

INT. DEAN PICKETT'S OFFICE - DAY

Dean Pickett slaps a pizza box down on his desk.

DEAN PICKETT

If you had to venture a guess, what
would you say is on this pizza?

Ryan folds his arms in the chair across from him.

RYAN

I don't care.

Dean Pickett opens the box. Inside is a plain pizza. No
sauce, no cheese, just sardines on the right side.

DEAN PICKETT

This arrived at my office just
moments ago. The name on the order
was Dean Pickett. It specified that
I had to pay in person.

RYAN

Sounds like you ordered fish bread.

DEAN PICKETT

I did NOT. But I did pay for it. 20
dollars out of pocket. Plus tip for
the driver whose instructions were
to walk directly into my office,
drop it on my desk, and speak only
in an Italian accent.

RYAN

This is all on the receipt?

DEAN PICKETT

Yes.

RYAN (SMIRKING)

And he did the accent?

DEAN PICKETT

You ordered me this pizza.

RYAN

Got proof?

DEAN PICKETT

I know you did it.

RYAN

That's funny cause I didn't.

DEAN PICKETT
Then you know who did?

RYAN
Then you don't know I did it.

Dean Pickett stands.

DEAN PICKETT
But you just said you did it!

Ryan stands too.

RYAN
I said you don't know I did it
cause I didn't do it, so I know you
don't know I did it!

They take a moment to catch their breaths.

DEAN PICKETT
I was gonna let you off the hook
for the dress clothes today. I was
gonna call you into my office and,
if you passed inspection, say "It's
been a week. I hope you learned
something."

RYAN
And I would've said "I didn't."

DEAN PICKETT
You wouldn't have passed anyway.
Your shoe's untied.

RYAN
That's part of it?

DEAN PICKETT
Why'd you order me pizza?

RYAN
Walk me through the evidence. I'm
tech savvy. Maybe I could help you
find whoever did this, clear my
name, and hopefully be rewarded?

DEAN PICKETT
Fine.

RYAN
Cool. What does the email on the
receipt say?

DEAN PICKETT
TheRealDeanPickett@gmail.com

RYAN
Right. But if you put that into
gmail and say forgot my password
you can see a phone number--

DEAN PICKETT
It's my phone number.

RYAN
Really. And the primary address is--

DEAN PICKETT
My home address.

RYAN
Huh. Kinda sounds like you ordered
fish bread.

DEAN PICKETT
I can prove it was you. I'm gonna
track the VPN to--

RYAN
The school's Wi-Fi?

DEAN PICKETT
It's clearly you. You have the
motive.

RYAN
You think I'm the only kid at this
school who doesn't like you?

The question falls like a ton of bricks.

RYAN (CONT'D)
Let me backtrack--

DEAN PICKETT
That's it. You're banned from
graduation.

RYAN
Oh man. It was gonna be so fun to
hear a bunch of names in a row.

DEAN PICKETT
I'm trying to show you that your
actions have consequences. That
your choices matter.

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DEAN PICKETT (CONT'D)

You're making decisions that you'll
regret for the rest of your life.

Ryan leans back and smiles.

RYAN

Oh I plan on it.