

UNTITLED SCREENPLAY

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CRIMINAL MINDS SEASON 2 EPISODE 12 - MORGAN & JAMES

Exterior vacant lot. James is by himself, running football drills. Morgan enters.

MORGAN

Looking good there, dude.

JAMES

I was trying to call you.

MORGAN

I'm here now.

Morgan picks up the football from the ground and fidgets with it a bit.

JAMES

Someone killed Damien.

MORGAN

I know. James, we need to talk about Carl Buford.

Morgan tosses the football to James. He catches it. They will continue to toss the football back and forth while talking.

JAMES

What about him?

MORGAN

You're a star player, right? Center of attention?

JAMES

Yeah, I guess.

MORGAN

You know, I used to be that guy.

JAMES

Yeah, I know.

MORGAN

It's a lot of pressure, isn't it? Always wanting to make 'em happy. Impress 'em.

JAMES

I can handle it.

MORGAN

Oh, I'm sure you can, dude. (beat)
Does he ever take you to his cabin?

JAMES

What?

MORGAN

Fishin' in Wisconsin, camping. Do things you wish you had a real father for?

JAMES

Sometimes.

MORGAN

Yeah, he's good like that.

JAMES

You know about the cabin?

MORGAN

James, I told you, I used to be you.

JAMES

What do you mean?

Morgan catches the football one last time and doesn't throw it. He walks closer to James.

MORGAN

The first time you weren't even sure what was goin' on. He brushed up against you. You thought it might have just been an accident. But then at the cabin, he let you sit and drink with him. You thought it was kinda cool. Made you feel grown. He gave you a glass of wine. Maybe a little shot of something harder. And then he took you swimming. Only he told you to jump in without your swimsuit on. He did things to you, James, didn't he? He did 'em to me, too. You do whatever you think you gotta do to keep him happy because he's the closest thing to a father you got. But what he's doing to you is wrong. And you don't have to let it continue, man.

JAMES

Yeah, I do!

MORGAN

No, no, you don't.

JAMES

Man, my oldest brother's in jail. My sister was paralyzed in a drive-by, she's eight years old. I'm all my moms got left. I gotta get us out of here. Carl's gonna make sure I get into college. Then I can make something of myself.

MORGAN

James, you are something, man. You're something right here, right now, without Carl Buford. You just gotta believe that. Where's Carl right now, huh? Look at you, man. You're out here in the dark running pass routes. That's you. That ain't got nothing to do with Carl. What you got inside of here, that's what's gonna get you off these streets.

JAMES

You never told.

MORGAN

Not until right now.

JAMES

Damien always said I should call you.

MORGAN

What? Damien knew?

JAMES

I didn't think you'd believe me.

MORGAN

James... I got your back. Forever.