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INT-BAR-AFTERNOON

Bartender pours four drinks and places them on a tray. The waitress CHLOE picks up the tray and carries it through the bar and over to the table with LEN, WILL, JACK and DANIEL.

Chloe places the tray on the table

CHLOE

Here we are, do you need anything else.

The lads murmer a response of being all good/not needing anything.

CHLOE (cont'd)

Good good give me a shout if you do.

She smiles at LEN then turns and walks back to the bar.

WILL

She seems friendlier than usual

JACK

Ha, that's because someone... is taking her out tomorrow night.

WILL looks from Jack to the other lads confused then looking toward LEN it dawned on him

WILL

You were gonna tell us when ?!

LEN

Urm probably never.... why

WILL

I don't want to have to find a new local when u piss her off

DANIEL

Yeah to be fair mate, you don't have the greatest track record with women

LEN

bit harsh mate

DANIEL

Look I'm not having a go or anything but you do have a routine for this and that usually ends with you sleeping with said girl and then ignoring her.

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DANIEL (cont'd)

If you dont want a realtionship thats fine just tell her upfront to limit the possibility of us losing the bar.

LEN

Jeez alright mom, I will be on my best behavior and I will be honest. Is that OK???

JACK

Good now we can move on, felt like a bloody intervention for a minute there.

DANIEL

Aye we can always talk about WILL striking out again last night.

Turning to face WILL.

DANIEL (cont'd)

That was a poor showing last night

WILL

Oh you can fuck right off

DANIEL, LEN and JACK start laughing and continued to poke fun at WILL.

LEN spots CHLOE walking around the bar and watches her work for a bit. He see's her pick up a coffee and take it over to a table in the corner. She places it on the table in front of a attractive girl that is bundled up in a scarf and coat.

Looking at the girl there eyes meet momentarily and a flash of recognition causes LEN to stand up sharply knocking the table and spilling drinks.

WILL (cont'd)

Oh come on what the hell

DANIEL

Haha, you prat why did you do that.

LEN not paying attention has lost sight of the girl

JACK

Chloe can we get some towels or something over here (shouting)

DANIEL

Oi earth to dickhead, I asked you a question

LEN snaps out of his reverie and looks down to see the damage

LEN
Shit, sorry lads I got the next round

Chloe comes over to the table to start helping with the clean up

DANIEL
Yeah yeah, lets try to drink the next ones at least yeah ?

CHLOE
Ahh so it was you who caused this mess then.

LEN
Ha, yeah sorry Chlo, don't worry about this pass us the cloth and I will clean it up.

LEN offers out his hand for the cloth and CHLOE gives it to him.

LEN (cont'd)
Thanks, sorry again would we be able to get the same round in again please?

CHLOE
Yea, alright just try to keep the place tidy this time.

CHLOE leans in to LEN so that only he can hear

CHLOE (cont'd)
I hope your wont be this clumsy tomorrow night, I was hoping for a more confident and steady hand.

CHLOE turns and heads off to the bar

DANIEL
what was that there

LEN
Nothing nothing.

DANIEL
Are you blushing, oh my god what did she say. CHLOE!!!!

The lads start teasing LEN while he cleans.

FADE TO BLACK

INT. HOUSE. EVENING

LEN is ironing a shirt in his living room and listening to some music on his phone, he puts his jeans on when the song gets interrupted by a incoming phone call.

LEN sighing picks up the phone

LEN
Hey Jack, whats up.

JACK
Mate do us a favor and check the news

LEN sighing again he grabs the remote and turns the TV on.

LEN
So what exactly am I looking at

News segment continues describing a body that had been found earlier that morning in birmingham.

The segment goes on in the background while LEN continues

LEN (cont'd)
Thats pretty grim, but still what was so important that I had to watch this.

JACK
Well I got a message off the gaffer at the Pup and Ducklin and he said that it was one of the regulars.

LEN
What?! Who?!

JACK
Do you know Andrew, pretty sure he was having a drink yesterday when we were in. Well apparently its him, the news haven't announced it yet but according to some of the staff at the ducklin' the wife was informed this morning and told the staff at the bar.

LEN sitting down on his couch looking shocked

LEN

Jesus, wasn't expecting that today

JACK

Aye its fucking shit, apparently his face was really messed up, I don't know why anyone would do that to someone.

LEN

Oh fuck, I need to call Chloe, you said the staff know about it didn't ya.

JACK

Yeah yeah they do

LEN

Alright best check up on her, doubt we will be heading into town tonight.

JACK

Probably not, anyway lad I will leave you to have fun with that.

LEN

Yeah yeah, alright I'll catch you tomorrow or something.

JACK

Sound mate, peace

Jack hangs up the phone leaving LEN alone with the news article still playing quietly in the background. LEN looking at the TV mutters something to himself and then turns it off.

CUT TO BLACK

INT-BAR-EVENING

A gloomy atmosphere is in the bar, with most if not all the customers wearing black of some sort, shifting focus over to the lads table again it is far more sedate atmosphere as they nurse their drinks.

DANIEL

Did you hear apparently Zeke - you know andrews mate - no one has seen him in days

JACK

Shit, do you think he was the one
that did it.

DANIEL

No, those two were good mates not a
bit of bad blood between them

JACK

Well if it wasn't then maybe someone
is going after people in this bar.

WILL

Come on, he is probably off with some
girl Zeke always goes on "business
trips" with his "office assistants"
he just doesn't tell anyone because
they might let it slip to his missus

JACK

Yeah I suppose

WILL

Exactly so can we stop chatting
nonsense like a killer out for the
whole bar. Its over now it sucks but
its in the past. Len do us a favour
and change the subject.

Len who was daydreaming starts paying attention and looks up
at WILL

WILL (cont'd)

How was Chloe the other night, how
did the date go

LEN

Ah, we didn't go out in the end she
was pretty shook up about the whole
Andrew thing so decided to postpone

JACK

She doing alright now?

LEN

I dunno haven't really spoken since
that night

Jack sighs

JACK

You idiot, again I realise your not after a relationship but you could at least see if she is doing ok.

LEN

Yeah yeah alright

LEN stands up and is about to head up to the bar

DANIEL

Len, incase you need an excuse as to why you were going up to the bar why dont you get a round of whiskeys in

DANIEL smiles and gives LEN a thumbs up, LEN returns the gesture with a middle finger then walks up to the bar.

INT-BAR-EVENING

LEN standing at the bar and waiting to be served. CHLOE and the Gaffer are behind the bar serving a few other customers.

CHLOE comes down to the end of the bar to serve LEN

CHLOE

Hey, what can I get you.

LEN

Ah, four whiskeys please Chlo.

CHLOE

Any particular one and singles or doubles.

LEN

Whatever Scotch you have thats older than 10 years. And come on do you really have to ask (smiling)

CHLOE has her back turned while she is pouring the drinks

CHLOE

haha, yeah I suppose but always better to ask.

CHLOE turns around and puts the drinks on the bar.

CHLOE (cont'd)

So shall I stick these on your tab.

LEN
Yeah if you could thanks.

CHLOE
Yeah no problem, so how you doing

LEN
Ha, that's what I came over to ask
you. I'm alright, what about you.

CHLOE
Yeah I'm fine, just keeping busy with
work it was just surprising is all.

LEN
Yeah it was, sorry I haven't called or
anything since Saturday I know it
sounds bad but I just didn't know
what to say to be honest

CHLOE smiles at him then turns to ZAC (the gaffer)

CHLOE
Zac, I'm just going for a smoke ok.

ZAC
Yeah yeah that's fine

CHLOE gestures for LEN to follow her, so picking up his
drinks he does and follows her through the bar putting the
whiskeys down as he passes his table which only has DANIEL
and JACK sitting on.

EXT. OUTSIDE BAR. EVENING

CHLOE and LEN get outside its dark and a little cold

LEN
Since when did you smoke anyway

CHLOE
I don't but everyone who does smoke
gets a break every hour so I decided
if they got them why shouldn't I.

LEN
Yeah can't argue with that.

CHLOE

Also don't worry about not calling, we both know that Saturday night was just gonna be going out to eat then going home to have sex. So you don't have to apologise for not calling

LEN looking embarrassed goes to reply and stutters

CHLOE (cont'd)

Ha that's new, are you surprised that I knew it was just a fling or more surprised that I was ok with it.

LEN

Urm both .. yeah bit of both

CHLOE laughs then leans in and kisses LEN

CHLOE

Well if your free tomorrow I'm sure we can continue this in a better environment. Anyway I best not leave Zac on his own too long its pretty busy today.

CHLOE gives LEN another kiss then heads back in. LEN still a little flustered takes a deep breath and sits down on the step by the door. He looks up and see's the girl from Friday standing a decent bit away next to the wall at the back of the pub. LEN shoots up and starts walking over toward her.

The girl walks away out of view and LEN speeds up to catch her but when he turns the corner she is gone.

JACK (O.S.)

OI LEN..... WHAT ARE YOU DOING over there

LEN still by the wall turns around as JACK comes closer

JACK

Mate you look like shit what happened

LEN

I just saw someone that looked like my ex is all

JACK

Woah, hold up one, you have an ex and two, you got this freaked just from seeing her she must have messed you up something fierce.

LEN
Yeah you could say that

LEN coming back to reality, he rubs his eyes and wipes his forehead

LEN (cont'd)
why'd you come out here then

JACK
Was just saying if you wanted to split a cab back, Daniel left a second ago and Will managed to pull so he left while you were getting whiskeys

LEN
WHAT?! I was barely at the bar for a few minutes and ontop of that he is about as smooth as a jackhammer.

JACK
I dunno how he did it either we just saw him getting up to leave with her and to be honest he was punching above his weight as well she was stunning.

LEN
Well shit me.. yeah lets get a cab I'll just knock back my whiskey and head.

They start heading back

JACK
I'm feeling a cheeky kebab what about you.

LEN
Yeahhhh ok kebab then taxi home.

They open the door back to the bar and head in.

CUT TO BLACK AS
THE DOOR SLAMS

EXT. STREET. EVENING

LEN and JACK are walking along a road to the kebab shop chatting away

LEN

Still cannot believe he pulled

JACK

Forget that I can't believe you used to have a girlfriend that is just as shocking

LEN

Yeah well it was ages ago back in secondary school, did not end well

JACK

Alright I get the message we can talk about Will instead.

LEN

So the lass is she one of the regulars or what.

JACK

No, but I feel like I do see her around every now and again but I don't know her name. But like 10/10 short and cute dark, long hair. Daym hes lucky he got there first. Can't believe I'm jealous of Will.

Turning the corner they see a few people gathered around a tree with a few panicked voices

JACK (cont'd)

Whats going on there

JACK heads over.

LEN

Why get involved jesus.

Sighing LEN heads over as well. As he walked over he see's JACK take a few steps back and start retching. Len speeds up to see what was going on.

Getting closer LEN see's WILL on the floor face mutilated and cut up then one puncture wound to the neck.

LEN stumbles and drops to the floor he looks around rapidly everything getting blurry and loud then passes out

FADE TO BLACK

INT.HALLWAY.AFTERNOON

There is a knocking on the door, LEN walks along to answer it. Pulling open the door reveals CHLOE standing in the doorway.

CHLOE

Hey

LEN

Hey, whats up

CHLOE

I asked Jack where you lived cause I wanted to check out whether you were alright.

LEN gestures her inside and walks down the hall and into a living room. Sitting down in the armchair he waits for her to come into the room

LEN

Well, a week and a bit ago I found one of my best mates on the side of a road dead face slashed up. Then a couple of days ago I went to his funeral where to top off the fact that I lost one best friend Daniel loses his shit at me and Jack and now he wont talk to either of us. Not only all of this but I feel like I'm losing it because I keep seeing an ex girlfriend wondering around even though I know that must be a hallucination as well....

LEN takes a deep breath and leans back in his chair

LEN (cont'd)

So yeah to answer your question, I could be better yeah.

CHLOE

Yeahh that's a lot of shit to say the least.

CHLOE smiles at LEN

CHLOE (cont'd)

Look the stuff with Daniel that will get sorted out in time he also lost a friend and is just freaking out.

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CHLOE (cont'd)

You seeing things, well a lot of stuff has been going on lately so maybe your brain is just freaking out and making you see things. You just need time, it will all get better with time.