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~~Stop playing games. You brought  
in to help this kid, and I'm  
telling you there's a missing piece  
and I need your help figuring out  
what it is.~~

NICO

I'll see what I can find out.

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EXT. HAWKS PRACTICE FACILITY - DAY

start

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GRUNTS as PLAYERS sprint up and down the steps. It is HOT OUT. We're in PRACTICE. And players are melting from the heat. TK's doing laps, looking like he's been doing this long enough to be on the verge of collapse.

One guy's on his knees (Johnson). Puking into a bucket. Matt is watching this spectacle.

MATT

Hey, Coach, I don't want to have to call an ambulance today. Let's get these guys some fluids.

COACH WIZNEWSKI

They don't know what sacrifice is, and until they DO, they'll never win the game that really matters.

ANGLE ON THE FIELD: TK stops running, goes up to the PUKER, who is on his knees...looks like he's dying here.

TK

Johnson...you all right, man?

COACH WIZNEWSKI

(SHOUTS OUT)

Throw up on your own time, Johnson. Don't make a mess on my field...

(then, pissed, to an Assistant)

Get him some fluids, and then get his ass back out here.

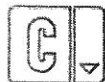
(SHOUTS)

Mr. King! Because you stopped, everyone here is going to run till I get tired...again!

Groans on the field. What the fuck?!

TK

What...this is ridiculous.



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COACH WISNEWSKI  
And...that just cost you 10G's.

TK  
(madder now)  
The guy's stroking out here. We  
all are. You tryin' to kill us?

COACH WISNEWSKI  
That's another 10G's. Every single  
word that comes out of your mouth  
is another thousand.

TK  
Fine. I'm done talking.

He yanks off his cleats. Then his jersey. His shorts. Gets  
up in Coach's face.

TK (CONT'D)  
Screw your rules. Screw the Hawks.  
And screw you. I quit.

...half-dressed TK storms off the field. Matt follows...

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EXT. PARKING AREA - MOMENTS LATER

End

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...as TK goes to get into his car.

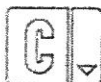
MATT  
What the hell are you doing?

TK  
Going to get Chinese food -- want  
some dim sum?

MATT  
After everything you've been  
through? You're throwing away a  
chance to work with the best coach  
in football. You won't get this  
chance again. Hell -- you leave  
like this, you may not get another  
shot in the League again.

TK  
You didn't even fight for her.  
Getting to the real issue --

MATT



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