

INT. HOUSE - NIGHT

All the lights are out. There is a knock at the door. From the back room comes MIKE. He calls out and he wipes the sleep from his eyes.

MIKE

Be right there.

He opens the door and standing on the other side is DONNIE.

MIKE

Donnie, it's like 3 in the morning.  
What the hell are you doing here?

DONNIE

Hey Mike, can I come in?

MIKE

Yeah.

He lets him in. Donnie looks around the room.

DONNIE

Mike, I have something to tell you.  
You'd better sit down.

Mike looks a little nervous.

MIKE

What's going on?

Donnie motions for him to sit.

DONNIE

Please.

Mike goes over and sits down. Donnie remains standing.

MIKE

You're freaking me out. What's up?

DONNIE

We've been friends a long time.

MIKE

Get to the point Donnie.

DONNIE

I asked the chief to let me be the  
one to tell you.

(pause)

There's been an accident. Your kid  
sister was involved.

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Mike starts to get up.

MIKE

Where she at? I gotta go.

Donnie holds his hand up.

DONNIE

Mike don't. She didn't make it.

Mike takes the news hard. He sits back down. After a long pause...

MIKE

What happened?

DONNIE

She was out drinking with some of her friends at a party. They all left together pretty smashed.

Mike nods taking everything in.

DONNIE

They blew through a red light almost hitting a pedestrian. Cops were called and there was a chase.

MIKE

Who was driving?

DONNIE

Marcus Walston, he just wouldn't stop.

(pause)

The chase lasted about 7 minutes when he took a turn too hard. The car flipped 4 times. Your sister was ejected through the back window.

MIKE

Did Walston make it?

Donnie shakes his head.

DONNIE

Yeah, they always do.

Mike gains his composure. He stands up to shake Donnie's hand.

MIKE

Thanks for telling me.

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Donnie is hesitant.

DONNIE  
There's one more thing.

MIKE  
What?

DONNIE  
I was secondary in the chase. It's  
my fault she's dead.

Mike shakes his head.

MIKE  
Come on man, you were doing your  
job. You didn't know.

DONNIE  
I didn't know she was ejected. I  
was concentrating on the car. She  
was 40 feet away. If I would have  
seen her, maybe...

Donnie starts to lose it.

DONNIE  
I'm so sorry. I didn't...

MIKE  
You need to leave.

DONNIE  
Mike please.

MIKE  
No, I'm telling you that you need  
to leave. Don't tell me anymore.  
For your own sake.

Donnie starts to walk towards the door. He turns to Mike.

DONNIE  
If there's anything I can do...

Mike stares at him saying nothing. Donnie takes the hint and  
leaves as we...

FADE TO BLACK.