

Misled Youth
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STEVE (V.O.)
Everyday I'm faced with
choices...choices that I believe to
be the right ones, choices that
seem to have the opposite affect
that I plan them to have.

FADE IN:

EXT. FRONT YARD OF THREE BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE 9:30 PM

STEVE
Well people should be showing up
anytime.

STEPHEN
Do you think many people will show
up?

STEVE
I hope so. I told Becky to invite
a bunch of people. I just hope we
make the money back that I spent on
the keg.

EXT. FRONT YARD OF THREE BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE 9:33 PM

People start to show up...

DR. JEFFERSON (V.O.)
Steven, why don't we start at your
childhood?

CUT TO:

INT. PSYCHIATRIST OFFICE

Steve lay on the doctors couch talking about his problems.

STEVE
How far back in my childhood should
I start?

DR. JEFFERSON
Lets try the beginning. As far
back as you can remember.

FADE TO:

EXT. BACKYARD AT STEVE'S HOUSE IN SOUTH SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA
AROUND 5:30 PM

A man and a woman can be heard arguing in the background. Steve, four years old and his younger brother Anthony three years old stand on their tip-toes peeking into their parents bedroom window.

INT. PARENTS BEDROOM

RANDY
Goddamnit, where the FUCK is it?

ERICA
I don't know.

RANDY
Bullshit! I had the baggy in my vest pocket when I before I got in the shower and now it's gone?

ERICA
....

RANDY
...You know what? I saw you come in bathroom and take it out of my vest, now where the fuck is it?

ERICA
I snorted it is that what you wanted to hear. If you just would have givin me some when I asked I wouldn't have stole it from you.

RANDY
You know I'm selling this shit to feed our kids don't you? And your gonna put our food money up your nose?

Randy slaps the shit out of Erica.

Erica start crying and apologizing.

Steve and Anthony start crying when they see their mother crying.

DR. JEFFERSON (V.O.)
Did this type of thing always
happen as you were growing up?

CUT TO:

INT. PSYCHIATRIST OFFICE

STEVE
To tell you the truth I have a hard
time remembering my childhood. All
I really know is it was rough
growing up. From my birth till I
was about 9 I was constantly around
drugs, but no matter what happened
I know my mother and father loved
me and my brother very much.
Especially my grandmother.

DR. JEFFERSON
What is her name?

STEVE
Alberta. I would love getting out
of South Sac to go to my
grandmother's house in Orangevale.
Her house was so much fun. She had
a chicken coop and a big golden
retriever. One of my best friends
lived next door. Justin Madden.
He was a cool kid with a short
temper. After my mother and father
got a divorce. Me and my brother
had to live with my mom, which
probably wasn't the best choice.

FADE TO:

EXT. CITRUS HEIGHTS CALIFORNIA

Helicopter fly-by

STEVE (V.O.)
I lived in probably the worst part
of this shit-hole town. Gangs,
drugs and what I thought to be the
worst crime filled area that I've
ever been to.

STEVE(cont'd)

Being one of the only white family's in the neighborhood we really didn't have many friends. One of the things I remember is wanting a Nintendo. My cousin Ryan had won a Halloween contest and got \$100 prize money. He bought a Nintendo with it. I figured all I had to do was save up enough money to buy one. I remember saving pennies and maybe nickels every once in a while and about three months roll by and I finally get to 100. When I took the money to my mother to get a Nintendo, my heart was crushed. It turns out I saved up 100 cents and discovered at the rate I was going I would never get one.

EXT. FRONT PORCH OF RUN DOWN HOUSE

Erica brings home food...unfortunately it came from a dumpster behind a grocery store.

STEVE (V.O.)

I guess you can say my mother was a high class dumpster diver. She would only bring home items that haven't been opened... just expired. And that's pretty much what I ate for the time my brother and I was with her.

DR. JEFFERSON (V.O.)

Well what does your mother do now?

STEVE (V.O.)

...She died about 6 months before I turned 10.

CUT TO:

INT. PSYCHIATRIST OFFICE

Steve takes a breath and blinks a few times, thinking to himself, trying to hold back the tears.

DR. JEFFERSON

I'm so sorry. It must have been very hard losing her at such a young age. If you don't mind me asking....how did she die?

STEVE

Drug Overdose.

DR. JEFFERSON

Well that maybe one of the problems your dealing with.

STEVE

All I know is when I lived with her we were very poor and when I later moved in with my father and my grandmother I think we stepped up from the lower class into middle class. I think that's why I buy expensive shit I don't really need. I feel that I need to surround myself with nice things to make myself feel better. And since I've been through some rough shit, I try to be as nice as I can be towards others. Most take me for granite, not appreciating anything that I provide, no thank you...WHICH REALLY PISSES ME OFF!

DR. JEFFERSON

Okay Steve, settle down. Now why do you get so upset when people don't thank you?

STEVE

They just show complete lack of respect. I am a nice guy and I show respect so I would like it in return. I learned that in second goddamn grade. I believe its called the GOLDEN RULE. The whole world is one big asshole and its shitting on my life. Certain basic things that everyone is forgetting, that just piss me off.

DR. JEFFERSON

Could you give me an example?

STEVE

Why not. Like I said the GOLDEN RULE. The pledge of allegiance. When I heard they took that out of the school I was appalled what our country had done. It's little shit like that, that completely change people. Kids now days have no clue what that song is and what it represents.

DR. JEFFERSON

According to our past sessions, you said you would never join the military...so why are you so upset about the pledge of allegiance?

STEVE

I said I didn't want to join the military because we start to much shit with everyone else, and that's not what I do as a person and I don't think we should do that as a nation. But 911 I was all about that war, but we attacked the wrong people. Osama attacked us and we attack Sadam. What the fuck kind of logic is that?

DR. JEFFERSON

Sadam was killing his own people and was a terrorist himself. Iraq needed to be attacked.

STEVE

Well that's your opinion and frankly doc, I don't give a shit about it... I'm not here to listen to you bitch about politics right now. Your hear to help me so shut up and listen.

Doctor Jefferson sits there for a second trying to figure out what had just happened then...

DR. JEFFERSON

Your right...I'm sorry. Continue.

STEVE

I guess I'll just start naming off bad shit that's happened to me and see what you can make of it. I never knew any of my grandfathers.

STEVE(cont'd)

They both died when I was a baby, and don't remember them at all. My dad's brother Rick died when I was about six or so. He had cancer. Like I said my mom died when I was about 9 and a half of an Overdose. My Uncle on my mom's side died of liver failure. He was the father of my cousin that won the money for the Nintendo. I've been in my fair share of bad shit too. Car wrecks for example.

FADE TO:

INT. GREEN '72 CHEVY NOVA 1989

STEVE (V.O.)

We had just started off from a red light and we got up to about 30 miles an hour and the traffic had stopped in front of us and my mother hit the breaks but they didn't work. Me and my brothers head smacked the windshield and I cut my knee on the radio. That was my first major wreck. Not too bad for being 7.

FADE TO:

INT. GOLD '86 TOYOTA COROLLA 1999

Adam's Song by Blink ^(MORE) 182 plays in the background

STEVE (V.O.)

And when I was 17 I was on my way to work at a Mexican restaurant in Caney Kansas when I got in my second major wreck. I had come to a three-way stop. The restaurant sat on the other side of the street behind the unpaved parking lot. I had stopped at the stop sign and put a CD in and began to play Adams Song by Blink 182. If you've never heard it, it fit the moment perfectly.

STEVE(cont'd)

Within the first few lines of the song he sings "I never thought I'd die alone." I start across the street and a big ass truck come over a hill to the right going roughly 75 m.p.h. in a 35. I watched as the truck flying at me at high speed with nothing for me to do, but to try and get a prayer in.

As the truck approached all sound drowned out and the entire event seemed to be in slow motion.

STEVE (V.O.)

I remember as soon as his bumper touched the right middle area of my car I passed out.

CUT TO:

ACROSS FROM STREET FACING ACCIDENT

Sirens can be heard approaching from the distance. No movement is coming from Steve's car. The people in the truck seem to be okay but shaken. A fire truck and ambulance arrive with a police car soon after.

FADE TO:

INT. GOLD '86 TOYOTA COROLLA

Steve starts to wake up.

STEVE (V.O.)

I remember thinking the accident was just a dream. I sat up from the passenger seat which wasn't really all there. I opened my eyes to see blood all inside my car. That's when I realized that the accident wasn't a dream. I looked out the driver side door to see paramedics. The sound started to come back and I realized that they were asking me questions. I gave them answers, but I don't think they made much sense. I was pretty delirious.

CUT TO:

INT. PSYCHIATRIST OFFICE

STEVE

Apparently the passenger side door was shoved to the middle of the car and my head went through its window. I had glass slivers embedded in my skull which I had to pull out manually because the nurses couldn't find them all.

DR. JEFFERSON

Well Steve our time for today is up. But I will see you next Thursday.

STEVE

Okay doc.

DR. JEFFERSON

You take care and be careful.

STEVE

I'll try doc. See ya Thursday.

Steve leaves the office and begins walking to his car and drives to his house. He then unlocks the door and walks in. His roommates Stephen and Becky aren't home, so he retreats to his room where he sits in front of the computer and listens to Led Zeppelin. He becomes calm and relaxed.

Several hours go by when his roommates show up, by the time they show up Steve is too tired to stay up and calls it a day.

FADE TO:

INT. STEVE'S BEDROOM

Zoomed in on Steve's face when alarms starts to sound. Steve looks very groggy and takes a while to get up. He then jumps in the shower and gets ready.

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN

Steve cooks and eats some breakfast burritos, then heads out the door.

CUT TO:

EXT. COLLEGE PARKING LOT

Steve pulls up into a parking space.

Two guys are seen to the left handing out flyers.

GUY #1

Hey man, big party this weekend,
take a flyer.

STEVE

Okay.

Kids can be seen walking and talking all around.

AMY

Hey Steve!

Amy runs up from behind Steve with the same flyer in her hand.

AMY

Are you going to the party this
weekend?

STEVE

I don't know yet...I might.

AMY

You should, I want you to go.

STEVE

Okay, I'll go.

AMY

Great! I'll see you in English.

STEVE

Okay, I'll see you later.

You can tell by the look on Steve's face that he really likes Amy. Stephen, Steve's roommate runs up to Steve.

STEPHEN
Dude have you heard of the party
this weekend?

Steve looks down at his hand still holding the flyer, which makes Stephen realize that he had.

STEPHEN
Okay, cool. I need a ride out
there.

STEVE
Okay.

STEPHEN
I think Jessica is gonna be out
there. I wanna hook up with her.

STEVE
Cool. I think I'm gonna talk to
Amy when I get out there.

STEPHEN
You've been in love with that girl
for like a year and a half, and you
haven't even got up the courage to
ask her on a date yet.

STEVE
I know, but I'm gonna talk to her
at the party about going on a date
sometime.

STEPHEN
Okay, I'll believe that when I see
it.

STEVE
Whatever dude, you just watch. I
need to get to English. I'll see
you at home.

STEPHEN
Alright man, see ya.

CUT TO:

INT. COLLEGE ENGLISH CLASS

Steve comes in and sits next to Amy.

STEVE

Hey.

AMY

Hey.

Amy start to flirt with Steve in subtle ways, and Steve is unsure how to respond. The professor comes in and quiets down the class. The professor start to go over the next writing assignment when the fire alarm goes off.

PROFESSOR SMITH

Okay everybody please exit to the back of the class.

Everyone calmly starts to make their way to the back of the room. A friend of Steve's comes from around the corner.

JOSH

So what do think?

STEVE

About what?

JOSH

The alarm.

STEVE

You set that shit off?

JOSH

Hell yeah dude, you need to come hang out with me today. Skip this class and come get high with me.

STEVE

I'll come with you, but I don't know about getting high.

JOSH

Come on you pussy.

STEVE

Maybe. Let's just go, before Professor Smith realizes I'm gone.

CUT TO:

EXT. OUTSIDE OF COLLEGE

Josh and Steve head down the stairs in front of the school and head toward Steve's car.

INT. STEVE'S CAR

Josh starts to pack his glass pipe with marijuana.

STEVE
So where do you want to go?

JOSH
Let's go back to your house.

STEVE
Okay.

JOSH
I wanna get high and play XBOX.

Steve and Josh pull up the townhouse. They get out and walk to the house then inside. Steve goes into the bathroom to take a leak. Josh plops down on the couch and takes a hit out of his pipe, then turns on the XBOX. Steve comes out and sits on the couch next to Josh. About five minutes roll by and Josh gets up and grabs a bag of Steve's chips from on top of the refrigerator.

STEVE
What do you think about Amy?

JOSH
Amy?

STEVE
Yeah Amy Jackson. The really cute blonde.

JOSH
I guess she's cool. Never really talked to her. I think she may be a slut.

STEVE
What the fuck are you talkin about?

JOSH
I don't know I'm high.

STEVE
That's what I thought.

JOSH
Let me see your phone, I'm gonna see if Jeremy can pick me up.

Josh calls Jeremy. Steve goes to reach for the bag of chips to get a few.

JOSH
You can't have any fatty.

STEVE
Why the fuck not?

JOSH
Your to goddamn fat that's why.

STEVE
Fuck you dude no I'm not.

JOSH
You need to start jogging to loose
that beer gut you got going on.

Jeremy shows up to break that argument up. Josh and Jeremy leave. The look on Steve's face shows that he thought Josh's welcome had been wore out. With anger still on his face he retreats to his room once more.

FADE TO:

INT. STEVE'S BEDROOM (THURSDAY)

Zoomed in on Steve's face when alarms starts to sound. Steve looks very groggy and takes a while to get up. He then jumps in the shower and gets ready.

With Steve's roommates still sleeping he must get ready quietly. He get finished getting ready and heads to the psychiatrist.

CUT TO:

INT. PSYCHIATRIST OFFICE

DR. JEFFERSON
Welcome back Steve. How was your
week.

STEVE
Pretty good. There is this big
party on Saturday I plan on going
to. This girl Amy invited me.

DR. JEFFERSON

Oh yes, Amy. Have you two progressed any?

STEVE

Kinda. I'm talkin to her now.

DR. JEFFERSON

Does she know you like her?

STEVE

I really don't know at this point. I'm going to talk to her on Saturday at the party. I'm gonna ask her on a real date.

DR. JEFFERSON

Good for you. Has anything new been bothering you lately?

STEVE

I still think I'm being used. For example on Monday, my friend josh came over and just grabbed a bag of chips without asking.

DR. JEFFERSON

Did you say anything to him?

STEVE

No. Then he continued disrespecting me by calling me fat. I feel the only reason he came over was to eat my food and play my video games. I don't think he would have cared if I was there or not.

DR. JEFFERSON

I think you should maybe stick up for yourself a little more and perhaps you will obtain the respect your searching for. Also don't bottle up your emotions. From what your describing to me, you hold everything in until one day you just burst. Try dealing with your problems as they come to and you will be okay.

STEVE

Okay, I'll try.

DR. JEFFERSON

Steve, I'm going to put you on a trial separation from therapy to see how you have progressed with me. I want you to come back here in two weeks.

STEVE

Are you sure?

DR. JEFFERSON

Yes. I feel that you have come a long way. Just come in, in two weeks and let me know how it's going.

STEVE

Okay, doc. See you in two weeks.

Steve gets up and shakes Dr. Jefferson's hand for the help he has provided thus far, and walks out the door.