The Strangers

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emergency? Are you there?
There... There are people here.
Okay, calm down. Where are you? What's your address?
I don't know.
Are you in danger?
Yes. Yes.
What's your name?
Jordan.
We need help.
Okay. Can you tell me what street you're on?
I don't know where we are.
Jordan, who are you with?
We went into the house. We found people.
You found who, Jordan?
Who did you find?
There's blood on the walls.
Help us! Help us!
It's everywhere.
Jordan, what happened?
There's blood everywhere.
When did you do all this?
Today. With Mike.
When you were with the girls.
I thought you'd like it.
You can have this room. I'm gonna get set up out there.
Yeah, I don't know about the tub.
Didn't know if the roses go in first or after.
Yeah, I don't know either.
Here.
Let me.
Thank you.
Okay.
Mike, it's me. We're at the house now. I... I know you're fucking drunk, maybe you're asleep now, but...
Uh...
. I'll tell you when I see you, but things... They didn't work out the way I planned at all.
Um...
I'm going to need you to come out here and get me. Just whenever you wake up in the morning. I'm going to give her the car. Just call me when you get this, okay? I know it's a bitch to come all the way out here but, sorry, this sucks. Okay. Hi.
Hi. Come outside with me. I only wanted to dance with you. We're dancing right now.
Yeah.
Here.
I can't keep it.
I can't take it back.
Please.
Just take it, please.
Here.
Your clothes are in the
bedroom, if you want.
I wanna wear this.
You know, I only get to wear it
tonight. It makes me feel pretty.
You are pretty.
I'm so sorry it wasn't the
way you thought it would be.
I'm really sorry.
Well, what do we do now?
I don't know.
I'm just not
ready yet.
Okay.
James, please...
Please.
Talk to me.
Christ.
This is embarrassing.
You are my girl.
What is it, like,
.00 in the morning?
Hi.
Hello.
Is Tamara here?
No. No, you got
the wrong house.
You sure?
Yeah. I'm sorry.
See you later.
That was weird.
Yeah.
You know, people get lost
out here. Should I go get her?
She seemed okay. I mean, I think
she would've said if she wasn't.
It's cold out there.
I'm out of cigarettes.
I'll go get you some more.
I didn't mean that.
You don't have to.
I'll just go to sleep.
I'm tired, anyway.
No, you won't.
I'll try.
It's all right, I want to drive for a while, anyway.
Let me light you a fire.
I was thinking when you were taking a bath.
I want you to take the car back tomorrow.
What do you mean?
I don't think a road trip's a good idea right now.
I called Mike. He's gonna come out and get me in the morning.
Are you sure that's what you want?
Yeah.
Okay, I'll be back.
If you want, we can talk some more.
We don't have to. Okay?
You gonna be okay here?
Yeah, I'll be fine.
Okay.
Thanks for lighting me a fire.
Sure.
Hello?
Is Tamara home?
You already came by here.
Are you sure?
Oh, come on.
James, where are you?
That girl came back.
That girl, I mean, she keeps knocking on the door.
What do you mean?
I heard her voice.
No, I didn't open the door.
I don't know.
The battery is dead.
I'm charging it right now.
Okay, okay.
I just want you to come home, okay?
No, I'm fine, but just, you know, hurry.
How far away are you?
Okay.
Will you just stay on the phone with me?
James?
James?
This isn't happening.
This isn't happening.
Go away!
Jamie.
Kristen.
There is someone out there.
What are you doing? What?
There's something...
They'll hear you.
Stop, stop, stop.
Shh!
What happened to your hand?
Stop. Stop!
Come here, come here. Sit down.
Sit down, sit down, sit down.
How do you know there's somebody out there?
I saw a man at the back door. He's wearing a mask.
What do you mean?
Like a ski mask? What?
I don't know.
A fucking mask!
I don't know.
Okay, okay. Calm down.
Jamie, I'm so scared.
Okay.
Don't go out there.
Please, don't go.
Please, stop.
Just stay here.
I'm right here. Stop.
No one out here.
Nobody. Come here.
Come here.
It's okay, there's nothing here.
So, what do
you wanna do?
I don't know.
Kristen?
Kristen,
what is it?
She's watching us.
She looks
like a ghost.
You want me
to go talk to her?
They don't wanna talk.
Well, they want something.
People just don't stand out
there staring at us like that.
They want something.
Shit.
What?
I left my phone in the
car, I'm gonna go get it.
You can't go out there.
Why?
One of them came in
here and took my phone.
Kristen, nobody
came in here.
She's gone.
Fuck!
Shit!
What do you want?
All right, get the
fuck out of here!
James!
Kristen, go back inside.
What's happening?
Kristen...
Kristen, go.
Jesus Christ,
what are you doing?
I'm sorry. I'm waiting for you.
I want you to get your
things. Put your shoes on.
Did you find your phone?
No, I told you,
they took my phone.
Babe, I put it
in your bag.
James, it's not
in the bag.
I plugged it into the wall, and
when I came back it was gone.
It's just, I don't understand.
We checked the whole house,
and nobody in here.
Let me see your hand.
What are you
thinking?
Since we've been here I
haven't heard a dog bark,
a car pass, nothing.
Just us and them.
Why are they
doing this?
Kristen, I don't want you
to think about that, okay?
Don't think about it.
Doesn't matter right now.
We don't need a reason if
they come through that door.
Okay?
What is it?
It's my phone.
We gotta get
out of here.
Shit.
Who is that?
I don't know.
Get out
of the car.
Come on.
James, we
need a gun.
I'm looking.
Does your dad
have a gun?
Kristen,
I'm looking.
There was one here when I
was a kid. He always hid it.
Let's go to
the bedroom.
Oh, my God!
What
are you doing?
Looking for bullets.
Stop. I got them,
I got them.
I don't know how
to use this thing.
What do you mean?
I'm not sure I even
know how to load it.
But you said you used
to hunt with your dad.
No, I never did. It was
just something that I said.
When I open the door, I
just want you to run, okay?
Block the door,
block the door.
Push!
Come on.
We're not gonna
fucking die here.
We're gonna sit here, we're gonna wait
for the fucking cops to come, or whatever,
but we're not
gonna fucking die.
Yo, Jimmy James.
What's up, buddy?  
It's Mike. Listen, man, I'm outside. I got here early.  
I just decided to  
come out, and you know,  
just be here for you as  
soon as I possibly could,  
because you know how I like to  
wait on you hand and fucking foot.  
What the fuck?  
Hello?  
Jimmy?  
Kristen?  
Hello?  
Kristen, I shot him.  
He didn't have a mask.  
What?  
Why didn't he have  
a fucking mask?  
What do you mean,  
he didn't have a mask?  
James?  
James?  
What?  
Oh, God!  
What is it?  
Stay there.  
James, answer me.  
Oh, fuck!  
What?  
Don't. Stay there.  
Get off of me.  
Stop it.  
It's Mike. Mike.  
Please don't look.  
It's Mike.  
Oh, God.  
Baby, it's  
not your fault.  
He was my best friend.  
He's my best friend.  
He was my best friend.  
What am I gonna do?  
Where
are you going?  
I'm gonna go outside. I  
want you to hide somewhere.  
What are you  
talking about?  
There's an old radio at the barn,  
I'm gonna try and call for help.  
I don't know  
what else to do.  
It's okay, I'm gonna  
come right back for you.  
Listen, I want you to go,  
and I want you to hide there.  
I'll keep them away.  
I'll come find you.  
James, no. I want  
to come with you.  
Kristen, please, it'll  
be okay, I promise.  
I'll be fine.  
Be careful. James.  
Oh, shit!  
James?  
Ah!  
Oh, fuck!  
James?  
Hello?  
Hello?  
Hello?  
Can anybody hear me?  
This is K-50.  
Hello?  
Can you hear me? Hello?  
Please,  
answer me.  
Help me.  
Where are you?  
No!  
He's gonna  
kill you.  
Why are you doing this to us?  
James!  
You're gonna die.  
Kristen, run!
Let me out!
Kristen! Run!
Jamie!
Why are you
doing this to us?
Because you
were home.
I love you.
Baby!
No! Please! No!
No! Please!
You don't have to do this. Please!
You can stop now.
You... Please! No!
Please, listen to me. Please.
You can stop now. You
don't have to do this.
No!
Baby,
look at me.
Look at my face.
Don't look,
please.
Please! Please!
Please, don't!
No!
No!
Can I have one?
Are you a sinner?
Sometimes.
It'll be
easier next time.