

Answered Prayers

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FADE IN

INT. CHURCH - DAY

SARAH is on her knees with her hands clutched and her eyes closed, facing the front of the church.

SARAH
God, please give me the strength to go on.

DARK MALE VOICE
My child, I hear you.

Sarah opens her eyes in surprise.

SARAH
God?

DARK MALE VOICE
Yes child.

SARAH
How can I hear you?

DARK MALE VOICE
Am I not all powerful?

SARAH
You are.

DARK MALE VOICE
Am I not infinitely merciful?

SARAH
You are.

DARK MALE VOICE
Then tell me what you want.

SARAH
I just want to be happy. I can't keep living like this.

DARK MALE VOICE
I have blessed you with free will. I can show you the door, but you have to walk through it.

SARAH
I trust you.

DARK MALE VOICE
There is no good without evil, no pleasure without pain. If you've never

seen the dark, then how could you love
the light?

SARAH

God, I've seen darkness, I know pain and
evil all too well.

DARK MALE VOICE

I know you do.

SARAH

So what should I do?

DARK MALE VOICE

Join me in heaven. You have earned your
everlasting bliss.

SARAH

How?

DARK MALE VOICE

Climb the clocktower.

SARAH

Now?

No response.

Sarah stands up.

INT. CLOCKTOWER - DAY

Sarah climbs all the way to the top of the church's clock
tower. As she stands at the window, she takes a breath
and is just about to speak when...

DARK MALE VOICE

Follow the light.

The sun is high on the clear blue sky and shines harshly
into the clocktower through its big uncovered windows.

Sarah climbs a window facing the sunlight. She stands on
the ledge.

SARAH

God? Are you there?

No response.

Sarah hesitantly steps off the ledge, looking up, hoping
to float to heaven. She falls to her death. Her corpse
lies limp in a pool of blood on the ground.

INT. HELL

Sarah suddenly awakes with eyes wide open and a huge gasp for air. She sweats heavily. She looks around. Total darkness and silence surrounds her.

SARAH

Hello? God? Where am I?

No response. Sarah stands up and turns around in all directions in distress, looking for anything at all.

DARK MALE VOICE

Mmm...

SARAH

Who are you?

DARK MALE VOICE

Hahaha...

SARAH

Where am I? Where are you God?

DARK MALE VOICE

Why don't you ask him?

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