Jonah

By: Andrew Morra

EPISODE 2

Int.-Jonah’s Living Room- Dawn

Jonas sits in his dark living room in shock as he watches the news broadcast on his television. Jack appears next to him.

Jack

Dam, looks like somebody did you some kinda favor, huh?

Jonah remains silent. He slowly turns and looks at Jack.

Jonah

Why?

Jack

Why what?

Jonah

Please for the love of God, don’t tell me this was you.

Jack

Lighten up, Jonah.

Jonah

Lighten up? Lighten up? How could I possibly lighten up? This isn’t funny! This is serious shit!

Jack

I’m aware.

Jonah

No, I don’t think you are. We can get in serious trouble.

Jack

Oh my god…

Jonah

What?

Jack

You said ‘we’. Oh Jonah you make me so happy.

Jonah

I didn’t say ‘we’, I said ‘I’.

Jack

No, you didn’t. You said ‘we’.

The actions of Jack start to really sink into Jonah and he begins to feel anger.

Jonah

Shut the hell up, “Jack”.

Jonah does quote gesture.

Jonah (cont.)

What the fuck were you thinking?! Are you trying to ruin my life?

Jack is quick to correct Jonah.

Jack

Uh actually it’s ‘our’ life…

Jonah

Stop that! This is my life. Take this seriously for a second.

Jack

Jonah…Relax.

Jonah

No don’t tell me to relax. You tried to burn down my principals home and dam near succeeded. His family was still inside.

Jack

Calm down. There is no way on this earth it comes back to us. I got it covered and I was careful…can’t say the same for Austin though.

Jonah

What does that mean?

Jack

I think I made it clear at the scene.

Jonah

How can you be sure?

Jack

I left something of his behind.

Jonah

What? I’m so confused.

Jack

Ok, remember after the fight…

Flashback:

Cut to:

Int.- School Hallway-day

Jack

The name is Jack, fucker.

Jack moves forward with a strong and hardly thrown head butt that lands right on Austin’s nose. Austin falls to the ground in pain and starts to cry.

Austin

I think you broke my nose!

Jack then jumps on top of Austin and starts to throw some hard right hands some of which hit Austin square in the face. Mr. Frost comes running over to see what is going on. He grabs Jonah off of Austin and holds him back. Austin’s friends help him up.

Mr. Frost

Both of you to the principal. NOW!

The teacher takes them both and escorts them to Principal Philmore’s office.

Cut to:

Int.-Principals office

Austin goes in to have his meeting first. Jonah and Jack sit in the waiting room. Austin comes out shortly after. Jonah stands and Austin is walking toward him. He bumps Jonah hard with his shoulder as he passes. In this moment, Jack takes control of Jonah and notices Austin’s wallet protruding from his pocket as Austin hits him Jack moves his hand swiftly into Austin’s pocket and takes the wallet without Austin realizing. Once Austin is clear, Jack smiles as he holds the wallet in his hands.

Cut to:

Int.-Jonah’s living room-Dawn

Jack

That’s when I thought of the plan.

Jonah

You planted his wallet at the scene?

Jack

Yep.

Jonah

You framed him. An innocent kid.

Jack

That douche is the furthest thing from innocent, Jonah. You don’t have to deal with that asshole anymore. He’s going to jail for arson. You know how long the sentencing is for something like that? It’s over. Done. It’s only a matter of time before they find the wallet with all of Austin’s things in it and they arrest him.

Jack grabs a cigarette from his jacket pocket and lights it in the living room. He takes a big puff and Jonah swiftly grabs it out of his mouth and runs into the bathroom with it. He throws it in the toilet and then reenters the living room.

Jack

What the fuck?

Jonah

Are you crazy? My mom is upstairs.

Jack

Ok? Does she want one too?

Jonah

No more smoking.

Jack

Yes Master. Thank you, Master.

Jack pulls out another and starts to smoke another.

Jonah

Dick.

Jack and Jonah sit together on the couch. Jonah’s mind begins to wander.

Jonah

Holy shit!... What if the police come call me in for questioning?

Jack

Why would they do that?

Jonah

What if Philmore thinks that I had something to do with it because we were both suspended.

Jack

Jonah, not this again. They don’t have anything on us.

Jonah

This is all you’re fault. My life was fine before you got here.

Jack

Fine? That’s laughable.

Jonah is breathing heavily.

Jonah

I feel sick. I’m going to throw up.

Jack

You’re not going to throw up. You’re overreacting.

Jonah

I am. I’m going to throw….

Jonah projectile vomits on the hard wood floors.

Jack

Oh my god! You actually did it! That was awesome.

Jonah can hear his mom getting ready for work upstairs. She starts to walk down the stairs.

Carol

Jonah Wheeler! Why do I smell cig-…

Carol looks and sees Jonah standing in the living room next to a big pile of vomit.

Carol

Oh my goodness, baby. Are you alright?

Jonah

Yea, I’m just not feeling well.

Jonah’s mom runs over to console him.

Carol

Ok don’t worry we will clean this right up.

Jonah

You get ready for work. I’ll take care of it. I’m feeling better.

Carol

That’s good because I meant you. Don’t think your off the hook with the cigarettes, I smell them young man. No smoking period especially inside this house.

Jonah

I’m sorry, mom.

Carol

Ok, I love you.

She rushes back upstairs and continues to get ready as Jonah starts to clean up. She comes down moments later and is dressed and ready for work. Jonah sits at the kitchen table eating breakfast. He takes a sip of his orange juice, while he hands his mom her travel mug of coffee that she brings to work everyday.

Carol

Technically you should be in school, so try and do something productive today…for me.

Jonah

Have a good day mom.

She starts to walk out the door of the kitchen.

Carol

Love you baby.

She exits and Jonah sits at the table and continues to eat his breakfast with no sign of Jack anywhere. Jonah continues to eat until he hears something from upstairs.

Jack

Jonahhh.

Jonah gets up from the table and starts to move slowly up the stairs. He continues to hear his name.

Jack

Jonahhh.

Jonah gets to the top of the stairs and looks down the upstairs hallway toward Carol’s room. Her door is closed but he can hear a voice coming from inside the room.

Jack

Jonahhh.

Jonah approaches the room and places his hand on the doorknob. He opens it slowly and peaks his head through. He opens it more and scans the room. All of the sudden, Jack yells from behind Jonah, almost scaring the life out of him.

Jonah

JESUS CHRIST!!! Fuck you.

Jack is laughing hysterically.

Jack

Chill out pumpkin.

Jonah

Get out of my mom’s room.

Jack

Our mom.

Jonah

Doesn’t matter. Get out.

Jack

Come on, I know you have snooped around her room in the past.

Jack moves over toward the drawer in the bedroom and starts to go through it.

Jonah

Come on man. Lets get out of her and stop going through Carol’s stuff.

Jack

Holy mother of god….

Jack starts to laugh as he is looking at the contents of the drawer.

Jonah

What?

Jack turns toward Jonah and pulls out a long purple dildo from the drawer.

Jack

Holy shit. Mom has a dildo!

Jonah

Ew! So gross. Put that down now.

Jack

I would but technically you’re the one who is holding it.

Jonah looks down at his hand and sees that the dildo is in his hand now.

He panics and drops it immediately in disgust. He rubs his hand on the sheets of her bed.

Jack

Pick it back up.

Jonah

No fucking way.

Jack turns back toward the drawer and starts going through it again.

Jack

Yo!

Jonah

No. No please no more dildo’s.

Jack

No this is better.

Jack holds up a small plastic vial with a white powder in it. He places it on top of the drawer.

Jack

The mother load.

Jonah

What is that?

Jonah looks a bit closer at it.

Jonah

Woah. Woah what the fuck? Is that what I think it is?

Jack

If what you’re thinking is cocaine then yes, Jonah, it is.

Jonah

Mom does cocaine?

Jack

Mom is the coolest.

Jonah sits on the bed in disappointment.

Jack

Hey, come on there, Jonah. No need to get all-sad, It’s not the end of the world; she just likes to have fun, its not that bad.

Jonah

It’ s pretty bad.

Jack

Maybe if we try some it’ll cheer you up.

Jonah

No way and you can’t make me. I’m in control here.

Jonah grabs the vial from on top of the drawer and shoves in back into the drawer he found it in. He closes it and starts to walk downstairs to finish his breakfast. As Jonah walks out and goes downstairs to finish his breakfast. He sits at the table and takes a bit of toast. Jonah starts to feel a brief moment of lightheadedness then he hears white noise for a moment. Jonah fade out slowly as Jack fades in.

Jack breathes for a moment then looks around for a moment. He rushes upstairs and takes the cocaine back out of the drawer, he rushes back down and pour the contents of the vial into Jonah’s OJ. Jack sits back in the chair and slowly starts to fade out. Jonahs starts to come back in.

Jonah

Oh my head, what happened? Was…

Jonah starts looking at the newspaper. Jack appears in the chair across from him.

Jack

So what’s the plan for the day?

Jonah

What just…? Huh?

Jack

What’s the plan for today?

Jonah

Um… I have to do something productive.

Jack feels immense relieve that Jonah doesn’t remember him switching.

Jack

That’s so boring though. Lets go out somewhere.

Jonah

We aren’t leaving this house.

Jack

Come on it’s a beautiful day. Don’t be a pussy.

Jonah

I said No. I’m not leaving.

Jonah gets up from his seat to bring his dish to the sink. Jack leans over the table and pours what is in the vial into Jonah’s orange juice, then sits back in his seat. Jonah turns around and grabs his OJ and starts to drink it. Jonah can taste it’s a little off.

Jonah

Tastes weird.

Jack

I think when orange juice sits for a little while it starts to taste funny.

Jonah shrugs it off and proceeds to chug the rest of his orange juice.

Cut to:

Int.-Jonah’s room- Day

Jonah is sitting in front of his television, sweating profusely and playing video games with the volume turned all the way up. He is wearing a headset and is talking through it to other players.

Jonah

Get to Charlie! Come On! Fuck you. Suck my dick! And learn how to play the game you fucking noob.

He throws his controller across the room and then rips his headset off his head. He breathes heavily and continues to sweat.

Jonah

FUCK...What’s happening to me?

Jack appears. He is noticeably jittery

Jack

Having fun, Jonah?

Jonah

Something’s wrong with me my heart is racing. I feel crazy like I can’t stop. What did you do to me?

Jack

Technically you did something to yourself.

Jonah

Don’t put this on me and tell me what you did.

Jack

Don’t worry a little cocaine never hurt nobody.

Jonah

WHAT?!?! You drugged me!?!?!?

Jack

You drugged you technically.

Jonah feels something in his pocket and grabs out the empty vial. He drops it on the floor and takes a moment.

Jonah

Ok, Jonah. You are ok. Don’t worry this wont last forever and it’ll get better.

Jack

Afraid not. This is only the beginning of the high.

Jonah

Well how long does it last?

Jack

Not long you should be good in like an hour or two at the max.

Jonah

Well how long has it been?

Jack

I don’t know like 4 minutes.

Jonah

Four fucking minutes? I’m not going to make it. I’ll starve.

Jack

You’re not going to starve. We can do this together.

Jonah

No I don’t want you near me. You keep messing things up and doing messed up shit to me just get away from me. I need to get out of here.

Jack

Now you’re talking. Where are we going?

Jonah is pacing back and forth.

Jonah

No I’m not listening to you anymore. I’m going to tough it out here. Just leave me alone.

Jack

Jonah, you’re right I’m sorry it was wrong of me to do. Lets get some air outside. The fresh air will do wonders for you I guarantee it and we will stay in the backyard. I promise you can trust me.

Jonah pauses for a moment and really thinks about it. After a moment…

Jonah

5 minutes outside, that’s it.

Jack

That’s all we need.

Jonah walks down the stairs and out the back door into his backyard.

He takes a big inhale of fresh air and exhales slowly.

Jack

That’s it, take it in.

Jonah takes another breath.

Jack

How does that feel?

Jonah

Really good. Definitely calming me down.

Jack

Good.

There is a silence between the two of them as they sit on the grass in the backyard and take in the beauty of the day.

Jonah

Let’s go somewhere.

Jack

Are you serious?

Jonah

Yea I can be productive outside my home.

Jack

Yes. See this Jonah I like.

Jonah

What do you mean?

Jack

Nothing. Where do you want to go?

Jonah

We’ll where would anybody go on a beautiful 85 degree day like today?

Jack and Jonah sit in silence for a moment. Then it hits them.

Jack and Jonah

The Beach.

Jack runs inside and quickly gets his things together. He goes back outside, grabs his bike and rides extremely fast to the beach.

Cut to:

Ext.-Beach-Day

Jonah arrives and puts his bike in the bike rack.

Jonah

Wow what a beautiful day.

Jack appears next to Jonah.

Jack

It was a great idea. They have everything here. Games, ocean, sexy women. Everything a person high on cocaine wants and needs.

Jonah

What should we do?

Jack

Whatever the fuck we want.

MONTAGE

* Jonah plays a game in the arcade with Jack.
* Jonah and Jack walk down the boardwalk and see a high striker game. Jonah goes first and can barely lift the mallet. He swings it down and gets the marker not even a quarter of the way up the machine. Jack goes next and on his first hit he gets the marker to hit the bell. He wins the main prize. Jonah takes it and gives it to a little kid but Jack is pissed at him.
* Jack and Jonah walk down the beach. Jack sees and steals a pair of boogie boards and the two of them go into the ocean.
* Jonah and Jack sit on a bench on the boardwalk and watch the waves as the sun starts to go down. Jonah eats an ice cream cone as jack smokes cigarette.

BACK TO SCENE:

Ext.-Boardwalk-Dusk

Jonah

Believe it or not I actually had a great day today.

Jack

See what happens when we get out. We enjoy ourselves.

Jonah

Can’t believe I’m actually going to say this but you were right. Don’t drug me again though.

Jack

We’ll see.

Jonah

Mom will be home soon. We should start heading back.

Jonah walks over to where he left his bike. It is nowhere to be seen.

Jonah

Oh no. I forgot to put a lock on it.

Jack

Bikes are for pussies anyway.

Jack and Jonah begin to walk all the way home.

Int.-Jonah’s house- Night

Jonah walks into his back door and immediately Carol appears from the living room and rushes over to him.

Carol

Oh Thank God. I was worried sick about you. What you don’t answer your phone anymore?

Jonah

I’m sorry. It died.

Carol

Where were you?

Jonah

I went to the beach.

Carol

The beach I was so worried.

Two men walk out from the living room behind Carol. Jonah sees them and looks confused.

Man 1

Hello there Jonah. I’m Detective Spooner and this is Detective Johnson.

Jonah

Hello?

Carol

Jonah, these nice gentlemen just want to ask you a few questions but you aren’t in trouble or anything.

Jonah

What’s this about?

Detective Spooner

Jonah, there was an act of arson late last night. The house involved belonged to your Principal, Lucius Philmore. We just want to bring you and your mother in to ask you some questions about the matter. If you don’t mind coming with us.

Jonah

Ok.

Carol

It’s going to be ok baby. I’m coming with you and we’ll clear this entire thing up.

Cut to:

Int.-Police Station-Night

Jonah sits at a desk in an interrogation room alone. After a moment of silence the door swings open and in walks Detective Spooner with Detective Johnson.

Spooner

How are you doing tonight, Jonah? Can we get you something?

Jonah

No I’m ok.

Spooner

Well we will try and make this quick for you. We are just going to ask you some questions so we can get a little closer to finding out who was behind this whole thing. We’ll start simple how old are you?

Jonah

Eighteen…Wait I’m confused, do you think I did something Detective?

Spooner

Listen, you seem like a great kid. I’m around bad guys all the time and you aren’t that. I wouldn’t be doing my job if I didn’t ask you some questions.

Jonah

But why me?

Detective Spooner opens up the folder in front of him. He goes through the folder and takes out a picture of Austin.

Spooner

Do you know this boy, Jonah?

Jonah

Yes.

Spooner

You’re Principal told us of the incident between you and Mr. Marshall. He suspended you both yesterday and then late last night his house is set a blaze. You can see why this looks suspicious don’t you?

Jack appears behind Jonah and starts talking to him.

Jack

Holy shit, Jonah. You totally called that this would happen.

Jonah

I didn’t do anything.

Spooner

What did you do after you got suspended?

Jonah

I went home and spent the rest of my night there. My mom didn’t let me out.

Spooner

Was your mom home?

Jonah

No.

Spooner

Where was she?

Jonah

She went back to work and then she stayed out late that night with her coworkers.

Jack chimes in.

Jack

Tell them about the purple dildo and the cocaine we found today.

Spooner

Does your mother leave you at home alone a lot?

Jonah

I don’t see how that is relevant.

Spooner

Just trying to piece it all together. What did you do when you were home that night?

Jonah

I took a hot shower, made some dinner for myself, and just sat in my room and played video games.

Spooner

And you were alone that whole time?

Jack

No.

Jonah

Yes.

Spooner

Are you on any medication?

Jonah

No. Why?

Spooner

It was just a question. One more question, son, do you recognize this?

The detective pulls out a small plastic bag with a gold zippo lighter in it.

Jonah

You went through my stuff?

Spooner

We presented a search warrant and had a legal obligation to go through your things. Now, do you recognize this lighter?

Jonah

Yes I do.

Spooner

Is it your lighter?

Jonah

Yes it is mine

Spooner

What do you use it for?

Jonah

I just like to have one.

Spooner

For what purpose, son?

Jack walks around to the side of the table.

Jack

Check your pocket.

Jonah starts to move his hand slowly down to his pocket. He reaches in and grabs out the small carton and throws it on the table.

Jonah

I use it to smoke my cigarettes.

Immediately after Jonah does this, a police officer rushes through the door.

Policeman 1

Detective! Oh apologies, Detective you’re going to want to take a look at this.

Spooner

Wait here a minute, Jonah.

The detective walks out with his partner. Jonah sits in the room and Jack walks around.

Jack

I could really go for some fried chicken. Think mom will take us when we are done here?

Jonah

Shut up. They are recording all of this. I don’t want to look like a crazy person talking to myself.

Jack

You are a crazy person but completely valid and I see your point.

Detective Spooner and Johnson walk back into the room.

Spooner

Jonah, we apologize for keeping you. You’re free to go.

Jonah

What happened?

Spooner

A wallet was recovered from the scene. It contained an ID. Austin Marshall. We are bringing him in now. He’s our prime suspect. So you are good. You’re mom is waiting in the lobby for you.

Jonah stands up and starts to walk out of the room. Jack is next to Jonah.

Jack

See you later Pigs.

Jonah sees his mom in the distance and walks over to her. She gives him a big hug and kisses him on the head.

Carol

Lets get out of here baby.

Jonah and Carol are walking out of the station and two policemen are bringing in Austin and he is causing a huge scene.

Austin

I didn’t do it. I swear! Someone is doing this to me!

Austin catches a glimpse of Jonah and starts to scream.

Austin (cont.)

It was him. He was the one who did it. It was Jonah, not me.

Jonah looks at Austin and smiles in his direction. Austin’s mouth drops to the floor.

Austin

Look! Look! He’s smiling. He did do it. Take him. Ahhh!

Jonah and Carol exit the building and start to walk toward their car. Austin’s yells fade-out as Jonah and Carol walk further away

Carol

Some kids are just crazy and its all their parent’s fault. Do you want anything on our way home? You deserve a big meal. Whatever you want.

Jonah

Can we get fried chicken?

Cut to:

Int.-Jonah’s room- Night

Jonah rolls over and faces his alarm clock. The clock reads 3:03 am. Jonah sits up and feels soreness on his left butt cheek. Jonah gets up and turns the lights on. He removes his pants and sees that he has a bandage on his butt. Jonah walks over toward his mirror and peels the bandage off. In the middle of his left butt cheek is a tattoo of Gumbie.