

THERAPIST

So the truth is we can't change the past. What's done is done. We've got to own our actions, but putting ourselves on trial, acting as our own judge, jury, and executioner, it's not the answer because a lot of the time all that judging does is just ensure that we're going to repeat the cycle. Right. "I'm such an asshole." "It's totally hopeless." "What's the point?" "I think I'll have a hit." Jesse. What's going on with you these days?

JESSE

I went back to the crystal.

THERAPIST

You sober now?

JESSE

Yeah. Four days. Big whoop, right?

THERAPIST

Four days is four days. You're here. You still... working at the laundry? How are things there.

JESSE

Sucks ass.

THERAPIST

Anything you want to talk about?

JESSE

Uh...a couple of weeks back... I, uh...killed a dog.

THERAPIST

You hit it with your car?

JESSE

No, um... I put him down. I watched him go. I was looking him straight in the eye and... you know, he didn't know what was happening. He didn't know why. He— He was just scared, and then... he was gone.

COLLEEN

He was suffering. It was a kindness.

JESSE

No, he wasn't sick. No, he was just, like a... I don't know, like a... problem dog.

COLLEEN

What did he do? Bite someone?

JESSE

Uh, this dog never--never bit anybody. He was, uh...

GROUP MEMBER

You pick up the rock, you go right to the dark side. Anything can happen.

JESSE

It ain't no rock that made me do it.

COLLEEN

Well, what was the problem? Why did you have to kill him?

THERAPIST

Watch the cross-talk, please. Maybe it's not the detail that matter. Right? How'd you feel about what you did, Jesse?

JESSE

I don't know.

COLLEEN

Who cares how you feel? What kind of a person kills a dog for no reason?

THERAPIST

Colleen.

COLLEEN

You put an ad in the paper. You drop him off at a shelter.

THERAPIST

Colleen--

COLLEEN

You just don't sit there and talk about killing a helpless--

THERAPIST

Colleen.

COLLEEN

...innocent animal.

THERAPIST

We're not here to sit in judgment.

JESSE

Why not? Why not? Maybe— Maybe she's right. You know, maybe I should have put it in the paper. Maybe I should have done something different. The thing is, if you just do stuff and nothing happens...what's it all mean? What's the point? Oh right, this whole thing is about self-acceptance.

THERAPIST

Kicking the hell out of yourself doesn't give meaning to anything.

JESSE

So I should stop judging... and accept--

THERAPIST

It's a start.

JESSE

So, no matter what I do, hooray for me because I'm a great guy? It's all good? No matter how many dogs I kill, I just what, do an inventory and accept? I mean, you back your truck over your own kid and you, like, accept? What a load of crap!

THERAPIST

Hey, Jesse, I know you're in pain.

JESSE

No, y-you know what? Why I'm here in the first place? Is to sell you meth. You're nothing to me but customers!

(To therapist)I made you my bitch. You okay with that? Huh? You accept?

THERAPIST

No.

JESSE

About time