

**AT REST**

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**AT REST - "Coffee Challenge"**

INT. BREAK ROOM - DAY

Jonno stands at a table. There are ten cups of coffee lined up in front of him. He shakes his arms and legs like a sprinter before a race.

Lara fills the last cup with hot coffee.

BILL

(movie trailer voice)

In a world where human corpses slowly rot into delicious worm food, one man attempts to wash away the pain with copious amounts of caffeine...

LARA

That'd be a shit movie. Can we just get on with it? Five bucks says he can't do it.

Lara throws a fiver on the table.

BILL

I reckon he can. He loves to drink.

LARA

Beer.

BILL

Whatever. Ten coffees in under a minute will be piss easy. Look at him. He's thirsty!

Jonno walks back and forth psyching himself up.

Bill throws his fiver on the table.

BILL (CONT'D)

I'm in.

JONNO

Let's do this!

Lara takes out her phone, gets the stopwatch function ready.

LARA

Ready, set, and... Go!

Jonno grabs the first cup, slams it.

JONNO  
Ahh! Too hot!

BILL  
Never mind that. Skull! Skull!

LARA  
Fifty seconds.

Jonno skulls the next cup. And the next. And the next. He gets faster and faster as he goes through them.

QUICK INTERCUTS:

- Jonno skulling the coffees and throwing the cups around
- Lara's stopwatch ticking down from one minute to zero
- Lara shouting out times
- Bill cheering him on
- Empty coffee cups hitting the table, floor, walls

Jonno finishes the last coffee and throws the cup down triumphantly.

JONNO  
(fully jacked now)  
Woo! Yes! YES! Ten coffees in  
under a minute. Suck it!

He takes the fivers off the table, holds them up like a trophy, does a victory dance.

BILL  
(emotional)  
I've always believed in you.  
Always.

Bill takes the money out of Jonno's hands. Jonno looks confused for a second, then gets back to celebrating.

JONNO  
Woo!

Jonno tries to high-five Lara, she blanks him.

Dish walks in with her "special" coffee cup, grabs the coffee pot - empty. She turns to look at the others, holds up the empty pot, makes a WTF face.

Lara and Bill point at Jonno who is bouncing off the walls.

JONNO (CONT'D)

Woo!

Jonno goes to high-five Dish, she puts the empty coffee pot into his hands.

DISH

Fix this.

JONNO

I feel like my heart is going to explode.

DISH

Well, if it does, you're in the right place.

JONNO

Woo!

**AT REST - "Headstone/Burial Form/Bolt Cutters"**

INT. BREAK ROOM - DAY

Jonno, Bill, and Lara stare at a box of charity chocolates. The kind that runs on an honor system where you put coins in. There is only one chocolate left.

Jonno and Lara grab it at the same time. Start a tug-of-war.

BILL

Whoa, whoa, whoa. Let's be democratic about this.

He gently removes the chocolate from their hands and places it back in the box.

BILL (CONT'D)

Headstone, Burial Form, Bolt Cutters?

They get in a circle, they're used to this. All three raise their fists and get ready to play "Rock, Paper, Scissors."

BILL (CONT'D)

One, two, three...

Jonno throws scissors too early. Everyone GROANS.

LARA

You have to wait for "dig." It's one, two, three, dig. Then you go.

JONNO

Yep. Got it.

They go again.

BILL

One, two, three, dig!

Jonno throws scissors - again. Bill and Lara throw rock.

LARA

You're out! Headstone crushes Bolt Cutters.

JONNO

Damn. I gave it away. Did I give it away?

Lara and Bill face off.

LARA  
Let's do this.

BILL  
One, two, three, dig!

They both throw Paper.

LARA  
Oh come on!

They go again.

BILL  
One, two, three, dig!

Bill throws Paper, Lara throws Rock.

BILL  
Burial Form covers Headstone.

Lara fumes. Jonno re-enacts the hand over fist motion.

JONNO  
Yep. Burial Form covers Headstone.

He keeps going, doing all the other motions.

JONNO (CONT'D)  
Headstone crushes Bolt Cutters.  
Bolt Cutters cuts up Burial Form.  
Them's the rules.

They all look up to see Dish staring at them.

DISH  
You know it's just Rock, Paper,  
Scissors right? The whole world  
knows that.

JONNO  
But we're playing Headstone, Burial  
Form, Bolt Cutters.

Dish shakes her head at them all, grabs the chocolate, walks out.

LARA  
Oi! That's a dollar. For the  
kids! Can you believe her?

JONNO  
(still gesturing)  
It's totally different.

Bill pulls another chocolate out of his pocket. Wiggles it in front of the others.

JONNO (CONT'D)  
I'll Headstone, Burial Form, Bolt  
Cutters you for it.

Bill unwraps it, takes a bite.

BILL  
That's not even a real thing.

Lara wiggles the charity coin box, no coins rattle at all.

**AT REST - "Shirt Bingo"**

INT. BREAK ROOM - DAY

Bill sits at the table eating a messy sandwich. He's a sloppy eater and there's food on his face.

Across from him Lara, Dish, and Jonno watch him eat, intently.

BILL (CONT'D)

I know what you're doing.

The others go back to their own sandwiches. Trying to act normal, but as soon as Bill goes in for another bite, they focus in on him.

JONNO

Come on left shirt cuff!

Bill puts his sandwich down, and rolls up his sleeves as if to spite Jonno.

LARA

Bad luck mate.

JONNO

It can still happen. It can still happen.

DISH

Whatever. Collar for sure.

JONNO

Collar? You can't just put down collar. You have to specify left or right. Tell her!

LARA

He's right. You have to specify.

Lara reveals a piece of paper with a drawing of a shirt on it. The shirt is divided into various sections with each section clearly labeled.

CLOSE UP

Lara points to the shirt diagram clearly showing left and right collar sections.



BACK TO SCENE

DISH

Do I? Do I have to specify? How  
about I specify you go dig up plot  
E-four-thirty-two after this?  
Hunh?

Bill keeps eating, ignoring them.

LARA

I'm just saying.

DISH

Yeah, I'm just saying.

JONNO

Hey, hey, hey!

They all look at Bill. He's got the sandwich up to his  
face, a piece of lettuce falls out and lands on... the  
table.

LARA, DISH, JONNO

Oh!

BILL

Can I just eat in peace. For once?

JONNO

Hey, you created this mess.

Bill uses a napkin and deliberately wipes his face clean as  
if to spite the others.

He takes another bite, confident, but sauce drips out and  
lands right on his sleeve.

BILL

Aw crap.

JONNO

Right sleeve! Right sleeve? Who  
had right sleeve? Anyone?

DISH

Left AND right collar.

LARA

I was sure it was gonna be between  
second and third button.

JONNO

Then I win! You suckers get to pay  
for my lunch next week. Woo!

Lara picks up Jonno's form.

LARA

You put left shirt cuff.

DISH

That's not the same as right shirt  
sleeve.

JONNO

Whatever. It's closer than collar.  
I should win.

DISH

Tell you what, plot E-four- thirty-  
two isn't going to dig itself.  
Winner.

JONNO

Whaa?

LARA

Off you go champ.

Bill takes another bite, his sandwich falls completely  
apart.

**AT REST - "Chip Tube"**

INT. BREAK ROOM - DAY

Jonno, Lara, Dish, and Bill eating lunch from a takeaway fish and chips shop.

Bill and Jonno exchange a knowing look. Bill intentionally drops a chip on the floor.

BILL  
(sarcastic)  
Oh no. My chip fell on the floor.

JONNO  
You know what that means. Chip  
Tube! Chip Tube!

LARA  
No, way you totally meant to drop  
it. The rules specifically say it  
has to be accidental.

BILL  
Are you challenging my integrity?  
Just for that, you're up.

LARA  
Come on!

BILL  
My chip. My call. And I call you  
and Dish.

Lara changes her mind, now confident.

LARA  
Well in that case. I can totally  
take you.

DISH  
I'm not playing.

Jonno pulls out a metre long section of clear plastic tubing about 30 mm in diameter.

JONNO  
(chanting)  
Chip Tube! Chip Tube! Chip Tube!

DISH  
I'm not playing.

Bill takes his chip and rubs it around on the floor, rubs it on some of the tools, rubs it on the bottom of Jonno's boot.

LARA

Chicken. Bwaaaak bwaaak bwaak!  
You're playing. Besides we all  
know you like to blow things.

DISH

Whatever bitch.

Bill puts the dirty chip into the tube, tips it so the chip is in the middle. Hands it to Jonno.

Jonno presents the tube to Lara and Dish. They each grab a hold of an end, hold it up to their faces.

JONNO

Now I want a clean fight. No  
pushing. No pulling. No mouths  
coming off the tube. Mouth comes  
off the tube, that's an automatic  
loss. Are we clear?

DISH

Oh we're clear.

LARA

Crystal

JONNO

One, two, three, blow!

Dish and Lara blow hard into the tube, the chip moves backwards and forwards. They battle it out and then Dish goes hard and the chip flies into Lara's mouth.

Lara drops the tube, jumps up, gagging.

DISH

Ha! Eat it. Mmm. Yummy.

Dish waves the tube around, way too proud. Celebrating way too much. Eventually she realizes everyone is staring at her.

Lara grabs one of Bill's chips, deliberately drops it on the floor, all while staring at Dish.

LARA

(mocking )

Oh no. My chip fell on the floor.

JONNO  
Chip Tube! Chip Tube!

DISH  
No way.

BILL  
Technically that's my chip.

LARA  
My chip. My call. And I call  
rematch blowhard.

DISH  
Whatever, at least I don't swallow.

Bill and Jonno raise eyes.

BILL  
That makes sense actually.

JONNO  
Yes. Yes it does.