

HEARD NOT SEEN

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Logline: Loud noises and shouts worry a girl staying in the hotel room next door.

Characters: Anna (21), Liz (19), Amy (20).

Locations: Two bedrooms, hallway between the bedrooms

FADE IN:

INT. HOTEL ROOM - DAY

ANNA, 21, and LIZ, 19, lay in bed. Anna scrolls on her phone and Liz types on her laptop. Outside, a snow storm is brewing.

Anna gets a call, checks it, and lets it continue ringing.

LIZ  
Gonna get that?

ANNA  
Spam call.

LIZ  
Why don't you just decline it?

Anna ignores her.

As the phone continues to ring, a muffled voice sounds through the wall.

ANNA  
Did you hear that?

LIZ  
Hear what?

ANNA  
The voice.

Liz shrugs and continues typing. Anna gets a series of PINGS on her phone.

LIZ  
You're popular tonight.

Anna throws the phone across the room, landing on the floor with a THUD.

They hear the voice again. A girl, AMY, 20.

AMY (O.S.)  
Willem, he needs you!

Anna looks at the wall behind them.

ANNA  
You must've heard that.

LIZ  
Probably just the TV.

Anna pulls the covers over her.

Amy yells again.

AMY (O.S.)  
Don't! What will he do without you?

Anna tosses around in bed.

They hear a blaring SOB through the wall.

ANNA  
What's going on over there?

LIZ  
I'm sure it's nothing.

ANNA  
It doesn't sound good.

Anna's phone starts ringing again. Anna GROANS.

Liz continues typing. They hear Amy's voice again.

AMY (O.S.)  
NO. Not Lispenard street.

Anna gets out of bed and leans her head against the wall.

A loud SCREAM sounds through the wall.

Anna starts putting shoes on.

LIZ  
What are you doing?

ANNA  
I'm going over there.

LIZ  
It's none of our business.

They hear a BANG through the wall.

ANNA  
If that girl is getting hurt it is.

Anna exits. Liz GROANS, shuts the laptop, and follows after her.

INT. HOTEL HALLWAY - NIGHT

Anna KNOCKS on the door.

ANNA  
Hello? Can you hear me? Is  
everything okay?

LIZ  
Shhh. People are sleeping.

ANNA  
Anyone there? Are you hurt?

LIZ  
What are you gonna do, pin the guy  
with your Converse?

Anna KNOCKS again.

The door swings open and Amy stares at them. Messy hair, a tissue box, red eyes, and a book tucked under her arm.

ANNA  
We heard screaming. And a bang? Is  
everything okay?

AMY  
What are you-

ANNA  
Do you want me to call the police?  
Are you scared? We can help, but  
you have to let us. I promise,  
you'll be safe as-

AMY  
What are you talking about? I'm  
just finishing my book.

Amy points to the book under her arm.

Liz and Anna stare at her.

AMY (CONT'D)  
Sorry about the noise. The ending  
made me cry so hard that I knocked  
the nightstand over looking for my  
tissue box.

ANNA  
You're not hurt.

Amy shakes her head and shuts the door.

LIZ  
That girl is one passionate reader.

They start walking back.

LIZ (CONT'D)  
Hey, why did you think she was  
being abused?

Anna's phone starts ringing as she unlocks the door.

LIZ (CONT'D)  
Who keeps calling you?

Anna opens the door.

LIZ (CONT'D)  
Anna?

INT: HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

Liz grabs Anna's phone and looks at it.

LIZ  
Who's Luke? Why is he calling you  
so much.

ANNA  
Give me the phone.

As they play phone tug of war Anna's sleeve rises.

LIZ  
Why do you have a bruise?

Liz stares at Anna's bruised arm.

LIZ (CONT'D)  
Anna?

FADE TO BLACK.