

Trust A Stranger

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EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING - DAY

Raindrops intensely bounce off a window sill. Two CHILDREN are heard laughing.

TRICIA and BOBBY, brother and sister both around 8, jump around in rain puddles wearing yellow rain coats.

A red-brick apartment building is behind them. There seems to be no one in sight.

BOBBY

It's a monsoon!

TRICIA lifts her hands high:

TRICIA

I hope I turn into a mermaid!

Coughing and gasping is heard. Tricia and Bobby lock eyes before looking away.

A MAN appears at the corner holding his stomach, t-shirt covered in blood, long hair but bald spots and wild. He is still coughing. He lifts his other hand which is also covered in blood.

MAN

I was stabbed!

Man falls on his knees and then to the ground.

BOBBY

How can we help?

TRICIA

No, Bobby! Our parents told us not to talk to strangers.

MAN

It's okay. She's right. Can you just call me an ambulance, please.

Tricia heads for the apartment building:

TRICIA

(to Bobby)

Let's go!

BOBBY

I'm not gonna just leave him here, Tricia. We have to bring him inside and apply pressure on the wounds or he can die.

TRICIA

Mom and dad aren't even home. If they find out we're even outside then we might die. And, they told us never talk to strangers no matter what.

Man gasps and coughs a bit more.

MAN

Always listen to your parents.

Man's now coughing up blood.

MAN (CONT'D)

Always listen to your parents no matter what.

Tricia sprints into the apartment building. Bobby follows behind.

In addition to coughing up blood, Man begins to lightly cry and moan. Slowly, he stops making noise altogether... his eyes close...

An ambulance pulls up with lights and sirens on.

The End.