

INT. HAROLD'S CAFE - AFTERNOON 1

HENDRIX, JAY(G)

HENDRIX CONFRONTS HIS ACCOMPLICE OVER DOPING PIERCE

Hendrix waits anxiously at a table. Jay enters and casually takes a seat.

JAY

Hey.

HENDRIX

What took you so long?

JAY

I just got your message. What's wrong?

HENDRIX

Haven't you heard? My dad's in hospital from what we did.

Jay is instantly alarmed.

JAY

What? Is he okay?

HENDRIX

Yeah. Luckily. He collapsed. I thought he was having a heart attack.

JAY

Oh man. I had no idea. I'm so sorry.

HENDRIX

(low)

How many of Ritchie's meds did you put in dad's tea?

Jay is a portrait of contrition and concern.

JAY

I only crushed up one pill.

HENDRIX

Are you sure?

JAY

A hundred per cent. I don't know what went wrong. It should only have given him a buzz.

HENDRIX

(distressed)

It gave him a hell of a lot more than a buzz.

JAY

I'm really sorry. I shouldn't have suggested the prank. It was a stupid thing to do.

Hendrix sinks into a chair, unable to blame him.

HENDRIX

I shouldn't have agreed to it.

They look at each other, equally guilty.

HENDRIX

I heard the police questioned your dad.

JAY

Yeah but they have nothing on him. He'll be fine.

Jay sees Hendrix's guilt and offers some friendly reassurance.

JAY

(reassuring)
Don't beat yourself up, okay? We made a major mistake, but everything's fine. Your dad's going to be okay and my dad's not in trouble. No harm done.

HENDRIX

(tentative)
I guess you're right.
(then)
Anyway, I gotta get back to the hospital.

Jay is sincere.

JAY

Tell him I hope he feels better.

Hendrix heads out.

With Hendrix gone, Jay's guilty look fades. He's not worried about Pierce or Shane - only frustrated that his actions might get busted.