

8 INT. BARN STALL 7 - NIGHT

Adam rushes inside over to JUDE, mid twenties, raggedly dressed, lying unconscious on an old and dirty mattress next to a lonely lantern. Adam rushes onto the mattress and starts shaking him.

ADAM (CONT'D)
Jude!! JUDE!!! Judas wake up!

JUDE
(mumbling)
Unnh, I'm--

ADAM
C'mon Jude look at me. Wake up!

Adam starts trying to lift Jude off the mattress. Jude starts struggling with Adam, trying to break free of his hold.

JUDE
No. NO!

ADAM (CONT'D)
Jude! Jude! Stop, it's me, Adam. It's Adam.

Jude stops struggling and slumps back into the mattress.

JUDE
(mumbling)
Ad-- Adam?

ADAM
Yes Jude, it's me. We've gotta get you out of here, it's not safe.

JUDE
(mumbling)
I-- I've se--

Jude falls back asleep. Adam starts lifting Jude out of the mattress. Before fully lifting him, Jude buries his face into Adam's chest and starts crying.

Adam hugs Jude and starts to tear up.

ADAM
It's ok. It's gonna to be ok.

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Adam pulls Jude away to look at his face but becomes confused. Jude is crying tears of joy.

ADAM (CONT'D)

Jude?

JUDE

You will be saved!

ADAM

Wh- what? What're you talking about?

JUDE

He will save you as he has saved me,
as he did with the others here!

Adam distances himself a little bit from Jude.

JUDE (CONT'D)

He's already seen you.

ADAM

L- Look, we don't have time for this,
you gotta come home now.

JUDE

But Adam, can't you see, I'm home!
Everything I need is here.

ADAM

What?! What about Mom and dad? What
about me? What about everything you've
worked so hard for? You were the
smartest kid in school Jude, you can't
j- just throw that away!

JUDE

It's ok Adam. I don't need any of
those things now that I've seen the
truth.

Adam glances over at the ground next to him to see a similar
needle from before filled with the same liquid.

ADAM

This? Is this the shit you're talking
about? Jude, this stuff could *kill*
you.

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JUDE

Its given me the ability to see
clearly Adam. I have seen things
beyond my wildest dreams. It has given
me clarity. I have seen God Adam.

ADAM

No you haven't, that's just the
hallucinations. If you don't stop
taking this shit, *you are going to
die.*

JUDE

God will keep me safe. He's already
told me that he will save you too.

We hear Adams watch beep. He looks down seeing "12:00 AM".

JUDE (CONT'D)

It is time. Come with me.

Jude arises from the mattress and starts making his way to
the hallway. Adam reluctantly follows.

10 INT. BARN LOFT - NIGHT

As Adam reaches the top, Adams eyes focus and grow wide horrified by a candlelit makeshift altar, Jude, Matt, John C. and Alex all getting on their knees to pray.

Joining them are SCOTT, JOHN, MALIK, and ZACH, each in their mid twenties or early thirties, all raggedly dressed and clearly high, already kneeling.

Standing above everyone is the PREACHER, middle aged, raggedly dressed, with a thorn crown atop his head, blood is streaming down his face.

PREACHER

Sit, my child...

Adam is stunned. Adam reluctantly kneels down next to Jude.

PREACHER (CONT'D)

Brothers, welcome to the holy sanctuary, where the lost and damned come seeking the light! Oh, but not the light of this world, no, no. We're after a higher illumination, aren't we? We are seekers of *Seraphim*.

The preacher raises a needle with the same blue liquid from earlier high above his head.

PREACHER (CONT'D)

You see, they tell us to find God in books, in temples, in whispered prayers, but we... We know better! We have found a shortcut to the heavens. A stairway to the divine, one hit at a time!

The preacher starts slowly pacing back and forth behind the podium.

PREACHER (CONT'D)

They call us sinners, junkies, lost souls, but I tell you... We are the prophets. We are the chosen few who have tasted the forbidden fruit and glimpsed the face of god!

ADAM

(whispering)

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Jude, we have to get out of here.

JUDE

Why? Can't you see that he's giving us
a gateway to God? We will be freed.
You will be freed.

ADAM

(whispering)

Cut the religious shit okay? All of
these things he's talking about ARE
NOT REAL. You haven't seen God, and
you are not safe here. It's all
because of that fucking--

PREACHER

BLASPHEMER!

Adam whips his head to look at the preacher.

PREACHER (CONT'D)

Seize him!

Matt and John C. Stand up and rush Adam. Adam quickly gets up
to run but is restrained before he can go anywhere. They kick
Adam behind the leg so he falls to his knees.

ADAM

The fuck?! Get your fucking hands off
me! LET ME GO!!

Adam starts struggling with the strangers, doing everything
he can to break free. The preacher walks up to Jude and hands
him the needle. Jude stands up off the ground and turns
towards Adam.

Adam sees Jude and stops struggling

ADAM

J- Jude? Jude what're you doing?

JUDE

I'm saving you...

Jude slowly starts walking towards Adam.

ADAM

(quivering)

(MORE)

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Jude, you ~~ADAM~~ ~~(CONT'D)~~ don't know what you're doing, y- you're not thinking straight. Please don't do this!

JUDE

Trust me. You will soon be able to see the truth like us. Like all of us. Soon you will be safe like me.

Adam starts struggling even harder but still cannot break free. Jude lunges at him and plunges the needle directly into Adam's arm, and injects the blue liquid.

Matt and John C. let go of Adam, and he falls to the ground. Adam stands up and immediately starts making his way to the staircase, everyone now standing and staring at him.