

Untitled [Redacted]: Episode 8

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Distorted sounds of a busy household. Heavy breathing can be heard going in and out. This continues for an uncomfortable beat.

Sounds of the busy household and heavy breathing fade out. Distorted, voices can be heard. Voices can be recognized as the Carpenter family's voices, but the words cannot be made out.

KAREN

Sounding very out of it.

Duuuude.

I'm like, really feeling it now.

Beat.

JOANNE

Incoherent whispers.

KEITH

Huh?

Did you say something?

KAREN

Yeah. I'm reeeeeally feeling it now.

KEITH

Oh, yeah. Totally.

KEITH (cont.)

JACK

Beat.

Incoherent murmuring.

Don't you just get the
feeling that you're being
watched all of the time?

KAREN

Like god?

Beat.

MURIEL

Whispers.

Benji, my Benji.

KEITH

Maybe?

Beat.

Like what if we're not alone?
Like what if there's always
just something out there? Not
God, but just something.

KAREN

Can't tell if you're talking
about aliens...

KEITH

NOT ALIENS!

KAREN

Woah, calm down!

KEITH

Sorry.

KEITH (cont.)

This place has been putting
me on the edge since we got
here.

Beat.

BENJI

Sounds of Benji playing.

KAREN

So like ghosts?

KEITH

I swear to god, if you
mention ghosts again...

KAREN

Hey, I'm just pitching the
idea out there.

Sound stops.

KEITH

Just shut up!

Uncomfortable Beat.

ALEXIS

Crying.

Hey.

Where are you going?

KAREN

Do you hear that?

KEITH

I swear to god Karen...

KAREN

No, I'm serious.

Uncomfortable Beat.

ALEXIS

Crying Stop.

KEITH

I don't hear anything.

KAREN

Huh, maybe I'm hallucinating..

KEITH

I mean, we just took some Big
Rainbow.

KAREN

I know, but this is weirder.
It's like a tingly feeling,
y'know?

BENJI

Alexi, do you wanna play?

ALEXIS

KEITH

Huh?

I-

I can't right now Benji.

KAREN

I don't know, maybe your talk
about God or ghosts or
whatever just got to me.

Beat.

This place is really creepy.

JACK

Home sweet home, for my
wonderful Jo.

KEITH

You're finally getting it-

JOANNE

Welcome home Jack.

KAREN

Like check out this floor,
it's dented.

Beat.

KEITH

What?

KAREN

Look. It even looks like a
human face.

MURIEL

*The sound of a
grandfather clock ringing.*

This has been in the family
for generations.

KEITH

*Thudding noise. Sharp intake
of breath.*

KAREN

Hey, are you okay?

KEITH

Breathing. Beat.

Yeah, sorry, it really
freaked me out.

KAREN

Hey, it's okay. It's probably
a coincidence. I'm sorry for
bringing it up.

KAREN (cont.)

Let's just chill for a while.

ALEXIS

Incoherent Angry Noises.

JOANNE

Incoherent Angry Noises.

JACK

Incoherent Angry Noises.

ALEXIS

Incoherent Angry Screaming.

JOANNE

Incoherent Angry Screaming.

ALEXIS

Door Slamming.

Crying.

KAREN

Hey.

It's going to be okay.

ALEXIS (cont.)

Still crying.

KEITH

Are you talking to me?

KAREN

I-

I don't know?

KEITH

Okay...

Stops crying.

KEITH

Snoring.

KAREN

Did you just fall asleep on me?

Beat.

Well, I guess I can look around now.

Creaking Footsteps.

Now where was that noise coming from?

KAREN (cont.)

Beat.

In a sing song voice

Where are you?

In a normal voice

Huh?

Was this place always this
big?

ALEXIS

Ah, there it is.

Crying.

Now where is that coming
from?

Come here little ghost. I
won't hurt you.

Why?

Why don't you love me?

Well, this is a weird room.

Beat.

Well, whoever's room this was
didn't have any style. Look
at these clothes, it's all
just drab and black.

Clicks tongue.

Crying stop.

Huh, what's this.

Sound of a bed moving.

Wow...

Oh my god...

Uncomfortable Beat.

Did you come to save me?

KEITH

Grunts.

Oh, did I fall asleep?

Beat.

Goddammit, where did you go...

Beat.

KAREN screaming.

KAREN?

WHERE ARE YOU?

Frantic footsteps.

MURIEL

Well, hello there. Did you
come play with my little
Benji?

Nope! You don't exist!

JACK

Where are you going?

Lalalala! KAREN! WHERE ARE
YOU?

Come back here right now.
You're grounded, go to your
room.

Just go away!

Uncomfortable Beat.

DISTORTED VOICES (CARPENTER
FAMILY)

*Incoherent, jumbled rambling.
Starts quiet and gets
progressively more
oppressive.*

Karen?

Are you oka-

Oh sweet jesus, what is that?

KAREN

I-

I don't know.

I just blanked out.

KEITH

But what is that?

KAREN

I don't know!

I was just looking around,
and then I saw this.

It's like if someone was just
trapped here and just
scratched at the wall.

And kept scratching.

And scratching.

And scratching.

And scratch-

KEITH

Karen.

I get it. I can see the wall...

I can see the blood.

KAREN

But can you imagine? The poor
person who was stuck here?

Look at this room!

They must've been so lonely...

Uncomfortable Beat.

KEITH

Hey.

It's okay.

Let's just try to get out of here.

KAREN

Give me a minute.

KEITH

Okay.

Can we at least sit in the hallway? This room's giving me the creeps.

KAREN

Sure.

Beat.

KEITH

You know, I can't wait until we get out of this town.

KAREN

You wanna leave?

KEITH

Of course.

Don't you?

JACK

Where are you going?

JOANNE

I'm leaving, Jack. Our children are gone, and God knows what you've been putting your hands in

JACK

No, you're not! You're staying right here. We're a family!

JOANNE

Jack, please...

KAREN

Yeah...

I just didn't know whether
you wanted to.

KEITH

Of course. There's nothing to
do in this town. Everyone's
just sticking around until
they die.

My stupid parents keep going
on and on about taking over
the stupid farm. They're just
so annoying!

KAREN

Hey, don't call your parents
stupid, they're a lot nicer
than mine...

KEITH

Yeah, but your parents suck.

KAREN

Yeah...

KEITH

Hey, are you okay?

KAREN

Sorry, I'm just thinking
about the girl who lived in
that room.

KEITH

Wait, how do you know that
it's a girl?

KAREN

I-

I don't know?

Being in that room, just felt
like home...

Uncomfortable Beat.

KEITH

Hey...

You wanna stay over at my
place tonight?

KAREN

You think your parents are
going to be okay with that?

KEITH

No idea...

Worth a shot.

Beat.

KAREN

Sure...

Y'know, you were right, this
place is creepy. Let's get
out of here.

KEITH

Thank god.

Finally.

Sounds of getting up.

Need help?

KAREN

Thanks.

Sounds of getting up.

Groans.

JACK

Come back here!

KEITH

Hey, are you okay?

JOANNE

Jack please!

KAREN

Yeah, I'm still out of it
from all of the drugs...

The hallway is spinning...

Screams.

*Screeches Quietly, gets
louder.*

*Sound is intermittent
with the sound of
someone falling down the
stairs.*

KEITH

Woah! Are you okay?

KAREN

Beat.

Panting.

Sorry, I though-

I thought I saw something.

Stop.

KEITH

Wha-

What did you see?

KAREN

Don't worry about it.

KEITH

Karen...

KAREN

Don't.

Worry about it.

You're a scaredy cat, and it
doesn't help us if we're both
scared.

KEITH

Fine, let's get goi-

Tripping sounds.

Damn, are you okay?

Karen! Karen!

KAREN

Groaning.

Yes?

KEITH

You tripped on...the dent on
the ground. Are you okay?

JACK

No, no, no, no, nooooo!

*Sounds of a grandfather
clock going off.*

Please God, no.

*Sound of a grandfather
clock falling down on
someone.*

DISTORTED VOICES

Stops.

KAREN

I-

I think so?

KEITH

C'mon, let's get going.

Uncomfortable Beat.

God, I hate these stairs.

KAREN

Stairs...

KEITH

Yeah, but this time, I have
you to hold on-

*Sounds of KEITH falling
down the stairs.*

Karen?!

Did you just push me?

KAREN/JOANNE

Isn't that what you did to me
Jack?