

Fear On Fifth Ave

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Cast of Characters

Damien

Professor

Rebecca

A young studious girl who loves reading, writing, and spending most of her time in the library

Astarte

Mean girl

Emily

Rebecca's best friend

INT. 16TH STREET THE NEW SCHOOL

Rebecca

"She was like a guardian angel who saved me when I forgot how to survive. She reminded me every day that I was never really alone in this world. She was the part of me I wish I was—the part of me I needed."

INT. IN LIBRARY UC -NIGHT

Rebecca and Emily sit together surrounded by books (SHOOT SCENE ONLY WITH SOY)

Rebecca

(Laughing with Emily) You're the the only person who understands me

INT. 16TH STREET 8TH FLOOR (I THINK)

Astarte passes Rebecca and Emily, laughing at them for reading as they sit on couches (SHOOT SCENE ONLY WITH SOY)

Rebecca

I guess nobody reads books.

Emily

Well, she should read this one.

Rebecca draws a fake book called "How to Deal with Being a Terrible Person" and they laugh together

Emily begins to write in her diary

Rebecca

What are you always writing in there?

INT. THE NEW SCHOOL LANG -NIGHT

Damien teaches in class while Rebecca watches sadly.

INT. THE NEW SCHOOL LANG -NIGHT

Damien argues with Emily in a classroom and Rebecca watches from outside the classroom window, disappointed.

INT. THE NEW SCHOOL LANG -NIGHT

Shot of Damien walking down the hall alone

INT. THE NEW SCHOOL LANG -NIGHT

Emily looks hurt

Rebecca
I'm going to save you

INT. THE NEW SCHOOL LANG -NIGHT

Emily
I won't be gone for long. It's just
a weekend trip. I promise I'll be
back. (Holds both her hands tightly
and releases)

Emily gets in the elevator with Damien

Rebecca
"He was the physical embodiment
of darkness. The kind of feeling
you get when you shut the light
in your living room and have to
run upstairs. He was the monster
under the bed your parents always
told you wasn't real. (Beat) Expect
he was. He's the clothes on the
chair in your room at night that
look like a person watching you.
(Beat) I promised to save her.
But I couldn't."

Cut to: 1 year later

INT. THE NEW SCHOOL LANG 2nd Floor -NIGHT

Rebecca, a black short haired girl sits with her elbows on her arms face down in her legs. It's quiet, and the only sound that can be heard is the faint hum of fluorescent lights above. In her hands, she holds "How to Deal With Being A Terrible Person"

As Rebecca returns the book next to her back to the shelf, she notices a strange-looking object placed deep in the back of the shelf and pulls it out. It's Emily's diary.

Rebecca's lifts her glasses again as she begins to read aloud, her voice hushed:

Rebecca
(whispering) Emily's Diary.

Rebecca turns through the pages, her eyes widening at each sentence. Emily has been missing for a solid year. The discovery of her diary is revolutionary and there's been a hunt for her since. Her hands tremble as she breaks a sweat. Looking around, she quickly throws the diary in her satchel and rises from the floor.

Damien
What have you got there?

Startled Rebecca drops her belongings and gasps.

Rebecca
Damien? Oh, uh nothing special just the
(looks down at book) theory of relativity...

Damien
Physics major?

Rebecca
Yeah, no, I mean kind of. I enjoy reading
here and there.

Damien
May I? (reaches out hand)

Rebecca

I-I'm in a rush, big test tomorrow I really
Should get going I'm sorry. (Pushes past)

Damien

(Grabs shoulder) (Beat) Without your phone?

Rebecca

(Lets out sigh) Thank you. Silly me (nervous
laughter) Kind of need that.

Damien lets go of Rebecca's shoulder as she races down the hall. A page of Emily's diary slips from her bag and falls gently on the floor. Damien approaches and picks up the paper.

Cut to: Rebecca runs down the stairs faster and faster as she gets closer to the last floor. Escaping... this time.

INT. THE NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY -NIGHT

Rebecca sits buried in books once again. But this time, she reads the diary engulfed in her words. Checking her watch, she makes her way out of the library and down the hall. As she walks, she could sense the presence of someone behind her. Sharply turning seeing nothing there. She picks up the pace and runs into Damien once again.

Damien

In a hurry?

Rebecca

(Startled) Gosh, your everywhere.

Damien

Need help with that? (points to bags)

Rebecca

NO! I mean- no I got it.

Damien

I don't mind... but suit yourself.
Let me walk you out. (eyeballs bag)

Rebecca

(Grips bag) Thank you..

They get into the elevator together

Damien
Must be busy all the time
Ms. Physics Major.

Rebecca
Yup... replacing Einstein isn't easy
(nervous laughter)

Damien
Well, Einstein... I'm having a party
at my place this weekend. Your welcome
to join us if-

Rebecca
Uh thanks Damien, but I'm super
swamped with finals right now...

They walk together out of the elevator as Damien holds the door open for her with locked eyes on her bag.

Damien
If you change your mind Einstein
You know where I'm at.

Rebecca
My names Rebecca.

She walks through the doorway frantically disappearing into the dark of night.

INT. THE NEW SCHOOL LANG -NIGHT

Cut to: Rebecca studies anxiously in an empty classroom as she peeks at her bag on the table. Opening up her diary again she skims to the ending to discover a shocking encrypted code on the side of her diary saying, "Help me I'm trapped in the basement". Rebecca grabs her belongings in a hurry and races down to the basement stumbling into Damien again.

Damien
You always seem like you in such
a hurry. (smirk)

Rebecca
(Grips bag) Gotta get going,
supper important test. (Pushes
past Damien)

Damien (V.O)
You look like you're hiding something.

Rebecca
(Pause) I'm not, I just- I have
to go I'm really busy Damien.
(Walking away) I'm sorry.

Damien
You forgot something.

Damien shows Rebecca the piece of paper she dropped and, in an instant, jolts out of the hall running to the basement. She finally makes it out of his sight and as she hides a mumble could be heard from the distance. Rebecca quietly makes her way towards the sound to find Emily tied up.

Rebecca
Oh my gosh Emily! (Falls to her
knees and unties her)

Emily
Please! Unlock me quick, please.
Hurry! The key is over there.

Rebecca rushes to untie her and helps her up.

Emily
We have to get out of here!

Rebecca
I told you I'd save you.

They both search for an exit when the steps of someone can be heard. Rebecca places a finger in front of her mouth.

Damien
You think it'd be this easy?
Just take my girlfriend away from
Me Huh? You little bookworm. I'm

tired of you!

Rebecca makes a run for the stairs and Damien follows behind her while Emily stays behind.

Damien
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY!

As Damien races behind Rebecca, Emily pushes him down the stairs and he tumbles laying at Rebecca's feet. They both make a run for it when Rebecca realizes she is running alone.

Rebecca
Emily? Emily? Emily?

Astarte passes by

Rebecca
(Frantic) Have you seen
Emily, Emily Watson?

Astarte
(Confused) Emily Watson died
a year ago.

Rebecca
No. No. No. No. NO.

Rebecca runs frantically back to Damien's lifeless body when his eyes open.

Damien
Wake up. You can't bring her
back.

Rebecca cries dramatically screaming and shouting putting her head in the floor.

Cut to: Rebecca's first seen sitting in the library

Zoom out slowly

