

COUGH SYRUP AND SCREENPLAYS

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INT: SERENAS HOUSE - MORNING

Wind is blowing softly through trees. The sun is shining into the living room. Papers and tissues are all over a table. A huge bottle of cough syrup is standing next to a computer. A blank document is open on the computer.

SERENA is sitting on a desk. She looks sick. The timer next to her shows a dropdown timer saying "5 hours and 1 minute until due". Serena is rubbing her eyes. She is wrapped in layers of clothing. Serena is constantly sipping on the cough syrup. She types and then deletes on her computer.

She puts her head on the table. She sighs. She is tapping stressful on the table with her hands. She reaches up to grab her already almost empty cough syrup bottle and empties it in one gulp. JAMES enters the room and walks up to Serena.

JAMES

Wow there. Thats a little much
don't you think.

SERENA

What do you want ? I need to focus.

JAMES

You should really take a break you
have been working nonstop.

Serena rubs her head and rolls her eyes. James just raises his shoulder. He continues walking to the kitchen. He pours himself a glass of water and looks at Serena.

Wind is blowing through the curtains. The tissues are doubling almost looking like doves. Serena is hammering on the keyboard. She intensely stares at her computer. A dark figure appears on her screen. The figure starts smiling. It reaches its arm out of her screen.

Serena jumps up. She takes a few steps back and looks at the figure. The shadow figure waves at her. She moves further back. The faceless shadow lowers its head. On the ground is a tutu and the shadow figure picks it up and puts it on. It looks around and sees a cowboy hat and puts that on and a feather boa.

The shadow figure starts dancing and waving at Serena. Serenas face is in shock. She waves back. It comes closer to her. Slowly it reaches out for her hand. The shadow figure slowly tilts its head. Serena grabs his hand. It points to the door. Holding hands they walk outside the house.

EXT: STREET - DAY

They walk down the street. Motor sounds. They stop. A car is approaching from distance. Serena looks around. She moves off the street. The figure gone. She looks down at her hand. She opens and closes her hand. The car passes her. Her hair is blowing back.

Serena got to a viewpoint with a view of the bay area. The car stopped. Detailed view on car. Serena passes car. The view over the bay seems endless. Serenas eyes widen. She sees a blond guy driving in the distance. She shakes her head.

EXT: TRAIL - DAY

Serena sees a trail going to the right next to the street. Serena walks to the trail and through the gate.

Serena looks around on the endless view of hills and forest. A couple is sitting on a blanket. The temperature changes. She walks in there direction.

The couple is sitting on a blanket. The guys blond hair is waving in the wind. Everything is in a pastel light. The wind is slowly blowing though the grass. It dances in the wind. Couple is chatting and laughing. Blanket is covered with flowers and muffins.

The girl stares with wide eyes at boy. They are holding hands. Guy nervously goes through his hair.

GIRL

I can't be-live you are majoring in medicine.

GUY

Yeah I am in my first year.

He puts his arm around her shoulder. The guys green eyes look down on the girl. She laughs at him. Girl is playing around on a flowers next to her.

GUY (CONT'D)

They are as beautiful as you.

The couple is dreamingly staring into each others eyes.

GUY (CONT'D)

Roses are red, violets are blue...
gosh. I just want to kiss you.

Guy leans into girl.

Serena makes disgusted sound.

SERENA
(to herself)
Couples

She rolls her eyes. Serena stares at couple. She starts walking. She trips. She catches herself. Dust flies up around her. She waves at couple. No reaction from couple.

She raises her hands in-front of her face. She looks confused. She continues her way.

The trees around her are getting more dense. She stops. She sees something glowing in the distance. Loud stomps in the distance. She looks towards the sound.

A blonde girl pokes her head out from behind a bush. She waves. The movements of the girl are getting stronger and more frantic.

Serena walks over to her.

SERENA (CONT'D)
Do you need help?

GIRL
No you need help come o...

The girl starts screaming. Serena turns her head into the direction she is looking at.

Then it appeared between two trees. A bloody man with a mask and long bloody knives is approaching them. Blood is tripping down from the monster. The red is standing out in the green forest.

The girl starts whimpering. She starts running. Serena follows her. The monster starts chasing them. Serena and girl continually look back. Monster is approaching closer and closer.

The girl is faster at running than Serena and when they get to a junction in the path and both choose a different one. The monster starts following Serena.

Serena stops. She leans against a tree closest to her. She look around and sees no monster. She sighs relieved.

She tumbles a little around the tree. The monster is slowly approaching from the other side.

She stumbles further and sees the monster. She freezes. Serena and the monster stare at each other.

Serena stares at monster. Monster stares back. Monster is flimsy. Serena closes her eyes. Monster is sold. Monster takes a step forward. Serena screams.

Serena and monster start running. Monster jumps over trees. Serena looks back at it. She runs out of the forest back on the trail.

Serena hectically runs on the path. Her eyes are looking around. In distance there is the start of the street. She looks back. She runs off the trail.

The couple is sitting on their blanket laughing. Serena is approaching them from distance. She looks back and almost falls over the couple sitting on the blanket.

She jumps over the cuddling couple. The guy raises up his head. His eyes widen. He waves around with his arms. He opens his mouth angrily.

GUY

Wow there. Careful.

SERENA

Sorry

She is almost crying. Her legs are shacking as she is running. The street appears in distance.

EXT: STREET - DAY

Wildly she jumps onto the road. Honk. Serena jumps off the road. She falls over a stick. She lands on her face in the gras.

SERENA

OWWWW

She turns around. Her mouth his open. Her face if full of dirt. She looks like a mess.

The monster, the racer and the guy have her in a circle. There blond hairs are standing to all directions. They are all the same person in different outfits. They are surrounding her. They are closing the circle more and more.

The monster is in front of her. It looks down on her. Blood is dripping down the monster. It walks up slow to Serena. The monster, the guy and the racer are laughing.

The monster is leaning over Serena. Blood is tripping on her. Then she screams and closes her eyes.

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Serena opens her eyes.

JAMES

You good?

Semi-concerned James is looking at Serena.

SERENA

Huh. My work, my work.

Completely confused Serena looks at James.

SERENA (CONT'D)

NO.

She slams close her computer.

SERENA (CONT'D)

I need my bed.

James looks confused and walks off. The shadow figure waves at him as he passes by but he does not notice. The times on the desk is saying "5 Hours until due".

Serena takes the clock and throws it in the corner. The shadow figure is dancing in the background waving at her. Serena stands up and goes to the figure.

They walk to her bed. She falls into it and smiles. She looks at the shadow figure.

SERENA (CONT'D)

Thank you. I really needed rest. My screenplay can wait.

She wraps herself in he blankets. The shadow figure dissolves. The tutu and boa fall to the ground. Serena falls asleep.