

PRISONERS “Shut the Fuck up” scene

LOKI, DOVER and GRACE

(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 wayto..

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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