

JESSE

Hey. Yo, you sure this is okay?

WALT

She's not here. Nobody's here.

JESSE

All right. So... Something's come up. Mike wanted to come here to give you the hard sell....but I figured it'd be better coming from me. Mike's connection won't buy mine and Mike's shares... ..of the methyamine unless he gets your share too. He wants the entire thousand gallons.

WALT

Absolutely not.

JESSE

Yeah, I figured you'd say that. But I've been thinking about it.....and it really makes sense. Kind of.

WALT

It does, does it?

JESSE

Look, when you started this thing.....did you ever dream of having \$5 million? I know for a fact that you didn't. I know for a fact all you needed was 737,000... ..because you worked it all out, like, mathematically. Look, if selling the methyamine now means that no one else ever gets killed.....then I vote for that, man. Hands down. And we could have it tomorrow. We would be out. Spend time with your family. No more worrying about them getting hurt.....or finding out about everything. Isn't this what you've been working for?

WALT

I have not been working this hard just to sell out.

JESSE

It's not selling out.

WALT

Yes, it is, Jesse. I have-- We have suffered and bled, literally, for this business. And I will not throw it away for nothing.

JESSE

I don't know how else to say it, Mr. White. Five million dollars isn't nothing.

WALT

Jesse, have you heard of a company called Gray Matter?

JESSE

No.

WALT

Well, I co-founded it.....in grad school with a couple of friends of mine. Actually, I was the one who named it. And back then, it was just— Oh, it was just small-time. We had a couple patents pending. But nothing earth-shattering. Course, we all knew the potential. Yeah, we were gonna take the world by storm. And then this...Well, something happened between the three of us. And I'm not gonna go into detail. But for personal reasons I decided to leave the company. And I sold my share to my two partners. I took a buyout for \$5000. Now, at the time, that was a lot of money for me. Care to guess what that company is worth now?

JESSE

Millions?

WALT

Billions, with a "B." Two-point-one-six billion as of last Friday. I look it up every week. And I sold my share.....my potential, for \$5000. I sold my kids' birthright for a few months' rent.

JESSE

This isn't the same thing.

WALT

Jesse, you asked me.....if I was in the meth business or the money business. Neither. I'm in the empire business.

JESSE

I don't know. Mr. White, is a meth empire really something to be that proud of?