

STENCH

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FADE IN:

EXT. SCOTT'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Wee hours. Silent except for some barking and howling.

KATHRINE(30s), walks briskly, one of her hand cups her mouth and nose.

She stops in front of the house, knocks on the door.

INT. SCOTT'S HOUSE - BEDROOM - NIGHT

SCOTT(30s), lies on the bed. Eyes open, staring at the ceiling.

He hears the knock, sighs. He gets up slowly, squeezes his eyes shut and then opens them.

Another knock. He sighs again.

SCOTT

Dear lord.

He goes out of his bedroom and into the-

LIVING ROOM

Reaches the door and opens it.

He rolls his eyes as he sees Kathrine.

SCOTT

What is it with you this time?

KATHRINE

Scott. Listen. It's not a joke. There is something in your house that stinks. It's god awful.

SCOTT

It's no joke for me either. Especially one in the morning. And there is nothing in here that fucking stinks. So just go and sleep.

KATHRINE

Scott, I'm serious. I can smell it.

Scott clenches his teeth.

SCOTT

Is that so? Then why not anyone else smells it? Everybody's got a nose.

KATHRINE

I don't know. But I can smell it.

She lowers her hand from her face and then quickly covers it again.

KATHRINE(CONT'D)

See. It's there.

SCOTT

Alright, that's enough. You came here yesterday and looked around and saw nothing that STINKS. So just quit acting and leave.

KATHRINE

I am not act-

SCOTT

JUST LEAVE!

This startles kathrine.

Scott looks around the dispersed surrounding houses. Nothing.

SCOTT

I am done with this shit. If you don't stop bothering me, I will-

KATHRINE

What? What you will?

SCOTT

I will... You can't imagine.

KATHRINE

Of course, I can't.

SCOTT

Just go.

Scott tries to slam the door shut, but Katherine blocks it with her hand.

She pushes him inside, steps in, and shuts the door.

INT. SCOTT'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Kathrine pins him on the floor.

KATHRINE

Come on, Scott. Tell me. What will you do?

She punches him hard on his right cheek and tries to smother him.

He struggles to breathe, tries to claw at her face.

INT. SCOTT'S HOUSE - BEDROOM - NIGHT

Scott wakes up with a jolt. He looks around, then sighs in relief.

He goes to his-

LIVING ROOM

Reaches the door, opens it slightly and peeps outside.

No one's there.

He opens the door fully. The place is quiet.

He smells his shirt and chuckles.

SCOTT

Not gonna leave me, huh?

He closes the door and goes back to his-

BEDROOM

Goes straight for the single door closet on one side of the room. He shifts it sideways with his arms.

There is a HIDDEN DOOR behind the closet.

Scott opens it and descends a flight of stairs into the-

BASEMENT

Flicks on a lightbulb to illuminate a small space. Its walls wrecked with abnormally large scratch marks.

A BIG CYLINDRICAL METAL CONTAINER sits at the centre. Flies buzz around it.

Scott opens it lid.

Inside is the cramped up dead body of Kathrine. All bloodied and dismembered.

Scott smiles.

SCOTT

You just can't wait.

He takes a deep breath then lets it out.

SCOTT(CONT'D)

Wow! Time for some late night snacks.

FADE OUT