

Script: The Favor, Role: JOHNNY STINOVSKI, Male, 15-17

This character loses his mother, moves in with a stranger, has a love affair with a girl at school, and experiments with drugs.

STORYLINE: "The Favor" is the story of a man (LAWRENCE) who winds up taking care of his high school sweetheart's teenage son (JOHNNY) after she dies in an accident. LAWRENCE and JOHNNY struggle to get along but they each inhabit their own separate worlds.

INT. LAWRENCE'S CAR

LAWRENCE

I don't think you realize what you're doing, Johnny. You're ruining your life.

Johnny snorts and lights a cigarette. Lawrence lowers his window.

JOHNNY

My life is bullshit-there's nothing to ruin! Why don't we talk about your life if you want to talk about life.

LAWRENCE

There's nothing wrong with my life.

JOHNNY

Your life is pathetic, Lawrence. You have no life.

LAWRENCE

That's not true, Johnny.

Johnny doesn't answer.

LAWRENCE (CONT'D)

How do you think this would have made your mother feel, huh?

JOHNNY

Stop mentioning my mom.

Lawrence looks at Johnny, then looks at the road again. They ride in silence for a few seconds.

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JOHNNY (CONT'D)
So, why was I arrested?

Lawrence shakes his head in disbelief.

JOHNNY (CONT'D) (cont'd)
Seriously. Nobody told me.

LAWRENCE
You beat someone up. Sound familiar?

JOHNNY
And that was it?

LAWRENCE
What do you mean that was it? You broke the boy's arm, Johnny!

JOHNNY
But I mean that was what they arrested me for?

LAWRENCE
Yeah, that and the fact that you had a huge bag of pot on you! What were you doing with so much pot?

JOHNNY
None of your business.

Lawrence turns to look at Johnny and they stare at each other for a few seconds. Lawrence looks back at the road.

LAWRENCE
Do you realize that you got yourself expelled from school Johnny?

JOHNNY
I did?

LAWRENCE
Yeah. Why'd you hit that kid?

JOHNNY
(mumbling)
Cause he was hitting on Mariana.

LAWRENCE
What? Speak up.

JOHNNY

louder

He was hitting on Mariana!

LAWRENCE

So that's why you broke his arm and
busted his lip and gave him a black
eye?

Johnny doesn't respond.

LAWRENCE (CONT'D)

Is Mariana even your girlfriend?

JOHNNY

(annoyed)

No.

LAWRENCE

So, what right do you have to get
angry if she talks to someone else?

Johnny doesn't respond.

LAWRENCE (CONT'D)

Even if she had been your
girlfriend- you had no right to do
that! I know Mariana and I can tell
you you'll be lucky if she ever
speaks to you again. Your mother--

JOHNNY

(in a trembling voice)

I told you not to mention my mother
anymore and don't you even say
anything about my father, you
fucking asshole!

Lawrence looks at Johnny with alarm.

JOHNNY (CONT'D)

You just can't get over the fact
that she chose him over you! I had
never even heard of you until we
moved back here. You meant nothing
to her, okay? Fucking nothing!