

ALAN

Gene, what the hell's going on? I mean, what the fuck?! Let me out, let me out, let me out of here. Let me out of here right now, Gene! Gene!

SAM

You take it easy. Last night you were screaming. We're in the woods out here. Nobody's around. I know how upset you are. Of course. Anybody would be. This isn't as bad as it seems. It's bad, I know it's bad, but I just, I just need your help.

ALAN

Look... I don't know what you think you're doing, but this... this... Unlock this goddamn chain. Right now. I mean it, Gene. Gene, listen, you have to listen to me. I realize that there's something inside of you that's telling you that this is a good idea...

SAM

I know, it's-it's not exactly that it's a good idea, I do realize that. But, you know, I'm out of options, and I really think if we can just talk, this will, this will be okay. Okay-ish.

ALAN

I have to help you see that this is wrong. Scaring me like this is wrong. You have to see that. I know you can see that.

SAM

I do, I do, I know, but... I wasn't getting anywhere in therapy. You said so yourself, right? And I think that I know why. You see, I-I couldn't... I couldn't really tell you the truth in your office. But here, here... I can.

ALAN

No, no, no, no, no. This-this-this isn't good for either of us, Gene. We have to go back to my office and work through this together before this gets more out of hand.

SAM

These are leftovers from Maruti, which is one of my favorites. It's surprisingly good for breakfast. This is Chana palak. Put some of this on it. This is sabzi. It's good with this one.

ALAN

For God's sake, Gene, Gene!

SAM

My name's... My name's actually Sam. Sorry. It's important to eat.

ALAN

I'm not gonna eat. Gene... Sam. You have to listen to me.

SAM

I am listening. I am listening. I know how to listen. I understand... ..this is upsetting for you. I get that. It's a little scary, but this is the only way that I could... I... I need help. I want help. I'm asking you for, for help. You said therapy can't work if I'm not truthful. I know that you're right, so...

ALAN

No. No, you don't understand. I don't, I don't think you know what you're doing to me.

SAM

I realize it might take you a little time to get used to what's happening here.

ALAN

Whatever is troubling you, we can address it, but not here. Not like this.

SAM

Dr. Strauss, I have much bigger problems than your other patients. I have a compulsion.....to kill people.

ALAN

A compulsion?

SAM

Yeah, I do it.

ALAN

Sam...

SAM

I don't mean just once or twice. Every once in a while I just... ..do it. And this has gone on ever since, uh, for a long time. And I know I'm fucked up. I've read all the books, almost everything about, uh, people like me, people who do this stuff, and I can't... I want to stop. And I'm trying so hard. I'm trying so hard right now, but there's this guy, there's this one guy, and I just want to... for months now... Uh, but I've not done it. 'Cause I... Uh, because I can't. Now, you, I wish you knew what it was like to live like this. It's not like what they say. Right? Where he's like a... Have you seen Silence of the Lambs? Where he's like a robot. It's not like that.

ALAN

Gene.

SAM

Sam.

ALAN

Sam. Unlock this chain. I'm going to walk out of here and go back to my office.

SAM

No, we already tried that. It didn't work without me telling you the truth.

ALAN

It will be different now that I know the truth. You will come to my office two, three days a week. I cannot help you like this. This is just going to make it worse. Let me go.

SAM

I know you'd have to turn me in.

ALAN

No, no, no, no, no. I would not have to turn you in. Legally, ethically, unless you told me you were going to commit another crime, I can work with you. Everything you've told me so far is confidential.

SAM

I am gonna commit another crime. I know I'm not normal. But I don't feel crazy. I'm not... I know this has to end, right? This has to stop. I just, I don't know how.

ALAN

This is not the way.

SAM

Well... I'm sorry. Really, you're the best. I met with three different Jewish therapists. I chose you.