

## **LINDSAY SCENE**

**27 INT. LINDSAY'S HOUSE - DAY 12 27**

REECE, LINDSAY, LEVI, DAVE

REECE and LEVI are seated at the table as LINDSAY fusses about getting cutlery and plates.

LINDSAY

You've travelled a long way today Levi. You got something else on?

LEVI opens his mouth to answer but REECE gets in first.

REECE

Training squad. Levi's in an elite AFL team.

LEVI looks at REECE - still very confused.

LINDSAY

Hanging out with the cool kids huh? Told you, you'd be just as popular as you were at Kellett Street.

LEVI

But we go to... (*Kellett Street*)

REECE kicks LEVI under the table, cutting him off.

LEVI

What?

REECE gives LEVI a look - play along. Please.

REECE

Newcastle took a little getting= used to. But I feel I've reached the pinnacle of the social pecking order.

LINDSAY

Brains always win the day. That's what I keep telling you.

REECE smiles at his mother, whilst LEVI looks completely bewildered. REECE glares at him - shush. As LINDSAY sets down the plates.

LINDSAY

Reece normally bakes. But it was a bit much to ask him to carry a cake down on the train.

LINDSAY opens the lid of a cake box - a red sale sticker half scratched off the top. Inside, a pink cake in the shape of a princess. REECE laughs.

REECE

Next year I'm definitely baking.

LINDSAY

What? I thought the princess was deliciously ironic.

REECE

I doubt she'll even be delicious.

LINDSAY cuts a slice for LEVI.

LINDSAY

(to LEVI, smiling) Bet you're not so rude to your mother.

LEVI

Mum's in Darwin.

LINDSAY

You're all spread far and wide then.

LEVI

Not really, I just stayed for the footy program at Kellett...(Street).

Before REECE can cut LEVI off, we hear the sound of the front door opening and closing. LINDSAY doesn't even notice LEVI's slip up, her smile fading at the sound. She looks nervous now. A little bit scared. REECE too looks alarmed. He looks to LINDSAY, questioning and she shrugs - she's just as surprised as he is. REECE keeps his voice low.

REECE

I thought he wasn't going to be here.

LINDSAY

(also quiet) He wasn't.

LEVI watches on as REECE and LINDSAY look worried. REECE grabs his stuff. The party is over it seems.

DAVE (O.S.)

Knee's playing up again! Boss sent me home early.

And DAVE - burly, early 40's, tough looking, enters. He quickly takes in REECE and LEVI and his face registers his anger at something happening without him being consulted. But this man is quietly dangerous - instead of shouting - he smiles.

DAVE  
Got yourself a visitor I see.

LINDSAY tries to make everything nice.

LINDSAY  
Cup of tea Dave?

DAVE  
Yeah, if you're making one Linds.

LINDSAY fills the kettle as DAVE surveys REECE, clearly not liking what he sees, then he glances at LEVI.

DAVE  
Who's this?

LEVI waits for REECE to respond but he's just glaring at DAVE. LEVI doesn't like this guy, stands up for REECE.

LEVI  
I'm Levi. A friend of Reece's.

DAVE  
Really? Didn't know you had one of those Reecey boy.

REECE  
Concept would be unfamiliar to you I'm guessing.

DAVE glares back at him as LINDSAY steps in.

LINDSAY  
There's cake. How about a piece of cake?

REECE  
We should get going mum.

DAVE stops him, still smiling dangerously.

DAVE  
No need to rush. Let's hear what's been going on in your little world.

LEVI and REECE have no choice but to stay a while.