

DAVE

CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

Dave, 17-18 years old. One of Derek's wealthy friends and party guests. He's casual, always stoned, and part of the "VIPs and honeys" crowd that orbits Derek's social world. Dave is more laid-back than Derek but shares his entitled attitude and crude humor. He was at the party having a good time and left without much concern for where Derek was, assuming he was "in his room with some chick." Dave represents the shallow friendships in Derek's life—people who enjoy the parties and perks but don't actually care about Derek as a person. He's not malicious, just privileged and unbothered by anything that doesn't directly affect him.

SCENE CONTEXT

Annie, James, and Aiden are interviewing Derek's friends to piece together what happened the night of the party. They've come to Dave's nice house, and he's sitting comfortably in a chair, answering their questions with casual indifference. He remembers bits and pieces of the party but wasn't paying close attention to Derek. When asked if he'll help search for his missing friend, Dave declines—he doesn't want to get into trouble. Dave's casual attitude about Derek's disappearance reveals how superficial their friendship really was.

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...And I wanted to leave already so
I looked all over for him to say
goodbye but couldn't find him so I
just left.

ANNIE

And you didn't notice he was gone?

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Well to be fair I thought he was
just in his room with some chick so
I didn't really care. The last time
I saw him was probably around 8.

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His parties are great, only VIPs
and honeys! You know what I mean?