

SOUTHPAW

Billy

You Tick Wills?

Tick

So, what brings Billy Hope... into my gym?

Billy

I'm looking for a... you know, a place to train. And, you know, I don't know, maybe a... trainer?

TICK

I don't train pro fighters anymore.

Billy

Well, currently, I am not a pro fighter.

Tick

Do you think I don't know that?

Billy

Does it say in there that they took my kid away from me?

Tick

Yeah, it does.

Billy

It's been... it's been kinda like a whole mess.

I remember that Night Train fight, you know what I mean, and...

I remember that, that was one hell of a fight, you know?

You're one hell of a coach, you know... man, he won that fight.

Tick

Excuse me, but if I remember correctly... and I do remember.

You won the fight. You got the decision. Don't you remember?

Billy

I won that fight. I think Jordan Mains paid it off. Anyway, yo...

Tick  
Jordan Mains paid them off?

Billy  
Yeah, look, I don't know, man. It's the fight game, you know?

Tick  
How can you come in here and say something like that?

Billy  
I'm just saying that's why I'm here. Night Train was the only fighter that beat me. I know you were his trainer, and... I don't know how you... how you train, but... So that's why I'm here.

Tick  
See, the thing is, you couldn't handle the rules here, man.

Billy  
I can handle the rules, man, I'll handle the rules. I grew up in the system. I can handle the rules.

Tick  
You saw that little kid had to do 50 push-ups for swearing?

Billy  
Yeah.

Tick  
That's one of the rules here. No drinking, no drugs, no playing around, no being late, none of that. No problems, you know what I'm saying? I don't need that here. It's my job to protect these kids. I'm here to train them so they can grow to be men. You ready to work?

Billy  
- Yeah, yeah. I'm ready to work.

Tick  
- 'Cause the thing is... you're not throwing a punch, anywhere until I tell you to.

Billy

All right. Yeah, fuck it, I'm in.

Tick

No swearing. Didn't I tell you? Did I tell you no swearing?

Billy

No, no, no, I... yeah, yeah, yeah.  
Yeah, no swearing.

Tick

Boxing is not about this, boxing's about this. Boxing is like a chess game.

Billy

Yeah, all right, fuck, let's... uh, yes.  
Uh, not, uh... not fuck. Yes.

Tick

Whoa. Are you on drugs? Are you intoxicated?

Billy

I'm good, man. I'm straight.

Tick

Did you see this? (Holding up newspaper)

Billy

All right. All right. I also need a job. Yeah, I need to... I need to prove to the court that I can hold a job.

Tick

I got a... a night man who just had a stroke... and he was cleaning this whole place up. You could do that, you can get your fees, and you can make yourself a little check.

Billy

What, you want me to clean your fuckin' toilets?

Tick

Just to clean the place.

Billy

I'm supposed to clean up after these punks here? Is that what you think of me?

Tick

But you need a job.

Billy

Yo, come on, man, I'm not gonna clean your fuckin' toilets. Come on.

Tick

Do you need a job or not?

Billy

Nah, fuck this. Nah.