

Marie Short Film, Detective P. Audition Side

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DETECTIVE AND MARIE SIDE: INT. COMMON ROOM - DAY

Marie and Detective P. sit across a low table in a college common room. The detective stares at her.

DETECTIVE

Tell me, in detail, what happened that night.

MARIE

I swear I didn't do anything.

DETECTIVE

Please just answer the question. We have to investigate everything.

MARIE

Ok, ok! Um... Um, I don't know. I guess... I had dinner with Jane.

DETECTIVE

What time was that?

MARIE

Probably... about 6? Ish? I think.

Marie takes a deep breath.

MARIE

And then I went to the library. That was probably like, almost 7? And I was there until... like 9? Then I went back to the suite. I saw Adrianna.

MARIE

She was upset about something, with Jackson. Then... we had... that little fight.

DETECTIVE

So... what was the fight about?

Marie stares off into the distance.

MARIE

I think... she was just... a little emotionally volatile. And I... she wasn't... right for Jackson. And I told her that.

The Detective stares at her. Marie fiddles with her coat pocket.

MARIE

Then she said Jackson was coming over.

DETECTIVE

Can someone vouch for your whereabouts?

MARIE

I was with Jane the whole time.

Marie fiddles with her pocket.

DETECTIVE

And then...?

MARIE

I went back to the suite. With Jane. And I went to bed.

Marie fiddles with her pocket. The Detective stares at her a moment before looking down to the notepad.

DETECTIVE

I have here that you found her the next morning... at 11?

Marie swallows.

MARIE

Yes, that's right.

Detective P. shuts the notebook and stares at her.

DETECTIVE

I don't think you're telling me everything.

MARIE

What?

DETECTIVE

You said... someone was cheating. You said you didn't think she was right for Jackson. And Jackson was...

Detective P. flips through the notebook pages...

DETECTIVE

..."nice" to you.

MARIE

Yeah.

DETECTIVE

Were you and Jackson having an affair?

MARIE

What??

DETECTIVE

She found out. She was mad. You wanted her to leave him.

MARIE

What!?! No! That's not. I didn't--

Detective P. shrugs.

DETECTIVE

Ms. Campbell. You seem like a nice girl. But you gotta tell me everything.

MARIE

Ok, ok... I... that's not. Jackson and I didn't... the infidelity... was Adrianna. And me.

Detective P. frowns.

DETECTIVE

You left that part out.

MARIE

I just... I didn't wanna... Look, okay? It wasn't a big deal. It only happened once. That night.

The detective's mouth hangs open.

MARIE

She was upset, and I was there... and it shouldn't have happened, probably. I did... have feelings. For her. But I know it wasn't right. And then... she kind of freaked out.