

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. 16<sup>TH</sup> 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. 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

