

Taste

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INT. HOUSE - NIGHT

The GIRL, young, dressed only in a lacy white slip dress, tiptoes through the house, covered in blood and tears.

The KILLER, a large, hulking man, follows beside her on the opposite side of the wall.

The girl stops and pushes her ear against the wall, listening for the killer.

The killer leans his ear against the wall to hear her breathing.

The killer drives the knife through the wall, it juts out the other side, inches from the woman's face.

GIRL

Ahh

The girl covers her mouth, sobbing dramatically.

The killer pulls his knife out of the wall, driving it into the wall again.

This time, the knife is closer, catching on her hair.

GIRL (CONT'D)

(muffled sobs)

The girl falls to the floor, crawling away in an attempt to save herself.

The killer hears her sliding down the wall. He aims his knife lower.

The knife catches the side of the girl's arm.

She gushes blood and muffles further sobs.

The killer comes around the corner, locking eyes with the girl.

His knife is covered in her blood, and his clothes are covered in the blood of those before.

GIRL (CONT'D)

Please, please don't kill me.

Please I'll do whatever you want
please please please please

The killer walks slowly towards her.

KILLER

Stand up

The girl tries to stand.

Her injured arm gives out as she pushes her body up.

She slowly makes her way to her feet.

The killer strokes her face, fingering an open wound on her cheek.

The girl sobs and grimaces at his touch. Taking a deep breath, she hopes that whatever happens next will spare her life.

GIRL

(whisper)

Please...

A sudden bang erupts from downstairs.

A MAN appears at the top of the stairs, he's holding a gun.

MAN

Step away from the girl

The killer pushes his knife into the girl's stomach and tosses her aside.

The man shoots the killer and the force pushes him through the window behind him.

The man drops the gun and runs to the girl's bleeding body.

Red and blue flashes light up the previously dark room.

Police burst through the door along with paramedics, who attend to the girl immediately.

POLICE

Where is he?

The man points towards the broken window.

EXT. CAMPGROUND - NIGHT

A group of campers sits around a campfire, drinking wine and roasting marshmallows.

LOUIS

The police look outside, and the
Killer is nowhere to be found.

(MORE)

LOUIS (CONT'D)
All that remains is a splatter of
blood on the grass.

A silence hangs in the air...

LEVI
There's no way he got shot in the
head, fell through a window, and
survived.

LOUIS
That's the whole point. The killer
never dies at the end. Ever heard
of suspense?

LEVI
Suspense? More like a good reason
for another shitty sequel.

LOUIS
Do you hate fun?

LEVI
You think that a man running around
terrorising women is... fun?

LUKE
Woah, I don't think that's what he
was saying, Levi.

LEVI
You're kidding, right? All of those
movies are just an excuse for men
to watch half-naked women be
tortured.

LOUIS
I actually prefer the ones where
the women are fully naked.

LEVI
Fuck you Louis.

Levi gets up, smacks Louis on the back of the head, and
storms into the tent.

CAMERON
Bro...

ALICE
You're such an asshole sometimes.

Alice gets up from her seat next to Louis and follows Levi to
the tent.

LUKE

Alice is going to break up with you
if you keep fucking with Levi like
that.

LOUIS

Yeah, well, Levi's feminist
hysterics piss me off. She takes
everything so seriously.

CAMERON

I mean, it kinda is serious. She's
not wrong; those movies can be
pretty brutal

LOUIS

Don't piss me off with that pussy
shit Cam.

CAMERON

I'm just saying...

INT. ALICE'S TENT - NIGHT

Levi and Alice are sitting in the tent, passing a bottle of
wine between them, deep in conversation.

ALICE

They just have no clue what it's
like. Constantly watching your
surroundings, watching your drink,
watching who you talk to. It's
exhausting.

LEVI

Yeah, I know...

ALICE

And then they go and make jokes
about naked tortured women and act
like you calling them out is "too
far". Like, be fucking for real. I
wish we could give them just a
taste of what it's like

LEVI

Well, we could... maybe just fuck
with them a little.

ALICE

What are you thinking?

Levi takes a deep breath and downs the rest of the wine.

EXT. CAMPGROUND - NIGHT

Alice walks back to the campfire, sitting next to Louis.

She leans into him to whisper in his ear.

ALICE
(whispering)
If you come with me, I'll let you
show me how sorry you are...

Louis eagerly jumps to his feet, grabbing Alice's hand.

LOUIS
Goodnight lads, duty calls.

Alice pulls them toward the dark bush

EXT. BUSH - NIGHT

Alice kisses Louis, pushing him up against a tree.

ALICE
(whispering)
Do you wanna try something?

LOUIS
I'll do anything you want...

ALICE
Hm, take your clothes off.

Louis strips eagerly.

Alice pulls out a scarf and a piece of tent rope from her pocket.

She ties the scarf over Louis eyes and the rope around his hands, tying him to the tree.

LOUIS
Alice, I didn't know you were kinky
like this. You've been holding out
on me.

Alice runs behind the trees, watching from afar. Levi appears from her hiding spot.

LOUIS (CONT'D)
Alice?

Levi takes a step towards Louis, a branch snaps beneath her feet.

LOUIS (CONT'D)
Alice? What are you doing? Teasing
me?

Levi takes another step towards him. Pulling a knife out of
her back pocket.

She traces the knife down the side of Louis' face, pulling
the scarf off of his eyes.

LOUIS (CONT'D)
Levi? What the fuck are you doing?
Is that a knife? What the fuck are
you playing at?

LEVI
I'm just giving you a taste.

Levi traces Louis Lips with the knife.

On an impulse she pushes the knife into Louis mouth.

LOUIS
(screams of agony)
What the fuck what the fuck what
the fuck!

Blood sprays across Levi's face, she licks her lips.

LEVI
You're being a little hysterical,
don't you think?

Levi pats Louis on the back.

He spits blood at her face.

LEVI (CONT'D)
Relax, its not gonna kill you.

Alice runs out from behind the trees where she was watching
the violence go down.

ALICE
Levi, what the fuck! We were just
supposed to scare him a little bit;
you weren't supposed to fucking
stab him.

LEVI
I thought you wanted to give them a
taste?

ALICE

Yeah, a taste not the whole fucking meal!

LEVI

He was asking for it.

ALICE

Asking for it? Do you know what you sound like, Levi? You sound like a man. I'm taking him to the hospital, and I'm calling the police.

Alice walks over to Louis and begins to untie him from the tree.

LEVI

You can't call the police on me, this was our plan.

ALICE

No Levi. This was your plan. My plan was to scare them, not cut them open.

Alice frees Louis hands.

Louis lunges forward and reaches for Levi's throat, strangling her.

LOUIS

You crazy fucking bitch, I'm gonna kill you!

ALICE

(yelling)

LOUIS LET HER GO!

LOUIS

(muttering)

Fucking stupid bitches...

Louis continues to strangle Levi; she begins to lose consciousness, her body goes limp in Louis's hands.

Alice spots the knife on the ground.

She picks it up and pushes it deep into Louis side.

Louis drops Levi and puts his hands over the wound; blood is everywhere.

LOUIS (CONT'D)

Alice

Once she starts, she can't stop. She pushes the knife into him again and again and again.

Levi comes back into consciousness, leaning against a tree, watching while she catches her breath.

LEVI

Feel good?

ALICE

Incredible

EXT. DOC RANGER HUT - NIGHT

A DOC (Department of Conversation) Ranger, an older woman with a strong stature and short hair sprinkled with greys, sits on her deck, drinking some tea and enjoying the sounds of the night.

She hears the muffled sounds of some commotion at the campground.

DOC RANGER

(sighs)

Somethin' always happening as soon
as I sit down

EXT. CAMPGROUND - NIGHT

The girls run to the campground, high on adrenaline and covered in blood.

Luke and Cameron are still sitting by the dying campfire.

The girls run past them, their laughter sounding like dramatic cries

LUKE

What the fuck

(shouting)

Levi, Alice, come back! What
happened?

The girls keep running.

CAMERON

You go after them, I'll go into the
bush and see if I can find Louis!

Luke runs after the girls

Cameron walks back towards the bush where the girls came running from. On alert for any danger.

EXT. BUSH - NIGHT

Cameron walks into the bush, branches snapping under his feet.

He spots Louis body, pale and bleeding out onto the foliage.

CAMERON
Holy shit...

EXT. BUSH TRAIL - NIGHT

The girls run along the trail, listening to Luke's footsteps as he follows them.

LUKE
Levi, Alice. Stop running. What happened? Let me help you!

Levi takes a sudden sharp turn into the bush.

LEVI
(whispering)
Quick, in here.

Luke stops running, having lost sight of the girls in front of him.

LUKE
Levi? Alice? Where are you? What happened?

The girls are standing side by side in the bush, watching Luke frantically search for them.

Alice hands Levi the knife and winks at her.

ALICE
(Whispering)
Your turn.

Levi jumps out of the bush, landing on Luke, knocking them both to the ground, Levi on top of Luke.

LUKE
Levi! Oh thank god are you okay
what happene-

Levi plunges the knife into Luke's throat.

LEVI

Oh god...

She plunges the knife in again and again and again, until Luke is no longer recognisable.

ALICE

How did it feel?

LEVI

Fucking amazing.

EXT. CAMPGROUND - NIGHT

Cameron runs into the campground, scrambling by the dying fire, looking for his phone. He finally finds it.

CAMERON

No service. Fuck, fuck, fuck!

He holds his phone up to the sky, searching for a single bar of service.

The girls walk into the campground. Covered in blood and sweat.

Cameron drops the phone and runs to the girls.

CAMERON (CONT'D)

We have got to get out of here.
Where is Luke?

LEVI

Don't worry about Luke.

CAMERON

I saw Louis dead fucking body in
the bush, what happened?!

Cameron begins to cry, the reality finally hitting him.

The girls bring him in for a hug.

ALICE

Aw, Cameron, don't worry about
them. You'll be with them soon,
okay?

Cameron pulls out of the hug abruptly.

CAMERON

What?

LEVI

Well, we saved you for last
because... we just couldn't decide.

The girls take a step closer to Cameron, backing him into the fire.

ALICE

You've always been so sweet but...
timid.

LEVI

And we know you mean well but...

ALICE

You never really seem to do well.
You're... what do they say?

LEVI

All bark, no bite.

ALICE

You pretend you're some "women
loving Feminist" but when it comes
down to it.

LEVI

You're just...

ALICE

A man.

LEVI (CONT'D)

A man.

The girls have backed Cameron to the edge of the fire.

They reach forward to action the final push.

DOC RANGER

Step away from the boy

The girls turn to see the DOC ranger behind them, her hunting
gun positioned towards them.

Suddenly, the campground lights up with blue and red lights.

The girls put their hands up slowly, stepping away from
Cameron.

Police rush in, handcuffing the girls and herding them into
the back of the police car.

POLICE WOMAN
What happened here...

The police woman investigates the campground, slowly marking each piece of evidence: Louis and Luke's bodies, the knife, the rope, and the scarf.

She walks back to the car, ready to take the girls to the station.

The back seat of the car is empty. The girls are gone.

End.