

Lilith

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EXT. PATHWAY BESIDE FOREST - DAY

A couple stands together on a pathway near the opening of a forest while a police officer asks them questions. The girlfriend is worried and the boy holds her tight around her shoulders out of protection.

Officer Hayes

Can you tell me exactly what you saw?

Raine

What we saw? (looks at Freddy)  
We didn't see anything.

Freddy

It's what we heard that matters. There was a whole bunch of what sounded like branches snapping, as if someone was running. And a scream.

Raine

(looking back at the forest)  
And laughter.

Freddy

You heard someone laughing?

Raine

It was quiet, but yes.

Officer Hayes

Anything else?

Freddy

(whispering to Raine) Show him.

Raine opens her clenched hand, revealing a ripped piece of clothing. Officer Hayes takes it in his own hand with a look of recognition. It's part of a hospital gown.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

In the middle of the forest stands Lilith in a grimy hospital gown. Her makeup is smudged from crying. Maisie (23) walks up the path behind her calling for her dog Buddy whom she's lost. She's holding his leash. As Maisie moves to pick a leaf from her hair, Lilith steps in front of her.

Lilith

(smiling) Hello, my name is  
Lilith. I can't seem to find my  
way back to the street.

Maisie

Oh, hello! I'm Maisie. (pause)  
If you follow the path  
backwards you'll probably get  
to the road.

Lilith

(worried) Are you sure? I don't  
want to end up back where I  
came from.

Maisie

(oblivious, looking around) I  
mean, I've been walking for  
about (looks at phone) 40 minutes  
and I came from the street that  
way. (points back to where she  
came from) If that isn't the way  
back then I'd say I'm lost.  
(pause) Have you seen a Golden  
Retriever? I'm looking for my  
dog.

Lilith

No.

Maisie

Okay. (finally taking notice  
of the state that Lilith is  
in) Are you alright? Do you  
need me to help you?

Lilith  
(laughs quietly) No.

Maisie  
(alarmed) Okay, well I'm  
going to keep looking for my  
Dog. (shouting into the woods  
on her left side) Buddy!

Maisie steps to the side of Lilith and tries to walk forward, but Lilith grabs her arm.

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Raine and Freddy are seen walking away, getting in their car and then looking at each other with worry. Flash to Officer Hayes' notepad. It reads 'Another Escapee Oct.13 2017'.

Officer Hayes  
(on the phone) There's been  
another one. Okay, yes.  
Thank you. (he hangs up and  
writes something on his  
notepad)

Charles(25) walks up to the opening of the path. He nods at the officer when he looks up from his notepad.

Officer Hayes  
Excuse me sir. I'm going to  
have to ask you not to enter  
the forest.

Charles  
What? Why? (worried) What's the  
problem officer?

Officer Hayes  
(lying after taking a moment  
to think) There's been a bear  
sighting.

Charles  
What? My girlfriend is in  
there.

Officer Hayes  
(pause) What's her name?

Charles  
Maisie. Maisie Adams. (pause)  
And my name is Charles.

Officer Hayes  
Have you ever been around a  
bear before, Charles?

Charles  
No, but I can assure you that  
if my girlfriend is in there  
with a bear, you won't be  
stopping me from looking for  
her.

Officer Hayes  
Well I'd ask you to wait until  
my backup arrives, but-

Charles nods when he interrupts.

Charles  
I'll be heading in now.

Officer Hayes  
If you find her, climb a tree  
and wait. We'll blow an  
airhorn to announce it's safe  
for you come down. Bears  
aren't likely to climb up  
after you. (tosses a can of  
pepper spray toward Charles)  
Just in case.

Charles holds his hand out and catches it.

Charles  
Thanks.

Charles walks into the forest.

Officer Hayes  
(mumbling to himself) Bears  
are much safer when they're  
hibernating in their caves.

Flash to Officer Haye's notebook that reads 'Patients from  
Robertson Mental Academy who have escaped need to be treated with  
utmost care - like a wild animal.'

EXT. FOREST - DAY

Charles is walking quickly. He reaches up and runs his hands  
through his hair.

Charles  
Maisie? Maisie where are  
you?!

There's a rustling in the bushes and Charles looks quickly around  
to see where the sound came from.

Charles  
Maisie?

Lilith appears, leaning against a tree and laughing. She's  
wearing Maisie's jacket and shoes.

Charles  
Hey, you shouldn't be out  
here! There's a bear  
somewhere.

Lilith's eyes widen and she laughs again.

Charles  
Have you seen anyone? I'm  
looking for my girlfriend.  
She came out here to look for  
her dog.

Lilith  
Yes. I met her. Very nice  
girl. (sneering) Maisie.

Charles walks closer to get a better look at her.

Charles  
Where is she? How long ago  
did you see her?

Lilith laughs.

Lilith  
Just a little while ago.

Charles  
Where? Back up the path?

Charles starts walking to pass her.

Lilith  
No silly. (sneering in  
anticipation of her joke)  
She met up with the  
grizzly. (laughs)

Lilith kicks Charles hard in the shin and he kneels over,  
dropping his pepper spray that rolls down the hill.

Charles  
Ow. What the hell??

Lilith laughs as she kicks him again and pushes him so that he  
rolls down the hill. Charles lands near a tree and reaches for  
his pepper spray that lies about a foot ahead of him.

Lilith  
They should really stop  
comparing us to wild  
animals, it just brings  
out the worst in us.

Lilith gets there first and sprays him in the eyes. A glazed look  
comes across her face and she drops the bottle. Charles attempts  
to move away, but she picks up a rock and knocks him unconscious.

Lilith

(Suddenly begins speaking to her father as if he's there)  
How dare you leave us. We did everything for you and this is what we get in return? You destroy my mother and then leave me to pick up the pieces? I didn't ask for this, dad. (kneeling to the ground and whispering again) I didn't ask for this.

Officer Hayes steps quietly toward Lilith, as if she's a wild animal.

Officer Hayes

Lilith. I'm not going to hurt you.

She continues to whisper to herself and begins to rock in place.

Lilith we're going to take you back to where you need to be right now.

No response. Officer Hayes looks back at Doctor Graham (A man in his 30s) who approaches Lilith and puts a hand on her shoulder. Lilith flinches and then looks up, suddenly out of her trance.

Doctor Graham

I'm going to take you back home, Lilith. Do you want to go back to your room?

Lilith

(hopeful) Dad? (Doctor Graham looks confused. Lilith blinks, then realizes) No. No.  
(Looking back at Officer Hayes and then again at Doctor Graham) You're not my dad.

Doctor Graham

I'm not your father, but I'm



going to take very good care of you. I'm going to make you all better. (walks up to Lilith and puts a hand on her cheek, wiping a spot of mud off) Don't you worry about a thing.

Lilith attempts to move away, but Doctor Graham has already given her the sedative he had hidden behind his back. Lilith falls over.

EXT. FOREST - DUSK

Buddy walks along through the forest with his leash in his mouth until we see him with Maisie, licking her bloody face and then laying down beside her.

Fade Out

THE END