

## CAUSEWAY

James and Lynsey are sitting having some beers.

JAMES

So you really don't drink at all  
huh?

LYNSEY

I haven't tried

JAMES

You ain't never tried no beer?

LYNSEY

No, Not since I've been back.  
I'm--I'm kind of on a lot of  
medication.

JAMES

Hmm. What kind of medication?

LYNSEY

Like, "don't  
shoot-yourself-in-the-head" kind of  
medication.

JAMES

Okay...you mean like, uh pain  
pills? Crazy pills? Happy pills?

LYNSEY

So far, just pain and crazy.

JAMES

Oh.

DRUNK GUY

Hey, can I buy you a beer? You are  
really beautiful can I buy you a  
beer?

LYNSEY

I'm okay thank you.

DRUNK GUY

Come on, we are in a bar in...

LYNSEY

I'm really sorry I have a

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boyfriend.

JAMES

I think she said no brah. My girl  
got a boyfriend and I got a beer  
and she got a beer so we good man.

DRUNK GUY

Are you his girl?

JAMES

We talking man. That okay with you,  
bro?

He walks away.

JAMES

Look I know you not my girl. I'm  
sorry I didn't mean to you know..I  
mean my mans was just...

LYNSEY

Its' fine

JAMES

I didn't know you had a boyfriend?

LYNSEY

I don't. You with anybody?

JAMES

Naw. I was engaged. once. She...Lost my  
leg.

LYNSEY

Can I try your beer?

Hands her his beer and fires up a cigarette

LYNSEY (CONT)

About the boyfriend thing I don't  
have boyfriends, I have  
girlfriends. I mean not right now,  
but when I do it's what I have.

JAMES

Okay, I wasn't uhh trying to-

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LYNSEY

I know and I really appreciate it.  
Just telling you so now you know  
that about me.

JAMES

Okay, cool. Yeah that's cool. Thank  
you [chuckles].

LYNSEY

Yeah, your welcome [chuckles]. You  
know I've never actually tried weed  
either.

JAMES

You serious?

LYNSEY

I mean my brother did enough drugs  
for the both of us. Crack, meth,  
household detergent. Some alchemy  
he read online didn't work. Burned  
his lung. What happened to your  
leg?

JAMES

Sheesh. I really didn't see that  
coming. I was in a car accident  
with Jess and her son my nephew,  
Antoine on the Causeway. I remember  
looking in my rear view mirror,  
seeing Jess's face, looking in her  
eyes...like she was saying bye.  
Like, "see ya later". I woke up  
feeling something pressin on me.  
The car was bent out of shape and  
my leg was all fucked up and bent  
up too and people was screaming  
outside the car. Not inside.

LYNSEY

Did Jess die?

JAMES

Nah, not Jess.

LYNSEY

I'm so sorry

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JAMES

yep. (beat) Hey. you good? Look if it get dark you just ride it okay?

LYNSEY

Yeah. How do I do that?

JAMES

Well...what's dark?

LYNSEY

Being back there, here, that house. This city. So many nights, my brother sitting at that kitchen table and my brother would be nodding off. And my mom would say, "Oh, poor thing. He's so tired." I miss him. He and I were both trapped in that house. But I'm the only one that made it out. [sighs] Anyway, I just never thought I would come back here. Then I got blown up.

JAMES

What? What chu...You got blown up?

LYNSEY

IED.(Beat) You grow up here?

JAMES

Yeah. Me and Jess bought that house. Just living there together. Three years of me, her, Antoine. It was uh...good.

LYNSEY

You stayed?

JAMES

Jess moved out and I uhh...stayed.

LYNSEY

My mom stayed in the house we all shared. She's the only one left. I don't think it's healthy to stay.

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JAMES

For her or for me?

LYNSEY

Actually me. [chuckles]

JAMES

You don't have to live with your mother. Come ova here. You can move in.

LYNSEY

What? [giggles]

JAMES

I have a million rooms, I wouldn't even know you was here.

LYNSEY

James...I uh..

JAMES

I'm not hitting on you or nothing. I'm just--, ahh I been drinkin, but it would be nice to have somebody around. Have coffee together in the morning. Smoke in the evening. Cook together sometimes. That's what we used to do.

LYNSEY

Thanks for the ride.

JAMES

Sure. Hey. It's whatever...hmm.

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