# **PRESHOW**

- Preset ready
- House clean
- Booth LX off

House open		LX 10 SND
HOUSE - House open warn @ -30 min - Check in @ -15min - Check in @ -2min - House ready to close?	ACTORS - House open warn @ -30 min - Chloe w/ actors @ -15 min - Check in @ -2 min - Actors on their way?	
1 min before House closes		LX 11
House to Half		LX 12
Fade lands speech		SND
KOJ in place End of Speech		LX 13 SND



# ACT ONE

(Justin's backyard. We can hear the creek down the hill. We see the back of his small house. There's a concrete patio. There's a fire pit with a few tree stumps around it for sitting. There's no fire. There's a lot of space.)

(It's early morning. **JUSTIN'S** sitting, drinking coffee. He might be praying. Then he sees something. He reaches behind him and grabs his rifle. He aims off.)

(He stays still for a very long time. Then he fires. Loud!)

(He goes off. Long pause, and then he returns with a deer corpse. A doe. He places it on a tarp by his porch. He goes inside his house and gets a knife. He sits by

the deer and looks at it.)

(He goes to gut it, but his hands start shaking. He tries again, his hands shake.)

## JUSTIN: Damn.

(He breathes. He goes to gut it.)

(Now:)

(It's night. **JUSTIN**'s dressed in nicer clothes. He's looking at the spot where he placed the deer. There's the noise of a party inside – about fifteen people. Most of them on their way out. We hear cars driving away staggered over the next few minutes.)

(**JUSTIN** thinks he sees that he's stained his porch a bit with blood. He gets on his hands and knees and tries to clean the blood.)

(EMILY comes outside, walking with a cane. JUSTIN stands up.)

### EMILY: J?

JUSTIN: You okay?

**EMILY:** Yeah, just in a lot of pain. And people are stressing me out.

JUSTIN: Who's stressing you out?

- **EMILY:** Just people. No sorry, everyone's lovely. Really, honestly everyone's so *nice*. It's so stressful.
- **JUSTIN:** I'll tell them to stop being so nice...
- **EMILY:** No they're angels, *really*, I'm being a brat. It's cold out here why are you out here.
- JUSTIN: Doesn't feel cold at all to me. Stomach? Head?

**EMILY:** Head, stomach. Heart beating fast. Panicky.

JUS + EMI En cue	
Water/coocco/waterfall Ambient ON	"Cue JUS"
Jus thru D NOT when open door	LX 15
JUS X CS A deer JUS Ex USL Jagger H.O. rifle	SND 4
JUS Ex DSL HW JUS 1rst seating bank gunshot	SND 5
JUS dragging deer	LX 20
JUS pet deer JUS Panic Attack	LX 25 SND 6
JUS "Damn" X ringing	LX 30 SND 7
Ringing 5s X party JUS quick change & scene transition "SM clear" "Costumes clear"	SND 8
JUS back onstage LX up/party out	LX 35 SND 9
JUS scrubs 3s	"Cue EMI"
EMI open D	LX 40 SND 10
EMI close D	LX 41 SND 11

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**JUSTIN:** Want me to take you home?

**EMILY:** I just saw myself in the mirror and I got so upset.

JUSTIN: Why?

**EMILY:** My belly. And my skin. I don't recognize myself.

**JUSTIN:** I think you look beautiful.

**EMILY:** You don't have to say that, that's not what I'm saying.

JUSTIN: Well.

(They both giggle. **EMILY** shakes her head, doubles over in pain. **JUSTIN** goes to her.)

Let me take you home.

**EMILY:** No, my mom's coming.

**JUSTIN:** I'll call her - I'll take you now.

**EMILY:** No, I need to try to be here. I need to try to be somewhere.

I'm gonna get through this night. I'm gonna be

Ahh

Ηm

Нm

Yep.

I'm gonna be present to this night. I'm not gonna turn away

from it.

JUSTIN: I'm proud of you for even getting here.

**EMILY:** It'll probably make me bedridden for a month.

**JUSTIN:** Or maybe this is the first night of your healing.

**EMILY:** Stop it you'll make me cry. *O* kay it's cold I'm going

inside.

JUSTIN: I got you.

(*He supports her* as *they walk* in.)

EMILY: "I got you." Doopy-doo.

JUSTIN: Doopy-doo. Yup.

**EMILY:** Simple as a doopy-doo.

**JUSTIN:** Just a simple hoopy-hoo.

**EMILY:** Yuppy-yoo.

(**JUSTIN** walks *her inside*. *They* run *into* **KEVIN**, *who lights up a cigarette.*)

KEVIN: Y'all okay?

**EMILY:** Yes

**KEVIN:** Sorry Emily I didn't mean to stress you out in there.

EMILY: You didn't

KEVIN: Okay

People are leaving

Everyone's so boring

**EMILY:** No they're wonderful

But I'm probably gonna leave...







JUSTIN: Yeah I'm probably gonna need to sleep soon

#### **KEVIN:** Totally totally

I'm gonna smoke this then leave -

Oh my gosh the stars. The stars!

#### JUSTIN: Okay

(He closes the door.) (Far away, the sound of gunshots.) (**KEVIN** *has a bottle of whiskey. He wanders into the* shadows. He looks away from the stars. He laughs about something to himself. We shouldn't be seeing this.)

#### KEVIN: No.

haha something

true:

this is something true:

this is something true:

(He seems to freeze. **TERESA** comes outside.)

#### TERESA: Kevin.

**KEVIN:** (Going to her.) Oh hey! What the heck, hey Teresa!

Oh my gosh! You came!

TERESA: Are you leaving tomorrow?

KEVIN: Oh I dunno, I was maybe gonna stick around for the eclipse.

TERESA: Apologize.

KEVIN: When'd you get here? I thought you weren't gonna -

I was like "I guess she's not gonna –"

TERESA: Apologize.

**KEVIN:** For what

**TERESA:** For ignoring me at the ceremony.

KEVIN: I'm so sorry, Teresa. But I wasn't ignoring you...

TERESA: You were. All you gave me was a weak smile.

**KEVIN:** We were sitting far away from each other and then

afterwards you were talking to all the professors...

TERESA: I beckoned you from across the tent.

**KEVIN:** I was just surprised to see you

**TERESA:** I was surprised to see *you*. You said "not attending" on Facebook.

KEVIN: Yeah I just - yeah. I didn't know if I would come but then on Thursday I realized that the school is in the Path of Totality so I was like ugh okay I wanna be in the Path of Totality, and the inauguration is right before, damn it's a sign, so I just got in my Camry and drove through the night. When'd you get here?

#### TERESA: Just now.

**KEVIN:** What time is it



NO CUES UNTIL

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