

Synopsis „Dark Secret“

A successful businessman (in the following called "person") moves into a new apartment in a new city, to start another enterprise. He is delighted with what he finds and thinks he will enjoy this new lifestyle immensely. He delights in getting out and seeing the sights. The strange thing about it is that he thinks that he has been here before, but he can't remember when. He goes to a shop to buy something. As he is leaving, the salesman says "bye [person's name]". The person is perplexed. How does the salesman know his name? Has he been here before? The first night in his apartment he sees a young girl next to his bed. She whispers something but he can't make it out. The next day he goes for a walk in a nearby park and sees a camera on the ground. Looking around for an owner, he picks it up, turns it on and sees on the screen the girl from last night in his own apartment. There are several photos of the girl, the last photo showing her in the bathroom. He gets déjà vu. He goes back to his apartment but nobody is there. He washes his face and suddenly he sees the girl in the mirror. He is really freaked. In the night he sees the girl again. She whispers her name to him. He jumps up to turn on the light but she is gone. The next day he searches for her name on the internet and finds out that the girl was killed 7 years ago. He reads that the murderer has never been caught. He can't forget the article and so the person starts to analyze what has happened. He keeps getting déjà vu and realizes that there is something wrong. Why are all the things he reads about so familiar to him? He reads some more articles on the internet. The more he reads them the more he realizes that he has experienced these happenings in the past and that he had already heard all the things that he is reading about. The more he analyzes, the more mysterious it becomes. He has experienced all of this before but can't remember when. He talks to old friends but they can't help him. The next night he researches again on the internet and then suddenly the murderer stands next to him (flashing in). He turns around but nobody is there. He hears a strange sound from the car park downstairs. He goes to the car and gets in. The car won't start. Suddenly he sees the girl in the rear vision mirror, sitting in the back seat. Panicking, he runs to the elevator, hearing breathing behind him. He jumps in the lift and the door closes but he can't breathe. He clutches his throat and falls to his knees. Desperately he hits the lift button. The lift stops at his floor but when the door opens there is the girl. Then she disappears again. Staggering down the walkway he sees the girl silhouetted at the end by the stairs. He desperately tries to get into his apartment. He collapses on his sofa. Sitting there thinking, he realizes, that he actually is/was the murderer. He killed the girl 7 years ago and blocked it out. In the past he had spent some time on holiday in this city and one night he ran the girl down in his car but hid it because of his career. He struggles with himself but in the end there is only one thing he can do. He needs to confess to the police but he will lose everything. He sees the girl again in front of him and in a paranoid hallucinatory state, he kills himself in a frenzied attack, thinking it is the girl attacking him.