

A SECRET DEEP WITHIN

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INT. AIRBNB 2 - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

JON is pacing the floor only stopping to check the time on his watch.

After a few more moments, the DOOR OPENS and in walks NORMAN. Relief grabs ahold of Jon's entire being as he takes a deep breath.

JON
Thank God..

Jon runs into Norman and throws his arms around his neck. Norman looks a bit dazed and confused, but manages to return a weak hug.

As Jon tries to relax in the comfort of his arms, Norman feels the need to move away.

JON (CONT'D)
It took you so long to get here. I was worried.

Jon notices Norman's distant behavior.

NORMAN
I was driving around...thinking.

JON
Are you ok?

Norman takes a moment.

NORMAN
No..*No I'm not ok.*

JON
What is it? Is everything fine at home? Are your children ok???

NORMAN
Their fine. I'm the one with the problem.

Jon decides not to speak. He stands there waiting for Norman to tell his problem. After a few seconds....

NORMAN (CONT'D)
This thing between us. I can't do it any more Jon.

JON
(frustrated)
Norman..

NORMAN

Yes, I know we have been through this before and the last time you convinced me to stay....but I just can't do it anymore

JON

I convinced you to stay? I'd like to think we had a conversation and you made your own decision to stay.

NORMAN

You know what I mean.

JON

No I don't know what you mean, but I know what you said. *Why do you keep putting yourself through this?*

Jon moves towards Norman.

JON (CONT'D)

You love me.

Norman pulls away

NORMAN

I do love you....but not like I love my wife and kids.

JON

That's a different kind of love.

NORMAN

Yes that's right it is. Very different. I'll admit I was confused. I always have been. But spending time with my family this past week on the cruise...being with them in another element other than our home.....it made me realize how much I needed them and how much they need me.

Norman steps a few feet away from Jon. His mind is spinning.

NORMAN (CONT'D)

You know there was an accident on the ship. Had I not been there, Elijah could have been seriously hurt. Kate cried in my arms the whole night.

JON
(careful)
Is Elijah ok?

NORMAN
Elijah is fine. But the point is I
was there..and they needed me.

JON
(careful)
And you needed them?

Norman locks eyes with Jon.

NORMAN
(matter of fact)
More than I ever thought I could.

Jon turns away. He doesn't want Norman to see emotion rise in him.

NORMAN (CONT'D)
When Kate held me...when we held
one another..she had a strong grip.
She didn't want to let me go. Its
almost as she felt me drifting away
and she was holding on for dear
life.

JON
(curious)
Did you want to let go?

Norman doesn't want to play this game. He moves in to Jon...

NORMAN
I am sorry...I truly enjoyed our
time together..I truly appreciate
you. But I know where I need to
be...and that is with my wife and
kids.

Jon takes a few steps way from Norman, emotion rising.

NORMAN (CONT'D)
I don't want to hurt you or
belittle our time together. It was
incredibly special...but this is
not it for me...

Jon turns to Norman....

JON

You're gonna to be living in a fools paradise cause I know what you need. It was me that you turned to when you needed to put your heart out. Not her. Not Kate. It was me you discussed all of your inner thoughts with. Your confusion..your struggle...

NORMAN

And I don't deny any of that. But that has nothing to do..

There is a loud KNOCK at the front door. Both men look confused.

NORMAN (CONT'D)

Were you expecting someone?

JON

No..and no one knows we are here.(a beat) Let me see who it is.

NORMAN

No don't open the door. I don't want anyone to see me here.

JON

We are far from the city. No one will recognize you.

NORMAN

You never know. Look, I'll go wait in the bedroom.

JON

Ok...

Norman scurries off into the bedroom. Jon makes sure Norman has cleared the room. He then wipes the tears that were starting to emerge on his face. Next, he walks to the front door (offstage)

Within seconds...a YOUNG MAN rushes into the Airbnb with shock and confusion sitting on his face. The young man is KRISTOPHER.

Jon is confused.

JON (CONT'D)

Excuse me? Can I help you?

KRISTOPHER
Where is he?

JON
Where is who??

Kristopher turns to Jon.

KRISTOPHER
You know exactly who I am talking
about. *I saw him walk in here.*

It is in that moment that Jon recognizes Kristopher. Jon
tries to keep his composure.

JON
I am the only one here.

KRISTOPHER
Don't lie..I saw my Dad walk in
here.

JON
(slight stutter)
I don't know who your dad is, but I
am the only one here.

KRISTOPHER
Don't fucking lie to me.

JON
(scrambling)
All of these Airbnb villas look the
same. Maybe you saw him go into
another one.

KRISTOPHER
I am not a fool. And I saw that you
recognized my face a moment ago.
What has been sharing pictures of
me with you?

The thought almost sickens Kristopher. He turns away from Jon
to catch air.

KRISTOPHER (CONT'D)
(to himself ; pained)
It's true. The rumors are all
true...

JON
Look I don't know if you're lost or
have been drinking, but you really
need to exit my space.

KRISTOPHER

I am not leaving anywhere until my
father comes out here and talks to
me. And he has five seconds to do
so or I am going to tear down all
of these doors and walls until I
find him!

Jon stands there not knowing what to say..then..

KRISTOPHER (CONT'D)

Dad come out here now!!!

TO BE CONTINUED

Coming up

Kristopher will blame his dad for him being gay

More drama

Secrets Exposed

Death threats with murder in the air.

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