

FATHER AND SON

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INT. MIKE'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

JACOB (31) is sitting on the couch, eating a bowl of cereal and watching TV; his feet rest on the coffee table. MIKE (55), his father, comes in. Both men are dressed for work. Mike buttons his sleeves.

MIKE
Feet off the table.

Jacob puts his feet on the floor.

JACOB
Can I get a ride to work?

MIKE
What's wrong with your car?

JACOB
Nothing, Cody has it.

Mike looks at Jacob. Jacob continues looking at the TV.

MIKE
Is he insured?

JACOB
Yeah.

MIKE
With what company?

JACOB
I don't know. "Mutual"
something. Can I get a ride to
work, or not?

MIKE
What's really going on, Jake?

JACOB
(stands)
There it is. I loan Cody a
car, and somehow, being a good
friend makes me a liar.

MIKE
If I call Cody, right now -

JACOB
He's gonna say, "Hi, Mr.
Williams. I'm driving Jake's
car to my new job, in Covina.
Jake sure is a great friend."

MIKE

What if I call the bank
instead? How about the cops?
What will they say?

JACOB

I don't have time for games. I
have a bus to catch so I can
be late for work.

MIKE

You missed too many payments.
Got some parking tickets?
Drove it into a guardrail?

JACOB

Fuck off.

MIKE

Fuck you.

JACOB

Stop prying into my life.

MIKE

Stop treating me like an
idiot.

JACOB

OK, fine. My car got stolen
from the bar last night, OK?
That's the truth.

MIKE

Nope.

JACOB

I'm leaving.

MIKE

Find a place to stay.

JACOB

(laughs)
Oh, you're unbelievable.

MIKE

My lawyer says -

JACOB

What the fuck, Dad?

MIKE

You only need 30 days' notice.
Today is day one.

JACOB

You can't evict me.

MIKE

I really can.

JACOB

I'll have the car back in two
weeks. Three weeks, tops.

MIKE

The car's not the issue, Jake.

JACOB

I don't have anywhere to go.

MIKE

Whose fault is that?

JACOB

Dad. I almost have enough
money saved up to get my own
place -

MIKE

Great. So four paychecks from
now, you should be -

JACOB

You're not listening to me.

MIKE

Correct.

JACOB

I just need a few more months
to -

MIKE

To think of more lies to tell?

JACOB

I got Annie pregnant.

MIKE

Somehow, I doubt that.