

That Demon Is Still There

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1 FADE IN: 1
2 INT. - JON'S HOME, MORNING 2

A mid-age couple is found died on the floor, with broken electric power outlet sparking

NEIGHBOR B
Call...Call the police!

CUT TO:

OFFICER.XIANG and OFFICER.GU are investigating the bodies

XIANG
The cause is electricity. Pretty unlikely to be an accident.

GU
So this is a homicide case? Their son is the only possible suspect then.

XIANG
Exactly.

3 INT. - INVESTIGATION ROOM, CHUZHOU POLICE STATION, MORNING 3
The Couple's only child, YU "JON" QIANG is cuffed in front of Officer.Xiang and Officer.Gu

GU
Don't play with us. We have solid evidence indicating you did the murder.

XIANG
Gu, watch your tone.

GU
Okay, okay. Yu Qiang, did you kill your parent through electricity?

JON
I did.

GU
Bastard! They are your parents!

Gu stands up and stares Jon furiously.

XIANG

Gu, I said watch your language!

GU

I'm sorry Mr.Xiang, but I have never heard an evil like this boy.

XIANG

Calm down. We get work to do.

(To Jon)

Yu Qiang, what's your incentive to murder your parents?

JON

I hate them.

XIANG

Why you hate your parents?

4 INT. - GUANGHUAN NET CAFE, EVENING

4

The room is dark with lights only coming from monitors. Teenagers, age varies from under 10 to almost 30, cover their ears with big gaming headset and busily use keyboards and mice.

Jon is playing WORLD OF WARCRAFT with his friend YUAN "TIG" HU.

TIG

Jon don't go there! use your healing!

JON

Hold on I'm on my CD!

The screen displays that they are defeated.

TIG

Damn it! Told you to do the "1-3" combo before it hits you ass!

JON

I fuckin' did!

JON

(V.O.)

The first touch with Internet was 8-year-old. The first touch with World Of Warcraft was a year after.

5 EXT. - STREET, EVENING

5

Jon and Tig go out from net cafe in the late evening

JON

It's 9, my mom will be suspicious

TIG

You need to get home faster.

Tig waves his hand to the road

TIG

Taxi!

Jon sits into the taxi, waves to Tig

JON

See ya tomorrow.

TIG

Don't screw up next time!

6 INT - JON'HOME, LATE NIGHT

6

Jon's parents are standing directly in front of the gate, looks angry and stares at Jon.

JON'S FATHER

Where did you go.

JON

The school was late!

JON'S FATHER

Stop bullshit me! Yang and Lu got back an hour ago!

Jon's father is getting ready to slap him

JON'S MOTHER

His father don't do that.

Jon's mother holds his father back

JON'S MOTHER

Jon, where did you go?

JON

I said I was in tutoring school

JON'S FATHER

How dare you still cheating on your parents?!

JON

I'm not! They went back earlier because they don't want to take the extra 30 minutes of class!

JON'S MOTHER

His father, calm down. Jon, I believe you this time, but I will call Yang and Lu's parents to confirm this tomorrow.

JON

Please go for it. I'm not lying anyway.

Jon goes to his bedroom and lock him up. He immediately picks up his phone

JON

(Via Text Message)

I was caught! Tell your dad and mom that you leave early! Please! Do me this favor! I will reward later!

Jon sends the message, then lies down to his bed

JON

(V.O.)

Honestly, I was a good student. I got top on almost every exam during my 6th grade and my parents never worries my study. That's probably why they are so angry when I did something abnormal.

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INSERT - HAIHE EXPERIMENTAL SCHOOL CLASSROOM, MORNING

7

Jon has a grade of 99 points on his exam.

EXPERIMENTAL SCHOOL TEACHER

(To the entire class)

Yu Qiang, again, names the top one of this math exam.

8 INSERT CUT: JON IS PLAYING WORLD OF WARCRAFT WITH TIG. 8

9 EXT. - THE FRONT GATE OF EXPERIMENTAL SCHOOL, MORNING 9

JON

Happy graduation! after this summer
we will be 7th grader!

YANG

Jon you're going to 1st MIDDLE
SCHOOL aren't you. You're leaving
us.

JON

I don't want to leave any of you.
My parents force me to choose 1st
Middle School. You know why

LU

I understand, it's absolutely
better than Haihe Middle School,
you will go to college eventually.

JON

We all will

YANG

Nah. Even if I can I don't know I
want to.

JON

(V.O.)

After graduation from primary
school my family move to another
district in CHUZHOU.

10 INSERT - INVESTIGATION ROOM, CHUZHOU POLICE STATION, MORNING
10

XIANG

Jon, please go directly to your
crime incentive.

JON

I am. Please listen to my story.
It's important

11 INT. - INSPIRATION NET CAFE, NIGHT

11

JON

(V.O.)

Everything went wrong the day I
moved to the new house.

Jon is playing solely in the net cafe.

JON

(To Tig, via microphone)

Orange! It's a fuckin' orange man!

TIG

Holy fuck!

TIG

Man you played way too much these
days. You're going to 1st mid, you
should be the good student.

JON

It's summer. I will prepare for
high school entrance exam in the
next three years and college
entrance exam for another three
years. This is the last chance I
can play World of Warcraft.

TIG

Bullshit man. If you're quitting
you are quitting now.

JON

Fuck you're right. Honestly I just
don't know what to do this summer.
All my friends are gone

TIG

No, you leave us.

JON

I ain't willing that! It's my
parents

TIG

Yes yes it's your parents. At least
you have me. Online.

JON

Damn man. Just...stop and play. I
don't want to talk about that.

TIG

Jon you're always a smart guy. But you can't be always good student if you play this much. Let's stop for today.

JON

Stop being didactic. I'll manage my time. Just play another quest.

TIG

Fine.

Jon clicks in another quest.

JON

(V.O)

I spent more than ten hours everyday on World of Warcraft during that summer. It was bad I know. I thought everything will be fine after the school begins.

12

INT. - CLASSROOM, 1ST MIDDLE SCHOOL, MORNING

12

Jon walks in Class 2. The people there will be his classmates for the next three years. Jon immediately finds out DAN, a girl with pretty eyes and black-frame glasses, sitting in the first row.

JON

(V.O)

I don't blame her for anything. I crushed on her and it made me feel bad.

XIANG

(V.O)

Crushing on a girl makes you feel bad?

JON

(V.O)

Because that was simply a fantasy. I hate something I want but I'd never have. Oh I'm sorry Dan, you are not a "thing"

GU

(V.O)

Go to the point

Jon finds a spot to sit down. Everyone around him is either reading or getting ready for the next class

JON

(V.O)

I was so unfit in that situation. In my opinion the first day of school should be like, everyone's saying hi to each other, chatting about their primary school lives, not reading, or previewing the course material!

Jon tries to talk to the guy seating besides him, LUO.

JON

Hey my name is Yu Qiang, you can call me Jon. Nice to meet you!

LUO

Oh hey there, I'm Luo Wen. Nice to meet you too.

JON

(V.O)

It was an awkward first day. I gradually knows more classmates but they seem to treat schoolwork too hard. I was very uncomfortable but I can't argue anything.

XIANG

(V.O)

And?

JON

(V.O)

There's no immediate new close friend here. Especially male friend. Boys are crushing on Dan like me. She's popular.

GU

(V.O)

You jealous?

JON

(V.O)

I can feel the competition, and I was escaping it even if I'm already in. I try to convince myself they are not winning.

13 EXT. - FRONT GATE, 1ST MIDDLE SCHOOL, NIGHT 13

Student's are going out from the school. Jon is riding his bike with nobody accompanied. He stops in front of Inspiration Net Cafe, shakes his head and leave.

14 INT. - JON'S HOME, EVENING 14

A transcript with a score of 65 and ranking of 32 is on the table.

JON'S MOTHER

You have never scored anything below 80. This is bad, really really bad.

Jon puts his head down, being silent

JON'S MOTHER

I don't know how can that be. You disappointed me.

JON

I will do better...

JON'S MOTHER

You NEED to do better! You have to! When your schoolmates studying, where are you?

JON

I was studying too. I came back on time every evening.

JON'S MOTHER

How about the summer! You went out every day! Your classmates could use the time and go over the material of the entire semester!

JON

No...

JON'S MOTHER

At least you didn't. Now you have to work harder, much harder. You need to get the lost time back.

Jon puts his head down again.

JON

I will do better. I promise. My midterm will not be like this at all. I will be in top.

JON'S MOTHER

I understand you will suffer from this but the bottom line is, you need to be better than half of the students. If you are not, there's no difference between studying here or studying in Haihe.

JON

(V.O)

And my mom's speech went on. My mom loves me, for sure, but she don't care much about anything other than my grade.

GU

(V.O)

And you should care about nothing but your grade.

JON

(V.O)

You can't. You know it officer.

(Gu has no response)

I need console from friends. I still have no friends other than my primary schoolmates.

15

INT. - INSPIRATION NET CAFE, AFTERNOON

15

Jon is talking to the monitor without playing the keyboard or mouse.

JON

Man this place was bad. I hate this place.

TIG

Jerks, you said. No way there're only jerks, even if it's some high-profile school

JON

No. It makes me wonder, wonder whether I am actually the jerk.

TIG

Don't say that!

JON

I don't know man. You were right. I was too loose in the last summer. I should study beforehand. Everyone else does.

TIG

Things get better. For fuckin' sure. You are smart. Probably the smartest person I've known.

JON

And yet I spend most my time on studying, but I just cannot... Cannot match up. I mean I understand the material, whatever class it is. I just can't do well in test.

TIG

Man you really should calm down. Let's play.

JON

...Fine, I guess I need some recreation anyway

TIG

That's the way bro! Work hard, play hard.

JON

Just two hours. I need to be more careful now. My parents are watching me much harder.

Jon logs into World of Warcraft game.

16

INT. - JON'S HOME, AFTERNOON

16

Jon's parents are sitting around a table. Jon's mom is getting worried.

JON'S FATHER

This little bastard...We need to bring him up with more strict discipline. He needs discipline.

JON'S MOTHER

Don't push our kid too hard. You know, he's going to his puberty.

JON'S FATHER

And that's why he needs guide!

JON'S MOTHER

I don't really know how he will react...He's quite docile before, but..Oh God I don't know... It's all my fault

JON'S FATHER
It's not your fault.

JON'S MOTHER
No you don't know what I mean. It's
our fault. We don't know our kids
well.

JON'S FATHER
Yeah...

JON'S MOTHER
He was a good kid all his life so I
just forgot to communicate..

JON'S FATHER
Either way, we need to do that now.
Where did he go?

JON'S MOTHER
He said he went to LIAO's house.

JON'S FATHER
I will take him back and we will
have the family meeting.

17 INT. - FRONT GATE OF LIAO'S HOUSE, AFTERNOON

17

Jon's father is knocking the door.

JON'S FATHER
I am Yu Qiang's father, please open
the door!

MRS.LIAO opens the door.

MRS.LIAO
Oh hi there. What's the matter?

JON'S FATHER
Little Liao's friend, my son Yu
Qiang is here and I need to take
him back.

MRS.LIAO
Yu Qiang? I never heard about him.
He's not here either.

JON'S FATHER
WHAT?

MRS.LIAO

He's not here.

(turns head to interior of the house)

GUQI! Yu Qiang's dad is here and he says Yu Qiang should be with you!

LIAO GUQI comes to the front gate with his glasses on.

LIAO GUQI

Hey Mr.Yu, I didn't see Jon this weekend.

JON'S FATHER

So I guess he's cheating on his parents. Thank you Mrs. Liao and Little Guqi, I will find him. Any idea where he could go?

LIAO GUQI

No. He's quite silent around us.

MRS.LIAO

And Mr.Yu, if you find him please call us. Please don't blame for him. Your son is probably meeting his old friends somewhere.

JON'S FATHER

Thank you. I need to go.

Jon's father leaves Liaos' house. He is clenching his fist.

18

INT. - INSPIRATION NET CAFE, AFTERNOON

18

Jon's father furiously goes straight into the net cafe. The manager tries to pull him but can't.

JON'S FATHER

And here you are you bastard!

Jon turns his head back and received a big slap. He falls down from his chair. People seat nearby watch the fight.

JON'S FATHER

Now this? Huh? Trying to lie to your parents? Nice try!

Jon's father is ready to punch Jon, who is lying on the ground because of that heavy slap. The manager holds Jon's father's hand.

MANAGER

Please! Sir, don't do that!

Jon's father pushes the manager away, then punches to the manager instead. The manager falls to the ground as well.

JON'S FATHER

How dare you even trying talk to me? Your fuckin' little net cafe destroys countless children. You should be doomed. I'm not dealing with you today and you better close your business.

Jon's father takes Jon outside, then puts him into the car and drives away.

19

INT. - JON'S HOME, EVENING

19

Jon is kneeling down in front of his parents.

JON'S FATHER

Since when you start to go to net cafe?

JON

(head down)

Two...two years ago.

JON'S FATHER

Two years. When. When you go there everyday?

JON

Evening after class, weekend...

JON'S FATHER

You either escaped school's class or the tutoring sessions didn't you?

JON

I've never escaped school.

JON'S FATHER

Then tutoring school! Right! Do you know how much it cost? it cost more than 1000 a month. You let your parents throw it away and went to net cafe! Perfect!

JON'S MOTHER
 (Whisper to Jon's father)
 His dad that's enough blaming. I'll
 do the rest.

JON'S FATHER
 (To Jon's mother, not
 whispering)
 You see what he had done. He's
 lying to us, for two years.

JON'S MOTHER
 Yes yes he did.

JON'S FATHER
 You don't want to just forgive him.
 You won't. You mustn't.

JON'S MOTHER
 (Yell)
 Then WHAT? Beat him to coma? Let
 him kneeling down for entire night?

JON'S FATHER
 (Yell back)
 Oh now you start to blame me.
 Excuse me your little bastard plays
 us like we're idiots.
 (turns back and leave)
 I'm not doing this. Do whatever you
 like. Say whatever you want.

JON
 Dad!
 (look at his mom)
 Mom! It's my fault! All my fault!

JON'S MOTHER
 I thought you always a good
 kid...You disappoint me...So much
 (weeping)

Jon stands up and tries to get napkins for his mom. Jon's
 father rushes to him and slaps him heavily. Jon falls to
 ground again.

JON'S FATHER
 Bastard! Who tells you to stand?
 Kneel!

Jon kneels down again. Jon's mom wipes her tears

JON'S MOTHER

Jon...I know you can be better. But right now I have to limited your free time, until your grade get better. But even if you grade is better, please don't play games.

JON

I won't... I promise.

JON'S MOTHER

Now... Go back to your room and take a shower. We all calm down.

(turns to Jon's father)

I trust our son and so should you.

Jon stands and goes straight to his room and closes the door.

JON'S FATHER

Fine his mother. But I will keep an eye on him. That's my last time allowing him to lie to us.

20 INT. - JON'S BATHROOM, ALMOST EVENING 20

Jon is showering. His tears is washed away with water current from the bath flower.

JON

(V.O)

I know it would happen and it happens. I know my family would be in rage and they are. I actually somehow want them to restrict me more, because I can't stop playing by myself and I really need to stop.

21 INSERT CUT: JON IS STARING STRAIGHT TO THE BLACKBOARD AND THEN WRITE DOWN NOTES. 21

22 INSERT CUT:JON FINISHES ONE PIECE OF HOMEWORK, THEN STARTS TO DO THE SUPPLEMENTARY PRACTICE QUESTIONS. 22

23 EXT.- STREET, HAIHE DISTRICT, AFTERNOON 23

LU

He didn't contact you for a month?

TIG

Ya right. The last time I was webchat with him he suddenly

TIG
disappears. I don't know what
happened.

YANG
But he' alright, right?

TIG
Ya..He sent me the message

Tig Shows the message record to Lu and Yang. It says "I'm
pretty behind on my schoolwork. I need to quit WoW for a
while."

TIG
Guess he's caught by his parents.

YANG
Poor Jon. He's like super smart,
why he have to live that difficult?

TIG
It's actually "why our life is that
simple"

YANG
My parents never worries about my
grade

LU
They just give up!

YANG
Shut up! Still better than you!

Three students continue to make fun of each other alongside
going home.

24 INT. - JON'S HOME, MORNING

24

Jon hands his latest math test to his mom. The shiny number
of 98 is emphasized by pure red ink.

JON'S MOTHER
I know you can do that! That's my
boy!

JON
Other subjects also get better. I
think I may be in Top 20 this time.

JON'S MOTHER

Fantastic! You will get used to this.

JON

Never fought that accomplishing before.

Their conversation continues.

JON

(V.O)

Honestly, It's the happiest time in my life. I have good grade in primary school but I treated them granted. This is something I fight for and eventually achieve.

25

INT. - CAFETERIA, 1ST MIDDLE SCHOOL, MORNING

25

Jon is having lunch break as normal in the school cafeteria. Dan comes to his table with her friend JIN.

DAN

Yu Qiang, do you mind Jin and me sitting here?

Jon turns his head up. He suddenly cannot open his mouth.

JON

(Two seconds later)

...Sure, please!

JIN

Thank you!

JON

Call me Jon, by the way.

DAN

Thank you Jon.

Jon acts like that he is not affected and continues to eat.

DAN

Your mid-term grade is spectacular Jon! Congrats to you!

JON

Oh thanks.

JIN

Seriously. Your ranking is like 150 higher than the last semester. How'd you do that.

JON

Well...I think I'm pretty lucky. The material tested is all covered by my studying.

DAN

That's not luck. You must work really hard to cover everything.

JON

Well yeah I put some endeavor in it but still I feel lucky.

JIN

luckiness is a humble excuse for talented people.

JON

(V.O)

On the contrary of Dan, Jin is the ultra outgoing type and she's boy and girlfriends are everywhere in school.

JON

Talented people couldn't be the bottom five of the class

Both Dan and Jin laughs.

DAN

Can't imagine how hardworking you are... My grade is getting worse

JON

None such thing

DAN

Stop fooling me. I must played too much games

JON

(V.O)

Games? She play games? How can a pretty girl like her playing video games?

JON

Wow wow wow hold on you play games?
Like computer games?

JIN

Don't tell other people. Especially
boys in our class! She doesn't want
them to know!

JON

(V.O)

So I'm not actually one of "them".
She wants me to know. That can't be
she must just accidentally leak
this secret.

Dan gets her mouth closer to Jon.

DAN

(whisper)

Don't tell anyone. Promise me.

JON

(V.O)

At that moment I really, really
want to grab her cheek and kiss
her.

JON

(Whisper)

I won't for sure. In exchange I can
tell you a secret...

Their intimate actions are spotted by their schoolmates,
including LEI.

LEI

(Looking at Jon's table)

Fuck!

LEI'S FRIEND A

Be careful! Your word could be
heard by deans.

LEI

(To his friends)

How can that be that idiot...

LEI'S FRIEND A

Don't worry they're not kissing.

Lei shake his head and walks away, following by his friends.

26

EXT. - SCHOOL WALK, 1ST MIDDLE SCHOOL, AFTERNOON

26

Jon is angrily staring at MIYAO, his classmates.

JON

You said I was cheating?

MIYAO

No, no, no I just heard from other people..

JON

Whom? And why you talk to others as well. You are not innocent on spreading this.

MIYAO

I..I do trust you. I'm sorry

JON

Tell me who said that first.

MIYAO

I...I don't know. I heard from Kang and... I don't know.

JON

(V.O)

The afternoon after my "flipping encounter" with Dan in the cafeteria, I realize most of my male classmates are looking me hostilely. I don't blame them. In fact, I was enjoying it, because it proves they were envious at me because I was the popular guy in front of Dan.

Miyao's tear is falling down.

JON

Oh my God. I'm sorry. I shouldn't lose temper... Please don't

Miyao is still weeping.

JON

Please, please. I'm sorry. Really sorry. I just want to know what happened.

MIYAO
 I..I'm Ok Yu Qiang. I
 was...nervous. You didn't do
 anything wrong.

JON
 No I should not be furious. I'm so
 sorry. Please don't..

Miyao wipes her tears and smiles, although her smile looks
 awful.

MIYAO
 No you're good. But just one thing.
 Don't blame anyone, especially Kang
 since I give you his name. Just let
 it go. Time will prove your
 innocence. You are a good student.

JON
 Thanks. I won't.

27 EXT. - STREET OUTSIDE 1ST MIDDLE SCHOOL, ALMOST EVENING 27

Tig pushes Kang to a dark corner where few students would
 pass through.

KANG
 Who the fuck you are?

TIG
 Who told you Jon was cheating on
 his midterm. Who told you?!

KANG
 Jon? You mean Yu Qiang? So you are
 Yu Qiang's friend...

TIG
 I fucking am. I won't ask you for
 third time. Who told you that?

Lei sees them outside the pathway to the corner. He runs to
 Kang.

LEI
 Wow wow wow Kang who the fuck is
 this guy?

TIG
 None of your business. I'm asking
 him question. Fuck off.

KANG

(To Lei)

He wants to know who said Yu Qiang was cheating.

LEI

Yu Qiang? He sure was cheating!

TIG

What the fuck you say again?

LEI

He is the cheater! I told everyone! Good? Now leave or I will call school police.

Jon watches all of these in a spot they can't find. After hearing Lei's claim, he walks out of dark.

TIG

Hey Jon...

LEI

Aha, the most honest cheater in the world is here!

Tig is ignited by Lei's provocation. Jon pulls him back.

JON

No don't do that. I can handle this.

(To Lei)

Do you have any evidence I cheated?

LEI

I saw you copying from the book!

JON

Which subject then?

LEI

I...I forgot. Math probably.

JON

Probably? I though you have good memory. Besides, it doesn't matter. You were not taking test with me in the same classroom for any subject I remember.

Lei is silent.

JON

I know why you do that. Because You saw Dan was sitting with me for lunch everyday. Because you are jealous. And I wanna tell you: she's not merely sitting with me. She hugs me. She kisses me. And I'm sorry but your jealousy won't change anything...

Lei doesn't wait him finish talking and punch him heavily. Tig, again, is going to punch back but halted by Jon.

JON

This is you and me. And tomorrow I will accuse you for this.

Lei grabs Jon's neck with fury.

LEI

You fucking liar won't live till next day. You die today. Here.

Jon takes Lei's hand and pulls them away from his neck. They take each other's body and fights. Kang runs to the school and calls the school police. The school police soon arrives and tears them apart.

28

INT. - DEAN'S OFFICE, 1ST MIDDLE SCHOOL, EVENING

28

Lei and Jon are standing in front of the dean with head looking down. Both of them have some minor scratches and bruises. The DEAN is finishing his paperwork.

DEAN

Terrible. Terrible. Look at you. Look at each other.

Jon and Lei still heads downward.

DEAN

Look at each other!

They give each other a glance and quickly turns head down again.

DEAN

For 20 years in this school I have never heard of a terrible thing like that. Fighting? Who are you? Some nomads dropped school after 12?

They keep silent.

DEAN

This is a disgrace for our school's name. How will other schools, especially our rivals, react after knowing this? They'll laugh out loud! 1st Middle School keeps his name of best middle school in Chuzhou for decades. Do you guys really deserve to be a student here?

JON

I'm sorry. I was overreacted.

LEI

I'm sorry too.

DEAN

Don't...don't say sorry to me. Say sorry to the other person standing by. I won't listen to your apologies. You two's are getting punishment.

JON

Are we getting expelled?

DEAN

I really want! But no, not now. You two can still study in this school but we will watch you. Any new violation of school discipline will results in dropped out. Got it?

JON AND LEI

Got it!

DEAN

Good. Now confess to each other.

Jon and Lei are still silent.

DEAN

You two leave when I'm satisfied with your confession. I can call your parents as well.

LEI

No! Please don't.

(To Jon)

Yu Qiang I'm sorry. I should not punch you.

JON

I'm sorry too, Ouyang Lei. I should not irritate you.

They go silent.

DEAN

That's it? Why you irritate him, Yu Qiang?

JON

Be..Because...

LEI

He didn't irritate me. I said something bad of him in private and he got acknowledged. He clarified it but I feel ashamed in front of Kang.

DEAN

So it's your fault Ouyang Lei.

LEI

Right. He was basically self-defensing.

Jon looks at Lei confusingly.

DEAN

So Yu Qiang. Is the situation he said the fact?

JON

Not quite.. I also punched him and took him down. So I wasn't self-defensing, I guess.

DEAN

Anyway, I have no interest to your "who did first" drama, and neither should you. Glad you two can confess your fault quickly. I can't revoke the warning from your degree report, but I hope neither of you two gets expelled in the future. Now, go home and confess to your parents.

29

INT. - JON'S HOME, MORNING

29

Jon walks into his home. Jon's mom immediately sees the bruises.

JON'S MOTHER

Jon, what's that? What happened?

JON

No big deal.

JON'S MOTHER

You... You were not fighting with someone right?

JON

No. I got hit when I play basketball this afternoon. That guy was not intended to hit me, so it's fine. And it's not hurt anymore anyway.

JON'S MOTHER

Do you want some medicine?

JON

No I think I'm fine.

JON

(V.O)

I was surprised how natural when I lied to my mom the first time after getting caught from Inspiration.

30

INT. - CLASSROOM, 1ST MIDDLE SCHOOL, MORNING

30

Jon is chatting with Luo. Dan walks to Jon.

DAN

Jon. Come with me. I have something to say to you.

Everyone in the classroom immediately turns their heads to Dan and Jon.

JON

O...Okay...

Jon and Dan leave the classroom.

LUO

Oh my God will that be?

People are rushing out the classroom, but Jin keeps them inside.

JIN

Dan has some personal issue that must be clarified with Yu Qiang. Please don't interrupt them.

31 INT. -DRINK WATER ROOM, 1ST MIDDLE SCHOOL, MORNING

31

DAN

What happened yesterday with you and Lei?

JON

I wanted to know who spread the word that I was cheating on the last exam, and he said he did; I proved my innocence and he punched me!

DAN

That's not the who case.

JON

That was.

DAN

Stop trying to fool me. You said something about me to Ouyang Lei didn't you?

JON

No.

DAN

You said I like you, hug you and kiss you. You said I was in relationship with you.

JON

Nonsense, are we?

DAN

Definitely not.

JON

(V.O)

That adverb hurts.

JON

And I didn't say that. Did Xiao Kang told you about this, or Ouyang Lei himself?

DAN

Not your business. You best not lie to me.

JON

I. Am. Not.

DAN

Whatever, the thing I want to say is, I'm not in a relationship with you now, not likely in the future, so no kiss or hug. I do like you, as a worth friend; or I did, but I'm in doubt now. I don't like my friend punch others.

JON

I'm sorry I shouldn't...

DAN

Now time to go. It's class time.

Dan leads Jon to leave the drinking water room and goes to the classroom.

32 INT. - CLASSROOM, 1ST MIDDLE SCHOOL, AFTERNOON 32

Class goes on as normal, but Jon simply stares at the blackboard, or anything in front of him, without eyeball movement.

33 EXT. - STREET OUTSIDE 1ST MIDDLE SCHOOL, ALMOST EVENING 33

Jon is walking like a ghost. He picks up his cellphone and dials Tig's number.

TIG

Jon! How are you? Still feeling hurt?

JON

That doesn't matter. Dan knows what I said to Ouyang Lei.

TIG

And? She's breaking up with you?

JON

No, no, no Tig. I was bluffing.

TIG

...Seriously? Oh man.

JON

She rejected me even if I denied
all the accusations. I'm a liar.

TIG

Man... Do you want me to come to
your place for a while?

JON

No. I will take taxi to your place.
We go to net cafe.

TIG

Okay, and I will pay for you.

JON

For two days and nights.

TIG

What? You crazy?

JON

No. I need some distraction. I need
rest. And I need to quit the game.
By playing it until I feel bored.

TIG

I can spend the weekend with you
for sure... But what about your
parents? Lie to them? With what
reason?

JON

I will tell my parents that we will
study together. And you can tell
your parents the same way. We go to
your place first and tell your
parents we're going to municipal
library tomorrow.

TIG

That sounds a terrible lie...

JON

Whatever. They won't find us. My
parents doesn't know Guanghuan.

TIG

Fine. I trust you bro. You are the
smart one anyway.

JON
Come on. I will see you in short.

Jon puts down the phone and waves to the street!

JON
(To Taxi Driver)
Taxi!

The taxi stops and Jon goes in.

34

EXT. - TIG'S HOME, EVENING

34

Jon goes into Tig's home and sees TIG'S PARENTS.

JON
Hello Mr. and Mrs. Yuan.

MRS.YUAN
Jon! Long time no see! How are you?

JON
I'm good Mrs. Yuan.

MRS.YUAN
I heard you are doing really well
in 1st Middle School. You will be
great! You can go to college, even
top colleges.

JON
Thanks...

MRS.YUAN
No thank you little Jon. Thank you
for helping Tig. I wish he can be
as good as you so bad.
(turns head back)
Tig! Jon is here!

Tig walks out from his room

MRS.YUAN
Let Jon teach you this weekend.
Listens to him carefully!

TIG
I know, I know...

MRS.YUAN
(To Jon)
Jon, join us for dinner!

JON

Oh thank you Mrs.Yuan. Appreciate it.

MRS.YUAN

No problem

Jon and Tig's family sits down and starts to eat.

35

INT. - TIG'S ROOM, TIG'S HOME, NIGHT

35

Tig leads Jon to his bedroom. He is making the bed for Jon. But Jon just falls down to the bed and starts crying. Tig sits on his bed.

TIG

Man, don't...Well, I don't know...

JON

I'm a loser. I'm a failure.

TIG

No you're not!

JON

I destroys the most treasured thing in my life.

TIG

She's just a girl...

JON

You don't know! The day we talked... we talked in the cafeteria... That's the happiest moment in my life... Like a dream comes true...

TIG

I don't want to be cruel, but the truth is it's a dream, and you assumed it came true. It's hallucination.

JON

I... I don't know... We may have chance...

TIG

What exactly did she say?

JON

She... She said... No, no! I don't want to recall! Just stop!

TIG

Calm down Jon! It's Okay. You deserve better.

JON

She's the best.

TIG

I'm not saying better than her, but you should be better than your current state. Plus, she's not the best if she doesn't love you.

JON

Love... What a fuckin' joke.

TIG

Do you want to tell me why you're so obsessed?

JON

Because...

36 INT. - CAFETERIA, 1ST MIDDLE SCHOOL, MORNING

36

Jon is whispering to Dan.

JON

I play game too. I play World of Warcraft. So call me a net-addict-teenager.

DAN

Oh my God. We're on the same boat then.

Jon looked astonished.

DAN

I'm not lying. I play WoW several years ago. My parents never knew that.

JON

I... I was caught by my parents once. In a net cafe last year. I play much less often by then.

DAN

What's your account name? I will add you later today.

JON

"JonHorn", with capital H.

DAN

Nice! We can play together when we're both online!

37 INT. - TIG'S ROOM, TIG'S HOME, NIGHT

37

JON

And I went online everyday, for her, since then.

Tig sighs.

TIG

That's the reason... Now I get little understanding... About this, the whole story.

JON

Like why she's so perfect to me? She's like everything I want from a partner.

TIG

Except one thing: she doesn't love you. And now there's no possibility in the future I'm afraid.

Jon cries heavily.

TIG

Man... You need to get this passed... Maybe you're right... Now I understand why you want to play the two days and nights straightly.

38 EXT. - STREET, MORNING

38

Tig and Jon are walking on a street. They're looking for a net cafe. Jon points to Lock Net Cafe.

JON

That one should be fine. I think we're far enough from your home.

Tig and Jon walks in.

39 INT. - LOCK NET CAFE

39

Tig and Jon are seating next to each other. Jon types in username and passcode. Then, Jon laughs bitterly.

JON

Damn. That's my dwarf account.

(To Tig)

What's my username for my main account?

TIG

"JonYouTon".

JON

Right, right...

While Jon signs out and types in the new username and password, Tig is observing his facial expression. Jon looks calm.

40 INT. - JON'S HOME, AFTERNOON

40

Jon's father is watching TV. Suddenly the telephone rings. He looks at the in-call number and gets confused. He picks up the phone after 5 rings.

JON'S FATHER

Hello, who is this?

The other side of the call is Dan

DAN

Hello, is this Yu Qiang's family?

JON'S FATHER

Yes. And you are?

DAN

My name is Fang Dan, Yu Qiang's class' monitress.

JON'S FATHER

Hi. I'm Yu Qiang's father. Did my son do something wrong in the class?

DAN

Hello Mr.Yu. The official detention warning for his fight outside school is out.

JON'S FATHER

Wait, wait. What? Detention?

DAN

Okay so he didn't tell you. Yu Qiang was in a fight with his classmate Ouyang Lei because of their quarrel. The detail of their quarrel is still unclear, but they did punch each other in the end.

JON'S FATHER

Ba...

(disguise no anger)

What happened next?

DAN

Fortunately Both Yu Qiang and Ouyang Lei quickly recognize their fault and apologize to each other. They will be both in detention for three month; the detention will be revoked if Yu Qiang performs well after three month.

JON'S FATHER

Thanks Monitress Fang. And thank to the dean for not expelling my son.

DAN

No problem. Yu Qiang is a good student and his grade has been significantly improved during the last school year. The argue between Yu Qiang and Ouyang Lei, as far as I know, is a resulted from false accusation from Ouyang Lei that Yu Qiang cheated on his last exam. So please don't blame him a lot or give him too much pressure. Also, I want to talk to Yu Qiang. Is he here?

JON'S FATHER

No he's studying with his primary schoolmate. I will take him back and then he will call you.

DAN

Thanks. Bye.

Dan hangs up the phone. Jon's mother comes to his father

JON'S MOTHER
What happened?

JON'S FATHER
Jon gets a detention. A fuckin'
detention?

JON'S MOTHER
For what?

JON'S FATHER
He's in a fight with his classmate.

JON'S MOTHER
Impossible! Our Jon isn't that kind
of person, you know it. He may have
some tamper but he's too shy to
argue with anyone. Not to mention
fight with someone?

JON'S FATHER
It seems it's not his fault to
fight that person... That student
accuses him for cheating in the
last exam.

JON'S MOTHER
...Is that true?

JON'S FATHER
I don't know! I will bring him
back. I need him back anyway.

Jon's father picks up the phone and dials Jon's cellphone.
Jon's cellphone is powered off

JON'S FATHER
Damn it.

Jon's father then dials to Tig's house.

JON'S FATHER
(calling)
Hello? It's Jon's father.

MRS. YUAN
Hi Mr. Yu? How are you and Mrs. Yu?

JON'S FATHER
We're good. Listen, There is some
issue we need Jon back immediately,
please let me talk to him.

MRS.YUAN

Well actually Mr.Yu... He's currently not at our house. Jon said he and Tig were better to go to municipal library. Why not call him directly?

JON'S FATHER

He's phone's powered off. Are you sure they're in the library?

MRS.YUAN

Well.... Yes... I guess?

JON'S FATHER

Okay. I will go to the library now and find him.

MRS.YUAN

No problem. Thanks for your son's help to our child! Jon will be a great student and a great person.

JON'S FATHER

Thanks Mrs.Yuan. I will call you back when I find him.

Jon's father hangs up the call and prepares to go out.

41 INT. - FIRST FLOOR, MUNICIPAL LIBRARY, AFTERNOON 41

The library is as silent as always. Jon's parents keep silent but their faces reveal their unease.

JON'S FATHER

(whisper to Jon's Mother)

I go to third floor and you take the second.

Jon's mother departs to take the stairs. Jon's father walks into the elevator.

42 INT. - THIRD FLOOR, MUNICIPAL LIBRARY, AFTERNOON 42

Jon's father is spotting TWO TEENAGERS napping on the desk. He approaches close.

JON'S FATHER

Jon.

One teenager wakes up. Jon's father finds that he is not Jon.

JON'S FATHER
Wrong person. I'm so sorry.

The teenager rubs his eyes.

THE TEENAGER
It's fine...

JON'S FATHER
By the way, have you seen another group of two student, about the same age as you here?

THE TEENAGER
Sorry Sir. But students are everywhere.

JON'S FATHER
He should wear a blue jacket.

THE TEENAGER
I'm wearing a blue jacket and so are many other people here... Sorry sir I really don't know.

JON'S FATHER
Okay. Thanks. Sorry to wake you up.

THE TEENAGER
You're good, you're good...

Jon's father leaves the group of two and goes to search again. He tries to visit every corner of the floor but still can't find him.

43 INT. - LOBBY, MUNICIPAL LIBRARY, AFTERNOON

43

Jon's mother goes down from stairs and meets his husband at the lobby room.

JON'S FATHER
Not on second floor either?

Jon's mother shakes her head.

JON'S FATHER
Then where he could possibly go?
(Suddenly realizes)
Maybe...

JON'S MOTHER
He's in a net cafe?

JON'S FATHER

Damn it. Wherever he goes, we have already lost the clue.

JON'S MOTHER

Calm down... Maybe he's just going out for dinner?

JON'S FATHER

My instinct tells me the only possibility is the net cafe.

JON'S MOTHER

Okay okay, his father. We should wait here. At least we will have him if he did go to dinner.

Jon's father sits down angrily.

JON'S FATHER

Damn it. This bastard.

44

INT. - DAN'S BEDROOM, DAN'S HOME, AFTERNOON

44

Dan turns on her laptop and login to World of Warcraft. She sees that Jon's account was online just two hours ago.

DAN

(V.O)

That's weird. And he's login place is?

Screen displays "Last login place: Guangyang Street, Chuzhou"

DAN

(V.O)

Guangyang Street? I never heard about this street.

Dan opens online map and types in "Guangyang Street"

DAN

(V.O)

Haihe District... Hmm, I know he came from there but Guangyang Street is still far from his original address...

Dan Picks up her phone and dials Jon's number. The call is immediately shut down because Jon's phone isn't on.

DAN
(V.O)
He's better not to do that.

Dan dials Jon's home's number. No one answer either.

DAN
(V.O)
They are still finding him...
That's not good at all.

45 INT. - JON'S HOME, NIGHT

45

Jon's parents open the door and walk in. His mother is crying and his father sighs.

JON'S FATHER
Trust the police. They will find him.

JON'S MOTHER
(crying)
I... I know they will find him...
But what happened to my son...
He... He couldn't be abducted,
right?

JON'S FATHER
Jon's a smart kid. Besides, no one calls in till now.

Suddenly the home phone rings. Jon's mother yells out and cries heavily. Jon's father is very nervous to pick up the phone.

JON'S MOTHER
We... We should call police... Now!

JON'S FATHER
Too late... If it's the abductor,
they will call again anyway.

Jon's father picks up the phone.

JON'S FATHER
This is Yu Qiang's father. Who are you?

DAN
Hi Mr.Yu, I'm Fang Dan, Yu Qiang's
monitress.

Jon's father relieves with a big sigh.

JON'S FATHER

Thank God... Yu Qiang is missing.
We have already called the police.

DAN

Really... Then I actually have a
clue, he was using a computer in
Guangyang Street this afternoon.

JON'S FATHER

Wait what? How do you know that?

DAN

His QQ was online several hours
ago. I can check his login place.

JON'S FATHER

That's a vital clue... Thank you
Dan!

DAN

No problem. Hope he's Okay and
please let him call me if you find
him.

Jon's father hangs up.

46

EXT. - STREET, NIGHT

46

Jon's father waves his hand to the road.

JON'S FATHER

Taxi!

A taxi just passed by without noticing Jon's father

JON'S FATHER

Damn it!

(Waves again)

Taxi!

A taxi stopped.

JON'S FATHER

Go to Guangyang Street.

TAXI DRIVER

Sir, Guangyang Street is long.

JON'S FATHER

Do you know any net cafe on that
street then?

TAXI DRIVER

Let me think... Yes there is one called Lock or something.

JON'S FATHER

Takes me there.

47 INT. - INSIDE THE TAXI, NIGHT

47

Taxi driver is driving slowly due to heavy traffic

JON'S FATHER

Damn! This traffic.

TAXI DRIVER

You know Sir. It's Chuzhou. Are you in rush for something?

JON'S FATHER

My son was lost. The record says he was in Guangyang Street

TAXI DRIVER

And he usually goes to net cafe I guess?

JON'S FATHER

No but I caught him from a net cafe once. That's my bet on where he is now.

TAXI DRIVER

If he is my son, I will beat his arm broken once I found him.

Jon's father remains silent.

TAXI DRIVER

I will let him know he should never touch that. That is electronic heroine.

JON'S FATHER

Pretty much.

TAXI DRIVER

I heard there's a clinic on the other side of the city that specially deal with these net-addict kids.

The taxi soon arrives to the destination.

JON'S FATHER
Here's 20. No need for change.

Jon's father quickly gets out the car and dashes into the net cafe.

48 INT. - JON'S HOME, NIGHT 48

Jon is kneeling down on the ground in front of his parents. He looks exhausted.

JON'S FATHER
I'm done with you.

JON'S MOTHER
His father, don't say that. He has your blood!

JON'S FATHER
Look at how your mom defends you. You should feel ashamed.

Jon suddenly goes to coma. He falls to ground completely.

JON'S MOTHER
Jon! Jon!

49 INT. - HOSPITAL, NIGHT 49

Jon wakes up on the hospital bed. He sees his mom looking at him and his dad seeing him outside the door.

JON'S MOTHER
Thank God! You awake!
(To Jon's father)
His dad, Jon's awaken!

Jon's father has no intend to go inside.

JON'S FATHER
I see.

Jon cries out.

JON
Mom... And dad... I'm sorry... I am so sorry...

JON'S MOTHER
Let's talk about that later, Okay?

JON

I... I was trying to get rid of the game... By playing it until I got bored...

JON'S MOTHER

Did you get bored...

JON

I don't know... But I guess I don't want to go to net cafe anymore... This time for sure...

JON'S FATHER

You better keep this promise.

JON

I will! I will!

Jon want's to get out of the bed but stopped by his mother.

JON'S MOTHER

Relax Jon. You need to recover first.

JON

(V.O)

I wasn't lying. I don't want to go to net cafe anymore. I don't want to play World of Warcraft anymore. I made it.

50

INT. - JON'S HOME, AFTERNOON

50

Jon's final exam script for the semester is presented on the table. The scores are relatively low and the ranking is the last 2 of the class.

JON'S MOTHER

That's terrible. How can that be?

JON

I wasn't really at my best during the exams...

JON'S MOTHER

But you shouldn't be THIS bad!

JON'S FATHER

You better not cheated on the midterm.

Jon gets furious,

JON

No?! How can you believe that? I am your son and you should know I hate cheating!

JON'S FATHER

And cheated your parents twice, at least, to waste time on games?

JON

That... That's different! I've never thought to cheat on any exam, never!

JON'S MOTHER

You go to net cafe again. Don't you?

JON

Mom?! How can you say that?! I didn't

JON'S FATHER

Shut up you bastard! We didn't punish you the last time because we thought you may still be a good student and we believed in you not going to net cafe again!

JON

I didn't! I fuckin' didn't!

JON'S MOTHER

Language, Jon! How can you speak to your father like that?!

JON

You... You guys just don't believe me aren't you?

JON'S FATHER

How can we still trust you?

JON'S MOTHER

Your father is right. You deceive us too many times.

JON'S FATHER

You need some treatment.

JON

I don't need ANYTHING!

Jon's father goes away and brings a rope with him back.

JON
Now this?

Jon rushes too the front door.

JON
I'm not going back. I'm done with
you! With this family! Ever!

He crushes the door and runs away.

51 EXT. - STREET OUTSIDE JON'S HOUSE, AFTERNOON 51

Jon runs in the front and his father follows him. Jon starts to slow down due to stamina and lack of working out. He tries to run to narrow alleys in order to get rid of his dad. People are watching their chasing.

Jon breathes heavily and stops to run. He can't see his father in sight. Suddenly his father comes to him from the other direction. He's reluctant to run again. His father takes him down with a punch and ties him up.

JON'S FATHER
You bastard! You shames the name of
Yu! You lose the face of our
family!

52 INT. - JON'S HOME, AFTERNOON 52

Jon is forcefully taken into his home.

JON'S FATHER
(To Jon's mother)
The bastard. I have him.

JON'S MOTHER
His dad we have to have
something... Something can help
him...

JON'S FATHER
I'm not going to help him anymore.
You heard what he said. He's done
with the family, and so do I to
him.

JON'S MOTHER
Please... He has your blood, we
have to save him!

Jon's father keeps silent.

JON'S FATHER

Take him to the other side of the town. I heard there's a professor specifically deals with net-addicted boys.

Jon hears the word and tries to break the rope.

JON

(V.O)

I know who he's saying. Yi YeJin. The notorious charlatan who claims to cure net-addiction with electrotherapy. I'd rather died instead of going to his place.

Jon's father slaps Jon down and tightens the rope.

JON'S FATHER

You bastard how dare you trying to escape?

(To Jon's mother)

Let's take him to that expert's clinic now.

JON'S MOTHER

Yeah, yeah. We should do that, we definitively should.

53

INT. - YI'S OFFICE, YI'S CLINIC, AFTERNOON

53

Jon is tied in the corner of the room with his father and one security guard watching him. YI YEJIN comes out with his lab coat. He looks ugly but the glasses makes him look knowledgeable. The face of Jon's mother is covered with her cosmetics. When Yi comes out, she looks like that she just found the hope of her life. Yi sits down on his chair.

JON'S MOTHER

Professor Yi! Nice, nice to meet you!

YI

Actually I'm sorry to meet you the uneasy parent. I'm sorry to meet all the parents. I don't want see any of your children suffering from anything.

JON'S MOTHER

Thank you Professor Yi. That's really kind.

YI

Now, what can I do for you? What can I do for your kid?

JON'S MOTHER

My son Jon, he's... he's in trouble.

Jon's mother almost bursts out crying.

YI

Calm down my dear parent. What he is suffering from?

Jon's mother tries to breathe to calm her down.

JON'S MOTHER

He... He lied to us. He lied to us about going to net cafe.

Yi takes notes when she says.

YI

Deceiving parents. Net-addiction. And?

JON'S MOTHER

The first time we caught him was last year, and he promised that he'd never go again. Two month ago he received a detention from his school because of fighting. He had a quarrel with his classmate because his classmate accused him cheating on the last midterm exam. He did exceptionally well on that exam.

YI

Did he? Which school is he attending now?

JON'S MOTHER

1st Middle School.

YI

That's a really good school. Very competitive.

JON'S MOTHER

Yes it is. My Jon wasn't performing well during his 7th grade, but he improves a lot on that midterm

JON'S MOTHER
exam. His final, this time, falls
back to where he was.

YI
Anything happened during his
period?

JON'S MOTHER
The day we knew that he got a
detention, he was gone miss. He and
his primary schoolmate deceived us
by saying "going to municipal
library together". It turns out he
and his old friend spent two whole
days in a net cafe that was very
far from our residence.

YI
Two whole days. Wow.

JON'S MOTHER
And we have no idea how long will
he be there if we didn't catch him
on Sunday night.

YI
I guess he promised again?

JON'S MOTHER
Yes. He was in coma soon after we
brought him back. At the hospital
he promised us to not going to net
cafe or play games.

YI
And you caught him right before
coming to me?

JON'S MOTHER
No. We didn't catch him in net cafe
again. His grade in the final exam
fell back behind as I said. His
father and I suppose he went to net
cafe.

YI
He denied it. Right?

JON'S MOTHER
Yes. We also assumed he could
either go to net cafe again or
actually cheat on the midterm. Or
both.

YI

Very reasonable assumption.

JON'S MOTHER

He denied both and runs out home furiously. His father caught him and we decide to bring him here. Please! Help my Jon! He was a good kid, I just want he to be a good kid again!

YI

I will. Let me sums up: he deceives parents, has net-addiction, fights with classmate which indicates his potential violent tendency. He might also cheat on exam. He tries to abandon his home and family.

JON'S MOTHER

Can he be cured?

YI

Yes, of course! You see, all of his abnormal behaviors come from two reasons: he likes violence, but he's too shy to be violent most of the time. Therefore he lies, and pretends to be nice. Once he is triggered though, like the quarrel between his classmate and him, he performs violence. Playing computer games is also a symptom of violent tendency. The virtual world is different and at that place, he can perform violence. He can dominate. He has a feeling of better than other people. That's exactly why he addicts to it. When his life goes low, his addiction goes up; the addiction, however, drags him even lower in real life, and the addiction goes higher. That's how this addiction works.

JON'S MOTHER

Oh my God. That explanation is so clear.

YI

And that's where my expertise comes in. Our electrotherapy is a international-leading...

54 INSERT - INVESTIGATION ROOM, CHUZHOU POLICE STATION, MORNING
54

JON
I don't want to recall that
bullshit.

GU
So you were being treated there?

JON
tortured.

55 INT. - YI'S OFFICE, YI'S CLINIC, AFTERNOON 55

A bunch of RMB is given from Jon's mother to Yi. Yi puts
them into the bill counter. The total amount is 14000.

JON'S MOTHER
That's the fee for the whole
therapy session.

YI
Please just trust us. I will bring
your Jon back.

JON'S MOTHER
Please... You are our family's last
hope...

Jon suddenly dashes up and hit the security guard.

JON'S MOTHER
(Turns her head)
Jon!

He runs to the front gate but is taken down by another
security guard. His mouth remains tapped.

Jon's mother walks to him

JON'S MOTHER
Jon! You have to trust Professor
Yi! He can help you! Follow what he
says!

Yi Yexin and Jon's father also walks to Jon's mother and Jon

JON'S FATHER
(To Yi)
Thank you doctor. We will see you
in two weeks.
(To Jon's mother)

JON'S FATHER
Let's go. We can trust him.

Jon's parents walks out. Jon's mother occasionally looks back with tears on her face.

JON
(V.O)
I don't fuckin' know where her tears come from. Unease about living under Yi? Sad and angry about what I've don? Or too happy for finally finding hope? I don't know.

XIANG
Watch your language. She's your mother.

GU
(To Xiang)
He kills his mother. How can he still have any respect to her anyway.

XIANG
(To Gu)
Shhhhh
(To Jon)
Go on.

56 INT. - YI'S OFFICE, YI'S CLINIC, AFTERNOON

56

The tape covering Jon's mouth is removed. Jon heads down and keeps silent.

YI
Yu Qiang. My name is Yi Yexin. You can call me Professor Yi.

Jon has no response.

YI
You heard the conversation between your mother and I. Have you recognized what you've done?

Jon has no response as well.

YI
Fair enough. You are hiding something to your parents aren't you?

Jon heads up and glances at Yi. Then he heads down again quickly.

YI
I guess I get the point. You're going to share your little secret with me.

Still no response.

YI
Jing! Take him to the room.

JON
No! No!

ASSISTANT JING comes to Jon with two guards. Jon starts to struggle and shakes his head crazily. The guards keep him immobile.

JON
I confess! I went to net cafe all the time!

YI
(To Jon)
Liar.
(To Jing)
Take him to the room!

JON
No! I told you!

YI
You need the therapy anyway.

57 INT. - ELECTROTHERAPY ROOM, YI'S OFFICE, AFTERNOON. 57

Jon is taken by Jing and her guards. He is tied onto the therapy chair. Two electrodes are put on two sides of Jon's head. Jing goes to control panel.

YI
I'm not going to lie to you. This gonna hurt. However, as the proverb says, "bitter medicine is always beneficial".

JON
No, no you crazy devil! Stop! Go to fuckin' hell! Stop! No...

YI
Do it. 2 milliampere.

The electricity shots from one side to the other side. Jon yells out with never-seen high volume. He barely has a glance at Yi, but Yi has no attempt to even stop this.

JON
(V.O)
It's not electrotherapy. It's electrocution.

58 INT. - INVESTIGATION ROOM, CHUZHOU POLICE STATION, MORNING 58

GU
Let me guess. You use the same method to avenge your parents. Because they put you into this.

JON
Sort of.

GU
Okay. Officer Xiang, I think our investigation is over.

XIANG
Wait Gu.

GU
Why? He've already told his crime incentive. Now everything makes sense.

XIANG
I say wait Gu! There's something I don't get understand.

GU
What is it then?

XIANG
(To Jon)
Jon. Why you didn't turn yourself in? You know in that way your trial will be easier and your potential sentence will be shorter. And you know we will catch you if you escapes.

GU
That's your question? He's mad. He can't realize that.

XIANG

(To Gu)

Sit down Gu! That's your inference.
We need his word.

(To Jon)

You're still hiding something.
Continue the story.

JON

Don't... I just don't want to
recall that.

XIANG

Sorry Jon but that's an order.

Jon sighs.

XIANG

This isn't the clinic but you still
need to confess everything. I have
a feeling your testimony is still
false.

GU

Feeling? At least I made an
inference.

59 INT. - ELECTROTHERAPY ROOM, YI'S OFFICE, AFTERNOON. 59

JON

(V.O)

Fine.

Jon's still screaming.

YI

(To Jing)

Okay that's it.

He reset his timer to 10 minutes. Jon has been in
"treatment" for 10 minutes.

Jon's in shock. However his heart monitor indicates his
fine, just losing his consciousness.

60 INT. - JON'S ROOM, YI'S CLINIC, MORNING 60

Jon wakes up frighteningly. He looks around and the place
he's at very likes a cell. A bottle of water and three
slices of bread are one the table.

JON
Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

Jon screams out and cries.

JON
(V.O)
The physical pain may be gone, but
the mental pain is eternal.

Some ring is ringing. His room's door has a crispy sound.

Jon decides not to touch the food or water; he bursts out the door but the second he's out, he stops.

Ten more teenagers, aged from 10 to 20, are aligned with him. Every person has two guards in front of them with stun batons in their hands.

JON
(V.O)
I know I can't escape. Not from
here.

61 INT. - GRAND MEETING ROOM, YI'S CLINIC, MORNING

61

The guards take teenagers to the grand meeting room. Yi and Jing are there to meet with them at a big oval table. Yi orders everyone to sit down and everyone except Jon sits down. Jon takes look at the circumstance, and sits down as well.

YI
Yesterday A new patient was sent by
his parents. He's here.
(Point to Jon)
He's name is Yu Qiang.

Jon waves his hand to the meeting, but none of them except Yi and Jing is looking at him. They all look straightly.

YI
Apparently he doesn't know how
severe his symptom is. I did some
therapy with him yesterday. Now, I
want you, Jon, to confess with
everyone.

JON
What, what do I confess?..Uhhhh!

One guard stealthily hits him with his baton for about a second.

YI

Go on.

JON

I... I played World of Warcraft since fifth grade.

YI

Good. And?

JON

I deceived my parents to go to net cafe. I told them that I went to tutor.

YI

Have you every stopped playing?

JON

Yes. After my midterm... Uhhh!

Jon is getting hit again.

YI

No you don't. And don't try to lie to your witness. These boys and girls are your witness.

Yi points to other patients.

JON

But... I really didn't go thereafter... Uhhhh!!!!

Jon gets hit again. This time he just goes to shock and guards take him away.

YI

See? He's in trouble. Big trouble.

A girl stands up. Her name is ZHANG ZELI

ZHANG ZELI

Professor, please save him! I volunteer to help him in spare time!

OTHER TEENAGERS

(Stands up)

Professor, please help him!

YI
I will, I will. Now Jing will leads
the regular morality class. I will
go to help him.

TEENAGERS
Thank you Professor!

Yi stands up and leaves. Everyone is looking at him while
his walking out, and immediately sits down after he closes
the door.

62 INT. - ELECTROTHERAPY ROOM, YI'S OFFICE, MORNING. 62

Jon awakes. He is lying on the therapy bed the same way as
yesterday.

JON
Let me go! I confess! I went to net
cafe after the midterm! I broke my
promise.

Jon begins crying.

YI
How often?

JON
Once a week.

YI
False.

Yi gives a sign to his assistants. They put electrodes on
Yi's head.

JON
Three! Three times a week!

YI
How long each time?

JON
Four! Four hours! Or longer! I
escaped school to go there!

YI
Good. Being honest is the first
step of getting cured.
(To the assistant at control
panel)
5 milliamperes. 10 minutes.

JON

No, no!

One assistant wipes off his tear and the electrotherapy begins.

63 INT. - INVESTIGATION ROOM, CHUZHOU POLICE STATION, MORNING 63

JON

No! No! Stop!

XIANG

Relax Jon!

Xiang hands him a cup of water. Jon swallows water down.

XIANG

So you got treated for 2 weeks.
Gosh that's...

Xiang and Gu becomes silent. Jon keeps breathing heavily for half a minute.

JON

The day I got release...

64 INT. - YI'S OFFICE, YI'S CLINIC, MORNING

64

Jon kneels down before his parents and Yi Yejin. He is crying heavily.

JON

Mom... And Dad... I'm so sorry... I
let you worried...

Jon tries to stop crying by breathing.

JON

I went to net cafe after the last
midterm... I went three days a
week. I escapes my afternoon
classes to go playing... I was a
bad kid... Please punish me...
Please punish me heavily...

Jon puts his hand on the ground. Suddenly he realizes something.

JON

Oh, oh! I forgot! Thank you for
sending me here! Professor Yi is
brilliant! If I get repetition
again please just take me here!

JON

(V.O)

That's the worst lie of my life.

Jon's mother burst out crying too.

JON'S FATHER

Thank you. Thank you doctor.

YI

That's not a problem. Jon will be a great student, he just encountered some adolescent trouble, and I help him overcome it. One thing you should do is watching him every second in three month. Repetition happens very often during the first three month after therapy. Please be sure to be with him every time.

JON'S FATHER

We will. His mother, let's go.

JON'S MOTHER

(To Yi)

Thank you, thank you professor! I can't deliver how much appreciation I have through my language!

YI

Don't worry. I hope we'll never see each other again.

Jon's parents take him to their car.

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INT. - CAR, MORNING

65

Jon is sleeping.

JON'S MOTHER

He is such a nice person! And an expert!

JON'S FATHER

Yeah. Let's find out how Jon will behave after the treatment.

66 INT. - JON'S ROOM, NIGHT 66

Jon awakes suddenly. He breathes heavily for a while and sighs.

JON
What a nightmare.

67 INT. - CLASSROOM, 1ST MIDDLE SCHOOL, MORNING 67

The class-beginning ring tone is on. The teacher comes in.

TEACHER
Listen up, everyone. Good to have you here after the winter break. It will be your last real break before High School Entrance exam.

The class starts to turmoil.

LUO
No!

LEI
Now?

DAN
(To the class)
Everyone please keep quiet!

The class goes quiet.

TEACHER
We will finish all the material this semester and once the now 9th grade finishes their exam, you guys will be the new 9th grade.

Jon just sits there and breathes.

68 INT. - JON'S HOME, EVENING 68

JON
(V.O)
I don't know. The pressure puts me in desperation.

Jon packs up some food. He finds his secret money bottle and takes them all out. It's 724 yuan and 13 cents.

JON
(V.O)
I'm leaving. I can't suffer anymore. Not the school. Not my

JON
 parents. And I'm too shy to see Tig
 again. I know he must be in trouble
 too since our last meet.

69 INT. - JON'S HOME, LATE NIGHT

69

Jon's parents are in sleep. Jon puts up clothes and his
 pack. He opens the door. His neighbor, MRS.SUN just comes
 by.

MRS.SUN
 Oh hi Jon! Long time no see!
 Where're you going this late?

Jon gets astonished. He quickly realizes Mrs.Sun may wake up
 his parents and he runs straight outside.

MRS.SUN
 Jon? Jon!
 (To the inside of Jon's home)
 Mr. and Mrs.Yu! Mr. and Mrs. Yu!

Jon's father comes out.

JON'S FATHER
 What happened Mrs.Sun? Why's our
 door open?

MRS.SUN
 Your kid! Jon! He runs out!

JON'S FATHER
 What? when?

MRS.SUN
 Just then! You need to go now to
 bring him back!

Jon's father puts on his shoes and runs outside.

70 INT. - JON'S HOME, MIDNIGHT

70

Jon, again, kneels down in front of his parents.

JON'S FATHER
 You are going to net cafe don't
 you.

JON
 No. I'm not. I'm just leaving. I
 fed up.

JON'S MOTHER
You fed up on what?

JON
Everything!

JON'S FATHER
Don't try to fool us this time.
Where you can go besides that
pathetic net cafe?

JON
I'm going out town. I'm going to
Shenzhen. I'm going to Shanghai.
Find a job. Live there.

Jon's parent turn heads to each other. They are shocked.

JON'S FATHER
That's... That's also a lie. I know
you kid. You don't even go to place
beyond the school. How can you have
courage to leave this town along?

JON'S MOTHER
Let's take him to Professor Yi
tomorrow.

JON
No! No! Never! Never again!

JON'S MOTHER
(To Jon's father)
We didn't watch him every second as
Professor Yi said. That's our
fault. He's now on a repetition.
See? He even forgets how grateful
he was the day he finished his
therapy.

JON
No! No! I disguised! I pretends to
do that! All of them! I'll never go
there again!

JON'S FATHER
(To Jon)
Shut up. We've already decided. Now
I won't sleep tonight to watch you.

JON
No! No!

JON

(V.O)

That's the first time when I
actually want to kill my parents.

71 INT. - YI'S OFFICE, YI'S CLINIC, MORNING

71

Jon is tied up to Yi's office. His mouth is also taped this time.

YI

Sorry to see you again, Mr. and
Mrs.Yu. Is he on a repetition?

JON'S MOTHER

Yes!

YI

My deep apology.

JON'S MOTHER

No it's not your fault! We didn't
follow your instruction to watch
him on his side every second!

YI

Okay. We can definitively help him
again. In fact, I was thinking
whether he confessed all the detail
during the last time as well.

Jon's mother takes out a bunch of RMB.

JON'S MOTHER

Here. The fee for another session.

YI

I can only take half of it. I
didn't treat him well. That was my
mistake.

JON'S MOTHER

No! It's not! Please, take him in.

YI

Of course.

(To Jing)

Jing! Take him into the therapy
room!

Jon is struggling all the time but he is still taken away.

JON'S FATHER

Let's go.

(To Yi)

Doctor, please bring our kid back.
We will take care of him exactly as
you says next time.

Jon's parents leave.

72 INT. - ELECTROTHERAPY ROOM, YI'S OFFICE, MORNING. 72

Jon is put on the bed as usual. His tape is not getting removed this time.

YI

I don't even want to listen to you
right now.

(To Jing)

Jing, 10 milliampere!

Jon tries to scream but his mouth is shut.

The power is on and Jon is getting electrotherapy again.
This time, for 15 minutes.

73 INT. - YI'S OFFICE, YI'S CLINIC, MORNING 73

Jon is taken in after the treatment.

YI

How was it? If you're not
completely honest to me, that's
what happen to you next every hour.
You won't be dead anyway.

JON

I was crushed on a girl.

YI

Ha! That's the missing part. Go on.

JON

She's pretty, and one day we had a
talk when she told me she also
played World of Warcraft...

YI

Good. Now tell the other people.
Come with me.

JON

No! No! That's a secret!

YI

And it's gone because you told me.
And you're going to tell everyone.
Or?

JON

...Okay I will go and speak.

74

INT.- GRAND MEETING ROOM, YI'S CLINIC, AFTERNOON

74

Everyone sits down.

YI

Some of you may remember him. Yu Qiang. He was here not long ago. He's now on a repetition and therefore he's here again. Now Yu Qiang has some confession to do to everyone.

No one attempts to look at him.

JON

The last time... I lied. I got crush on a girl named Fang Dan. She was pretty and during one conversation, she told me secretly that she played World of Warcraft as well...

YI

Good. What's her phone number.
Where does she live.

Jon stops. He've never thought Yi will ask personal information of Her. He quickly realizes that she can also be treated here if Yi finds her. But if he doesn't tell the truth now he will be punished.

JON

137-4219-8377. I don't know where she lives exactly but her house should be close to 1st Middle School of Chuzhou. She walks to school everyday.

YI

Excellent.

(To everyone)

That's how you confess. With one hundred percent of faithfulness.

JON

(V.O)

That's the last straw. I says out everything. I'm not protecting her. I suffered such a lot to keep this little secret. I don't even know why.

75 INT. - GRAND MEETING ROOM, YI'S CLINIC, MORNING 75

The regular meeting happens regularly on the second day.

YI

Today I have a special task for you. I have one very tough patient. He's going to treat in front of you guys and You need to encourage him to confess.

Yi leaves. Jon and other teenagers stands up and watches Yi leaves, then follows him.

76 INT. - ELECTROTHERAPY ROOM, YI'S OFFICE, MORNING 76

Three guards bring a big man here. He's more than 190cm tall and looks very strong. His name is WU JINGXI.

WU

Yi Yejin you son of a bitch! Go to fuckin' hell!

Wu keeps cursing Yi. He is put on the bed.

YI

(To Wu)

Your patient friend will encourage you to confess.

WU

No fuckin' way you crazy jerk!
(turns to other teenagers)
And you! You cowards! I'm not gonna surrender! I didn't do anything wrong!

JON

Please confess! Net-addiction is an illness! Confess is the beginning of cure!

JON

(V.O)

Ha, I was the pioneer this time.

YI
 (To jing)
 Jing, 40 milliampere.

WU
 (To YI)
 Go to fuckin' hell! All of...
 Uhhhhh!

Wu is shocked and teenagers continue to persuade him to confess. Suddenly his not screaming anymore. The heart rate monitor displays a straight line.

YI
 Stop! Stop!

Teenagers are shocked. Yi is also in frightening.

YI
 Jing! Call the ambulance!... Wait,
 wait! Bring kids out and let they
 call their parents!
 (To teenagers)
 Now all of you can go if you're not
 telling anyone about this! Go Go!

77 INT. - INVESTIGATION ROOM, CHUZHOU POLICE STATION, MORNING 77

JON
 Of course we told our parents after
 getting home. Now that bastard is
 going to prison. Haha.

XIANG
 Our colleagues are investigating
 this too. The record of this
 conversation will also be presented
 to them

GU
 So you get back and you kill your
 parents? That doesn't make any
 difference.

JON
 No I was planning suicide.

XIANG
 Wait what?

78 INT. - JON'S ROOM, EVENING.

78

Jon takes out one power outlet.

JON
Mom! I'm going to shower!

Jon walks into the bathroom.

JON
(V.O)
It's kinda like a ritual. I want to
be clean when I die. Also, water
will make the current to kill me
easier.

Jon's parents walks into his room to watch him.

JON'S FATHER
Hey that power outlet falls down!

JON'S MOTHER
Take a look!

They approaches the power outlet. Jon's father squats to see
clearly.

JON'S MOTHER
What happened? Wa... Ahh!Ahhhhhh

Jon's mother slides down and falls to her husband. Jon's
father unconsciously puts his finger into the power outlet.

Jon hears their screaming.

JON
Mom! Dad!...

79 INT. - INVESTIGATION ROOM, CHUZHOU POLICE STATION, MORNING 79

JON
So I kill them

XIANG
No! It's an accident! It's
completely different.

JON
I did kill them. I know I can stop
the current by turning the switch
off of that power outlet but I
didn't. At that moment, I want them
die.

XIANG

But you still not kill them!

JON

That's why I was on the run instead of turning myself in. I can't convince myself that I kill my parents, but also I can't convince myself I'm innocent.

Jon sighs.

JON

Now I'm under custody. Originally I wasn't plan to tell you all of these Officer Xiang and Officer Gu. I'd rather to receive longer sentence, or death penalty.

GU

You're under 14. You won't be charged death penalty.

JON

I know. But I want all my connections gone. I want to spend time in prison as long as possible. I'm not feeling save anywhere else.

Xiang and Gu goes silent.

XIANG

What a story. Our investigation is over. The conversation will be presented on the trial. Thanks for collaborating, Yu Qiang.

Xiang and Gu leaves. Jon is also taken away by guards.

80 INT. - COURTHOUSE, MORNING

80

The trial of Jon is going on. Officer Xiang and Gu speak, the attorney speak, and the prosecutor speak. Jon isn't really listening to the trial.

JUDGE

After our discussion. Yu Qiang, you are charged Negligent Homicide. Because you are under 14, you are charged sentence in junior prison for 4 years. Do you have anything to say?

JON

No.

- 81 INT. - POLICE'S CAR, MORNING 81
Jon is taken to Junior Prison of Chuzhou.
- 82 EXT. - THE FRONT GATE, JUNIOR PRISON, MORNING 82
The gate is open for police's car's entrance.
- 83 INT. - PREPARATION ROOM, JUNIOR PRISON, MORNING 83
Jon, along with several other junior criminals, are getting prison clothes. On the other side of the wall, two persons are meeting: one man wears a glass and in a suit, looks like an ADMINISTRATOR of this prison. The other is Yi Yejin. They stand up and shake hands
- ADMINISTRATOR
Doctor Yi, please help these young criminals on psychological development from now on.
- 84 FADE OUT. 84