

One could barely hear the motor of the Audi RS 5 Cabriolet as it was speeding down the winding roads. The music blaring from the speakers of the car was so loud that you couldn't even hear yourself think. But Austin didn't really mind how loud the music was when he was driving, he just wanted to get to Long Beach as soon as possible. As they kept driving the trees became skinnier and taller, and the forest seemed to thicken.

"Hey are you sure this is the right way to Long Beach?" asked Tamie.

"Yea I think so....who has the map??" asked Austin.

"I thought you had the map Austin...?" asked Ryan.

"Damn it...hey babe can you check the glove box?" asked Austin.

"...It's not here..." said Tamie.

"I can pull up a map on my phone, just give me a sec." said Andrew.

Andrew pulled out his new Nokia Lumina 1020.

"Where does it say that we are???" asked Miruna.

"...I don't have service out here...we must be like in the middle of nowhere.." said Andrew.

"I'm going to keep driving, we are bound to get a signal or find someone..." said Austin.

But as they continued to drive they saw no one and there still wasn't any signal. Matter of fact the forest seemed to thicken even more, to the point where you could barely see past the first couple of trees in the forest. They drove for another two hours until they came upon a sign at the side of the road.

"It says.. Welcome to the Sierra Forest located in Tahoe City" said Tamie.

"Tahoe City....we were going the wrong way the whole time, we aren't close to Long Beach at all!!!!" exclaimed Miruna with an angered look on her face.

"Sorry everyone...I feel like such an idiot..." sighed Austin.

"Yea well you should feel pretty idiotic after this..!" said Andrew as he rolled his eyes, obviously annoyed with Austin.

"So which way should we start driving?" asked Ryan.

"I honestly don't know..." said Austin worriedly.

"Well I have to go to the bathroom...Tamie will you come with me?" asked Miruna.

"Why do you need Tamie to go with you, can't you pee by yourself?" asked Ryan.

"I am not walking into those dense woods alone...you can barely see past the first couple of trees!!" shouted Miruna.

"Here i'll come with you." said Tamie.

"Girls." sighed Ryan rolling his eyes.

Miruna and Tamie got out of the car and started walking towards the woods. As they did so, the guys were watching them walk off, seeing how far deep into the woods they would go. Miruna wanted to make sure the guys couldn't see her, so she walked on for a couple of minutes with Tamie following close behind her.

"Hey maybe we shouldn't walk to deep into the woods, even though the car is a bright red I can't see it anymore.." said Tamie.

"Okay okay, I think this is a good spot, look the other way." said Miruna.

Tamara looked for something to look at, not much to look at besides the countless number of trees that surrounded them. But off into the distance she caught a glimpse of something that didn't seem to be a tree or some forest animal.

"Hey are you done yet?" asked Tamie.

"Yea, just give me a sec." said Miruna.

"I think I see something over there...lets go check it out!" said Tamie curiously.

"It's probably some animal, there is nothing out here." said Miruna as she took out her Baby Lips and began applying it to her lips.

"No, I swear I see something... come on lets go!" exclaimed Tamie.

They walked a little farther into the woods, and found a little path that led up to a large Victorian style house. The paint on the house was worn out, but you could tell it used to be a nice cream color. The windows were still blocked with curtains, and the chimney and porch were still standing. The house also had a turret with windows on all sides, and a lightning rod was still attached to the highest point on the turret of the victorian house. There were still some decorations adorning the house, but some of them were terribly worn out by the power of nature. Tamie approached the house and placed her

foot on the very first step that led up to the porch. She then continued to walk up the stairs until she was finally on the porch, which made a horrible squeaking sound.

“Hey Miruna are you taking a crap or something...hurry up!” shouted Ryan lifting his California Republic snap back off of his head.

“Calm down, i’m coming!” yelled Miruna.

Tamie was looking into a window of the house when Miruna motioned her to leave and make their way back to the car. Tamie hopped off of the porch and made her way to Miruna. They walked away from the house without looking back. If they had looked back they would have caught one of the curtains pulled back on the second floor of the turret as if someone had been watching them.

“What took you guys so long??” asked Ryan.

“Sheesh, just leave them alone Ryan...it’s probably girl stuff.” said Austin.

“Tamara spotted a house in the woods.” said Miruna annoyed.

“A house? Bullshit! There can’t be anyone living out in these dense woods in the middle of nowhere!” shouted Ryan.

“Well I didn’t really see anyone in there...but it’s a pretty big nice house, but a little rundown from being exposed to the elements without proper care.” said Tamie

“Sounds creepy...lets go look at it!” said Andrew.

“No way man! We have to get on our way to Long Beach, I don’t want to be here another second. I want to lay on a beach and sleep even if it means getting sun burnt. It would still be better than being stuck in the middle of nowhere with some weird house!” shouted Austin.

They all got back in the car, and Austin placed the key in the ignition. However the car didn’t start, no matter how many times Austin tried.

“What’s wrong man, why isn’t the car working?” asked Ryan.

“I don’t know, this is a new car...” said Austin worriedly.

“Crap is the battery dead or something?” asked Miruna.

“Lemme check...” said Austin.

He hopped out of the car along with Andrew and Ryan. Austin lifted the hood and the three of them began to inspect the car. Of course none of them were experts on cars though, so remembering that Miruna has a fascination with cars Andrew called Miruna

out. At hearing this Ryan said "What is she going to know? She's a girl, she's not going to know anything about cars..".

"Shut up Ryan, Miruna knows her shit about cars" said Andrew annoyed. Miruna inspected under the hood, but couldn't seem to find anything out of order. She propped the hood back down, and turned towards Andrew. "Nothing seems to be wrong..." she said.

"Great! So what do we do now!?" said Ryan annoyed.

"I mean we could wait here for someone to give us a hand?" suggested Austin.

Suddenly large grey clouds cast themselves above the dense forested land that the teenagers found themselves in, and a downpour began. They all looked around at each other with a perplexed look on their faces. They found themselves with a broken down car and with no one nearby to help them back on their way.

"You have got to be kidding me!!!" shouted Ryan.

"Calm down, we'll figure something out." said Austin.

"Are we going to be stuck here all night? Because I don't want to be stuck here all night, actually I refuse to be stuck here all night!" said Andrew with a tone of anxiety.

"Well with this downpour we aren't going to get help anytime soon." said Tamie

As soon as Tamie had said this she began to walk into the woods in the direction of the slightly run down victorian house. She was a little ways ahead when everyone else began to follow her. But they soon caught up to her.

"Hey Tamie, why are you just standing there?" questioned Miruna.

"Hmm? Oh my little anchor necklace is caught on a branch...Op I got it." said Tamie.

"Are we almost at the house, i'm completely soaked." said Andrew.

"Yea it's right there." said Tamie.

"Wow you were right about the run-down part..." said Austin.

Tamie walked up the porch and reached for the door knob which was beautifully decorated with an intricate design. To everyones amazement the door was unlocked, and Tamie cautiously stepped inside.

"It doesn't really look like anyone lives in here." said Austin.

"Look at all the random crap in this house, I mean really.." said Andrew.

It was true there was a bunch of random crap all over the house. The second you walked into the house there was this long brown entrance table, it had a cell phone and two black bobby pins on it. Walking into the parlour there was a blue northface backpack and a sleeping bag laid out on the floor. "Hey so maybe there is someone living here!" said Miruna. She walked over to the sleeping bag, hoping to find someone in it. But to her dismay the sleeping bag was empty, and covered in a substantial amount of dust. "Well nevermind than...." said Miruna.

Meanwhile Austin and Ryan had ventured off onto the second floor of the victorian house. The second floor looked a lot like the first, but it had this sort of musty or rotten food smell to it. "Ew what in the hell, why does it stink?" questioned Ryan with a disgusted look on his face. Austin walked a little ways ahead, "I think it's coming from in here." said Austin. He slowly reached for the door knob and started to open the door. "WAIT! What if there's a dead body or something in there!" exclaimed Ryan. Ignoring what Ryan had just said, Austin continued to open the door to find that what was producing the unpleasant smell was just some food that had gone bad.

"Geez chill out, it's just some food that went bad." said Austin.

"Psh, I knew that..." said Ryan.

"Hey where did you guys go?" shouted Miruna from the first floor.

"We're on the second floor!" shouted Austin.

Miruna and Tamie walked up to the second floor, Tamie immediately saw that a curtain had been pulled back on one of the windows in the turret. "Hey did you guys pull back this curtain?" asked Tamie. Both Austin and Ryan shook their heads, "No." they said in unison. "I swear all of the curtains were completely covering all of the windows...none of them were pulled back." said Tamie with a worried look on her face.

"Hey where did Andrew go?" asked Austin.

"I thought he was with you guys?" said Miruna.

"Nope, we thought he was with you guys.." said Austin.

"I'm sure he's just exploring or something.. he'll turn up later." said Ryan.

"Well i'm pretty tired..." said Tamie.

"Yea let's hit the sack babe. How about Tamie and I sleep in this room over here and you guys get the room at the end of the hall?" said Austin.

“Yea sounds good.” said Ryan walking down with Miruna to the room at the end of the long hall. Miruna jumped on to the bed, with Ryan looking at her. “This bed cover feels a little old...ew it’s got a thick layer of dust on it!” said Miruna throwing the cover to the ground. “Here come lay with me.” she said to Ryan, he immediately jumped into the bed with her. The both of them fell asleep in each others arms after a few short minutes.

“Hey Austin, i’m sorry about your new car breaking down” said Tamie.

“Nah it’s okay, I’m just happy to be here with you.” he said hugging her.

“Lets go to bed.” said Tamie.

“Yea.” said Austin while embracing Tamie.

A few hours passed by and there was a full moon, It must have been around midnight when Austin and Tamie heard a dull shriek. “Oh my god, what was that? Was that Miruna?” asked Tamie with a horrified look on her face. Austin and Tamie jumped from the bed and rushed over to the room that seemed to be an interminable hallway. They reached the room and Austin threw the door open, to find Miruna struggling to free herself from these long arms that seemed to be extending from the wall itself.

“What in the hell..” said Austin with a confused and horrified look on his face.

“Well don’t just stand there!! HELP ME!” shouted Tamie as she was trying to free her best friend from the extending arms that were wrapped around her face covering her mouth. Suddenly the arms retracted back into the wallpaper, and Miruna jolted forward embracing Tamie whilst gasping for air.

“WHAT WAS THAT!!!” shouted Tamie while trying to help Miruna.

“I DON’T KNOW! But I think whatever it was got Ryan, I woke up and he wasn’t there anymore...all I found was his California Republic snap back just sitting on the bed. You know he wouldn’t just leave it sitting there! He would even take it to the bathroom with him..” said Miruna while trembling.

“I think that..whatever that was...got Ryan.” said Austin.

“I think we should get out of here..NOW.” said Tamie.

They began to run out of the room, down the seemingly long hallway, and down the creaking stairs. When suddenly a foot extended from the wall and tripped Austin at the top of the steps, Tamie and Miruna looked behind them to find Austin laying on the floor. Tamie began to go back up the steps, when two arms extended from the ceiling

and reached for Austin. Tamie saw the arms and reached for Austin but the hands had already grabbed him and were beginning to pull him up to the ceiling.

“AUSTIN!” shouted Tamie, and he came back to consciousness.

“Just leave me! Save yourselves!” shouted Austin as he threw the keys to the Audi at Tamie. Which she caught and held in her hand.

“No I can’t just leave you here!” she shouted with tears in her eyes.

They both reached for each other and shared a kiss for the last time, milliseconds later Austin was pulled into the ceiling where he seemed to become part of house.

“COME ON LET’S GO!!!” shouted Miruna.

“Wait where’s Andrew?!” shouted Tamie as she ran down the steps with tears running down her face.

“I DON’T KNOW!” Miruna said as she kicked a Nokia Lumina 1020 on the floor.

“I guess that answers that...” said Tamie.

Miruna reached for the door knob of the front door, when an arm reached out from the wall and pulled her back onto the floor and started to drag her closer and closer to the wall. Miruna turned to the arms and threw the only thing she had on her person at it; her baby lips. Unphased the arms kept inching her closer and closer. Tamie threw herself at Miruna and started hitting and biting the arms, hoping that they would loosen their grip.

“What are you doing!! Save yourself!” shouted Miruna with a desperate look on her face.

“There is no way I am losing everyone to this damn house, that I wish I had never found!!” yelled Tamie as she kept fighting away at the arms. Finally the arms loosened their grip, but this time they reached out for Tamie’s ankle. And she was dragged into the wall in a matter of seconds. “NO TAMIE!” shouted Miruna with tears streaming down her face. “GIVE MY FRIENDS BACK YOU DAMN HOUSE!” she shouted at the ceiling in the entrance hall.

Seeing as her friends would not be returned to her, Miruna grabbed the keys Tamie had left behind on the entrance floor and made her way in to the forest. She ran and ran hoping not to trip on any roots as to slow her down. She looked back several times to see if the arms were extending out and reaching for her, but she saw

nothing just trees. After running for a good minute she reached the car and inserted the key into the ignition. To her amazement the car started and she drove off at an increasing speed, to try and get away from the house as fast as possible.

"I..I..I made it..I'm alive." she said in astonishment and horror.

"But all my friends are gone..maybe..maybe if I find someone I can get help from them." she said, as she stepped down on the accelerator some more. But as she began to remember her friends and most of all her boyfriend Ryan, and all of the fun that they were supposed to have on this trip tears began to fog up her eyes and stream down her face. She couldn't see at all, but that wasn't reason enough for her to slow down. She reached down for the music controls, maybe a little music will calm me down she thought. But as she reached down, she didn't realize that she was drifting off of the lane and she crashed head on with a tree. A couple days later, a trucker saw her car and stopped on the side of the road right next to her.

"Hey ma'am are you alright? Need some road assistance?" said the trucker as he got out of his truck and closer to the wrecked Audi.

"Ma'am?" said the trucker with a worried tone in his voice. But as he stepped closer he realized that the young girl was dead. "Now that's a darn shame...better call the police." said the trucker shaking his head. "Teens these days and their speedy cars." said the trucker in a disappointed and saddened tone.