

Collar and Elbow Episode 1: Golden Child

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INT. HULLEMS HOME - BEDROOM - DAY - FLASHBACK

A YOUNG DANNY is sitting on the floor of what looks to be a toy room, he is fiddling with toys. Some arbitrary kids cartoon is on the television, it is being ignored.

He picks up a toy car...

and tosses it aside.

He picks up a small basket ball...

and tosses it aside.

Something from across the room catches his eye,

The television remote.

He reaches out for it, he begins to press random buttons.

Click.

The children's cartoon is gone. In it's place remains a Man shrouded in a black cloak surrounded by smoke. He walks down an ramp-way to what is revealed to be a professional wrestling ring.

Young Danny's eyes are wide, and fixated to the television.

The Cloaked Man steps into the ring. He takes off his hood to reveal long black hair. He rolls his eyes to the back of his head. A suited man behind him holds a microphone.

ANNOUNCER
THE UNDERTAKERR!

Young Danny's jaw is agape, eyes locked to the screen. The announcer's voice echoes through his brain

His trance is broken by MAUREEN Entering and gasping loudly

MAUREEN
Absolutely not Danny, This is most certainly not for you.

She changes the channel back to cartoons.

YOUNG DANNY
But mo-

MAUREEN

But nothing, You shouldn't be watching that.

Maureen exits the room.

Young Danny plops onto the floor defeated and returns to mindlessly fiddle with toys again.

Maureen is gone. He's in the clear, Young Danny looks around and reaches for the remote again.

FADE TO:

EXT. COLLEGE GRADUATION - PRESENT - DAY

DANNY stands behind a podium, his quaking hands hidden from the audience

DANNY

... Apple, Walmart, Microsoft, Starbucks. while kids played doctor and football, I spent my days selling to people. I spent my days recreating infomercials, or trying to sell a wooden spoon in my kitchen to my mom. Marketing has been in my blood for as long as I can remember. garage sales were my favorite, I'd sit behind the table and convince people to buy my old baby clothes and they weren't even married yet. My goal was to not only convince people that these products would make their lives better, but to sell them things that they didn't know they even needed!

INT. COLLEGE PARTY - NIGHT

A typical college house party filled with countless Solo cups, the camera pans around looking for our protagonist to focus on.

He's not there.

INT. COLLEGE PARTY - BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

Danny is sitting in the bathtub, a completely filled drink sits on the rim of the tub.

A girl enters.

GIRL
oh I'm sorry I didn't know it was occu-

She notices that it is Danny

GIRL
Hey I loved your speech today

DANNY
Marketing is a bunch of Bullshit

GIRL
Excuse me?

DANNY
Yeah.. All of it b u l l s h i t

GIRL
well I really liked it

DANNY
You did?

GIRL
Yeah it felt very genuine, like you
really believed what you were saying.

DANNY
That's just marketing, you have to
believe everything you're saying, or
else you cant... market... it

GIRL
Well, you marketed really well then.

DANNY
Thanks.

INT. HULLEMS HOME - DANNY'S ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

Danny is sitting at a desk on his laptop.

Danny's jaw is agape, eyes locked to the screen.

His trance is broken by MAUREEN knocking on his door.

MAUREEN
(OS)
Danny? Are you decent?

Danny snaps his laptop shut

DANNY

Yeah! you can come in

MAUREEN

There's my Valedictorian! How are the job applications going?

DANNY

Uh Pretty good, I've applied to three more.

Danny Stammers.

DANNY

oh I have an interview tomorrow as well.

MAUREEN

Oh Danny that is So wonderful!

MAUREEN

Not to pull you away from finding a job, but would you be able to pick up your sister from practice tomorrow?

DANNY

Isn't Ellie like 12?

MAUREEN

Yeah I know but its different at night. We're in the city basically

DANNY

yeah sure I'll take care of it

MAUREEN

I had to pick up another shift at work, I really appreciate it.

She stands in the door frame for a beat.

MAUREEN

Thank you so much Danny.

Maureen exits the room closing the door behind her.

He waits for the door to close. He open the laptop again.

The screen is slowly revealed to not be job searching but to

be professional wrestling.

Danny falls into his trance again.

A small ad pops up on the bottom of his screen

INSERT:

COLDHEART WRESTLING SEMINAR

TODAY May 25th, 7pm

He looks at the clock. it's 6:15

INT. HULLEMS HOME - 20 MINUTES LATER

Scattered across the kitchen table are multiple bills.

Maureen is sitting in front of the scattered envelopes staring at a particular bill that has the word **OVERDUE** on the front.

Danny flies down the stairs and out the door at lightning speed.

DANNY

Heymomigotacallfromajobandtheysaidific
angetthereinlessthananhouricangetanint
erviewsothatswhereimgoing Bye!

The door slams shut.

Maureen looks up to speak.

Danny is already gone.

She lets out a deep sigh, as she places her head in her hands over the scattered bills.

INT. COLDHEART GYM - DAY

A warehouse, filled with seats and a few wrestling rings. A punk older looking man is standing in a ring, Sitting on the apron of the ring is, ANTHONY (25). A dozen or so people sit in chairs facing the two.

BARON

Y'know when I started in this
business, a lot of places would take
your money and beat the shit out of
you. Now I'm gonna do both of those

things as well, the only difference is
I'm gonna te-

Danny opens the door, it violently creaks open. Interrupting Baron's speech and drawing everyone's attention.

BARON
What do you want?

The sound of Danny gasping for air echoes through the warehouse.

DANNY
uhm me?

BARON
No the other kid who just walked in
interrupting everything.

DANNY
Oh I'm so sorry, I'm here for the
seminar

Everyone laughs.

BARON
Just sit down

Danny scrambles towards a seat in the crowd, he squeezes through the crowd and sits between GEN (22), a girl with bright colored hair and a few tattoos, and PETE (23) he's in shape and proudly rocks a chinstrap beard.

While passing Pete, Danny knocks the cup of coffee out of Pete's hand.

It spills all over his lap.

DANNY
(whispers)
Oh shit I'm soo sorry

PETE
(Whispers angrily)
What the fuck asshole?

DANNY
(whispers)
Im really so sorry, it was an accident

PETE
(Whispers angrily)
Do you know how much these fucking
cost? They're Designer.

Danny is puzzled by the possibility of designer Basketball
shorts

BARON
Excuse me!

Baron scratches his head in frustration.

BARON
First you come in late, then you start
chatting? Are you two done?

Danny and Pete sheepishly slump into their seats.

GEN
(Whispers to Danny)
It not like you did it on purpose
right?

Danny chuckles nervously as he tries to focus on Baron
speaking.

BARON
My goal is to teach you all, I can
promise you this wont be easy, every
time you get knocked down you better
get back up. You need to love this,
and you need to believe in yourself.
You are going to get the shit kicked
out of you every day, and you're going
to have to come back, Every other day.
we will run drills, push your limits
to the extreme. If you miss more than
one in a week, we'll have a problem.
Anyone who has even the slightest
doubt in themselves can leave... Now.

People begin to leave, one by one they get up and go.

DANNY
(whispers)
Do you think I should go? I'm pretty
nervous and I came in late

GEN

I think you're okay

PETE

No please leave

GEN

Besides the fact that you're staying means you really want this.

PETE

You're still here?

About 7 people remain.

BARON

Alright now that we trimmed the fat, lets scare off the rest. To come and train here it is two thousand a year.

4 more people get up to leave.

BARON

Really? just three?, small group this time around. now's a good time to introduce, Anthony.

He points to him sitting on the apron of the ring.

BARON

He's my right hand here and biggest thorn in my side.

ANTHONY

aw you're so sweet.

BARON

Now everyone else. Who the hell are you?

GEN

My name is Gen sir

PETE

Pete.

DANNY

Oh my name is Danny

BARON

You're the kid who came in late right?

why should I even take you here, when you couldn't even show up on time.

DANNY

Well sir, I want to do this, I haven't felt a fire in me since... well ever! I just graduated college and I hated every minute of it. Then I saw an ad for the seminar pop up, and something in me told me to run... now I'm here.

BARON

...cute,
(he points to Pete)
what about you?

PETE

Well I already have the check written out.

Baron swipes the check out of Pete's hand. He grumbles to himself as he reads the check

BARON

Alright Cottontail, you're in.

Baron directs his attention to Gen

BARON

What about you cotton candy?

From under her seat Gen pulls out a duffel bag and unzips it to reveal a lot of money.

GEN

I work at a grocery store so it took me a long time to save up for this, I got promoted recently so that really helped.

Baron breaks a smile.

BARON

I appreciate the hustle

Baron refocuses on Danny.

BARON

And what about you? check? cash?

DANNY

See, about that, I just graduated college, and I've applied to 50 jobs in 2 weeks and-

BARON

Why are you here?

DANNY

Well I don't know I need work and I thought maybe I c-

BARON

Why. Are. You. HERE!?

Danny winces at Baron's shouting.

DANNY

Because I want to do this!

BARON

You need work, and you wanna learn?

DANNY

very much so.

BARON

3 weeks.

DANNY

What?

PETE

What?

BARON

You say you want this? Come here early every training day, help set up. Find a job, and work your ass off when you're here. If you can do all of that, we'll work something out.

DANNY

Seriously?

BARON

Do you want me to reconsider?

DANNY

Uh no sir.

Baron begins picking up chairs.

BARON
Cottontail, Candy, you're free to go,
be here tomorrow at 6.

The two grab their belongings and begin to head out.

BARON
Long, pale, and nervous, help me put
away these chairs.

Danny scrambles up to assist baron.

INT HULLEMS HOUSE - THAT NIGHT

Danny enters his home as quietly as he can.

Maureen is asleep at the table where we left her. Papers and bills are scattered around her.

Danny tiptoes through the darkness in hopes to not awake his mother.

The creaking of the floorboards echo through the home.

EXT. SCHOOL - THE NEXT DAY

Ellie is gathering her things from a locker, she fights to pull her backpack out of the small locker. She finally rips the bag from the lockers grip. A Large Koala stuffed Animal is flung out of the locker with her bag, The koala flies to the floor exploding with money.

Ellie looks around to see if anybody has seen.

She frantically drops to the floor and shoves the money back into the Stuffed Animal.

She looks around.

She pulls even more money out of her pocket and she shoves it into the Koala, She places the stuffed animal in the locker.

She sighs as she slams the locker shut.

EXT. SCHOOLYARD - LATER

A whistle echoes through the field as the coach wraps up soccer practice for the day.

Ellie has her bag in her hands as two older Athletic girls approach her.

ELLIE
You guys want in?

EXT. SIDEWALK - CONTINUOUS

Danny is waiting at the edge of the field to pick up his little sister. Across the field He recognizes Ellie.

He sees a transaction being made. The two girls hand her money.

EXT. SIDEWALK - A FEW MOMENTS LATER

Danny is walking along side, ELLIE, still wearing her soccer gear.

DANNY
so uhh... I have a question.

ELLIE
Whats up?

DANNY
So right when I got here to pick you up, I saw you talk to some other girls and I couldn't tell but it looked like they gave you money?

ELLIE
What are you talking about?

DANNY
Dude c'mon, Look I just wanna make sure you're okay

ELLIE
Uhm, you don't wanna know

DANNY
Really? I'm not gonna rat on you or anything.

she shrugs.

ELLIE
It's cool, Can I ask you a question?

DANNY
Sure whats up.

Ellie stops walking and digs through her bag.

DANNY
What are you up to? It looks like you were doing something suspicious, and I don't want to assume. But they say the apple doesn't fall from the tree.

ELLIE
Don't compare me to Dad, that's not cool.

She pulls out an envelope.

ELLIE
Did you know about this?

DANNY
What is that?

Danny examines the letter, its addressed to Maureen.

A beat.

ELLIE
Well?

DANNY
Why do you have moms mail?

ELLIE
Open it, idiot.

Danny opens the letter.

He scans the letter.

DANNY
I don't understand

ELLIE
of course you don't, Mr. Valedictorian
Should I spell it out? E-V-I-C-T-E-D

DANNY
I'm confused

ELLIE

Clearly you didn't know about this.

DANNY

Of course not, She's mentioned picking up extra shifts.

ELLIE

Use your brain Mr. Valedictorian. A few months ago we lost our phone service for a week.

DANNY

Mom didn't tell me that? She said there was some problem with the company

ELLIE

Yeah not paying them was the problem. She always said she didn't want you to worry, she was always like "Oh my smart smart son, he's doing so well in college. He has to stay focused." **blegh**. You're the golden child man. The one who's "gonna save us" or something.

DANNY

Do you really feel like that? Does she say those things?

ELLIE

Yeah dude.

The two are silent the rest of the walk.

They arrive at their home.

DANNY

Alright you have your keys right? I gotta run to work.

INT. COLDHEART GYM - THE NEXT DAY

The gym is empty The turnbuckle pads have not been placed nor have the aprons.

Danny is setting up folding chairs absent minded around the ring.

Baron rolls into the ring, he tugs on the rope, testing its resistance.

His testing continues as he leans on the rope.

Danny is dragging his feet as he places another chair.

He begins sprinting towards the other side of the ring.

Back and forth Baron bounces on the ropes.

Danny's daze is broken by the sounds of footsteps in the ring echoing through the gym.

He is drawn towards the ring. Intensely focused on Baron

Baron, slows down needing to catch his breath. As he slows down, finally he notices Danny.

BARON

(windd)

Aren't you supposed to be setting up chairs

DANNY

Uhh, yes you're right, I-I'm sorry

BARON

What caught your attention?

DANNY

Huh?

BARON

You heard me.

DANNY

It was uhh, you're focus, there was so much that you were thinking about, but you ran the ropes with such precision.

BARON

Are you trying to gas me up?

DANNY

No I mean it, I've never been so close to a ring before.

BARON

Whats on your mind kid?

DANNY
Oh it's nothing.

BARON
Do you wanna talk about it or not?

DANNY
I just found out we might be kicked
out of our house.

BARON
I've been there kid. Most of us have.
Anthony lived in his car for a while.
This is a place to let reality go for
a bit.

He walks up to the ropes and sits on the middle rope, whilst
pushing the top rope up.

He is holding the ropes open for Danny to enter.

BARON
Now's your chance

DANNY
Are you sure?

BARON
You really gotta stop giving people
time to reconsider

DANNY
...fair

Danny heads to the ring, and enters through the ropes Baron
hold open.

He paces around slowly taking in every inch of the warn out
canvas, the ropes, the bare turnbuckles, everything.

BARON
You were staring at me running the
ropes, give it a try.

DANNY
(snapping back into reality)
what?

BARON
Try and run.. the ropes. What am I
speaking gibberish?

Dan walks up to the rope and leans against it.

BARON
What are you waiting for?

Danny runs towards the ropes.

He's watched people do this for years, he knows what to do.

He turns his back to the ropes, and bounces off, keeping his momentum.

Gen quietly slips in to the gym unnoticed.

He bounces off the ropes again.

Gen watches surprised.

He approaches the ropes one more time.

BAM! Danny slips through the ropes. Falling onto the cold gym floor.

Gen holds back a laugh.

GEN
(to self)
Oh shit

Danny looks up. Baron is in the ring towering over him.

BARON
First lesson: If you don't know what you're doing, ask a question. Or you're gonna hurt yourself, or worse someone else.

Danny groans in pain.

BARON
We got about 15 before everyone else shows up, mop the floor quick.

Danny groans again.

INT. COLDHEART GYM - DAY - 15 MINUTES LATER

Danny mops the floor while Gen sits in a chair nearby

GEN
Hows your back feel after that bump?

DANNY
Wait.. you saw that?

GEN
Yeah, slipped in and saw you in the ring.

DANNY
Really? I didn't think you were that early, I didn't see you 'til I came back with the bucket

GEN
I always try to be early, My dad always said early is on time, and on time is late.

DANNY
Good rule.

The gym door opens, ANTHONY enters.

ANTHONY
Sup newbies

He heads towards the lockers after waving to baron who is stretching in the ring.

Pete strolls in, large headphones and sunglasses on. He's holding a coffee cup in one hand and a duffel bag in the other.

Gen lets out an uncomfortable smile in the direction of Pete.

Pete approaches Danny who is finishing up mopping

PETE
Are you mopping right now?

DANNY
What's it look like?

PETE
cool

Pete opens the lid of his coffee cup, and pours it on the floor.

PETE
I think you missed a spot

Pete walks away, heading towards the lockers.

DANNY

Really?

GEN

what a dick.

Baron gets into the ring and shouts to Danny and Gen

BARON

Be ready in 10!

INT. COLDHEART GYM - DAY - 10 MINUTES LATER

Gen, Danny, and Pete stand on one side of the ring, Anthony and Baron stand across from them.

Gen leans over and loudly whispers to Danny

GEN

I'm pretty nervous honestly

BARON

Why? Am I really that scary?

He waits for a laugh.

He doesn't get one.

BARON

Alright, You all know who Anthony is.

Anthony steps forward.

ANTHONY

Other than you calling me A pain in your ass? They know nothing about me!

Baron lets out a deep laugh.

BARON

There is more to you than that?

Anthony lets out a light chuckle.

Danny lets out a nervous chuckle to fit in, his hands are shaking, he clenches them in hope it'll stop.

BARON

Today is an important day. I want to

show you all one of the most basic things in ring, a Lock up, most matches start this way, you might not even realize it.

Baron looks around, analyzing his students

BARON
Cottoncandy, come here.

Gen approaches him.

BARON
Alright first step. right hand on their left shoulder. C'mon candy.

Gen places her hand where he stated.

BARON
Next I'll put my right hand on her left shoulder. Now we drape our other arms on the inside of our opponents elbows.

Gen and Baron lock up.

BARON
Now this is called a collar and elbow, remember that. This is a great sequence starter, because you can switch directly into..

Baron slips through gens arms and places her in a headlock.

BARON
A headlock

He lets go

BARON
Lock up again

They lock up

BARON
or an arm wrench

Baron slips through her arms again and twists one.

He lets go.

BARON

Alright we're gonna rotate with one person resting each time, Gen and I, Anthony and Danny, Pete rest now. This is how its gonna be, lock up, two steps forward two steps back, Headlock, break, switch, repeat. Then you're gonna do the same shit but with an arm wrench instead.

Everyone groups up.

Danny and Anthony attempt to lock up, Danny is still shaking

ANTHONY

Hey dude, You okay?

Danny nods. His hands are still shaking

ANTHONY

I know what you're feeling I was in your shoes not too long ago. we're gonna lock up and you're gonna follow what I say alright?

DANNY

Yeah I can do that.

ANTHONY

Close your eyes

DANNY

What?

ANTHONY

Trust me dude

Danny closes his eyes

ANTHONY

Alright, take a deep breath.

Danny inhales and exhales deeply.

ANTHONY

Good now two steps forward

two steps back.

Danny is following flawlessly

ANTHONY
Alright the hard part, headlock

Danny slips Anthony smoothly into a headlock

ANTHONY
Beautiful. Now break

Danny opens his eyes.

ANTHONY
How do you feel?

DANNY
Better

ANTHONY
Cool lets keep moving then.

They run the lock up drill, 2 steps forward, 2 back,
headlock, break

Lock up, 2 steps forward, 2 back, arm wrench, break, switch.

INT. HULLEMS HOME - LIVING ROOM - LATER THAT NIGHT

Danny enters his home, and drops his bag down. He spots
Maureen.

she is asleep at the kitchen table, her hair is a mess.

As Danny approaches he spots a bottle of wine.

He picks up the bottle, its almost empty.

Maureen stirs awake slowly.

MAUREEN
Danny? is that you?

She sees all the bills spread across the table.

MAUREEN
I was just taking care of some bills,
um. Any luck with that interview?

DANNY
Interview?

Maureen rubs her eyes

MAUREEN
You said you had an interview right?

DANNY
(Stammers)
Oh yeah, I uh did.

MAUREEN
And? how'd it go?

DANNY
Uhm Pretty good I guess

MAUREEN
Did they make you an offer?

DANNY
oh uh yeah, they did

MAUREEN
well? for how much?

Ellie stands in the stairwell unnoticed.

Danny searches for an answer.

DANNY
Um Five.. Hundred?

Maureen's eyes tear up.

MAUREEN
Oh Danny, we can finally catch up on
some of these bills.

Danny spots the large OVERDUE stamp on many of the envelopes.

Maureen looks around quickly

MAUREEN
Uh Not that we're in trouble or
anything. but this'll really help
Danny. Its a godsend.

Maureen swallows back more tears.

MAUREEN
500 a month right?

Danny looks around for an answer, He spots Ellie in the
Stairwell.

Danny now emboldened (wanting to make Maureen feel better)

DANNY
no, uh a week!

Maureen begins to sob, as she hugs Danny

With Maureen's arms wrapped tightly around him, Danny spots his sister in the stairwell.

Danny is mortified.

INT. HULLEMS HOME - DANNY'S ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Danny sits down at his desk and looks at his arms.

They are already covered in bruises.

Danny pulls out his phone, and dials a number

GEN
(VO)
Hello?

DANNY
Hey it's Danny

GEN
(VO)
Oh what's up? is everything okay?

DANNY
Yeah I just really need a job

GEN
(VO)
I thought you got one, wasn't that the deal with Baron?

DANNY
No I told him I was gonna get one,
He's not really the problem though,
it's my mom.

GEN
(VO)
what's your mom gotta do with any of this?

DANNY
She's not really the biggest fan of

Wrestling. She think it's trashy

GEN

(VO)

well she not wrong

DANNY

No I know that but I told her I got a job, and that's where I am when we're at Coldheart. And I told her I got a job.

GEN

(VO)

hmm, What about temp work?

DANNY

I told her I'm working for a small tech company.

GEN

(VO)

How much did you say you were making?

DANNY

uh, 500\$

GEN

(VO)

Okay.. That's manageable?...
what about dog Walking?
Oh! you could sell some old stuff?

DANNY

A week..

GEN

(VO)

500 A WEEK! How the hell are you gonna do that??

DANNY

I Don't know what I'm gonna do dude.

Ellie stands in the doorway unnoticed.

GEN

(VO)

...wasn't your major Marketing? Isn't that just all lying?

DANNY
Well I guess

GEN
(VO)
So just... market yourself?

Danny sinks into his chair.

DANNY
Yeah I guess. Thank you. I'll talk to
you later.

Danny hangs up the phone. He lets out a sigh of defeat.

ELLIE
Why would you lie though?

Danny Has been caught By his little sister.

Danny fumbles around to face Ellie.

DANNY
Okay Look Ell, You CANT say a thing,
Please

ELLIE
I just don't know why you would lie,
especially after I showed you that
letter we got.

DANNY
I'm doing something that mom won't be
happy about

ELLIE
I thought you said you got a job? Are
you selling drugs?

DANNY
Drugs? what? No

ELLIE
Because I'd know buyers

DANNY
Absolutely not you're twelve.

ELLIE
Then what are you doing?

DANNY
Why do I have to tell you?

ELLIE
because you lied to me

DANNY
so?

Ellie shrugs and turns away from the door

ELLIE
Hey ma I hav-

Danny pulls Ellie into his room and closes the door.

DANNY
Alright Fine. Do you remember when I'd
watch you when mom was working late.

ELLIE
yeah and you'd just watch wrestling?

DANNY
Yeah! well that's what I'm doing.

She snickers.

ELLIE
Really?

Danny looks around confused

DANNY
Yeah! I'm going to the gym now, I'm
working out, I'm learning how to
wrestle! I'm meeting new people Its
amazing.

Ellie notices the shine in Danny's eyes as he describes this
to her.

ELLIE
Hmmm

A beat passes.

ELLIE
well I think I know how we can solve
this

DANNY
what? No I'm not selling drugs to your
friends.

ELLIE
Shut up its not drugs. What do they
say about casinos?

DANNY
The house always wins?

ELLIE
correct, we become the house.

DANNY
I'm confused

ELLIE
Middle school and high school betting,
football games, whats for lunch on
Friday, anything and everything.

Danny stares, she shrugs.

DANNY
how much will that actually help?

ELLIE
well middle schoolers just bet their
lunch money so nothing too big. High
Schoolers are where its at. Word
around the block is that the dude
running it got caught by the principal
so he's out of business. meaning we
have an opening.

DANNY
He got caught?

ELLIE
Yeah He got cocky, and got caught. No
one would expect a sweet little girl
right?

She has made a good point. Danny rubs his chin for a moment
thinking.

DANNY
Whats the most you've made in a single
pool?

He is still suspicious.

ELLIE

Well, it was the famous cookie or ice cream Friday.

DANNY

...what?

ELLIE

Every Friday at the middle school kids bet on what lunch special we have; Special cookies or ice cream.

DANNY

okay?

ELLIE

Some kid in kindergarten's dad drives the delivery truck. so I pay him basically nothing to tell me and no one else.

DANNY

Isn't that insider trading?

ELLIE

and?

DANNY

That's what you were doing earlier wasn't it? That's why you dodged the question!

ELLIE

(she smiles devilishly)
Possibly.

DANNY

Ellie.. Do you think this could work?

ELLIE

Oh yeah it can

DANNY

Why do you want me to help?

ELLIE

My locker is literally overflowing with cash, you know how suspicious that looks? You get to Wrestle. I get to keep my business, and we get mom the money.

ELLIE

you think I don't want to help mom? I cant because where would a twelve year old be getting all this money from? I get to actually help mom, and you get to stay the godsend.

Ellie Rolls her eyes and sighs.

ELLIE

So much for being the golden child I guess.

DANNY

Ellie this is amazing! I'll get to work on spreadsheets to make it easier for us to keep track of money.

ELLIE

Wonderful

DANNY

This is a deal right? You don't tell mom about me wrestling? and we run this *together*, fifty-fifty?

ELLIE

It's practically guaranteed

MAUREEN

(OS)

What do you guys want for dinner?

The brother and sister exchange a glance and shake hands.

FADE TO BLACK

THE END