

Family

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INT. DARK ALLEY - METROPOLITAN CITY - NIGHT

Tommy, (a stubborn late 20s playboy with a tendency to over indulge in the nightlife), walks towards a man dressed in all black.

TOMMY

Its all there.

Tommy tosses a suitcase towards the man in all black.

TOMMY (CONT'D)

Whats the hold up, buddy? I gotta  
be somewhere in 10mins.

Tommy inspects his surroundings and slowly steps away from the man in all black.

Police sirens approaching the scene.

TOMMY (CONT'D)

I didn't sign up for this bullshit  
man, a deal is a deal.

Tommy pulls a revolver from his waist and shoots the man in all black. Picks the suitcase up and flees the area before the police arrive.

CUT TO:

INT. BRUCE'S OFFICE - SUBURBIA- MORNING

Bruce, (middle aged attorney that prioritizes success and self-development), pulls a set of keys and finds the correct one to open his office door. He walks over behind his desk and sits in his chair.

He picks up the phone and calls his secretary.

BRUCE

How are you doing today Mary? Do I  
have any voicemails?

Mary, (an elder lady with a work ethic that resembles a sloth), answers the phone.

MARY

You have 5, sir. And I've been  
meaning to get back to you with the  
updated schedule, sorry. Hopefully,  
by the end of the day.

BRUCE  
No worries. Any by Tommy?

MARY  
No, sir.

Bruce begins packing his belongings and prepares to head home after a days work.

Bruce says to Mary on his way out...

BRUCE  
Let me know if you hear from Tommy.

CUT TO:

INT. BRUCE'S HOME - NIGHT

Bruce lies propped up in bed after his nightly routine. In walks his wife, Janet (a loving mother of three children who employee her full-time).

BRUCE  
Are the kids in bed?

JANET  
Yes, love.

BRUCE  
Babe, I've been thinking a lot recently. I got together with a buddy of mine from law school to write my will and organize our fortune.

JANET  
I think thats a good idea.

BRUCE  
But ... I wanted to include my brother Tommy.

JANET  
Okay, I understand that is your brother but he has done nothing but take from you. He is a liability, he isn't responsible is all I'm saying.

BRUCE

Yes, but as an older brother it is my obligation to make sure he is able to stand up on his feet. So, it's already been done.

JANET

Fine.  
(with attitude)

EXT. BRUCE'S HOUSE - MORNING

Bruce leaves his house with the intent to head to work. He starts his car and exits the drive way.

The traffic this Saturday morning was especially crazy. Instead of taking his traditional route to work, Bruce took an old shortcut.

However, on this path there was a short bridge that connected the two neighboring towns. Due to miscalculation in construction it required a reconstruction that has yet to happen.

As a result, this has left the bridge in shambles and unable to allow free passage.

Bruce receives a phone call from a potential client and is too distract to acknowledge the warning signs.

He then drives over bridge and falls to his demise in the river.

Police and medics arrive at the scene and declare Bruce dead. They proceed to contact his family about their tragic loss.

INT. HOSPITAL ER ROOM- AFTERNOON

Tommy charges pass the security guards in search of Bruce.

TOMMY

Where is he?? Tell me ? Where did they take him ? Where is the doctor?

Tommy is anxious to find out the condition of his brother.

NURSE

Sir, unfortunately he was declared dead at the scene. Please allow security to direct you where to go next.

INT. LAW OFFICE- MORNING

Tommy sits in the attorney's office lobby in shambles after discovering the death of his brother. In walks Janet and her three children.

They embrace each other and put their differences aside, as Tommy tries to comfort Janet.

They walk into the office to sort Bruce's affairs.

LAWYER

Hello, everyone. Thanking you for coming. I'm sorry for your loss, but let us continue please.

LAWYER (CONT'D)

According to the documents most of the businesses and assets are under Tommy. The house is under you Janet, as well as the children trust funds and college savings. However, Tommy beware that these businesses require your presence and decisions.

LAWYER (CONT'D)

With all due respect, if you don't step up like Bruce your money will only last for a few months but after your screwed.

LAWYER (CONT'D)

What's it gonna be Tommy? We have to fill out some documents so we need an answer now.

TOMMY

I can't do this? I'm not cut out for that square shit, I'm a hustler that's how I make my bread.

Janet begins bawling her eyes out in fear of losing everything. She holds her children tightly.

Tommy notices the pain in Janet's eyes and the shock on the children's faces of the tragic loss they've recently experienced.

He hangs his head down, whispers a prayer to himself, and begins collecting himself.

Tommy looks at the lawyer and tells him

TOMMY (CONT'D)

I'll do it. Whatever it is, I'll do  
it for the kids and Janet. That's  
my final answer.

The lawyer smiles, throws his arms up and hops in  
celebration.

LAWYER

Atta Boy, Tommy.

Tommy gives him a firm hand shake.

TOMMY

It's Tom from now on.