

GRIMMJOY

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FLASHBACK: (7 YEARS AGO)

EXT. NEW JERSEY - SIDEWALK - DAY

TOMMY SIMMS, (9), his brother SHAWN (7) and their friend DAVE (8) was walking from school. They're laughing and joking along the way. Shawn starts harassing a cat by throwing rocks at it. The cat escapes and scurries into in a abandoned junk yard. *

Tommy
Look Dave you scared it away.
There's no way I'm going in there.

Shawn goes to the fence of the junk yard and squeezes through. Followed by Dave. Tommy stays outside.

SHAWN
Ah come on, you big baby! *

DAVE
Yeah, come on man. *

TOMMY
I don't know. They say things about that junk yard. Things happen in there.

SHAWN
Like what.

TOMMY
People get hurt and end up missing. Plus there's an awful old man and dog that live there. *

DAVE
Man, just come on.

They start to go further into the junk yard and leave. Tommy hesitates then he follows them.

JUNK YARD

There are tons of junk cars, metal, and junk scattered around. Broken windows and glass are in certain places of the gloomy yard. Everything is broken down with no signs of life present.

The three boys walk through all the carnage with their eyes wide open.

SHAWN

Where's that old cat at?

They turn the corner of a row of cars and there's an old pit tied to a tree. The pit is sleeping and harmless.

DAVE

Hey, let's mess with the pit. He's tied up and ain't no threat at all.

Shawn and Dave gather rocks and toss them at the dog hitting it. The dog remains asleep like it doesn't feel the attack.

TOMMY

Would you two just leave that dog alone? This junk yard is creepy. I just don't feel right.

Then a sudden CRASH catches Tommy's attention as he turns away from his little brother Shawn and Dave. Tommy looks at his surrounding. He sees dead birds on the ground, many worms covering certain cars, and a skeleton's head lying against a pole.

At that time Shawn approaches the dog and was poking it with a stick, taunting it, and having fun. Dave was throwing rocks at it and laughing.

TOMMY

Did you'll hear that!

Walking towards the main garage Tommy searches for that sudden noise.

SHAWN

Omg he's got me Ahh, let go!

All of a sudden the pit jumps up and grabs hold of Shawn's leg between his teeth and wouldn't let go. Shawn is struggling trying to get free when Dave is helping pull him free with no use.

Tommy hears his brother shouting and turns away from the main garage and rushes to his brother aid. And he's pulling Shawn from behind with Dave and they couldn't break him free.

TOMMY

Hold on Shawn, just hold on.

All of a sudden Tommy lets go of Shawn and starts stomping the pit bull. Shawn follows suit and does so too. They stomp the dog continually real hard. Shawn is crying in pain and trying to pull himself free. *

Suddenly the pit drops and lets go of Shawn's leg. Tommy and Dave help Shawn get up and away from he pit. The dog has torn deep into his flesh real bad. *

SHAWN(CRYING)

I can't feel my leg. My leg is numb, it won't move.

TOMMY(BREATHING HEAVY)

Calm down and let me see.

Tommy sees that Shawn has deep bite marks on his leg and is bleeding real bad. He takes off his shirt and wraps it around Shawn's leg.

Dave kicks the pit.

DAVE

Damn dog. Hey, Tommy its not moving at all. *

Tommy walks toward the dog and kicks it too. The dog doesn't move because its dead. Dave helps Shawn and starts to walk away. Tommy jumps in front of them and stops them in their tracks.

TOMMY

Where do you think you two are going?

DAVE

What do you mean?

TOMMY

We can't just leave this pit here in the open. We have to bury it. *

SHAWN

WHY?

TOMMY

We killed it then we must bury it!

DAVE

Yes we can. Let's just get out of here it's real creepy in here.

SHAWN

NO, he right.

DAVE

Why.

TOMMY

Because it's inhuman. We should bury it; it's the right thing to do.

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SHAWN

Yeah let's.

Dave and Tommy pick up the dog with Shawn following slowly behind because of the wound to his leg. They find an isolated part of the junk yard with grass and trees and bury the dog there.

INT. JUNK YARD - SHACK

JOSEPH STONEY, in his late 60s, white hair with blue eyes and an old jumper uniform on, eats some soup at the table. He gets up and hears the noise and goes to the window and looks.

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He sees that the three boys are burying his old pit bull, Grimmjoy. He goes to the back and grabs his shot gun. Puts his hand on the door knob to turn it but stops.

STONEY

NO. It would be to easy for me to kill them.

Stoney puts the shotgun back down and goes into a room full of idols and plants. He pours a concoction into a bowl with herbs and tree bark. He chaunts.

STONEY (CONT'D)

Grimmjoy, Grimmjoy I conjure you with all my might. May your spirit rise at the right time and attack those who killed you and come back to life!

Smoke comes from the bowl and darkness surrounds the room. Blood starts oozing from the walls and Stoney shakes a rattle.

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STONEY (LAUGHING)
Your not getting away. No you're not. Old Grimmjoy won't let you!
Hahah.....

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END FLASHBACK:

INT. SIMMS HOME - DAY- PRESENT

Tommy now 17yrs old is in his room cleaning up and making the bed, while wearing headphones bopping his head listening to Nickelback. His brother Shawn fourteen years old was standing at the door way. He had a prosthetic leg on, the leg that Grimmjoy bit.

SHAWN
Hey big Bro., big Bro. Mom said
it's time to eat.

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Tommy finally looks up and sees his little brother. The first thing he focuses on is the prosthetic leg. He feels ashamed that his brother's leg is gone. In fact if he'd paid attention it wouldn't have happened.

It was all his fault he was supposed to take care of his brother and he didn't. He takes the headphones off and stops cleaning up.

TOMMY
Hey man. OK let's go

He puts his arm around Shawn.

KITCHEN

ALISHA SIMMS, blonde hair white blouse and black slacks, in her late 30s, puts the food dishes on the table. Tommy and Shawn walk in and have a seat at the table.

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TOMMY

Hey Mom, chicken and mack & cheese
again huh! *

ALISHA (SMILES)

That's because my boy loves it!

She rubs Shawn's head.

TOMMY

Mom. Can I go take Shawn with me to
this senior pool party?

ALISHA

Are you sure? How do you feel about
going with him, Shawn? *

Shawn is eating like crazy, gobbling his food down.

TOMMY

Slow down Shawn, the food isn't
going any where. Mom's talking to
you.

Shawn starts wiping his mouth.

SHAWN

Yeah Mom, can we go? *

ALISHA

If that's what you want dear. Then
OK, but watch your brother good at
the pool.

Pouring more food on their plates as they eat.

TOMMY

I will.

EXT. POOL PARTY - DAY

Twenty teenagers are in and around the pool having
conversations, laughing to one another, and swimming. Volley
balls are being tossed around inside the pool. Shawn, Tommy,
and Dave arrive together and start checking out all the
girls. *

DAVE

Look. There's Kim and Shannon, they look hot. Hey Tommy which one you want?

Puts his hand on Tommy's shoulder.

TOMMY

Hold on tiger. Let's get situated first, OK.

DAVE (SMILING)

OK.

The three boys mingle with the other teenagers and have fun.

POOL

After an hour Tommy is in the pool with a girl playing. Dave is in the pool with girl by the pool laughing it up and Shawn is getting cozy with a female friend by the food stand.

DAVE

Tommy, I bet you that you don't get to first base with her.

TOMMY

Don't you worry about it. Don't listen to him babe (talking to the girl).

Dave is moving his hand up the girls thigh and she moves his hand.

GIRL

Worry about yourself.

TOMMY

Haha....

All of a sudden the sky turns dark. A gust of wind sweeps through the pool party. Tommy looks and all the teens in the pool are getting pulled under one by one. People are SCREAMING and trying to escape.

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TOMMY (LOOKS AROUND) (CONT'D) *
 What is everyone scared of, I don't *
 see anything do you? *

GIRL (LOOKING) *
 I don't have a clue! *

Tommy dives under the water to see what's going on. He sees a image of an old dog. Biting on all the teens legs just like that dog did to Shawn when they were young, pulling them down.

The dog is getting closer and closer. The dog he sees looks just like the dog they killed. Tommy comes up for air.

TOMMY (TO THE GIRL)
 Get out the pool now!

He shoves the girl out the pool. And he gets out himself, quickly. Dave with his back toward the others in the pool was talking to the girl by the pool side.

The dog Grimmjoy was getting closer and closer to Dave.

Tommy pool side turned around and looked in the pool and saw, Dave still inside the pool.

TOMMY (SHOUTING)
 Dave get out the pool now. Right now!

DAVE
 What's the matter Tommy, relax!

Grimmjoy was getting even closer.

TOMMY *
 No. Dave get out now Bro.. I'm serious! *

Grimmjoy is about to bite Dave then he gets out the pool at the last second.

DAVE *
 OK, I'm out what's the big deal *
 Bro.. *

TOMMY

I think something is in the pool,
man.

DAVE

Where at Bro..

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He looks the full length of the pool back and forth. Three people are injured holding their legs with blood dripping. And one person is dead floating in the pool.

TOMMY

See Bro., something is going on.

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DAVE

I see.

Shawn sees all the action and rushes toward both of them.

SHAWN

What's all the commotion about,
man.

TOMMY

Bro.. Do you two remember that old
dog Grimmjoy we (whispers) killed
when we were younger?

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SHAWN

The dog that took my leg, Grimmjoy.

TOMMY

Yeah, that's the one.

DAVE

What about that dead dog? Why would
you bring that up here?

TOMMY

I think he's the reason people are
getting hurt.

People are hurt and moaning in pain. At that moment the police and ambulance's arrive and start helping out whomever they can. Tommy, Shawn, and Dave go over in the corner out of sight and continue their talk.

DAVE

The dog's dead Tommy, he can't hurt anyone.

SHAWN

Yeah, Tommy the only thing that dog did or is ever going to do was take my leg. He can't hurt no one anymore, he's gone forever Tommy.

TOMMY

Guys. I know what I saw. I think Grimmjoy was in the pool hurting people. And he was trying to hurt me too.

DAVE

Stop Tommy, I don't want to here anymore about this. Lets go before the police wants to ask questions.

SHAWN

Yeah, he's my big brother but he's still a chicken. Always have been, shhh... Let's go before he ruins all the fun, Dave.

Shawn puts his arm around Dave and they walk away together, leaving Tommy by himself.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL - LIBRARY - EVENING

The library has only a few people in it busy going through rows looking for books. Only two other people are sitting at a table reading. Tommy is at a table with many books going through them one by one. He's sweating researching topics, when CRYSTAL HALL sits right in front of him.

CRYSTAL

Is this seat taken?

Tommy is so into a book that he doesn't hear her.

CRYSTAL (CONT'D)

Excuse me, are you OK?

TOMMY (LOOKS UP)

Excuse me. Yes, yes, I'm aright. I didn't notice you.

Crystal hands him a napkin.

CRYSTAL
Your sweating. I thought something
was real wrong.

TOMMY
No. Not at all, I was so into this
book, I didn't hear you.

CRYSTAL
May I ask, what book has your
attention so?

TOMMY
Oh yeah. It's called Animals and
the Afterlife.

CRYSTAL
You lost a favorite pet. That's so
cute a man that loves animals. I'm
a animal lover myself.

TOMMY
No, I'm not. This may sound funny
but I think that I'm being haunted
by a animal.

CRYSTAL (SMILING)
No, not at all. I study cases of
the weird and paranormal.

TOMMY
Maybe you can help me than?

CRYSTAL
Help you with what?

TOMMY
Just follow me.

Tommy gets up and grabs her hand. He leads her out of the
library.

EXT. JUNK YARD - LATER

The yard looks dark and gloomy. Tommy and Crystal walks
slowly thorough the junk yard assessing everything. There's a
loud CLACK and it makes Crystal jump and grab hold of Tommy.
A squawking sound is over head that makes them look into the
sky.

CRYSTAL (SLURRING)
I think this is a bad idea.

TOMMY

Don't worry I got you. Look there's
a old shack.

They approach the shack with caution

INT. JUNK YARD - SHACK- NIGHT

They open the door and find different kinds of male and
female old voodoo dolls piled up in a corner. The place looks
harsh, a torn few clothes are on a coach. They enter the
kitchen and there are jars filled with water and human and
animal ears.

CRYSTAL (COVERS HER MOUTH)

Omg. This is gross.

TOMMY

Relax. I'm right here.

At that moment a dark figure showed up at the door behind
them.

STONEY

What in the hell are you kids doing
here?

They both were both surprised from the dark figure that they
jumped way across the room in fear.

TOMMY

Who are you?

CRYSTAL

Who are you?

STONEY

I'm old Stoney and your in my
house.

They both relax.

TOMMY

I'm sorry if we barged in your
home, but I have some questions I
need an answer to.

STONEY

And what pray tell do you what?

Stoney sits down and gets comfortable. They both grab a seat
and join him at the table. *

TOMMY *

Have you lived here long and did
you own any animals? *

STONEY *

Why yes. I've lived here for ten
years and my old faithful dog
Grimmjoy he kept me company for
many years until he was killed. *

He stares at Tommy like he's looking through him. Tommy gets
uncomfortable and wonders if he knows anything. *

TOMMY (RUBBING HIS HEAD) *

Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. *

The old man gets up and picks up a voodoo doll of a black dog
and puts it on the table. Then he sits back down. *

STONEY (LAUGHING) *

It's OK thow. Stoney will have the
last laugh on his attackers... *

TOMMY *

What do you mean, he will have the
last laugh? Did you put a curse on
them? *

STONEY *

Let's just say that his attackers
won't live long. *

TOMMY *

What if the kids were real young
and they're very sorry. How can
they take it back or repent? *

STONEY *

There's only two ways to stop the
curse of my Grimmjoy. One is when
Grimmjoy kills all of them the
curse will stop. (Laughs) And the
other way is to cut off both his
ears and he'll vanish. *

CRYSTAL *

Is that the only way? *

Old Stoney gets up an goes to the door way of the back room,
limping the whole way. Tommy and Crystal waits patiently for
an answer. *

STONEY

Yes, there is another way.

CRYSTAL

What is it?

STONEY

They always could commit suicide.
haha....

INT. HIGH SCHOOL - HALLS - DAY

Crystal helps Tommy convince Dave and Shawn about Grimmjoy and the curse. They go all around the High school setting up traps and alarms for the dog. Tommy is meticulous in his planning. He gets some paranormal traps that will detain the dog. Dave and Shawn smack each other high five as they carry out they're plans.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL - HALLS - NIGHT

Crystal and Tommy are at the east wing of the school and Dave and Shawn are at the west wind of the school. Everyone is ready to go and waiting on Grimmjoy to appear. The all have walkie-talkie's to communicate.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL - HALLS - EAST WING

TOMMY

Are you ready for this?

CRYSTAL

Are you kidding me. I was born for this.

She CLICKS a button on the taser gun.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL - HALLS - WEST WING

Dave is listening to music on his headphones. Shawn is looking down each hall waiting on the moment that Grimmjoy comes.

DAVE

Bro.. Would you just relax and clam
down.

SHAWN

Your not the one that had to
replace his leg with a false one.

He pulls up his pants leg to show his false leg. And then you
here a KNOCK, where he hit it.

Suddenly blood starts oozing out the walls right at both
wings. A cigarette, milk Carlton, and paper trash on the
floor starts swirling around from the wind. Both teams look
at their surrounding, preparing for the encounter.

DAVE

Get ready.

Grimmjoy, comes out BARKING clinching his jaws, showing his
big white metal teeth. He goes after Shawn and the fight with
the instruments they have violently to no avail. They both
retreat to the east wing with Tommy and Crystal.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL - HALLS - EAST WING- NIGHT

Dave and Shawn run into Tommy and Crystal Fearing for they're
lives with a sense of urgency. Tommy hold up Shawn and make
shim slow down.

TOMMY

Slow down Bro., what's the hurry?

SHAWN (BREATHING HEAVY)

OK, give me a minute.

DAVE

He's here, and he's right behind
us. Tommy whatever you've got
planned it better work.

Tommy and Crystal look at each other to brace for the
oncoming onslaught. Grimmjoy appears again and tears the
chairs, tables, and garbage cans to pieces, he chases them
through each room breaking out each trap.

He breaks in each door that they lock on him. They lock
themselves in the last room hoping to fight for their lives.
Grimmjoy slams his head through the door exposing his ears.
Crystal SCREAMS and Dave and Shawn all his behind desks.

Tommy jumps up with a machete and hacks Grimmjoy's left ear completely off. And just slices his right one half he way. Grimmjoy just vanishes and he's gone. Everyone start laughing with joy and they start hugging each other and celebrate that Grimmjoy is dead and their safe.

INT. SIMMS HOME - LIVING ROOM - MIDDAY

Everyone is eating and watching the football game. Tommy and Crystal are close together. Dave has his hands are in the popcorn bowl. Shawn is chugging down a beer and laughing at the game on TV.

SHAWN

Bro.. Your the best. You killed it, you slain the beast. My big Bro. Isn't a nerd anymore. And he's got a nice honey too.

Crystal moves onto Tommy's lap. And he hold onto her around the waist.

TOMMY

Shawn. You talk to much.

SHAWN

NO, really.

DAVE (EATING POPCORN)

He's seen his brother become a hero right in front of his eyes. Cut him some slack, Bro.. You use to be a nerd, you know.

CRYSTAL (KISSING HIM)

Yes he is.

TOMMY

OK, OK, OK. I'm going to refill the chip bowl.

Tommy gets up and goes to the kitchen with a bowl. Dave and Shawn are conversing with each other about the game when suddenly the power to the house goes out. Crystal runs into the kitchen with Tommy.

KITCHEN

Tommy is trying to clam down Crystal because of the power outage.

TOMMY

Everything is OK. Just relax
Crystal it's just a little power
outage.

CRYSTAL

How do you know that's it's not
Grimmjoy?

TOMMY

He's dead.

CRYSTAL

No I don't think so. The man said,
that you have to cut both his ears
off. You just cut one and sliced
the other, remember.

TOMMY

You're right, I did.

He looks in amazement and looks around the kitchen.

TOMMY (CONT'D)

You know, you may be right! Come
on.

He grabs Crystal and gets with Dave and Shawn in he living
room.

TOMMY (CONT'D)

Guys, I'm sure the lights out isn't
a fluke, it's Grimmjoy.

DAVE

Are you sure? How do you know?

TOMMY

Just follow me.

They follow Tommy through the house to the garage. He opens
the door and suddenly Grimmjoy appears, BARKING gnashing his
teeth trying to get them. They panic and all run towards the
front exit.

Grimmjoy shows up and smashes the door in by coming through
it.

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CRYSTAL

Where do we go, it seems like he's everywhere?

TOMMY

Just follow me.

They all follow Tommy and he goes to the glass doors in the living room. He tries the locks and they won't open. Dave and Shawn start to panic.

Tommy jumps through the glass doors and finds an opening for them and they follow. Tommy suffers cuts and bruises but he's OK. He heads for the woods in the back of the house. They run and all follow.

CRYSTAL

Hurry guys, Grimmjoy is closing in on us fast.

DAVE (BREATHING HEAVY)

No doubt Sherlock. Just keep moving

They all run with Grimmjoy on their trail through the trees. Suddenly Shawn false leg starts to coming apart and he falls. They all stop and catch a breath. Tommy stands over Shawn.

TOMMY

Are you OK? You have to keep going, you can make it.

SHAWN (SHAKING HIS HEAD)

I'm done Bro..

He pushes Tommy's hand off him.

TOMMY

What do you mean?

SHAWN

I'm just slowing you'll down. Grimmjoy will have all of us if I stay with you. Just go.

TOMMY (CRYING)

No. Bro., you can't just give up.

Crystal comes over to him and puts her hands on his shoulders.

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CRYSTAL

You know he's right. We've got to
leave him, now Tommy. Don't let
your brother's sacrifice be in
vain.

DAVE

She's right bro, come on Grimmjoy
we'll be here any moment.

TOMMY (CRYING)

Shawn. Remember you'll always be my
little brother always. I'll never
forget you.

Crystal and Dave are dragging him away. Shawn moves to a tree
and braces himself for what's to come.

SHAWN

I know bro, I love you too.

They vanish into the woods and Shawn is all alone.

EXT. WOODS - NIGHT

Shawn is bleeding bad and lying against a tree.

SHAWN

Look what you've gotten yourself
into.

Suddenly in the darkness he hears GROWLING and movement all
around him but he doesn't see anything.

SHAWN (CONT'D)

Where are you, you damn bastard!

Suddenly Grimmjoy comes out of the darkness and approaches
him slowly. Shawn throws his false leg at the beast. Grimmjoy
tears into the leg and swings it back and forth for a minute
harshly, then he throws it away.

Shawn closes his eyes and Grimmjoy devours him.

EXT. STREET - NIGHT

All three of them are catching their breathe and standing on the sidewalk.

DAVE (BREATHING HEAVY)
What do we do next?

TOMMY
We take the battle to Grimmjoy.

DAVE
I like that plan. Instead of being haunted we become the hunters. Name the place and the time.

TOMMY
How about where this all started years ago. You ready Crystal?

CRYSTAL (BREATHING HEAVY)
I am now!

They exchange high fives.

EXT. JUNK YARD - NIGHT

The three of them set up in the old junk yard and put traps everywhere. Tommy and Dave sprinkle glass shards all over the place to hear the dogs approach. Tommy makes a deep pit right before him and covers it with hay and wood.

Soon the wind starts to whirl and the cats make noise. Grimmjoy approaches. Dave is caught first.

He runs around broken down cars to no avail and Grimmjoy grabs hold of his arm.

DAVE
OMG, OMG, he's got me and he's not letting go. Tommy help me please.

Tommy comes running.

TOMMY

Calm down we'll get you lose some
how.

He pulls and pulls and Grimmjoy has a good hold on his arm.

Crystal runs up with a axe and hands it to Tommy.

CRYSTAL

You've got to do it, or he's gone!

TOMMY (LOOKS AT DAVE)

Brace yourself!

He hacks off Shawn's arm. Shawn YELLS in agony and Tommy
takes off his shirt and wraps up what's left of his arm.

Grimmjoy chases them throughout the junk yard. They nearly
make escape after escape. Until Tommy takes them to his
special spot.

CRYSTAL (HOLDING SHAWN)

This is it, Tommy f you don't get
him this time we're through.

TOMMY

I know.

Tommy was standing in front of the man made pit covered with
wood and straw. He's baiting Grimmjoy into the pit.

TOMMY (CONT'D)

Come on fella. I'm the one you
want, I responsible for them
killing you. If I was a good big
brother I should have stopped them
from killing you.

Grimmjoy approaches slowly GROWLING and clinching his teeth.
Tommy lets his right leg dangle over the pit slightly.
Grimmjoy makes a jump for it and falls in the pit.

Crystal jumps for joy and hugs everyone

CRYSTAL

Omg. You did it, you really did it!

Grimmjoy is jumping like crazy in the pit. He's trying
desperately to get out.

DAVE

You should finish him and put him
down.

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TOMMY (TAKES A BREATHE)

Your right.

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He walk over to the pit with Grimmjoy in it and hacks his
other ear off and he fully vanishes for good. All three of
them hug each other and laugh.

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INT. HIGH SCHOOL - CAFETERIA - DAY

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Tommy is at a table surrounded by Crystal and another girl at
the young republicans meeting. He signing papers and is
intent to fully explore a brand new career. News camera's and
other personnel are in the room reporting on the success of
it's new captain's.

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CRYSTAL

And you said that your a nerd. You
can't learn anything new or
overcome things. Your a hero Tommy
Simms.

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TOMMY

I know. Finally I'm the kind of
brother Shawn would be proud of.

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