

All Is Lost

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EXT. DRIVEWAY - AFTERNOON

A 2007 Ford Fusion pulls into the driveway of a nice suburban home next to a 2020 BMW X5. DOMINIC DAHLBERG, 28, dressed in business casual attire steps out of the car with a bouquet of flowers and a suitcase.

He notices a car parked across the street that he's never seen before and looks at it suspiciously. He starts walking to the front door.

INT. FRONT DOOR - CONTINUOUS

Dominic steps into the house.

DOMINIC  
Stacy!?

Dominic throws his keys in the bowl and hangs up his coat. He takes a pill bottle from his coat pocket, opens the bottle and throws back two pills.

He then puts the flowers behind his back and makes his way towards the stairs.

INT. DAHLBERG HOUSEHOLD - BOTTOM OF STAIRS - CONTINUOUS

DOMINIC  
Stace?

STACY DAHLBERG, 27, a beautiful blonde woman comes charging down the stairs in a robe.

STACY  
Hey babe.

DOMINIC  
Hey you.

Dominic kisses Stacy and they hold each other.

STACY  
What are you doing home so early?

DOMINIC  
I got off work early and thought I'd surprise you. Is someone here?

STACY  
Uhh, no why, were you expecting someone?

DOMINIC

No I just-- nevermind it's not important, what is important is what I have planned for tonight.

STACY

Ooooo, what do you have planned?

DOMINIC

Well first things first, these are for you.

Dominic takes the flowers from behind his back and gives them to Stacy. Stacy smells them as she lets out a loving groan.

STACY

I don't deserve you.

DOMINIC

But, I still love you.

They giggle.

STACY

Now enough with the suspense, tell me what you have planned.

DOMINIC

No way, its a surprise. Whats with the robe?

A beat.

STACY

I was just about to shower, care to join me?

DOMINIC

I'd have to be crazy to say no.

Stacy starts making her way up the stairs.

STACY

Well, what are you waiting for?

DOMINIC

I'm just enjoying the view.

Stacy takes her robe off and throws it at Dominic playfully. Dominic catches the robe and chases her up the stairs.

CUT TO:

INT. DAHLBERG HOUSEHOLD - MASTER BEDROOM - NIGHT

Dominic and Stacy are sleeping. Dominic wakes up and gets up to use the bathroom. Dominic comes back and hears a buzz from Stacy's phone.

Against his better judgment, he walks over to her phone and picks it up to look at the notification.

Dominic sees a text from a guy named Trent that reads: "WHEN CAN I SEE YOU AGAIN?" Dominic looks over at his wife sleeping in their bed and back at the phone.

He slowly unlocks the phone expecting to regret what he sees. He flips through a few texts to see messages from Stacy like, "I'M OMW NOW, AND I'VE GOT WINE! ;)" and "I'LL BE ALONE ALL WEEKEND, I COULD USE SOME COMPANY".

Dominic starts to aggressively flip through their texts to see that they've been sending nude photos back and forth. Dominic stares at a naked picture of his wife as he starts to tear up.

Dominic grabs his phone from his bedside table and starts taking pictures of some of the texts and then goes into Trent's contact information and sees his full name, TRENT PHILIPS, and takes a picture of it.

Dominic puts her phone down quietly and his. He then takes the pill bottle from his bedside table and takes two tablets and then gets back into bed. Stacy half asleep wakes up and puts her arm across Dominic.

STACY  
Where'd you go?

DOMINIC  
I just had to pee.

Stacy moans.

STACY  
Everything go well?

DOMINIC  
Yup.

STACY  
Good.

Stacy kisses Dominic.

STACY (CONT'D)  
I love you.

Dominic doesn't say anything and stares into the ceiling as Stacy nods off.

CUT TO:

INT. SALES REPRESENTATIVES OFFICE - NOON

Dominic is sat down at his cubicle and he's flipping through facebook and instagram desperately trying to find any information about Trent.

He ends up finding an instagram page of a Trent Philips and flips through some of the pictures to find potential clues that its him.

Dominic scrolls through picture after picture of Trent. One of Trent in Bali doing charity work with underprivileged kids. Another of him with family on thanksgiving. Dominic opens his pill bottle to see one left and takes it. He finds a picture of Trent captioned "BOUGHT MY FIRST HOUSE!".

He pulls up the picture on his phone of Trent's contact information and looks at the address.

He looks at the number on the front of his house in the picture and compares it to the one of his contact information.

DOMINIC  
(sotto voce)  
Gotcha fucker.

Dominic screenshots a picture of a selfie of Trent from his instagram, gets up from his cubicle and begins to charge out of the office before being stopped by his boss.

BARRY  
Hey Dom, I'm gonna need that report  
by the end of the day.

DOMINIC  
Go fuck yourself Barry.

CUT TO:

INT. 2007 FORD FUSION - AFTERNOON

Dominic pulls into his driveway and he sits there thinking for a second before getting out of his car and heading to the door.

INT. DAHLBERG HOUSEHOLD - FRONT DOOR - CONTINUOUS

Dominic opens the front door and sets the keys in the bowl and hangs up his coat. He takes out his phone and flips through it before putting it to his ear and walks toward the stairs.

The phone rings and rings until it goes to voicemail and stacys voice comes over the voice mail.

STACY (O.S.)

Hi, sorry I couldn't come to the phone right now, you know what to do next!

INT. DAHLBERG HOUSEHOLD - STAIRS - CONTINUOUS

DOMINIC

Hey, I'm gonna be working late again tonight so don't wait up.

INT. DAHLBERG HOUSEHOLD - MASTER BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

Dominic walks into his bedroom and hangs up the phone. He goes into his closet and squats down to a metal safe and starts turning the dials.

Dominic opens the safe and he pulls out a snub nose .357 Magnum, opens the revolver and stares at it before throwing the revolver back into its locked and loaded position.

INT. 2007 FORD FUSION - PARKED ON STREET - EVENING

Dominic is sitting in his car hyper-focused on Trent's house. He sees the front door swing open and he perks up. Trent leaves his house and gets into his Audi A4 and Dominic turns his car on.

Trent leaves the driveway and Dominic lags behind before tailing him. Trent turns down a back road and Dominic follows. Dominic turns to the passenger seat to look at the gun. He takes the gun and tucks it into his rear waist bend.

Dominic's face is permanently lifeless at this point and slams the accelerator to tailgate Trent.

INT. AUDI A4 - CONTINUOUS

Trent looks back to see Dominic is tailgating him.

TRENT

The hell?

Trent rolls down the window and waves Dominic to pass him. Dominic starts beeping the horn over and over and over.

Trent's focus is on the mirror and isn't paying attention to the road when a deer JOLTS out in front of him. Trent SLAMS his breaks hoping to mitigate any damage even though its no use and slams the deer anyway.

INT. 2007 FORD FUSION - CONTINUOUS

Dominic's eyes widen before he veers the car off the road to the right sending his car into a series of barrel rolls before coming to a halt.

CUT TO BLACK.

INT. 2007 FORD FUSION - CONTINUOUS

Dominic is unconscious seated and strapped into his seat as the car lays upside down, slowly engulfing in flames. Trent comes over and begins to pry open the door.

He unbuckles Dominic and tries to catch him as he falls. Trent drags him over to the side of the road where his totaled car sits.

EXT. ROADSIDE - DUSK

Trent's flustered and breathing heavy as Dominic's body lay limp in front of him. Blood is dripping down Dominic's face. Trent slaps him in the face a couple of times to wake him up. Dominic slowly regains consciousness.

TRENT

Hey, hey good, good holy shit. I thought you were dead there for a second.

Dominic is breathing heavily and discombobulated.

DOMINIC

What's -- what's going on? Who are you?

TRENT

You just got into a little accident, but you're alive that's all that matters.. I'm Trent.

Trent puts his hand out for a handshake, and Dominics face goes limp remembering who he is. Dominics car explodes and both of their eyes lock onto the explosion.

DOMINIC

Dominic.

TRENT

Your head, here, I think I have something in my car for that.

Dominic stands up and watches him go back to his car. He reaches into his waist band for his gun but hesitates to take it out.

Trent comes back with some alcohol wipes and bandages and goes to wipe away the blood and Dominic dodges it.

DOMINIC

(Sternly)

I got it.

TRENT

Uhh yeah, here.

Dominic takes the wipes and the bandage and starts wiping away the blood. He takes the empty pill bottle out of his jacket pocket and opens it in disappointment. He puts it back in his pocket.

TRENT (CONT'D)

I called an ambulance and the towing company, they should both be here soonish.

DOMINIC

Just say soon, adding -ish to the end doesn't do anything.

TRENT

Look I get you're upset, but don't take it out on me.

DOMINIC

'scuse me?

TRENT

I could argue the reason we're in this mess in the first place is because of you.

DOMINIC

I wouldn't poke the bear pal you're on thin ice as is.

TRENT

Me? I'm on thin ice?? You tailgated me and honked at me like a maniac before I creamed a deer that totaled my Audi, and then I saved your life and i'm on thin ice?? A thanks would be nice, by the way.

A beat.

DOMINIC

I'm sorry.. about that. I'm just.. This has been... the worst week of my life.

Dominic starts to tear up and can't help the sobbing that follows

DOMINIC (CONT'D)

(shakily)

Somebody very close to me is uhh.. is dying. There's nothing that can be done about it and it's all I think about. I can't work, I can't eat, I can't sleep. I just.. think about it. All. Day.

TRENT

If it helps, i'm sorry. I know that probably doesn't mean a lot coming from a stranger, but I am sorry.

DOMINIC

It's not your fault, how could you have known, like you said, you're just a stranger.

A beat.

TRENT

Yeah.

Dominic wipes the tears away from his face.

DOMINIC

What about you.. Trent? Anybody special in your life?

A beat.

TRENT

Yeah. Kind of. I uhh.. I just got into a relationship with this woman.

Dominic's attention is fully on Trent now.

TRENT (CONT'D)

And ummm.. I realized pretty early on that I would have done anything for her. I'm that guy that falls in love way too quickly and has no idea how to act when it happens. Anyway.. I bought a ring after two months of dating her. Thennnn I found out that she was married.

DOMINIC

Wait, wait you didn't know she was married?

TRENT

I know, I know I probably should have figured it out a lot sooner but..

DOMINIC

Wait, so when did you figure out that St-.. that she was married.

TRENT

I only found out the other day.

DOMINIC

Well how long had you guys been together?

TRENT

About four months.

Dominic scoffs.

DOMINIC

(under his breath)  
Jesus christ.

TRENT

Why do you care so much?

Dominic pauses for a second before answering.

DOMINIC

My wife's cheating on me.

TRENT

What??

DOMINIC  
My wife is fucking another guy  
behind my back.

TRENT  
Fuck, and someone close to you is  
dying? My problem seems like  
peanuts compared to yours.

DOMINIC  
No. No, I lied about that, but it  
does feel like it.

TRENT  
Why'd you lie about that?

DOMINIC  
I Guess, I was afraid.

TRENT  
Of?

DOMINIC  
The truth. And saying it out loud.  
Makes it.. real, you know?

TRENT  
I get it.

Trent puts his hand on Dominics back to comfort him.

TRENT (CONT'D)  
Bitches man.

Dominic laughs through the tears.

DOMINIC  
Yeah.

Sirens begin to wail in the distance and start to get louder  
and louder.

TRENT  
You know what the joke of it all  
is?

DOMINIC  
Whats that?

TRENT  
I was at her house when I found out  
that she was married, that girl I  
was talking about. Her husband  
actually..

Dominic's face becomes lifeless.

DOMINIC  
(under breath)  
No.

TRENT  
He came home while we were -- you  
know.

DOMINIC  
(under breath)  
No, no, no.

TRENT  
She freaked out and didn't know  
what to do or even have time to  
explain.

DOMINIC  
(under breath)  
Stop.

TRENT  
She shoved me in the closet and I  
hid in there.

Dominic starts sobbing again.

DOMINIC  
(under breath)  
Please.

TRENT  
I had to listen to them -- you  
know.

The ambulance and a cop car roll up and Trent wipes away his  
tears.

TRENT (CONT'D)  
I'll uhh.. go talk to them.

Trent starts walking toward the cops.

DOMINIC  
You're a good guy Trent.

Dominic's holding the gun and he's pointing it at Trent and  
Trent turns around. The police surround the two of them with  
their guns pointed at Dominic.

COP #1

FREEZE!!

COP #2  
Put the gun down now!

TRENT  
Dominic?

DOMINIC  
Take care of her.

Without a moment of hesitation Dominic puts the gun to his own temple and pulls the trigger. Trent is left in shock as the paramedics and police rush over to the scene.

**END SCREENPLAY**