

Knock knock... Lee opens the door to see two police officers with guilt written on their faces.

“Are you Lee Johnson one of them asks” yes this is he. I regret to inform your mother Judy was in a car crash killing her. Lee... Lee the therapist said loudly around the room while Lee stairs to the abyss,

you know I hate coming here

I do but you because we talk about your mother

She's dead what more to say, yeah I miss her but I can't bring her back

Let's talk about your addiction to alcohol, Judy's funeral is coming up and you have been sober for a year, do you think that will affect your sobriety?

Our time is up and I don't want to be late for work

Oh ok, see you next week... Please think about what you do in the next coming weeks

Lee had already quit his job the night when he heard about the crash he just needed a good reason to get out of there. On his way back to his mom's house he passed a liquor store he contemplated going in his car slowing in the mix of traffic but he didn't care he blocked all noises out and just stairs a the store, “are you going to move” Lee taking his eyes of the store looks to the left and see a car behind him yelling for him to move but he just stays there not blinking just blankly looking at the man out his window. Finally, Lee put his head back into the car but still doesn't move... “FUCK IT,” thinking himself jumping out of the car with a base bat walking up to the man, treating him, and hitting his windshield with bystanders calling the cops. Lee hears a POP followed by 50,000 volts of electricity going into his back dropping the bat and passing out. wait, where am I slowly opening his eyes?

You're in jail (the guy said sitting next to him)

Shit hey let me out yelling at the guards

If we just had to say to get out you and I would not be talking right now.

Can I at least get a phone call I'm entitled to that right?

Find the guard and gives him the phone "make it fast" he said. Hey, I'm to call like this but I need your help.

Thank you for letting me know hanging up the phone with a distressed look on his face and walked over to the refrigerator trying to get water but his knees are too weak to walk like a newborn baby. His wife Maggie hears the thud of his falling and runs to see her husband on the ground gasping for air.

What's wrong what happened?

She gone, she gone.

That is all he can say "she gone" after a bit of claiming down Jeremy can finally stand on his own but still shake as he drinks water. Maggie asks him what is wrong again.

My mom died she was in a car accident

I'm so sorry.

They walk to the bed but Jeremy doesn't sleep but just lays there and thinks about what he is going to buy the time he starts to close his eye the alarm goes off for 6 am to get ready for work he lets it ring not moving at all as if he was paralyzed eventually Maggie stops it and tries to get Jeremy up but he just rolls over back into bed. His job calls him to see where he is but doesn't pick up the phone just listens to the voicemail. Almost a week goes by and most of the family has called to check on him and never leaves the room to see them or pick up the calls are messages they leave.

Hey you have another call coming from your brother

Tell him ill talk to him later

He is in jail...

Jail? what did he do? Is he ok?

He ok but he won't talk to me and he needs you to bail him out.

Ok let's go ill get ready

Hey can we talk about this (putting the phone on mute)

What is there to talk about my brother is in jail

I know but do you think this a good idea your mom just died and the last time we saw Lee it was a disaster.

I hear where you are coming from but that's still my brother trust me on this.

Ok I will

Jeremy and maggie drove to the jail and bail Lee out the drive back to Jeremy's house were quiet and awkward. When they got there they didn't know what to talk about if they talk about their mom it would get too emotional, they didn't have much in common because they haven't spoken in three years, and the last time we saw each other too much happen.

So how have you been Lee?

(Why would I ask that our mom just died how do you think he would be? He thought)

I'm sober

That's great how long?

About a year

really (Jeremy said sounding shocked) thats great

Your house is amaz...

Why did you choose me? Did you call me to get you out of jail?

I knew you were going to ask that, you are the only person I could call mom is gone the family cut me off and I knew you would help if I called to thank you by the way. No problem but we need to talk about the funeral Jeremy reluctantly said. Lee looks a Jeremy with almost puppy dog eyes.

Lee, You still do that

Do what?

The puppy dog eyes

What I don't that...

Yes, you have done it since we were kids. Chuckling a bit

Sorry to break this up but it's the funeral home asking what we want to do with your mom's body Maggie said but with a look on her face like she just ruined the mood. Oh ok, Lee, we'll take care of this.

Do you think we made the right choice Lee?

Yeah, I think that mom would want to be happy with being cremated, Where are we going to spread her ashes?

Jeremy hastated to answer She loved the beach

No, she might like but she thinks it to basic we use to watch movies where they would spread the ashes at the beach and she all said never

Do that to her (Jeremy ending his sentence.)

What about your grandma's grave site?

Both looking at Maggie

Yeah, I think she would like that.

Jeremy started to greet the guest as they arrived some were shocked to see Lee there but Maggie's and Jeremy stuck up for him.

Um, excuse me I would give a speech to Lee trying to get everyone's attention after 5 minutes he got their heads to face him.

I know it's tragic that we have to see each other under circumstances I know we did not leave on a good note the last time we saw each other and I hope we can get past that. we are not here to talk about me but my mom. She was great a well-loved person she always tried to help in any way she could we had our difference but she still loved and cared for me like I wasn't a pain.

Jeremy and I thought maybe spread her ashes at the beach but then we know that she would hate that so we started thing what does she enjoy the most and it was the company of her mom our grandma she loved her mom and was devastated when she passed so we wanted to give her some kind of closure to be with her mom again. We will all miss you mom I hope you have peace knowing your sons will be ok and get through it. As the people start to leave Jeremy asks Lee if he wanted to take a ride to the beach they both sat there on the sand just talking about the things their mom liked or didn't just trying to get a laugh in.

I feel guilty that I never apologized to mom for what I said

I know... Jeremy looking away

I was having a bad day my girlfriend broke up with me and I got fired I didn't mean to ruin the dinner or curse mom out I was drunk and stupid and that's still no excuse for my actions but I wanted to forget about it so I never apologized.

She knows that you are sorry and look at you know we are close again and you got your act together you are a year sober and getting back on your feet yeah you have some bumps but you made it to the other side I'm proud of you.

Can you promise we'll do this every year for her and stay in contact with each other I will try to repair the relationship with the family.

I like that Jeremy said happily with a smile on his face.