

Billy Spears - LLWS

INT. STUDIO

BILLY SPEARS, 12, stands alone in a room in front of a blank backdrop. He is wearing a baseball shirt and hat and holding a bat (or glove and ball). Even though he is only 12 - he is 6'5" (sorry, Luke, I'm gonna play him).

SFX: ESPN THEME SONG

BILLY SPEARS
(addressing camera, kid voice)
I'm Billy. I'm 12 years old - my
favorite player is Derek Jeter and
my favorite thing in the world is
friendship!

He immediately drops the act and becomes mad.

BILLY SPEARS
(his voice is now more mature)
Can I...Can somebody...Can I talk
to somebody about this shit?

The director, LANCEFORD MANN walks on from offstage. He is disheveled, broken. He's been putting up with this shit from twelve year olds all day long.

LANCEFORD MANN
What is it, Billy?

BILLY SPEARS
Can I ask, respectfully, who wrote
this vile smelling garbage juice of
nonsense that makes my twelve year
old throat burn with acid reflux
just from trying to say it?

LANCEFORD MANN
Thank you for being respectful.

BILLY SPEARS
(quickly)
Always.

LANCEFORD MANN
It was actually written, Billy, by
normal, everyday twelve year old
boys.

BILLY SPEARS
You mean those spazz-tits that are
probably at home praying that the
Little League World Series lasts
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BILLY SPEARS (cont'd)
forever so I can't come back and
alpha male the shit out of seventh
grade?

LANCEFORD MANN
Yes. Your peers. The guys you
should learn to be friends with in
case your baseball career doesn't
pan out the way you think it will.

BILLY SPEARS
Pffft! My baseball career not pan
out? No chance. You know what they
call me - The Beast. Because I hit
2 for 3 every game. My average is
666. (points at dick) Also they
call me The Beast for other
reasons!

LANCEFORD MANN
(trying to ignore his gesture)
OK well, we found that putting
other people's words in your mouths
and not letting you say *anything*
that you actually think makes you a
lot more likable for the people
watching on TV.

BILLY SPEARS
I thought that throwing eighty five
mile per hour heat right down the
cock of the plate and mixing it up
with a bender that will break you
off at the knees made me likable.

LANCEFORD MANN
Well, actually, we found that makes
you very unlikable. You know,
reminding adults of all their
physical inadequacies.

BILLY SPEARS
Look - can we go over the rest of
this stuff so I can see what other
nerd bullshit you're trying to make
me say?

LANCEFORD MANN
Okay. The next question, we ask
this of everybody, I don't know why
- is - "how are the girls treating
you now that you're on TV for the
Little League World Series?"

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BILLY SPEARS

Very nice. Very nice.

LANCEFORD MANN

And your answer is "well, I'm too focused on playing baseball right now to worry about girls. Maybe when I get back home I'll..."

BILLY SPEARS

(interrupting)

Nope. False.

LANCEFORD MANN

Look, you just have to...

BILLY holds up his index and middle finger on his right hand.

BILLY SPEARS

You wanna take a whiff? Then you can tell me how little time Billy Spears has for girls.

LANCEFORD MANN

No, thank you. I don't want to smell your fingers.

BILLY SPEARS

Billy Spears has been sticking digits in Gidgets all over this town.

LANCEFORD just stared at BILLY with disgust.

BILLY SPEARS

You see, Gidgets is a nickname I came up for all the girls I...

LANCEFORD MANN

(interrupting)

I get it.

BILLY SPEARS

(interrupts to finish)

fingerblast.

LANCEFORD MANN

Look, I'm sure you do very well with the girls, but nobody wants to hear about twelve year olds...fingerblasting.

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BILLY SPEARS

Well, what about the one time where Billy Spears almost porked Billy Spears' friend's mom.

LANCEFORD MANN

I'm sure that's not true.

BILLY SPEARS

It is. She was hammered. And it was Halloween. And Billy Spears was wearing a costume. So I think she thought Billy Spears was a full grown adult, seeing I'm six foot five and all. We was about to do it but then she passed out. And Billy Spears may do a lot of things, but Billy Spears does not take advantage of Billy Spears friend's mothers.

LANCEFORD MANN

That's certainly honorable. I'm sure it was difficult for you.

BILLY SPEARS

Hey! What do you got a problem with me?

LANCEFORD has had enough. He's sick and tired of putting up with these shitbag jock kids.

LANCEFORD MANN

As a matter of fact - yes. I've got a problem with all of you. I've gotta hide the fact that being twelve year old world class athletes have made you twelve year old world class assholes. I should let the world see what kind of people you really are.

BILLY SPEARS

Hey man, slow down. It's not my fault I happen to be good at something they put you on TV for. And that people on TV are automatically better than people who aren't on TV.

LANCEFORD MANN

You're not better than anyone. Are you aware of the term "peaking

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LANCEFORD MANN (cont'd)
early" because you're the
definition of it.

BILLY SPEARS
Look, I work hard at this. I'm sure
you work hard at what you do. And
if they put people on TV for being
good at putting people on TV then
you'd probably be on TV. But they
don't. All you do is put people on
TV - and YOU put ME on TV. So don't
complain about the fact that I get
to be on TV.

LANCEFORD realizes that in a strange way, BILLY is right.

LANCEFORD MANN
Oh my god, you're right. It's all
my fault. We took something as pure
and innocent as Little League
Baseball and turned the sweet
children playing it into monsters
by putting them on national
television. All this time I thought
I was fighting the good fight -
trying to make you kids look like
nice respectable youngsters, but I
was *making* you the monsters you
are...In fact...you're not the
monsters at all...I'm the monster.
I...Am...Legend.

BILLY SPEARS
You mean that movie with Jaden
Smith's dad?