

TO TELL OR NOT TO TELL

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INT. BAILEY HOUSE - SCOTT'S ROOM - MORNING

BRANDON BAILEY, fourteen, is hiding around the corner in the hallway watching them. SCOTT BAILEY his brother, sixteen, and SHAWN GATES, seventeen, are bagging up weed on the bed.

SCOTT

Where did you get this stuff from man? This isn't the usual stuff that we used before.

SHAWN

Does it really matter, money is money. This weed will sell just like the other stuff.

SCOTT

What if someone gets sick off this stuff? It looks kind of weird.

SHAWN

Don't worry about that let's just make this money.

Brandon kicks a ball in the hallway, getting the boys attention. He quickly leaves the hall, for fear of getting discovered.

The boys look at each other.

SHAWN (CONT'D)

Go check it out!

SCOTT

Okay!

Scott goes into the hall. He looks down and sees a cat by the ball. He shakes his head and returns to the room.

SHAWN

What was that?

SCOTT

It was just a cat.

Scott sits on the other end of the bed across from Shawn and continues to make bags.

INT. CHANNEL HIGH - LUNCH ROOM - AFTERNOON

Kids are at the tables eating lunch gossiping. Brandon is at a table with his best friend KEITH SMITH, fourteen, next to him playing Pokemon go. They're both very unpopular and made fun of by the rest of the kids.

BRANDON

Keith. Do you want to know a secret, but if you tell someone it could get you in trouble?

Keith ignores Brandon and continues to play the game on his phone. Brandon notices and pushes Keith to get his attention.

KEITH

What? What's wrong?

BRANDON

All forget it.

Suddenly at that moment, one kid falls down from the table, and passes out. Then another kid grabs his throat and yells in pain. The teachers that were in the lunchroom on duty rushes to the two kids side.

INT. CHANNEL HIGH - HALLWAY - AFTERNOON

Keith and Brandon are walking together in the hall among the other kids.

KEITH

What do you think happened to those other kids? What could have made them so sick, It couldn't have been the lunch could it?

BRANDON

Don't be silly. If it was the lunch, wouldn't we be sick too.

Brandon's attention is caught by his brother Shawn and a crowd is gathered around them. As Brandon and Keith pass them, Brandon's eyes meets Shawn.

Shawn gives him a nasty glare as they pass.

KEITH

Hey, isn't that your brother?

BRANDON
(concerned)
Yeah, don't worry, just keep
walking.

INT. CHANNEL HIGH - MISS CALLOWAY'S CLASS - AFTERNOON

There are eleven students setting at their desks including
Brandon, while MISS CALLOWAY, THIRTY, is at the blackboard
writing.

Then the speaker comes on.

PRINCIPAL TAIGA (V.O.)
Hello student body. This is
Principal Taiga, it has come to my
attention that two students
recently got sick today.

The reason they got sick was that
they inhaled some bad marijuana.
First of all, distribution of weed
is against school policy.

One student is dead and the other
one is in critical condition. If
anyone has knowledge of the
individuals that's selling these
products please inform me or one of
my staff.

Brandon started to feel uneasy at his desk. He knew that it
was his brother and Shawn that sold the marijuana. He starts
sweating.

MISS CALLOWAY
Brandon, are you okay?

BRANDON
No. I don't fell well, Miss
Calloway.

MISS CALLOWAY
You don't look so good, why don't
you go see the nurse.

BRANDON
Okay.

EXT. SIDEWALK - GATED COMMUNITY - AFTERNOON

Brandon is walking home. He was excused for rest of the day by he nurse. By getting some air he feels better already. He arrives at his house.

INT. BAILEY HOUSE - BRANDON'S ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

Brandon is laying on his bed playing Pokemon go.

BRANDON (TO HIS SELF)

What should I do? If I tell on Shawn, my brother will get in trouble too. If I try and talk Scott into snitching on Shawn, he won't. He likes Shawn more than me. I know, I'll just leak it through gossip. Yeah, that's it.

INT. CHANNEL HIGH - LUNCHROOM - AFTERNOON

Keith and Brandon are at their lunch table eating. Brandon notices each side of the room of students are watching his every move.

BRANDON (LOOKING)

Something funny is going on.

KEITH

Like what?

BRANDON

The student's on each side of the room is staring at me.

KEITH

Oh their just gossiping about you, that's all.

Brandon looks right.

BRANDON

What's that side saying?

KEITH

Your brother and Shawn are looking for you. They say he's going to kill you.

Brandon looks to the left.

BRANDON

And that side?

KEITH

OH. They say that you're the one that snitched on him and Shawn.

Brandon kept looking both ways and saw that the kids were gossiping really hard. He started to get paranoid.

BRANDON (TO HIS SELF)

I thought only Shawn was going to get blamed. But I've gotten my brother into trouble too. I need to get out of here. But if I go home, surly they'll catch me.

KEITH (POINTING)

Look. That's them now at the door entrance. I bet they came at your lunch period to get you.

They both looked at the entrance and saw that Shawn and Scott were looking over the lunchroom. Brandon falls to the floor. He ducked under the table and crawled, disturbing the students, and sneaking under all the tables.

While Scott and Shawn were walking on the floor toward his table, he passed them from under the table. They reached his table where Keith was.

SCOTT

Where's my little brother, you snot?

KEITH

Why?

SHAWN

Just answer the question, before I make you suffer.

Keith watched Brandon get up from under the last table near the door and leave through the exit.

KEITH

OH. He just left a minute ago.

They both got mad and hurried out the exit after him.

INT. CHANNEL HIGH - CUSTODIAN CLOSET - LATE AFTERNOON

Brandon is in the closet among mops, buckets, cleansers, and other products. He is hiding from his brother and Shawn.

BRANDON (TO HIS SELF)

What do I do? If I go home my brother will turn me in to Shawn. He loves and respects Shawn more than he loves me. And if I'm seen in school, They both will get me. I might as well just stay here.

INT. CHANNEL HIGH - HALLWAY - EARLY MORNING

Shawn and Scott are at the lockers. They're watching many students that are gossiping as they pass them by.

SCOTT

If we don't find him, we could be in trouble.

SHAWN (ANGRY)

We wouldn't be in trouble if you kept your brother in check. Did you thoroughly search your home?

SCOTT

Yes. I've searched there. He hasn't been home for two days, or here either.

SHAWN

Well we better find him, or we're both out of luck. If I'm going down Scott, I'm not going down alone.

Shawn walks away in a hurry.

INT. CHANNEL HIGH - CUSTODIAN CLOSET - NIGHT

Brandon had made a bed out of sheets and paper. He was asleep and having a dream.

ANGEL

What bothers you so?

BRANDON

I can't go home, I can't be seen at school either. My brother and his friend are trying to kill me.

ANGEL

There is still a way out of what plagues you.

BRANDON

What is it?

ANGEL

You will be visited by three men that are clever, they will make your life so much better. One will give you advice, the other luck, and the last one pray for you.

Brandon abruptly woke up in bed of sweat.

BRANDON (TO HIS SELF)

What does this mean? Three men will help me that are clever. I don't know, but I'm really hungry.

He left the closet and went to the lunchroom. He went in the back and started sneaking in the food, eating it.

A male lunch aide came out of no where, and caught him.

LUNCH AIDE

What do you think your doing?

BRANDON

I was hungry, I was just--

LUNCH AIDE

Helping yourself. Hey, your Brandon Bailey aren't you? Everyone is looking for you. Are you in some kind of trouble?

BRANDON

Yes. I'm in a lot of trouble!

LUNCH AIDE

Well, your very lucky. Whatever I ask for I get. Shall I ask for something for you?

BRANDON

Yes. Could you ask that my brother care about me more than Shawn?

The lunch aide kneeled down and prayed. He enclosed his hands together and then after a minute he got up.

LUNCH AIDE

It is done. Take this cross with you, OK.

He handled him the cross

BRANDON

Thank you.

Brandon left and took enough food with him and made his way to the custodian room that he was in.

INT. CHANNEL HIGH - HALLWAY - LATE NIGHT

Brandon was rushing to the closet when he passed by Mr. Hampton's classroom. The door opened right when he passed it and someone grabs his arm.

BRANDON (STRUGGLING)

Let go I say. Please let go of me.

MR. HAMPTON

What do we have here? OH, it's you Mr Bailey. Where have you been for two days? Do you know everyone has been looking for you?

He let him go.

BRANDON

Yes. I know, everyone's been looking for, me. It's because of the trouble I'm in.

MR. HAMPTON

Well if your in trouble, then you need to face it like a man. Only then will you be free. And for doing this, you might become more popular then he wants to hurt you.

BRANDON

Maybe I will.

Brandon hurried down the hall.

INT. CHANNEL HIGH - CUSTODIAN CLOSET - NIGHT

Brandon walked into the closet and the custodian was there cleaning up. The custodian turned around and noticed he was there.

CUSTODIAN

So your the person that's been sleeping in my closet, huh?

Brandon just stood there.

CUSTODIAN (CONT'D)

Why are you sleeping here? Are you in some sort of trouble or something?

BRANDON

Yes, and I don't know what to do?

The custodian reached in his pocket and pulled out a quarter and put it in Brandon's hand.

CUSTODIAN

This quarter is for good luck. I gave it to you, because It's given me so much luck over the years. Maybe it can be of help for you. You can stay only for tonight, but afterwards you must leave my closet.

BRANDON

OK.

INT. CHANNEL HIGH - HALLWAY - EARLY MORNING

All the kids were arriving, walking into the school. The hall was busy and full of gossip. Many kids were at their lockers and laughing.

Brandon showed up and decided to confront both Shawn and his brother. He slowly walked toward them down the hall.

Quickly a crowd gathered around him and followed him as he walked.

Scott and Shawn noticed the large crowd approaching them.

SHAWN

Your brother is coming man, it's time to end this.

SCOTT

I know, and it's time I showed him whose side I'm on.

Scott suddenly left Shawn side and went to be with his brother.

He arrived in front of his brother.

SCOTT (CONT'D)

Hey Brandon, what's up?

Hugging him.

Brandon was shocked.

BRANDON

That's what I want to know?

SCOTT

Well, I'm sorry for not being a brother. But your more important to me than Shawn is.

BRANDON (TO HIS SELF)

Well the first man's truth came true.

SCOTT

I will tell everyone that everything was Shawn's fault. You don't have to worry

BRANDON

No. I must face him, he has told everyone that I will get beat to death by him.

SCOTT

OK, I'll help you.

BRANDON

No. I must face him by myself.

Shawn slowly started moving toward the crowd. He arrived in front of Brandon.

SHAWN

So this is the little punk that hid for three days, has finally come out to play. Well lets get on with it.

Brandon squared up with Shawn and put his first up. They went around in a circle and sized each other up for the fight.

Shawn came at Brandon very fast. But as he did, a student's bookbag broke open and spilled marbles all over the floor.

By Shawn rushing toward Brandon, he slipped on the marbles and busted his head on the floor. When he fell, a few bags of weed dropped out of his pocket.

He was knocked out cold. And then teachers arrived on the scene. They saw the weed, took possession of it and took Shawn to jail.

Many of the students cheered when the school bully Shawn went down. Now Brandon has become the most popular kid in school

BRANDON (TO HIS SELF)

The other truths that the three men told me came to life. I've gotten good advice, become very popular, and lucky o boot too.

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