



Project Billy

Pre-reading activities

1. What does it mean when we say that somebody is living a double life?
2. Do you know any characters from literature or film living double lives? Describe them. Why do they live like that?

Reading activities

1. How many characters are there in the excerpt? What do you know about them from the text?
2. Describe the characters. Where are they?
3. Work in groups. Take the first part (Andy) and rewrite it as a dialogue. Read it aloud.
4. Prepare three living pictures illustrating your dialogue.
5. What is the relationship between the individual characters like?
6. Who is Chris talking to in the second paragraph?
7. Is it possible that Andy, Chris and Billy are living double lives? Explain.
8. What exactly is the actual *Project Billy* about? Describe your idea.
9. Try to feel in Billy and write down the missing part of the text – Billy's inner monologue.

Post-reading activities

1. ID cards. Create your own second identity. Where are you going to use it and why?
2. Are you living your "second life" on the internet and social networks?
3. Why do you think that some people escape from their real lives to the virtual reality. Do you think it is right? Why? Why not? Does it involve any kind of risk or danger.



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Andy

Billy! How's it goin', Billy? What? Pills? No, not now. We've made a deal, Billy, right? You asked me so. How come you don't remember that?! Are you kiddin' me? I'm just tryin' to help you. The shit they're givin' you is no good for you. Next time you see them tell them you eat them fine. They don't know nothin' about you, Billy. I do. I do care for you. No pills now...

Any chance you've got a fag on you? Billy! I'm talkin' to you! Where are you goin' now?! Sit! Nice, good boy. What would you do without me? Where would you go? You know I'm the only one to talk to you, right? About your troubles, right? Tryin' to figure them out, right? Empty your pockets, please, lookin' for a fag... What's that now?! What the hell are you chewin'? A bagel?! Ice cream you're sayin'? Vanilla?! The power of fantasy?! Mental victory?! Oh Billy! Screw it! Alright, I'll give you three but no more...

Chris

Likes shootin' up. Not enough. More! Watch that, suckers! Mr Weirdo in the spotlight! Kneelin' down; droppin' a... droppin' a tear! I swear that was a tear! A tear of joy! Cry, Billy, cry, you're gonna be a star. All the people love you, don't dare to screw them! All the losers of the world pinned to the screen not even breathin'... Just beat them! Show them your nerves; take it off! Shake your body, baby! Move your fuckin' ass!

Swell, right?! And I tell you, that's not the peak! Warm up for the upcoming twists! Billy's gonna go nuts, Andy's already fucked up, totally desperate, will do anything you wish. Just text us! Below the video, on facebook, like the tweets, follow the instagram!


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