

JORDAN

How late do they go?

RY

Midnight weekdays, 2 on the weekends. You never take the bus?

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JORDAN

I usually walk. Or make Sawyer drive me. Sometimes Uber if it's cheap.

RY

Huh.

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JORDAN

Well, I would take the bus, but I don't really—my dad was a driver, but he had to stop because—Actually!

SCENE FIVE

JORDAN motions CHELSEA to give her the flashlight.

CHELSEA

Oooh! Story!

JORDAN

Okayy, ummmm,

(they try out a voice)

During a Cold November like This One, My Dad saw something Crazy that would Change our Lives Forever. My Dad Taught Middle School—

(normal voice)

Okay I can't do this.

He taught at the middle school in our town. He was actually a really good teacher, everyone loved him. And he also drove the bus. So in the morning, he would take his car from home to this big garage where they would keep all the buses. And then he would drive his bus the whole route and pick up all the kids and take them to school and then after school he would do the whole route in reverse and drop them off and then drive back to the garage and then take his car back home, y'know? So he would do this every day, and one time he parks in the garage to get the bus, and it's really dark cause it's like 7 am, but he gets out of his car and starts walking toward the buses like normal but then a ton of police show up. Lights on, sirens, and everything. And my dad is like Woah what's happening Here, and the police are like Come With Us.

JORDAN

And my dad tells them that there's a bunch of kids waiting for him and he can't just leave. But the police said they had to interrogate him first. Long story short, someone killed a guy and dumped the body on the other side of the garage and my dad had no idea.

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CHELSEA

The body was just like... there???

JORDAN

No they uh put 'em in a trash bag.. Do you really wanna know the details?

CHELSEA

We've come too far to stop now!

JORDAN

The body was in pieces, like chopped up. And then they put it in a garbage bag. And they lit the whole thing on fire. So by the time the cops brought my dad to go see it, it was all .. crispy.?

RY

Disgusting.

JORDAN

But the police saw my dad didn't know anything, so they Let him take the kids to school. *

CHELSEA

That's Crazy.

JORDAN

Yeah it kinda fucked him up for a while.

RY

No shit.

JORDAN

And it didn't help that Shelton's a small town, so word got out pretty quickly. *Everyone* was talking about it. The middle schoolers especially. They kept asking dad to tell them what he saw *

CHELSEA

Wow.

JORDAN

Yeah he quit the next summer. It was really intense. I had nightmares for months and never told anyone?