

REUNION

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Title Card: "Ten Years Ago"

OS we hear GIRLS TALKING.

IZZY(O.S.)
I just can't believe she's gone.

CUT TO:

1 INT. AVA'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DUSK - FLASHBACK/2016 1

A messy college girl's living room. Makeup and alcohol all over the coffee table.

Four girls in their early 20s, IZZY, dressed notably 'girly' in bright colors, is the diplomatic, happy-go-lucky one, MICHELLE, Chinese-American, she is the "fun one" of the group and is dressed flashily, LAUREN, who'd say she gets shit done, but her friends would say she's just bossy, and AVA, the leader, is dressed in black, are in Ava's house, getting ready for a party, putting on make-up, checking out themselves and one another in the mirror, trying on different outfits in front of each other, pregaming, drinking, scrolling on their phones, etc.

Ava has HETEROCHROMIA -- her left eye is blue and her right eye is green.

IZZY
She's gonna miss it. I mean --
HELLO?? we're GRADUATING!

AVA
Yeah, well, you know how Asia is.
Work, work, work. She wanted to
study abroad in Beijing, and she
knew she probably wouldn't get back
in time for it, so...Asia? She
knew.

IZZY
Knew what??

Ava shrugs.

AVA
That she'd have to make a
sacrifice.

Michelle points to her outfit.

MICHELLE
What do we think of this?

IZZY
Hm.

AVA
She'd been wanting to go do study
abroad there since freshman year,
Iz.

LAUREN
Maybe while she's in Beijing, she
can hit up some of your long-lost
relatives, Mich.
(beat)
(bad Chinese accent)
Ah so!

MICHELLE
Uh, we're not from Beijing. We're
from...Canton or --

Lauren squints and does a bow.

LAUREN
(bad Chinese accent)
Most honored ancestor!

Michelle exits. Ava looks pissed.

AVA
Alright, Laur.

Lauren looks pissed.

LAUREN
Alright, what?

Ava looks serious.

AVA
Alright, knock it off?

LAUREN
What? It's a fucking joke??

Michelle returns, wearing a different outfit.

MICHELLE
Is this better?

AVA
The last one was great! But so is
this!

Michelle looks to Lauren.

MICHELLE
Laur?

LAUREN
Not bad.

Michelle looks insecure.

MICHELLE
But...?

Lauren makes a face.

Beat.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)
Fuck.

Michelle scurries out.

IZZY
Lauren!

LAUREN
What??

IZZY
Why do you gotta be like that with
Michelle?

LAUREN
(innocently)
I just want her to look her best.

AVA
She looked good!

Lauren scoffs.

LAUREN
Right. The walk of shame is at the
END of the night, not the
BEGINNING. If she wanted to look
like she made a bad decision in the
backseat of an Altima, she could
get something from your closet.

Ava looks livid.

IZZY
 (to herself)
 Oh shit.

AVA
 What did you say?

LAUREN
 Nothing.

The two girls square off. Izzy scurries out of the room and we follow her into --

2 INT. AVA'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS 2
 Quickly, Izzy pours out four vodka shots into shot glasses --

IZZY
 Fuck, fuck, fuck --
 -- puts them on a tray and scurries back --

3 INT. AVA'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS 3
 --to find Ava and Lauren getting heated.

LAUREN
 WHY am I the only one here who has
 a sense of humor?

AVA
 Gee, I dunno, MAYBE it's bec--

Michelle, in another outfit, enters at the same time as Izzy.

MICHELLE
 What about this?

Ava and Lauren turn as Izzy comes up with the tray.

IZZY
 SHOTS!!!

Lauren turns.

LAUREN
 Oh shit! Yes!

IZZY (CONT'D)
 Michelle, that's perfect!
 Stick with that one!

The girls grab the shots, Izzy takes her glass last and puts down the tray. She raises her glass.

IZZY (CONT'D)

To us.

LAUREN

To US, bitches!

They clink, they drink, they gag, they put down the glasses.

AVA

Okay. We all ready?

The girls, still grimacing, nod.

AVA (CONT'D)

Okay! Let's go, ladies!

She claps her hands together, they grab their stuff, and walk out of the living room, through the front door, Ava last. After a second, we see both front door locks click shut.

Beat.

We hold on the empty living room..

MATCH CUT TO:

4 INT. AVA'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT - FLASHBACK/2016 4

Night has fallen. The locks click back.

The door opens and the girls, having partied, their makeup and hair and everything more disheveled, re-enter the house.

Izzy is visibly drunk. Lauren whoops as they come in.

IZZY

Oh God.

LAUREN

WHAT A FUCKING NIGHT!

IZZY

I'm gonna puke and then I'm going to sleep.

AVA

Nah, Iz! Puke and rally! Let's freshen up and go back out!

Izzy burps, covers her mouth with her fist and winces.

IZZY

No.

Izzy exits.

LAUREN
Yeah no, I'm tired, too.

Ava laughs.

AVA
(mocking)
I'm tired! Waah! I'm a baby! I'm
baby Lauren!

Michelle laughs. Lauren wheels around on Michelle.

LAUREN
What the FUCK are you laughing at?

Michelle stops. Lauren sighs.

LAUREN (CONT'D)
(beat)
Fine, fine, let's go back out.
Shit, if we're gonna freshen up,
let's at least put on some music.

Lauren starts playing a song on her phone It is Gotye(feat. Kimbra)'s hit "Somebody That I Used To Know." Lauren grabs a Bluetooth speaker and starts futzing with it and her phone, struggling to pair them.

LAUREN (CONT'D)
How the fuck do I pair these...

She finally gets it and the song starts BLASTING on the speaker, louder than you'd think.

CUT TO:

5 INT. AVA'S HOUSE - BEDROOM - NIGHT - FLASHBACK/2016 5

With the music coming through the wall, we see Izzy flopping down on her bed, still dressed.

IZZY
Fuuuuuuuuuuuuuck.

She puts her earbuds in, and the music fades out, is replaced by one of those apps where somebody reads a calm, boring book so you can sleep.

Izzy's eyes close. We hold for a long beat as the book narrator drones on - it's a British woman and she's describing some Downtown Abbey-esque upstairs/downstairs intrigue. Izzy sighs peacefully.

BOOK NARRATOR

Missy Higginbottom looked forelorned, but Daniel held her close. "I don't care what the Dowager wants! I'm going to marry you, even if it means leaving Uppertonsire," said Daniel. Missy let out a sigh that could fill the whole of the estate, an ocean of words in a single breath. "But you'll lose your inheritance," Missy replied mousily. Daniel leaned in closer to whisper, "You're the only riches I need." Their lips touched in a near holy communion, Missy's bosom swelling with anticipation.

Over the narration, we hear a loud thud - like something heavy was dropped. Izzy doesn't respond, she's out cold. We hold for another beat...

BOOK NARRATOR (CONT'D)

"Oh, Daniel," she whimpered. "Take off your rapier and trousers and show me the world," said Missy. Daniel replied, "But don't you want to see my longsword?"

...and then we hear the SCREAM. Izzy finally wakes, sits bolt upright, pulling her earbuds out. The narration cuts off and we hear a commotion from the other room.

Izzy groans.

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INT. AVA'S HOUSE - HALLWAY - NIGHT - FLASHBACK/2016

6

Izzy steps into the hallway--

MICHELLE (O.C.)

Oh my God, oh my god--

MICHELLE (CONT'D)

There's so much blood, why is there so much blood??

--and sees Lauren and Michelle freaking out in the doorway to the bathroom.

IZZY
WHAT HAPPENED??

Izzy rushes over to see Ava laying on the bathroom floor.
Izzy's eyes well up with tears.

IZZY (CONT'D)
Oh my God.

BLOOD is running from Ava's HEAD, HER EYES ARE RED WITH
BLOOD. SHE OPENS AND CLOSES HER MOUTH BUT ONLY MAKES A
HORRIBLE GAGGING NOISE.

Michelle goes to say something else, but Lauren cuts her off.

LAUREN
She...fell...

CUT TO:

7 CLOSE-UP: AVA. 7

Ava, her heterochromatic eyes staring sightless into the
camera as blood oozes from her head.

Offscreen, we hear Izzy dialing 911 on her phone.

IZZY (O.S.)
Hello? Yes! Hello! My friend's had
an accident, I...I think she's dead.

SMASH CUT TO:

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Title Card: "Now"

8 EXT. ROAD - DAY 8

MICHELLE (O.S.)
You still haven't Venmoed me.

An SUV races down a desolate road.

9 INT. IZZY'S CAR - MOVING - DAY 9

IZZY drives. Her appearance is notably changed, with her
bright clothing replaced by a black leather jacket, band tee,
and red heart-shaped sunglasses.

In the passenger seat beside Izzy is Michelle. She looks much the same, give or take a few gray hairs.

Lauren sprawls languidly across the backseat, and takes a deep drag on her VAPE PEN. She's wearing casual but notably expensive looking clothing.

LAUREN (O.S.)

For what?

MICHELLE

For Vegas? The Bellagio?

LAUREN

I did.

MICHELLE

No, you didn't.

LAUREN

I did.

MICHELLE

That's, like, a partial payment.

LAUREN

It's not. It's the whole thing.
Look again.

Izzy flicks her eyes to them in the rearview. She rolls her eyes, like, "Not again." Eager to head off a conflict, she chimes in --

IZZY

Hey, did you see on her Stories,
that Haley got engaged?

MICHELLE

Haley H, or Haley L?

IZZY

Umm...I'm actually not sure.

LAUREN

She was always such a slut.

IZZY

(exasperated)

Well, she's about to be a slut in a
white dress.

LAUREN

You know -- She probably got her fill, had her fun, and now, ya know...cue the "same dick forever" bachelorette party crown. Whatever. More for me!

MICHELLE

Please. The LAST thing YOU need is more dick.

LAUREN

(laughing)
I'm insatiable!

MICHELLE

You're the slut!

LAUREN

Jealous?

Lauren makes the 'pussy eating' gesture, flicking her tongue up and down between her pointer and middle finger.

MICHELLE

I forgot, I'm in the backseat with the bi-con Lauren Lennon.

IZZY

(good-natured)
How about we say you're both sluts, and just call it even? Hm?

MICHELLE

Whatever, I'm happy for Haley L and --

Lauren scrolls through her phone.

LAUREN

It's Haley H.

MICHELLE

Oh, whatever, still happy for her.

IZZY

So. Are we ready for this?

Ominous pause. Everyone seems nervous. They look at one another.

We only hear the radio, some commercial.

MICHELLE

I mean-- Well, I guess. Ready as I'll ever be.

The mood shifts – awkward glances, but some tension relieved.

LAUREN

When's the last time we saw Asia? The funeral? That can't be the last time, right?

IZZY

Which one?

LAUREN

What?

IZZY

Which funeral? Her mom's? Her dad's? Or --

LAUREN

Either. Both, I guess.

IZZY

--Ava's?

Michelle and Lauren both react visibly spooked at Ava's name.

LAUREN

We've seen her since Ava's funeral, Iz. We all know that.

Izzy furrows her brow.

MICHELLE

It's been at least three years. I FaceTimed her for a bit, but then she spent so much time abroad, and always said she was heading overseas somewhere with no service, so it just sort of, you know--
(makes a popping sound)
--fizzled out, so.

LAUREN

Yeah, well, I guess she had to go overseas a lot for her...work. Her research or whatever.

Lauren takes a long drag on her vape and exhales a long stream of smoke.

IZZY

Lauren, can you please not vape in my car?

LAUREN

(surprised)

Excuse me?

IZZY

The vaping? Can you not? You know?

LAUREN

I've literally been doing it this whole time.

IZZY

Well, I just noticed. So. Stop?

LAUREN

I'll open a window.

She does so. Izzy rolls it back up.

IZZY

Seriously? It's my car.

LAUREN

Fiiiiiiiiine, Mommeee.

Lauren leans back, rolling her eyes and puts the vape away in her jacket pocket. "Somebody That I Used to Know" comes on the radio, everyone recoils, Izzy turns it off, disgusted.

IZZY

Ugh.

LAUREN

This whole thing just feels...off.

MICHELLE

Ya think?

Lauren chuckles.

LAUREN

(sarcastic)

Maybe she wants to kill us.

As they drive down the road, the SUV passes and we see several occult symbols carved into several trees along the highway.

11 INT. IZZY'S CAR - MOVING - DUSK

11

Lauren futzes with her phone.

LAUREN
Damn it, I don't have any cell
service. Do you?

Michelle checks her phone.

MICHELLE
Nope.

LAUREN
Fuck!

Beat.

IZZY
You know. It's weird.

LAUREN
What is?

IZZY
I just...ever since that night I've
had a recurring dream about her.
(beat)
About Ava.

LAUREN
(fake nonchalant)
Oh?

IZZY
Yeah. For years. The same exact
dream. She's in this darkness,
bleeding from her head, and she
keeps saying to me....

Michelle and Lauren look at one another.

MICHELLE
(anxious)
What does she say?

IZZY
Just one word, over and over...

FLASH TO:

12 DREAM. 12

Ava, facing us in a black void, TORRENTS OF BLOOD streaming down her face, stares straight into the camera. She opens her mouth and out comes a raspy whisper.

AVA

Push.

FLASH TO:

13 INT. IZZY'S CAR - MOVING - DUSK - RESUMING 13

Izzy shakes her head and chuckles lightly.

IZZY

"Push." I have no idea what that means.

(under breath)

So weird.

Lauren and Michelle exchange another fraught look. Izzy misses this as she keeps her eyes on the road.

MICHELLE

Yeeeeeeaaah. That's a real mystery....

LAUREN

(scoffs)

Nothing seems that weird anymore, Iz.

14 INT. IZZY'S CAR - MOVING - DUSK 14

The SUV pulls up to Asia's country house, which is VERY nice and VERY isolated. They are way, way out in the middle of nowhere. Sun is going down. Seeing the house, Lauren lets out an impressed whistle.

MICHELLE

Nice!

Michelle snaps a couple pictures with her phone.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)

But damn, how's Asia affording all this? I mean, on a professor's salary?

LAUREN
 Generational wealth, Mich. After
 their parents died, Asia inherited
 it all.

Izzy sighs.

MICHELLE
 Uh, guys?

Michelle points.

Standing in the middle of the driveway is ASIA, early 30s, dressed all in black with a big smile on her face. The smile is there but there's a quiet menace in her eyes - it's more Joker sneer than good natured grin. It is creepy. SHE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE AVA, save for one thing: her heterochromia is the reverse of Ava's. If they stood side by side, they'd be eerily symmetrical. Click they're identical twins.

CLOSE-UP: ASIA.

ASIA
 (Cheerful AF)
 Hiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii, girls!

15 EXT. ASIA'S HOUSE - NIGHT

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The GIRLS get out of the car, and ASIA waves at them as they walk up to her. Her cheerful demeanor does not mesh with her Morticia Addams style. She is OFF. She comes up to Izzy and hugs her tight--

ASIA
 Izzy!

--and kisses her on the cheek. Izzy looks weirded out. Asia repeats this with Michelle.

ASIA (CONT'D)
 Michelle!

And Lauren, who grudgingly accepts the hug and the kiss.

ASIA (CONT'D)
 Hi, Lauren!

LAUREN
 Okay.

ASIA
 I'm so glad to see you all!

Asia takes out of her hoodie pocket and unfolds a dark FARADAY BAG. She opens the bag.

ASIA (CONT'D)
Your cell phones, please!

MICHELLE
Sorry, what?

ASIA
It is our wish for you to be fully present tonight as we honor my precious Ava's life and death, so if I may please collect your cell phones?

IZZY
Asia, is this really necessary?

ASIA
(insistent)
No. Distractions.

Asia holds out the bag and smiles big.

ASIA (CONT'D)
'Kay?

Beat.

Michelle and Lauren shrug.

LAUREN
Sure, whatever, why not? There's booze here, right, Asj?

ASIA
Yes!

MICHELLE
Whatever makes you happy, Asia.

Lauren and Michelle place their phones in the bag. Izzy is reluctant but after a beat, she finally hands her phone over to Asia.

ASIA
THANK YOU!

Asia seals the Faraday bag.

INSERT: DISPLAY CASE. A museum-style glass display case that is a SHRINE to AVA. Photos of all of the girls, with both ASIA AND AVA. See they were twin sisters.

See they were all friends in college. See them at graduation together, but only Asia is there, no Ava. No more photos after graduation. There ARE other things in there besides photos - strange but funny things, like Ava's retainer on a trophy stand with a small plaque.

There's also eerie relics from Asia's travels. A skull of indeterminate origin. Some sort of urn. Finally, there's an empty stand labeled CEREMONIAL DAGGER.

MATCH CUT TO:

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INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

16

The place is NICE AND BIG. Elegant. It is also very dark, lit only by candles and a ROARING FIRE IN THE FIREPLACE. The girls stand by and examine the museum-style glass display case in the middle of the room.

IZZY

So, all of this is...is for Ava?

ASIA

(proud)

Yes, I wanted to honor her. I had to.

IZZY

Wow, Asj. Putting all this together...It must have been a lot of work...

ASIA

Anything worth doing is, Michelle. Please, sit.

Asia, Michelle and Lauren sit on a pair of couches across from one another.

ASIA (CONT'D)

So, Lauren. How have you been?

LAUREN

Well, between my alimony and making partner last spring...

(snickers, smug)

I'm doing alright.

Asia, distracted, looks around. Lauren looks annoyed. She clears her throat.

ASIA

(Distracted)

Yeah, good for you, Lauren. Take that ex-husband of yours to the cleaners! How about you, Michelle, everything good?

MICHELLE

Well. I am pretty sick of being cast as a Tiger Mom. I mean, just because I'm Chinese, THEY think that's ALL I can play??

Asia turns to Michelle.

ASIA

"They"?? Who is "they"??

Michelle looks confused, then annoyed.

MICHELLE

Well, you know...casting directors!

ASIA

Right, right. Of course.

ASIA (CONT'D)

I know, I know. She was special.

Asia puts her hand on top of Izzy's.

ASIA (CONT'D)

(sighs)

It feels like that wound will never heal. Like you can never be whole again.

Asia nods and Izzy nods with her. Asia squeezes Izzy's hand.

ASIA (CONT'D)

But...it can heal. YOU can heal.

Izzy squints at Asia.

IZZY

What? What do you mean?

ASIA

In my line of work, you learn a lot about these things.

IZZY

Anthropology?

ASIA
 (teacher correcting)
Thanatology.

IZZY
 (puzzled)
 I dunno what that means, babe.

ASIA
 Anthropology is the study of
 humanity. Life. Thanatology...is
 the study of death.

Beat.

ASIA (CONT'D)
 DEATH!

The girls are startled by Asia's SHOUTING this.

Asia's face freezes, her eyes wide in a thousand yard stare.
 She would be completely still if it wasn't for the fact that
 she was breathing heavily.

IZZY
 But, for how long have you--

Asia comes back to herself, like an animatronic that had been
 glitching until somebody banged it on the head.

ASIA
 (beat)
 AAAAAAND the cultural and societal
 mores and customs around it! THAT
 has been my focus as of late!

Asia sighs and grimaces, thoughtfully.

ASIA (CONT'D)
 However...I only wish I knew then
 what I know now. Maybe I could have
 helped Ava. Back at the end. We
 were so close. We had everything.

She looks into the middle distance. The girls exchange
 glances with each other, like, "what do we say?"

ASIA (CONT'D)
 Maybe I could have SAVED her.

MICHELLE
 Uh, well --

Lauren clears her throat, cutting off Michelle, then reassuringly pats Asia on the shoulder.

LAUREN

There, there. There, there.

MICHELLE

Well, I am happy we are doing this. I've felt this weight since Ava died. And I've never figured out what to do about it. How to make it go away. If I wanted it to go away. You know? That guilt is all I have left of her.

On "guilt" Lauren eyes Michelle.

ASIA

Why would you feel guilty about Ava?

Izzy shoots Michelle a look. "Shut up".

MICHELLE

(back-peddling)

I-I-I wouldn't. I mean, I don't. Guilty isn't the word. I just hate that we weren't with her, you know? That we didn't know.

Izzy shoots Michelle a glance.

ASIA

I understand, but still. I am so glad you're here.

(beat)

If you will excuse me, for just a moment, ladies.

Asia exits. Beat.

Izzy, Michelle and Lauren lean in conspiratorially, speaking in hushed tones.

IZZY

Okay, this is weird, what is going on here?

MICHELLE

Asia is tense over Ava's death day! She misses her sister! That gives her a pass! It's a stressful time!

IZZY

Yeah, but --

LAUREN

Iz, don't read too much into this. This is just Asia being Asia. You forget, but ASIA was always the weird sister and AVA was always the COOL sister, and --

Asia comes back in with a TRAY OF DRINKS as Lauren finishes her sentence.

ASIA

What was that, Lauren?

LAUREN

Well --

IZZY

Ava was so fun! Is what she said!

MICHELLE

Yeah, YEAH, she was the fun one!

ASIA

(quiet, but menacing)

What do you mean, she was 'the fun one'? I wasn't fun?

IZZY

In our group! She was always so outgoing, and -- and fun...and she brought us together.

The glasses on the tray in Asia's hand tremor slightly. She's trying to hide her anger, but she's shaking.

ASIA

And I didn't??

LAUREN

Oh. Um.

IZZY

You just both brought your own unique energy to the group. We all did.

(beat)

It's not a competition, Asj.

The glasses stop shaking. This seems to have placated Asia. For the moment.

ASIA

Hm. But how often do we get such a pure, one-to-one comparison?

IZZY

You both were --

ASIA

Are.

IZZY

-- you both ARE -- very special.

ASIA

(pompous)

Well. I know she didn't always appreciate it, but I ALWAYS tried to look out for her. As her big sister.

Lauren tilts her head and looks at Asia in contempt.

ASIA (CONT'D)

What??

Izzy, Lauren and Michelle exchange glances, then they all laugh and roll their eyes.

LAUREN

"Big sister"?

MICHELLE

You're only two minutes older than her!

ASIA

Yeah, which makes me OLDER...so I am the BIG sister!

LAUREN

(scoffs)

Yeah, I'm sure those extra two minutes gave you a lot of wisdom to pass down to Ava.

IZZY

Guys, please, both Asia and --

Asia looks FURIOUS. SHE EXPLODES --

ASIA

This REALLY isn't funny, Lauren! My sister is DEAD, and she died TEN YEARS AGO and we are here to REMEMBER her LIFE and CELEBRATE HER and I do NOT like this way you're talking about her and me!

(MORE)

ASIA (CONT'D)

I loved Ava -- I LOVE AVA -- and I was DEFINITELY NOT JEALOUS OF HER!!!

This again freaks out Izzy, and now the other girls start being weirded out.

IZZY

I mean, look, Asia. Ava always brought us together and, um, Ava is gone, she's gone, but she's STILL bringing us together.

Izzy smiles big, hoping Asia will buy it.

ASIA

She is.

(beat)

Will you all please join me in a toast?

The doorbell LOUDLY RINGS.

Beat.

It rings again. Asia narrows her eyes at, then smirks at Lauren.

ASIA (CONT'D)

Just a sec.

Asia exits.

IZZY

Now what??

She gets up and follows Asia, Lauren and Michelle follow Izzy.

17 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FRONT ROOM - NIGHT

17

The girls follow Asia as she goes to the front door--

ASIA

Hey! What are you doing? You should relax! I can handle this!

--and opens it, revealing HUNTER, 19-years-young, big muscles, ripped and handsome, he is waiting at the front door with several SHOPPING BAGS in his arms and at his feet, full of party supplies -- ice, booze, snacks, drinks -- and a big, stupid grin on his face. He is sweet but Hunter is a MORON.

HUNTER
Hey there, Miss Asia!

LAUREN sees Hunter and her eyes go BIG then focus on him with laser-intensity. She once again lets out an impressed WHISTLE. Michelle clocks him, also.

MICHELLE
(Under her breath)
Fuuuuuuck.

LAUREN
(under her breath)
Back off, bitch. I saw him first.

ASIA
Hello, Hunter.

HUNTER
Got a big package for ya here!

Lauren and Michelle exchange a knowing look, smirking.

ASIA
Just bring it all into the kitchen,
please.

Lauren loudly and performatively clears her throat.

LAUREN
Uh, Asia? Excuse me, but...aren't
you going to introduce us to
your...young friend?

Asia looks annoyed at Lauren, then regains her composure.

ASIA
Girls, this is Hunter. Hunter,
these are the girls.

Hunter waves happily and stupidly.

HUNTER
Hi, ladies!

Michelle takes Hunter's hand, pulls it toward her and kisses it.

MICHELLE
Ah, enchanté, Monsieur!

18 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - NIGHT

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A heavy, iron CAULDRON is on the stove. A blood-red liquid is bubbling inside of it.

Hunter unloads and puts away groceries while Lauren and Michelle flirt with him. Asia supervises. Izzy also helps put away things.

HUNTER

I can't stay, Miss Lauren, I'm sorry.

LAUREN

But, if you're a delivery driver you can knock off whenever you want, right? Stay! It'll be FUN.

Lauren picks up a bottle of wine off the counter, poking Hunter in the chest with playfully.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

C'monnnnn...aren't you thirsty?

HUNTER

(nervously)
I'm kind of a...beer guy.

MICHELLE

Maybe you just need to be open to new things.

HUNTER

I mean, I am technically my own boss--

LAUREN

(lowering her voice)
So you can get off, whenever you want?

HUNTER

(missing this)
--but we're so way out and Stan's is really a one-stop shop so I basically work there. Even though I don't. Ya know?

Lauren looks into the cauldron. She sniffs it, recoiling at the smell.

LAUREN

But Asia's making...something!

Lauren grabs a WOODEN SPOON off the counter and leans in to taste the red concoction in the cauldron.

ASIA (O.S.)
DON'T TOUCH THAT!

Lauren is startled by this sudden outburst. She drops the spoon.

Asia stands in the doorway to the kitchen. She looks furious for a moment, seems to catch herself, and quickly relaxes her face into a smile.

ASIA (CONT'D)
It's not ready yet!

LAUREN
What the hell are you making?

ASIA
It's a surprise!

Michelle eyes the brew wearily.

MICHELLE
Looks...great...

ASIA
Ok, retract the claws, you two. Let Hunter go! Tonight is girls' night! We have very, VERY important business to attend to!

Asia grabs Hunter by the arm, leading him out of the kitchen.

INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FRONT DOOR - CONTINUOUS

Asia, Lauren and Michelle walk Hunter to the door.

Asia gives Hunter some cash then hugs him, lingering.

ASIA
A gentleman as always. Come back soon.

We see Asia swipe Hunter's cell phone from his back pocket.

HUNTER
Thanks! Bye Miss Asia! Bye Ladies!

He exits. Asia closes and LOCKS the front door with a KEY from a NECKLACE she wears, then puts the keychain-necklace back around her NECK. She turns and gives Lauren a disapproving look.

LAUREN

What?!

ASIA

Lauren, really? He's barely out of high school.

LAUREN

He said he was nineteen.

ASIA

That is still too young! The human brain does not finish developing until 27!

LAUREN

I am not interested in his brain!

MICHELLE

Hey, Asj? If it's a fun girls' night, then what important business do we have?

Asia smiles big again. It is creepy.

ASIA

Celebrating.

(Beat)

It's time for the toast!!!

20

INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

20

Asia goes around the room and gives a drink to each of the girls.

ASIA

I made these drinks special for you all.

Asia smiles big.

IZZY

Oh. Special drinks....Good.

LAUREN

(Mutters)

Finally.

ASIA

Let's raise a glass for Ava.

Asia raises her glass. The girls all raise their glasses.

Beat.

IZZY

To Ava.

MICHELLE

To Ava.

LAUREN

To Ava.

Asia smiles a cold smile. She raises her glass a little higher.

ASIA

To reunions.

She clinks glasses with Izzy, then they all clink glasses and drink.

LAUREN

Cheers, bitches!

Lauren downs her wine in a single gulp. She shakes her head excitedly.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

WOO!

This special drink appears to have unlocked something in her. She is IMMEDIATELY TRASHED.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

FUCK yeah! Lets get this party STARTED.

IZZY

Lauren, we're here to remember Ava. Remember?

LAUREN

Bestie, Ava would WANT us to party! Not to be all sad and cry like, "Oh no, she's dead, waah waah, boo-hoo, we're so sad!"

Izzy looks mortified, but is surprised to see Asia smiling.

Lauren mimes crying and drying tears.

LAUREN (CONT'D)
No! AVA would want us to CELEBRATE
HER!

Asia nods and smiles.

ASIA
Here, here counselor.

Izzy looks at Asia with confusion.

IZZY
I thought this was supposed to be
about Ava?

Asia smiles big again. Her eyes get big again.

ASIA
It is! This! IS! A celebration! And
NOW it is TIME for the SECOND most
important part of the evening!

MICHELLE
What's the most important part,
Asj?
(beat)
What's the most important part?

Asia smiles cryptically.

ASIA
Don't worry about that. We'll get
there. Just give me a moment.

Asia gets up.

MICHELLE
Where are you going?

Asia leaves the room.

Beat.

Izzy sniffs her glass and grimaces.

IZZY
Alright. These drinks smell like
paint thinner. Asia seems like
she's going through...something.
Maybe we should leave.

MICHELLE
What?? We can't!

IZZY

Michelle, something weird is going on here. Lauren usually has the tolerance of a 300 pound man. Look at her. She's hammered.

Lauren's eyes are closed and she's swaying to non-existent music.

MICHELLE

What? You think she, like, drugged us?

IZZY

I don't know what she did but something fucked up is going on.

Izzy looks to Lauren for support, but Lauren just makes the jack-off hand gesture.

LAUREN

Down that thing and loosen up, mother superior.

(sighs, genuine)

Asia's a strange-o but she's OUR strange-o, we can't just bail on her Ava thing. Besides, I am way too FADED to drive now.

IZZY

It's my fucking car!

LAUREN

Whatever.

Izzy looks sheepish. She turns to Michelle.

IZZY

Mich, will you come?

MICHELLE

No, I just...feel so guilty...

She trails off. Lauren shoots her an angry look.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)

We can't leave her. It's one night. Try to enjoy it.

ASIA (O.S.)

(calling out)

Giiiiirls??? Could you please join me in the bedroom??

Izzy sighs and gets up and leaves.

MICHELLE

You got any cigs? I jones so hard
when I drink.

LAUREN

No. I quit. And you need to chill.

MICHELLE

Sorry, Mom! I only smoke when I'm
drunk.

LAUREN

Not about that. You feeli--

ASIA (O.S.)

(sing-song)

Hello-ohhhh?

Before Lauren can finish, Michelle gets up, grabs a bottle of wine and pair of wineglasses and leaves the room. Lauren hurries after her.

21 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - STAIRWAY - NIGHT 21

We see Izzy reaching the top of the stairs and exiting down the hallway as Lauren and Michelle trail behind her at the bottom.

22 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - UPSTAIRS HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS 22

Bottle of wine in one hand, wineglasses in the other, Michelle saunters down the hallway. Lauren trails after her. At the far end of the hallway, ahead of them, Izzy enters the bedroom.

LAUREN

Michelle, hey, Michelle, wait up!

Lauren catches up to Michelle, corners her, gets right up in her face, and puts her hand on the wall, blocking Michelle from getting past.

Lauren bumps up into Michelle --

LAUREN (CONT'D)

Feeling guilty, Michelle? Got
something you want to get off your
fucking chest?

--causing her to drop the wineglasses which SHATTER ON THE FLOOR.

MICHELLE

Fuck! What the fuck are you --?

LAUREN

We haven't seen or heard from Asia for years and suddenly out of the blue, she invites us to her weird fucking house to "celebrate Ava"?? You don't think that's weird? That it's suspicious??

MICHELLE

No, I don't think the timing is weird!

LAUREN

Whatever! Just be cool! No more drinking. No more talking about it. Definitely no more feeling guilty!

MICHELLE

The whole point of this reunion is to talk about AVA.

LAUREN

Seriously!

Michelle scoffs.

MICHELLE

Maybe this could be good for all of us.

23

INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FAITH'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

23

Lauren and Michelle step into the room to find Izzy frozen in horror just past the doorway.

IZZY

Jesus fucking Christ.

Lauren and Michelle see what Izzy sees. They look shocked.

LAUREN

Asia, what the hell is this?! Oh my God.

MICHELLE

Asia stands over a young girl who is passed out and tied down on top of a Victorian bed. This girl is FAITH, early 20s.

Asia carries a box of Ava's stuff and walks around the bed, placing items around Faith's body. Notebooks. CDs. Cleats. *Trophies*.

IZZY

ASIA, WHAT IS THIS??

MICHELLE

Is this Ava's stuff??

Asia stands over her. She turns and smiles at the girls.

ASIA

Yes. They are necessary for this.

ASIA (CONT'D)

(to Michelle)

You asked what was the most important part of the evening? Well, this is it.

Izzy, Lauren and Michelle share a look. WTF? Asia's air has changed. All business.

IZZY

Asia, who is this girl? What did you do? Is she okay??

ASIA

No. She's dying, actually.

Asia lays out a set of ingredients and a mortar and pestle.

LAUREN

Asia, that's not funny.

ASIA

You're right, it's not. This is a matter of life and death and things beyond. But, don't worry. The ritual is entirely painless.

IZZY

The ritual?

LAUREN

That's not funny!

MICHELLE

What the fuck?

ASIA

I know you all thought that Ava's and my twin connection was bullshit. Nonsense. A shared delusion. But there was something that bound us. That BINDS us. I could taste what she ate. She could feel what I felt. HER PAIN. WAS MY PAIN. Honestly, it was a comfort to me. I was never alone. Never. When Ava died I thought I would feel a void. But I didn't. I still felt her. She was still there. Distant but not gone. Farther away. But still there.

(beat)

When we were nine, one time at the beach, I almost drowned in the ocean. I had gone out too far from the shore, and Ava saved my life. Later, when I....lost Ava, I felt honor-bound to find a way to bring her back.

Faith is breathing choppily. Struggling with each breath.

ASIA (CONT'D)

So, I dedicated my life to finding a way to bring my sister back. Then my studies brought me an answer. Necromancy.

MICHELLE

You fucked a dead guy?!

IZZY

She's talking about witchcraft. Death Magic.

ASIA

That's right. I went all around the world searching for answers. Finally, my travels led me to an ancient Chinese poem. Anthropologists had been mistranslating some key phrases for years. Decades. It is not what they thought. It is not just a poem. It is a set of instructions. By which the soul of a loved one can be transferred...

(beat)

Into a waiting vessel. Into a new body.

Asia lovingly strokes Faith's hair.

ASIA (CONT'D)

The poem states that tonight, for the first time in ten years, the stars will be aligned just right. Aligned perfectly for the return of a loved one. Aligned for my beloved Ava to be resurrected. You see, I had to wait for a lunar occultation of Mars to happen during a super moon. Luna's energy is at it's strongest, and Mars is at it's weakest. Mars holds sway over violent death, and when the moon blocks its view from Earth...

Asia makes a POOF motion with her hand.

ASIA (CONT'D)

the veil slips.

Asia picks up the mortar and pestle off the dresser, and begins mixing together a PASTE.

ASIA (CONT'D)

All is prepared. We have the necessary cosmic conditions, we have the possessions of the deceased...and most importantly, her loved ones. The deceased's loved ones must be present for the ritual to work. Our parents are dead, and I am her twin, but even though we shared a womb, I...I alone am not enough.

Asia looks sad.

ASIA (CONT'D)

...but you...

Asia looks up at the girls, her look of disappointment turns into a smile, then a GRIN. She looks UNHINGED.

ASIA (CONT'D)

(true believer)

You...are our sisters. WE...are all sisters.

MICHELLE

Is this why you brought us here? To try and "bring Ava back"?

ASIA
I said reunion and I. Meant. It.

LAUREN
Fuck this!

Lauren tries to leave the room but the door is locked. She struggles with the doorknob. Again.

ASIA
You can't leave. She won't let you.

IZZY
What are you talking about??

MICHELLE
Asia, please --

LAUREN
Let us out, let us out, let us out--

IZZY
Asia. Do you think Ava would really want you to murder this girl?

ASIA
I'm not killing Faith. I'm bringing back Ava. An exchange of life for life.

Asia takes globs of paste from a mortar and pestle and uses the paste to paint the occult symbols we saw on the trees onto Faith's forehead.

Izzy looks scared. Asia smirks. She turns to Faith and leans close to her.

ASIA (CONT'D)
(whispers)
Faith. I am sorry for the pain you are about to experience. But pain has its rewards.

Asia turns back to the girls.

IZZY
Asia. I know you miss Ava. We all do. Believe me. But you don't have to do this. It's not too late to stop.

Asia continues like she doesn't even hear Izzy.

ASIA

The key is to end the host's life without causing lasting damage to the body. Harder than it sounds. Suffocation is ideal.

She picks up a pillow and shoves it over Faith's face.

Lauren rushes over and grabs Asia's arm, but before she can do anything more, there's a loud SMACK. Her head recoils as if she's been slapped. She raises a hand to her now very red cheek.

Michelle and Izzy gape at her, unbelieving.

MICHELLE

What?

Lauren freezes, breathing hard...then completely loses it and starts screaming and collapses to the floor, hands over her ears.

LAUREN

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

IZZY

We have to get help. I have to call somebody.

Izzy reaches into her pocket for her phone, remembers it's gone.

IZZY (CONT'D)

Fuck! She has our phones.

Izzy sees a LANDLINE HANDSET on the bedside table, grabs it, starts dialing, but Michelle grabs her arm, sending the phone clattering to the floor, skidding under the bed.

IZZY (CONT'D)

WHAT ARE YOU DOING??

Izzy tries to break free, but Michelle is stronger.

MICHELLE

No! Maybe it's meant to be!

IZZY

What?!

MICHELLE

Because, like -- If she comes back it's like, it's like -- it never happened!

IZZY

What are you talking about??! What are you saying?? Stop! Let me go!

LAUREN

NO! NO! NO! MAKE IT STOP! MAKE IT STOP! MAKE IT STOP!!!

As the girls fight, the lights flicker, the HOUSE SHAKES.

ASIA

(screaming)

On this most auspicious of nights, when the stars align, I, a humble servant, ask that you accept this sacrifice and in return bring back my precious sister Ava to me!!!

FINALLY, AS ASIA FINISHES, THE LIGHTS RETURN TO NORMAL AND THE HOUSE STOPS SHAKING. Faith stops struggling and goes limp. Dead.

Michelle lets Izzy go. Izzy drops to her knees. Izzy puts her head in her hands.

IZZY

(near tears)

Asia. What have you done??

Izzy begins weeping quietly.

Asia pulls the pillow off Faith's face, and tosses it aside. she stares at Faith, willing her to wake up. Asia waits.

And waits.

Nothing.

ASIA

Ava?

Asia looks furious as NOTHING HAPPENS. All of her cool vaporizes in an instant.

ASIA (CONT'D)

WHAT DID I DO WRONG?? WHY IS NOTHING HAPPENING??!

Asia grabs her spellbook off the dresser, consults it, frantically flipping through the pages.

ASIA (CONT'D)
 (muttering angrily)
 What did I miss...what did I do
 wrong...

ASIA (CONT'D)
 Why didn't it work?? I did
 everything right!

IZZY
 You...killed her, Asia...

Asia rechecks her spellbook.

MICHELLE
 It was all for nothing?!

IZZY
 Nothing?!

Izzy angrily SLAPS the spellbook out of Asia's hand.

ASIA
 Hey! That book is priceless! IT'S
 ONE OF A KIND!

Asia frantically grabs the spellbook and checks for damage.
 Izzy grabs Asia by the back of her collar and forces her down
 CLOSE, face-to-face with Faith.

IZZY
 Look what you did! Look what you
 did to her, Asia! You killed her!
 YOU. KILLED. FAITH. Are you happy
 NOW, you crazy fucking BITCH??

Faith's eyes open WIDE. One of her eyes bleaches from blue to
 green. She has heterochromia.

Faith gags. She CHOKES and COUGHS. BLOOD comes out of her
 mouth and splatters in Asia's face. Asia and Izzy RECOIL.
 BLOOD OOZES FROM HER EYES AND LEFT EAR.

IZZY (CONT'D)
 Oh FUCK.

Gagging, Faith sits up as much as possible. She thrashes.
 Finally, she stops and just sits there, a bloody mess,
 WHEEZING and hyperventilating. She takes a deep breath and
 lets out a loud GASP! Everybody freezes.

Izzy and Michelle look at each other in shock and horror.
 Lauren abruptly stops weeping on the floor.

MICHELLE

Oh, Fuck.

BEAT. Faith looks around the room.

FAITH/AVA

Asia?

Asia smiles. Asia weeps tears of joy. She starts laughing through the tears.

ASIA

Yes.

LAUREN

(exasperated)

Oh fuck.

SMASH CUT TO:

24

INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - DINING ROOM - NIGHT

24

The girls sit at the dining room table before a lavish spread, a GIANT FEAST.

FAITH IS EATING LIKE A STARVING WOMAN, JUST VACUUMING UP FOOD, SHOVELING IT INTO HER MOUTH.

The other girls sit awkwardly.

Beat.

BLOOD starts leaking from Faith's left eye.

Under the table, Michelle and Lauren grab hands tightly.

Asia GIGGLES.

ASIA

Oops! Clean-up on Aisle Five!

Asia chuckles as she cleans the blood with a napkin.

Izzy grimaces.

Faith keeps shoveling food into her mouth. Asia notices the girls are not eating.

ASIA (CONT'D)

Hey, HEY, why aren't you eating?

Izzy, Lauren and Michelle snap to.

MICHELLE

Huh?

ASIA

You're not eating. You're not --
why aren't you eating?

MICHELLE

Uhhhh...

ASIA

You have to eat! Faith and I slaved
away over this all day!

FAITH/AVA

(absently)

Who's Faith?

ASIA

We worked on it forever! You have
to eat!

Reluctantly, the girls begin eating.

FAITH/AVA

Who's Faith??

ASIA

Nobody!

Izzy glares at Asia.

IZZY

NOBODY??

Faith spills food on herself. Asia babies Faith and wipes her
face with a napkin.

ASIA

(chuckles)

I will get you a bib since you are
spilling food all over yourself.

Faith snaps angrily and shoos Asia away with her hand.

FAITH/AVA

I don't need a bib, Asia, I'm not a
baby!

ASIA

Oh no, no, you're not a baby. But
you're still my baby sister..

FAITH/AVA
 (mutters)
 By two minutes...

Faith turns her eyes on them. They look back with fear.

MICHELLE
 (to Izzy)
 Her eyes.

IZZY
 I know. Shut up.

Faith looks coldly at Izzy. Faith gets up and wanders away.

IZZY (CONT'D)
 Shouldn't we follow her?

ASIA
 She's not a child, Iz, she knows
 what she's doing!

IZZY
 Okay, I need to use the bathroom.

25 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - BATHROOM - NIGHT 25

Izzy is sitting on the toilet seat in the bathroom, trying not to freak out. Whispering to herself over and over --

IZZY
 What the fuck, what the fuck what
 the fuck what the fuck--

26 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - HALLWAY - NIGHT 26

Izzy exits the bathroom and hears a strange noise.

She follows it, and enters --

27 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS 27

--where she finds Faith in the kitchen, just eating raw meat out of Asia's fridge and making a BLOODY mess in the kitchen.

IZZY
 What the fuck! What the fuck!

Faith looks up.

FAITH/AVA
Izzy? Izzy? Izzy? Izzy. Izzy!

She hugs Izzy and smiles.

FAITH/AVA (CONT'D)
(comfortable)
Izzy...

Izzy reluctantly hugs back and pats Faith's back.

IZZY
Let's get you something...cooked...

28 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - DINING ROOM - NIGHT 28

Holding hands, Izzy brings Faith back into the dining room.

IZZY
Okay...we're back...

ASIA
Where did you two get off to?

IZZY
Just...Don't worry about it.

Izzy sits.

Asia gets up.

ASIA
I think I'll just make sure
everyone can stay here and enjoy
one another's company.

She locks the dining room door with the key on her necklace.

Michelle can't take it.

MICHELLE
Ava. There's something I've been
wanting to say to you for 10 years.

Lauren quickly cuts her off.

LAUREN
Wait! Stop! How do we know this is
real??! How do we know that you
didn't just put Faith up to this?

ASIA
 (offended)
 Why would I do that?

LAUREN
 You could have put her up to it!
 Prove it!! Prove it!!!

FAITH/AVA
 How?

LAUREN
 Okay. If you really are "Ava". Tell
 me something only Ava knew...who
 did I lose my virginity to??

IZZY
 Everyone knows that. Craig T. At
 the Tri-Delt winter formal.

Faith's eyes flutter open and shut as her memories begin
 flooding back.

FAITH/AVA
 No. You lost your virginity to Pat
 Schwartz. Sophomore year.

Lauren's jaw drops. Michelle looks grossed out.

MICHELLE
 Pat Schwartz?? "SWEATY" SCHWARTZ??

IZZY
 STINKY SCHWARTZ???

LAUREN
 Yes, I fucked Pit-Stains Pat.

Beat.

LAUREN (CONT'D)
 He actually wasn't half bad.

FAITH/AVA
 You said he made you feed his boa
 constrictor before you did it.

LAUREN
 Oh yeah. That was weird. WAIT, HOLY
 SHIT, IT WORKED.

MICHELLE
 Ava, is it really you?

Izzy, Lauren and Michelle lean closer. Amazed their friend is alive.

ASIA

Izzy slept with Pat Schwartz? And you never told me, Ava?

Asia is pissed.

ASIA (CONT'D)

WHY wouldn't you tell ME??

FAITH/AVA

Lauren swore me to secrecy!!!

ASIA

Lauren is your FRIEND but I'm your SISTER! Your big SISTER!

FAITH/AVA

This? Again? Still?

(Beat)

You are two minutes older than me, Asia. Two. Minutes.

Asia looks offended.

ASIA

Two minutes and TEN YEARS, Ava.

FAITH/AVA

(confused)

Ten years?

Faith realizes what she's saying and gasps.

FAITH/AVA (CONT'D)

I've been dead for ten years?

Asia nods.

Izzy again gets up and tries to leave but Asia gets up and blocks her.

IZZY

Asia, just -- just let us go, you got --

Izzy gestures at Faith devouring food with her bare hands.

IZZY (CONT'D)

This. So, so can we just go now?

ASIA

Izzy, why do you keep trying to leave? Why can't you just ENJOY this? Enjoy that we're all together again?? Reunited??

Asia smiles her crazy smile again.

IZZY

The MURDER sort of ruined the party for me.

Faith drops some food on the plate and looks up. She wipes her mouth with her sleeve and BELCHES loudly.

FAITH/AVA

Murder? What is she talking about, Asj?

ASIA

Nothing!

FAITH/AVA (CONT'D)

What are you talking about, Iz?

Asia glares at Izzy.

ASIA (CONT'D)

(mouthing silently)

Shut up.

Asia shushes Izzy.

IZZY

That's right, Ava. Asia--

ASIA

Shhhhh!

IZZY

--killed someone --

ASIA

SHUSH!

IZZY

--to bring you back! She MURDERED an innocent girl named FAITH --

ASIA

Quiet!

Faith looks HORRIFIED. Asia gets up.

IZZY

--and put YOU in HER body.

Faith looks from Izzy to Asia and back again.

FAITH/AVA
 What? No? She -- What is she --
 (beat)
 You killed somebody??

Asia glares daggers at Izzy.

ASIA
 No, she was a nobody, don't worry
 about those details!

IZZY
 NOBODY??!

FAITH/AVA
 Details??!

ASIA
 You're back is what matters!

Faith has a moment of moral panic.

FAITH/AVA
 How could you KILL someone?

Asia goes quiet for a beat.

ASIA
 IT WAS A NECESSARY SACRIFICE.

Faith continues to spiral over the morality of this when the doorbell rings.

ASIA (CONT'D)
 Perfect timing.

Asia takes Faith's hand and opens the door.

ASIA (CONT'D)
 Girls, wait here, Ava and I will be
 right back. Well, you have to wait
 here, because you can't get out but
 still. Come with me, Ava.

As Asia takes Faith away, Izzy jumps up, and runs at them trying to escape but Asia pulls out a taser--

ASIA (CONT'D)
 I wouldn't do that, Iz.

--and menaces Izzy with it, causing Izzy to recoil with a gasp.

IZZY
 I'll scream.

ASIA
 If you did that...somebody else
 might have to get hurt. And I know
 you don't want that. Just sit
 tight.

Asia unlocks the door, opens it, takes Faith through the
 door, closes it and we hear it lock.

IZZY
 Fuck!

29 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FRONT ROOM - NIGHT

29

Asia opens the front door to reveal Hunter. He is his
 cheerful, dumb self.

ASIA
 Hi, Hunter.

HUNTER
 Hiya, Miss Asia, I think I forgot
 my phone and--

Asia immediately TAZES HIM and he collapses into the doorway
 with a THUD.

FAITH/AVA
 What are you doing?!

Asia tries to drag Hunter inside - he's huge and she is not.
 He moves a little but she almost falls over.

ASIA
 It is necessary!

FAITH/AVA
 You keep saying that!

ASIA
 Yes, now would you give me a hand?

Faith sighs and grabs one of Hunter's arms. They pull.

FAITH/AVA
 (struggling)
 Fine...but you need to tell me
 what...JESUS what does this kid
 eat?!

Asia and Faith get Hunter inside.

They lean against the wall, out of breath.

ASIA

Ava, the final part of the ritual
is that the returned--

FAITH/AVA

The "Returned"??

ASIA

--must take a life to bind their
soul to its new vessel.

FAITH/AVA

(confused)

What?

ASIA

(matter-of-fact)

You have to kill him to stay in
this body. Taking a life, it
consecrates the union and binds the
soul to the body. It locks you in.

Faith is horrified as this sinks in.

FAITH/AVA

What? No! Asia, I know you want me
back, but at what cost? What have
you been doing all this time????

She's getting exasperated.

ASIA

God, This. Is. So. TYPICAL.

FAITH/AVA

What is THAT supposed to mean??

ASIA

I do you a favor and you GUILT me
over it! You want to eat the
sausage but you don't want to see
how it gets made!

Faith looks at Asia, disbelieving.

FAITH/AVA

I didn't ASK you to resurrect me
when I was FLOATING in LIMBO!

ASIA

Because you didn't HAVE to, I did
what your BIG SISTER SHOULD--

FAITH/AVA
 (Mutters)
 Again with this...

ASIA
 I BROUGHT YOU BACK. YOU'RE WELCOME.
 Now WE have to do THIS.

Hunter starts waking up.

HUNTER
 (groggy)
 Uhhhhh....

ASIA
 Night-night.

Asia tazes him again. He passes out again.

FAITH/AVA
 ASIA!

ASIA
 Enough! We do not have time for
 this! If you don't perform the
 blood sacrifice, your soul will not
 be bound to its new body. When the
 sun rises, your soul will leave
 this vessel and there will not be
 another chance to do this for ten
 more years - if it's even possible
 to do it again! You MUST do THIS to
 STAY.

Faith is resolute.

FAITH/AVA
 I won't do it.

ASIA
 Fine.

Asia seems like she's given up but then her expression
 changes to a look of GRIM DETERMINATION.

ASIA (CONT'D)
 (sighs)
 I'll do it for you.

Asia pulls out an ornate CEREMONIAL DAGGER, THEN puts it in
 Faith's OPEN HAND, closes Faith's hand on it, puts HER hand
 on top of Faith's--

FAITH/AVA
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

--and then TOGETHER they stab Hunter in the back.

FAITH/AVA (CONT'D)
No!!!

Asia stabs the dagger up and down into his BACK, AGAIN AND AGAIN, BLOOD GOES EVERYWHERE.

FAITH/AVA (CONT'D)
Asia!

Asia pulls out the dagger and SMEARS Hunter's blood on Faith's face, THEN on her own.

She theatrically raises the blade above her head then drops it to the floor with a clatter.

ASIA
AND SO IT IS DONE!!!

She hugs Faith. She smiles big.

ASIA (CONT'D)
Now, you are complete. Now, you are whole.

Faith looks uncertain...then after a beat smiles the same as Asia. She is beginning to come around.

INSERT: CLOSET DOOR.

Hunter's corpse is STUFFED inside a closet, the door shuts on it.

30 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - DINING ROOM - NIGHT

30

The door opens and Asia and Faith re-enter the dining room, slamming the door shut behind them. The girls immediately see them COVERED IN BLOOD.

IZZY
Oh my god what happened?!

ASIA
Ladies. The ritual is complete. Our beloved Ava is back. For good now.

IZZY
How? What do you mean?

Faith and Asia sit. Lauren flat-guzzles wine.

ASIA
We will have cake shortly.

FAITH/AVA
Cake?

ASIA
BIRTHDAY CAKE!

FAITH/AVA
It's not my birthday, Asj.

ASIA
It is. You have been REBORN. But first.
(beat)
Av. I have to ask you something.

FAITH/AVA
What?

ASIA
Why did you leave me?

FAITH/AVA
What?

Lauren looks afraid. She is waiting for the other shoe to drop.

LAUREN
Oh no.

Michelle stands up --

MICHELLE
Ava, there is something I have wanted to say for ten years--

Asia hand-waves and shushes Michelle.

ASIA
Michelle, please!

Asia leans forward getting close to Faith.

ASIA (CONT'D)
I don't understand. I never have. You were never a big partier, a big drinker, but, but...you got so wasted that you fell and you hit your head?

FAITH/AVA

I...I...

LAUREN

(to herself)

Here we go.

FAITH/AVA

(quiet)

I didn't....I DIDN'T!

(beat)

I didn't!

ASIA

What do you mean?

Asia turns to face the girls. They look guilty and scared as hell.

ASIA (CONT'D)

Who did this to you?

FAITH/AVA

My memory is still a
little...blurry...I remember...I
remember that we had just got back.

Faith points at the girls.

FAITH/AVA (CONT'D)

And Michelle and Lauren and me were
getting ready to go out again...

ASIA

Yes, yes, and? And what happened?

FAITH/AVA

But...oh. Oh god. Lauren...you--

Faith puts it together. The truth.

Michelle is on the brink of tears. Lauren looks horrified.

MICHELLE

(choked)

Ava, I am so, so sorry.

LAUREN

No...

IZZY

What is she talking about?

ASIA

WHAT'S GOING ON?

FAITH/AVA
 (shocked)
 --pushed...me. She pushed me.
 LAUREN. PUSHED ME.

Faith gasps and covers her mouth with one hand, with the other points at Lauren and Michelle.

FAITH/AVA (CONT'D)
 YOU KILLED ME! THEY KILLED ME!

ASIA
 What are you talking about?!

MICHELLE
 We --

LAUREN
 Michelle, stop!

FAITH/AVA
 We got into an argument. Lauren pushed me. I hit my head. And I FUCKING DIED.

The room falls silent. Guilt all over their faces.

Izzy gapes, horrified.

ASIA
 You all said you weren't there!

Michelle can't hold the tears back anymore. She starts crying, ten years of guilt pouring out.

IZZY
 You said it was an accident!

MICHELLE
 It was an accident!

FAITH/AVA
 An accident that, Lauren, you shoved me so hard I cracked my skull open on the bathroom sink?? Or an accident, Michelle, that instead of calling an ambulance you LET ME DIE??!

LAUREN
 It wasn't our fault!

ASIA
 SHUT UP!

Asia SLAPS Lauren HARD.

Lauren raises a hand to her cheek, both cheeks now red from being struck. She looks furious.

MICHELLE

We'd have been kicked out of school! My parents would have made me go to the police! You know how they were! Lauren said we had no other choice!

LAUREN

I was protecting Michelle, and Izzy-

IZZY

WHOA! "Protecting" me?? You told me you found her like that!

LAUREN

--and me and...I knew we couldn't save you so I thought I was being strong to save us. I'm sorry!

IZZY

Asia, they told me --

ASIA

We cried together. You spoke at her funeral!! What's wrong with you?!

Michelle approaches Faith. Pleading.

MICHELLE

Not a day has gone by that I haven't thought of what I would say to you at this moment. And now that it's here, the only thing I can think to say is, I'm sorry.

She's inches away from Faith.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)

Can you ever forgive me?

Faith raises her hands and puts them on either side of Michelle's head. Michelle smiles at her through tears.

Faith smiles back at Michelle.

FAITH/AVA

No.

Michelle's face turns to confusion.

CRACK! With a hard twist, Faith breaks Michelle's neck.

Michelle's eyes roll back and her body goes limp. She drops to the floor. She's dead.

A shocked silence falls over the room...BUT THEN.

Faith wheels on Izzy and Lauren. Murder in her eyes.

FAITH

YOU.

The room erupts into chaos, a cacophony of voices as Lauren and Izzy freak out.

Faith runs towards Izzy. She's ready to kill again.

Izzy reaches behind her and grabs the first thing she can find...a Wine bottle.

WHACK! She SMASHES it into Faith's skull.

Faith staggers around the room. Disoriented. BLOOD runs from a deep CUT in her head.

Faith glares at Izzy with a look of utter reproach. Izzy grimaces, looking almost embarrassed.

IZZY

(sheepish)

Sorry?

Faith looks down at the blood pooling at her feet.

FAITH/AVA

(absently)

Again?

Faith collapses. Dead.

Asia falls to her knees at Faith's side. She shakes her, futilely.

ASIA

Ava?? Ava! Ava, wake up!

Asia cradles Faith's body. She's weeping, distraught, she was so close.

LAUREN

Ohhhhh shit.

Asia looks up, remembering that she's not alone.

ASIA
LOOK AT WHAT YOU DID.

Izzy, wine bottle still in one hand, grabs Lauren and runs from the room.

31 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS 31

Izzy and Lauren run down the hall.

Asia bellows from in the other room.

ASIA (O.S.)
LOOK..AT..WHAT..YOU..DID..YOU

ASIA (CONT'D)
(shrieking)
BIIIIIIITCH!

Lauren starts freaking out, Michelle's death only now sinking in.

LAUREN
Oh my god, Michelle is dead. IZZY.
MICHELLE IS DEAD.

IZZY
I Know! If we don't get out of here
we're going to join her!

32 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FRONT ROOM - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS 32

Izzy and Lauren try to open the front door.

It won't open. They're locked inside.

CLOSE-UP: LOCK.

We see the door requires a key from the INSIDE to get out.

IZZY
We need to kick it down!

Izzy kicks the door. No luck.

IZZY (CONT'D)
Don't just stand there, Lauren.
KICK!

They kick at the door together. It doesn't budge.

34 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - DINING ROOM - NIGHT - LATER 34

Asia rubs resurrection paste onto Faith's face.

ASIA
...bring back my precious sister
Ava!

She waits, watching Faith's body.

35 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - VARIOUS - NIGHT 35

Izzy and Lauren run from room to room.

All the doors and windows are LOCKED or BARRED.

THEY'RE TRAPPED.

36 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - DINING ROOM - NIGHT 36

Asia watches as nothing happens to Faith's body. Nothing at all.

ASIA
GODDAMN IT!

She grabs Faith's body and shakes her.

ASIA (CONT'D)
WAKE UP, DAMMIT!!!

SHE SLAMS HER BODY DOWN ON THE GROUND.

ASIA (CONT'D)
WHY WON'T YOU WAKE UP?!!!

37 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - STAIRS - NIGHT 37

Izzy and Lauren run up the stairs.

Midway up, Izzy trips and ALMOST FALLS DOWN THE STAIRS.

Izzy catches herself and braces herself with her hands.

LAUREN
I got you, I got you, it's okay,
you're okay. Come on, Iz.

IZZY
We have to get to that landline...

38 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FAITH'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

38

Lauren and Izzy enter, slam the door shut and lock it.

They look around for something to block the door.

IZZY

The dresser.

The girls drag the dresser in front of the door.

They collapse to the floor, both out of breath.

LAUREN

Now...what?

IZZY

Phone...under...the bed.

Lauren drops down and looks under the bed. She feels around, finds and grabs the landline phone handset.

LAUREN

Got it!

Lauren stands up and looks at the phone. Her expression darkens.

IZZY

Give it to me.

LAUREN

Oh...kay.

Lauren hands Izzy the phone handset. It's smashed. Izzy tries to dial. Nothing. She puts her ear to the phone, dials, tries to get something, anything.

IZZY

(exhausted)

Dammit!

She tosses the phone back to the floor with a thud.

BANG BANG BANG!!!

ASIA (O.S.)

OPEN THIS DOOR!

INTERCUT WITH:

39 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - UPSTAIRS HALLWAY - SAME

39

Asia kicks the door repeatedly, yelling in frustration.
As she speaks, she punctuates each word with a kick.

ASIA
LET!

BANG.

ASIA (CONT'D)
ME!

BANG.

ASIA (CONT'D)
IN!

BANG.

BEDROOM

Izzy and Lauren watch the door shudder beneath Asia's kicks.
She's laying into it good, but the dresser isn't budging.

ASIA
Let me in, you murderers!

BANG.

LAUREN
Or what?!

HALLWAY

BANG.

ASIA
Or I'll murder you!!!

BEDROOM

LAUREN
FUCK! YOU!

BANG.

BANG.

ASIA
You! Ruined! Everything!!!

BANG.

 IZZY
Asia? Why don't you just bring her
back, again??

Lauren gets a look on her face like, "Oh yeah, of course!"

 LAUREN
Yeah! DUH! Just do it again!

 ASIA
You don't think I TRIED??
It doesn't work that way, stupid!!!

Izzy is irritated by this.

 IZZY
How are WE stupid?? How are we
supposed to know anything about
this...this DEVILRY?!!

 ASIA
 (mocking)
'Devilry'? What century are you
in??

Asia resumes kicking. BANG.

 ASIA (CONT'D)
A vessel -- A vessel is only good
once! You can only use it once and
then it's useless!!! You would need
a whole new body to -- to--

HALLWAY

Asia stops and realizes, recognition dawning on her face.

 ASIA (CONT'D)
Oh.

She turns and leaves.

END INTERCUT

INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FAITH'S BEDROOM - SAME

Izzy and Lauren hear Asia running down the hall.

 IZZY
Asia? Asia, are you still there??

Silence.

Izzy and Lauren look at each other, like, "What now?" They wait it out, hoping Asia has given up.

BEAT.

LAUREN
(whispering)
What's going on? Did she leave?

Izzy puts her ear to the door and listens.

IZZY
(whispering)
I think she's gone.

LAUREN
(whispering)
Are you sure?

Izzy nods.

IZZY
I think so.

LAUREN
So, now what?

IZZY
I don't know. I mean...it's Asia, right? She's our friend. Uh, was our friend. Maybe we can reason with her.

LAUREN
Did you hear her?? I think we're beyond reasoning our way out of this. Michelle is dead and...

IZZY
...Asia's a witch. Who can raise the dead.

LAUREN
(sighs)
There's two of us and just one of Asia. We should go out there and just give Asia everything we've got, just fucking bum rush her, you know? Just roll over her! Bam bam bam bam!

IZZY

What?? MORE killing?? I already have enough blood on my hands, I killed Faith--

LAUREN

Self-defense!

IZZY

Easy, Perry Mason. WE already have blood on our hands!

LAUREN

IZ, I hate to say it, but it's us or her!

IZZY

Be honest. You don't hate to say that.

LAUREN

Look, you can hide in here while I do the dirty work and take care of us like I've always done.

IZZY

Gee, where have I heard that one before?

LAUREN

What do you mean? Huh? What are you trying to say?

IZZY

I'm SAYING if we had just done the right thing a decade ago, and saved Ava, we wouldn't be in this mess right now. None of this would have happened.

LAUREN

No, you're right. Because we'd be in prison. For MURDER. Drinking toilet wine and getting paid 2 dollars an hour to make license plates. Do you see these soft, moisturized hands? I'm not cut out for that. I don't even like to hike.

Beat.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

Isabel...

IZZY

Why do you only call me 'Isabel'
when you're mad?

LAUREN

(Ignoring her)

There was no way that when we were
kids we could have known that Asia
would grow up to become a FUCKING
WITCH.

IZZY

(scoffs)

'Kids'? 'Grow up'? We were 22! We
weren't babies when we left Ava to
die!

LAUREN

And the human brain doesn't finish
developing until 27! We're
blameless! We're innocent!

IZZY

We are not innocent. We weren't
then, we aren't now.

LAUREN

And Asia! Asia was warped by Ava's
death! She became twisted!
Unhinged! EVIL!

IZZY

Maybe if you had called an
ambulance, they would have SAVED
AVA'S LIFE and then Asia wouldn't
have become a WITCH. AND SHE
WOULDN'T BE TRYING TO KILL US!

LAUREN

Let me make the decisions.

Izzy glares at Lauren.

Lauren puts her ear to the door and listens.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

I think this is our chance. If you
don't have the stomach for it, stay
here and I'll deal with her.

IZZY

Lauren...please...

LAUREN
Give me a hand with the dresser.

They shimmy the dresser away from the door.

Lauren puts her hand on the lock and prepares to turn the it.

LAUREN (CONT'D)
1...2...

A metallic TAPPING on the door snaps them back to reality.

Michelle's voice comes from the other side, but she sounds WRONG. Her voice is OFF and she doesn't sound like herself.

MICHELLE (O.S.)
Lauren? Iz? Are you in there? It's
meeee.

They look at each other in shock.

LAUREN
Michelle?! You're alive??

IZZY
(whispering)
That's. Not. Michelle.

INTERCUT WITH:

40 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - UPSTAIRS HALLWAY - SAME

40

Ava-possessed-Michelle leans against the door, her EYES ARE BLUE AND GREEN AND HER NECK IS BROKEN, her head stiff and permanently tilted to the left at a 90 degree angle. A nasty swelling bulges where her neck broke. She has seen better days.

The source of the metallic tapping is in her hand. The CEREMONIAL DAGGER.

MICHELLE(O.S.)
Uh...Yeah! It's me! Av--

ASIA
(Mouthing)
Michelle.

MICHELLE/AVA
Michelle! It's me, Michelle!
(Beat)
I'm Michelle!
(beat)
(MORE)

MICHELLE/AVA (CONT'D)
I...uh...wasn't hurt that bad, and
I...I'm STILL ALIVE and I...uhhh...

She tries to think.

MICHELLE/AVA (CONT'D)
Uhh...KILLED Asia, so--

ASIA
(gasps)
What?!

MICHELLE/AVA
Shush!

Michelle motions for Asia to hush.

MICHELLE/AVA (CONT'D)
So...Yeah! Now, we're safe! WE'RE
ALL SAFE!

IZZY
Yeah, Asia, we can hear you out
there.

Asia grimaces.

BEDROOM

IZZY (CONT'D)
Yeah. Ya know, we can still hear
you if you whisper.

HALLWAY

Asia bangs on the wall with her fist.

ASIA
God DAMMIT.

MICHELLE/AVA
Fine. It's Ava, let me in, I just
want to talk.

BEDROOM

Lauren brandishes the wine bottle.

IZZY
(whispering to Lauren)
Absolutely not.

LAUREN
 (whispering)
 Wait. This might work.

IZZY
 (whispering)
 What??

LAUREN
 (whispering)
 Shhh! I got this!

IZZY
 (whispering)
 Do you??

HALLWAY

MICHELLE/AVA
 Look...
 (she thinks)
 I forgive you!

Asia mouths at her WHAT. THE. FUCK?

Michelle lifts a finger to her lips, annoyed.

MICHELLE/AVA (CONT'D)
 It's all okay! Forgiveness is about
 letting go and moving on! So...Just
 come out and we can put this behind
 us and all move forward! Uhhh...no
 harm, no foul!

BEDROOM

Izzy and Lauren look at each other, like, "What do we do here?"

IZZY
 You're not mad that we killed you?
 (beat)
 Twice?

LAUREN
 "We"??

MICHELLE/AVA
 You killed me. Twice. But...I'm
 back now. So. We're even
 because...? I have a new body now!

LAUREN

(lawyer mode)

Once! And! Actually! The first time wasn't even our fault! Because it was an accident! AND uhhh...the second time Izzy hit you with the bottle! Not me! So, actually zero of the times are my fault! I'm innocent!

IZZY

(muttering)

Really?

(exhales)

And what about you, Asia? You don't sound very forgiving!

HALLWAY

ASIA

(caught off-guard)

I -- I--

Michelle gestures at Asia like, "Calm down, take it easy."

ASIA (CONT'D)

(bad liar)

I-- yeah! I forgive you! Sure!

BEDROOM

Izzy leans close to Lauren.

IZZY

(whispers)

No way, they're gonna kill us!

Lauren shushes Izzy.

LAUREN

(whispers)

We have to end this!

IZZY

(whispers)

How??

HALLWAY

MICHELLE/AVA

Let's all talk. There's no reason we can't move past this. Be friends again.

Asia turns to her.

ASIA
(mouthing)
What the fuck are you talking
about?

MICHELLE/AVA
Why don't you come out?

LAUREN
No.

BEDROOM

Izzy looks at Lauren. She SHAKES her head.

LAUREN (CONT'D)
You come IN.

IZZY
How is that better??

ASIA
Alright, fine, we'll come in there
and --

LAUREN
No. Not both of you.
(to Asia)
Just Ava.

Lauren shrugs. Izzy nods in agreement.

HALLWAY

ASIA
FUCK THAT! How many times do you
plan on killing her?

MICHELLE/AVA
(to Asia)
Easy, Asia, easy...Let me in there.

LAUREN
We never PLANNED to kill her, it
was an ACCIDENT.

ASIA
Two times?? Two times you killed
her and you call that an
"accident"?!?

MICHELLE/AVA
It's okay, Asia, it's okay.

ASIA
No, Ava. They can't be trusted.

Michelle flies into a fury and SCREAMS at her.

MICHELLE/AVA
LEAVE ME ALONE! I don't need you!

Asia doesn't understand what she's seeing and hearing.

ASIA
(confused)
Ava?

Michelle punches the wall in rage. Her fist makes a hole.

Asia gapes at her strength.

MICHELLE/AVA
Why did you bring me back anyway,
Asia?!? I didn't ASK you to do
that! WHY did you do that??

Asia looks hurt. Like she might cry.

ASIA
I did it so we could be together...

Michelle softens.

MICHELLE/AVA
I wanna be together, Asj, but...
(beat)
Well, I can't live like this.

She gestures to her destroyed neck.

MICHELLE/AVA (CONT'D)
I have to get in there.

Asia sighs in resignation.

ASIA
Fine...Count of three? You'll let
Ava in? Just Ava?

BEDROOM

Lauren holds her wine bottle at the ready. She and Izzy exchange a glance.

LAUREN
Okay.

IZZY
Okay.

ASIA
One.

Izzy and Lauren anxiously wait on the other side of the door. Izzy has her hand on the door knob, Lauren just behind her.

ASIA (CONT'D)
Two. Three.

Izzy opens the door and LAUREN SHOVES IZZY OUT INTO THE HALL.

IZZY
What the fuck!

END INTERCUT

41 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - UPSTAIRS HALLWAY - SAME

41

Shoved out by Lauren, Izzy stumbles into the hall. Lauren slams the door shut behind her. We hear the lock CLICK.

LAUREN (O.S.)
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR SLAPPING
ME, CUNTBREATH!

Izzy sees Michelle's neck and is HORRIFIED.

MICHELLE/AVA
Hi, Iz.

IZZY
JESUS CHRIST, MICHELLE, WHAT THE--

MICHELLE/AVA
(annoyed)
Ava! I'm AVA.

IZZY
--HAPPENED TO YOUR NECK?!

MICHELLE/AVA
It BROKE when YOU fucking KILLED
ME!

IZZY
Hey! I thought you forgave us!

ASIA
 (confused)
 Where's Lauren?

IZZY
 She shoved me out here because --

Izzy turns to the door for this --

IZZY (CONT'D)
 --not only is she a coward, SHE'S A
 PIECE OF SHIT!

LAUREN (O.S.)
 LEAVE ME OUT OF THIS!

IZZY
 Fuck you!

LAUREN (O.S.)
 Fuck YOU!

IZZY
 Bitch!

LAUREN (O.S.)
 Whore!

Michelle and Asia turn to one another. Izzy watches them warily.

Beat.

Michelle and Asia advance on Izzy.

IZZY
 Guys, please...

ASIA
 Now, now, let's not succumb to our
 baser natures now, Ava. We--

MICHELLE/AVA
 Stop patronizing me, Asia. I am not
 being unreasonable.
 (to Izzy)
 Kill me once. Shame on me. Kill me
 twice...

ASIA

(condescending)

Now, now...We can't have the first person to be resurrected back to life spend the rest of that life in prison for murder. Don't be hasty. We can come to an understanding with Izzy.

As Izzy listens to their bickering she gets an idea.

IZZY

Wow. Back ten minutes and she's already bossing you around?

ASIA

Don't listen to her Ava.

IZZY

See? You used to always say that you hated when Asia acted like she was your mom.

ASIA

I am NOTHING like Mom!!!

MICHELLE/AVA

Welllllll. You were, at times, invasively overprotective.

ASIA

Somebody had to keep you safe! You were always letting these idiots talk you into doing stupid stuff! I mean, you let them kill you!

Michelle gawks and turns to face Asia. She shoves her shoulder.

MICHELLE/AVA

Of course you're blaming ME for this!

IZZY

You know Ava, Asia only protected you when it served her. Isn't that right, Asia? You liked being the "better" twin.

ASIA

What? No! Of course not!

IZZY

You know I'm right, Ava. Asia always made sure she had the higher GPA. The better internship.

Izzy's plan is working.

Michelle is getting all worked up. She takes a step closer to Asia.

MICHELLE/AVA

You did. You couldn't wait to run our report cards home to Mom.

IZZY

How often do we get a pure one-to-one comparison to prove how good we are? As a scientist, you couldn't pass that up, Asia. Just like you can't let your little Frankenstein kill me and ruin the book you're probably writing.

ASIA

Ava would be the monster in this scenario. I would be Frankenstein.

MICHELLE/AVA

Shut UP! I AM NOT A MONSTER.

Michelle STABS the ceremonial dagger into the wall next to Asia's head.

Michelle's face twitches, like Ava's anger is causing her to short circuit.

MICHELLE/AVA (CONT'D)

Wait, are you writing a BOOK about me?!

Beat.

Asia can't make eye contact with her sister.

ASIA

No of course not. I mean. Just some notes...

(beat)

Okay. I've got a few chapters. But if you kill Izzy here there will be no one to confirm what happened!

MICHELLE/AVA

Lauren's still alive.

ASIA

Not for long! If we kill Izzy, and take her body, you'll just go after Lauren next because we need her to finish the ritual! They'll both die and nobody knows what I have done!

MICHELLE/AVA

What you've done??

ASIA

This would all be for nothing!

MICHELLE/AVA

"For nothing"? WHAT ABOUT BRINGING ME BACK FROM THE DEAD?

Michelle gets right in Ava's face.

MICHELLE/AVA (CONT'D)

So, you get all the glory, the fame, the magazine covers--

ASIA

Magazines aren't really a thing anymore, Av.

MICHELLE/AVA

--and I'm just, what? Your guinea pig? Your science fair project? So if there's no book, this was for nothing. I'm NOTHING?!

Michelle shoves Asia. Her face twitches again.

Asia catches herself and regains her balance. She's flustered and doesn't know what to say.

ASIA

STOP THAT! You know what I mean.

MICHELLE/AVA

Did you just do all this to get famous?

ASIA

Um, well...I, uh, there were a lot of reasons that I --

MICHELLE/AVA

Did you Only. DO THIS. To. Get. FAMOUS?

Asia is caught.

ASIA
No! Well, I--

MICHELLE/AVA
ANSWER ME!

Izzy sees an opening here.

IZZY
Asia's never seen you as a real person, Ava. Just an extension of herself. I mean, she couldn't even take the chance you'd beat her on a stupid statistics exam.

Asia's eyes go big with fear.

Michelle's mirror hers, but full of rage.

MICHELLE/AVA
What??

IZZY
(sarcastic)
Oops. Was that a secret?

MICHELLE/AVA
What is she talking about?

ASIA
(worried)
Uh, you're right. Let's kill her.

Asia lunges at Izzy, who dances out of her reach.

Izzy hides behind Michelle. She steps on something and looks down - the scattered remains of Michelle's BROKEN WINE GLASS from earlier.

IZZY
You SAW that Ava did better on her statistics practice final than you. And YOU GOT HER DRUNK the night before and pretended to drink vodka, but it was water so that you'd get a higher score! And it worked!

Michelle is seeing red.

Asia puts her hands up in defense.

ASIA

Please. Ava. You were the cool sister. Prettier. Funnier. More popular. Academics are all I've ever had. If you're smarter than me too, what's the point of my existence?

MICHELLE/AVA

Maybe there isn't one. Until now. Because this broken body? It's a pain in the neck.

Michelle snatches the dagger out of the wall, spins around and DRIVES IT INTO IZZY'S SIDE.

Izzy HOWLS in surprise.

MICHELLE/AVA (CONT'D)

GIVE ME YOUR BODY!

Izzy collapses to the ground. She puts her hand out to break her fall and hisses in pain as she hits the floor. There's something stuck in her hand - a long shard of broken GLASS.

Izzy grits her teeth as she yanks the glass from her palm.

Michelle leans down and rips the dagger from Izzy's side. She turns it around in her hand - ready to finish Izzy off.

Michelle puts her knee on Izzy's chest, pinning her to the floor. She raises the blade.

WHAM.

Izzy SLAMS the shard of glass into Michelle's neck.

Stunned, Michelle drops the dagger and puts her hands to her throat. BLOOD spurts between her fingers onto Izzy.

MICHELLE/AVA (CONT'D)

(gurgling)

You GOTTA be kidding me...

Michelle flops over onto her side.

ASIA

NO!!!!!!

Asia holds Michelle.

Her one eye turns back to brown.

A hiss escapes her lips, like a spirit leaving her body.

She's dead.

Izzy struggles back to her feet, bracing herself on the wall.

Asia glares up with hatred.

ASIA (CONT'D)
STOP KILLING MY SISTER!!!

She gets up and advances on Izzy.

Izzy turns on Asia with the broken glass. She slashes at Asia, slicing her along the abdomen by her ribs.

Asia screams in shock and pain. Grabbing her abdomen, she falls to the ground.

Izzy back kicks the door repeatedly.

IZZY
LAUREN. OPEN. THIS. DOOR. NOW.

Beat.

Asia struggles to sit up.

Izzy bangs on the door with her hand.

IZZY (CONT'D)
LAUREN, OPEN THIS DOOR.

With great effort, Asia gets to her feet.

The door opens a crack. Izzy SHOVES it wide open, pushes past Lauren and SLAMS THE DOOR IN ASIA'S FACE.

ASIA
HEY!

Asia kicks the door and screams. She bangs on the door as she screams --

ASIA (CONT'D)
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT! You
bitches! Fuck fuck fuck!
(coughs)
And you fucking sliced me, Izzy!

INTERCUT WITH:

44 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FAITH'S BEDROOM - NIGHT 44

IZZY
Well your asshole sister fucking
stabbed ME!

Asia kicks the door. She screams in frustration.

ASIA
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LIVE TO REGRET
THIS.

Asia storms off.

45 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FAITH'S BEDROOM - NIGHT 45

Izzy glares at Lauren.

IZZY
Lauren. What the FUCK?

LAUREN
You SLAPPED me!

Izzy glares at her.

LAUREN (CONT'D)
I'm sorry?

IZZY
SORRY? YOU'RE SORRY??

LAUREN
Like...really, really sorry?

IZZY GLARES AT LAUREN.

46 EXT. ASIA'S HOUSE - PRE-DAWN 46

We see the first edges of dawn creeping into the sky.

47 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FRONT ROOM - SAME 47

Asia also sees the sun starting to creep into the edges of the sky. She quickly looks down at her watch. Then looks back up.

ASIA
Fuck.

48 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FAITH'S BEDROOM - PRE-DAWN

48

Izzy, holding her side, puts her weight against the door. She moves her hand - blood is soaking through her shirt - then immediately puts pressure back on the wound.

IZZY

Lauren? Do you see this? Do you
FUCKING see this?

Lauren grimaces.

Izzy takes a deep breath and winces.

IZZY (CONT'D)

Sheets...

Lauren follows her gaze. The covers on the bed. She pulls them off.

LAUREN

Hold this.

Lauren hands one side of a BEDSHEET to Izzy, then yanks on it, tearing a long strip off.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

God I hate blood. Lift your hand.

She quickly wraps the sheet around Izzy and knots it, pulling it tight. Izzy yelps.

IZZY

EASY, YOU FUCKING IDIOT.

LAUREN

Watch what you call me.

Izzy gets right in Lauren's face.

Lauren cowers, backing up to the bed.

There's a dull thud, and the door shakes, but they don't notice.

IZZY

Are you kidding me?! YOU pushed me
out there and left me to die!

The door shakes again.

LAUREN

Uh, Izzy...?

IZZY

I'll call you whatever I LIKE. I'll
call you a whole SACK FULL OF
MOTHERFUCKERS IF I PLEASE--

BANG.

Something slams against the door, shocking the girls into
silence.

BANG.

The door splinters.

BANG.

One of the hinges on the door pops loose. The heel of a boot
is visible for a moment, then gone.

IZZY (CONT'D)

Oh shit.

BANG.

The door breaks down and falls to the floor, revealing HUNTER
standing in the doorway. He looks surprised.

HUNTER/AVA

Huh.

He admires his biceps and flexes.

HUNTER/AVA (CONT'D)

I'm strong.

LAUREN

Hunter??

CLOSE-UP: HUNTER'S EYES.

Hunter's eyes are each blue and green.

Dagger in her hand, Asia sidesteps him and enters. Then,
Lauren notices the heterochromia in Hunter's eyes.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

Nope.

Hunter and Asia face off against Lauren and Izzy. Tense
moment.

IZZY

Oh shit.

Asia smiles.

ASIA
Hello, girls. Ava? Take them.

Hunter advances on Lauren and Izzy. They back away.

HUNTER/AVA
And don't fuck it up like last
time.

Hunter stops.

HUNTER/AVA (CONT'D)
What?

Hunter stops.

HUNTER/AVA (CONT'D)
What did you say to me?

ASIA
Last time you let Izzy stab you.
Just, you know, don't let that
happen again. Grab her and hurry
along now. The sun is coming up.

He turns and faces Asia.

HUNTER/AVA
So, it's MY fault that SHE stabbed
ME? Is that what you're saying?

ASIA
I'm just saying that you should be
cautious.

HUNTER/AVA
You know what? I think Izzy was
right. You ARE just like Mom, and
THAT is why you brought me back.
You just wanna BOSS me around
again.

ASIA
SORRY for saving your LIFE.

HUNTER/AVA
That is beside the point! Also, you
didn't "save" my life, all you did
was BRING me into a NEW, MORE
MISERABLE ONE. Why did you even
bring me back? I didn't ASK to come
back!

Izzy turns to Lauren.

IZZY
(whispers)
Shouldn't we leave?

LAUREN
(whispers)
No, I want to see where this goes.

Izzy looks incredulous.

Asia begins to tear up but she is also mad. She walks up to Hunter.

ASIA
You ungrateful. Little. BITCH.

Asia PUNCHES HUNTER. He barely seems to register it.

LAUREN
See??

HUNTER/AVA
You flamed out of academia, because they all thought you were crazy, and then no university or college would hire you, so you went searching, desperately, for some other way to get the success and fame you always felt entitled to, because you always thought you were so special! God forbid the precious Asia live a normal life like the rest of us! You have to be special! You have to be the best! Better than all of us!

Asia looks SHOCKED.

ASIA
HOW do you know all that? It all happened after you DIED.

Hunter is on a ROLL now, he is unloading DECADES of Ava's resentment.

HUNTER/AVA
HOW do you THINK?? I'm a fucking GHOST.

(MORE)

HUNTER/AVA (CONT'D)

And now you've resorted to murder
and witchcraft to bring ME back and
get the glory you always wanted so
you won't feel like such a FUCKING
LOSER all the time even though
that's what you are! You were a
LOSER then and you're a LOSER now
and --

ASIA SNAPS, HER EYES GO WIDE.

ASIA

I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S A LOSER!

She turns and faces him, and stabs HUNTER IN THE CHEST WITH
THE DAGGER. He GASPS.

HUNTER/AVA

ASIAAAAAA!!!

ASIA STABS AGAIN AND AGAIN. HER EYES GO WIDE AS SHE REALIZES -

ASIA

(realizing)

NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO!!!

Hunter spits up blood as he crumples to his knees. The dagger
is STUCK in his chest, pulling Asia down with him to the
floor. Asia weeps. Izzy and Lauren's eyes go wide with
HORROR.

IZZY

What the fuck!

LAUREN

Jesus fucking Christ!

HUNTER/AVA

Why? Why?? Why??

As Asia falls to the floor, she YANKS the knife out of
Hunter's chest, and it clatters to the floor, soaked in
blood. Asia cradles Hunter's dead body in her arms.

The Heterochromia leaves his eyes. Dead.

ASIA

No, no, no, no, wake up wake up
wake up!!! I'm sorry! I'm sorry!

Beat.

ASIA (CONT'D)

I didn't mean it!

LAUREN

Annnnd I'm out.

Lauren runs.

IZZY
Lauren, wait!

As she heads for the door, Lauren grabs the dagger.

Asia jumps to her feet, blocking the path.

LAUREN
MOVE.

ASIA
MAKE M--

Lauren slashes the knife at Asia. She misses, but forces Asia out of the doorway. Lauren slips past her, out into the hall -
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49 UPSTAIRS HALLWAY.

49

-- where she trips, falls down the stairs, and accidentally drives Asia's knife into her HEAD.

She COUGHS, HER EYES FILL WITH BLOOD, and she spits out BLOOD.

She's dead.

50 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FAITH'S BEDROOM - PRE-DAWN

50

ASIA
Fuck! This -- this is all your
fault! This -- you --! FUCK!

Asia kicks the wall. PUNCHES THE WALL.

ASIA (CONT'D)
FUCK! FUCK! FUCK!

IZZY
Hey! I didn't do that! You can't
blame me! YOU stabbed him! Her!
...Ava!

ASIA
She, she MADE me! She PROVOKED me!

IZZY
Oh, shut up! Fuck you, Asia!

Izzy runs away out of the room, leaving Asia cradling Hunter's dead body, crying.

ASIA
I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN
IT! COME BACK! PLEASE COME BACK!

She looks down at her watch. She looks worried.

ASIA (CONT'D)
(calling out)
Izzy?!

Asia stands up.

51 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FRONT ROOM - PRE-DAWN 51

Izzy comes down the stairs and sees Lauren's corpse.

She doesn't stop moving.

IZZY
Asshole.

52 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - VARIOUS - PRE-DAWN 52

Izzy once more looking for a way out.

53 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FRONT ROOM - NIGHT 53

Asia comes down the stairs and finds Lauren's corpse at the base of the stairs.

She whoops in surprise and relief, like, "Finally some GOOD luck."

ASIA
(sing-song)
Freebie.

54 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - HALLWAY - PRE-DAWN 54

Asia strides down the hallway, yelling out --

ASIA
Izzy! You're bleeding out. I don't want any more damage to my sister's new body. Let me do this as painlessly as possible!

55 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - PRE-DAWN

55

Asia enters the kitchen and sees Izzy seated against the counter. The color has drained from her face. Blood has stained through the sheet wrapped around her torso. Izzy looks like shit, but she struggles to her feet.

It's silent in the kitchen, except for the bubbling of the resurrection paste in the cauldron.

The two former friends face off.

ASIA

Come on, Izzy! Don't you think you owe me this. You've killed Ava...what, three times now? Four? Fair is fair. I'm not going to hurt you. I mean...I'd very much like to pop your eyes out of your head and see what sound they make when I step on them. But I'm trying to curb my self destructive tendencies.

IZZY

The sun's coming up, Asia. It's over.

Izzy slowly backs away from Asia, towards the oven.

ASIA

How about this. Make this easy for me and I'll wake you up in ten years. I'll find you someone young. You can start your life over. Infinite possibilities. It's just like going to sleep.

(Beat)

What do you say?!

IZZY

Why me? Lauren is dead! Just bring Ava back in her!

ASIA

Tried that already!

FLASH TO:

56 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - FRONT ROOM - PRE-DAWN - FLASHBACK

56

Asia quickly finishes smearing resurrection paste on Lauren whose head is impaled through the knife.

Lauren opens her eyes, which are filled with BLOOD, screams once, spews out blood and immediately dies again.

Asia SCREAMS. She rips the head off Lauren's neck and throws it at the wall in frustration.

FLASH TO:

57 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - PRE-DAWN - RESUMING 57

ASIA
Didn't go so well!

Asia advances on Izzy.

Izzy instinctively jumps back, her elbow hitting something...the CAULDRON! She flinches from the heat as the cauldron tips over, the last of the paste spilling out.

IZZY
Fuck it.

Izzy grabs the cauldron, her skin smoking. She SCREAMS in pain but lurches at Asia!

She swings the cauldron at Asia but misses, crashing to the ground from the momentum.

WHAM! Asia kicks Izzy in the side where she was stabbed.

Izzy pushes up onto her hands and knees, spitting blood onto the floor.

Asia rushes at Izzy, but with a blood-curdling scream, IZZY SLAMS THE CAULDRON INTO ASIA'S STOMACH. ASIA GASPS, THE WIND KNOCKED OUT OF HER.

FULL OF RAGE, IZZY UPPERCUTS ASIA WITH THE CAULDRON.

ASIA FALLS TO THE GROUND, SPITTING UP BLOOD AND TEETH. SHE FALLS ONTO HER BACK, CACKLING.

Izzy stands over Asia, she raises the cauldron and brings it down on her chest. There's a sickening CRUNCH as it breaks Asia's ribs.

Asia on the floor looks up at Izzy. Her eyes filled with HATE.

ASIA
You traitor...you...

ASIA COUGHS AND SPITS BLOOD. HER FACE BREAKS INTO A SICK,
BLOOD-SOAKED SMILE.

Izzy locks eyes with Asia. She raises the cauldron high above
her head.

ASIA (CONT'D)
Fucking BITCH!

IZZY
FUCKING WITCH!

Izzy brings the cauldron DOWN and we--

CUT TO BLACK.

-BLACK.

CUT TO:

58 INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - MORNING

58

Izzy lies in a hospital bed, in a darkened hospital room. A
COP stands before her taking a statement.

IZZY
(nonchalant)
So, that's pretty much it.

COP
Well...it sounds like self defense.
The doctor said with that wound on
your neck you're lucky to be alive.
But we'll take some photos and go
from there.

FLASH. They take a photo of her profile. Sure enough there's
a gnarly wound on her neck.

911 DISPATCHER (V.O.)
(on phone)
911, where is the emergency?

CUT TO:

59 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAWN - FLASHBACK

59

Izzy pulls Asia's phone out of her pocket.

CUT TO:

60 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAWN - FLASHBACK - MOMENTS 60
LATER

Izzy can't look at the dead bodies behind her as she talks into Asia's phone. She is distraught.

IZZY

Just please get here as fast as you can. Please.

(Gasps)

They stabbed me.

911 DISPATCHER (V.O.)

(On Phone)

Ma'am, just stay on the line and stay with me. EMS personnel are on there way to you.

IZZY

I'm bleeding. Please...Okay. Thank you.

She SIGHS. Relieved this nightmare is over. Turns to look at the girls and notices Asia is missing.

WHIP! Asia wraps her hands around Izzy's neck, choking her. Asia puts a knee in her back. What remains of the ruins of her smashed, bloody face contorts with effort as she pulls with all she has left. Izzy GASPS for breath as Asia chokes her to death.

Asia struggles to rub the paste across Izzy's face. She whispers something into Izzy's ear and collapses.

JUMP CUT TO:

61 INT. ASIA'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAWN - FLASHBACK 61

IZZY/AVA

Asj? Asia? But you said for me to stay I have to kill someone? Sacrifice someone? But...but there's no one left?

ASIA

(weak)

Yes, there is.

IZZY/AVA

What?

Asia puts Izzy's hand on the blade, then closes her hand on top...

ASIA

(sighs)

Yeah, you wanna get shit done you
gotta get shit done yourself.

IZZY/AVA

No...

...and drives the blade into her own stomach.

ASIA

I love you...

IZZY/AVA

No!

Tears run down Izzy's face. SHE CLOSES HER EYES.

"Dumb" by Pretty Sick starts playing in the background.

CLOSE-UP: IZZY'S EYES.

Izzy OPENS her eyes with heterochromia. Izzy opens her eyes
BIG and we see her HETEROCHROMIA. WE HOLD FOR A BEAT. She
smiles BIG. "Dumb" plays LOUDER on the soundtrack as we--

SMASH TO BLACK.

THE END.