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BRING THE DAUGHTER INTO
IT, CAN BE USED
AS A MUCH MORE
COMPLICATED
WEAPON

(Scene: Lights up in a back alley behind Fernando's Bar & Grill. There are two yellow lights that flicker intermittently throughout scene. There is a dumpster stage right. Scene begins in a standoff with Tim stage right and Anthony stage left. Tim is backed against the dumpster and Anthony is glaring at him.)

ANTHONY
(spits at Tim's feet)

What... did... you... say?

TIM

Excuse M--

ANTHONY

Tell me, what did you say about my daughter?

TIM

What are you talking about? I said she's beau---

ANTHONY

Don't fucking play dumb with me Tim.

TIM

I'm not.

ANTHONY

(grabs tim by the shirt and looks him in the eyes)

Listen asshole, I'm not stupid. You said you've been...

TIM

What?

ANTHONY

You've been

TIM

Seeing her yeah, but I thought I knew you well enough to---

ANTHONY

Fuck you god damn it.

(lets him go)

ANTHONY

Just say that first thing again.

TIM

I slept with her?

ANTHONY

(Enraged, Anthony punches Tim. Tim falls to the ground)

She's 17! Damn you Tim.

TIM

What!?

ANTHONY

Get the fuck up now.

TIM

(gets up warily, dusts himself off)

Anthony, I didn't---

ANTHONY

(grabs Tim again)

I've done a lot worse for a lot less Tim. But Natalie is all I have left. You---

TIM

Listen I

ANTHONY

What!? You what? You take every god damn piece I have left of my soul

(starts shaking tim)

Damn you! God fucking damn you!

TIM

Stop.

ANTHONY

Stop what!?

TIM

Stop it!

(Tim puts a hand towards his pocket, and Anthony throws him against the dumpster)

ANTHONY

I could beat you to an inch of your life and you wouldn't do a damn thing.

TIM

Shut... the... fuck... up.

ANTHONY

I'm too old for the heroics kid. Get up.

TIM

Fuck you Anthony.

ANTHONY

Get up and go home kid. New York's not for you.

TIM

Fuck you.

ANTHONY

Stuff it kid, go home. Stay away from me and Natalie or you will regret it.

TIM

How could you possibly know what its like to loose everything. FUCK! How could you know? You've spent your whole life taking and breaking everything everyone else has. Fuck off old man or you will regret it.

(Anthony steps forward to grab tim.)

Back off. Back off!

(Tim draws a knife and Anthony does not stop)

Back off!

ANTHONY

(stops)

Don't try anything stupid with that... Is this the first time you've pulled that? You're shaking.

(Anthon moves towards Tim, Tim takes a swing)

TIM

I said back off!

(Anthony moves towards again, grabs the hand with the knife and breaks his arm)

TIM

Oh fuck! Oh fuck!

ANTHONY

Go home, I'll let you be, but I don't ever want to see you here again.

ANTHONY

(Tim screams as Anthony turns his back, pulls another knife from his boot and shoves it into Anthony's left kidney. Anthony staggers, and falls back against the wall. Tim pauses and then runs)

How could you know what its like to lose everything kid... to... lose... everything...

(Lights fade, Blackout)