

FRANKINCENSE
(excerpt 1)

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EXT. MELROSE AVENUE FAMILY CENTER - CONTINUOUS

Frankin steps outside. Iggy stands nearby, shoveling snow. The two look at each other.

Frankin shakes his head.

IGGY
You did your best.

FRANKIN
Call the coroner. Have the body taken away.

CRASH!

The two look at the center door before rushing in.

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Frankin and Iggy rush in and stop in their tracks.

Gary stands in the shattered doorway, leading to the back of the center. He wears nothing but a splint on his arm.

IGGY
I thought you said--

FRANKIN
I did. Look at him.

Gary slowly shifts his weight from one foot to another. He has a confused, pain-filled expression on his face.

Frankin walks slowly over to him. Iggy slowly follows.

FRANKIN
(gently)
Gary? Gary, how are you feeling?

Gary mouths some unintelligible words. He looks confused.

FRANKIN
Gary, it's Doctor Frankin. You remember me? I'm your friend--

Gary swings his arm at Frankin, sending him CRASHING into some chairs. Iggy runs to Frankin's side and helps him up.

FRANKIN
I'm alright. I'm alright.

He steps toward Gary, but keeps out of his reach.

FRANKIN

Gary? Do you remember me? I'm your friend, Doctor Frankin.

He taps Iggy on the shoulder.

FRANKIN

And Iggy? He's your friend, too. We're all friends.

Gary holds up his arm. Blood oozes from it.

Frankin looks at his shirt and sees a large blood stain..

FRANKIN

Your hand, Gary. It's still sore from the stitches. Would you like Iggy and me to fix it?

IGGY

(under his breath)

"Iggy and me?"

FRANKIN

Iggy, get me something to secure him. We need to fix Gary up.

Frankin walks around Gary. He motions for him to follow.

FRANKIN

Gary, come with me. Gary?

Gary slowly turns and follows. His movement is forced.

Frankin leads him to the basement door.

IGGY

Down there?

FRANKIN

Can't leave him up here.

He swipes his security card and opens the door.

FRANKIN

Besides, I can treat him better down there.