

REBEL

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FADE IN:

EXT. LIQUOR STORE - EVENING

RYDER(18), The strong silent type with bruises and cuts on his face, walks inside a liquor store.

A simple hanging bell chimes with sudden sharpness.

Ethnic store plays music from low-fi speakers.

Ryder's bruised and bloody face walks up to the counter. He mutters.

RYDER

Pack of Johnny Legends.

The Cash Register rings.

An old cash register total screen reads: 8.50.

CLERK(30+), Not exactly the social type, but he runs his own shop, he tells Ryder his total.

CLERK

Eight fifty.

GINO(18), Tall and muscular with a snide smile on his face, hovers by Ryder, staring at him.

Walks towards Ryder to the register, slams an energy drink and a bag of chips, he crowds Ryder's space.

GINO

Too bad about your face, new guy. But hey, I got hurt too.

Gino flashes his right hand with cuts and bruises, blood begins to drip.

Ryder turns to Gino with a blank expression, long quiet of cuts and blood dripping.

CLERK

Eight fifty, c'mon.

Gino snaps his head at Ryder, doesn't flinch. He steps back.

Ryder keeps his eyes on Gino, absently tosses cash on the counter and grabs his pack of cigarettes.

RYDER

Matches.

Clerk grabs matches and puts them on the counter, he puts Ryder's change down.

RYDER (CONT'D)

Keep it.

Ryder giving Gino a quick look, grabs his matches and cigarettes and walks out the door.

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EXT. PARKING LOT - EVENING

JAMES(18), Tight jeans and a leather jacket, greasy hair, leans on his car scrolling through his phone.

JAMES

The day gas prices go down, is the day we can finally trust the government.

ZEKE(17), The pyro, he waves his hand over a lighter flame.

HALEY(18), The knife, trimming a hangnail with a switchblade.

VINCE(18), The muscle, on his phone in the driver's seat of the car, door open.

Ryder is walking home, James sees Ryder from not far and hollers his name.

JAMES (CONT'D)

Ryder!

Ryder looks at James from afar, he doesn't respond, he walks towards James crossing the street.

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Gino leaves the store, he opens his can and takes a sip. He walks to his car.

James sees Gino, he gives Ryder a signal to look behind him. Ryder turns around.

Gino sees Ryder near James, gives him a quick look, gets in his car. Turns on Hip hop, and drives away.

ZEKE

Heard Gino gave you a little make-over
in P.E.

RYDER

Right after I taught him a lesson.

James pretends to be shocked and warn his friends.

JAMES

Watch out, we got a tough guy here!

Ryder looks at Haley laughing, she stops.

James walks up to Ryder.

JAMES (CONT'D)

Can you show me what you did to him?

Ryder nods his head slightly,

RYDER

Sure.

Ryder punches James in the face.

James lunges at Ryder, punches him in the chest.

Ryder coughs a bit, he sees some blood on his hands.

JAMES (CONT'D)

Jesus Christ, you good?

RYDER

I'm alive.

Ryder pushes James onto the floor and starts punching him in the face.

Immediately Haley grabs Ryder off of James.

HALEY

Stop it already, he's bleeding!

James is bleeding from his lips, blood is seen through his teeth.

Zeke is watching frozen stiff, Vince is watching, he gets out of the car and walks towards James.

James gets up slowly by himself. He's giggling.

JAMES

You sure gave me a makeover.

Ryder shrugs in agreement, he coughs again. Then slightly smiles.

RYDER

And I probably have to go to the hospital.

Zeke walks up to Ryder.

ZEKE

Wanna hang with us tonight?

RYDER

I'm gonna go home, look at me.

Zeke and Vince walk back to the car and get it started.

JAMES

I underestimated you. You don't need a knife.

Ryder laughs to himself.

James and Haley walk to the car, Ryder approaches Haley.

RYDER

Wait!

HALEY

What?

RYDER

What are you doing with these guys?

Haley responds defensively.

HALEY

What do you care?

RYDER

You're a rookie.

Haley gives Ryder a slight smile.

RYDER (CONT'D)

And you need a little something.

Ryder offers her a cigarette.

Haley grabs one and puts it on her ear.

HALEY

I'll see you, whenever I see you.

James screams out her name, demanding her to get in the car.

JAMES

Haley! Let's go!

Haley glances at Ryder last time and quickly walks back to the car. Zeke drives away.

Ryder walks home, he's slightly limping.

Gino sees Ryder walking, he drives up closer to him, Ryder turns to see Gino. Gino parks his car and gets out.

Gino slowly walks up to Ryder.

GINO

Going somewhere?

Ryder stands stiff, Gino throws a punch at Ryder right before hitting him, the camera immediately cuts off.

FADE TO BLACK.