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JESSE:

K.

JOSIAH:

Cool. Cool.

Before Jesse gets to the door it opens. An old woman, GRAN 60s, in a sweater and sweat pants stands in the doorway, a Virginia Slim burns slow between her long, boney fingers. Kid scoots past her inside. She side eyes him then sizes up Josiah before grumbling...

GRAN:

Who's that? Who are you!?

JOSIAH:

Uum, Josiah ma'am. I work at the Youth Center. We talked when you signed him up.

GRAN:

Oh yeah yeah yeah. Thank you for bringing him home.

She takes a slow drag off her cig.

JOSIAH:

Is his mother home?

GRAN:

Na, she's supposed to get to come home next week.

He understands.

JOSIAH:

Well, it was good seeing you ma'am. Tell Jesse I'll see him tomorrow.

GRA:

You got it.

She takes another puff as she watches him leave.

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Things have died down. The last few GUESTS leave. The CLEANING CREW is hard at it.

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Sap and Josiah talk with Lee. Rue walks across the floor and joins them.

The doors open. TJ and one of his buddies stroll in on their phones, talking to their social media followers. They make their way to the group.

TJ:
(to group)
Ya'll are blowing up. Got some fans wanting to chip in a few bucks.

Lee shakes their hands.

LEE:
I can't thank you men enough.

ATHLETE:
No need sir. We love doing this kinda thing. And we've been blessed to be able to.

LEE:
Well thank you anyway. I believe we had a real good day here as well. Now if you will excuse me, I'm still on the clock.

Everyone chuckles as Lee steps out of the gym.

ATHLETE:
Sap. Josiah. I gotta thank you guys for having us out. TJ, take it easy bro. I gotta dip out, got practice.

They all thank him and dap him up.

TJ:
J I don't know if your misses told you yet, but I invited ya'll for dinner tomorrow.

JOSIAH:
Nope first I'm hearing of it. Thanks bro.

Rue holds Josiah's arm and grins. She is back to shy mode.

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