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Zoe

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EXT.ALLEY.NIGHT

Quick montage of a man running away from something.

This is followed up by a brutal kill and brief showing of a mangled body.

INT.BAR TABLE.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 murmur 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.

DANIEL
She seems friendly

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.

WILL
O.K so Len is gonna piss of the new girl in record time

DANIEL
I give it a day.

LEN
bit harsh.

DANIEL
don't get me wrong we enjoy you but
you do tend to get on girls bad
sides. Usually cause you're an ass.

LEN
Alright alright, I will be on my best
behavior.

JACK
Good can we move on, felt like a
bloody support group for a minute
there.

DANIEL
Aye, we can always talk about Will
striking out again last night.

Turning to face WILL.

WILL
Jog on assholes.

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

INT.BAR ACTUAL BAR.AFTERNOON

CHLOE is at the bar putting glasses away slowly. She looks
up and notices Zoe standing at the bar.

CHLOE
Hi, sorry I'm still figuring out
where everything goes. What can I get
you.

ZOE
It's ok. Can I just get a glass of
red wine.

CHLOE
Yeah sure, would you like a small,
medium or large

ZOE
Medium, thank you.

Chloe starts to prepare the drink.

ZOE (cont'd)
Your new?

CHLOE
Yeah, just started a week ago.

ZOE
Do you like it here?

CHLOE
Yeah it's nice, its like a little family here all the customers and staff are all close. It's kinda scary to come into as a newbie

Chloe, passes the finished drink to ZOE.

ZOE
Thank you and don't worry, everyone feels nervous in a new job. Give it time.

CHLOE
Thanks, I didn't catch your name

LEN looking around the bar notices CHLOE standing at the bar chatting to a girl. As the mystery girl turns around Len gets a flash of recognition causing Len to stand up and knock the table, spilling the drinks.

WILL
Oh come on what the hell

DANIEL
Haha, you prat.

LEN not paying attention has lost sight of the girl

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

DANIEL
Oi dickhead, what planet you on

A regular at the bar (ANDREW) playfully hits Len on the head and shouts over to his friends.

ANDREW
Len's wasting beer again lads

Andrews mates jeer and laugh at Len in response to Andrew's comment

As Andrew walks off Len Snaps out of his trance and looks down at the table to see the mess made

LEN
Sorry lads I got the next round

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

DANIEL
You better its your fault. Best help
Chloe as well she shouldn't have to
clean up your mess

CHLOE
Ahh so it was you who caused this
then?

LEN
Ha, yeah sorry Chlo, don't worry
about this I've got it.

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

LEN (cont'd)
Can we get the same drinks again
please?

CHLOE
Yea sure, just try to drink them 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 have been looking
forward to it after all

CHLOE turns and heads off to the bar

JACK
Sooo what did she say

LEN
Nothing nothing.

DANIEL
Naw, hes blushing what are you 14.

JACK
Lets just ask Chloe I'm sure she
won't mind

The lads continues 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. His phone rings stopping the music

LEN sighing picks up the phone

LEN
Hey jack whats up.

Len's face drops as the fone call continues

FADE 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 is missing at the moment

JACK
Shit, do you think he was involved with what happened to Andrew

WILL
They were good mates and drank here all the time so .. no.

JACK
Well then there is one person missing and one dead from the same bar something is up with that.

WILL
Zeke always goes "missing" people have just forgotten he has a "office assistant" in London he goes to work with. No one spreads it around cause his missus drinks here as well!

JACK
Yeah I suppose

WILL
Exactly so can we stop chatting shit.
What happened was shit don't make it
worse with stupid gossip!

The Lads all go quiet. Will Calming down.

WILL (cont'd)
Len, how did the date go the other
day

Len looks a little weirded out by the change in
conversation.

LEN
Ah, we didn't go out in the end she
was pretty shook up about the whole
Andrew thing.

JACK
She doing alright now?

LEN
I dunno haven't really spoken since
them

Jack sighs

JACK
You idiot, I know your not the most
touchy feely lad out there but you
could at least see if she was ok.

LEN
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 you drinking

LEN
Four whiskeys please Chlo.

CHLOE
Any particular one and singles or
doubles.

LEN
Do you really have to ask

CHLOE has her back turned while she is pouring the drinks

CHLOE
One day your gonna change it up a
little

CHLOE turns around and puts the drinks on the bar.

CHLOE (cont'd)
So shall I stick these on your tab.

LEN
Na, Dan is getting this round so
stick it on his.

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. I
didn't really know him that well so
not much to be upset about.

LEN
Yeah... Sorry I haven't messaged
since last week. Honestly I just had
no idea what to say.

Pause for a moment

CHLOE
Don't be silly its not like we are
dating or anything you don't have to
apologise

LEN
Yeah but still. As long as your ok
thats the main thing.

CHLOE laughs

CHLOE
Well thank you I'm ok

Customer callong for service

CHLOE
Best sort this out, if your free
tomorrow maybe we can try dinner
again if your free

LEN
Yeah definitely

CHLOE heads over to the other customer.

LEN picks up his drinks and heads back to his table on the
way he see's ZOE out the corner of his eye. Turning around
she is no longer there.

Dazed he gets back to the table as JACK and DANIEL are
talking in disbelief.

JACK
You are never gonna guess what just
happened

LEN
In a sec I gotta go toilet

Jack calls after Len as he heads off.

INT.BATHROOM.EVENING

LEN walks into the bathroom to splash some water on his
face. Looking at his reflection and breathing slowly.
Turning around we see Zoe briefly with he wounds on display
right in front of Len.

She disappears leaving him alone sweating and panicked

JACK (O.S.)
LEN.. you all good.

Jack comes into the bathroom

JACK
Mate you look like shit.

LEN
Yeah just been a long day.

JACK

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

LEN
why'd you come out here then

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

LEN
WHAT?! Will pulled?! I was barely at the bar for a few minutes.

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 head after I finish me drinks

They start heading back

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

LEN
Yeahhhh ok kebab then taxi home. good shout.

They open the door back to the bar and head in still talking about the kebab.

CUT TO BLACK AS
THE DOOR SLAMS

INT.BEDROOM.NIGHT

LEN is asleep in his room when he wakes up needing the bathroom he heads over to the door and opens it.

INT.BAR.NIGHT

Len confused as to where he is looks around in the dark for a moment before spotting a girl walking out of the bar, Len calls after her before following her.

INT.BAR HALLWAY.NIGHT

Walking into the corridor the girl leaves quickly at the other end. Len walks down the corridor then stops and picks up a jacket that was on the ground. The jacket and now lens hand is wet with blood after a moment len continues on jacket in hand with a little more urgency.

INT.HOUSE HALLWAY.NIGHT

Turning into a hallway Len continues to walk down it when the bathroom door slams closed. Len heads towards it and tries to open it. With more urgency his slams his body against it over and over till it finally opens.

INT.HOUSE BEDROOM.NIGHT

Len falls into a room, dazed he looks around. Spotting a body on the floor he gets up and heads over towards it. Slowly turning the body to see its face showing Will mangled and covered in blood. Len vision getting blurry falls over backwards and starts retching. As his vision starts getting darker we see Zoe appears in front of him briefly before passing out.

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 dead in his house. Then a few days later at his funeral Dan flips out and now he refuses to see me.

LEN takes a deep breath and leans back in his chair

LEN (cont'd)

And to top it all off I feel like I'm losing it.

CHLOE

What do you mean.

LEN

Weird dreams and I keep seeing things that are not there.

CHLOE

Jack told me about you seeing your ex. Do you wanna talk about it.

LEN

Not really

CHLOE

Bad Breakup?

LEN

You could say that. I broke up with her after she had an accident.

Quiet.

LEN (cont'd)

I know it was horrible to do but I didn't care. I was young and it was a lot of hassle

CHLOE

Yeah its a lot for a teenager to deal with its easy to get overwhelmed.

LEN
well she must have been because she
killed herself a few days later

A pause while Chloe registers what was just said

CHLOE
WHAT?!

Len sighs and continues

LEN
Yeah well it happened its in the past
now

CHLOE
Do you blame yourself for it?

LEN
Why would I blame myself for that.
It's not my fault she took the easy
way out.

Len starting to get annoyed

LEN (cont'd)
This is why I don't tell anyone I
don't need the judgment or the pity I
honestly couldn't care less.

Len turns likely away from Chloe

CHLOE
Well if you say so?

Uncomfortable silence.

CHLOE (cont'd)
I'll leave you to it then.

LEN
yeah probably for the best.

CHLOE gets up to head out she turns at the door briefly.

CHLOE
Try to get out of this house at some
point. Guilty or not your not doing
yourself any favors staying shut in.

LEN finally turns to look her way and Zoe is standing next
to her.

LEN
Why are you still here.

Cut and Chloe is just standing alone.

CHLOE
Bye, Len.

Len turns away again to continue looking back at the wall
sighing.

Len muttering to himself

LEN
Pathetic...

EXT.LEN'S HOUSE.AFTERNOON

Closing the front door behind her and then pauses for a
moment.

CHLOE
Asshole...

She turns and heads to the stairs that lead to the street,
opening the first door. Chloe heads through it pausing at
the top of the stairs when she see's Chloe at the bottom.

Zoe Slowly starts walking up the stairs when Chloe starts
heading down them.

Zoe grabs Chloe's arm gently, looking at her face Zoe has a
few tears in her eyes.

CHLOE (cont'd)
Is everything ok. Did something
happen.

Zoe kills Chloe Still figureing out how but then the scene
ends.

CUT TO BLACK

INT.BEDROOM.EVENING

Len is at the end of his bed on his phone. He is nursing a
few old bruises and cuts.

LEN
Why the fuck did Daniel tell everyone
that I did it.

JACK

Look he is still convinced you were to blame for will. He is just scared and angry.

LEN

His mouthing off has put a target on my head everyone one is out to get me.

JACK

Yeah I heard what happened..

LEN

Well you don't sound too broken up about it.

JACK

Oh come on How do you expect people to react she was found outside your house.

LEN

I EXPECT MY FRIENDS TO BELIEVE ME!

Pause.

JACK

A lot of people have died, a lot of people that know you there is clearl....

Len throws his phone against the wall cutting the phone call short. Enraged Len kicks out breaking some stuff around his bed.

Eventually running out of steam he sits down in corner of his room.

Muttering to himself, his head down until someone touches his hand. Tilting his head up slightly he see's Zoe.

LEN

(sigh) why am I seeing you.

No response. Len more resigned puts his head against the wall.

LEN (cont'd)

well, if your not gonna talk to me your not alone in that department there is a whole gr....

Cut off mid sentence.

ZOE
Do you think I'm beautiful.

Len stares at her for a bit.

LEN
Yes, you are

Zoe slowly removes her scarf showing the damage, LEN winces and looks away

ZOE
Do you think I'm beautiful.

Pause again Zoe leans in to him while he is turned away

ZOE (cont'd)
Do you think I'm beautiful

Len shaking a little turns to look at her properly.

LEN
No ... I'm sorry.

HAVENT FIGURED OUT HOW SHE KILLS LEN BUT THATS HOW IT ENDS.