(Interior: Dover home. Detective Loki and Grace, both on couch, talking about her missing child.)

**Grace:** So, did we pass?

**Det. Loki:** *(Pause, Loki going over his notes in small notepad, then speaks gently)* What’s that? What did you say?

**Grace:** The poly thing…the lie detector we took this morning. Did we pass?

**Det. Loki:** Oh..yeah, yeah. Sorry. Yes. We appreciate your cooperation.

**Grace:** *(In denial for a moment)* It’s embarrassing, all this fuss. Everyone’s going to think we’re crazy, when those two come out of hiding, wherever they are.

**Det. Loki:** Do you have some reason to believe they ran away?

**Grace:** *(softly)* No. They’re happy. *(In denial again)* They must have run away…they must have run away. Right?

**Det. Loki:** *(Nods, and smiles to make Grace feel better)* Mmm.

**Grace:** Your police Captain told me that you’ve solved every case that you’ve ever been assigned, is that right? *(Starts to break down)* Sorry. I am so..sorry. Do you have children, Detective?

**Det. Loki:** I’m going to find your daughter. We believe they came back here after they left you at the Birch’s, yesterday.

**Dover:** *(Enters abruptly on the end of Loki’s sentence. He was in bathroom)* They were looking for Anna’s red whistle.

**Det. Loki:** *(Stands, when Dover enters room)* Right. I read your statement. *(Holds hand out to Dover, to shake. They both shake hands)* I’m Detective Loki *(Holds...*
out hand, and shakes with Dover) I’m heading up the investigation of your daughter’s disappearance. (Gestures to couch) Please sit down.

**Dover:** *(Has no desire to sit. Remains standing.)* My son already told you that the guy was inside the RV just watching them, right?

**Det. Loki:** We haven’t found any physical evidence inside the RV. Or at his Aunt’s house where he lives.

**Dover:** Nothing?

**Det. Loki:** *(pause)* Alex Jones…unfortunately, has the IQ of a 10 year old. There is no way that someone with the IQ of a 10 year old could abduct two girls in broad daylight, and then somehow make them disappear.

**Dover:** Then how can he drive an RV? I mean if, he can’t answer a question?

**Det. Loki:** Well, he has a legal Pennsylvania license.

**Dover:** And he ran right? They said he tried to run away. Why would he run?!

**Det. Loki:** I just spent 10 hours questioning this boy, OK? I hear what you’re saying.

**Dover:** Did you give him a lie detector? You gave us a Lie Detector. Did you give him one?

**Det. Loki:** Sir, I understand what you’re asking me, yes we did, we gave him a Lie Detector but there is no way ….to..

**Dover:** What?

**Det. Loki:** A Lie Detector doesn’t work if you don’t understand the questions.
**Dover:** Well, maybe he wasn’t on his own. How can he drive an RV if he has the IQ of a 10 year old?!

**Det. Loki:** We’re considering all possibilities.

**Dover:** I don’t think you are considering all possibilities.

**Det. Loki:** I hear what you’re saying. Sir..sir.

**Dover:** *(Overlapping)* Now you listen to me.. JUST SHUT THE FUCK UP FOR A FUCKING SECOND!!

**Det. Loki:** This is what I’m going to need you to do for me, I’m going need you to calm down.

**Dover:** I’m sorry. Please listen to me for a second.

**Det. Loki:** Mr. Dover, I understand that this is an incredibly hard time but I have every uniformed Police Officer in this state, looking for Anna.

**Dover:** I don’t understand what any of this means, they said **he ran.** They said he tried to get away. I don’t understand why he would try to run away.

**Det. Loki:** We’re considering all possibilities, Mr. Dover. I hear what you’re saying. I’m not crossing anybody off my list. Just…let me do my job.

*(Grace upset runs off stage into bedroom, leaving Dover and Loki alone)*

**Dover:** Detective…he stays in custody till my Daughter is found, right? Right?

**Det. Loki:** We have a 48 hour hold on him. It ends tomorrow, unless we bring charges.

**Dover:** Well, charge him with something. Charge him.
Det. Loki: Mr. Dover…

Dover: Detective, two little girls have got to be worth whatever rule you have to break, to keep that asshole in custody. Look, I know you can’t promise me anything, I understand that, but I’m asking you to be sure. To be 100% sure. Thank you. I appreciate it. (Dover turns, and exits into bedroom, leaving Loki alone.)

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