

Oh, Brother

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FADE IN.

INT. SCHOOL GYM - DAY

Two brothers ASHLEY and KELLY are playing a ping-pong doubles match in the gym. Ashley is about 5'6" with blond frizzy hair. He wears a bandana and his favorite wrist watch at all times. Kelly is a very tall man with the build of a lumberjack. There is a small crowd attending, but it seems like a hopeless situation. Their opponents KINFUR and HEINZ are laughing away having a good time, while the brothers argue. Kinfur is about six feet tall with blond hair, he wears a goofy smile of pearly white snaggleteeth. Kinfur is much of the same, he brings off the bright personality of a chia pet. Both Heinz and Kinfur wear purple top hats, gloves, and scarves.

ASHLEY

(yelling in rage)

Come on Kelly! You have to get those!

KELLY

That was on the line! The liners are yours!

As they argue another ball goes by in bounds. Kelly grunts and shakes his head.

MONTAGE - ASHLEY AND KELLY LOSE PING-PONG GAME

--The brothers continue to argue and continue to lose the game.

--Heinz and Kinfur laugh obnoxiously.

END MONTAGE

A ball heads towards Ashley.

ASHLEY

I got it!

Kelly pushes Ashley out of the way and misses the ball in the process. They lose the game.

HEINZ

Vedy gewd brawthers. But you were no match for the deustche luft!

Heinz and Kinfur laugh and exit the gym.

INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

There is a blinding light down the hallway. The brothers walk down the hallway into the light shaking their heads and giving dirty looks to each other.

INT. HOUSE - MORNING

Kelly is sleeping on a couch with drool dripping from his mouth onto his already soaked pillow. Ashley grabs a pillow and begins smacking his brother with it.

KELLY

Wake up dumb dumb! We got the tournament today and I don't feel like losing because of you again.

ASHLEY

(sleepily)

Alright! Alright! I'm up.
And for the record you're the idiot that cost us the win.

KELLY

Just shut up and get ready!
I'll go start the car.

EXT. HOUSE - MORNING

Kelly is avidly trying to start the car as Ashley is walking out of the house. Kelly is getting frustrated and angry while Ashley is completely oblivious as he gets into the car.

INT. CAR - CONTINUOUS

ASHLEY

Well are we gonna go or not?

KELLY

In case you didn't realize captain idiot, the car won't start. I thought I told you to fill up the tank yesterday!

ASHLEY

Well I would have if someone didn't lock me in the bathroom for four hours!

KELLY

You hafta admit that was pretty funny.

ASHLEY
 Nevermind that now. How are we
 supposed
 to get to the tournament without a
 car?!
 Not so funny now is it?!

KELLY
 (laughing)
 Well it's... pshhh.
 (straightens out his face)
 Yeah I guess it's not that funny.

There is silence for a moment. Then Kelly lights up with a smile.

KELLY
 Let's get our walk on!

Kelly exits the car and Ashley's face drops as he follows.

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

Kelly leads walking and Ashley follows.

ASHLEY
 There must be another way!

KELLY
 There isn't.

EXT. KIP'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

KIP runs out of his house after the brothers. Kip is a scrawny but somewhat tall all around dorky kid. He wears glasses and drags a over the shoulder backpack with him everywhere containing all of his strange belongings.

KIP
 (waving his arm)
 Hey guys wait up!

EXT. SIDEWALK - CONTINUOUS

The brothers turn to see Kip. Their faces fill with agony.

ASHLEY
 Oh boy here we go.

KIP
 Where are you guys going?!

KELLY
 (mumbling)
 I'm sure straight to hell after
 this conversation.

ASHLEY
 We're heading to the game.

KIP
 Well excuse me for asking but why
 would you walk there?

KELLY
 Gotta stretch it out before the
 game!

Kelly begins walking around in circles with his knees high.

ASHLEY
 Our car's transmission kissed the
 street.

Kip's face burns up with excitement.

KIP
 I could drive you on my moto
 scooter
 with convenient passenger carriage!

ASHLEY
 Would you...?

Ashley is elbowed in the side by Kelly stopping his sentence
 short of any meaning.

KELLY
 We would but we really must stretch
 it out. For the sake of our achin'
 muscles! We'll see ya later Kip!

Kelly drags Ashley away.

KIP
 Offer is always on the table!

EXT. RESTAURANT - DAY

The brothers come up to a restaurant.

KELLY
 Ohhh I love this place. Let's go!

ASHLEY

Are you sure we have time for eating?

KELLY

What could it hurt, gotta get our energy up for the big game!

Kelly and Ashley look to each other and both run for the door in competition. They scuffle for a moment about who will enter first, then Kelly throws Ashley over the outside railing and enters.

INT. RESTAURANT - CONTINUOUS

Kelly walks up to the hostess station with a smile. Ashley walks in the door behind him brushing himself off with a disgruntled look on his face.

The HOST walks up to the station. The host wears a button down shirt with a flared out collar. He wears tight jeans and has gelled hair.

HOST

(with a lisp)

Hey guysss. What can I do for you two big men?

He winks at them. The brothers looks uneasy.

KELLY

I uhhh. We want to eat.

HOST

Oh you're a silly man aren't you!
(he giggles ridiculously)
Mostly everyone does who comes here!

ASHLEY

So uhh how bout that table Lance.

Ashley gives him a blank stare.

HOST

Right this way!

He points ahead extremely exaggerated flicking his wrist. He kicks one leg up behind him. He then walks lady-like with one foot in front of the other.

BOOTH

HOST

Here we go! Have a little sit down!
Your waitress will be right with
you!

Ashley and Kelly sit down and the Host leaves.

ASHLEY

(in a raspy whisper)
That was flat out freaky.

KELLY

What? I thought it was cute how
he made our napkins like this. I
think mines a swan.

Kelly admires his swan orgigami.

KELLY

Plus don't you love the environment
here?

Ashley looks around and sees a bunch of older couples eating
slowly then looks back at Kelly.

ASHLEY

(sarcasm)
Sure and I guess next time we could
eat at New Pond.

Enter PAT, Ashley's sinister ex-girlfriend, and her FRIEND
from the dining room. Kelly hears the voice and realizes it
is her.

KELLY

(to himself)
Oh boy here we go.

Kelly grabs Ashley and throws him in the corner of the booth.
He throws a menu to Ashley and throws one up to his own face.

PAT

(to her friend)
So I just totally dumped him on
the side of the road. You should've
seen the look on his face!

They both laugh. They sit down three booths over. Kelly and
Ashley drop the menus and look around.

KELLY
That was close.

ASHLEY
Yeah. Thanks.

KELLY
What the heck is she doing here?
Didn't you say she hates this
place.

ASHLEY
Well... yeah.

KELLY
Why did you date her anyways? She
hates great food, and ping pong.
Somethings disturbed there.

Enter the waitress who looks strikingly like the Host. She wears a button down shirt similar to the one of the Host. She has an apron and a name tag that reads ROBERTA.

ROBERTA
(chomping on gum)
Hey boys, my name is Roberta!
I'll be your server today!
What can I get fer ya?

Kelly smiles wide.

KELLY
How about a blonde, about 5'10"?

Roberta laughs in what could be considered a flirtatious manner.

ASHLEY
(in a loud whisper)
Dude that's the host!

KELLY
(to Ashley whispering)
Don't be ridiculous it's probably
his cute twin sister!

Kelly winks at Shelly who is by now chomping obnoxiously loud and laughing like nails on a chalkboard. Ashley stares directly at the camera as if he can't believe this is happening.

ROBERTA
You're so funny shugahhhh! What's
your name?!

Ashley covers his face in embarrassment and begins hanging
his head.

KELLY
(in almost a whisper)
Kelly, Kelly Smith.

Kelly is interrupted.

ROBERTA
Oh my gawwshhhh! You're Kelly
Smith?! I've heard about you!
this must be your brothahh!

Ashley and Kelly cover their faces with menus once again.

KELLY
(To Ashley)
We're screwed.

Pat's head pops up from over the seats. She sees Ashley.

ASHLEY
We have to go!

Ashley drags Kelly out of the booth.

ROBERTA
Wait where are you going!

KELLY
(while being dragged)
Call me!

EXT. WOODS - DAY

Ashley and Kelly are running through the brush out of breath.

ASHLEY
(gasping for air)
Just a little further!

TREEHOUSE

The brothers come to a treehouse. Ashley approaches the door
and pushes it slightly open. He looks inside.

INT. TREEHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

ASHLEY
(out of breath)
All quiet on the western front.

They both enter through the door with Ashley leading the way.

KELLY
(out of breath)
We can hide here for a little
while.

They close the door behind them and both take a seat down at
the table. Kelly begins to smile.

KELLY
This place looks familiar.

ASHLEY
This is where it all started.

KELLY
The Pog Tournament of '98. Man
we were one hell of a team.

ASHLEY
We won off of your shot. With MY
slammer pog!

KELLY
And the next game, and the next
game...

ASHLEY
Then you lost it! My greatest
prized possession gone.

KELLY
I didn't--

ASHLEY
And it was my favorite! The shine
that came off that pog. Boy oh boy.

Kip gives a loud entrance.

KIP
(with a huge smile)
Haha! Hey guys whats going on!

Emotion drops from Ashley and Kelly's faces. There is silence
and the brothers stare at Kip while he just smiles.

KELLY
(whispering)
What is he doing here?

ASHLEY
(whispering)
He may have tracked us here...

KIP
I heard some people yelling your
names in the woods. One of them
was a cute tall blond! So I came
to investigate!

Kip nods in approval of his own statements.

KELLY
How did you find us here?

KIP
Well first...

MONTAGE - KIP TELLS STORY OF HIS JOURNEYS

--Kip is running in place with a fearful look on his face.

--Kip makes a strange animal noises with his hands up in the
air like claws.

--Kip is pretending to swim on the floor.

--Kip is pretending to shoot a gun using furniture for cover.
He then gives himself up.

END MONTAGE

KIP
Finally I tracked your prints here.

Ashley sits there with his mouth wide open in shock of the
story. Kelly looks over at Ashley and shakes his head.

ASHLEY
Did you really swim across the
Atlantic with a bear on your...

Kelly covers Ashley's mouth with his hand.

KELLY
(with a smile)
Well it was very nice seeing you
Kip but we must be on our way.

KIP

But where are you going I haven't even finished my first chapter of the book of my entire life!

Kelly drags Ashley to his feet and to the door.

KELLY

Farewell good friend!

The brothers exit the treehouse.

EXT. WOODS - DAY

The brothers walk down a wooded path towards an open field.

EXT. FIELD - DAY

The brothers enter a large wide open field. The brisk open air seers their skin with frost.

ASHLEY

Sometimes I wonder why we never gave Kip a chance.

KELLY

Yeah sure! We could take him along and then on Wednesdays we could hang out with him and watch Power Rangers!

Meanwhile, far off in the distance there are two figures walking towards them but they can't make out exactly who they are.

ASHLEY

Yeah but he seems like a nice...

KELLY

Hold on. Shutup!
(he pauses)
Do you see what I see?

ASHLEY

It couldn't be them...

Ashley looks over to Kelly in fear then places his hand just above his brows to shield his eyes from the winter weather. He peers across the field. The figures get closer.

KELLY

It is...

Enter SCHPLITZERKOFF and STEVEN.

STEVEN
(sarcastically)
Hey it's my two favorite ping-pong
players in the whole world! What
brings you two to our secret
practicing spot?

Schplitzerkoff flexes his muscles threateningly and then
flashes a toothy grin. Steven is gripping a ping pong paddle
in his hands and begins patting and carressing it lovingly.
He then strokes an obviously fake beard.

KELLY
Its a free country moron. Although
You two probably wouldn't know
that.

SCHPLITZERKOFF
What does it matter anyway you
dummy!

STEVEN
We practice for twelve hours
everyday perfecting our ping pong
skills.

SCHPLITZERKOFF
We eat nothing but borscht and
fig newtons for three weeks
straight. There is no way that two
stupid brothers like you can beat
us.

Steven is now polishing a ping pong ball and staring
menacingly at the two brothers.

ASHLEY
Well don't you worry because
this time we're gonna win. If
Kelly doesn't screw up again, that
is.

KELLY
What do you mean me? You're the
reason why we're ranked so low!

Schplitzerkoff and Steven laugh.

STEVEN
We're off to practice on our
serves. See you two on the court.

Schplitzerkoff and Steven head off through the field.

MONTAGE - TRAVELING THROUGH THE WINTER WEATHER

--The Brothers are traveling through the snow holding themselves for warmth.

--Ashley slips on the hill and Kelly helps him up it.

--Ashley fends off a homeless man from attacking Kelly.

END MONTAGE

ASHLEY

(shivering)

I don't think I can stand this cold much longer. I need warmth.

KELLY

No. We have to push on or we won't make it. It's not much further now, just through the woods once more.

INSERT SIGN

'Beware Of Rednecks: All Trusspassurs Will Be Shawt'

EXT. WOODS - DAY

Ashley and Kelly are walking down a path in the woods. As they move, a pair of footsteps follow them. The brothers move to turn around quickly and then a large "thud" is heard.

BLACK SCREEN

Ashley regains consciousness and finds he is tied to a tree. He looks over and finds Kelly unconscious. He attempts to swing his body and limbs to wake Kelly.

ASHLEY

(whisper)

Kelly! Kelly wake up!

Ashley seems almost out of ideas. He then starts to blow in his ear.

KELLY

(mumbling with a slight grin)

Oh that tickles pumpkin.

ASHLEY

Wake up you...

Ashley is interrupted.

MALE VOICE
Both yeh shut yer mouffs!

A man with a large beard and blue overalls stands there chewing on some sort of unknown object. This is OSCAR.

OSCAR
Ey Momma! I tenk dat one es tryen
ta eat threw tha rope!

A woman walks up dressed in a similar attire to Oscar but wearing a straw hat. This is MOMMA.

MOMMA
Ehhh I tenk he's jus tryen ta
shake tha tree down!

They both laugh hysterically. Meanwhile Ashley finally finds a grip on Kelly.

ASHLEY
(whisper)
Wake up!

Kelly slowly comes to and opens his eyes.

KELLY
(trying to look at his
forehead)
What's going on? Who's that guy?

OSCAR
Momma! Can I eat 'em?!

MOMMA
(Licking her lips)
I cawl tha big one!

Oscar begins pushing over a giant pot of stew under the brothers.

KELLY
I can't understand their spanish.
I knew verb conjugation would come
in handy someday, but never like
this.

They both look at each other. Meanwhile under their feet the fire is lit and the pot is boiling.

ASHLEY
 They're going to eat us Kelly!
 We're through!

Oscar looks up at the two and smiles licking his lips.

ASHLEY
 There's nothing we can do! They're
 going to tear us limb from limb
 like rabid dogs!

KELLY
 (dazed)
 Nonsense they look like a nice
 pair!

Oscar begins to hack Ashley down from the tree. His hands are still tied. Ashley goes to scream but an apple is stuffed in his mouth. The shirt is cut down the middle and ripped off of him. Just as he is about to be put in the pot a voice screams out from the brush.

KIP
 Let them go!

Kip jumps out of the brush with a large staff in hand.

OSCAR
 Shayme on yew strangur!

Oscar lets out and ungodly screeching yell. Several rednecks surface from the woods with evil grins on their faces.

KIP
 Luckily I came prepared good sir!

Kip reveals a conch and blows into it with great might. Many geeks surface from the other end of the brush.

KIP
 (with great intensity)
 Chaaaarrgeee my brothers of the
 goblet!

OSCAR
 Les git `em boyos!

An intense charge arouses from both sides and they meet. They stop to shake hands and bow. They then commence with crushing blows.

Kip begins swinging at Oscar.

The crowd from both sides begin to scream and swing at each other.

Redneck 1 punches Geek 1 in the face. Geek 1 falls to the ground and Redneck 1 jumps on top of him.

Geek 2 jumps on Redneck 2's back. Geek 3 kicks Redneck 2 in the stomach.

Redneck 3 lifts Geek 4 over his head and throws him into a tree.

Kip swings towards Oscar's head but is blocked by Oscar's weapon. Oscar then retaliates with rage swinging over and over rapidly while Kip blocks them all. Kip manages to return a blow to Oscar's face knocking him out. Kip then runs to the brothers and cuts them loose.

KIP

Run! Run! We can hold them off
from here!

Kelly stares Kip in the face.

KELLY

Thank you Kip.

Ashley takes his shirt from the ground and drapes it over him like a vest and nods. While the brothers are running away they hear loud screaming.

KIP

Aggghh Nooo!

The rednecks have a hold of Kip and clearly outnumber him.

ASHLEY

Kip! We'll save you!

KIP

No go on without me! I'll hold
them!

The rednecks throw Kip down a hill and the conch breaks.

KELLY

(gestures ahead of them)
Let's go Ashley. Don't let Kip's
sacrifice be in vain!

The brothers exit the woods.

EXT. SIDEWALK - DUSK

Ashley breaks from Kelly's grip. And turns to his face.

ASHLEY

No Kelly! Not this time. I'm going to get Kip out of there. Then I'm going to spend the rest of my life without you! Without ping-pong! Find yourself another partner.

KELLY

What?! Your crazy Ashley, your going to get yourself killed. Don't go back there!

ASHLEY

This is all your fault! Your ideas ruin everything! If you didn't lock me in the bathroom! If you didn't make me go in the restaraunt!

KELLY

I don't recall dragging you down that sidewalk! Or any of them for that matter!

ASHLEY

I'm going back! Find yourself another partner! Find yourself another brother!

KELLY

I'll play by myself! You were always getting in the way anyhow!

ASHLEY

That's fine! Just fine!

Ashley begins to run off. Kelly kicks the ground spewing up random debris. He then walks away.

INT. GYMNASIUM - EVENING

Cameras are flashing and the stage is set for a championship ping pong match. The crowd is loud and chanting in anticipation waiting for their teams to emerge. All the friends that the brothers met on their way are there with the exception of Kip.

Schpiltzerkoff and Steven emerge from the tunnel. A section of the crowd wearing all red soviet union shirts stand up and cheer loudly.

The crowd begins to bow to them almost like bowing to gods. Schplitzerkoff and Steven laugh. They both start hitting ping pong balls to each other on the table and showboating for the crowd.

There is silence in the gym and the door opens. Kelly appears but he is alone and the two Russians laugh. As Kelly approaches the table they jeer at him.

SCHPLITZERKOFF

What's the matter Kelly, did your brother run off?

STEVEN

Did he leave you to rot?

SCHPLITZERKOFF & STEVEN

(in unison)

Here comes the pain.

Kelly's vision gets blurred and he can't concentrate on one object. He begins to breath heavy. He gets dizzy but manages to stay on his feet.

SCHPLITZERKOFF

(trying to imitate Mr.T)

I pity the fool!

EXT. SIDEWALK - EVENING

The sunset is hitting the edge of the sky tearing purple and orange colors through the woods. Ashley is walking down he sidewalk. He sees Pat.

PAT

Ashley! How are you darling?

ASHLEY

Hangin' in there Pat.

PAT

I heard you had a big game tonight.

(she checks her watch)

Why aren't you there now?

ASHLEY

(hangs his head)

No game for me.

PAT

Well listen, as much as I despise your dirty brother. And as much as he smells like feet. He gave me this

PAT(cont'd)

to give to you. For some reason
he thought we might run into each
other.

She places something in his hand. He looks down at his hand
then looks back up to her.

INT. GYMNASIUM - EVENING

The game is being set to play. The crowd is cheering loud.
The referee has blown his whistle. Schplitzerkoff bounces the
ball off the table a few times. He grins evilly at Kelly.
Ashley comes in from the side door.

KELLY

(wearily)

It's good to see a friendly face.
What made you come back?

Ashley reveals the pog.

ASHLEY

I found something. Something I
thought I lost.

Kelly smiles and they nod to each other.

KELLY

No time to chit-chat. We've got
a game to win!

MONTAGE - THE GAME BREAKS EVEN

- Kelly dives for a ball and scores.
- Ashley spikes the ball down into the table and scores.
- The Brothers high-five.
- The Russians are pushing each other.

END MONTAGE

ANNOUNCER

That's it folks it's all tied
up here in the last game.

Kelly looks to the scoreboard it reads "20-20".

ANNOUNCER

But remember folks, the winning
team has to win by two.

ASHLEY

Let's do this Kelly.

They nod to each other and Kelly serves. Steven backhands the ball back over. Ashley leaps up and spikes the ball into the table leaving the two Russians without a hope. The point is scored for the Brothers. There is massive cheering through the crowd.

SCHPLITZERKOFF serves the ball and Kelly fumbles the return, evening the score up again.

ASHLEY

It's alright. We have this.

He pats Kelly on the back.

Steven serves the ball and it flies by Ashley, Kelly dives behind Ashley and makes a diving hit to keep the ball in. Schplitzerkoff returns it and Ashley smashes it into the table scoring a point.

The scoreboard reads "22-21" in favor of the Brothers.

Steven serves it. It bounces into Ashley's space. Kelly almost jukes to get it but lets it go to Ashley. Ashley hits it back over and Steven fumbles the ball.

The crowd goes wild. The brothers have won the tournament. The crowd rushes the court.

The Russians are cat fighting pushing and smacking each other like total prissy girls.

KELLY

I can't believe it! We won!

Kelly throws his hands up in the air pointing to the sky.

Ashley lets out a howl like a wolf.

Kip enters the gym looks around and starts cheering while he makes his way towards the brothers.

The Russians exit the gym in an angry rage. The Brothers are hoisted up above everyone.

KIP

(pointing to the them)

I had faith in you good brothers!
And you did not let me down!

Kip smiles then disappears into the crowd.

Roberta emerges from the crowd.

ROBERTA
I love you Kelly Smith!

KELLY
I love you Roberta Gerta!

The crowd continues to cheer louder than before.

ASHLEY
Oh brother!

FADE OUT.