

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

TOMMY enters the room, tossing a backpack on the couch. His father, BILL, is sitting there, drunk.

TOMMY

Jesus, Dad. Don't tell me you've been sitting there all day.

BILL

(groggy)

What?

Tommy grabs the beer bottle from his hand.

TOMMY

I got up, went to school, and skipped practice to check on you --

BILL

Don't you tell me how to live!

TOMMY

Don't you think it's affecting me too?

Bill looks away. Tommy softens, sits next to him.

TOMMY (CONT'D)

You used to be so full of life--

BILL

Until your damn mother left me.

TOMMY

She left *us*, Dad. Remember that.

(beat)

And we need to stick together now.

BILL

I can't do it.

TOMMY

You have to do it. For us.

(beat)

I need that football scholarship, and if I keep missing practice, I'll never get anywhere in life.

(beat)

So if you won't get yourself together, I can't keep helping you. I have my own life to live, and I won't be dragged down by your self-pity.

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