

Screenplay

EXT. MIAMI PROJECTS - AFTERNOON

JESUS (mid 30s) stands on a corner outside his car. He lights a cigar. LUIS (mid 20s) approaches him.

JESUS
What's good, Luis?

LUIS
Jesus, good to see you brotha. Not too much. You know, it is what it is.

JESUS
I'm checkin' in. Seein' where you're at.

LUIS
Don't stress, don't stress. Sun's still high. Plenty of day left.

JESUS
Yeah that's what you said last time-

A young boy runs past him followed by a horde of angry kids.

INT. ABANDONED APT. - AFTERNOON

TINY (10) closes the door quickly behind him. He's finally alone. Solace. Peace. a loud knock at the door disturbs his calm. A brick flies through the window. JESUS climbs through.

JESUS
Boy watchu doin here?

TINY says nothing. JESUS looks with pity.

JESUS CONT'D
Where's yo mama at?

No response.

JESUS CONT'D
You hungry?

TINY gives him a look.

EXT. SOCCER FIELD - DAY

TINY and a bunch of kids chase each other playing around on a soccer field. Their coach comes with refreshments.

COACH

Great scrimmage y'all. Enjoy some drinks. I got gatorade, juice...vitacoco if you're into that I guess.

All the kids scramble for all the drinks available except for the coconut water. TINY stares at the vitacoco. He hesitates and goes for the orange juice.

INT. JESUS'S APT. AFTERNOON

TINY sits at the table with JESUS and His girlfriend MARISSA (late 20s). TINY stares down at the table.

TINY

What's Vitacoco?

JESUS and MARISSA look at each other.

JESUS

You like coconut water?

TINY

I...I don't know. Is that bad? Do I have to know if I like it now?

MARISSA

You don't have to decide that right now.

EXT. MIAMI BEACH - DAY

JESUS bathes TINY in the waves, cleansing him of his worries.

JESUS

At some point, you gotta decide what kind of man you wanna be...also I'm from Cuba.

EXT. MIAMI PROJECTS - AFTERNOON

TINY, now ONYX is 15. He walks to school with the weight of the world on his shoulders. A group of bullies start harassing him.

BULLIES

WHAT'S UP NUT DRINKER HAAAAHA. YOU
LIKE COCONUT WATER IT'S SO GROSS.
EWWWWW.

They dump an entire bottle of coconut water over his head. ONYX is somber.

EXT. MIAMI BEACH - NIGHT

ONYX sits on the beach, chilling with his one friend LEO.

LEO

You know what? You actually a
pretty cool dude...

They stare at each other. ONYX is the most vulnerable he's ever been. LEO slowly reaches down and starts a motion in ONYX's lap. Camera pans down to reveal LEO's hand cutting open a raw coconut with a knife. They sip from the same coconut until it's all gone.

INT. DINER

ONYX, now TYRONE is 28. He looks completely different. What was once a meek, tender soul has now transformed into a hard, mean mugging, muscular, grill wearing gangster. a grown up LEO sits across the table from him.

LEO

It's great to see you, man. Glad
you doin well. Look at you all
grown and stuff. Makin a killin!

TYRONE

...yeah.

LEO

You want anything before I close
up? Drink? ...Coconut water?

TYRONE

....Nah I'm good.

INT. TYRONE'S CAR

TYRONE drives LEO home. There's a thick tension in the air.
TYRONE smiles at him.

LEO
(laughing)
Man, you different now. Like I
don't recognize who I'm looking at.

TYRONE
...Why did you call me?

LEO freezes.

LEO
....I have a wife.

TYRONE
...so?

INT. LEO'S APT.

TYRONE and LEO sit on LEO's bed in the same position they
were in all those years ago on the beach. They both sip
coconut water. It's a sweet moment.

END.