21 EXT. HIGH SCHOOL - BACKSIDE - CONTINUOUS

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Up ahead. A group of OLDER KIDS hanging around, smoke wafting up in waves.

ZACH

Just keep going. We don't have to stop.

Josh nods. They pick up the pace, trying to act casual.

As they pass we get a better look: these guys are seniors, some of them maybe even older. Empty beer cans. Cigarettes. Joints.

One of them is younger, more Josh and Zach's age, with dyedblue hair, this is JOHN WHITCOMB.

He sees them but says nothing. One of the older guys does, a sneering son of a bitch named CHAD.

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CHAD

Hey!

Josh and Zach keep going, Zach muttering under his breath.

ZACH

Shit. Bad idea. Just go.

CHAD

Yo! I'm talking to you!

Chad's buddies laugh. Josh grits his teeth and turns, throws his arms out and shouts.

JOSH

What?!

CHAD

You seen my cunt?

JOSH

What?

ZACH

Forget it, come on.

CHAD

You seen my cunt?

John Whitcomb speaks up, trying to clarify.

JOHN WHITCOMB

Dana, his girlfriend.

ZACH

Nah, we haven't seen anybody. We gotta get back.

Chad snaps and points at Josh in recognition.

CHAD

Josh, right? How's Danny doing?

JOSH

He's fine.

CHAD

He get that "basic" training? They broke him in yet?

The other guys start laughing. Josh isn't amused.

CHAD (CONT'D)

Tell him I want to hang out when he's back home. I'm sure by then he'll suck better dick than her anyway.

(clarifying for his

friends)

Josh's brother joined the Navy.

Josh is trembling with anger. He mumbles to himself.

JOSH

It's the marines.

Chad gets up and steps toward them.

CHAD

What's that?

Josh is consumed with rage. He pushes Chad as hard as he can, which only pushes Chad back a step or two.

JOSH

It's the fucking marines!

Josh goes to push him again. Chad laughs and uses Josh's reckless momentum to knock him to the ground. He stands over him

CHAD

Damn right it is.

(to his friends)

You guys want to join the 'fucking marines'? I'm recruiting tonight.

Zach pulls Josh up off the ground and they head off.

CHAD (CONT'D)

Aw, don't run away, Weezer! ← EN

Zach and Josh mount their bikes and speed off.

2 EXT. SUBDIVISION - EVENING

They walk their bikes down the street.

JOSH

Fuck those fucking assholes.

ZACH

I think he really wanted to screw your brother.

JOSH

Danny doesn't do that.

ZACH

Josh, I know. I just thought it was funny that the dude was so committed to the idea.

JOSH

Fuck John White ab, too. Just sitting there while his dool senior friends act like total assioles. What kind of dipshit puts Kool-Aid in his hair?

ZACH

John's okay.

JOSH

He used to be. I just hate all those juys. People like that are fucking worthless.

Zach node, listening, trying to figure out a way out of the conversation. He has an idea. He looks down the street.

ZACH

Yeah, I know but we're over it...Here, let's go this way.

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