

UNNAMED

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1A INT. LIVING ROOM APARTMENT - DAY

JENNY, a mature adult, steps into the living room carrying a bowl of cereal and a pack of milk in her comfortable short tight leggings, wearing a sweater. She takes place on the sofa and puts on the table her bowl of cereal. On the living room table sits her laptop while playing a live stream podcast, FREDDIE AND CHARLIE are having a discussion about inner demons on the podcast show. Her phone starts vibrating and JENNY sees that her mother is calling. Her anger is micro expressed and she lets the phone ring trying to ignore it. JENNY raises the volume of the podcast. Suddenly she hears a baby crying from the neighbors followed by a fighting couple, JENNY notices and tries to ignore by immediately putting the volume of the podcast louder. The phone stops ringing, and a notification shows up saying she has missed **23 calls from her mother.**

1B INT. PODCAST STUDIO - DAY

FREDDIE, a proper young adult is sitting next to CHARLIE, more of a messy looking mature adult. They are having a heavy discussion about if inner demons are real or not.

FREDDIE

Remind me again who came up with this term inner demons?

CHARLIE

No one knows, it's something that has probably been around for some time, we're talking about late medieval times. Back in the day type of shit..

FREDDIE

Back in the days.. Ironically, these are the same people who thought that witches were real?

CHARLIE

I think inner demons are more like expressions, but they are real, I assure you. They are everywhere, you won't notice them until.. (interrupted)

FREDDIE

So how do they manifest, what kind of people belong to this type of cult? IF!? Demons in that sense really exist.

CHARLIE

Well yea.. We do.

FREDDIE

We? Like you, and me? Them?

(CONT'D)

CHARLIE

There. Are. No. Gender pronouns for this phenomenon. I'm talking about everyone, including me and you.

FREDDIE

It's a phenomenon!! So you have to be special?

CHARLIE

You got them.

FREDDIE

...I got what..?

CHARLIE

Them inner demons.

FREDDIE

Ksss, I'm a free man. Nothing is able to control me. So for all the kids out there who are listening to this podcast right now, if you're new to this, I'm an Atheist, and my friend Charlie here, he's a spiritual, or spiritualist as he might refer to himself.

CHARLIE

Believer.

(silence)

FREDDIE

So I think we're talking about some type of dark matter here right. Things that we can't immediately put an explanation behind.

CHARLIE

Toxic traits..

FREDDIE

Toxi traits..?

CHARLIE

That would be one of these manifestations I suppose you're trying to refer to..

FREDDIE

Hold up, now this is something totally different, so my toxic traits are also called inner demons?

(CONT'D)

CHARLIE

Yes, in a way, but you're too rational to understand it.

FREDDIE

Well, enlighten me..

CHARLIE

Allow me to show it to you?

CHARLIE turns around, puts on a mask and turns back to FREDDIE.
FREDDIE describes what he exactly sees in CHARLIE's mask.

FREDDIE

So.. Not sure if you want me to be scared or fascinated by the
artist behind this mask. So this is an inner demon?

CHARLIE

One of the few, this is my "I don't care" inner demon.

FREDDIE

Hmm ha, Where did you got it from?

CHARLIE

I inherited it from my dad. This was his toxic trait, but it came
with a price.

(Silence @ the studio)

(JENNY's mother sends a text message: Please, don't ignore me?)

FREDDIE

Sweet Mary and Josef!!

CHARLIE

You did just not..

FREDDIE

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, people, mr president.. Your
toxic traits.. Apparently demons, be careful on what you spend
your attention on. Because you might be feeding them..

(Laughs sarcastically)

CHARLIE turns towards the stream camera and raises his shoulders,
then takes his mask off.

(CONT'D)

FREDDIE

Let's continue immediately to our next topic of the day, we invited Norah, she's a veteran medium from (origin country of accent) she helps people connect with (reads paper) the dead people..

NORAH

the spiritual world and supernatural forces, if I may.

FREDDIE

Norah, Thank you so much for joining us on this week's podcast "Nothing is Safe" Please help us wrap our heads around the issue of psychic and mystical endeavors.

1A INT. LIVING ROOM APARTMENT - DAY

JENNY smirks off FREDDIE's humor while pouring milk on her bowl till suddenly a cold shiver reaches her spine. She wraps herself with a blanket near her. She makes herself comfortable on the sofa and eats her bowl of cereal.

1B INT. PODCAST STUDIO - DAY

Norah smirks off FREDDIE's humor. NORAH does a namaste greeting to the hosts, FREDDIE awkwardly follows the gesture.

CHARLIE

Welcome.

NORAH

Thank you for having me.

NORAH looks briefly into the streaming camera and gets a little cold shiver on her spine. She reaches for her scarf and covers her shoulder with it.

FREDDIE

Is it cold in here? Guys can we get the air conditioner a little bit lower please.

NORAH

No, I'm Good.

FREDDIE

Are you sure?

NORAH
Thank you, I'm good.

FREDDIE
Norah, can you guess what I have in my pocket?

(CONT'D)

NORAH
Why?

CHARLIE
He needs to affirm that you are a real psychic.

NORAH
Ha, I understand, but that is not what medium is about.

FREDDIE
So, what is it then, and.. Could you prove this to us? Could you euh.. Prove this to us?

NORAH
Let me start by saying that everyone is born with a psychic ability, some stronger than others. The fundamental explanation is that everyone has an intuition. A psychic is someone who is aware of these energies to an extraordinary level. (Norah micro expresses annoyance, she seems to be bothered by a sharp sound)

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JENNY watches attentively while eating her bowl of cereal, but she is near the last bits of her cereal and scrapes her bowl making a very sharp ceramic texture sound with her spoon while she digs for the cereal. NORAH breaks the 4th wall looking with a frown towards the podcast camera.

FREDDIE
So how come some are aware of it and others not?

NORAH
You see..

FREDDIE
Freddie.

(CONT'D)

NORAH

You see Freddie.. I've been blessed to be able to tune this energy around a place, a person, or even a thing. Most medium and sometimes even psychics can read your spiritual energy.
(whispering weird languages)

FREDDIE

Wait.. how?

NORAH

(whispering weird languages) You don't need to provoke them, but the fact that your deepest fears and your strongest desires lie within you, allows me to read your spiritual balance. These emotions, they float around you, think of them like strings that are connected to certain reasonings (sources). All that is left for me to do, is to pick one and see where it begins or where it ends.

FREDDIE

Are you saying that you can predict the future?

NORAH

(shouting weird languages) Not really, it depends on the emotional force of an individual. It allows us to see the connections internally and externally of ...

CHARLIE

Please would you mind reading my..

1B INT. PODCAST STUDIO - DAY

NORAH falls unexpectedly quiet, followed by weird laughing and sad body tweaks. She starts yelling loudly as if she's trying to ignore a voice in her head. FREDDIE and CHARLIE are not understanding what is going on.

FREDDIE

Are inner demons in here?

CHARLIE

...

(CONT'D)

CHARLIE takes a bit of a distance and tries to calm her down from a distance, but restrains from touching her. FREDDIE is looking around the room while he takes his headphones off. NORAH falls again quiet and starts shouting biblical verses with her eyes closed with a stiff body, a very pale white hand is grabbing her arm which is invisible to FREDDY and CHARLIE. She starts shouting predictions.

NORAH

Algae, sister of Karites, my antipode, how little your candle has become. There is darkness upon thee. Azrael is near and the beggar will collect his prize. Those who walk with him at night, stumble because the light is not him.

NORAH

My child, you failed your first commandment, thy body suffers huge sorrow, grief and pain, daimon has his eye locked on thee. You mocked us and now you broke the most sacred vow. Thy shall be put to death, picked out by ravens and eaten by vultures. You will not listen, you spurn my statutes, your soul abhors my rules, so now you made him hungry for panic, wasting disease and fever that consume the eyes and make the heart ache. No one can hear thee, nor anyone can save thee.

1A INT. LIVING ROOM APARTMENT - DAY

JENNY is a bit shocked by the event, she suddenly hears the neighbors baby cry again, but this time louder. A little chime hanging next to her door started making noise due to external wind.

1B INT. PODCAST STUDIO - DAY

NORAH continues the blind prophecies, she cries, until she opens her eyes and looks directly into the camera. FREDDIE and CHARLIE are quietly trying to follow her motives but are clueless and maintain their distances for unexpected events. NORAH casts a prophecy looking straight into the camera and almost out of breath she calmly tries to spill the prophecy. Before she can finish the last sentence her facial posture is forced into the sky, and then twitches having a seizure, she falls to the floor. FREDDIE and CHARLIE are getting up and checking up on her, they don't know what to do and react away from their mics, asking for help.

(CONT'D)

NORAH

Thy time has come to an end, your breath has become his. Cold and empty. He will shine in the splendor of your eyes but cast a shadow to your soul. He will use your body to his own will, throw thy spirit into oblivion, with his tongue, shame will be injected through your veins, by his claws you will be pierced and shredded into pieces, from your blood shall thee drink, from his mouth shall thy eat, from eternal pain shall thee..

1A INT. LIVING ROOM APARTMENT - DAY

JENNY doesn't understand what is going on, and is a bit frozen in her expression. The sunlight starts twitching in the living room. On her laptop she sees weird comments of other people in the chat, and they start leaving the live stream. She sees Norah falling dead on her screen, and this white pale hand still grabbing her. The connection of the livestream gets abrupt. She has a terrified look on her face, she stands up immediately and goes for her phone. Behind her a black demon hand appears.

JENNY falls quiet as she feels a presence over her shoulder, but she does not dare to look, fear and anxiety are all over her face. We see her face turning back slowly. Her eyes are drained full of fear.

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