

FADE IN:

INT. MR. FERRO'S OFFICE - DAY

Enter to a school office with a man sitting behind the desk. This is MR. FERRO. Sitting across from him is a meticulously put together girl, twirling her long hair. This is ELENA. She looks bored and it is clear they have been sitting there for a while.

MR. FERRO

Alright so lastly, you have that test  
next block?

ELENA

(dismissively)

Uh ya.

MR. FERRO

Well you're going to do great. You  
studied hard, right?

Elena pushes out from the chair and starts to stand up.

ELENA

I mean ya but that's not going to  
matter.

MR. FERRO

Just.. Just try to ignore everyone  
around you and focus on the test,  
okay?

ELENA

(unconvinced)

Ya I guess.

MR. FERRO

Good luck!

Elena exits the office door and walks into the hallway.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Elena walks through hallway uncomfortably as students crowd the hallways. Students laugh and talk with each other, paying no attention to her.

She closes her eyes for a moment and when she opens them she

imagines the classmates staring and ridiculing her and starts viciously twirling her hair looking increasingly uncomfortable.

Elena is broken out of this trance when another teenage girl wearing a fancy outfit with big curly hair grabs her shoulders. She is holding two pink Starbucks drinks. This is HANNAH. Elena seems to settle once Hannah is present.

HANNAH  
Hey girl, got us Starbucks!

Hannah holds out a pink drink and Elena takes it.

ELENA  
Thanks, you're the best. I'm really gonna need some caffeine to get through today.

HANNAH  
Ohhh right, you got that test next... Well you're going to do so good. Don't even worry about it.

ELENA  
Ya debatable.

Hannah and Elena part ways and Elena takes a deep breath and twirls her hair in her fingers as she continues walking into an English classroom.

INT. MATH CLASSROOM - DAY

Elena sits at a desk focused on her algebra test. She scribbles on the paper intensely and keeps rubbing her eyes. She keeps glancing up at the other students surrounding her who have already finished.

Suddenly, the bell rings to change periods. Elena looks up in panic. A woman stands over her desk, holding her hand out towards her. This is TEACHER.

TEACHER  
Elena, your test?

ELENA  
Please can I have just a couple more minutes? I'm not finished...

TEACHER  
I'm sorry I can't give you extra time.

Elena reluctantly hands her teacher the paper. She stands up from her desk and lets out a big sigh and picks up her backpack.

Elena exits the classroom.

INT. CAFETERIA - DAY

Elena sits down at the lunch table where Hannah is already sitting.

HANNAH

Oh hey, Elena. How'd it go?

ELENA

Absolutely terrible but that's what I expected.

HANNAH

Oh come on. You definitely did fi...

Hannah's voice fades as Elena becomes fixated on the cafeteria window. Something catches her attention from the corner of her eye and she whips her head towards the window. She narrows her eyes at a figure wearing a gray hoodie.

Hannah starts waving her hands in front of Elena's face.

HANNAH

Hellooooo?

Elena snaps out of her fixation.

ELENA

Oh sorry... Who is that out in the parking lot?

Hannah whips her head around and looks out of the window.

HANNAH

Uhh where?

Elena rubs her eyes and looks out the window again.

The figure has disappeared.

She stares out the window for another moment, questioning what she just saw before returning her gaze back to Elena.

ELENA

Oh I don't know... I thought I saw

someone..

Elena is cut off by an announcement on the loud speaker that sounds "Can Elena Moore please report to Mr. Ferro's office immediately"

ELENA  
(annoyed)  
Ugh I've got to go.

HANNAH  
Ok.. Hey! Are we still on for later?

Elena starts to stand up.

ELENA  
Ya definitely. You can sleepover too.

HANNAH  
Kk.

Elena exits the cafeteria.

INT. MR. FERRO'S OFFICE- DAY

Elena enters the office and sits across the desk from Mr. Ferro.

Hey, Elena.. so I just got a call from your teacher..

Elena looks uncomfortable.

MR. FERRO  
So that test didn't go too well, but this is a safe space, you can talk to me.

ELENA  
I don't know. It's just really hard with the stress and all the people in the class..

MR. FERRO  
Well, it's a journey Elena, you can't overcome social anxiety in a day, you just have to keep trying to gain that confidence and then you will see improvements in your work.

ELENA  
(unconvinced)  
Uh ya, thanks Mr. Ferro.

The bell rings and Elena starts to stand up from her chair.

MR. FERRO  
Wait, Elena..

Elena stops and looks back.

MR. FERRO  
I want you to try to put yourself out there a little more. Maybe do something with friends this weekend, okay?

Elena nods then exits the room.

EXT. PARKING LOT - DAY

Elena exits the front doors of the school and walks down the stairs. She approaches her car and as she goes to unlock it she pauses.

Elena notices a hooded figure in the reflection of her car window and whips her head around to look behind her.

No one is there so she shrugs it off and gets into her car.

INT. CUMBIES - DAY

Elena walks into store while looking down at her phone. She walks right into a grey hooded individual.

ELENA  
Oh I'm so sorry!

He doesn't reply and exits the store. Elena pauses for a moment, looking confused but then grabs her stuff, checks out and leaves the store.

INT. ELENA'S CAR - DAY

Elena is driving home while bopping her head to the radio music. She pulls up to the intersection next to Cumberland Farms and stops her car at the red light.

While she is stopped she gets a text message from an anonymous number and Elena picks up her phone. The message reads simply "Hello"

Elena places her phone back down and looks back up at the road.

At that moment a car drives horizontally past her and the driver who is wearing a grey hoodie and a mask is staring directly at her rather than the road.

Elena stares at the road ahead for a split second before the cars lined up behind her start aggressively honking for her to go. Elena is forced to drive away but it is clear she has a look of unease across her face.

Elena pulls into her driveway and parks her car.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Enter to a Elena's bedroom. Hannah and Elena sit across from each other on her bed. There is a bowl of popcorn beside them and a movie playing on a laptop.

HANNAH

So how was the rest of your day?

ELENA

So weird. The creepiest guy drove by  
me on my way...

Elena's phone sounds and she picks it up to check it.

HANNAH

Who's that?

ELENA

Oh, just my mom. Apparently her and my dad are going to a Halloween party in Boston on saturday..

HANNAH

You're kidding right?

ELENA

(confused)

No...?

HANNAH

That's Halloween and literally everyone in the school has been trying to find a place to go. We are SO throwing down.

ELENA  
You want ME to have a party?

HANNAH  
Duh. It's the perfect opportunity!

ELENA  
(reluctantly)  
Oh god I don't know.. You know I'm  
really not great with those..you  
know.. settings..

HANNAH  
(pleading)  
Come on, you'd have so much fun.

ELENA  
Well Mr. Ferro did say I should put  
myself out there...

HANNAH  
Ugh perfect! I'll start texting  
everyone! It's gonna be sick!

ELENA  
(more confidently)  
Ya I guess it will.

Scene fades as Elena and Hannah are seen chattering and figuring out the plan before eventually going to bed.

INT. ELENA'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Elena stirs in her sleep as her phone sounds perpetually. Hannah, who is sleeping on an air mattress on the floor, sits up.

HANNAH  
God Elena it's 7 am! Can you please  
turn that off!

Elena begrudgingly rubs her eyes and picks up her phone. She stares at a lock screen flooded with anonymous text messages, which read variations of "Hello" and "Answer me"

ELENA  
Hey Hannah, I'm gonna downstairs to  
make us some breakfast.

HANNAH  
(half asleep)  
Mhmm.

Elena puts her phone in her pocket and gets out of bed, exiting the room.

INT. KITCHEN - MORNING

Elena goes into her kitchen and starts taking out supplies to make breakfast. She takes out a cutting board and some fruit and then goes to grab a knife from the drawer but the one she goes to grab is missing from it's place. Elena looks confused for a second.

ELENA  
(to herself)  
Huh..

Elena shrugs it off. Hannah walks into the kitchen and sits down at the table when Elena's phone sounds again.

ELENA  
Ugh another one!

HANNAH  
Another what?

ELENA  
Text message. This anonymous number keeps texting me...

HANNAH  
(dismissively)  
Probably just spam.

Elena starts nervously twirling her hair again.

ELENA  
(abruptly)  
I don't know if I can go through with this party..

HANNAH  
(suddenly attentive)  
What? No, why?

ELENA  
I don't know. Maybe i'm being stupid but all this weird stuff has been happening to me... I just don't know

if we should go through with the party.

It's just with all the anonymous messages and this man I keep seeing, I'm scared to be home alone...

HANNAH

Ok, no. You are far too paranoid. This is exactly what you always do. Don't psych yourself out. I know social settings aren't you're favorite but you are going to have to get used to them.

ELENA

No this isn't that. I swear this is real.

HANNAH

This isn't a horror movie, stuff like that doesn't happen in real life. Besides, Ben's bringing his new girlfriend to this party and I need to remind him what he's missing out on.

ELENA

I thought you broke up with him?

HANNAH

Doesn't mean he can be with someone else. You promise you'll make this happen for me, right? I'd do it for you.

ELENA

(unsure)

No you're probably right, I'm just being too paranoid.

HANNAH

That's my girl. And remember how excited you were? It's gonna be the best night ever!

Elena gives a light smile.

ELENA

Yeah.

Hannah stands up.

HANNAH  
Alright well, we need to get costumes.  
Lets go to the mall.

ELENA  
I'll drive.

Elena and Hannah exit the house.

INT. PARTY CITY - AFTERNOON

Elena looks through costumes to wear to the party. As she searches she notices a hooded man walking outside of the store.

Elena drops the clothes she had been holding and quickly grabs Hannah's arm.

ELENA  
Hannah look quickly.

Elena points to the man.

HANNAH  
What?

ELENA  
That's him! I swear I keep seeing that guy everywhere.

Hannah nods towards the man.

HANNAH  
That guy right there?

ELENA  
(forcefully)  
Yes!

Hannah starts directly following the man through the aisles. Elena looks horrified while trailing behind her.

HANNAH  
Hey, you!

The man doesn't turn around.

HANNAH  
Helloooo?

There is no answer.

Hannah grabs the shoulder of the figure and he turns around startled. Hannah looks back at Elena.

HANNAH  
Is this him?

ELENA  
(to the man)  
Oh no- I'm sorry I thought you were someone else.

The man hurries away and Elena pauses questioning whether she really is imagining it. Hannah walks back towards Elena.

HANNAH  
See? I told you. You're being crazy.  
This is all in your head.

ELENA  
(defeated)  
Ya you are right, I always do this..  
Always self-sabotaging.

HANNAH  
I understand. Lets just get out of here..

Hannah and Elena exit the store.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Elena enters her bedroom and puts shopping bags on the ground then crawls into bed where she falls asleep.

Scene fades into a dream.

INT. ELENA'S DREAM - MORNING

Elena wakes up and walks downstairs into the kitchen. She sees her mom facing the stovetop cooking breakfast.

ELENA  
Hey mom what's for breakfast.

No reply.

ELENA  
Mom?

No reply.

Elena walks up to her mom and taps her shoulder. Elena's mom turns towards her and she is wearing the same mask.

INT. BEDROOM - MORNING

Elena immediately wakes up from the dream breathing heavily and shaking in fear. She looks at her phone on which she has received a text that reads "Rough night?"

She abruptly gets out of bed, puts on shoes, grabs her bag, and races out of the room.

INT. MR. FERRO'S OFFICE- DAY

Elena drives to the school and goes to Mr. Ferro's office.

MR. FERRO

Elena? What's going on? I wasn't expecting you today.

ELENA

(Panicky)

I think I'm being stalked, I'm getting all these messages like as if I'm being watched, I don't understand and I keep seeing his mask and his gray hoodie everywhere I go and how am I supposed to have this party when I'm being watched and followed I can't-

Mr. Ferro cuts her off.

MR. FERRO

Woah woah woah, Elena. I'm sorry that's a lot to take in. You said you're being stalked?

ELENA

Yes, one second I'll show you the texts.

Mr. Ferro waits patiently while Elena searches for messages on her phone.

ELENA

(to herself)

Where did they go...

Elena starts aggressively scrolling.

ELENA  
(aggravated)  
I don't understand they were here this morning.

MR. FERRO  
Elena, are you sure?

Elena starts nervously twirling her hair with her fingers.

ELENA  
I swear I had them. I got the new IOS update this morning maybe that deleted them...

MR. FERRO  
Elena, are you sure this isn't just all in your head? I don't want to make you feel bad but this is typical behavior from you when you are anxious around people.

ELENA  
Well I mean I guess there's a chance but-

MR. FERRO  
You just need to relax. I really think it'd be great for your anxiety to practice being in social situations this weekend. Maybe do something with friends to calm you down?

Elena looks less agitated but still unsure.

ELENA  
I guess you're right. I'm being too paranoid. I'm fine.

MR. FERRO  
Atta girl.

ELENA  
Well thanks I guess.

Elena hesitates for a moment before exiting the room, it is obvious she is not entirely convinced.

INT. ELENA'S BEDROOM - AFTERNOON

Elena looks at her reflection in the mirror as she puts on

makeup in preparation for the party. She is dressed in costume.

Her phone sounds and she picks it up. She receives a text that reads "Ready for a great night" from an anonymous number to which she replies "Who is this?"

Elena exits and walks downstairs.

INT. ELENA'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Tons of students are packed into Elena's house. There is loud music with people dancing and playing games in the background. Hannah grabs her and takes a selfie. Hannah and Elena are speak loudly over the music. Hannah is dressed as Regina George from Mean Girls.

HANNAH

Isn't this great! I knew you had nothing to worry about.

Elena is clearly uncomfortable in a social setting and viciously twirls her hair.

ELENA

(reluctantly)

Ya you were right.

HANNAH

I mean not to rub it in your face but I told you so!

Elena awkwardly laughs.

HANNAH

Oh- and did you see Jasmyne?

ELENA

Jasmyne?

HANNAH

Ben's new girlfriend. Look.

Hannah points to the corner of the room where a jock-like boy stands next to a girl. This is BEN and JASMYN.

HANNAH

(pouty) I'm prettier than her right?

ELENA

Definitely.

Hannah grins.

HANNAH

Okay good because I have a whole plot  
to steal him back later and nothing  
can mess it up.

ELENA

(laughing) Good luck with that.

A random girl motions towards Elena and Hannah. This is GIRL 1.

GIRL 1

Hey! Elena! Hannah! Come get in our  
picture!

Elena and Hannah run over to the group of girls and pose for a picture. Then they disperse. Hannah is seen walking over to Ben.

ELENA

Hey could you send that to me?

Girl 1 texts the picture to Elena. Elena studies it before zooming in on the masked figure looming in the background. Elena looks sick to her stomach.

Elena closes her eyes and breathes as the room seems like it's spinning, she opens them she imagines that everyone in the party is wearing that same gray hoodie. But she blinks and everything returns to normal.

She begins pushing through the crowds of people frantically and shouting.

ELENA

Hannah? Hannah, HANNAH!

Elena finds Hannah talking to Ben and pulls her away.

ELENA

Hannah LOOK at this.

Elena shoves her phone in Hannah's face. Hannah pushes it away without looking.

ELENA

That's the guy!

HANNAH  
Huh?

Elena and Hannah start overlapping dialogue.

ELENA  
(frantically)  
That's the mask I keep seeing! Why is he in my house? I knew I shouldn't have thrown this party. I KNEW IT. All the weird stu-

HANNAH  
Woah woah woah. I have no idea what you're talking about right now but I was just talking to B-

ELENA  
I have to shut this all down.  
(shouting)  
EVERYBODY OUT! PARTY'S OVER! EVERYONE GET OUT!

Hannah puts her hand over Elena's mouth and begins to scold her.

HANNAH  
Shhhh Shhhh what in the world are you doing? You can buy that mask for literally 5 dollars at Party City. You are crazy it's a costume party!

Party guests start pushing towards the exit, and Elena rips Hannah's hand off of her mouth. Elena is having a panic attack and she is struggling to breath steadily,

ELENA  
No no NO this is too much for me. I'm calling the cops. There is someone here!

HANNAH  
(angrily) You have officially lost your mind. This is a party you cannot call the cops! Are you trying to get us in trouble? God, I asked one favor of you to throw this party so I can get Ben back and the second I talk to him you call the whole thing off! You're so selfish. There is NO ONE after you! I'm out of here.

Hannah starts to storm off.

ELENA  
Hannah, wait.

Elena stands at her wide open front door, watching her best friend amidst other fleeing guests, and begins to breathe heavily. She slams her front door and makes her way into her kitchen, and looks around at the mess. She sighs, then slides down at her kitchen table.

Anxiously, she tugs at a piece of hair with her left hand, while she scrolls through her social medias.

Elena scrolls through posts where people are posting bad things about Elena and her party, while Hannah has already posted an Instagram story, shading her friend.

Elena looks defeated and slides down in her chair. She's holding back tears while anxiously twirling her hair.

ELENA  
(to herself) This is my worst nightmare..

Suddenly, Elena's phone sounds and she picks it up. Elena gets a text from the same anonymous number, that reads, "Do you always twirl your hair when you are nervous?"

Elena slowly stands, peering around the room.

ELENA  
Hello?

No response.

Elena walks slowly around the corner and sees the mask appear in the back window.

Elena looks terrified as she runs to the front of the house to try to lock the doors meanwhile her phone sounds multiple times yet she ignores them.

As she gets to the door the figure is standing in the doorway.

Elena looks sickeningly terrified, screams and turns and runs up the stairs of her house. She sprints through the hallways trying to find a place to hide before eventually going in the closet.

The stalker enters the house behind her.

Stalker is seen opening doors and tearing the house apart.

The ruckus stops and it is silent. You can only hear Elena's heavy breathing. There are tears streaming down Elena's face and she is hugging her knees and rocking back and forth.

Elena is reading multiple texts from Hannah that show a zoomed in photo of the stalker in the back of their earlier photo and texts that read "Elena I'm so sorry! Is this him?" "Elena?" "Hello?" and "R u ok?"

Elena is aggressively shaking her head.

ELENA  
(to herself)  
Its not real...It's not real.. It's  
not real..

The closet doors swing open and the figure stands over Elena holding the large kitchen knife.

Cut to black.