

The Clean Up

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INT. JAYDEN MARSHALL'S BASEMENT - DAY

The horrific alarm clock blares in JAYDEN's ears waking him up after his monumental party at his house.

Jayden is surrounded by red solo cups and passed out bodies that looked lifeless.

Jayden opens one of his crusted closed eyes to search for his phone/alarm. He sees the people and trash, he opens his eyes wide with surprised. He gets up and starts digging through the trash. Jayden finds his phone under a red solo cup almost as if it was a coaster.

Jayden looks at his blaring bright phone and sees 7 missed calls from MOM. Jayden sighs and he sits on the couch. He starts to dig into his breakfast consisting of stale Doritos. His phone rings again it's Mom. He answers.

MOM

(through phone)

Where have you been!? I've been calling you all morning.

Jayden looks around the trashed house.

JAYDEN

Sorry I guess I kinda over slept.

MOM

(through phone)

What were you up too? You weren't throwing a party were you?

JAYDEN

(sarcastic)

Ya, you caught me.

MOM

(through phone)

I'm being serious because if you went behind my back and did that I'll take your phone and you will never get it back ever.

Jayden doesn't respond as he looks at his phone.

MOM (CONT'D)

(through phone)

Hello? Jayden? Well If your still here, I called you to tell you that me and your DAD are on our way home. It's supposed to rain the rest of the time we are in the Cape so we figured we would come home early.

Jayden springs off the couch and stares into the camera with a shocked look.

JAYDEN

Oh crap! I mean... awesome! When do you think your gonna be home?

Jayden tenses up every muscle waiting for a response.

MOM

In about 10ish minutes.

Jayden instantly hangs up and starts to speed around the house. He checks his phone and sees the time 8:46 am.

JAYDEN

My Mom's on her way home!

Nobody on the ground wake up.

Jayden starts to shake MIKE's unresponsive body. Mike wakes up.

JAYDEN (CONT'D)

You gotta get up my parent are on the way home!

MIKE

Haha dude I know your parents aren't coming home till Sunday, I know it's Saturday. I'm not that stupid.

JAYDEN

Did I stutter, they're gonna be here in 10!

MIKE

Hours?

JAYDEN

Minutes you idiot!

Jayden grabs a filled solo cup next to him and throws it at CHARLIE the other unresponsive body. Nothing.

MIKE

Christ, Jayden would you relax.

Jayden death stares Mike

JAYDEN

Grab his legs would you?

Mike gets off the ground

MIKE

Fine.

Jayden and Mike carry Charlie's limp soaking wet body outside.

EXT. JAYDEN MARSHALL'S FRONT LAWN

MIKE

Why'd you have to throw the cup at him. I can barely hold on he's slipping.

JAYDEN

Shush. Bring him over here.

Jayden and Mike bring him to the side of the house where there is a big bush.

JAYDEN (CONT'D)

Alright let's throw him.

MIKE

Really? That's kinda cruel.

JAYDEN

His fault for not being Abel to wake up.

JAYDEN (CONT'D)

Ready?

MIKE

I guess.

JAYDEN

1.2.3.

Jayden and Mike toss Charlie in the bush. They throw some leaves on his body so you can't see it.

They both go back in the house.

INT. JAYDEN MARSHALL'S BASEMENT

Jayden glances at his phone noticing that he has 8 minutes to clean now.

He grabs a garbage bag and starts to put of trash. While he's doing that he is plotting what he is going to say to his parents.

JAYDEN (CONT'D)

(to himself)

Hey guys I missed you, I did nothing when you were gone. No, that sounds suspicious.

MIKE

What did you say?

JAYDEN

Nothing.

As Jayden is cleaning he looks up at his Dad's sport card holder. He notices that his Dad's prized possession Michael Jordan rookie card is missing from it's locked case.

FLASH BACK

Jayden's Dad opens the locked case.

DAD

Jayden you know how much I love this card right?

JAYDEN

Ya Dad you talk about it all the time.

DAD

I got it when I was your age, it was best day of my life. Well after your mother and my wedding of course (sarcastic laugh). But I want to let you know that I would kill someone if they touched this card.

FADE OUT OF  
FLASH BACK

JAYDEN

Holy crap! Where is it?!

He starts to pase around the house looking everywhere.

MIKE

What is it?

JAYDEN

The Jordan card!

MIKE

Man oh man your done. Your dad likes that card more than you mom

Jayden bents down on his knees to look under the couch for the card.

Mike looks over and notices the Jordan card on the bottom of Jayden's shoe with dirt all over it.

MIKE (CONT'D)

Holy mother god!

Jayden looks back at mike well Jayden is bent over.

JAYDEN

Your nasty!

MIKE

No! I know where the card is.

Jayden jumps up.

JAYDEN

Where? You got it?

Mike points at Jayden's right shoe.

JAYDEN (CONT'D)

What about it?

MIKE

Look under it.

Jayden looks under his shoe and there is nothing.

JAYDEN

Really man.

MIKE

Crap I meant left shoe.

Jayden picks up his foot and looks underneath. The MJ card is stuck against the bottom of his shoe and it is stained. Jayden's eyes widen with fear.

Jayden plops down on the couch with his head in his hands.

MIKE (CONT'D)

Jayden you good?

Silence.

MIKE (CONT'D)

Well figure something out.

JAYDEN

(muffled)

I'm screwed.

MIKE

What can we do? We could draw the card?

JAYDEN

(muffled)

Why you have a art talent I don't know about?

MIKE

No... Do you have a printer? You could print one out.

Jayden lifts his head up. The camera zooms into the printer in the corner.

Jayden begins to smile then slaps himself in the face.

JAYDEN

Yup. I'm awake.

Mike is searching on his phone for a picture of the MJ card.

MIKE

I found a picture. Do you know  
how to use the printer?

JAYDEN

Ya. Can i see your phone.

Mike hands Jayden his phone and the printer begins to spit  
out the image.

MIKE

Perfect.

Jayden put the fake Jordan card in the glass case where his  
dad's other cards are.

Jayden and Mike continue to pick up the last of the trash in  
the house.

Jayden picks up the last cup and throws it in the overflowing  
trash bag.

They run over to the garage and throw the bag into the trash  
barrel.

INT. JAYDEN'S KITCHEN

Jayden and Mike both let out a big synchronized sigh of  
relief.

The garage door begins to open telling the audience that  
Jayden's parents are home.

MIKE

Well that's my cue.

Mike begins to run to the back door. Mike stops and turns his  
head.

MIKE (CONT'D)

Good luck soldier.

Without waiting for a response Mike tries to run out the back  
slider door but ends up running into the door. Mike looks  
around in embarrassment. Mike opens the door and points at it  
like it just appeared.

MIKE (CONT'D)

Umm bye.

Jayden laughs.

JAYDEN

See ya dude.

You hear the door into the house open.

MOM (O.S.)

Were home!

Jayden didn't respond.

DAD (O.S.)

Hello!

Jayden runs over to his parents and they hug.

JAYDEN

I missed you guys.

MOM

We missed you too.

The hug goes on for a couple of seconds.

MOM (CONT'D)

I'm also very proud.

JAYDEN

Why?

MOM

You didn't through a party.

JAYDEN

Well you didn't want me too.

After Jayden says this he looks into the camera and winks.

FADE OUT.