

THE MACHINE GUN FIGHTER

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FADE IN:

INT. MMA MATCH JIMMY & SERGEI - FOUR YEARS AGO

The crowd in the MMA gym is very excited. The announcer is describing the match. Jimmy is in a very vulnerable position at the end of the match.

ANNOUNCER

Dear audience, machine gun Jimmy is in a very difficult situation. He's having a hard time defending against Sergei.

Jimmy tries to protect himself from successive blows. Meanwhile, Sergei breaks Jimmy's right hand and wrist with a special technique. Jimmy screams in pain.

JIMMY

Aaaa!!! damn!

Jimmy's defence collapses. Sergei brutally hits Jimmy, who fell to the ground. The referee, who comes between the two fighters at the last moment, ends the match.

ANNOUNCER

Dear sports fans, From what we can see, Jimmy suffers from a severe injury to his right hand. After the blows he received, the referee finished the match. The famous Russian tank Sergei openly crushed machine gun Jimmy. We can call it a clear win!

INT. RESTAURANT - FOUR YEARS LATER - PRESENT DAY

Jimmy works as a waiter. He approaches the table of a young couple. And he serves the food in a respectful manner. The young man looks intently at Jimmy.

JIMMY

Here are your orders. Is there anything else you want?

YOUNG MAN

No. Thank you very much. excuse me you...

JIMMY

How can I help you?

YOUNG MAN

Excuse me, aren't you Jimmy Wilson,
Machine gun fighter Jimmy?

JIMMY

Yes, That's me. It's been a long
time. your memory is very strong.
Not many people remember me.

YOUNG MAN

I was your fan. I've never seen
anyone with hand technique like
you.

JIMMY

Thank you. I was once a pretty fast
fighter. I was good to demoralize
by opponents because of my high
speed.

YOUNG MAN

Then suddenly you were lost from
the ring.

JIMMY

Yes. It was a difficult period of
my life. I was so young and stupid.
I had a drug addiction.

YOUNG MAN

I remember your last fight with
that Russian.

JIMMY

Yes, life has some harsh ways of
telling us things. Sergei was one
of them.

YOUNG MAN

It was a pretty tough match.

JIMMY

Yes, I broke my hand in three
places in that match. Some of my
teeth and nose too.

YOUNG MAN

Still, it was a great match.

JIMMY

Thank you. After that match, I had
a long treatment process. Anyway,
bon appetit to you. If you need
anything, I'm here.

YOUNG MAN

I'm so glad to see you well.

Jimmy walks away from the table. Jimmy's waitress friend Matt is approached.

MATT

You still have fans huh?

JIMMY

Four years later, yes, I still have fans.

MATT

Dude if you're so good why don't you be a bodyguard at a club? You can earn much more from here.

JIMMY

Thanks for your recommendations. This job is enough to pay my bills. I want peace in my life. I don't want to get into tense situations.

MATT

I hope it will always be enough for your son's hospital expenses and treatment fees.

JIMMY

We have a baseball game this weekend. Can you come?

MATT

Why not? I'm a single and lonely man. I have got tons of free time.

EXT. WOODS - BASEBALL MATCH - DAY

The children's baseball game has started. Jimmy is in the stands watching the game. At this moment, his friend Matt came and sits next to Jimmy.

MATT

Hi. How are you? Has the match started?

JIMMY

You came just in time. The match has started. but it's not our boy's turn yet.

MATT

I came here because I'd see a lot of single moms, but there's no one around.

JIMMY

You're getting old, tiger. How about that blonde in the back left? I heard you're a Pilates trainer.

Matt looks to the left, trying not to show her. A fat blond lady sits in the back left. He immediately winks at Matt and greets him.

MATT

Haha! You funny! I didn't know you were that cruel, Jimmy! If you want me to kill me, use a gun. Or throw wasabi in my food, that'll be enough!

Meanwhile, Jimmy's son takes the field with a baseball bat.

JIMMY

Hey, it's our boy's turn. Come on son! Come on Kevin, you'll make it!

Jimmy's son replaces him. He hits the ball well. Jimmy is happy.

MATT

Kevin made it! Good shot!

JIMMY

Come on boy Kevin run! Run!

Kevin doesn't run when he should. Under everyone's bewilderment, he takes a few steps and loses consciousness. He fall down.

JIMMY

What is happening? God damn!

MATT

Oh my God! Let's go and check him.

Jimmy and Matt quickly run into the baseball field. Jimmy holds his son's head. Kevin's eyes are completely closed. And he doesn't talk and he doesn't answer any questions.

JIMMY

Kevin, Kevin, what happened, son? Are you okay ? are you okay ? Someone call 911 please.

Matt immediately grabs the phone. Curious parents take care of Kevin and Jimmy.

INT. HOSPITAL - DAY

Jimmy is in the hospital. The doctor who finished his son's medical checks comes to him.

DOCTOR
Mr Jimmy, hello. How are you?

JIMMY
Hello doctor, I'm fine. How is his condition?

DOCTOR
Your son is doing well for now.

JIMMY
Is it ok for now? But what about the future situation?

DOCTOR
Mr Jimmy, it's up to you. Your son may be well in the future. But...

JIMMY
But?

DOCTOR
For permanent recovery, we must move to a higher level of treatment.

JIMMY
Well, insurance...

DOCTOR
Mr Jimmy unfortunately insurance does not cover this treatment.

JIMMY
I understand. So what is needed for this treatment?

DOCTOR
This treatment can cost as much as fifty thousand dollars initially.

JIMMY
Is it for a start? What if the treatment continues?

DOCTOR

It's about how your son will respond to treatment. Maybe not needed at all. But if ongoing treatment is required, the costs will increase.

JIMMY

I understand, doctor. I don't know. Let me check my status. I'll let you know.

DOCTOR

Thank you.

The Doctor leaves Jimmy's side. Jimmy looks worriedly at his son lying in the hospital room.

JIMMY

I hope. We'll see.

EXT./INT.JIMMY'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Jimmy helps his son to bed carefully. The child takes a beer from the refrigerator after sleeping. When he looks out of the house, he sees his wife trying to walk on the street. Jimmy's wife Emma is completely drunk. The woman is barely trying to walk. Jimmy takes action immediately.

JIMMY

Damn Emma. You're too drunk again.

Jimmy immediately goes out into the garden. He takes Emma in his arms. He carries it into the hall.

EMMA

I heard Kevin is not well. I came for him.

JIMMY

Emma, why are you pushing yourself so hard? Why didn't you call me? I would come and get you.

EMMA

Is he okay now?

JIMMY

Kevin is fine. Kevin is fine. Hold on, let's get those things out. We'll talk about all this in the morning.

EMMA

Okay. As you wish...

Emma falls asleep on the sofa in the living room.

JIMMY

Emma, why are you doing this to yourself? You are destroying yourself.

INT. JIMMY'S HOUSE - MORNING

Emma wakes up with a huge headache. He walks to the kitchen. Jimmy has prepared a small breakfast with an omelette for Emma.

JIMMY

Good morning Emma. How are you?

EMMA

I have a terrible headache.

JIMMY

Anyway. Eat your breakfast first. You will be better.

Emma reluctantly begins to eat an omelette. Jimmy hands his wife a large cup of hot coffee.

JIMMY

Great coffee from Colombia. It will be good for your headache.

EMMA

Why are you so nice to me? We're divorced but you still act like we're married.

JIMMY

Why am I behaving well? Could it be because you have been in my life for the past fifteen years? I don't care if we're divorced. We have a child. And that binds us forever.

EMMA

Here is my man. I don't know what I did to deserve you?

JIMMY

So doesn't Kevin deserve a family?

EMMA

Are we on the same issue again?

JIMMY

Yes Emma, I want you to start your alcohol addiction treatment again. You always come here anyway. We can be a family again.

EMMA

I know Jimmy. I do not feel ready for treatment. I'm not staying here because I don't want Kevin to see me like that.

JIMMY

Okay, but I want you to think about this. You can do it, Emma.

EMMA

Okay, I'll think about this. What happened to Kelvin? What did the doctor say?

JIMMY

Kevin's treatment was going well. He took a good hit in the baseball game. Maybe that was too much for him. Then he fell to the ground and passed out.

EMMA

He wasn't injured, was he?

JIMMY

No, nothing happened.

EMMA

So what does the doctor say?

JIMMY

Kevin needs to undergo further treatment. Otherwise, he won't get better.

EMMA

So how much money do you need?

JIMMY

That's the problematic part. They want fifty thousand dollars to start treatment.

EMMA

That's a lot of money.

JIMMY

Yes, according to the doctor, these costs could increase depending on our son's response to the treatment.

EMMA

Coffee is very good. So, what are you going to do?

JIMMY

I don't have many options.

EMMA

You're not thinking of going back to the rings, are you?

JIMMY

What else do we have, Emma? You do not have a regular job. My job, my economic situation does not cover these costs.

EMMA

Damn it. When I woke up in the morning I had a little headache. It hurts so bad now.

INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

At Jimmy's workplace, all the customers have left the restaurant. Jimmy is having a beer and chatting with his friend. An MMA match appears on television.

TEDD

Hey Jimmy! Look at this guy, isn't he pretty good?

Jimmy curiously takes a look at the match. In the match, a black fighter beats his opponent thoroughly.

JIMMY

Yes, I know that. That's cat Bill. He has a terribly powerful left fist.

TEDD

Do you know him?

JIMMY

Yes, I know the day he first started MMA. He was strong, but he didn't know anything. He has improved a lot now

MATT

Yes, the man is a damn terminator!

JIMMY

They call him Bill the cat. Because he plays and tortures the opposing fighter like a cat.

TEDD

Is he doing that now?

JIMMY

Yes, he could have finished this man long ago. Yes, he could have finished this man long ago. He is playing with the man to increase his own fame and win some more fans.

JOHN

Wow bastard...

JIMMY

He is making a show. He is trying to satisfy and make the audience happy. If you're a fighter that makes the audience happy, you'll get a lot of invites.

MATT

Damn, he's good.

JIMMY

A fighter will reach the best he can be if he continues to train. Now he is very near to his best point.

JOHN

Hey Jimmy, can I be an MMA fighter too?

JIMMY

Dude, do the women in this city who love your handsome face a favour. And stay away from all this!

MATT

I think you should join the MMA. Maybe they will be fixing your ugly face! Hahaha!

TEDD

That's a good point! I like that!
They have to spend tons of time
fixing his face! Hahaha!

JOHN

Tedd let's enter the MMA together.
We can take a group discount!
hahaha!