

Stand Off
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FADE IN:

INT. HIGH SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

In a crowded hallway, STEPHEN, a quiet studious freshman, pushes his way out of the last class of the day. As he walks by, JIMMY, a wide and tall freshman, steps up to him with a smirk on his face.

JIMMY
Hey Loser!

STEPHEN
Stop it, Jimmy!

JIMMY
What, loser!

Stephen tries to speed up while ignoring Jimmy. Jimmy chases after him and then slows down.

JIMMY
Retard!

Stephen still ignores him as he tries to suppress his emotions. He walks towards the school bus.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. HIGH SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

The next day. Stephen rushes out of class trying to get to the school bus as soon as possible. Jimmy steps up to Stephen with the same smirk.

JIMMY
Hey there retard! I didn't got a chance to talk with you today.

Stephen ignores him and continues towards the bus.

JIMMY
Hey! I want to have a little talk with you! You worthless loser!

STEPHEN
Quit calling me with one of your nicknames!

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JIMMY
Why you bastard!

Jimmy grabs Stephen and smacks him. Stephen breaks loose and runs towards the bus.

INT. STEPHEN'S BEDROOM - DAY

Stephen shuffles into his bedroom, climbs into his bed and cries. He begins to daydream about the confrontation.

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JIMMY
Why you bastard!

Jimmy grabs Stephen and smacks him. However, Stephen reaches into his pocket and pulls out a small hammer. Stephen whacks Jimmy across the face with it.

Jimmy stumbles over. His mouth starts to bleed a lot and he is missing some teeth. Stephen whacks him on the side of his head with the hammer and knocks him out.

As Jimmy falls to the floor, Stephen walks away as if nothing has happened.

INT. STEPHEN'S BEDROOM - DAY

Stephen gets up from his bed and dries his tears. He walks out of the room.

INT. GARAGE OF STEPHEN'S HOUSE - DAY

Stephen opens the door of a dark garage shedding light into it. He walks up to a shelf. He then pulls out a tool kit, opens it, and takes out a small hammer.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

The next day. Stephen gets out of class. He scans to find Jimmy, but fails to find him. He walks towards his bus.

As he turns into a hallway, he spots Jimmy talking to a teacher. Stephen quickly flips around with his back to the wall in order to hide.

He slowly peeps his head out. Jimmy finishes the conversation.

Jimmy then walks towards an exit. Stephen follows him. Jimmy is completely unaware of this.

Stephen grabs his pocket which holds a bulky object.

EXT. SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD - DAY

It is a cloudy fall day. Jimmy strolls down a sidewalk on a suburban street outside of the school. Stephen stalks Jimmy. He scans the area.

Cars drive by, and neighbors rake their yards. Some children are playing in their yard. A few cars park on each side of the road.

Jimmy turns into a street corner, and Stephen follows. This street is more secluded with a few houses here and there. It appears that no one is home in all of them. Stephen sticks his hand into his pocket, grabs the object and slowly draws it out.

However, a car drives down the street towards them. It slows down. Stephen quickly shoves the object back in and goes back around the corner. He hides behind a parked car.

Jimmy's father, BILL, rolls down the driver's seat window.

BILL
(angrily)
Jimmy get in here!

Jimmy walks towards the car slowly. Bill smacks the side of the door.

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BILL
(even more angrily)
Faster!

Jimmy unwillingly enters the car. They both slam their doors. Bill then rolls up his window. The car goes down a court and turns around in it. The car then speeds up the street it went down earlier.

Stephen peeps his head to make sure they are gone, and steps into the sidewalk. He becomes frustrated, but then calms down.

He pulls out his phone in his other pocket. He goes online and searches for Jimmy's street address.

EXT. JIMMY'S HOUSE - DAY

It is getting dark. Stephen walks towards the front of Jimmy's house. He takes out his phone and checks it to make sure this is the right address. He then puts it back into his pocket and hides in a bush on the side of the house.

As he waits, he calms himself. However, Stephen turns his head as the voice of an adult male yells from within the house. Some commotion erupts inside and then screams of pain emit from it.

Seconds later, Jimmy storms out of the back door and towards the front yard. He runs with a limp. Stephen gets into position and takes the hammer out. He raises it above his shoulder.

Jimmy passes in front of the bush Stephen is in. Stephen is about to jump out and strike, but he freezes within the bush as Jimmy gets out of reach.

Jimmy continues to run. He goes down the street and starts to sob. Stephen then lowers his position and watches him run.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

The next day. Jimmy frantically tries to open his locker. After numerous tries, his lock fails to open it. He hits the locker in anger.

JIMMY
Damn this cheap piece of shit!

Stephen walks by. He sees Jimmy's frustration and calmly steps up to him. Jimmy notices him and then glares at him.

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Stephen pulls out the hammer in his pocket, and hits the lock. It opens immediately. Jimmy is surprised.

Stephen calmly goes back to walking. Jimmy stands where he is and watches him leave.

FADE OUT.