

There's No Eye In Team

At a university, a track star loses her eye when a lab experiment is sabotaged. She faces haunting visions as she struggles to find the culprit.

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INT. OUTSIDE OF THERAPIST'S OFFICE - DAY

Therapist comes out holding a clipboard. Lizzie is nervous, waiting in silence with her supportive girlfriend, Macy.

THERAPIST

(Looking at Lizzie, giving her a warm smile)

Okay Lizzie, are you ready?

Lizzie snaps out of her daze. Macy and Lizzie stand up. Lizzie gives therapist a weak nod.

MACY

(Hugging Lizzie and whispering in her ear)

You got this, alright? It's only your third week out, don't be too hard on yourself.

Macy gives Lizzie a quick peck before Lizzie and Therapist walk into office.

INT. INSIDE THERAPIST'S OFFICE - DAY

Lizzie and Therapist are sitting across from each other having their weekly session.

THERAPIST

(Looking at notes)

So, we are officially three weeks out from your accident, how are you feeling? Any new thoughts or feelings this week?

LIZZIE

(sarcastic laugh)

I'm alright I guess...

LIZZIE (CONT'D)

I mean I miss the team (pause) and running in general. I guess I'm just confused on how to feel, or if I'm even supposed to feel anything at all.

THERAPIST

You can't process a traumatic event like that in such a short time, Lizzie, no one can. Are you still having trouble sleeping?

LIZZIE

Yeah. Waking up every hour is really starting to become my specialty.  
(Pause) But, I'm starting to have some blackouts...?

THERAPIST

(Writing down notes)  
Okay, let me see if I can move up your next appointment with Dr. Lou...

FADE OUT

INT. DINNER TABLE - LATER

Lizzie is zoning out at dinner with her teammates while they ramble on about the upcoming track meet. Lizzie is about to take a sip of water when it turns to blood. She is confused and looks to her soup again to find it spells out "seeing things?" She spills her cup, frightened.

STELLA

(Making fun of Lizzie)  
How does it feel to be second best, Lizzie? ...cat's got your eye or something?

LIZZIE

(Snaps her head up at Stella, shocked and offended)  
Huh?

STELLA

(Worried)  
I said, if you're up to it, are you gonna be at our track meet this weekend?

Stella looks at the spilled WATER and back up at Lizzie.

STELLA

Are you okay, Liz?

Lizzie looks back down at soup to see it's normal. She glances at her drink to find spilled WATER. She is confused but tries to cover it up.

LIZZIE  
 (Trying to clean up spill)  
 What? Oh. Whoops, yeah hah sorry. Of course I'll go.

INT. LIZZIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Lizzie is talking on the phone with Macy.

LIZZIE  
 (Relaxing in bed)  
 Yeah I don't know, I kinda wanna figure out how it all happened. Just for my own sanity, ya know?

MACY  
 Yeah, I get that. Well what do you remember about lab that day?

INT. IN LAB - SOFT LIGHTING - DAY

In a flashback Stella and Lizzie are lab partners working on an experiment. Macy texts Lizzie trying to convince her to skip lab with her. A voiceover plays over the scene.

LIZZIE (V.O.)  
 Well, I remember you were trying to get me to skip lab with you.

MACY (V.O.)  
 Okaaaay, and? You can't tell me you didn't have fun.

Lizzie hears a ding, and checks her phone seeing a TEXT:  
 "pleaaaaase Lizzie, you never do anything fun! We'll only skip for half the class, I promise."

LIZZIE (TEXT)  
 "Okay, fine. Just this once."

LIZZIE  
 (Turning towards Stella)  
 I'm gonna use the bathroom real quick. Are you gonna be okay if I leave?

STELLA  
 (rolling her eyes jokingly)  
 Okaaaay, I mean if you really have to leave me... go on! Have fun!

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

Macy and Lizzie are in the bathroom making out. Lizzie hears multiple dings and stops kissing Macy to check her phone.  
TEXTS from Stella: "Where ru? Lab is almost over!"

MACY

Here we go, Stella is begging you to come back to lab isn't she?

LIZZIE

Hey, you *said* we would only stay for HALF the period. I should get back before she gets mad.

MACY

Okay, have fun canoodling with Stella!

Lizzie rolls her eyes and starts to walk out of the bathroom

MACY

(Shouting with a joking tone)  
Hey wait! Don't forget hand sanitizer, you don't wanna spread germs!

LIZZIE

(Walking back towards Macy to get some of Macy's hand sanitizer)  
Whatever!

INT. IN LAB - SOFT LIGHTING - DAY

Lizzie walks back into lab. Stella is somewhat irritable.

STELLA

Oh wow so you finally decided to come back! Not like I did the whole lab myself or anything!

LIZZIE

Thanks, Stella. Sorry. I just lost track of time! It will never happen again I swear.

STELLA

Okay, Hmm. I'll forgive you... as long as you clean up the lab.

Stella exits. Lizzie starts to clean up the experiment. A big flash appears as the flashback fades.

INT. LIZZIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Lizzie is still on the phone with Macy.

LIZZIE

(lowering her voice on the phone)  
Well, I remember skipping lab and then having to clean it up. But I kinda have an off feeling about Stella. I mean I know it's unlike her to do anything, but how come I was the only one who had their eye blown up? And she *did* make me clean it up by myself.

MACY

Yeah. To be honest, I was kind of suspicious, but I didn't wanna say anything to upset you-- especially right after the accident. But I mean she was the only one near the experiment, and who knows, she could've tampered with it. All I'm saying is that we all say it was an accident, but maybe it wasn't. I would keep an eye on her if I were you.

LIZZIE

Yeah, I guess you're right. And I mean she was my backup for the 4x400m relay. Maybe she really wanted that spot? I don't know, but I'm tired, so I gotta go. Love you.

MACY

Yeah, just don't kill yourself by thinking about it too much. Love you, get some sleep!

Lizzie hangs up the phone and walks towards the bathroom.

INT. BATHROOM - NIGHT

Lizzie walks in on Stella who's brushing her teeth.

STELLA

(smiles at Lizzie, mouth full of toothpaste)

Hey!

LIZZIE

Hey.

Lizzie starts to brush her teeth. Stella smiles at Lizzie through the mirror. They stand in silence as Lizzie gives Stella a smile back. They both spit. Lizzie looks back up - the room is darker while Stella stands in a bloody lab coat holding a broken beaker with an eyeball in it.

STELLA  
(Dead stare at Lizzie)  
Yeah keep an eye out.

Lizzie backs up horrified while Stella walks towards her.

LIZZIE  
(blood-curdling scream)  
Ahhh! Get away from me!

Stella looks confused and terrified as she grabs Lizzie's arm to steady her.

STELLA  
Hey! Liz it's me. It's just me,  
Stella. You're okay, it's okay.

Lizzie, still petrified, blinks and refocuses her eye on Stella in front of her. She glances at the MOUTHWASH in Stella's hand and then back up at Stella.

LIZZIE  
I'm sorry, I- it's just sometimes my  
mind likes to play tricks on me. I'm  
okay, I'm just sleep deprived.

STELLA  
Are you sure? I mean I was just  
offering you some mouthwash, and you  
acted like I was holding a knife. Do  
you want me to call Dr. Lou?

LIZZIE  
No! I'm fine, really. I'm just tired.

INT. LIZZIE'S ROOM - DAY

Lizzie, sitting in bed, still shaken from last night, calls Macy to tell her about her visions.

LIZZIE (O.T.P.)  
I just don't know what came over me  
last night.

MACY (O.T.P)

See? What did I tell you about thinking about it too much. You're gonna drive yourself insane! I say just forget about the whole situation and come spend some time with me instead.

LIZZIE (O.T.P.)

I don't know Macy. I feel like this is something I need to resolve on my own.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Lizzie and Stella are sitting in the living room with their teammates playing cards. Lizzie is glaring at Stella.

STELLA

You have something you wanna say?

LIZZIE

I think you caused the experiment to blow up on me. And I don't think it was on accident. No one else could have tampered with the experiment because you were the only one who touched it!

STELLA

(standing up)

You can't be serious Liz. I was called up to do the experiment at the front of the room. How could I have tampered with it? Everyone was watching me, and you would've known that if you were in class instead of skipping with Macy! You can ask Emily, she was there!

LIZZIE

(Getting in Stella's face)

Okay, first of all, you said that it was okay to leave! And second of all, you could've slipped it in before YOU made me clean it up by myself. Now tell me why I was the only one who got their eye blown to pieces?! You can't tell me that doesn't look suspicious. Not to mention you're the one taking MY spot in the track meet on Saturday! You were just my backup, coach was NEVER gonna actually let you run if I



was still on the team.

STELLA

Woah, you need to back up. And that was a low blow. You know I never meant to steal your spot. I was NEVER gunning for your position... I've always supported you. I don't know what's gotten into you, or if it's the trauma making you act out or what, but you need to stop projecting your pent up feelings onto me. And then, just *maybe*, you'll finally see what *actually* happened.

Stella and teammates exit, leaving Lizzie standing alone.

INT. LIZZIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Lizzie realizes she was wrong. She sits down and looks at her "murder board."

She pulls out her diary dating back to the day of the accident. Looks at her initial thoughts and then walks over to the board. She stares at it while the camera pans out.

LIZZIE

(whispering to herself)  
What am I not seeing? Was it an accident? Who could have done this to me if not Stella?

Lizzie scans over the murder board and her eyes land on the WORDS: "chemical reaction?"

ZOOM IN ON THE NOTE CARD ON THE BOARD.

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

Scenes of Macy go through Lizzie's head. Everything is coming to light. Lizzie makes the critical connection.

The scene of Lizzie checking her phone plays SILENTLY with the TEXT: "pleaaaase Lizzie, you never do anything fun! We'll only skip for half the class, I promise."

Other clips of Macy play

MACY #1

All I'm saying is that we all say it was an accident, but maybe it wasn't.

MACY #2

I say just forget about the whole situation and come spend some time with me instead.

MACY #3

Here we go, Stella is begging you to come back to lab isn't she?

MACY #4

Hey wait! Don't forget hand sanitizer, you don't wanna spread germs!

INT. LIZZIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

The flashback is over. Lizzie is stunned and sick to her stomach. The camera is centered on Lizzie's face.

LIZZIE

Oh. My. God.

INT. MACY'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Macy sits in front of a mirror, humming, mindlessly petting a styrofoam head with Lizzie's face attached to it.

Lizzie slams open the door. She stands in the doorway. It's pouring rain.

LIZZIE

I know you did it.

Lizzie enters the apartment. Teammates follow close behind. Macy tries to hide the head by tucking it behind a chair.

MACY

(walking backwards and reaching for her phone)

What? What are you talking about?  
Lizzie just calm down before I have to call Dr. Lou, you're acting out again.

Lizzie is practically in Macy's face. Teammates hold Lizzie back.

LIZZIE

(Screaming at Macy)

No you are acting out! I know it was you, don't try to deny it! You made me like this! You put the chemicals into that hand sanitizer that reacted with

the experiment! And you know what the funny thing is, I didn't even want to skip class that day, but I did it for you!

LIZZIE (CONT'D)  
 (trying to remain calm)  
 And the saddest part, the part that I *can't quite* wrap my head around... is that you could even do this to me.

MACY  
 I did it because I love you.

Lizzie turns and starts to walk towards the door. Macy yells after her.

MACY  
 Wait! Don't leave me! Please.

Lizzie turns around almost giving in until she spots the head and picks it up. She realizes what it is.

LIZZIE  
 (Holding up the head in disgust)  
 What the fuck is this? Who even are you? I don't know who you are anymore.

Lizzie beams the head on the floor in Macy's direction. She starts to leave but turns around to say one last thing.

LIZZIE  
 (pointing towards her eye)  
 Because you did this, I will *never* love you.

Lizzie and teammates walk out, slamming the door. Macy tries to get in one last word but is more talking to herself.

MACY  
 I did it because I love you. Y- you started to love your sport more than me. I did it because I love you.

A single tear rolls down Macy's face, as she opens the styrofoam and reveals... Lizzie's bloody eyeball.

THE CAMERA PANS OUT AND FADES TO BLACK.