

DO THE RIGHT THING

FADE IN:

EXT. PARK - DAY

Tony (13) dark complexion and fit looks uneasy as Jason (13) short haired and pimply faced slaps him in the back.

JASON

Come on Tony, it's fun.

BILLY (13) tall and lanky spits and tries to look tough.

BILLY

Yeah, come on Tony. He's just a faggot anyway. He deserves it.

CHRIS (12) small and geeky with glasses rides his bike down a path. He nervously looks ahead at the three bigger boys as they rigidly form a wall across the trail.

TONY (V.O)

My dad always used to tell me to do the right thing. Do what's right and everything turns out alright.

Chris comes to a wiggly stop in front of them. Jason grabs a hold of Chris's bike and shoves him, causing him to fall. Billy kicks his bike and pulls his backpack off of him.

TONY (V.O) (CONT'D)

I admit that bullying isn't the right thing to do, but --

Tony watches as Chris tries to get up. Jason kicks him in the back. Chris's glasses fall off. Billy crushes the glasses under his foot.

TONY (V.O) (CONT'D)

-- kids do it all the time.

They laugh at Chris. Jason kicks him hard in the stomach. Billy and Jason escalate the beating. They take turns. Tony looks uncomfortable. Jason gestures for Tony to join.

JASON

Come on, beat the little faggot up.

Tony hesitates. Jason shoves Tony hard towards Chris.

TONY (V.O)
It's just a way to establish
yourself in the pecking order.

Tony stumbles and falls on top of Chris. Chris's head hits the ground hard. His temple slams against a rock. He doesn't move.

Tony gets up. They stare at Chris's lifeless body on the ground with the broken glasses by his face.

TONY (V.O) (CONT'D)
It was all just an accident.

Billy and Jason turn to stare at Tony.

BILLY
Fuck! Look what you did Tony? You
killed him!

They take off, leaving Tony standing there.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

GEORGE (50) watches television as Tony walks in with slumped shoulders and head hung low.

TONY
Dad, there's something I need to
tell you...

TONY (V.O) (CONT'D)
Yeah sure I was upset and scared,
but I knew if I just did the right
thing and told the truth --

George looks shocked as MARIA (40) ample bodied with her hair in a bun enters the room. She covers her mouth in horror and starts to cry.

INT. POLICE STATION - NIGHT

Tony, Maria and George sit in chairs as a POLICEMAN (40's) behind the desk takes notes. There's a recorder on the desk.

TONY (V.O)
-- everything would be just fine.
They would see it was all just an
accident.

EXT. PARK - NIGHT

Tony leads a group of policemen with flashlights and dogs to the spot where Chris still lies on the ground.

TONY (V.O.)
Fuck! I even felt relieved when I
showed them where it happened.

INT. FOYER - NIGHT

A MAN (45) wearing a robe opens the front door. A policeman stands there. Billy peeks out from his bedroom. He looks worried as his dad and the policeman both turn to stare at him with concern.

TONY (V.O.)
I wasn't too worried. I knew Billy
and Jason would back me up--

EXT. FRONT DOOR - NIGHT

A policeman stands outside as the door opens and a WOMAN (40) peers outside. They both turn to stare at Jason walking up behind the woman.

TONY (V.O.)
--they were my best buddies after
all.

INT. COURT ROOM - DAY

The three boys are all there with their parents. The boys are all dressed nicely and conservatively with very humble expressions on their faces.

TONY (V.O.)
I was so sure they would do the
right thing and tell the truth--

Billy and Jason shake their heads and point at Tony. Tony appears stunned.

BILLY
He was beating him like crazy.

TONY (V.O.)
--but they didn't.

Tony stands in front of the JUDGE.

JUDGE

I hereby sentence you to ten years
in juvenile detention with a
transfer to federal on your
eighteen birthday.

Maria starts to cry in desperation and George is in shock.

INT. PRISON CORRIDOR - DAY

Tony is lead in handcuffs down a corridor.

TONY (V.O.)

I don't think I really understood
what was happening to me...to my
life.

EXT. SCHOOLYARD - DAY

Billy and Jason now fifteen play basketball with other kids.
Girls sit along the sidelines watching, giggling.

TONY (V.O)

(facetiously)

Good ole Billy and Jason...I wonder
what they're up to. I bet their
days are just like mine.

EXT. PRISON EXCERSISE COURT - DAY

Tony and some other rough looking kids play basketball.

INT. SCHOOL AUDITORIUM - DAY

Billy and Jason at their high school graduation ceremony.
Smiles all around as camera's flash.

INT.PRISON CELL - DAY

Tony (18) lies on the bed reading a comic.

TONY (V.O)

I used to be a good student. Mostly
A's, a couple of B's.

INT. CAR - NIGHT

Billy leans in to kiss ALLY (17). She responds passionately. Billy's hand sneaks up under her shirt.

TONY (V.O)
I missed out on a lot of things...
I've never had a girlfriend--

INT. MOVIE THEATER - NIGHT

Jason and SUSAN (17) all over each other in the back row. A few people watch them. Susan and Jason don't care.

INT. PRISON SHOWER - NIGHT

Tony (18), naked in the shower is being cornered by three menacing looking men in their thirties.

TONY (V.O)
--never wanted to be one either.

INT. PRISON CELL - NIGHT

Tony (24) sits on the bunk with his back against the wall and legs stretched out. He's heavily tattooed and muscled. His head is shaved. He looks defiant, hardened. He twirls a handmade knife in his hand.

TONY
I get out in three weeks... When I do, I have some business to take care of... This time I will do the right thing... Oh yeah, no doubt about that... Billy and Jason
(viciously smiling)
Two pussies I can't wait to fuck.

He grabs the knife's handle. Blade pointing down. While still smiling viciously he stabs the mattress. Not just once, but two times, three, four, five...

FADE OUT: