

DEREK

CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

Derek Mayfield, 17-18 years old. The rich bully son of the town's wealthiest family. On the surface, he's arrogant, cruel, and believes his money and status make him untouchable. He steals Annie's wallet by shoving it down his crotch, humiliates Pete at the restaurant, and terrorizes kids at school. But underneath is a lonely kid with emotionally absent parents who throw money at him instead of showing love. His grandmother was the only person who truly cared about him, and since her death five years ago, he's been performing cruelty to fill the void. During his captivity, his defensive armor slowly cracks, revealing someone capable of vulnerability and maybe even change.

SCENE CONTEXT

Derek has been held captive by Pete for several days in an abandoned house, tied to a chair and interrogated about his life. Pete believes he can "reform" Derek into a better person. In this scene, Derek has just realized his captor is "pizza guy"—the waiter he humiliated at Bambino's—which means Pete might kill him to protect his identity. Derek is terrified but also worn down enough to be honest. He's confronting Pete about his failures, challenging whether anyone can really change, and revealing his own deep fear that maybe he's beyond saving. This is Derek at his most vulnerable and real.

DEREK

Relax? For what, you are just gonna kill me at some point, and no one will care, no one likes me man. The only one who did was my grandma and she had to fucking die.

PETE

Tell me about your grandma.

DEREK

Fuck you.

PETE

Where did she live?

DEREK

Why do you wanna know?

PETE

Where?

DEREK

In another house... until she got cancer.

PETE

Did she move in with you guys?
Did your parents take care of her?

DEREK

No, just a stupid nurse. Not even her fucking disease made them care.

PETE

What about you? Do you think they care about you?

DEREK

They give me what I want.

PETE

That is not what I asked.

DEREK

I don't know, who cares any way?

PETE

You seem to do.

DEREK

Fuck you, I don't need them, I don't need anyone.

DEREK

You are here trying to fix me when you should actually look at yourself, you are a fucking kidnaper, you spend all of your days here with me. Tell me about you, I need to know, why do you do this, what is wrong with you!

PETE

Trust me, You just gotta...

DEREK

No! I'm tired of trusting. I am a mess and you could be wrong about me, maybe you can't save me, maybe it's too late.