

HOME OF THE BRAVE

[BILLY] 15 years old - an erratic, surly and openly rebellious kid whose father's long absence in Iraq has clearly taken its toll on him. Virulently anti-war, Billy clashes bitterly with Will upon his return home. When Billy gets his tongue pierced, it sparks an inappropriately violent response from Will. However, despite the wide gulf between these two, we sense that they are finally coming to terms with their altered relationship.

INT. WILL'S CAR

Will is driving, Penelope next to him. Billy sits in back.

BILLY

That was really cool, Dad.

WILL

You're grounded for a month.

BILLY

What?

PENELOPE

Why don't we talk about this when we get home--

WILL

(ignoring her)

You're against the war? You don't know a damn thing about it.

BILLY

It's not a war. It's an Occupation. They hate us.

WILL

They're building a country. We did it here a couple hundred years ago. It isn't easy.

BILLY

And we're really helping. Maybe if we flush a couple more Korans down the toilet in Guantanamo that will speed things up.

WILL

So, you think we should just leave? Let them tear each other to pieces?

Billy doesn't have an answer for this. Will smiles smugly.

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WILL (CONT'D)

It's not so simple, is it? There's bad guys over there, Billy.

BILLY

"Bad guys?" What is that, a Schwarzenegger movie? Why don't you just admit that we went there for oil and the other stuff was bull. That's the problem with you people. You're never wrong, are you?

WILL

We weren't wrong. We can fight them there, or we can fight them here.

BILLY

Or we can not fight them at all! When did our country decide it was our job to piss everybody off?

WILL

You don't know what you're talking about.

PENELOPE

Will!

WILL

Maybe you should read a history book.

BILLY

I will if you read a newspaper.

WILL

I don't have to! I WAS THERE!

Will almost drives off the road with his anger. Tense silence as the car comes to an abrupt stop. Will is furious.

WILL (CONT'D)

Get out of the car.

PENELOPE

Will!

BILLY

Fine.

WILL

Fine!

Billy pops out of the car and starts walking away. The light changes and Will drives off. Penelope wants to say something but thinks better of it.