

LUNCH MONEY

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WILLIAM (13) scruffy and torn school uniform, with his back to the camera, searches shelves and drawers. He grabs a hammer, shakes his head and tosses it over his shoulder with a thud.

A mallet. Same reaction, over the shoulder.

Thud.

A hacksaw. A pause. Shrug. Over the shoulder.

Clang.

Was that a groan?

William winds a hand drill in the air. Over the shoulder.

Heavy thud. A definite groan and sounds of a struggle.

WILLIAM
Easy, the knots will just get
tighter if you struggle.

A muffled groan. William tosses a trowel over his shoulder.

WILLIAM
I know that, because I'm a nerd.

The last word is forced out with venom.

Another screwdriver lands with a thud.

WILLIAM
A geek...

A chisel.

WILLIAM
A mummy's boy...

A Stanley knife.

WILLIAM
A pussy...

William reaches for something on a low shelf and chuckles. He turns, a shiny pair of garden shears in his hands, the blades snip twice in the air.

WILLIAM
Who's the bitch now, Gary?

William reaches towards us and pulls down on something below the screen. Choking and a breath of relief as a gag is removed. We are viewing William from GARY'S (13) POV.

GARY (O.S.)
You're fucking insane, let me go!

WILLIAM
That's all I ever wanted, Gary,
just to be left alone.

Crying.

GARY (O.S.)
Please. I'm sorry. I --

WILLIAM
(looking up)
-- bit late now don't you think?

GARY (O.S.)
I just want my mum.

William pulls two nursing tourniquets from his pocket and holds them up.

WILLIAM
You know what these are?

A shake of the camera.

WILLIAM
They'll help slow the flow of
blood.

Gary sobs and struggles.

William turns to the workbench and taps the top of a black box that lights up with a red digital 50:00. It immediately begins counting down in seconds.

WILLIAM
We've got about one 'lunch time' I
reckon, plenty of time to play.

Gary whimpers as William raises the shears in one hand and the tourniquets in the other.

William stares at the tourniquets.

WILLIAM
Do you like them? I bought them
with my lunch money.