

TEASER

1 EXT. STRIP MALL - JEWELRY STORE - RAIN - EVENING (NIGHT 1) 1

It's raining. We ESTABLISH: a STRIP MALL, which includes a family-owned JEWELRY STORE...

2 INT. JEWELRY STORE -- CONTINUOUS 2

In the Jewelry Store. It's late. The place is nearly empty.

We meet MR. AND MRS. SHECKMAN, the elderly owners. Mr. Sheckman is appraising a diamond-studded BRACELET.

MR. SHECKMAN

Hmmmm...

Their only customer, SARAH LARKIN- a well-dressed socialite, 40ish- watches, anxiously.

SARAH LARKIN

What do you think?

MR. SHECKMAN

It's very nice. It's too nice. I mean, for us. Are you sure you don't want to take this to an auction house? Maybe Sothebys?

SARAH LARKIN

I can't. I don't want any publicity.

Mr. Sheckman gives his wife a look.

MR. SHECKMAN

We might be able to find a buyer. We'll need some time. Maybe a week.

SARAH LARKIN

A week?

Sarah sighs, and collects her bracelet.

SARAH LARKIN (CONT'D)

Okay. Yes. I'll call you next week. ~~If you do find a buyer, tell them I have other items I'm looking to sell. (bitterly) I have a whole houseful. Thank you.~~

Sarah starts for the door. She glances out a window. She tenses.

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"MONK" - MR. SHECKMAN

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~~MRS. SHECKMAN  
Do you need an umbrella?  
Sarah shakes her head.  
MRS. SHECKMAN (CONT'D)  
Sweetheart. Are you okay?  
SARAH LARKIN  
It's just... I thought I saw my  
husband. I guess I'm a little jumpy.  
Well. Thank you again. I'll be in  
touch.~~

Sarah dashes out of the store. After she's gone-

MR. SHECKMAN  
That girl's in trouble.

MRS. SHECKMAN  
(excitedly)  
Don't you know who that was?  
(beat)  
She's very famous. She's what's-her-  
name, the actress!

MR. SHECKMAN  
What actress?

MRS. SHECKMAN  
The famous actress! What's-her-name.  
She's married to the real estate  
guy. I was just reading...

There's a TABLOID NEWSPAPER on a counter. Mrs. Sheckman  
opens it, and shows her husband.

~~INSERT- TABLOID  
The page features: a PHOTO of Sarah Larkin and her husband,  
AARON, at a black-tie function. The photo is cheesily split  
in two. The headline: REAL ESTATE BILLIONAIRE FORECLOSES ON  
MARRIAGE.  
RESUME- SCENE  
MRS. SHECKMAN (CONT'D)  
Sarah Larkin! See?  
(scanning the article)  
"Acrimonious divorce... accusations...  
physical abuse... there's a  
restraining order..."~~

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MR. SHECKMAN

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MR. SHECKMAN

You can't believe that stuff. That's just gossip.

Suddenly, from outside, they HEAR:

WOMAN'S VOICE

ARRggh!

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~~A WOMAN'S SCREAM! Then, a CAR SCREECHING AWAY! Mr. and Mrs. Sheckman exchange a startled look.~~

3 EXT. PARKING LOT - RAIN -- SECONDS LATER

~~Seconds later. In the nearly-deserted PARKING LOT. It's still raining.~~

~~Mr. and Mrs. Sheckman rush outside. They find: Sarah Larkin's CAR. It's been abandoned. The driver's door is OPEN. The CAR ALARM is BLARING.~~

~~Mr. Sheckman notices something, stuck on the car door. It's a torn piece of fabric from Sarah's blouse (or jacket).~~

END OF TEASER

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