

STRANGER

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INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

The TV flashes with color as DAVID (29) gives it his undivided attention.

NEWS ANCHOR (ON TV)
Please stay in your homes and keep
you doors and windows locked. The
suspect has not been found out and
is still believed to be at large in
this area.

The news shows a map of the small town of Fairfield and a ringed area is highlighted on the map. David sees that his home is in the designated area and his face falls.

He quickly shoots up and begins going all around the house locking all the doors leading outside and locks all the windows. He makes sure the blinds are all closed and heaves back into the living room.

He sits back down on the couch and continues listening to the ongoing news report.

NEWS ANCHOR (ON TV)
The suspect has already murdered 8
different people tonight. The
police have also alluded to more
victims prior to tonight.

David's head begins to spiral and he starts thinking about other options.

DAVID
Maybe I can just drive away for now
and come back in the morning or
something.

He stands up and walks towards his keys, by the front door.

DAVID
Wait ... shit! I forgot I'm
practically out of gas.

David runs his hands down his face in frustration and stress. He turns around and walks back towards his couch in the living room.

NEWS ANCHOR (ON TV)
We are now being told by the local
police that the suspect is a
middle-aged male with long black
hair.

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NEWS ANCHOR (CONT'D)
His past victims had multiple stab wounds so he is believed to be armed with a knife-like weapon.

DAVID
What is wrong with people these days ... like why?! Why would you ever do something like this?

NEWS ANCHOR (ON TV)
We can not stress this enough. Please stay inside your homes or where ever you are located and makes sure the doors and windows are locked.

DAVID
Alright, I need a distraction.

David hastily grabs the remote and begins flipping through the channels. going from cooking shows, cartoons, and sports, however, he just can't choose one to stick with. His mind just continues too race with whats all going on.

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER

David continues to watch a random movie he found and is slowly drifting in and out of sleep. However, he then hears a quiet, but strange noise and shoots up.

DAVID
Huh? What was that?

He continues to look around, but only hears more silence.

DAVID (CONT'D)
No no no ... I know I heard something.

As he starts to sit back down he hears it again and his body tenses as he straightens up and looks around again.

DAVID
What the ... that ... that sounded like the floor boards creaking.

He grabs the TV remote and lowers the volume until it at barely a whisper. He changes the channel back to the news station from earlier.

He sees the same news anchor from earlier still reporting.

NEWS ANCHOR

The police have still not found the suspect and he is still suspected to be at large.

That same creaking noise then comes back again and David whips his head around in the direction of the noise.

DAVID

Oh god ...

He starts to slowly move through the living room without making to much noise.

He slowly moves into the kitchen and grabs the first weapon-like object he can find. He looks at the object in his hand a bit closer. Its a ladle from the soup he made last night.

He looks around again and sees the knife set in the corner, but before he can move towards it the floors creak again and he tenses his body. He tightly grasps the ladle in his hand, ready to use it if necessary.

When he doesn't hear the noise anymore he begins moving out of the kitchen and back in the direction of the living room.

Once he makes it he looks at the TV and sees the mute symbol on the screen.

DAVID

Wait a second ... I ... I didn't mute you ...

The creaking floor then becomes louder and David quickly turns around. His body tenses up and he gets in a fighting pose, holding the ladle like a knife.

The sound continues to draw closer and closer. David stands ready.

STRANGER

Is ... is someone there?

The stranger speaks quietly and his voice is laced with nervousness.

David stays silent, unknowing how to answer or if he even should.

STRANGER

Please ... I ... I need help.

This catches David's attention.

DAVID

Who are you? What are you doing in my house?

STRANGER

I had to run ... I had to hide because-

DAVID

Step into the light.

Nothing happens at first, but then David can hear the stranger's steps. The stranger then fully comes into view and David takes a good look at him.

David's eyes then widen after he looks at him for a minute. The man is covered in blood and injuries, but that isn't the most surprising thing to David.

David solely focused on the man's features. He was a middle-aged man with long black hair. Just like the news anchor had reported.

DAVID

Stay ... stay away from me.

STRANGER

Please ... I need your help.

DAVID

No! Stay away from me!

David begins to back away all the way until he's touching the wall.

DAVID (CONT'D)

You're the one they're talking about on TV. You killed all those people!

STRANGER

No no no its all false I ... I didn't kill anyone! It's this ... this thing.

DAVID

Thing? What do you mean thing? They said the victims had wounds that looked like stab wounds.

David then points at the knife gripped in the stranger's hand.

DAVID (CONT'D)

You are holding a knife in your hand and you match the description they gave.

STRANGER

I know this looks really bad and all, but I promise you I didn't kill those people. There is this creature running around killing people, but it hunts specific targets. It's tasted my blood, so now its hunting me.

David doesn't answer right away and just continues to look at the man with a confused look.

STRANGER (CONT'D)

Please man, I promise I'm not-

The stranger is abruptly interrupted when they both hear a growling-like noise. From somewhere around the outside of the house.

STRANGER

It ... its here ... it found me.

DAVID

Wha ... what do you mean ...

STRANGER

You need to hide ... and I'll-

Something then busts through the window of the living room throwing both the stranger and David to the ground.

The stranger quickly gets to his feet and tries to run, but a giant spike impales him in his back and comes out his stomach.

Blood trickles out of the stranger's mouth and David can only look on in horror. His body is frozen and wont listen to his brain telling him to run.

The dust then clears and the creature comes into full view. Its tall with lanky legs and a skinny body. Its arms are the length of it's body and they come to sharp points at the end with a knife like shape. Its face is almost human like, but is mangled unlike anything David has ever seen.

DAVID

Wha ... what are-

The creature then pulls his arm out of the stranger's body and it falls to the floor limp. The creature turns it's attention to David.

Low growls spill from its mouth as it slowly stalks up to David. David's body is rigid in fear and doesn't move.

As the creature's face grows closer David's body tenses and he closes his eyes. He hears a sniffing like noise come from the creature, but then nothing. He slowly opens his eyes and sees the creature slowly begin to fade out of sight.

David hears the creature move towards the hole he made in the wall of his house, but can no longer see the creature as it is up and disappeared. As David lays there in complete shock and fear he can faintly begin to hear police sirens off in the distance.

THE END