

Case 0912



*J: Jacqueline Parks. D: Doctor Watson. A: Amy, nurse. T: Thomas, friend. M: Monica, friend. * alter ego*

J: Detective. Detective. Let go of me. I told you this matter was urgent.

D: And how can I help you today Miss?

J: Jacqueline. Jacqueline Parks. For a detective, you have a lousy memory.

D: You'll have to forgive me, Miss Parks. I do have many cases here.

J: You make me sick.

D: I want you to take a deep breath and let's focus on the urgent matter you were talking about.

J: It happened again. This time he kills my friends.

D: Where did it happen, Miss Parks? And what time? Remember for me to be able to help you, I need you to be very detailed in your descriptions. So please focus.

J: I believe I caught a glimpse of his face this time. Uhhh.

D: It's all right, Miss Parks. Nobody can hurt you here. Just try to remember as much as you can. Now I want you to close your eyes and tell me what happened.

J: Ever since my husband left on business and the news of people being murdered in the area. Why I've been spending many nights alone at home. Last night, I decided I wanted to do something else so I met a few friends for drinks at a local pub my husband and I used to frequent. The evening was very pleasant but short. While we were saying our goodbyes, I noticed on the other side of the street, a man in a dark coat and hat, lighting a cigarette staring at us.

J: This is too hard.

D: It's all right Miss Parks. It is normal to feel this way after the ordeal you've witnessed. I'll have Amy get you something. Amy, could you bring Miss Parks a glass of water, please?

A: Here you go Miss Parks. These help me relax so I figured you may need one.

J: Thank you and I do apologize for pushing past you like that.

A: It's quite alright. I'll be outside if you need anything else.

D: Thank you, Amy. Now, Miss Parks, you were saying goodbyes?

J: Yes. Monica said goodbye to us and walked away. Thomas and I ,, Thomas and I remain talking. Thomas, do you mind escorting me home? Thomas?

T: Yes I'm coming.

J: So how is Michelle getting along with that terrible cold? It was horrible for me when I had it, so I can't imagine how it must be for her since she is expecting.

T: She's doing quite fine.

Well, I'm glad to hear that. Thomas, is everything all right? You seem very distant.

--- Everything's fine. Nothing's going on.



J: So the rumors that I've heard are true. You and Monica, why? What about you're wife ... my friends.

T: None of this concerns you and it would be wise to keep it to yourself. I do not want to hear that I am the subject of your little gossiping. Is that clear?

J: Why, why are you doing this? Thomas.

D: Amy, could you come here for a second, please?

A: Yes.

D: Could you please bring Miss Parks a glass of water and a coffee from me, please?

A: Right away.

D: Now Miss Parks, before we go on, I have some questions for you. Before tonight, you've never mentioned Thomas or Monica. Why is that? Who are they? Where do you know them from and where is your husband enter in all of this?

J: Detective. I don't rather like these questions and their implications. Where are you going with this?

D: I want to find out what's going on just as much as you. So I will need you to answer all of your questions whether you like them or not. Seems this person is targeting people close to you, so everything ... is now relevant.

J: I've known Monica and Thomas from my husband's office and he will be returning promptly from his trip next week. Does that answer satisfy your curiosity, detective?

D: That's good for now. Continue with your story, Miss Parks.

J: Thomas? ... Monica? Don't hurt them. ...

M: No, please don't! (gun shot)

J: Why? Why are you doing this?

* They deserve this. All of them. And don't you ever forget that.

J: They deserved it. All of it. And don't you ever forget it.

D: Amy, could you come here for a minute, please?

J: He deserved it. All of it.

A: Yes, Dr. Watson?

D: Could you be so kind and have the orderly send Miss Parks back to her old place?

A: Right away. Can we get some assistance in here, please?

J: You do oh, don't you? They deserved it. All of it. Don't you ever forget it.

A: Any progress in your session today, doctor?

D: I'm afraid not. It's the same as it was when she was first admitted here four years ago after her husband's murder. She's clearly delusional. Separated from reality.

A: What happened to the husband, if you don't mind me asking?

D: The police found Mr. Parks lying in his bedroom on top of his mistress. She had been shot point-blank in the head. Mr. Parks wasn't as lucky though. He'd been stabbed multiple times in the back, in his face. He had so many slashes. They



were only able to identify him by using dental records. When the police went looking for Miss Parks to question her, they found her sitting alone on a cold park bench staring blankly at the sky, repeating that same phrase you heard from her today.

D: With no evidence to prosecute her because of her fragile state of mind, the state brought her here where she continues to tell the story of witnessing a killer murdering a young couple each year. Something different this year, though.

A: What's different?

D: I just remembered something. This year, she actually gave the name of the couple. Actually called them her friends. She's never done that before.

A: But, I thought patients don't change any of their details in the delusions they suffer. They remain locked into their own story, right?

D: That's right? That's right, Amy. That's why it's so odd that this year's story has changed. Especially with harm.

M: Help me! Please help us!

----- Doctor, come quickly. Something's happened.

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J: They deserve this. All of this. And don't you ever forget that.



Discuss and Answer:

1. Who killed Thomas and Monica?
2. Why were Thomas and Monica killed?
2. What's wrong with Jacqueline?
3. Who is the monster, demon in the film?
4. Why do you think Jacqueline's story changed this year?

MYSTERY MAP



1. Title

2. Characters

3. Setting (s). Where? When?

4. Problem. Crime.

5. Resolution. Solution.