

**MY SESSIONS WITH DR. ROBERT
MCGEE**

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FADE IN:

INT-HALLWAY-DAY

A young boy is entering his class room with a sopping wet paper towel in his hand. He walks back to his seat. He is JASON. When the teacher turns to write something on the board he throws the wet wad of paper at the board next to her. You can't hear anything but the background music. The song is Blister in the Sun by The Violent Femmes. The teacher turns around immediately knowing it was Jason. She points to the door and mouths "Get Out"!

CUT TO:

INT: ATTENDANCE OFFICE-DAY

Jason enters the attendance office. The secretary rolls her eyes.

SECRETARY

You're here already?

JASON

Come on now, what'd you expect?

Secretary

What'd you do this time?

Jason

I *may* have "tossed" a wet paper at the board during class

Secretary

What is it with you? In here every day.

Jason
I gotta keep the place interesting.
You wouldn't want a boring day would you?

Secretary
Keep the place interesting? How by holding your math teacher hostage?

Jason
(Defensive)
That was a joke! she just didn't get it.

Secretary
Alright, just sit where I can keep an eye on you.

Jason
'Kay.

CUT TO:

INT-CLASSROOM-DAY
Jason approaches the teacher.

Jason
What are the chances of this guy usin' the facilities?

Teacher
Write out a pass.

Jason
Ten steps ahead of you.

Jason pulls out a pass, the teacher signs it, and Jason walks out the door.

CUT TO:

INT-BATHROOM-DAY

Jason is standing in the handicap stall, nervously sipping from a POLAND SPRINGS bottle.

A boy enters the bathroom, looks at himself in the mirror, and notices Jason, obviously not going to the bathroom.

BOY
What are you doing?

Jason
(shocked)
Nothing!

Jason starts dumping the water into the toilet.

Boy
What's in that bottle?

Jason
Water.

Boy
If it's water, than why'd you dump
it out?

Jason
I wasn't thirsty anymore.

Boy
Alright buddy, Whatever.

Jason
Leave me alone.

CUT TO:

INT-DR. MCGEE'S SECRETARY'S DESK-DAY

A teacher enters to talk to Dr. McGee

TEACHER

Hi, excuse me, is Dr. McGee in?

Dr. McGee's Secretary
No, sorry, he's with a client.

Teacher
Ok, well I'd like to make an
appointment for a student.

Dr. McGee's Secretary
Ok, what's the problem.

Teacher
I have a student, Jason Hughes,
who's been frequently visiting the
restroom and a few students believe
they have seen him drinking alcohol,
and I
fear he may have a drinking
problem. He really is a good kid, I
don't
want to jump to conclusions,
but this
seems pretty credible.

Dr. McGee's Secretary
Ok, I'll pencil him in right away.

CUT TO:

EXT-OUTSIDE OF CAFETERIA-DAY

Jason and his friend CUNNINGHAM are leaving detention.

Jason
Alright, we've been getting hours
like it's our freakin' job.

CUNNINGHAM
Yeah I know, and it's like they take
longer every time.

Jason
Yeah, dude, hours should only take
like twenty minutes.

Cunningham

Yeah, If I ever get class president,
I'm makin' that a rule.

Jason
Are you gonna run?

Cunningham
For what?

Jason
Class President.

Cunningham
No, why?

Jason
'Cause you just said... forget it.

Cunningham
'Kay.

Jason
Okay, you know that school
psychologist?

Cunningham
Yeah, why?

Jason
I have to go see him now.

Cunningham
Why?

Jason
I have no idea.

Cunningham
So how do you know you have to see
him, if you don't know what it's
about?

Jason
They told me about it on call-list

but they wouldn't tell me what it
was about.

Cunningham
So when do you have to go see him?

CUT TO:

INT-DR. MCGEE'S OFFICE-DAY

A boy is sitting in Dr. McGee's room in session. He is wearing a black with a wise "just
be glad I'm not your kid" type saying on it. He is BEN.

BEN
The trees... were waving because of the wind
and stuff. The dirt was cold because it was cold
out. The puddle was cold, but it wasn't frozen
yet.

Dr. McGee is nodding agreeingly the whole time, obviously not paying attention.

Ben
(continued)
Everyone was crying really hard because they were really
sad.

An egg timer beeps.

DR. MCGEE
Whelp, time's up.

Ben
But I didn't finish my poem!

Dr. McGee
Yeah I think we're going to go with
a different approach next time.
Forget the poetry.

Ben
But I worked really hard!

Dr. McGee
I'm sure you did.

Dr. McGee's Secretary

(o.s)

Dr. McGee! your two fifteen is here!

Dr. McGee

You heard the lady. I'll see you
next week.

Ben

Doubt it.

Jason walks in. He accidentally bumps shoulders with Ben on the way out. Ben then flashes Jason a dirty look. Jason is unfazed.

Jason

Hurry up buddy, you're gonna be late
for practice, you play sports right?

Dr. McGee

Dr. Livingstone I presume?

Jason

Huh?(looks behind) No, I'm uh Jason
Hughes, I have an appointment.

Dr. McGee

I know, It was just a little Humor.
of course it would have worked
better had I been entering the room.

Jason

Of Course.

Dr. McGee

Have a seat.

Jason

Here?

Dr. McGee

If you like.

Jason

'kay.

Jason sits down and shifts around.

Dr. McGee

Now, do you have any idea why you're here?

Jason

Is it 'cause I threw the paper towel at the wall?

Dr. McGee

No, that's not the type of thing people get sent here for.

Jason

Yeah, but I do it everyday, and I think my teacher thinks I'm insane.

Dr. McGee

Either way that's not the reason you're here.

Jason

Can you tell me why I'm here?

Dr. McGee

If by can you mean "have the ability" to tell you, then yes, but if you mean "will" I tell you then no.

Jason

Why not?

Dr. McGee

I think it'd be better for you to figure out on your own.

Jason

Well then I can't wait to figure it out then. It'll be a learning experience in more ways than one.

Dr. McGee
That's the attitude I like.

Jason
I do what I can.

Dr. McGee
Excellent.

Jason is looking around at Dr. McGee's Awards and Diplomas.

Jason
Do you mind if I uh, peruse your
works?

Dr. McGee
No, not at all.

Jason gets up and walks to one of the diplomas on the wall.

Jason
Is this legit?

Dr. McGee
It's legitimate, of course.

Jason
Your name's Robert McGee?

Dr. McGee
Yes, but I don't see what's humorous
about that.

Jason
You know the song, Me and Bobby
McGee?

Dr. McGee
You'll have to bear with me, I'm un-
familiar with you kids' new music.

Jason

Us kids' new music? The song was
written in like the sixties, you
know when you were a "Kid."

Dr. McGee

Well I admit I wasn't really
familiar with the kids' new music
even when I was in fact a kid
myself.

Jason

I can't believe you've never heard
that song though, it's been done by
a buncha people, you know, Kris
Kristofferson, The Grateful Dead,
Janis Joplin.

Dr. McGee

Some of those names sound familiar.

Jason

You should hear it though, with it
being your name and all.

Dr. McGee

I just might have to.

Jason

So what do you listen to?

Dr. McGee

The classics.

Jason

That's a pretty broad
generalization.

Dr. McGee

You know, Mozart, Beethoven, Johan
Sebastian Bach.

Jason

Sebastian Bach was the singer from
Skid Row.

Dr. McGee
Johan Sebastian Bach was a composer.

Jason
Oh, I get it like different people.

INT-CUNNINGHAM'S ROOM-DAY

Jason, Cunningham, and their friends, THUMPER and ETHAN, are hanging out in Cunningham's bedroom.

Cunningham
So, did you go to that meeting that
guy yet?

Jason
Dr. McGee? yeah.

Cunningham
What'd you talk about?

Jason
I dunno, stuff. The guy's kind of a
push over. I don't think he
accomplished anything.

THUMPER
So are you insane?

Cunningham
Shut up Thumper.

Jason
Naw, but I don't think they ever
thought that.

Thumper
Then why'd you go?

Jason
I'm not sure.

Cunningham
You still haven't found out?

Jason
No.

Cunningham
That's a joke.

Jason
Yeah, I know. But dude, guess what
his name is.

Thumper
Thumper!

Cunningham
Shut up Thumper.

Thumper
You shut up. You just painted your
fingernails!

Cunningham
It was a clear coat buddy, It
doesn't even count.

Ethan
Ok, because you two make the worst
arguments ever, how about you shut
up and listen to Jason.

Jason
Thank you Ethan. As I was saying,
The dude's name... is Bobby McGee.

Thumper
I heard a song called that once!

Cunningham
Thumper! Please. I hope it's like
"American History X" and he makes
you write a paper.

Ethan
You can call it "Me and Bobby
McGee."

Jason
No, this dude's such a tool he'd
make me call it "My sessions with
Dr. Robert McGee."

Thumper
Who's Robert McGee?

INT-DR. MCGEE'S OFFICE-DAY

Jason and Dr. McGee are in mid-session.

Jason
It would be like Bob Sagget without
his cunning wit, It just wouldn't
make sense.

Dr. McGee
I see what you mean. Now would you
say that you have a tightly knit
group of friends?

Jason
I guess, no less than any other
group at least.

Dr. McGee
I see.

Jason
We got the whole inner circle type
of thing goin'.

Dr. McGee
Tell me about your friends.

Jason

Well, Cunningham's Probably my best friend.

EXT-OUTSIDE SCHOOL-AFTER SCHOOL

Jason and all of his friends are standing around after school.

Jason(v.o)

He can be obnoxious, and he's not very bright, but he's a good kid.

He's pretty rich, his dad invented the leopard print steering wheel cover.

Throughout the whole time of Jason's talking The camera is on Cunningham and he's "Hollering" at girls, not getting nearly the reaction he's looking for.

Jason(v.o)

(continued)

Then there's Ethan. He'd probably be considered the normal one of the group. He kinda keeps us together.

This time the cameras on Ethan. He doesn't do anything out of the ordinary. He just stands there and talks once in a while.

Jason(v.o)

(continued)

Then there's Thumper. Remember how I said Cunningham's not very bright? Thumper makes him look like a freakin' genius.

Dr. McGee(v.o)

His name is Thumper?

Jason(v.o)

(continued)

His name's Andy. But spend five minutes with the kid and you'll know why we call him Thumper. Have you ever seen anyone fall tying there shoes? Just pull his shoe shoe string and watch the show.

As Jason is talking the camera is focused on Thumper. He is playing with a rock.

Jason(v.o)

(continued)

My last close friend is John. He doesn't talk. He can talk, he just chooses not to. But when he does listen close because it's usually something important.

As Jason is talking the camera is focused on John. He is just sitting there, his eyes following whoever is talking.

CUT BACK:

INT-DR. MCGEE'S OFFICE-DAY

Dr. McGee

I see.

Jason

Yeah, that about sums it up.

Dr. McGee

That seems like an interesting group.

Jason

They're alright.

Dr. McGee

Now, what would an average night out entail?

Jason

Friday or Saturday?

Dr. McGee

We'll go with Friday.

Jason

Okay... Well we usually go to Big Y.

CUT TO:

INT-BIG Y-DAY

Jason and his friends are in Big Y doing as he describes.

Jason (V.O.)

We'll spend a solid twenty minutes
in the cereal aisle.

Dr. McGee (V.O.)

Twenty minutes? Really?

Jason (V.O.)

Well, roughly, you know, It's not
exact, we don't time it or anything.

Dr. McGee (V.O.)

Does it really take that long
though?

Jason (V.O.)

Yeah, we'll have, like, arguments
over which cereals are better, stuff
like that. It can take some time.

Dr. McGee (V.O.)

Is that all you do there?

Jason (v.o)

No, we're not losers. After that
we'll get, like, lunchables or
ice cream or whatever and eat at the
table set up they got there.
we'll go hang out at the
little
Then after
stables.

Dr. McGee

Stables? Is that a name for a
popular hangout?

Jason

No. It's not popular at least.
It's what we call the tables outside
of White Hen.

Dr. McGee

And why do you call them the stables?

Jason

You know, come to think of it, I have no idea.

CUT TO:

INT-DR. MCGEE'S OFFICE-DAY

Jason

(Continued)

Yeah, but that's about it for Friday.

Dr. McGee

And how about Saturday?

Jason

I can't tell you.

Dr. McGee

And why not?

Jason

it's not the type of thing you discuss in school.

Dr. McGee

You're not supposed to think of me as a teacher. Just tell me like you'd tell a friend.

Jason

We just sit around.

CUT TO:

INT-CUNNINGHAM'S ROOM-NIGHT

The boys are running around Cunningham's room with ping-pong paddles hitting ping-pong balls at each other.

CUT TO:

INT-DR. MCGEE'S OFFICE-DAY

Jason

(continued)

Yeah, we basically just sit around.

Dr. McGee
You're gonna stick with that?

Jason
Yeah.

CUT TO:

EXT-STABLES-NIGHT

The boys are sitting around outside White Hen.

Jason
No way. I refuse to believe that
Lion King 2 is better than Lion King
1 1/2. Disney gets better with every
sequel. And that's both a prequel
and a sequel.

Ethan
No. The first one's the best. And D3
kind of ruins the first two.

Cunningham
First of all we're talking cartoons
only buddy, and your just saying
that because of the lack of Emilio.
You can't stand to see O'Ryan tackle
the job.

Jason
You basically have a biased opinion
against sequels that we really just
don't have time for.

Thumper
Is Old Yeller a sequel?

John pats Thumpers shoulder.

Jason
On that note I'm gonna go get some
more gum for Thumper.

Thumper
I chewed four packs at once before.

Jason gets up to buy Thumper more gum.

Ethan
Sometimes I wish you all didn't have
the worst opinions in the world.

Cunningham
Hey, you don't even know John's
opinion.

Thumper
John says smart things.

Jason returns.

Jason
Here you go buddy.

He hands the gum to Thumper. Thumper put the whole pack in his
mouth.

Jason
Go easy with that brosef.

Ethan
So you still seein that guy?

Jason
Yeah.

Thumper begins singing the "Old Yeller" theme

Jason
(Continued)
We've been talkin' about you guys
a bunch lately.

Cunningham
Did you say I was handsome?

Jason

No.

Cunningham

Did you say I was cute?

Jason

That wasn't really the type of stuff we talked about.

Cunningham

I don't believe you.

Ethan

So what did you talk about?

Jason

Just like, your role in my life and stuff you know like therapist stuff.

Cunningham

No buddy, we don't "know".

Thumper

(with mouthful of gum)

We don't know at all.

Ethan

I don't know if you remember, but you're the only one who see's a therapist.

Jason

Ok, I just talk about like what we do when we hang out, I'll leave it at that.

Thumper

Can we go play sting-pong?

Cunningham

(Yelling)

No Thumper! It's Friday! We play Sting-Pong on Saturdays only!

CUT TO:

INT-DR. MCGEE'S OFFICE-DAY

Dr. McGee and Jason are in mid-session

Jason

You know, so it's like why even bother renting movies when I have twenty four copies of Uncle Buck right there if anything happens to one of them.

Dr. McGee

It would be pointless.

Jason

My point exactly.

Dr. McGee

Now has there been any problems with you emotionally?

Jason

Emotionally? Like happiness, anger, all that?

Dr. McGee

Sort of, I mean has there been anything going on in your head that would make you do something you feel you shouldn't be?

Jason

Like dreams?

Dr. McGee

Sure, dreams are good.

Jason

Well sort of, I mean I guess so. I've been having a lot of dreams about David Schwimmer lately.

Dr. McGee

Really?

Jason

(Hurriedly)

Nothing Sexual! he just keeps seeming to show up.

Dr. McGee

Oh, no, I would never imply...

Jason

Damn right you wouldn't.

Dr. McGee

As interesting as that sounds, Jason, I don't think you're understanding the point of the question.

Jason

Okay?

Dr. McGee

You've been coming here for six weeks now. Have you figured out the reason why?

Jason

No, I'm actually still clueless.

Dr. McGee

(Getting upset)

Jason, you don't need to lie.

Jason

(Still calm)

Dude, I seriously still have no idea.

Dr. McGee

Ok then Jason, why don't you tell me.. why do you bring that water bottle to school everyday?

Jason

I get thirsty.

Dr. McGee

Then why do you bring it to the bathroom?

Jason

I carry it with me everywhere.

Dr. McGee

So you haven't been drinking alcohol?

Jason

Alcohol? What? No. I hate Alcohol, I don't think I'll ever drink it.

Dr. McGee

So that's not what you've been doing in the bathroom?

Jason

No! I told you, I spend my Friday nights at the Big Y eating lunchables. Does that sound like the behavior of an alcoholic?

Dr. McGee

Well, you do have a point. But, you never would tell me what you do on Saturday nights.

Jason

We play sting-pong.

Dr. McGee

Sting-pong? Do I even want to know?

Jason

We hit ping-pong balls at each other.

Dr. McGee
Apparently not.

Jason
You asked.

Dr. McGee
I guess then you are officially my
most normal patient. I guess there's
no reason for you to return.

Jason
Sick. Think you could write me a
pass to the bathroom?

Dr. McGee
Sure can.

Dr. McGee writes out a pass.

Jason
Thanks man, it's been real.

Jason takes the pass and heads toward the bathroom.
Dr. McGee walks back to his desk. He looks up like he just figured something out.

Dr. McGee
He thinks he can trick me?!

Dr. McGee gets up and storms after Jason.

INT-BATHROOM-DAY

Jason enters the bathroom, walks to the handicap stall, closes the door, leans against the door, opens a POLAND SPRINGS bottle and walks toward the toilet.

Dr. McGee sneaks the bathroom quietly and hears water filling a bottle. He opens the door to find Jason drinking from the bottle.

Dr. McGee
Aha! I knew I'd catch you!

Jason
What?

Dr. McGee
What's in that bottle?

Jason
What? It's water. Are you forgetting
that little talk we just had?

Dr. McGee
Sure it's water, lemmie see it.

Jason
Go for it.

Jason hands the bottle to Dr. McGee. Dr. McGee smells it and takes a sip. He looks into the bottle with a questioning look on his face.

Dr. McGee
Ok, I guess you're right, it is just
water, pretty bad tasting
water, but water all the same.

Jason
Told ya.

Dr. McGee
I stand corrected.

Dr. McGee leaves.
INT. OUTSIDE BATHROOM

Dr. McGee
I could've sworn there was something
funny going on in there, I guess
not.

INT. INSIDE BATHROOM STALL

Jason
That guy's so weird.

He dunks the bottle in the toilet filling it up, he pulls it out and takes a big sip.

FADE OUT: