

WHIPPED

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INT. BOYS' ROOM - LATER

Brian is holding a bag of ice on his eye. Jake enters, ignoring his little brother, and flops onto the couch. After a LONG TENSE BEAT...

JAKE

I hate you.

BRIAN

Me?!

JAKE

Yes you! Because we got into a fight, now I can't go to regionals.

BRIAN

Oh man. You got grounded? Sorry.

JAKE

Yeah, well, you should be. I told you not to send that text. Now Amanda thinks it was ME saying all that stuff.

BRIAN

Dude, if it makes you feel better, I'm gonna have a black eye.

JAKE

You deserve it. (beat) I don't know why I still have to share a room with you anyway. I'm too old to be living with a little kid.

BRIAN

(sarcastic)

Really? 'Cause I love living with you. You've been like a ray of sunshine ever since you and Amanda started licking each others faces everyday.

JAKE

Dude shut up.

BRIAN

Just 'cause you got a girlfriend who lets you put your hand up her shirt, doesn't mean you have to do everything she says.

JAKE  
I'm about to punch you in your  
other eye.

BRIAN  
Whatever.

They sit silently for another BEAT.

JAKE  
What do you know anyway? You've  
never even had a girlfriend.

BRIAN  
I know you act different because of  
her. You're all... I don't know...  
weird now.

JAKE  
Yeah right. How am I weird?

BRIAN  
Forget it.

JAKE  
No tell me. I want to know.

BRIAN  
(serious)  
When she came over last weekend,  
you guys were laughing at '*Shadow  
Man*'.

JAKE  
C'mon. It's a stupid comic book.

BRIAN  
It's OUR comic. Our idea. We've  
been working on it since like, last  
year!

JAKE  
Well, now it just seems a little  
childish.

BRIAN  
Since when? Since Amanda thinks it  
is?

JAKE  
No.

BRIAN  
(overlapping)  
It's so obvious. Whatever she  
likes, you like. Whatever she says  
to do, you do.

JAKE  
Shut your face!

BRIAN  
You're like her dog. Like her  
trained --

WHAP! Jake punches Brian, knocking him to the floor. They  
look at each other for a BEAT, then jake exits.