

Playground High

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EXT. PLAYGROUND - DAY

At a middle school playground on a cloudy day, two eighth graders Brad (12) and Alex (12) are meeting under neath an oak tree on the back of the play ground.

Brad pulls out a package from his book bag and looks around to make sure no one is looking.

BRAD

Alright man this is some good weed,
its your first time smoking right?

ALEX

Yea, I have never done this but I
saw my older brother and his
friends doing it so I figured I
would see what it is all about.

BRAD

Well you're going to love it I know
I do, I have been doing it for
months! My older brother has the
hookup so I got this from him.

ALEX

Sweet, how much was it aga...

The boys stop talking as one of the teachers walks around on the outside of the perimeter.

ALEX

Man this is sketchy! Just tell me
how much to give you.

BRAD

Just give me fifty dollars and its
all yours.

ALEX

Shit I only have forty, will that
work?

BRAD

Yea man that will just hurry up.
One last thing, put this in your
lunch box so no one finds it and
the smell doesn't get out.

Alex puts the bag inside his lunch box as the bell rings for recess to end.

INT. DAY - CLASSROOM

It is winding down to the end of the day and Alex is staring down the clock waiting for the time to hit three so he can bolt to the bus.

As the clock hits three, he runs out the room but trips and falls into the hall spilling his lunchbox onto the floor.

He frantically shoves everything back in as the students are running all around him.

Alex bolts toward the bus and finds the last seat in the back.

Alex opens up his lunch box and checks and see if the bag of weed is still in there.

ALEX
(to himself)
Oh thank god, I was certain that I
had lost it.

The bus pulls up to his house and he walks off and goes into his house.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

ALEX
Hey Mom, I'm home!

MOM
Hey sweetie how was school?

ALEX
It was great! I'm just glad to be home. I think I am going to ride my bike to the park to play basketball with the boys. I'll be home for dinner!

MOM
Okay just make sure you get back before the street lights come on. Oh also did you get my text about picking up the stuff from the store on your way home?

ALEX
No I didn't see it, I'll get it on the way back home!

Alex sets down his book bag and lunch box on the kitchen table and heads out the door to go to the park.

EXT. STREET - EVENING

Alex is riding his bike down his street toward the park when all of a sudden he slams on brakes.

ALEX

Oh shit! I left the lunch box on the table! I'm fucked, I am so screwed, she is going to find the weed and she is going to kill me.

Dramatic intense action music starts playing as Alex turns around and starts riding home.

MONTAGE of shots of him riding his bike intensely home.

A) Alex riding in and out of traffic.

B) Alex jumping a curb and splashing into a puddle of water.

C) Alex being chased by a couple dogs.

Alex is coming up to a road block and sees a flatbed truck with the bed lowered into a ramp like formation.

ALEX

Screw it I'm going to jump this road block! I don't have time to go around the detour.

Alex hits the flatbed truck and it launches him twenty feet into the air.

ALEX

Oh shit!

Alex slams to the ground and regains his balance and continues down the street.

He drifts into his driveway and jumps off his bike as it is still moving and crashed into the tree in the front yard.

INT. KITCHEN - EVENING

Alex comes bursting through the front door and runs into the kitchen.

He sees his lunch box open with nothing in it.

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Alex frantically looks around the kitchen until his gaze finds the bag of weed next to the pot of noodles his mom is cooking.

MOM

Oh hey honey, you are just in time, dinner will be ready in a few minutes. Why don't you go wash up you look very sweaty.

ALEX

(nervously)
Umm sure thing mom..

MOM

Oh and thank you for picking up that oregano from the store earlier, I thought you said you didn't get it?

ALEX

Oregano? Oh yea I did get it, it must have slipped my mine.

Alex turns around and heads up stairs to wash up.

He pulls out his phone texts Brad.

Insert Phone

ALEX

(text to Brad)
Dude my Mom found the bag and thinks it is oregano! Shes cooking with it right now!

BRAD

Oh shit man! You are going to have an interesting night, lol.

ALEX

Dude I am freaking out I don't know whether to tell her or not.

BRAD

I wouldn't say a word just let it all happen.

Alex puts his phone down and goes to wash his hands.

He heads back downstairs to see his Mom and Dad along with his older brother all gathered around the kitchen table laughing uncontrollably.

ALEX

What is so funny?

MOM

Your dad won't stop laughing and it is making me laugh.

DAD

I don't know what it is, these noodles keep slipping off my fork and I just can't grab them.

BROTHER

It's almost like you guys are high or something.

MOM

I am not sure what it is, but I'm liking how I feel.

Alex pulls up a chair and starts to eat the food on his plate.

He looks down and sees the weed mixed in with the meat sauce and tries to contain himself as he starts to eat it.

His brother looks at him and mouths "good job idiot".

They both start staring at each other and start laughing until they can't breathe.

As everyone is laughing around the table and all of a sudden his mom and dad stop.

They look at each other and look at Alex and his brother.

MOM

Wait a second.

DAD

Yea what the hell, we are high how is that possible?

His Mom and Dad look at Alex's brother.

MOM

Are you responsible for this? We know you smoke on the roof after we go to sleep we aren't stupid.

BROTHER

I don't know what you are talking about? I have nothing to do with this it was all Alex

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ALEX

What no?! I did not do this. I
don't even know what being high is?
How would I be the cause of this?

DAD

Well all I can say is which ever
one did it, this is some good shit.

MOM

No! Do not encourage them! This is
a serious matter...

Alex's Mom and Dad start laughing until they are in tears.

Alex just looks at his brother and they both feel like they
can't move. They don't know if they are in trouble or not.

MOM

(laughing)

I think you two need to go upstairs
to your rooms while your Dad and I
finish this dinner.

Alex's Dad is laughing so hard he is crying while he points
to the stairs and motions for them to go.

Alex and his Brother get into his room and shut the door.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Alex and his brother walk up the stairs and into their
rooms.

They can hear their parents laughing down stairs as they
both close the door.

Alex walks over to his bed and falls down face first into
his pillows.

The camera pans out of the room, down the hallway, past the
kitchen where we see his parents eating ice cream, to out
the door.

On the roof we see Alex's older brother smoking as the
camera continues to pan down the driveway and down the
street. Fades to black.