudden you’re defending her

JAMES

I just want to make sure you’re not making ant rash decisions, I mean you were really fighting for her to stay for a couple months and now you want to get rid of her as quickly as you can. I just don’t want you to regret something.

DREW

Don’t worry the only thing I regret is letting into my house in the first place. I will be back at around three.

DREW walks out of the house into his car. JAMES turns around to see JESS.

JESS

Is the lady going to leave soon?

JAMES

Yes

JESS

Is it because of me?

JAMES

No of course not honey, come on why don’t we go down the street.

JESS goes into her room with JAMES close behind, and helps her put her coat on. As they both walk towards the door JAMES notices the door to his right.

INT-SPARE BEDROOM-DAY

TRISTY hears the front door close and the house goes quiet. SHE emerges out of the room almost stepping on a plate of pancake. TRISTY picked up the plate and took a sit on the couch. She noticed the remote on the coffee table and turned the news on.

ONESCREEN

MALE NEWS ANCHOR

We are here with a nutrition expert JANE who tells us that we should stop eating meat?

JANE

Yes, that’s right we are herbivores by nature if you look at our teeth.

TRISTY groans and stares at the bracelet on her ankle. SHE gets up and walks to the KITCHEN, as she opens the fridge door she lets out another groan seeing only juice and chocolate milk to drink. SHE slams the fridge shut and stops back to the lounge room to see that JANE the nutrition expert finish.

MALE NEWS ANCHOR

We have just got some disturbing news that a mad man has ran onto the street, HE is about 180cm tall, Black hair, olive completion, and he is running around with no clothes on.

TRISTY

And has the face of a frog

MALE NEWS ANCHOR

IF you see this man…

TRISTY

You should offer him some clothes

TRISTY then hears a mobile phone ring go off, TRISTY approaches the phone. On the phone it reads DREW calling.

TRISTY

What JAMES you couldn’t take your damn phone?

The phone still rings. TRISTY picks up the phone on the counter and clicks ANSWER

TRISTY

Your boyfriends an idiot, he forgot his phone.

TRISTY then clicks the hang up button and put the phone back on the counter. AS she goes to walk away the phone begins to ring again, looking down at the caller ID she sees the name DREW. TRISTY picks up the phone and clicks the answer button.

TRISTY

WHAT?

DREW

Where the fuck is he and JESS.

TRISTY

That is no way to ask a question

DREW

Seriously tell me where they are now or I swear I will find a way to give you the death penalty.

TRISTY

Say please

DREW

Please stop being a total piece of shit and tell me where they are.

TRISTY

Don’t know they left a while ago

The sound of a dial tone then filled the room. TRISTY had an angry look on her face. She unlocked JAMES PHONE to see a four letter passcode.

TRISTY

Fuck

Looking around the room her eyes land on the fridge TRISTY can see photos of DREW, JAMES and JESS everywhere. SHE then types in the numbers 5-3-7-7. The phone unlocks and TRISTY clicks on the contact DREW. The phone rings twice.

VOICE MESSAGE

The person you are calling…

TRISTY

Shit

TRISTY looks over at the TV.

MALE NEWS ANCHOR

We are asking everyone to stay inside, and defiantly stay away from Walmart as a man has about 20 people hostage inside. We will continue coverage of this throughout the day.

TRISTY kept staring at the TV as ads came across the screen. SHE walks over to the landline phone on the KITCHEN counter, and types in the number 0-0-0.

Operator (O.P)

Hello do you need an AUMBULANCE, THE POLICE, or…

TRISTY

The police

OPERATOR (O.P)

One moment please

WOMEN (O.P)

Hello what is…

TRISTY

Go get DREW

WOMEN

Excuse me?

TRISTY

Don’t fuck with me just put him on the phone

Over the phone TRISTY can hear some mumbling and the phone line goes dead.

TRISTY

Well fuck you to

CUT TO

EXT-STREET-DAY

The street was bare after DREW and his squad had evacuated it, DREW looked down at his phone, then he looked at the building in front of him.

DREW

Please don’t be in there.

CUT TO

INT-WALMART-DAY

JAMES and JESS sat curled up in a ball, HE covered HER eyes as the man walked past. The MAN stopped in front of HIM and JESS.

MAN

You realise you are denying your daughter the right to look at the chosen one.

JAMES stared blank eyed at the MAN.

MAN

Do you not realise that your saviour has come? I am the one that shall lead this world to victory with my god given power.

JAMES

What power? You’re just a naked man with a gun.

JAMES tensed, as the MAN bent down to whisper in his ear.

MAN

The power to kill you all.

The Man walked over to one of the shelves in the store and placed his hand on it. EVERYONE in the room squirmed as the shelf began to dissolve. JAMES grabbed JESS tighter and closed HIS eyes.

CUT TO

EXT-STREET-DAY

DREW looked over at he’s colleges, MATT DEN a top negotiator on the force.

DREW

Anything?

MATT

No I have called several times but all I get from him is “the chosen has risen”

DREW

Fucking nut job

MATT

Yea, I don’t think it will help the people inside if we keep talking to him either. What do you think we should do?

DREW

We can never trust these types of people, they are always unpredictable so we have to be very cautious when we…

WOMAN

What the fucks happening in there?

DREW and MATT both looked over to see the building start to disappear.

DREW

What the fuck is this?

CUT TO

TRISTY sat on the couch looking at the TV. Zoom it to see that on the screen all that remains of WALMART is a big W. TRISTY gets up and goes to the KITCHEN counter, after pulling open a couple draws her eyes land on a knife. SHE picks it up and draws it to her throat.

TRISTY

You better be grateful for this

TRISTY closed her eyes and slit her throat.

FADE OUT

FADE IN

INT-SPARE BEDROOM-DAY

TRISTY open her eyes, and gets up to walk to the door. Outside she can hear DREW and JAMES talking. TRISTY walks into the room and is instantly given a glare by DREW. TRISTY ignored him raising her middle finger, and sat on the spare sit around the table. DREW walked down the hallway with JAMES.

JESS

What does this mean?

JESS held up her middle finger.

TRISTY

It means I love you.

JESS

Oh

JAMES walks back into the KITCHEN

JESS

Hey daddy look.

JESS raised her middle finger to JAMES with a big smile on her face.

JAMES

Did you really have to teach her that?

TRISTY

She asked, where are you going today?

JAMES

How do you know I’m going somewhere?

TRISTY

Because you don’t have a job, so there is nothing else for a gay man to do but shop and have sex.

JAMES

That is extremely homophobic, and can you not when JESS is around.

TRISTY

There you go, over exaggerating about things again. Classic gay behaviour.

JAMES pick up JESS from her seat, and stormed out of the room. TRISTY got up and walked in the lounge room, as she got the remote to turn the TV on she saw a naked man running down the street.

TRISTY

Holy fuck

JAMES

Can you not use that language in this house when JESS is around, or at all?

TRISTY

There’s a naked man on the street.

TRISTY pointed out the window, JAMES followed her finger. HIS eyes widen as the man ran further up the street.

TRISTY

This isn’t the time to be checking out his ass.

JAMES

I wasn’t, why the hell is he running around naked.

TRISTY

You really shouldn’t swear in front of your child.

JAMES glared at TRISTY then looked behind him at JESS.

JAMES

Sorry sweetie we can’t go out now, why don’t we watch a movie here instead?

TRISTY looked up the street to see it empty. SHE walks toward the door.

JAMES

What are you doing?

TRISTY

There’s a naked man running around in public, what do you think I’m doing?

JAMES

You can’t go anywhere with that.

JAMES points to the bracelet on TRISTY’S leg.

TRISTY

Well I doubt the police will get him in time.

JAMES

In time for what.

TRISTY looked down at the bracelet on her leg.

TRISTY

Fuck it.

TRISTY runs out the door, JAMES call out behind her. A beeping sound fills the street.

FADE OUT