

“KINGDOM” ALVIE & JAY scene

INT. Navy Street Gym - Morning

Alvie is Jay's father and owner of Navy St. gym. They have just finished a sparring match that did not go to Alvie's liking because Jay started kicking him. Alvie tells Jay to get out of his cage. A dialogue about Jay asking for a fight ensues as they take off gloves and unwrap hands. Alvie is reluctant to give Jay a fight because although Jay is a great fighter, he is also a wise ass and is unreliable. He takes very little seriously and tries to lighten mood no matter the situation. Alvie is the polar opposite.

ALVIE

You got blood on my gloves.

JAY

I want some fights.

ALVIE

What did you say?

JAY

I want some fights.

ALVIE

Who's gettin' you fights?

JAY

I don't know. Isn't that what you do around here?

ALVIE

Yeah, that's what I do. But I ain't pickin' up the phone for you again man. You're here 'cause your brother wants you here. You know that.

JAY

Ok. Thanks for lookin' out, pops.

ALVIE

Lookin' out? I got promoters that still won't call me back because of you. You either don't show up or you don't make weight, or you show up and you're drunk.

JAY

Yeah, and I win the fight. And it's the fight of the night, and it's a fuckin' show.

ALVIE

You're a dickhead, and that's dickhead behavior and you're un-fucking-reliable. That makes me unreliable and I can't get these guys fuckin' fights. They leave my gym. Just stop thinkin' about yourself all the time (pause). Why do you want to fight?

JAY

'Cause I have the heart of a lion.

ALVIE

You need money.

JAY

I need a fight.

ALVIE

Show me some heart. Show me some consistency. Show me some fucking heart. Do that for me. Ok? Yeah?

Jay turns to leave with a sideways silly grin.

ALVIE

I'm not done.

Jay turns back around

ALVIE

I want you to do me a favor. I want you to tone things down, okay?

JAY

It's toned down.

ALVIE

I want you to tone things down because I want your brother to rest, okay?

JAY

Yeah.

ALVIE

Okay.

JAY

(pause)

You talk to the police?

ALVIE

No, not lately.

JAY

'Cause they're not answering my phone calls.

ALVIE

I'm up their ass. Don't call them.

Jay turns to leave.

JAY

You think they'd do their fuckin job.

ALVIE

Don't call them, Jay.

JAY

Alright.

ALVIE

Alright? They'll call me when they know something.

As Jay leaves, he leaves an empty sports drink can on the table.

ALVIE

Throw that away. What is this your house?

Jay turns back once more.

ALVIE

Throw it away! Jay, I'm not kidding.

Jay grabs can.

JAY

(with smile)

You gonna get me a fight?

ALVIE

Get out. Get out....get out.

Jay exits smiling.

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