



## **JOE DANIELS AUDITION**

Joe is a very loyal father to Frank. He is ex military intelligence, now in cyber security. When his son is horribly bullied, which results in his suicide, Joe decides he has to teach the bullies a lesson. He is driven by grief, he's not insane..

### **SCENE 1**

*The scene is when Joe confronts Marnie, as he threatens to slit JJ's throat. He is angry, distraught, grieving for his son, and Marnie is the one who he blames most, as she was who his son cared about. But can Marnie convince him not to murder an innocent... just like his son was.*

#### **INT. OLD PSYCH HOSPITAL, BUILDING 10, DARK ROOM - DAY**

Joe clamps his hand over JJ's mouth, angry, tense, bloody knife to her throat. Her top is stained red. Marnie stares.

MARNIE

Oh god... Jasmine...

Then she realizes...

MARNIE (CONT'D)

You're not Frank...

JOE

If you weren't so self centred, you'd know exactly who I am.

JJ

(tries to say)

Marnie... help me...

MARNIE

Whatever Frank is paying you, I'll double it -

JOE

You think this is about money?

MARNIE

I'll do anything, please. Let her go, she didn't do anything wrong.

Joe squeezes JJ's face, grief ripples his face. He takes his time as he struggles with the truth.

JOE

Neither did my boy.



MARNIE

Who?

JOE

Exactly, you never even noticed him.  
But he so desperately wanted you to.  
You and your friends.

Joe looks haunted.

MARNIE

You're Frank's dad. The ex army guy.

JOE

My boy killed himself because of you  
and your vicious friends. All he  
wanted to do was play a game with you,  
just a game. You destroyed him from the  
protection of your own homes,  
comfortably hiding behind a screen.  
Divorced from the reality of what your  
words mean. My boy is gone.

Marnie slowly approaches, trying to reach him emotionally.

MARNIE

Would he want you to do this -

JOE

I'll never know what he wants, never  
hear his voice again, what he needs,  
dreams about, loves.

MARNIE

I'm so sorry this happened.

JOE

He cut his own throat, so much pain.

MARNIE

Please, let her go.

She nearly there...

MARNIE (CONT'D)

If you have to kill someone, kill me.

JOE

I will anyway.



MARNIE

But not Jasmine.

Marnie stops.

MARNIE (CONT'D)

She's a good kid, she's been through  
so much.

Joe's face softens and he drops his hand away from JJ's mouth.

MARNIE (CONT'D)

She's innocent.

JOE

So was my boy.

Joe looks beyond grief. Marnie realises.

MARNIE

No...

JJ's mouth slightly opens -

MARNIE (CONT'D)

No...

He grips JJ under her chin and wrenches her head back. Slashes her  
throat.