

SISTERS

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FADE IN:

EXT. STORMY WEATHER, WITH LIGHTNING AND THUNDER

INT. BASEMENT OF THE HOUSE - EVENING

The basement is a large, open room with a comfortable leather couch and two wooden end tables. On the side is a stairway that leads upstairs.

Two sisters, SARAH BROWN (19) and MICHELLE BROWN (17) sit beside each other on the couch.

Sarah is an ordinary looking girl who has a boyfriend, Nick. Michelle is blind with soothing emerald green eyes that gleam when she smiles. She is very beautiful with gorgeous black hair.

Sarah knits and at the same time pesters Michelle by poking her with her index finger while Michelle reads a book in braille. Michelle has an annoyed look on her face and continuously scoots away from Sarah on the couch. As Michelle scoots Sarah follows suit.

We hear footsteps come down the staircase. It is their MOM, a middle-aged lady wearing a raincoat, holding a purse and umbrella in one hand and keys in the other.

MOM

I am stepping out to get some candles and batteries for the flash light. Will be back in 15 minutes.

Mom looks at Sarah and sternly gives her a warning.

MOM (CONT'D)

Stop knitting. Nick will be here soon. Do not pester or annoy Michelle. She can take care of herself.

Mom looks at Michelle, leans forward and kisses her on her forehead.

MOM (CONT'D)

See you in a bit, beautiful.

Mom heads up the stairs and closes the door behind her.

As soon as mom leaves, Sarah stops knitting and places the needles, scissors and wool on the end table.

Sarah glares at Michelle, and charges towards her. She furiously knocks the book out of Michelle's hands.

Michelle looks confused and pissed at Sarah. She waves her hands in disgust.

MICHELLE

Hey, what'd you do that for? I was reading.

SARAH

You can take care of yourself, getting it back won't be a problem then, will it?

Michelle crawls around the floor, frantically searching for the book.

Each time Michelle gets closer to the book Sarah picks it up and throws it somewhere else.

Michelle follows the sound and crawls all over the basement while Sarah sinisterly laughs.

SARAH

Can't even find your freaking book! Ha ha. It must feel good to always have mom in your back pocket, huh?

MICHELLE

You're crazy. You know that's not true. Now, give me back my book.

SARAH

You have always been a kiss ass!

Sarah gets startled by the loud thunder and drops the book.

Michelle hears the thud of the book and quickly crawls towards it. She picks it up and holds it tightly against her chest sitting on her knees. Michelle looks scared and is quivering.

SARAH

You bitch!

Sarah angrily stomps towards the end table. She takes the knitting needles and hastily heads towards Michelle.

Sarah grabs Michelle by her hair, and forcefully pulls her up.

She furiously and repeatedly jabs Michelle's hands with the knitting needles.

Michelle screams in pain and drops the book on the floor.

Michelle struggles to push Sarah away and free her hand from Sarah's grip.

Sarah does not let go and continues to jab her hand.

MICHELLE

MOM! Help me! It hurts!

SARAH

Mom's not here! You baby! Shut up!  
I'll show you what hurts like hell!

Sarah twists Michelle's arm behind her back.

Michelle yells in agony.

Sarah looks at the book on the floor. The title "Love Story" catches her attention.

Sarah lets go of Michelle's hand and picks up the book.

Michelle profusely cries in pain and caresses her hand.

MICHELLE

We all love you! You have it all  
wrong. Why are you hurting me and  
being so cruel?

Sarah picks up the book from the floor.

SARAH

Ooh "Love Story". Trying to steal  
Nick from me? I see how you stare  
at him.

MICHELLE

What are you talking about? I can't  
even see!

SARAH

I saw you walk out of my room all  
smiling. I know you are fucking my  
boyfriend. Admit to it, you slut!

MICHELLE

No!, I am not sleeping with Nick!

Michelle feels around and follows Sarah's voice and wants to snatch the book off of Sarah's hand.

Sarah stands close to the end table. As Sarah sees Michelle approaching, she quickly moves the end table in front of her.

Michelle falls over the table and hurts her forehead.

SARAH

Come on and get it you independent  
whore!

Sarah starts to walk away with the book, thrilled.

Unknown to Sarah, Michelle gets up and is extremely angry. She gathers herself and charges onto Sarah.

Michelle beats Sarah really hard with her hands.

Sarah turns around holding the book tight in one hand and grabs Michelle with the other.

Michelle bites Sarah's hand. Sarah screams and drops the book.

While Sarah tends to her hand, Michelle picks up the book and desperately searches the basement to find a way out.

SARAH

You bitch!

Sarah is outraged, rushes to the end table and grabs the scissors.

SARAH

Mom thinks you're beautiful. Lets  
see how you look when I cut your  
filthy hair.

MICHELLE

No, don't! Leave me alone! Mom!

Michelle is terrified and stumbles several times in a hurry to get to the stairs.

Sarah follows her in a rage with the scissors, grabs her around the neck at the foot of the stairs and threatens to cut her hair.

Michelle gasps for breath. She struggles to loosen Sarah's grip around her neck with one hand while tightly holding on to the book with the other.

SARAH

You are pretty stupid. Mom's not here.

MICHELLE

Please let me go!

Michelle sobs.

Sarah motions the scissors to cut Michelle's hair when suddenly, the power goes out and it is pitch dark.

Sarah is startled and loses her grip around Michelle. In the process Sarah cuts a chunk of Michelle's hair.

Michelle catches her breath, gains her balance and quickly goes up the stairs and holds the book close to her body. She is trembling.

SARAH

Don't you dare run away from me, Michelle.

Sarah tries to run behind Michelle in the dark and feels the air with her hands, but trips, rolls down the stairs and hurts herself.

Sarah gets up and tries to find the stairs. She is disoriented and bumps into walls in her state of panic.

The wind outside picks up speed which causes the tree branches to hit the windows. Sarah is scared.

Sarah sweats, trembles and stumbles over the end table.

Michelle hears Sarah fall down with a thud.

SARAH

Michelle! Michelle! Could you get some light?! Michelle!

Michelle has a puzzled look.

Sarah groans in pain. As soon as Michelle hears Sarah's whimpers she quickly heads down the stairs with a concerned look on her face.

Michelle finds Sarah on the floor, sets the book down, embraces Sarah, and strokes her back.

MICHELLE

Where are you hurt, Sarah?

Sarah tightly hugs on to Michelle.

Sarah looks at Michelle and expresses regret over what she had done to her. Tears roll down Sarah's cheeks as she continues to hug Michelle.

Mom enters the basement in panic with a candle in her hand.

MOM

Sarah, Michelle! Are you both all right?

Mom sees Sarah hugging Michelle and smiles.

FADE OUT

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