

**"SANDALS"**

FADE IN:

EXT. BEACH PARTY - DAY

JASON (Jason Momoa) and some friends (PETE, ALEX, and LESLIE) stand in the sand at a beach outing, holding drinks, all wearing beach attire. Specifically sandals. Everyone's feet are visible except Jason's, whose are obscured by a cooler.

PETE

What a great day for the beach!

ALEX

I've waited all winter for this!

Leslie digs her foot into the sand.

LESLIE

I just love the feeling of the sand  
between my toes.

ALEX

I can finally let these puppies  
breathe!

JASON

Yeah.

Jason laughs uncomfortably. Pete points out Alex's sandals.

PETE

Killer flops my man!

Alex points out Pete's sandals.

ALEX

Same to you, buddy! What are those,  
Teva's?

PETE

Sure are. Those Havaianas?

ALEX

You know it! I buy a fresh pair  
every spring!

LESLIE

Don't think I didn't notice!

PETE

You are put together, sir. Head to exposed toe!

LESLIE

You know, that's the great thing about sandals. They can really look good in any situation.

PETE

Not to mention, they don't break the bank!

Jason nods in agreement, and holds up his drink. Pete looks down at Jason's feet.

PETE (CONT'D)

Hey, Jay. How come you're wearing sneakers?

JASON

Oh, I guess I just like the protection they give me.

PETE

Oh. Ok.

Everyone's quiet for a beat.

JASON

But don't get me wrong, guys. I love sandals too!

PETE

Just not enough to wear them to the beach. Okay. Alright. Weird, but ok.

Alex breaks the tension.

ALEX

You know who else loved sandals? Jesus!

LESLIE

Yeah he did! That man loved breathable attire!

ALEX

Pete, 'nother beer?

PETE

Nah, I'm not really in the mood to drink. I just wanna know why Jay's too good for sandals.

ALEX

Come on, man.

PETE

You wouldn't wear gloves to a dinner party. Why you wearing hi-tops to a beach party? Too good for sandals, asshole?

JASON

No. I just don't feel comfortable in them.

PETE

You think you're better than Jesus?

JASON

Look, man. I just --

PETE

Take your shoes off, man.

Pete moves towards Jason, Alex cools him off.

JASON

I'm embarrassed of my feet, okay? They're ugly.

ALEX

Jay, if that's what's stopping you. Don't let it. We're all friends here. Just take your shoes off.

LESLIE

Yeah, Jay. Take your shoes off.

JASON

I can't. Really, my feet are kind of gross.

PETE

Take your shoes off.

JASON

I... I...

ALEX

Just take 'em off.

PETE  
(yelling)  
Take them off, Jay!

LESLIE  
Just take them off, Jay. For Pete's  
sake.

JASON  
No!

ALEX  
Jay, please --

JASON  
(screaming)  
Ok! Fine!

He bends down behind the cooler and unties his shoes.

JASON (CONT'D)  
I'll take my damn shoes off, but  
don't say I didn't warn you!

Jason steps up on the cooler, one foot at a time, to reveal the most horrifically damaged, hairy, fucked up, broken, hobbit feet you've ever seen. The nails are green, toes misshapen, etc.

ALEX  
Oh my god!

Alex throws up.

LESLIE  
Jesus!

Leslie looks away, blinded.

JASON  
(growling)  
This is what you wanted!

Pete shudders.

PETE  
How did that even happen?

JASON  
I was born this way, mostly. But  
also, a truck ran them over when I  
was seven. And when I was  
seventeen, I got trapped in a  
canyon.

(MORE)

JASON (CONT'D)

I used my boots to throw at predators, then climbed out of the canyon barefoot over the course of two days.

ALEX

That's horrible.

JASON

I also left my athletes foot go untreated all through high school and college.

LESLIE

Ugh!

JASON

I also wore the wrong size shoes for a while.

Alex vomits. Jason takes a huge breath in and raises his chin.

JASON (CONT'D)

You cannot know another man's journey. You cannot know the pain that man his hiding. It may be for the protection of himself, or it may be for the protection of you. If he tells you he does not wear sandals, and you consider him an honorable man, then you must honor that man's request. I tried to protect you, but you pushed. And now you see, why I don't show people my feet.

Leslie, Alex, and Pete cower.

PETE

I didn't know.

JASON

I must go now.

Jason grabs his shoes, and walks off into the sunset.

FADE TO BLACK.