

Hokum Excerpt:

Prologue

Cade

Location: New Jersey

Scott: "Dude, wake the fuck up."

Slowly, I began rubbing my eyes.

Scott: "Time for you to get the fuck up, Cade."

Cade: "In an hour."

Scott: "No, I'm serious. I thought you fucking died last time. I'm not dealing with this weak shit this time. Get the fuck up."

Cade: "I know my limits."

Scott: "Bullshit."

I felt Scott nudging my side with his foot.

Scott: "Either you get the fuck up or you're cut off."

Cade: "Damn it! I'm up; so stop your worrying."

Scott: "The amount of heroine you did last night--"

Cade: "How many times do I have to tell you I'm fine? If it makes you feel any better, I promise I won't do it again until just before our cruise."

Scott: "She's not worth it."

Cade: "Who?"

Scott: "You know who I am talking about."

Cade: "Lisa?"

Scott: "Yes, her."

Cade: "Of course she's not worth it. I'm so over her."

Scott: "Uh-huh, sure and that's why you are working on destroying yourself."

Cade: "I'm not destroying myself. Fuck, I don't even ever really think about her. The only time I ever do is when you bring her up."

Scott: "I bring her up because you're still in love with her. The look on your face right now says it and so does the amount of--"

Cade: "Don't you have to be getting to work?"

Scott: "Dating is all about luck. Sometimes you find the one you're supposed to be with on your first shot. Sometimes you spend your whole life looking for your perfect match. Other times still, the one you're supposed to be with, could be standing right in front of you; however, being as fucked up as you are now, I seriously doubt you would even recognize her even if she wore a big sign."

Cade: "So you are saying I let Lisa slip away?"

Scott: "You weren't even listening, were you? Lisa is the first type of person, I mentioned. She needs to just continue to stay gone. What I'm trying to say with tact but obviously, that isn't working, you need to cut down on all the shit you are doing. Maybe, if you sober up a bit and start thinking normally, then maybe you'll be able to save yourself before it's too late. And somewhere along the road of redemption maybe you'll end up meeting Ms. Right and you two, will live happily ever after."

Cade: "That doesn't happen in this world."