

LUCAS

It's all set up for tomorrow. Mr. Phelps is meeting with the investors at nine before coming to meet us at Ten at the theatre.

TRENT

The lawyer has setup all the paperwork and all we need is for the investors to sign and get their checks into the account.

LUCAS

What are you doing?

TRENT

Just a little journaling and a few story ideas.

BEAT.

LUCAS

Are you worried about tomorrow?

TRENT

Not worried, per se. A little anxious, I guess.

LUCAS

Don't worry- Everything is all set- There is nothing to fear.

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INT. LUCAS'S PLACE - MORNING

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Lucas and Trent are getting dressed for the meeting. The clock reads 9:20.

LUCAS

We've got to leave in ten minutes.

TRENT

You ready?

LUCAS

Yes, I'm ready. We show them the scene, they sign the papers and we have our money.

Trent is gathering his bag when his cell phone rings. He answers it.

TRENT

Hello? Yes, Mr. Phelps. Thank you,
we're on our way.

Trent listens to Mr. Phelps. Lucas comes in.

TRENT (CONT'D)

Well, we can setup the meeting
again for tomorrow.

Trent is listening.

TRENT (CONT'D)

I don't understand- What's the
problem.

Trent turns away from Lucas.

TRENT (CONT'D)

I understand, but it was just to
show you a sample of what we...

Trent looks up in frustration listening to what is being
said.

TRENT (CONT'D)

I understand, more than you know.

Trent hangs up. He snaps the cell phone in half.

LUCAS

What happened?

Trent looks at the pieces, calms a bit and looks at Lucas.

TRENT

We're... they don't think we're
experienced enough for that kind of
budget. They decided to pass on the
opportunity.

LUCAS

That's it?

TRENT

That's all he said.

Trent fidgets a bit. Lucas pulls his tie off. Trent tries to
swallow his feelings and lets out a labored breath.

TRENT (CONT'D)

I'm- going to walk down to the
theatre- let em know we won't be
coming.

Trent leaves and Lucas slumps in a chair. After a moment he picks up a phone.

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INT. LUCAS'S PLACE - EVENING

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Trent comes back. Lucas is talking on the phone and writing down what he hears.

LUCAS

Thanks a lot- I'll call you later.

TRENT

Who was that?

LUCAS

I'm going to L.A.

TRENT

What?

Lucas is upbeat.

LUCAS

I called a friend who can get us on a production crew and make some decent money. It will give us some time to figure this out.

TRENT

What are you talking about?

LUCAS

I'm just being realistic.

TRENT

We still got time to find new investors.

LUCAS

Phelps *came to us* and he wouldn't give us the money- who else are we going to find.

TRENT

You're pathetic, you know that.

Lucas raises his voice.

LUCAS

What's your problem?

Trent likewise raises his voice.

TRENT

My Problem?! Oh, lets see. You asked me to come out here to help you make a movie and at the first sign of trouble you ditch the whole thing.

Trent is mad and Lucas is hurt.

TRENT (CONT'D)

I'm sorry.

Trent is trying to encourage Lucas into action now.

TRENT (CONT'D)

Let's figure out how to make it work and let's do it- Even if we have to scrape together a couple grand and shoot digital- I came out here to make a movie- We can do it.

Lucas considers it. Lucas won't make eye contact.

LUCAS

Trent- It's just a job- and right now its a job that isn't paying anything-

TRENT

That's it?

LUCAS

Dude, You know what your doing- you don't need me.

TRENT

Don't bail on me now.

Lucas thinks for a moment.

LUCAS

I've got to do something else.

Trent looks at his friend and states resolutely.

TRENT

Is there anything I can say to change your mind?

LUCAS

I told them I'd be down next week.

Trent looks at his watch.

TRENT
Yeah- you wouldn't want to let them
down.

Trent gets up.

TRENT (CONT'D)
I'm going go to work.

Trent grabs his stuff and slams the door as he leaves.

98 EXT. LUCAS' PLACE FRONT - DAY

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Lucas and Trent are loading boxes into their respective cars.
They close up and meet on the sidewalk.

LUCAS
You sure you don't want to come?

TRENT
I'm sure- the security job will be
over in a couple months- we'll see
what happens. If nothing else, I'll
have enough money to move back to
Kansas.

LUCAS
Kerry?

TRENT
I called her last night, told her
what was going on.

Trent extends his hand, but Lucas pulls him in for a hug.

LUCAS
Take care of yourself.

TRENT
I will, call me when you get there.

They each go to their cars.

TRENT (CONT'D)
See you later.

Lucas nods and they get in the cars and drive off.

99 INT. TRENT'S PLACE - LATER

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Trent opens the door to a dark office, no windows, no
furniture. It is narrow, like a storage closet.