

STAN&MIKE EP5

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HANDSWORTH GOLF CLUB

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Mike and Stan are watching football. Stan is drinking a captain Morgan's with ginger beer and Mike is nursing an orange and lemonade. We hear the commentary through Mike & Stan as they talk about the game, the TV volume is off.

There's only a handful of people inside the club, as most are outside playing golf.

STAN

Your boys have not gone beyond  
round 5 under Jurgen Klopp. Look at  
that. Cardiffs dominating.

Suddenly Diogo Jota scores with a header. Mike smiles.  
Well it's only one nil, anything  
can happen. It's early days!

Slight pause.

I'm gonna get another drink, you?

Mike looks.

You've had two pints of that stuff,  
surely one proper drink won't hurt?

MIKE

It's the smell, I can't do that to  
her.

Stan is taken back slightly.

STAN

I wasn't thinking, I totally get  
it. Do you want another one of  
those?

MIKE

Na I'm okay.

Stan leaves to get another drink, there's hardly anyone at the bar so he gets served quickly, as he does, Liverpools Minamino scores. Stan walks back towards Mike nodding his head. Mike smiles.

Early days right?

STAN

It's bloody Cardiff, nothing like  
Everton.

They both laugh.

That's what I want to see more of,  
that.

Mike pointing to his Liverpool top replies.

MIKE  
I totally agree.

Stan shakes his head.  
How are things going?

Slight pause. Stan sits down besides mike.

STAN  
So...what's your prediction, three or  
four nil?

MIKE  
I know you wouldn't like that  
outcome so, anyway, how's things?

Stan looks at his drink and takes a huge gulp. Mike nods.

STAN  
Good spot this...to watch  
footie...What with nearly three  
hundred people a day still dying  
from...

MIKE  
Stan, she refuses to even speak to  
me.

Stan looks awkwardly. Stans phone pings a notification.  
I've bumped into her a couple of  
times on the street and she just  
walks right past?

STAN  
I don't know what I can say to her  
anymore. I tried everything...

MIKE  
I get it, they're sisters.

Slight pause.  
they where both as bad as each  
other at one point but Audrey  
really wants to change things you  
know. What with her AA meetings and  
all.

STAN  
She still going?

MIKE

Yeah, she finds it a bit embarrassing but she's really trying.

Pause.

STAN

No, good for her. I even try suggesting, you know. To speak to her sister, she just gives me the cold shoulder..It's been two bloody years Mike.

MIKE

Look, I don't want this to affect our friendship, as it nearly did at the start.

Long pause.

What's really going on Stan?

STAN

She just keeps on saying that the truth comes out when ones inebriated. Said she's had enough.

MIKE

Enough of her own sister?

Both nod their nod. Stan sighs.

STAN

That argument has affected everything and to be honest I'm becoming more and more concerned about her mental..

The volume abruptly comes on really loud, we hear the commentary from the game.

COMMENTATOR

coming from all angles now. Ross has got his hand up. falls to Harvey Elliott. Welcome back son. Get in!! Just what the doctor ordered!!

Stan and Mike look at each other.

BAR PERSON

I found the remote.

Both Stan and Mike look at the bar person. The bar person smiles awkwardly at them and puts the remote on the bar, then disappears to the back room. Mike walks over to the remote and turns the volume down to a more comfortable level. He puts the remote back on the bar and turns around to walk back to where he was sat with Stan. Stan is now on the phone looking worried. Mike walks slowly back to the table and hears their conversation.

STAN

So what do you expect me to say to that....I Felt that for a very long time myself....but You can just come out with that, have you been drinking wine and smoking my weed again? Fuck me?

Stan holds the phone for a second longer than what feels normal and puts it in his pocket. They both sit in silence listening to the commentary. Stans phone pings a notification again

COMMENTATORS

Back to Colwill. There on the score sheet! what a great finish that was. What a moment for the blue birds. Absolutely! Ruben Colwill has proved once again that he is a true goal scorer.

Suddenly Stans Phone rings again.

Theres the full-time whistle, and for only the second time Jurgen Klopp leads Liverpool into the fifth round of the FA...

Stan and Mike look at each other. Mike looks concerned. Stan gets up and shakes Mikes hand. He walks out of the club, the phone stops ringing. Mike runs out and sees Stan standing at the entrance.

MIKE

Need a lift?

Stan nods. They both walk towards the car, hands in pockets not really knowing what to say, but Stan feels comforted by Mikes support. into Mikes car they go. They drive in silence for 12 agonising seconds.

Stan, your not betting again are you?.....

Stan says nothing.

Cardiff managed to claw one back?

Stan nods.

They played well at the start.

STAN

She needs help Mike. She's completely lost control.

Slight pause.

She told me its over. She doesn't love me anymore.

MIKE

She doesn't mean that.

STAN

How do you know, you haven't seen her for nearly two years.

Stan sighs.

She's changed.

MIKE

Well at least speak to her when she's sober, it might be worth you staying at ours this evening?

STAN

Na, i'll face the music. What will be will be.

Stan's phone rings. He looks at it exhales and answers it. on the other side is a drunken Melita.

MELITA

You with bloody Stan again?

Slight pause.

You gonna answer me?

STAN

I'm a couple of minutes away. Lets talk when I get back.

MELITA

I've said what I had to say, theres nothing more to it so you might as well stay with both of them.

STAN

Look Mel....

Melita finishes the call.

Mel, mel.

Stan sighs.

MIKE

Your more than welcome.

They arrive at Stan and Melita's house.

You sure?

STAN

I can't live like this anymore.  
like i said, what will be, will be.

Stan gets out of the car and heads towards the front door.  
Mike looks concerned but drives off deciding to leave Stan to  
it. Stan opens the door, as he closes it the screen goes  
black.

END.