

WHAT AM I?

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INT. ATTIC - DAY

Jason slowly opens his eyes. Jason sees that he's in the attic.

Jason slowly gets up.

JASON

What?

Jason is still on the floor as his legs don't move. He tries again but his legs refuse to respond.

Jason is trapped.

The attic door opens.

Jason's eye widen as he sees, Val enter the room.

JASON (CONT'D)

Val?

VAL

Surprised? Oh yeah, I'm suppose to be in prison. Now, I bet your wondering how I got out? But that's a long story for another day and let me tell you, those prison films make breaking out so easy.

Val kicks Jason's leg.

JASON

What did you do?

VAL

I have you an injection. Relax it's not permanent, I just can't have you running off and calling the cops.

(beat)

Again.

JASON

What did you expect me to do? Watch you murder are classmates?

VAL

YES!

Val grabs Jason by the collar.

VAL (CONT'D)

We are friends Jason! All we had
we're each other and you choice
those insects over me!

(calms down)

But, let's get to the matter at
hand.

JASON

You said "We are friends".

VAL

I don't hate you Jason, after all
you are my equal.

Val walks into the center of the room.

VAL (CONT'D)

I didn't spend five years thinking
about killing you. No, we still
have a game to finish.

JASON

You can't be serious.

VAL

Dead serious. The riddle game we
started right before I was going to
set off the bomb in the school. The
game the police interrupted, when
they arrested me.

JASON

How about you go back to jail and
play that game with your fellow
inmates.

VAL

I knew you were going to say no.
You forget that I always plane
ahead. How's Emma?

JASON

Val...

VAL

She still lives across the street
from you and still works at the
diner. Now her shift ends in thirty
minutes. I told you Jason that I
won't harm you but Emma is
different story.

(MORE)

VAL (CONT'D)

The decision is yours, play or
I'll put your girlfriend in a body
bag. No pressure.

Jason stares at Val with anger.

JASON

Fine. Let's play.

Val dances around like a child.

VAL

Goodie! Now last I check, we both
had two points. The rules remain
the same, first to four points
wins.

JASON

When I win you'll turn yourself in?

VAL

Wow! Cocky, I've always loved that
about you. "IF", you win, I'll go
away. But when I win, you and I are
going to disappear. We'll hit the
road, listen to some tunes and
exterminate those who have wronged
us.

JASON

Still can't let go of the past.

VAL

You have to kill the past in order
to move on.

JASON

Let's this over with.

VAL

Very well, I'll go first.

VAL

Only color, but not one size, Stuck
at the bottom, yet easily files.
Present in sun, but not in rain,
doing no harm, and feeling no pain.
What is it?

Jason thinks. Val paces around the room with excitement.

JASON

A shadow.

VAL
Correct! Now, your turn.

JASON
My tongue is long, my breath is
strong, and yet I breed no strife;
My voice you hear both far and
near, and yet I have no life. What
am I?

Val thinks. Jason tried to move his legs again but their
still numb.

VAL
Got it! It's the very thing I was
always happy to hear at the end
told the school day. A bell.

Jason bits his lips. Damn it.

VAL
My turn. I'am the beginning of the
end, and the end of time and space.
I'am essential to creation, and I
surround every place. What Am I?

This is a tricky one. Jason thinks real hard. Crap, he can't
figure it out.

JASON
I don't know.

Val smiles.

VAL
The Letter E. End,timeE,SpaceE, Every
PlaceE.

VAL
Tied. This is it, final point. Make
this last riddle count.

Jason remains silent. Val gets a bit agitated.

VAL
Come on. I know your stalling, if
you don't ask, then I'll head over
to Emma's place and
(pulls out a knife)
Do some catching up.

Jason thinks. Val paces around like an impatient child.

That very moment, Jason gets some feelings in his legs. Jason knows what he has to do.

JASON

You can touch me, you can break me,
you should win me if you want to be
mine. What am I?

Val looks at Jason. He feels insulted.

VAL

That's your final riddle.

Val places his hand against's Jason's throat.

VAL

I should cut off your tongue for
such a stupid and easy riddle! Why?
Tell me? Out of all the riddles,
why pick that one?

Jason stares directly into Val's eyes.

JASON

Because it's the very thing you
broke, five years ago.

Val is speechless.

Nows his chance. Jason grabs Val and with all his strength,
Jason stands up and slams Val onto the ground.

Val tried to recover but Jason pains him onto the ground.
Jason grabs Val's knife and throws it across the room.

VAL

Cheater.

JASON

No, Clever.

Val laughs.

VAL

What now?

JASON

Back to prison.

VAL

I'll just get out again. This time
it won't take five years.

Jason looks at his old friend. Disgusted and heartbroken of what he has become.

VAL

Have you figured it out yet? Why I
"really", broke out of prison.

JASON

You already told me.

VAL

Come on Jason! Use your brain! I
didn't break out just finish are
game, here I'll give you a hint.

JASON

No more riddles!

VAL

I can't be bought, but I can be
stolen with a glance. I'm worthless
to one, but priceless to two. What
am I?

Val let's put a laugh. Jason knocks him out with one punch.

Slowly getting up. Jason stands over his friend.

He takes a breath before answering the question.

JASON

Love.

FADE OUT.