

DAY AFTER DAY

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INT. JAMES' HOUSE - EVENING

James (20s, brown hair) walks in the door after a long day, throws his bag down and angrily walks up the stairs and heads into his bedroom like usual.

JAMES TO HIMSELF

I'm so done with the shit.

James gets up from his desk and begins to walk back downstairs. He looks at himself in the mirror, walks into the kitchen, and begins to pour himself a glass of whiskey. James' phone rings and it's a call from his mom.

JAMES' MOM ON PHONE

Hi sweetie how are you?

JAMES

I'm fine, another long day, what do you need, I rarely hear from you.

JAMES' MOM ON PHONE

Do you have some time to talk?

JAMES

I mean not really...but go ahead.

JAMES' MOM ON PHONE

I don't know how else to tell you this and of course, I didn't want it to be over the phone but your father and I have decided it's best that we leave each other?

JAMES

What the fuck does that mean?

JAMES' MOM ON PHONE

James calm down, everything is going to be fine.

JAMES

I don't understand? You're getting a divorce?!

JAMES' MOM ON PHONE

Yes, we decided that is what's best for us and your sister.

JAMES

I can't deal with this shit right now, goodbye.

JAMES' MOM ON PHONE

Wait.!

James ends the phone call and sits on his bed.

EXT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

James sits at his desk with his hands on his head, he stares at his phone and decides to call his older sister Sam.

JAMES

Sam?

SAM

**Do you know?**

JAMES

Yeah, mom called me a couple of minutes ago.

SAM

Do you believe this shit?

JAMES

No, I really don't, have you talked to dad yet?

SAM

No I have not, I can't believe she was the one to tell us this and not him.

JAMES

Yeah I know, she must have been the one that really wanted this, you know?

SAM

Yeah that's exactly what I was thinking, should we call him?

JAMES

I mean I'm not sure, don't you think that he would've called us already.

SAM

Yeah, I guess so, let's just wait it out a little bit I guess.

FADE OUT.

INT. JAMES' LIVING ROOM - THE NEXT MORNING

James wakes up and begins to make his morning coffee and go on with his day as he usually does, he hears his phone vibrate, expecting it to be his dad, it's his sister Sam again.

SAM

James holy shit, uncle Bill just passed away.

JAMES

WHAT? What the fuck are you talking about?! He just got home from the hospital like four days ago. How do you even know this?

SAM

That's why dad has not been answering, he just lost his brother.

JAMES

I am speechless Sam, I don't even know what to do right now. I mean now I can't blame him for not answering.

SAM

Yeah well me neither.

JAMES

Are you okay?

SAM

I don't know, I guess. Are you?

JAMES

No, goodbye Sam, if you have an emergency call me.

James throws his phone down and puts his face into his pillow.

James sits down on the couch with his head down and stares at his feet for a while.

His roommate Mike walks downstairs and casually says hello.

MIKE  
What's up bro?

JAMES  
Lot of shit man, not really feeling  
it today.

MIKE  
Damn dude.

JAMES  
Yeah I'm gonna head out for a bit.

James just walks outside and sits in his car in the driveway for a while.

INT. BEDROOM

It's past lunchtime and James still has not eaten anything, he decides to give his sister another call, something he never does.

JAMES  
Hey Sam.

SAM  
How are you holding up?

JAMES  
Sam I don't know what to do  
honestly, that's why I called you.

SAM  
What do you mean?

JAMES  
I just can't eat, I can't sleep, I  
can't even function.

SAM  
James...

JAMES  
Sam I can't come home.

SAM

What??

JAMES

I'm not gonna come home to the  
shitshow that is our parents right  
now.

SAM

I mean okay, fine.

JAMES

Yeah, fine, I know.

SAM

Well what about your roommate?

JAMES

Mike absolutely sucks, he couldn't  
give a shit about how I feel.

James hangs up the phone and goes outside again to sit on  
his porch.

He notices his neighbor Josh walk out of his house, however,  
Josh is weirdly interested in what James is up to. Josh  
continues to go about his day but keeps looking over at  
James.

INT. BEDROOM NIGHT

James goes to bed early for the night.

INT. JAMES' HOUSE MORNING

James goes downstairs and makes his coffee like usual, and  
once again he does not go to class.

After making his coffee he decides to go outside again and  
think to himself.

Josh walks out of his house again but this time is so  
curious, he decides to say something to James.

JOSH

Hey man, I have been seeing you out  
here the last couple days looking  
pretty down, everything okay?

JAMES

Yeah I'm okay, thanks for asking man.

JOSH

Yeah no problem, see you around.

INT. BEDROOM NIGHT

James goes to bed again after a long day of sitting around.

INT. JAMES' HOUSE MORNING

James makes his coffee again, skips class...like usual.

He goes to sit outside once again. Josh walks out.

JAMES

Hey, you know what man, I'm not okay.

JOSH

Shit, what's up dude.

JAMES

First of all, what's your name? We been living here for two months and we never met.

JOSH

I'm josh.

JAMES

James.

JAMES CONT.

Let's go inside if you don't mind.

JOSH

Sure.

The two walk inside James' house and sit down on the couch.

JOSH CONT.

I can't help but notice but you look like you been pretty down man, is there anything I can do to help? If you don't wanna explain I feel that.

JAMES

Nah you know what, I can just be straight up with you.

JOSH

Alright yeah, what's up man, I'm here to listen to what you wanna say, I'm all ears.

JAMES

I mean this is so weird, like I don't mean it in a bad way or anything but like why are you doing this, like why are you here right now.

JOSH

Literally just wanna help, I mean I can go.

JAMES

No no, I really need someone to talk to honestly.

JOSH

I'm here man, what's up.

JAMES

So... long story short my parents got divorced and my uncle passed away,

JOSH

Holy shit dude I'm sorry, I knew that something was up.

JAMES

It's okay man, I've excepted it but I just need someone here, I'm not going home to my family right now and my roommate is a complete dick.

JOSH

Let's go do something bro.

Josh takes James out.

The two of them end up going out to different places, bars, restaurants etc.

They hangout more and more and begin to text and call.

James ends up finding a bond in the oddest of times with the last person he least expected.