

NEIGHBOR

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Eve pulls the BMW over, parks it. They get out.

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INT. DEB'S APARTMENT BUILDING - DAY

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Eve KNOCKS at Deb's apartment door. Her lip curls in disgust as she takes in the moldering building.

EVE

This place can't be good for her
state of mind.

No sound from behind the door. Eve KNOCKS again, harder and more insistent. She calls through the door:

EVE (CONT'D)

Deborah? Are you in there? Come on,
open up. We need to talk.

Still no sound from the apartment.

JULIA

Forget it. She's not home.

Start

EVE

Deborah! Let us in!

The door across the hall opens. The nosy neighbor again. Still in the same dirty bath robe. He leers at the two clean-cut women who obviously don't belong there.

NEIGHBOR

Y'all looking for Deb?

JULIA

Yeah. You know her?

NEIGHBOR

Not as much as I'd like to.

The neighbor looks at Julia hard.

NEIGHBOR (CONT'D)

You must be her sister, huh? You
look just like her.

(beat)

But less stabby.

(beat)

That's a compliment, by the way.

JULIA

... Thanks. I guess.



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NEIGHBOR

I ain't seen Deb around since yesterday evening.

JULIA

You keeping tabs on her or something?

NEIGHBOR

Neighbors gotta look out for one another 'round here.

(beat)

You want, you can wait for her in my place. She's bound to come back sooner or later, right?

He leers at them. Ugh. He's gross. And he's not going anywhere.

EVE

Thanks for the offer. But we're leaving.

NEIGHBOR

You sure? I got some weed.

EVE

If you see Deborah, could you tell her to call home? Tell her that her family's worried about her.

NEIGHBOR

Yeah. Sure. If I see her ...

Eve takes Julia by the hand, gets them out of there.

End

~~EXT. CONVENTION CENTER - NIGHT~~

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~~An establishing shot of a nice building. A convention center. A banner hanging above the entrance announces the charity auction that's being held there ... We hear the SOUNDS of a CHATTERING CROWD ...~~

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~~INT. CONVENTION CENTER - NIGHT~~

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~~The auction is over. Crews are breaking down banners and tables. The crowd has departed. Only the charity workers and their spouses remain behind. They're dressed in evening gowns and nice suits.~~

~~A WOMAN in a evening gown is hugging Eve, who also wears a~~



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JULIA

Mom!

They hug.

EVE

Are you okay, baby?

Julia SNIFFLES, nods. She looks like she's been crying. Part of the effect.

JULIA

Y-yeah. Come on. Hurry ...

They enter the building.

THE SOUND OF KNOCKING ...

121 INT. DEB'S APARTMENT BUILDING - NIGHT

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Eve is frantically knocking at Deb's door.

EVE

Deborah? Deb, please, just open the door!

Eve tries the knob, twisting, pushing with frustration.

EVE (CONT'D)

Deborah!

(to Julia)

I don't think she's here. What are we going to do?

JULIA

She could be in there just ignoring us. Or ...

It's unspoken, but implied that maybe Deb is dying inside.

Eve's face goes pale at the thought. She begins to POUND on the door.

Start

EVE

Deborah! Can you hear me?

The door across the hall flies open. The neighbor is there, wearing the same filthy robe.

NEIGHBOR

I don't know about her, but the whole building sure can.



He looks at Eve and Julia.

NEIGHBOR (CONT'D)

You two again? You know what time
it is?

Eve ignores the neighbor, keeps pounding on Deb's door.

NEIGHBOR (CONT'D)

I don't think she's home. I, uh,
heard her leave a little while ago.

EVE

How long?

He shrugs.

NEIGHBOR

What? You think I keep tabs on
everybody in the building? All I
know is it's late and you're making
a bunch of noise.

EVE

And I'll keep making noise until I
get a look inside.

(beat)

Where's the superintendent's
apartment?

NEIGHBOR

Lady, take a look at this place.
Does it look like it's got a super?
Call the management company
tomorrow. Tell em to let you in
then.

EVE

I told you: I am not leaving until
I get in there!

The neighbor looks at Eve, sees how serious she is. He SIGHS.

End

~~INT. DEB'S APARTMENT - NIGHT~~

~~122~~

~~The door BURSTS OPEN behind the massive weight of one
neighbors's shoulder.~~

~~He stumbles into the dark apartment. Eve and Julia are right
on his heels.~~

~~EVE~~

~~Deborah? Deb?~~



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