

From the Window

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FADE IN:

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

In an ordinary living room there is a desk and a big window. Sitting at the desk is a stressed, tired and slouched over boy looking at his chromebook. This is JACK.

MCCLUSKEY

Attention losers, we will be having our chapter two test today.

You can hear the whole class sigh from the chromebook audio

STUDENT

Didn't we just have the chapter one test yesterday?

MCCLUSKEY

(sternly)

Okay, and??? Alright, you may begin the test now. REMEMBER cameras on.

Jack rolls his eyes and opens up the test. He instantly gets a perplexed look on his face after reading the first question.

MCCLUSKEY (CONT'D)

What's the matter Jack did you not learn the whole Korean alphabet?

Jack rolls his eyes and continues on his test. He then glances up to look out his window to see his neighbor struggling to remove a large object from his car.

MCCLUSKEY (CONT'D)

JACK EYES ON THE SCREEN!!! Or else...(creepily laughs)

JACK

(confused)

Oh...sorry. I was just looking out the window.

Jack continues on his test. The camera shows the test questions that ask completely obscured things, that no one would ever know. You can hear multiple complaints about the test through the computer and McCluskey starts removing students from the meet as they complain. Jack has a nervous expression on his face.

Suddenly, Jack hears a large commotion outside and he curiously looks out the window. He sees his neighbor was finally able to get the large, wrapped object out of his car.

MCCLUSKEY

JACK! Unless there's a dead body
focus on the damn test.

JACK

(shrugs)
Oh umm... sorry.

Jack continues on his test, while slowly glancing out the window. His neighbor is still wrapping and poking around the object. Jack then sees his other neighbor walk by with her dog (Mr. Ridley). The dog starts vastly sniffing toward the object, pulling its owner and then starts crazily barking. Jack rightfully so thinks this very suspicious and has a frightened face. The dog owner eventually is able to control Mr. Ridley and continue on their walk.

MCCLUSKEY

OH MY GOSH JACK! You have a
thirteen percent in this class.
As much as I would like to vanish
you off this google meet and make
you fail this test, I am legally
not allowed too. FOCUS!

JACK

(Shaking his head)
Rightttttt.

Jack again tries to continue on his test, but becomes distracted again when he sees his neighbor now dragging the body into his garage. All of a sudden two girls from his grade walk by and start making a TikTok. The girls get the neighbor in the back attempting to drag the large object. His neighbor sees the girls and starts fiercely walking toward them.

NEIGHBOR

Hey delete that now! I did NOT
give you permission to film me!

Both the girls look terrified and run away.

MCCLUSKEY

JACK! For the love of Apple Bees
two for one special. FOCUS!

Jack is now extremely tense and does not even react to McCluskey's plea. In walks Jack's mom.

JACK'S MOM

Jack I am trying to work and all
I can hear is your teacher NICELY
trying to get you to focus.

JACK

Mom I think...

JACK'S MOM

Jack I don't care.

Jack's mom leaves the room and continues with her work. Jack sighs and shakes his head again in attempts to focus on his test.

MCCLUSKEY

Ten minute warning!

Jack starts aggressively scrolling through his test, guessing and skipping random question when (BOOM). Jack looks up to see his that the object somehow rolled into this yard. Jack gets up from his seat in panic.

MCCLUSKEY (CONT'D)

JACK! That's it. I warned you.

Before McCluskey can even kick him out of the google meet Jack closes his chrome book. As he closes it you hear McCluskey yelling faintly in the background. Jack then makes direct eye contact with his neighbor who is now standing in his yard above the object.

JACK

Uhhhh mom can you come here.

JACK'S MOM

Jack not now! Im on the phone.

Jack's neighbor starts walking slowly to Jack's door. When all of a sudden an alert comes up on Jack's phone about a missing person.

JACK

Oh gosh.

The doorbell rings.

JACK'S MOM

Jack can you get that.

Jack does not move and stares at his phone in shock, while the doorbell continues to ring.

JACK'S MOM (CONT'D)

JACK! For heavens sake. Mr. McCluskey was right about you, you really can't do anything.

JACK

But mom I think-

JACK'S MOM

Jack I don't care. Just get the damn door.

With what seems like no other option Jack hesitantly moves to the door. He opens the door to see his neighbor there.

NEIGHBOR

Hey, I don't suppose your busy. Any chance you help me move some furniture.

JACK

Oh... I dont know... I'm actually supposed to be taking a test right now.

JACK'S MOM

(Yelling from the background)
No Jack. I just heard you got kicked out. Go help your elderly neighbor move some furniture around.

JACK

But mom...

NEIGHBOR

Ya come on! It'll be fun. Prove your mom and teacher that you really are good for something.

JACK

Uhhh... okay fine.

Jack tries to find a pair of shoes, however the only shoes available at the door are his moms bright, pink slippers. He puts those on not even worrying about what he looks like. Jack then slowly exits his house and follows his neighbor.

Roll credits.