

WACO

Season 1, Episode 1

David & Thibodeau

INT. DIVE BAR - NIGHT

THIBODEAU sits on the empty stage. DAVID enters with beers for both of them.

DAVID

So, it just occurred to me, I never got your name.

THIBODEAU

Thibodeau.

DAVID

Thibodeau?

THIBODEAU

Yeah.

DAVID

David Koresh. Pleasure. You know, you can tell a lot about a man by the way he plays his music.

THIBODEAU

Yeah?

DAVID

Yup.

THIBODEAU

What does my playing say about me?

DAVID

You play loud and aggressive, like you're scared if you don't make enough noise the whole world might forget about you. I see it because the whole world almost forgot about me too. For a little while at least.

THIBODEAU

Yeah? How's that?

DAVID

When I was a kid I couldn't read too hot, and I stuttered. Then one day my momma comes over, and she says, "I'm gonna put you in a class for special kids." And I'm like, "Wow! This is great!" And I go to class, and it is great. Finally no kids picking on me anymore. Recess comes up. I walk outside.

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DAVID (CONT'D)

This kid comes over, and he shouts, "Hey look! Here come all the retards!" And I turn around to see who he's pointing at, and there's no one there.

Thibodeau cringes.

DAVID (CONT'D)

I was that retard. Then it all just switched. Instant night.

THIBODEAU

Yeah, my mom worked nights so I spent a lot of time by myself. I remember one night, I was, like, 12, and I was standing at the counter eating, and I saw our neighbors through the blinds, sitting in their dining room, just eating together, and, I don't know, it just pissed me off. So I opened up all the windows and just played my drums as loud as I could. Just -- I just wanted to ruin their night.

DAVID

I get it. I'm glad we met because I can show you you don't have to play that loud anymore if you don't want to. You know what scripture is, right?

THIBODEAU

Uhh -- like, the Bible?

DAVID

No. It's not just the Bible. It's everything. All human knowledge. Everything that can be known by the human mind. All wisdom in one book.

THIBODEAU

Ahh I'm sorry, man. I'm not really into that.

DAVID

Believe me, I get it. But we all have something broken in us, and whether you believe it or not, I'm telling you -- scripture's the only way to fix it.

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DAVID (CONT'D)

Anyways, I don't wanna sell you a
bill of goods you don't want. I
best be going. Where are you off
to?

THIBODEAU

Uhh, just back to LA.

DAVID

At this hour? Don't drive through
the night. I got a place not far
from here where a bunch of us stay
with an extra room if you want it.
But I'm warning you -- it is a
hellhole. Nothing fancy. No running
water. We built it ourselves. But
we play music. And we study. And we
live as a family. And it's kinda
fun.