


Dying 2 Live



Genre: Thriller

Format: Feature

Nutshell: Gripping thriller with multiple shocking reveals reminiscent of *Se7en*, *Primal Fear* and *The Sixth Sense*.

Logline: A flawed detective fears for her life after uncovering unimaginable links between a serial killer and a genetic scientist's baffling suicide.

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OVERVIEW

Dr. Edgar Minsfield, a renowned genetic scientist, puts a rope around his neck and jumps. His body dangles ominously from the thick noose.

Why would a man who spent his entire career dedicated to extending life kill himself?

Abandoned by her father as a toddler, Detective Jenny Martinez has deep rooted trust issues when it comes to men. Recently "reassigned" after accidentally shooting an innocent young boy during an explosive gun battle; he's in a vegetative state and she's a guilt-ridden mess. Now demoted from the demanding New York City police force to a sleepy Long Island precinct, she fights hard to hide deep insecurities. To make matters worse, she's been partnered with Detective Mark Miller, a crass and obnoxious veteran who pushes boundaries to ensure justice is served.

The detectives are assigned the mundane task of following-up on Minsfield's suicide, never expecting the investigation to be anything other than routine...but they couldn't be more wrong. Jenny teams up with Daniel, a local reporter, and they soon find links to a serial killer who's leaving a trail of decapitated bodies behind. When they uncover a shocking truth, they become targets of the deranged psychopath and fear for their own lives.

CHARACTERS

Detective Jenny Martinez – Fiercely independent and smart; a driven, complex professional who fights to be recognized for her abilities, not her good looks. Her steely facade is hard to breach. Obsessed with making sure this serial killer pays for butchering young women, her actions to bring down this lunatic teeter on the brink of insanity.

Jack – Could be your charming next door neighbor...but he's a deranged and cunning serial killer with a sick sense of humor and a penchant for blood; a cop's worst nightmare.

Detective Mark Miller – A savvy cop whose testosterone-laden body overrides his brain's decision-making abilities when it comes to the ladies. He's positive that every woman he meets wants to sleep with him, including Detective Jenny.

Dr. Edgar Minsfield – 70-year-old world-famous genetic biologist with a dark secret.

Daniel Jennings – Local reporter and all-around good guy. Out to prove himself, he refuses any career advice from his famous father. Can he get Detective Jenny to trust him?

Officer Warner – Decorated rookie police officer who's admired by his peers. Suspiciously, he's the cop who's finding the dismembered bodies at the beach – can it be that he's involved?

Marcus Ellsworth – Renowned biotechnologist and genomics expert who worked with Minsfield and knows of his disreputable experiments.

SUMMARY

Dr. Edgar Minsfield kills himself and leaves a cryptic suicide note behind:
"I couldn't kill myself, so I killed myself."

Detectives Jenny Martinez and Mark Miller are assigned to investigate. They assume it's an open and shut case. But the shrewd detectives soon realize that there's more to this assignment than meets the eye.

The dead man's cryptic suicide note was addressed to Dr. Ellsworth, a fellow genetic scientist living a luxurious life in the Hamptons. Concerned that his own funding would be withdrawn if his dead partner's unethical experiments were exposed, Ellsworth and his lawyer break into Minsfield's office under cover of darkness to destroy all incriminating evidence. But a few days later his lawyer disappears and now the scientist fears that his own life is in jeopardy.

Daniel Jennings, a determined young reporter, presses Detective Jenny to give him the real story. He has a passion for the news ... and for the aloof detective. A romance develops as they follow the clues surrounding Minsfield's suicide. They soon discover links to a serial killer who's leaving a trail of dead bodies behind. Is this psycho connected to the dead scientist's demise?

Meanwhile, serial killer Jack hunts for prostitutes and sadistically makes them disappear. Dubbed the "Long Island Ripper," he hides his victims' bloody body parts near the beach. After Jack sees news reports of Dr. Minsfield's suicide featuring Detective Jenny, he begins stalking her and eagerly anticipates adding her to his list of victims.

Daniel and Jenny discover an old photograph of the dead scientist taken when he was in college. Shockingly, the man in the decades-old picture looks exactly like the guy who's been stalking Jenny. Did Dr. Minsfield clone himself? And could the clone be serial killer Jack? In a desperate attempt to identify the name of Minsfield's genetic copy, they run the dead scientist's DNA against the national database and get an exact match. Unimaginably, the clone is the highly decorated police officer who's been credited with locating the dead bodies at the beach. Can it be that the serial killer is a cop?

Detective Miller is incensed that cop is responsible for these gruesome murders and he's obsessed with apprehending the bad officer. It's midnight on Ocean Parkway and he patiently lies in wait for his prey. Finally he spots him and a high-speed car chase ensues. When Miller doesn't report for work the next day, a frantic search ends after his car is fished out of the ocean. In the trunk is a grisly find: the detective's decapitated head along with that of Ellsworth's lawyer and a missing college girl.

Jenny teams up with the FBI, determined to bring down the depraved cop. Their SWAT team raids his house and a barrage of bullets pierce the night air. Jenny fires the fatal shot...the serial killer is dead.

But questions still linger.

When Jenny discovers the whereabouts of the dead scientist's long-retired secretary, the elderly lady confesses to being the surrogate for Minsfield's cloning experiment. She tearfully explains that the identical twins were taken away from her right after birth. Jenny is horrified at the shocking revelation and now realizes that there were two clones with matching DNA. Unimaginably she killed the wrong one, the good cop, and serial killer Jack is still on the loose!

This film is sure to have viewers stunned and on the edge of their seats as the unexpected plot twists unfold and lead to the startling climax.

