

WHAT LIES NEXT DOOR

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RAVEN, 23 is making herself breakfast, with a cup of coffee in her hand while wearing blue scrubs. LOWEN, 22 walks into the room with a laptop in her hand, and sits in front of Raven.

RAVEN
Writing again?

Raven looks at Lowen's laptop and points to it. Lowen lets out a small laugh.

LOWEN
Yeah, finally found some
inspiration for this next one.

RAVEN
Any hints?

LOWEN
Two words. Murder. Mystery.

Raven puts her cup and plate in the sink.

RAVEN
Can't wait to read it. Sorry gotta
run, I have one final today and
then straight to the hospital.

LOWEN
Only two more weeks and you'll be a
doctor!

Raven grabs her jacket and purse, letting out a laugh.

RAVEN
Not just yet, but hopefully soon.
See ya!

LOWEN
Byee.

Lowen watches Raven leave, grabs her laptop and walks to Ravens room.

LOWEN, still holding her laptop begins to walk around Ravens room, she picks up a photo off Ravens side table and admires it. She then sits in Ravens bed and begins typing her story.

3 INT.HALLWAY- AFTERNOON 3

RAVEN enters the apartment on the phone, she drops her stuff off in the kitchen and begins walking to her room.

4 INT.RAVENS ROOM- AFTERNOON 4

RAVEN

Yeah, come over whenever, you're the pro in all things biology.

RAVEN walks up to her bed and notices it is not made correctly. She looks around her room.

RAVEN (CONT'D)

Beth, let me call you back. Okay yeah see you soon.

Raven straightens out her bed, and walks to her bathroom.

5 INT.BATHROOM- AFTERNOON 5

RAVEN lets her hair down and begins brushing it.

6 INT.CLOSET- AFTERNOON 6

RAVEN walks into her closet and we see LOWEN hiding behind the door. Raven grabs her clothing and walks to her room again. Lowen slowly makes her way out of the closet and to her room.

7 INT. RAVENS ROOM- LATE AFTERNOON 7

RAVEN and BETHANY, 24 are on Ravens bed, with a pile of papers spread out studying for an exam.

RAVEN

I feel like my brain is fried.

BETHANY

Thats what med school does to a person.

RAVEN

2 more weeks. I keep telling myself that.

BETHANY

Any idea what you're doing after?

RAVEN

I really wanna move to Seattle,
theres a great residency program
over there, and I have an interview
for it tomorrow.

LOWEN

An interview?

LOWEN appears at Ravens door. Both Raven and Bethany let out
a small gasp.

RAVEN

You scared me.

Raven lets out a small laugh

LOWEN

Yeah sorry, was just gonna ask if
you wanted anything for dinner, I'm
about to get some food.

RAVEN

Oh, no I think we're just gonna
order something, lots of work to
do.

Raven motions at the pile of papers.

RAVEN (CONT'D)

Have you met Bethany?

BETHANY

Hey! Nice to meet you.

Lowen gives her a small smile and walks into the room.

LOWEN

So, an interview?

BETHANY

Oh yeah! It's nothing, didn't wanna
talk about it too much in case it
doesn't work out.

LOWEN

Right.

Lowen stares at Bethany.

BETHANY

We better get back to work.

Lowen smiles and nods, she walks out of the room and Bethany and Raven look at each other both appearing weirded out by the encounter they just had.

8 INT. LOWENS OFFICE- DAY 8

LOWEN is typing on her desktop, she picks up her phone and looks at Bethanys instagram, she appears jealous and irritated when she sees a photo of Raven and Bethany together, she slams the phone on the desk and resumes typing.

9 INT.KITCHEN- AFTERNOON 9

RAVEN is sitting at the kitchen drinking coffee, LOWEN walks in with her laptop in hand, and takes a seat at the counter.

RAVEN
Hows writing going?

Raven nods towards the computer.

LOWEN
Might be my best one yet.

RAVEN
Woah! Now I have to read some.

Raven laughs and reaches for the computer, Lowen takes it away aggressively.

LOWEN
No!

Raven freezes, appearing frightened.

RAVEN
Sorry, I-.

LOWEN
No, I'm sorry its just not ready yet, I want you to see the final product.

RAVEN
Right, got it.

Lowen looks down to her phone, she receives a text.

LOWEN

Landlord is complaining again,
guess my check didn't go through,
I'm gonna go talk to him.

RAVEN

Okay.

Ravens offers a faint smile. Lowen takes her computer with her and exits the room.

10 INT.RAVENS ROOM- AFTERNOON 10

RAVEN is sitting on her bed, looking through her phone, she switches it off and throws it down beside her, appearing frustrated. She gets off her bed and makes her way to Lowen's office.

11 INT.LOWENS OFFICE- AFTERNOON 11

RAVEN enters Lowen's office and sits in front of her desktop computer. She looks around the room and then clicks the mouse to turn on the computer. The title of the novel "Lies Within" pops up, Raven begins reading the novel.

12 INSERT- THE NOVEL MONTAGE 12

Montage of portions of the novel are shown on the screen.

"I always knew she was a liar."

"She told her friend she was moving, but never told me."

"She cant leave me."

"How could she lie to me."

"Theres only one solution."

"If I can't have her no one can."

BACK TO SCENE

13 INT.LOWENS OFFICE- AFTERNOON 13

RAVEN appears frightened, she reaches for her phone, but its not there.

RAVEN

Shit!

Raven gets up and runs to her room.

14 INT.RAVENS ROOM- AFTERNOON

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RAVEN opens the door and runs to her bed, she begins shuffling around her bedsheets and cannot find her phone.

RAVEN

No no no no.

Raven whispers.

LOWEN

Looking for this?

LOWEN is holding Ravens phone.

RAVEN

Oh! Hey, didn't know you were home.
Yeah I've been looking for that
everywhere.

Ravens voice is shaky and she attempts to conceal her fear within her laugh. Lowen smiles at her and walks towards Raven.

LOWEN

Here.

She reaches out her hand with the phone.

RAVEN

Than-

Lowen stabs Raven (off screen) and Raven begins to fall to the ground.

RAVEN (CONT'D)

Why?

Raven says with her last breaths.

LOWEN

For the perfect ending, can't have
an unfinished novel.

Raven falls to the ground and Lowen walks out of her room.

15 INT. LOWENS OFFICE- AFTERNOON

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LOWEN sits in front of her desktop and begins typing.

LOWEN (READING)

The end.

Lowen hits the submit button.

FADE TO BLACK