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Message: Think before you act

Ben was at a party with his two friends Lily and Josh. They were each enjoying themselves sitting at the counter and talking about their plans for that month. A voice from the dance floor called out,

“Hey! You guys want some wine.” It was Jeramy. He had just arrived.

“Yah! We’ll have some,” said Ben. And so Jeramy poured them each a glass of wine after he scurried to the cupboard.

“So how has school been going for you guys!?” Lily asked, her voice holding much enthusiasm.

“It’s been going great! I just got enrolled in college for this fall.” Josh exclaimed. “That’s awesome!” Lily replied. “What about you Ben?”. Jeramy set the wine on the table.

“Hey, sorry to interrupt. Mind if I join you guys?”

“No, not at all!” Lily exclaimed. “Anyhow, what about you, Ben?” Ben was drinking at a rather alarming rate; not considering how fast or how much wine he could handle.

“Hey! be careful. Don’t drink so fast. It’s our first time drinking after all.” Lily blurted out.

“Yeah take it slow,” added Josh.

“Nah! Stop being so silly it’s fine,” Ben argued with a drunken voice.

“You don’t look fine” “Ok well I’m not taking any chances so I’ll drive you home and you are coming with me, Josh.”

“Yeah ok I’d rather be on the safe side.”

“Hey you two party’s over!” Announced the host

The two dancers started walking towards the door. “Ok well thanks for having us!” They said with a smile.

“And I suppose we should do the same.” Lily remarked. “I gotta take these two home.” She and Josh got up and helped Ben to the door because he was a little drowsy.

“I just remembered I left my car at Ben’s house so we’ll drive his car.”

“Ok sounds like a plan.” answered Josh.

“Huh, what’s happening? Yeah I can drive.” Ben whispered while putting his shoes on as he awoke and began heading out.

“Hey! Where are you going? Wait up.” Josh exclaimed running after him.

“Anyway, thanks again for having us.” Lily said as she turned to face Jeffrey.

“No problem! You should get going, we don’t want any accidents.

“Yeah that wouldn’t be good.” Her enthusiasm turned to terror as she turned her head. “Oh no Josh “hold it right there I’m coming!” Josh rushed into the backseat.

“I think it might be too late, but I’ll try.” Ben started the engine. Josh, getting more intoxicated, tried to reason with him.

“You need to listen to me, you shouldn’t be driving.”

“Huh, Be driving yeah I’m getting to it.” Ben replied only picking up parts of the conversation.

“Okay well I’m not going to let you drive this car. I’m going to try and get back up.” But as soon as Josh opened the door Ben pressed on the gas and Josh swung back in his seat. Meanwhile just down the street a girl in her mid teens was driving back from a job interview. Her dad anxiously waiting at his house for her to see if she got the job.

"I'm so excited that I got the job and I can't wait to share the news." She thought to herself. The slightly intoxicated Josh and heavily intoxicated Ben were driving her way. Ben was in a rage at this point.

"Well it's too late to stop me now and I'm doing fine."

"Stop!" Josh yelled. As the teen turned a corner Ben missed a stop sign. There was a loud crash and flames all around. Both the teen and Ben tragically died.

"Oh no!" Josh cried as he crawled out of the rubble badly bruised and bleeding from his arm. And from a distance he spotted a cracked cell phone lying on the ground ringing. He crawled toward it." The contact read "dad" and so he answered it.

"Hey, sweetheart, how did your job interview go?" He sounded very intrigued, with his cheerful sounding voice.

"This isn't your daughter but hear me out."

"Wait! What happened?" Josh could hear the father's voice suddenly turn to a worried tone.

"Look" Josh sighed "I hate to tell you this but, me and my friend were riding in a car we were both drunk so I warned him he shouldn't be driving, but he didn't listen so we hit your daughters car. I tried to wake her up but she's not breathing." There was silence from the other end.

"Ok.. well.. thanks for the news I suppose. I need to figure out how to break the news to my family." And he hung up. Josh immediately called an ambulance before passing out on a nearby lawn.

Lily and Jeffrey were in Jeffrey's car "Oh no! Where they go I can't get a hold of Josh!" Lily was panicking in the passenger seat as they pulled into a nearby gas station.

"Okay well you stay here and I'll go get gas. Have you tried calling Ben?"

"You saw him get into the driver seat! I can't call him. He's drunk."

"Just try it, Josh probably took the phone away."

"I guess you're right I just hope Ben doesn't grab the phone or struggle to hit the button." Ben's phone at the crash site. A police officer picked it up and took them to meet Josh at the hospital.

"Oh no!" answered Lily, "That's terrible." Her voice trembled even more than before. Jeffrey drove to the hospital. They exited the car in a hurry and rushed into the building. The nurse showed them to Josh's room.

"Oh my gosh!" Lily cried running to Josh's hospital bed.

"Oh hey Lily did you hear the news?"

"Yes I have.. If I had left earlier."

"Hey, Lily, you both did what you could." "I'm upset too but we just have to pay the price for his actions." "At least we tried."

