Murderer

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INT. KITCHEN - DAY

KELLY (late 20s) slices an apple in half with a kitchen knife.

KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK!

She peers through the kitchen window blinds, sees a MAN in a black suit on her doorstep.

She immediately jumps away from the window, dropping the apple pieces and knife.

KELLY

Shit.

She picks up the knife, abandoning the apples as she moves to the --

HALLWAY

The knocking persists.

She peers through the peep-hole then immediately steps back, inhales, exhales, and opens the door with chain lock still in place.

KELLY What do you want?

MAN Where the fuck were you, Kelly?

KELLY

What?

MAN Did you forget or somethin'?

KELLY Piss off.

She slams the door.

The man repeatedly BANGS on the door.

MAN Open the door, Kelly..... Kelly, open the door.

KELLY You're gonna piss my neighbours off --

The door suddenly opens, hitting Kelly's forehead and knocking her down. However the chain lock stops the door from fully opening.

The man reaches for the lock, squeezing his hand through the gap.

MAN Always gotta be so fucking difficult.

Bruise on her forehead, Kelly picks the knife up and slashes the intruder's fingers.

KELLY I said piss off!

The hand retreats with a yelp.

She shuts and locks the door then rests her forehead against it, eyes closed, facing the ground.

She drops the knife.

MAN (V.O) You're fucking crazy, Kelly.

KELLY (low, to herself) I'm fine.

MAN (V.O) I hope you heard what I just said, you're a nut!

The man repeatedly BANGS on the door. Kelly shuts her eyes tighter.

After a few more BANGS, silence.

She opens her eyes, peers through the peep-hole: empty doorstep.

KELLY You still there? (no response) I'm not opening this fuckin' door so don't even bother.....

She waits for a response but doesn't get one. She looks up at the heavens in relief.

Then she looks down at the knife she dropped.

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INT. KITCHEN

She washes the knife and her hands in the sink. Blood spirals down the drain.

She picks up the apple pieces which are now bruised. She looks at the fruit bowl: it is empty. She looks back at the apple slice..... and takes a bite.

She picks up the rest of the other piece and heads back to the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{-}}$

HALLWAY

As she leaves the kitchen she bites into the apple, only instead of hearing a crunch she hears a CREAK - she is grappled from behind by none other than the man in black.

She struggles and screams, legs flailing about, the man's bloody hand covers her mouth, smearing blood all over her face.

KELLY

MAN Stop. For Christ sake stop! I'm not tryna hurt ya!

They stumble into the -

MFFHHMM!

LIVING ROOM

where they continue to scuffle. Kelly bites the man's hand.

MAN

Aaaaaarghh!

He lets her go.

Kelly rushes over to a pair of scissors, picks them up.

KELLY You wanna talk? Lets talk.

The man stares her.

KELLY (CONT'D)

What?

She looks at the scissors in her hand. Then she puts them down.

MAN I really don't know who you are any more. MAN I'm Kelly, your sister. Pleasure to meet you.

She holds out her hand - the man holds up his bloody slashed hand.

MAN

My sister doesn't slice peoples fuckin' fingers off - and she definitely doesn't not show up to her own mother's funeral!

KELLY

I never promised anything.

MAN It's your mother's funeral, Kelly!

KELLY So is that why you're here, to tell me how much fun I missed? Rub it in my face? Bet it was a thrill --

MAN I can't believe you can say that.

KELLY That's what you've never understood about me, Jack. I say and do whatever the fuck I want.

Beat.

Jack picks up a photo on table: a toddler Kelly, himself and their mother smiling for the camera.

Kelly watches him.

He puts the photo down and points at her.

KELLY (CONT'D)

What?

JACK It was you wasn't it?

KELLY What are you talking about?

JACK It never made any sense - your story 'bout where you were the night mom died. That was bullshit and you know it. KELLY You believe what you want to believe, Jack.

JACK This has got jack shit to do with believing. I've got facts. Been doing some of my own investigating these past few weeks, and the things I've been findin' out -- Oh God..... I didn't believe it at first, but your psycho behaviour lately, and you not showing up's driven me to wonder, is it grief or guilt that's making act you like this?

KELLY

(low, calm) Jack, accusations like that could destroy this family.

JACK You already did that by Killing mom.

Beat.

That moment, the picture falls on it's face with a CLANG due to Jack having not put it down properly.

KELLY You say you don't know who I am any more. But If you truly believe, in your heart, that I'm capable of taking someone's life, my own mom's life, then you know me even better than you think you do.

Kelly picks up the scissors and we -

CUT TO BLACK