

Thin Walls

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INT. APARTMENT - NIGHT

It is a dirty, small apartment with dim lighting. There is trash spread out on the carpet. There is a dirty couch, a brown cabinet and a small kitchen attached to the room.

MARIE (mid-20s woman) and ANDREW (mid-20s man) walk in. Andrew stumbles in with a beer in his hand. He hums a song loudly in a cheerful tone. Marie, on the other hand, rolls her eyes.

MARIE

Andrew! Oh my god, will you please shut-up? You're gonna wake the neighbors up.

Andrew takes a sip of his beer and then begins to dance.

ANDREW

(slurring)

Marie, dance with me.

MARIE

Just go to bed. Please.

Andrew stops dancing.

ANDREW

Are you upset, baby? Tell me what's wrong.

MARIE

(huffs)

What's wrong? Are you kidding me? You ruined the dinner. My dinner! You embarrassed me in front of all of my friends. All you do is drink and drink and drink. Do you even know why we were having this dinner?

Beat.

MARIE (CONT'D)

I got a promotion, Andrew. A fucking promotion.

ANDREW

Oh, congratulations, baby.

Andrew approaches her to give Marie a kiss.

MARIE

Stop!

Tears starts forming under Marie's eyes.

A THUMP comes from above them.

ANGRY NEIGHBOR (O.S.)

Ay! Shut-up down there!

Marie sighs.

MARIE

(whispers)

Just go to bed.

Andrew mocks her and takes another sip of the beer. Then continues to dance and hum.

MARIE (CONT'D)

Go to bed!

Marie storms towards Andrew and slaps the beer out of his hand.

Andrew freezes and his face tenses up. Andrew's fist balls up, then he punches her in the eye. Marie immediately holds her face.

He no longer slurs:

ANDREW

How fucking dare you? You are so whiny all the time. You just don't know how to have fun, do you? So ungrateful. I let you into my apartment. Let you sleep in my bed. All the sex you want, I give it to you.

Marie releases her face. Blood oozes from her eye. Emotionlessly, she stares at him.

MARIE

You punched me?

ANDREW

Yeah, and I'll punch you again if you don't go to the goddamn kitchen and get me another goddamn beer. You understand?

MARIE

You fucking punched me! How dare you?

Marie looks at him in the eye. Andrew stumbles back a few steps.

MARIE (CONT'D)

You know what? You're right.

ANDREW

Yeah, of course I am-

MARIE

You let me into your filthy apartment.  
Let me sleep in your gross bed. Give  
me the worst sex I've ever had in my  
life, and I dealt with it because I  
love you. So yeah, I guess, Thank you.

(beat)

You want to hear what I've done? I've  
paid for your bills. Cleaned your  
mess. Drive you everywhere you need to  
go. And what for? A black eye?

(beat)

Fuck you, Andrew. Fuck you!

She spits on him.

Andrew approaches Marie to punch her again, but before he  
can, Marie slaps him. Hard.

ANDREW

You bitch!

Marie kicks Andrew's crotch. Andrew falls to the floor  
holding himself.

MARIE

I've done nothing but love you and  
deal with your lazy ass. You know  
what? I'm sick of you. I'm so fucking  
sick of you.

While Andrew is on the floor, Marie kicks his face. Andrew's  
face bleeds. He's balled up on the floor. Marie spits on him.

MARIE (CONT'D)

And you know what? You aren't even  
worth it.

ANGRY NEIGHBOR (O.S.)  
I said shut up!

ANDREW  
Hel--

Marie kicks his mouth.

MARIE  
(whispers)  
Hush.

Marie puts her pointer finger to her lip and drops it slowly.

MARIE (CONT'D)  
You deserve to die. You're useless.  
You're unbelievable. You're  
disgusting...

Marie makes her way towards a cabinet and opens it. Inside,  
there is a pistol.

ANDREW  
(whispers)  
What are you doing?

MARIE  
(whispers)  
Waking up the neighbors. Don't worry.  
It's self-defense.

Marie smiles at Andrew. Andrew still is on the ground.

MARIE (CONT'D)  
(screaming)  
Ah! Someone help! Help me! He's  
hurting me!

ANDREW  
Shut-up, you crazy bitch!

Andrew starts crawling towards Marie.

Marie throws cabinets on the floor, along with other things.

ANDREW (CONT'D)  
Stop that!

MARIE  
(whispers)  
It has to look like a struggle, my

love.

(laughs)

I love you to death, but I literally dreamed of killing you. It's funny, I dreamed this exact moment. With this gun.

Beat.

MARIE (CONT'D)

Help me! Please.

(pause)

Stop! Andrew stop! Get away from me!  
Please, don't hit me again!

ANDREW

Marie!

MARIE

I'll shoot! I promise, I'll shoot!

ANGRY NEIGHBOR (O.S.)

Is everything alright down there?

MARIE

Help!

GUN SHOT.

Marie shoots Andrew in the forehead. Marie screams loudly without showing any emotion.

MARIE (CONT'D)

Oh my god!

ANGRY NEIGHBOR (O.S.)

Is everything all right down there? I called 911!

Marie curls in a ball, quiet.

MARIE

God, that fucking hurt.

Marie wipes the blood from her eye.

FADE TO BLACK

THE END