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EPISODE 10: He's Come Undone

Standards of Behavior contains mature language, content and themes. Please listen with care.

1. The Hearing Moderator FLIPS/SHUFFLES through papers.

HEARING MODERATOR

Mr. Thomas, I don't really have any more questions for you. Is there anything else you want to tell me before I wrap up my notes and let you go?

WILL

(Confused tone)

Is there anything else you need me to say?

HEARING MODERATOR

I know this has been a difficult process-

WILL

That's mild.

HEARING MODERATOR

But I need you to think. Is there anything else that happened that night that could be useful in the investigation?

WILL

(Slowly) "Useful...in the investigation." As though if the information I share is "useful" enough it'll bring him back.

HEARING MODERATOR

Alright, I'm going to go and get some coffee. I'll check in on you in a bit.

2. FLASHBACK. PARTY MUSIC (Mr. Brightside by The Killers.) Will is talking to other peers. Fast paced FOOTSTEPS on the stairs.

WILL

Yeah, so then I told Tina that studies show glitter is actually really bad for the environment and - hey that's my friend Allison, I'll catch up with you guys later.. Excuse me man, sorry, excuse me. Thanks.

Door OPENS and CLOSES. LIGHT WIND.

WILL

Allison! Hey, Allison! Where are you going?

ALLISON

Will? I uh, didn't see you on my way out. I'm just...going home.

WILL

Alright, I'll walk you.

ALLISON

Aren't you kind of busy- hosting the party?

WILL

Well, you look pretty upset, and I won't ignore that for the sake of drinking a few more beers.

ALLISON

Oh. Did um, what did you see?

WILL

See what? Until you came out here
it looked like you were having fun.

ALLISON

(Deep breath)

Right. Yeah, I was.

WILL

Allison, please talk to me. I want
you to stay at the party... but if
you aren't having fun, couldn't you
at least tell me why before I walk
with you?

ALLISON

Walk me where? Oh, right. Ummm,
that's okay Will, I can walk...

WILL

And leave you to fend for yourself?
What if an RA catches you when you
get home! You'll be like *damn*, I
wish I'd stayed at Will's super
amazing awesome party.

ALLISON

(Laughing lightly)

Maybe you have had too many beers.

WILL

Any chance I can persuade you have
one more beer with me? So you can
stay for one last song, and we'll
dance like idiots together?

ALLISON

That sounds fun, but- I just can't go back in there.

WILL

Not even for one song? Alright, now I know something's up. Please talk to me.

ALLISON

I don't know... but I-I can't go back.

WILL

It's just a party. There'll be more.

ALLISON

Yeah, and-and he'll be there.

WILL

He? He-who?

ALLISON

Forget it. It doesn't matter.

WILL

If you're leaving my party because of some "he," it matters.

ALLISON

I just want this night to be over.

PAUSE.

WILL

Allison, what do you need, and is there anything I can do to help?

ALLISON

Can you just walk me home?

WILL
Just a walk home?

ALLISON
Well...yeah.

WILL
Come on, you've got to at least
promise me we'll watch a movie
tomorrow night, or next weekend
maybe?

ALLISON
(Light laugh)
That's a very dangerous promise.

WILL
Well, if it helps you feel better,
it's worth it.

ALLISON
Thanks, Will.

WILL
Yeah, anytime. But Allison, please
tell me, what is this about? Who's
"he?"

ALLISON
Will, don't.

PAUSE. Allison's BREATH is shaky.

WILL
Oh my god. *He's* here. That's why
you're so upset.

ALLISON
Will-

WILL

Did he say anything to you?

ALLISON

(Crying)

No, but he's *here*. That's bad enough.

WILL

Allison, were you really going to leave without telling me?

ALLISON

I'm not enjoying this, Will. I can't look at his face for another second and now your night is ruined too.

WILL

Allison, I-

ALLISON

So now you know why I'm upset, and did it make this any better? No.

WILL

I don't care about my night, I just want to know who's ruining yours. When you got here you looked fine...can you tell me where you saw him?

PAUSE.

WILL (CON'D)

Ok, um, well it didn't look like anyone in particular had upset you, except you kind of gave Jack a funny look but-(pause)No way. Allison, is it true? (pause) Is- is Jack Malvolio the reason you're leaving? Allison?

ALLISON

Am I supposed to say something like
yup, you got it? Congrats?

WILL

I... I saw how you looked at Jack
earlier, and I- I didn't say
anything because I didn't want to
be wrong.

ALLISON

Yeah, well, I don't know what to do
now.

WILL

I'm sorry. I should've said
something.

ALLISON

Don't apologize for this. Let's
just go.

WILL

Okay Allison, I'll be right back. I
just need to take care of this.

ALLISON

Will, no. Let's just go.

WILL

(Insistently)

No, no. Just stay here, This won't
take long.

ALLISON

Will, no! Come back outside! Will!

3. BACKGROUND MUSIC (No Problem: Chance the Rapper.) Door
OPENS. Will rushes inside and bumps into Roy.

WILL

Hey Roy, now's not a good-

ROY

Where'd you go man? I've been looking for you! It's our Saturday afternoon porch song!

WILL

That's great, Roy. But I'm looking for Jack.

ROY

(Scoffs)

What'd that asshole do now?

WILL

(Impatiently)

Have you seen Jack?

ROY

(Pauses attentively)

Ok... you look pissed, man. What's up?

WILL

(Angrily)

I'm kind of in a rush here, Roy.

ROY

Look, if Jack did something-

WILL

No, no. I'm not trying to get you involved, man.

ROY

Oh, like you're the only one who has secrets?

WILL

Have. You. Seen. Him.

ROY

No. Not since he went upstairs.

WILL

Great. Thanks.

Fast FOOTSTEPS on stairs rushing.

4. BACKGROUND MUSIC: I MEAN IT: G-Eazy. Door bursts OPEN.

WILL

Jack, get off my bed and tell me what the hell you're doing in my room!

JACK

Will, I swear to god something is going on here. There's this girl and-

WILL

(Loudly)

Yeah, there are a lot of girls here. But I need to talk to you about Allison.

JACK

Wait, what? Allison? Why?

WILL

Are you joking?

JACK

No, I'm not. Look, I've seen a lot of girls tonight. You can't just rattle off Allison's name without even telling me why you're asking!

WILL

Go ahead and assume I have a good reason.

JACK

Ok, fine but just hang on and listen to me first. I'm trying to tell you about this girl. Did you see her? The one who left a few minutes ago?

WILL

No. I've been busy hearing all about you.

JACK

Well, I thought she wanted to hook up, but she's psycho, and you need to watch out for her. She'll probably be back, so just, don't let her in!

WILL

Alright, I'll humor you. Where did this girl go?

JACK

Humor me? I'm not trying to start any issues, dude. I just figured you threw this party to have some fun and I'm making sure you don't pick a crazy girl to bring up here by mistake.

WILL

Not everyone throws a party to get laid.

JACK

Shame, there are some hotties here tonight.

WILL

Like Allison?

JACK

Yeah see, you keep talking about that bitch, and I still don't know why the fuck you're obsessed with her.

WILL

Obsessed?

JACK

Yeah, dude. It's so weird.

WILL

What's weird about being concerned for a friend?

JACK

Wait, why are you concerned about Allison? Did she say something?

WILL

Is there something I should know?

FLASHBACK ENDS.

5. INT. DISCIPLINARY HEARING

HEARING MODERATOR

I've got coffee for you. If you'd like water as well, I can bring you some.

WILL

What? Oh, no thanks.

HEARING MODERATOR

Mr. Thom- Will. I'm sorry that after losing a fellow student, you've had to answer all these questions. But-

WILL

Can I just- can I just have a minute, please?

6. FLASHBACK. PARTY MUSIC.

JACK

No, dude. I have no idea why she would be so upset-

WILL

So you are behind all of this.

JACK

Behind all of what?

WILL

The crime you've so carefully concealed until tonight.

JACK

Crime? What did that bitch tell you?!

WILL

Hey! Don't ever call Allison a bitch. You're disgusting and she has every reason to hate you.

FOOTSTEPS.

WILL

Where do you think you're going?

JACK

I'm getting another beer. I'm through with the accusing...accusations. I'm done with this bullshit.

WILL

You don't need another beer. You need to tell me why you were up here with Allison!

JACK

(Light laugh)

Oh boy, always about Allison! I'm telling you dude, you really are obsessed.

WILL

Alright forget it, just get out of my house.

JACK

What the fuck, why?

WILL

Get. Out!

JACK

Alright, god. Have some class dude.

WILL

Oh yes, because I need your opinion.

JACK

Dude, I could be at ANY party. I came here! My mistake.

WILL

Hang on, one more thing.

JACK

What now? I thought you wanted me to leave.

WILL

Yeah, I do. But uh-

Will punches Jack in the face. STUMBLING FOOTSTEPS. BED SPRINGS as Jack trips.

JACK

What the hell?! I was trying to get the fuck out-

WILL

Yeah, and so was Allison, one of my best friends. Apparently remembering the name of the "psycho girl" is too hard for you. But I'm sure she'll never forget you. The way I see it, a punch to the face is the least of your problems.

JACK

You're crazy! I never did anything like that- ow my head. God, what'd you do? Break my skull? Fuck!

BED SPRINGS.

WILL

Sit down, man. That was a pretty hard punch, and you'll need the energy for court.

FOOTSTEPS.

JACK

No, you don't understand. It wasn't like that with Allison! I wouldn't call her psycho, although she is

JACK (CON'D)

weird... And it's not my fault...
she was asking for it! Hey, don't
leave! I can't let you tell anyone!

WILL

You're right, I don't understand
because I'm not the one who got
raped! You had a choice, and now
there's consequences.

JACK

Are you really threatening me?

WILL

Before I leave this room, listen to
me and understand one thing. I
never want to see you in my house
again. You're out of time...dude.

FLASHBACK ENDS.

7. INT. DISCIPLINARY HEARING.

HEARING MODERATOR

Mr. Thomas, you've been staring at
your coffee for a few minutes now.
I asked if you had anything else
you wanted to share?

WILL

No, I told you everything I know.

HEARING MODERATOR

Anything in particular distracting
you?

WILL

Besides a guy who shows up to my
party alive and ends up dead? No.

HEARING MODERATOR

I understand and that's perfectly natural. But the best thing you can do for Jack, is help piece together the night so we can figure out what happened.

WILL

Natural? Where do you find anything natural about this? Jack is dead. He's never coming back, and- this is just a waste of time.

THE END.