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Bison

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Characters:

Simon [S] /1

Jason [J] /2

Richard [R] /3

Tom [T] /4

Note on text:

/ indicates line is to run into the next

... indicates unfinished sentence with short pause

* indicates a reference, which should be substituted to fit the production's location; for example, the name Declan or the use of Derry as a location for a porn shoot

Bison

1 He looks at me and says/
3 Hey/
2 Hey/
4 What you doing in a place like this/
2/3 Looks at me and says/
4 Hey/
1 Hey I've seen you here before/
3 Been watching, been seeing you /hey
2 Hey.
2/1 Looks at me, says/
4 Been meaning to say meant to tell/ you
1-4 A clock ticks
2 Are you late? Have I been here before?/
3 I would have told you but/
4 Guess I just thought/
1 He'll see me soon/
4 Orange seats in rows
1 Green seats, advice on the walls/
4 planes take off
1 Pamphlets on treatments/
1/3/4 I take a seat.
2 I stand, can't find a seat
1-4 Clock ticks
4 Something on my lips, petrol?/
1 Amy!/?
1/3 Something on my lips
1 Is it?/
3 A goodbye kiss/
2 On my lips, salty, sweet taste/
1-4 the words on my lips/

Bison

2/3/4 Clock ticks.
4 Radio static not on the station right
1 Find out if I am if I am if I/

3 day fades nearly night
1 Eyes in this room with nowhere to rest. Get it out of the way.
1-4 Clock ticks.
2 He's looking at me/
3 He's looking away/
4 I'm looking at him/
1 I'm looking away/
3 him behind the frosted window/
2 his lips/
1 mouths words, asks something
4 smutty fuck me grin/ hey
2/3 Hey/
4/1 hey/
3 clock ticks.
4 a door opens/
1 your results are back you need to/
2 door shuts/
3 footsteps/
3 clock ticks/
2 door opens /
4 door shuts/
1 man in a suit comes out beaming/
2 man in a suit passes smiling/
4 man in a suit can't stop grinning/
3 giggles, looks straight through me/
1 walks right past me/
2 passes by me/
3 doesn't see me/

1-4 Clock ticks.
1 I'm 32/
2 I'm 17/
4 I'm 29/
3 45, 46, 47, 48
2 Am I too late?
3 Am I too late?
1-4 am I too late?

[Jason stands outside a nightclub waiting.]

4 Hang on mate.
J What?
4 Can't go in.
J Why?
4 Name on the door?
J No.
4 No. Didn't think so. Your shoes. Not allowed.
J But
4 What?
J The guys in front had/
4 Told you mate.
J But they all had the same shoes on ...
4 Didn't. Anyhow. You can't come in
J But I ...
4 What?
J I've come a long way. It took ages for me to get here ...

[He leaves the queue.]

3 Used to wear body shirts, I'd strip off and dance.
I'm fat now.
4 You got a cute face.
3 Doesn't count on the dance floor.
4 True stay home

[Jason returns, he's found shoes, stands at the start of the queue.]

4 You again?

J Got some shoes. Look.

So?

4 So what?

J Can I ...

4 No.

J But.

4 Private function. Move to the side.

J Why?

4 You heard me. Your name's not on the door. You're too young. How old are you?

J 23.

4 Get off. Go away.

J 18.

4 It's a school night kid. Go home.

[He turns away.]

J 17.

Still waiting in queues for everything. Buses, trains, classes, canteen lunches. Still in the suburbs.

3 You pushing in faggot?

J What?

3 Didn't say a word mate.

[1 passes smiles turns back keeps walking smiles turns back.]

1 Hey

J Hey

1 What you doing what's your name what are you like you're cute aren't you what you taken?

J Sorry? I'm Jason.

1 Hey Jason it's going off up there it's like incredible so many hot men heaven

J Why'd you leave then?

- 1 Needed a smoke want one want to have a smoke and check it out
with me come up meet my friends meet Nancy she's off her tits and
this guy in a lifesaver hat fucking hot don't know why he's wearing
that and a pair of bright red Speedos but fuck it's hot so who cares
you should see the size of his ... Want a smoke?
- J Don't smoke
- 1 Na it stinks.
[He lights up.]
Jason. Nice name.
- J You reckon?
- 1 Yeah like Jason and the Argonauts. I used to have this thing for
Jason Donovan.
- J Who?
[They stare at each other until 1 gets distracted.]
- 1 You gonna stand out here all night or you coming in?
- J Can't
- 1 Why?
[He looks at bouncer.]
- J He won't let me.
- 1 That sucks. See ya then.
- 4 No point queuing up again mate.
- J It's for the bus.
Half fare thanks.
Fat girl chewing pink liquorice sits behind me, can hear her shitty
ipod, don't want to go home don't want to lie in bed alone again and
think of brokebackmountain.
- 3 Things are different now gay's gone mainstream. Gays on big
brother, sitcoms and shit. Rainbow flags everywhere. People like
gays. Gays are funny.
- J Still a lot of shit to hide.
- 3 You're home early, where you been?
- J Party.

- 3 Good?
J Na.
3 There's some chicken casserole if you/
J Thanks
Slam door lie on bed stare at roof
What fills my head are boys who surf and unzip their wetsuits right
down to the small of their backs. The way the water drips down
their back, evaporates,
1 what else?
J adam's apples, tight shorts, arms and legs and/
1 The feeling you get when/
J Went camping me and Declan*. Keep thinking about what
happened.
1 Thinking but not knowing where the feelings fit. What's he like?
J Declan*?
Tall. He's blond. A swimmer. Went to regionals for backstroke.
Green eyes and he looks at you when you talk to him. He really
listens, he ...
We go to this deserted beach. Skinny dip. He does it first just takes
everything off and then he turns around and ...
4 Come on ya wuss get in.
J I keep going under the water when he's not looking/
4 What you looking at?
J Fish.
4 Getting out.
J Don't want to get out first. 'cause I, you know ...
Want to watch him dry himself. Want to/
3 Jason, Something on your mind?
J Mum on the car trip home. Na
3 You're pretty quiet
J S'pose
3 Did you get any sleep on your camping trip?