

A MOTHERS LOVE AND PAIN

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INT.BEDROOM-NIGHT

A small cluttered room with only the light of a lamp illuminating a small part of the room.

Bell is vigorously typing on her vintage 1930s type-writer with bags under her eyes, and her hands beginning to cramp but she still continues to type.

She dramatically pauses and lightly tapes the period on the type-writer and lets out a deep breath

BELL

Finally

She gets up from her chair and stretches her arms and legs. Then looks over to her phone on the bed. Bell reaches for her phone and opens it to a message of her friend Ava

Ava's text:

"hey girl just wanted to check up on you, how's your script going. Almost done?"

Bell starts to type on her phone

Bells text:

"Yeah just finished. Btw thanks for letting me use your dads old type-writer"

Ava text:

"no problem just let me know when you get your computer back so I can the type-writer back my dad misses it"

As bell is about to type again her kitchen light turns on suddenly and it catches her attention.

BELL

Why did that turn on?
(confused tone)

Bell types to Ava

"hey ill be back in a few my kitchen light just turned on by itself"

Bell then drops her phone on the bed and makes her way towards her kitchen.

INT. KITHCEN- NIGHT

BELL

Why'd the light turn on?

Bell goes to the kitchen light and flicks the switch off but then the bathroom light turns on but now the kitchen light is turned off

Bell sighs

BELL

This is what you get for getting a cheap apartment bell.

Bell makes her way to the bathroom and while in their looks at herself in the mirror. Looking half dead

BELL

I'm looking like a hot mess. I'm gonna take a shower in the morning

As Bell turns off the bathroom light in that split second a distorted figure appears in the mirror frightening Bell

Bell has a startled gasp

BELL

W. Was that me?

Bell with her trembling finger turns the light back on and to her shock, the figure appears to resemble her mother

BELL

Ahhhhhhh!!!

Bell falls back and hits her head on the bathroom door

Bell trembling builds up the courage to get up and look in the mirror but gets up with eyes closed and still shaking

BELL

Okay bell be brave
(sighs)

Bell quickley opens her eyes and to her horror sees her mother in the mirror

MIRANDA

Bell, its good to see you dear. How are you doing?

With tears slowly streaming down bells face she clenches her fist

BELL

How? How are you alive?

MIRANDA

What do you mean?

BELL

Don't play dumb with me. You know what I mean. You killed yourself!

MIRANDA

If I did then how come I'm here talking to you

Bell shakes her head in disgust

BELL

No! You aren't alive. You're just in my head

Miranda laughs and smiles menacingly at Bell. Then her figure disappears from the mirror and she appears behind Bell

MIRANDA

Are sure it not all in your head?

Bell turns around and punches her bathroom door but Miranda isn't there. She then hears Mirandas demonic laugh echo around her apartment

MIRANDA

Would you really hit your own mother Bell? I thought I taught you to keep your hands to yourself
(distorted laugh)

Something then falls in her living room and bell rushes toward the sound leaving the bathroom light on

INT. LIVING ROOM- NIGHT

Bell enter the living room and to her horror she sees her mother holding a gun to her head

BELL

Mom?

Miranda is in tears ready to pull the trigger

MIRANDA

I'm sorry sweetie. Know that mommy loves you okay
(MORE)

MIRANDA (CONT'D)
(whimpering)

Camera pans to bell who is holding her head and shaking violently

BELL
No! That's not what she said.

Bell runs to her room and in the moment when she slams the door a gun is fired in the background

INT. BEDROOM- NIGHT

Bell goes toward her bed and picks up her phone and sees a message from Ava

Ava text:

Hello? Bell? What's taking so long?

Bell text:

I think I'm going crazy! I'm seeing things of my mother

Ava text:

What? That's crazy your probably hallucinating

Bell text: maybe so but I know what I'm seeing she's trying to convince me that I loved her

Ava text: Don't you love her. She was a great mother. Wish I had someone like her in my life

Bell shakes her phone intensely and types faster and harder

Bell text:

Are you crazy? She was an abusive piece of shit! that pretended to love me. You of all people should know that Ava!

Ava text: really what did I do to not gain your love?

Bell has a disappointed look on her face and starts to type

Bell text:

What do you mean? She ruined my father life and m...

In that moment Bell catches herself and stops typing

BELL

What did she just say?

Bell deletes the message she was going to send and types a new message

Bell text:

What do you mean by "gain your love". Ava?

A short moment arises and Ava begins to type back

Ava text:

I should have known this would have been about your father?
You always did go to him when problems arose

Bell text:

BECAUSE HE ACTUALLY LOVED ME!!!

Bell desperately holds back her tears and in a fit of rage
throws her phone against the wall

BELL

Ahhhhh!!!

Bell curls up in her bed and tears up

BELL

Why? Why is this happening

Bell then looks up and sees her mother in front of her and
she puts her hand on Bell's head

MIRANDA

What's wrong dear? Is something on
your mind?

BELL

Stop! I know that's not how you
talked to me. You never talked to
me because you were never there!

MIRANDA

Well I'm here now. Trust me you can
tell me anything. Ill be here for
you

Bell frantically gets up and shoves her mother back

BELL

Enough of these lies bitch!! I'm
tired of it.

MIRANDA

That is no way to speak to your mother! For that you need to be punished

Objects from Bells room fling towards her and she barley dodges them. Bell falls to the fall

Bells mother then walks up to her and she begins to strangle her

MIRANDA

Ill show you to respect your mother!

Bell struggling to breath reaches her hands out to her mother

Miranda then snaps back to reality as she sees her beloved daughter struggling to breath and lest go of her throat. She backs up and looks at her hands

MIRANDA

Sweetie. I'm sorry I don't know what came over me. I'm sorry

Bell coughing crazy and gasping for air slwoly starts to get up

BELL

What... is wrong.... with... you
(coughing)

MIRANDA

I

BELL

One moment your either trying to scare me, kill me or now save me. What's your deal?

Bell looks up to see her mother gone and her bedroom door open

BELL

Where is she off to now?
(annoyed)

Bell looks to her desk to see a picture of her mother

BELL

She replaced the picture of father with herself.

Bell hears arguing in the living room

MIRANDA(O.S)

Bell is nothing but a failure and she will never amount to anything if she still depends on us!!

FATHER(O.S.)

Watch your mouth when speaking about my daughter like that

MIRANDA(O.S.)

My daughter? She mine too

FATHER(O.S)

What a joke. If she was your daughter you wouldn't treat like this you self serving whore!

Bell hears a slap in the room and makes her way towards it but in the process grabs the picture of her mother

INT. LIVING ROOM- NIGHT

BELL

Dad! Are you okay?

Bell enters the room and not to her surprise no one there

BELL

Ahh!! Just missed them

MIRANDA(O.S.)

Your father always was the nice one

Bell turns her head to the kitchen and see no one. She then turns back to the living room to see her mother sitting on a chair reading a book

MIRANDA

Remember this book dear?

BELL

The book you burned because it didn't teach me any life lessons

MIRANDA

I did that. This book is so cute though

(confused)

Bell snaps

BELL

Okay, listen are you trying to convince me of something, or are you here to torture me some more?

MIRANDA

I would never do that dear. Why would you even consider that?

Bell holds up a photo of Miranda

MIRANDA

Aw you still have a picture of me

Bell begins to rip it slowly. Miranda gets up from the chair in a heartbeat

MIRANDA

What are you doing!!!

BELL

Back up! Give me answers and I wont rip

MIRANDA

Listen sweetie we don't have to do this. Just. Give. Me. The. Photo.
(angry tone)

Bell rips it more

MIRANDA

(gasps) okay fine ill talk. what do you want to know?

Bell has a smile on her face

BELL

First question, why do you hate me?

MIRANDA

What sweetie I don't hate you

Miranda takes slow steps toward Bell

BELL

Back up!

Bell rips a little more of the picture

BELL

Any more lies and its over!

Miranda puts her hands up

MIRANDA

If you must know, after i lost my
job i began to become depressed and
in order to surpress that feeling i
let my anger take over and
unleashed it on you and your father

BELL

But why? Why father?

A long pause occurs and Miranda breaks the ice

MIRANDA

Listen. I loved your father but
there comes a point in someones
life where that love fades away

BELL

So then what about me. You stopped
caring too?

Miranda starts walking to Bell

MIRANDA

Sweetie i never stopped loving you
i just saw too much of myself in
you and that made me angry.

Bell looks at her mothers eyes and she has a comforting look
on her face

BELL

So you still love me?

MIRANDA

Of course and nothing will change
that, your nothing without me

BELL

I knew it

Bell fully rips the picture

MIRANDA

What!?! Bell why did you do that?

BELL

My mother never loved me and i was
told that multiple times, even
before she lost her job

Miranda starts to fade away and she screams at Bell

MIRANDA

Bell! Bell! You cant get rid of me

Miranda reaches Bells neck and slightly scratches as she fades away

BELL

I have never needed you. I can live on without you!

Miranda fully fades away asking for Bell. Bell having a satisfied look on her face smiles.

MIRANDA

Oh bell. You really thought you could get rid of me that easily

Bell in shock turns around to see her mother behind her smiling

BELL

What how? How are still here?

MIRANDA

Like I said sweetie. You cant live without me

Miranda grabs Bells neck and strangles her and screams at the top of her lungs in her face

INT. BEDROOM- DAY

BELL

Ahhhh!

Bell wakes up in her messy bed . She looks around as if she is expecting her mother to show up but its daytime

BELL

Another nightmare huh, must be going crazy after I moved away from home

Bell searches for her phone on the bed and eventually finds it and sees text messages from Ava

BELL

oh Ava must have been texting me last night, ill text her later

Bell gets up from her bed and makes her way to way to the living room

Ava text:

Bell. Bell. Are you there.

Ava text: oh no its happening again

INT. LIVING ROOM- DAY

Bell sits on the couch and watches tv for a while

BELL

Man. I really need to see a
therapist, I can't keep having
these dreams.

She then hears clattering coming from the bathroom with and
notices the lights on

BELL

That's weird why is the light on?

MIRANDA

Because im in here honey

Bells face then turns white and is shaken to her core

MIRANDA

If you need to use the bathroom
just wait a few minutes okay

Bell struggling to find her words cover her mouth

MIRANDA

(laughs)

I told you Bell. You cant live
without me

Bell just stare at the bathroom waiting for her mother to
show herself

Fade out

The END

