

# BIG DAVE DUNCAN

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INT. BIG DAVE DUNCAN'S HOUSE - BASEMENT - NIGHT

To resume. Tommy stands there... Facing Big Dave...

**START**

TOMMY

I had no idea...

BIG DAVE DUNCAN

I know. No one did.

Tommy looks at him...

TOMMY

No, Dave. I had no idea that you've been obsessed with this...

BIG DAVE DUNCAN

Why is that important? What's important is that I solved it. I solved it and I saw that justice was served...

Tommy shakes his head...

TOMMY

Jerry Friddle was not The Magic Man...

BIG DAVE DUNCAN

Of course he was. I've been working on this for two years now, T.C. Surveilling. Gathering evidence. Making my case...

TOMMY

"Making your case"? Who the hell are you to "make your case"? You make pizzas...

BIG DAVE DUNCAN

I got rock-solid evidence.

TOMMY

You got nothing.

BIG DAVE DUNCAN

That's not true. I been shadowing Friddle for the last few weeks. And he was following little Gwen Simpson. All over the place. And she's only nine...

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"HAPPY TOWN"

TOMMY

You know why he was doing that?  
Because he had a thing for Leah  
Simpson. Gwen's mother. She filed  
a bunch of complaints over the last  
year or so. Friddle skulked women,  
Dave. Not kids...

BIG DAVE DUNCAN

You're wrong.

TOMMY

Don't you think my father ran down  
Jerry Friddle eight ways to  
Tuesday, back when he had that  
trouble at the library? And then  
did it again when he was found in  
Raymond Manning's ice shack with a  
hole in is head?

BIG DAVE DUNCAN

Things were overlooked --

Tommy looks at him for a long beat... Then:

TOMMY

Jerry Friddle was in Las Vegas for  
a family reunion when Billy Mixon  
disappeared.

The fury begins to bubble in Tommy:

TOMMY

And he was in the hospital with  
gall stones when Lauryn Ward  
vanished! But you! You stupid,  
fat moron. You just killed an  
innocent man based on half-baked  
conclusions after doing some junior-  
varsity detective work? Who the  
hell are you? Who the hell are you  
to even get involved -- ?

BIG DAVE DUNCAN

No one else was doing it... Even  
Haplin and them had given up --

TOMMY

Okay. So supposing you're right.  
Supposing Friddle *was* The Magic  
Man. Then you just killed the only  
person who knows what happened to  
those kids...

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Big Dave smiles...

BIG DAVE DUNCAN  
He told me where the bodies are --

TOMMY  
What?

BIG DAVE DUNCAN  
He did. Friddle. He told me where  
the bodies are...

When, from upstairs:

MRS. DUNCAN (O.S.)  
DAVID? EVERYTHING OKAY DOWN THERE?

BIG DAVE DUNCAN  
EVERYTHING'S FINE, MA... HE AND  
TOMMY JUST HAVING A GAB --

MRS. DUNCAN (O.S.)  
TOM WANT TO STAY FOR DINNER?

Beat... Big Dave looks at Tommy, like: you gotta answer her.

TOMMY  
I'M FINE, MRS. D.

MRS. DUNCAN  
YOU SURE? MEAT PASTIES AND A  
SPAGHETTI HOTDISH --

BIG DAVE DUNCAN  
HE'S OKAY, MA -- !

Once they hear her walk away:

TOMMY  
He told you where the bodies were?

BIG DAVE DUNCAN  
In Wisconsin. In a landfill. Just  
outside of Solon Springs...

TOMMY  
He told you that? Jerry Friddle?

BIG DAVE DUNCAN  
He did... So you see -- ?

TOMMY  
Did you have a gun pointed at his  
head at the time he told you, Dave?

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BIG DAVE DUNCAN

Yeah. So?

TOMMY

Maybe he was under duress? Maybe he was thinking if he told you anything, it would get him out of that shack?

And we see this land on Big Dave... He processes it... But then rejects it... Shakes his head...

BIG DAVE DUNCAN

That's not what happened...

Disgust washes across Tommy's face...

TOMMY

You idiot. You stupid, pathetic idiot...

BIG DAVE DUNCAN

He was taking kids...

TOMMY

*HE WAS TAKING NOTHING!!*

And Tommy lashes out, smacking Big Dave across the face with a closed fist... Blood leaks from Big Dave's nose...

Big Dave doesn't retaliate... He just looks at his friend...

TOMMY

What are we supposed to do now?  
Huh, Dave? What am I supposed to do now?

BIG DAVE DUNCAN

You do your job. You caught me.  
So we tell everyone what I did.  
And why I did it...

TOMMY

No, we don't, Big Dave. If we do -  
you go to jail forever. Because  
Jerry Friddle wasn't The Magic Man.

BIG DAVE DUNCAN

He told me where the bodies were.

Tommy picks up a wrench off the work bench...

**STOP**

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