In A House, On A Street, In My Mind

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In this paper I will be discussing the process and methodology behind the film *In A House, On A Street, In My Mind*. Special emphasis will be put on the post-production process necessary for achieving a visual style and rhythm to the film itself. I will also address the failures and success within the creation of the film.

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In A House, On A Street, In My Mind is a film that has tormented me from the second it hit the page. The script started as a one-off exploration into a surreal horror concept. My roots within filmmaking are based in abstract, surrealist, and experimental formulae, but I was determined to make this one different. I wanted to create a story that encapsulated all my education in the craft of storytelling, but for the first time ever, I wanted to accurately give my story meaning. All of my work in the past has lended itself to nihilistic ambiguity, but as I get older, I realize there are other stories to tell and other ways to view life itself.

In crafting the story, it was important to me to shed light on something that is often faced in reality, and often handled poorly by the wrong people. My film is about a young woman trying to overcome a traumatic event, to move on with her life and find some type of happiness. When I took my first pass at the story, I realized that it had a very tortuous heir. It felt as though I was trying to create an important story, but on the page, it looked like another man telling a story of sexual assault. So instead of pushing through, I sought insight. I spoke with several women, one very close to me, about their traumatic experiences, how they feel this trauma is framed in art, and how they feel it would be better framed. The consensus was clear but not surprising, every single person had experienced, processed and lived with their trauma in very differing ways, but one thing stood out, and that was the imagery, the memory of what had happened to them. At first I felt as though I was not the person to be telling this story, but the more I worked on the script, the more attached I got to the idea of how we process trauma, how we find relief. Instead of creating a clear-cut story about a young woman who is assaulted, goes to therapy, and makes mild progress, I returned to my roots in surreal and experimental filmmaking. I discovered a form of therapy called EMDR, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing. In basic terms, it’s a form of psychotherapy, where the patient relives small parts of traumatic events,
while the psychotherapist directs your eye movements. The hope is that when the memories are brought up, the psychological response will weaken, thus allowing the patient to be able to remember without the strong sensations. After speaking with several patients, I realized that this was a viable form of therapy, and often had huge success rates for the patients. I realized after my research that I could take this new form of therapy and try to recreate it into a story. For a long period of time my obsession has been trying to accurately capture dreamlike states within a film, this would be the perfect opportunity to experiment with that, but also create a strong female character, explain a prominent form of therapy, and find a way to make the audience aware of the effects of lasting trauma. The script eventually was worked into three even parts.

One part was the EMDR therapy, the “simulation” in which our main character experiences and relives her traumatic event. The second part is the awakening, the explanation of the therapy. The third part is the ambiguous resolution. Ending the film on ambiguity felt as though it was the only honest way to tell this story. With any form of therapy, there is no immediate fix, there is no instant happiness or miracle cure. Although EMDR is a real form of therapy, I heightened it for the screen, added the simulation concept as a visual aide and storytelling device. Even with this futuristic therapy, our protagonist still finds herself lost. In the ending, she finds a small amount of solace knowing that she can walk by the house where her trauma took place, stand there, and feel alive. The ambiguity comes in, when as she leaves the front of the house, the environment feels fabricated, it shifts to the “VHS grain” of her memory. Her physical reaction is less intense, and she is not currently in pain, but the memory exists, and it always will.

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low, we were taught a very run-and-gun process. All you needed was a script, a couple people and a location; the story would be told in post. Now I stuck rigidly to this style, up until my last two films, and the difference was night and day. In the past, I could have cared less about making sure a shooting plan was in place, but what really opened my eyes was seeing so many of my projects fall to pieces on the first day of shooting. For my thesis, it was important that I really gave it everything I had. With the leadership of a wonderful professor in producing, I set straight on the elements that needed to be in place for my film to turn out how I envisioned it. My documentation, releases, waivers, budgets, and schedules were impeccable this time around. I made sure we had prepared for the best- and worst-case scenarios. Although my T’s were crossed and my I’s dotted, I still wanted to have a wild card element, reminiscent of my run-and-gun sensibilities; but this time I insulated myself from a meltdown. To do this, I pulled together a crew who understood what I did, who would go down with the ship if they had to. The first step to insulating myself to have this freedom, was creating the set. We found a location where we were given free reign of the entire house. Any type of location move would have severely limited time and resources. So, we found a location that had an office for the therapy scene, a bedroom for the simulation, staircase, and bathroom. Having this all in one location allowed us to go through, completely decorate the house for on camera, and allow us to light it so that at any point, the house was camera ready. This type of planning cut my shoot time by an entire weekend.

I had been working with crews of ten people or less since my very first film, and I always took a lot of grief for it. For my thesis, I had a grand plan to run a large set, have full departments, and seriously make it as professional as it could be. This was a great plan until COVID happened. Our crews were now limited, restrictions in place to limit contact, amongst
many other things. At first, I felt an immense disappointment, I felt as though I had to prove to everyone that I could run a large set. That disappointment waned when I looked around and I saw everyone seeming to struggle with their film due to a lack of manpower. I had done every film with a lack of manpower, but as time went on, I realized its quality over quantity, especially on a film such as this. I had recruited my usual suspects of crew, people I trusted, people who knew how I worked, but most importantly, people who had a vision for my film. I chose my DP because he was a very close friend, but also someone who I’d been working with on every film since I started at UNO. He has immense talent, is incredibly flexible and always offers some of the sagest advice. He worked with me every step of the way, from figuring out equipment, to creating a shot list and even to helping me do some location decorating. My producers were also pivotal in getting the backbone of this film put together. One of them allowed me to use their home, taking time out of his day to continually dress the set days before the shoot, he also kept me mentally stable during all stages of production.

Casting this film was a pivotal element, not that it isn’t for other films, but in the past, I relied less on talent and more on picking actors who could naturally be the role I was looking for. This often made my films much weaker, as it didn’t have that finesse. I sent out a casting call, rather than holding auditions, I sent all interested actors a copy of a scene from the script, a scene that ended up getting cut. The scene was a pinnacle moment that required the vocalization and physicality of true fear. I didn’t give the actors any notes on how to play the scene, I just wanted to see how they interpreted it. Rachel rose to the top, her physical performance showed that she could embody fear on the most physical level. Often with actors you see the fear in their eyes, which was important, but almost every actor who had submitted was able to do that. What Rachel did unlike the others, is that you could see the fear tremble throughout her entire physical
form. Since the film is dealing with EMDR, it was important that the main actress was able to reflect how a triggering memory affects our body. Casting the therapist was genuinely not something that was intentional. The plan was that Rachel was going to be the only focus within the film, everyone else was irrelevant. I didn’t want to physically show “the attacker” and I didn’t want the therapist to be any more than a droning voice. My main goal was to make sure the therapist did not come off as a savior. Upon shooting the scenes with Russell, who had just agreed to be a stand in, who would be voiced over later, we realized he was giving me everything I needed. He was monotone, his movements were small, and although his delivery wasn’t perfect, at the time it was fitting for what I needed. Once again, his performance was not designed to steal the show, I needed someone who could essentially blend into the background and explain information that would gloss over the audience.

Due to a newly found appreciation for the pre-production process, my shoot went as well as it possibly could have. The schedule was tight, we were running bankers’ hours, and I had allotted three days of shooting. The script itself didn’t need more than three days, though I had everyone on my crew confirm their availability for the following weekend in case of major events or reshoots. Something I have always done, and this film was no exception, is to try to schedule the hardest, most intense scenes for the very first day. Our first day of shooting was slated to include all the scenes that took place within “the room”. We had spent multiple days building this room into a mess of wires and weird equipment. We pre-lit the evening before, having to black out the windows, set up an array of lights, from all angles in the room, and sync the computer monitors up to a certain rhythm. The scene went over very well, the actress came in ready to perform, the room itself created a very evil atmosphere, and often when shooting in the room, people felt uneasy, which helped for her performance, but also helped us in choosing extra
angles and shots. That day went completely on schedule, allowing us to spend extra time in that room, to get any coverage or inserts that may be effective in the post process. I have a deep gratitude for my 1st AD, who kept us moving the entire time, really taking some extensive notes on our entire process, which would later be incredibly helpful in my post process.

The second day was set to film the therapy scene. Just like the day before, the entirety of this scene takes place in one room, I knew I was going to blend the scenes together in post, so it gave me a good starting point. The room itself was already the office of a med student, so a good bit of the set design was already put together. Our production designer came in and did what she did best, meticulously placing objects, moving things around, and just making the room feel authentic. Rachel showed up and was once again ready to go. I cannot stress enough how refined, talented, and easy to work with she was. She had this innate talent for taking direction, all while keeping the great elements of her previous takes. I imagine she could have gone for 30+ takes of a scene before she started to show any wear. Most scenes were maxed out at about 6 takes. The therapy scene was a simple lighting setup, trying to utilize a lot of natural light. Setting the office apart from the room was the most important aspect though, so utilizing the natural light, bringing in a lot of daylight and neutral colors was important for making the location itself seem as though we weren’t shooting in a different room of the same house. That shooting day ended a touch early, we managed to get every possible shot we wanted.

The third day was saved for the remaining shots, within the staircase, bathroom and outside of the house. This day proved to be a bit more challenging than expected. The bathroom was a tight spot, barely any room for an actress, a camera, and lights. My DP loves working with practical light, so we switched out a good chunk of the bulbs within the bathroom to match our palette. Then we managed to rig one WASP LED light from within the bathtub and we crammed the
camera behind the toilet. It was a tight shot, but we managed to get exactly what we wanted out of that scene. From there we moved to the staircase, the staircase included the shot in the very beginning of the film, the shot of her being chased to the stairs, and eventually her at the bottom of the stairs. So, to do this, the light had to be consistent, especially during the chase. The most draining moment of the entire shoot was filming the scene of her at the bottom of the stairs. This film is the moment that is the closest to showing her being subjected to assault. The entire film runs on the ambiguity of the attack, because of my disdain for films showing actual on-screen sexual assault. Everyone on the crew and the actress knew what this scene was supposed to represent. I had the DP and the actress in the stairwell, she was wirelessly mic’d up and the rest of us stood in the other room watching the monitor. I let her do the scene at her own pace. It was challenging for the DP because it was a very slow zoom into her face and challenging for the actress because I needed her to go full raw emotion. The entire crew watches from the monitor as we just hear her wailing from the bottom of the stairs. It was a genuinely chilling moment, we managed to get about 4 takes, and then moved on. After that shot, I made sure to not only tell the actress, but to tell everyone involved how lucky and appreciative I was to have them helping me out. I told a few jokes and made the room light; we took a break to get some food and step outside to enjoy the day. We finished the day off by shooting the exterior shots of the house, it was quick and easy. I didn’t love the look of the house, but what was more important was her facial reactions to the house, so I broke my one rule and I said, “we will make it look better in post”. We wrapped the shoot, and everyone was ecstatic. I’m genuinely not one to compliment myself, but everyone has always said to me and to others that they love to work on my sets. They know where they stand, they know that no matter their position, I will hear everyone’s advice and their creative inputs. They love that I run normal hours and that I make sure everyone feels
valued. But I think the most important thing that everyone sees on my sets is that I take a firm
stance on one element; No one is above the line on a student film. This means that whether
you're directing, producing, gripping, catering, every single person helps, whether it’s loading
gear, or just keeping some hands on standby to help whoever is shorthanded. I often see on
student films that the director or producer will not help loading gear, or setting up a light, and
this drives me nuts. As the director, you are the leader, if you require a ton of gear, your ass
better be down at the truck ready to help them lug it up the stairs. Not only is this incredibly
relevant due to the crew sizes during COVID, this is always relevant. I understand the appeal to
emulate a professional set where the producers and directors don’t have to do the manual tasks,
but on a student film set, this just shows to your crew that you value your position above the
others.

There isn’t much I would have changed about my production. I felt incredibly pleased with
the performances, with the shots, the location, and the crew. If I could do it over again, I would
have found a different exterior location. I loved that the front door was a red door, which was a
huge attraction for me, but I wish I had found something in a more desolate location. The heavy
street traffic and the number of parked cars really invaded the shot in every way possible and it
hurt the visual element of it. The other major thing I would have changed is I would have worked
the performance of the therapist more to my liking, I got his delivery to where I liked it, and his
physical performance to my liking, but I had planned from the very beginning to voice him over,
and to really not rely on his on screen image.

During the pre-production phase, I made my decision to shoot on the Blackmagic 4k Pocket
Camera. It’s a lightweight camera that has immense power and was perfect for the tight locations
we were shooting in. The major drawback to shooting on a Blackmagic is that its raw footage is
still slightly new, creating problems within a software like Avid Media Composer. Many people took
grief with my decision to edit in Avid, and up until about a month ago, I enjoyed teaching Avid, using it and was a firm believer in it being the best NLE software. I’ve said it a million times, but I wish I’d heeded my own words; Avid is only designed for cutting a film together, nothing more. Bringing the footage in, setting it up and cutting it together went flawlessly. I knew from the beginning of this film that the most important part of this was editing. While some people chose to shoot their own films, that’s because their strengths lie in cinematography. My strengths are in editing. I teach 1665, which is an introduction to editing. I have taught and studied many theories behind how films are edited. Within all these complex techniques, I went back to the very rudimentary basics. I wanted to cut a film so that the audience was unaware of the cuts. This is the most traditional form of editing, but something I have always disagreed with. It wasn’t until this film that I really implemented it myself. The film is cut in several layers. The first layer is just traditional coverage of every angle, seeing her actions from multiple angles. The second layer is where I bring in the disjointed moments, the flash frames. The next couple layers are an alternate of the first layer, it’s the scenes entire coverage but offset from the original layer by a few frames. On top of all those layers is where I bring in the effects, the “horror” elements. These elements include motifs, which are the bird masked figure, the schizophrenic painting, and the flashing computer screen. When you include all these elements you find yourself within a very disoriented state, but not a visual design that allows the audience to see your cutting. The timing is precise, it follows a rhythm, just as the story does. The edits within the simulation are supposed to represent how we remember traumatic moments, akin to how we remember our dreams. When remembering traumatic moments, it’s not the worst parts you remember, it’s the details. The details I choose to repeat are things like the screen flashing, the painting, the wires,
mostly just the details of the room itself. A big influence in this design and this film was David Lynch’s film *Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me*. In the film he portrays sexual assault and incest, as a form of a supernatural horror event. I leaned more into reflecting it in a science fiction formula, but Lynch’s usage of a ceiling fan to represent the focal point of the assault, is what helped me to decide on utilizing the flashing computer screen as not only a transition point, but an overall focal point for the events.

The editing done within the therapy scene was a different form of editing, instead of running all those layers, I chose one finely tuned layer. What I did in this scene was I wanted to reflect an artifact of the disjointed nature of the first half of the film. You’ll notice the way I cut around the scene will show the movement and eye trace of the actress, changing from her looking one direction, to a completely different direction, to shifting her movement. This type of editing helps the audience feel her frantic comedown from the remembering of the traumatic situation. It’s subtle, and it’s a pristine example of how to cut a scene, make the audience feel how you want them to, all without them knowing you’re leading them.

The special effects in the film are minimal. There are hints of the overlapping images blending into each other. As the tension in the “hell room” increases, we start to notice not only the frames flashing faster, we notice that images start to blend and overlap. The blending and overlapping are representative of memory recall. As I said before we often focus on the details of traumatic memories, but certain details or elements of the memories tend to become cloudy. We may remember exactly what shoes we were wearing, but can’t quite remember what time we arrived somewhere, or what the weather was like. The overlapping and blending of these frames are intended to represent this mental overlap. Aside from that, the major effect within the film is the usage of the VHS overlay that arrives as soon as she finds her way into the “hell room”. This
effect may have the tendency to be overkill to some audience members, but it was the most accurate way that I could use these images to bring “memories” and specifically “doctored memories”. It’s stated in the therapy scene that what she had just seen was unlike what really occurred. The tape effect comes in specifically in the “hell room” because that’s where the simulation and the actual memory find themselves at odds. Everything before the room is factual and true to the nature of that evening. The VHS effect is designed to help the audience understand what reality vs. what is is a memory/simulation. The VHS effect plays briefly in the therapist's office as we see flashes of what she just experienced, but rather this time around, we are pulling out the small details, I am matching the shots of the therapy to her physical placement within the simulation. The film finds itself at an end, with the unnamed girl standing in front of the house where her trauma took place. The scene is supposed to represent her growth, her ability to be able to now approach the place where it all happened and be strong enough to look and walk away. The editing in this scene is subtle, subtle camera movements, but at the very end when she walks away, we notice the shots briefly glitching, and the VHS effect returning. This is insinuating, that while she may be stronger, and moving towards healing, the process isn’t immediate, it’s hard and it’s going to take a long time. It’s also representative that no matter how much she moves past her trauma, it still exists in the physical world. We finish the film on a shot of the house, and a cat. The cat also disappears and reappears in the frame and is the final thing we see. This is my incredibly subtle way of saying that her trauma is real. It exists outside of her own head, and other living beings can feel it. Too often PTSD and mental illness are treated as “made up” or “fictional”, this is my way of pointing out that trauma and mental illness is so real, that it takes a physical form even with the people around us. One final factor that plays into this ending, is the color grade. You’ll notice that the sky looks unusually blue, and even has slight
clipping issues around the edges, this was an intentional move. The original raw footage was this very greyscale, very depressing color scheme. Instead of just brightening everything up, I wanted to make this wide shot look a certain way. Since the ending has a bit of a mixed emotions thing going on, I wanted the color grade to reflect that. The color scheme I chose was a very “sitcom” and artificial feel to it. I wanted the sky to represent a really overpowering blue, but the rest of the colors rely on an almost sepia toned look. This represents her conflicted feelings about the future. On one hand, she is facing a new challenge, she’s growing, which gives her hope, but on the other hand, she’s at another therapist, still standing in front of the same house that has been haunting her this whole time, so she’s stagnant.

When I was originally enrolled in undergraduate studies, I was majoring in Music Industry and Production studies. I moved over to film because I was having to relearn music all over again. I had a good sense of pitch, I could mix and master music well, but all my creations ended up feeling like noise, no real sense to it. When I moved into film, I got an immediate affinity for sound design. It incorporated all the skills I did have with sound, with the rigid skills required for say, performance music. I have always done my own sound design, but this film was my largest undertaking. It wasn’t enough to just throw a song over the footage and call it a day, that would feel too lazy, and after all, this is a graduate program. I didn’t want my thesis to be confused for a music video.

When I started the sound design, I pulled up my digital library, mostly instruments I’ve gathered over the years. I decided instead of applying real sound effects to this film, as you would see in a traditional film, I wanted to utilize these instruments to create a bed of sound, while also turning some of the sound recorded on set into instruments themselves. The only natural sound you will hear in the beginning of the film is her walking up the stairs and a door closing into the
bathroom. The first thing I did was find a song to lay into the bottom of the mix, I hit it with a lot of reverb, various filters and EQ’s, which allowed me to manipulate a song into sounding as though it was coming from below. This was to be representative of a party going on. From there, I added my own music, which is a series of stringed instruments, reverberated drums, and hand selected atmospheric sound pads. The score itself is laid onto the top of everything. In the middle of the mix, you will hear faint sounds of people talking when she is walking up the stairs. The heaviest and most intensive part of my mix is the “attack”. When she is laying at the bottom of the stairs, what you are hearing is a bass drum timed to the rhythm of a heartbeat, you are hearing her cries, but you are also hearing her cries sent through a synthesizer and then played into a melody. You are also hearing slight hints of group laughter, played in varying keys. The sound design is overwhelming, it's intrusive, and it’s all handcrafted. It is by far my proudest achievement in this film, and creating my own score is something that I wanted to prove to myself ever since I was a freshman in college. All the score was created on a Maschine Studio, mixed in Ableton and then everything was then mixed in Pro Tools. The final song in the film is a royalty free performance of a Chopin piece. I had arranged for a friend to do an original piece at the end, but time fell short, and the piece was delayed. I hope for it to be in the version that will be submitted to festivals. But in the meantime, I didn’t just choose a song at random. I have an avid love for Chopin, I needed something in a minor key that held a deep feeling of sorrow with a hint of optimism. The piece was a perfect place holder, and it was royalty free.

There are two things that I heavily regret in my sound mix. The first is that within the therapy scene, my actors' dialogue is not as pristine as I would have hoped for, getting ADR is still in the works, and I hope to have that before festival submissions. As well as the dialogue, by the time I began syncing my dialogue, I had realized that we neglected to record room tone. I don’t blame
anyone for that, and harbor no ill will, as I was running the show, I should have made sure we were recording room tone. The room tone itself is pieced together from various silent points within several audio tracks. It’s not ideal, and it didn’t sound great. As filmmakers, we do tend to make lemonade when given lemons. I manipulated the room tone so that when the tone loops, it gives a slight pop, in which I put a touch of reverb on, and tried to pitch the pops so that it would actually resemble the score itself. It’s not ideal, and I’m still unsure if it works, but I plan on going back to that location and possibly recording some room tone for myself and festival submissions. My only regret is that I realized I was lacking tone, too late in the process.

No matter how positive this film was during the various stages, to me, it often felt like hell. When you spend almost every night for an entire year, either thinking about this film, writing the script, editing, scoring, sound mixing, it is bound to start to influence your psyche. I often immerse myself in work that has an element of pain to it, I can’t explain it. This one felt very different. I recall one night, about a month into the editing process, where I was cutting the scene of the main character lying at the bottom of the stairs. The original cut was a very slow, unrelenting zoom shot of her crying on the floor. I probably had to watch this scene in its entirety about 20 times, to get the timing and the cutting right. Usually when editing something, you become desensitized to the content, but this one stuck with me. It would make me nauseous; it would genuinely make me scared. In one way, I knew that this film was going to have a level of impact on the audience, after all, I set out to make a film that would be hard to watch. I just wasn’t prepared for how mentally challenging it would be to make that film.

Aside from the content being hard to sit through sometimes, the workflow of my postproduction was enough to drive me to tears some evenings. When you are in a constant state of exporting, importing, relinking, moving from computer to computer, hard drive to hard drive, just one thing
going wrong can feel like your throat is being stepped on. At one point, when I had finished cutting the film, I had brought it in for color grading, only to realize that the effects I designed and several of my clips absolutely refused to play nicely. I have spent the last three years at UNO troubleshooting software problems for students, so naturally I tried everything to solve my problems. In the end, I had to recut about 40% of the film and remake all my effects.

Problems aside, I can genuinely say this is the highest quality film I have ever made. It is meticulously thought over, heavily planned, and absolutely encompasses everything I have learned in my seven years of film education. For the first time in my career, I felt genuinely proud of what I had created. UNO pushed me to be a lot of things, originally, I was pushed into being a narrative filmmaker, when my background was in experimental. I was pushed to be stringent about my paperwork, and my scheduling. I was pushed to be well researched in my topics of discussion, as well as understanding why I should or should not be telling a specific story. I am thankful to all the professors who pushed me to be a better artist, no matter how much I fought them on it. Sometimes I genuinely need to be pushed, and they understood that, they didn’t coddle me, they would have let me sink if that’s the path I chose. I had a rough start in the program, I felt as though I had given up on filmmaking even before I started at UNO, but with this project, I feel akin to the phoenix. I feel like I genuinely overcame a lot of things, mentally and physically to put out my best possible work. Yes, it took a lot of sleepless nights, missed deadlines, computer crashes, but I did it, and I’ll be damned if I’m not proud of every single frame that is within my film.

I just wanted to reiterate, words cannot describe how thankful I am to my crew, who stood by me from the very beginning. My DP, my producers, my AD, the entire crew are
genuinely people who I couldn’t have done this without, and they all know how hard it is for me
to accept help, so I appreciate them for giving me their time. I also want to give my deepest
thanks to the UNO film department, I received nothing but sheer guidance and support from
every single one of the professors and staff members. Even if occasionally I felt slightly insulted
by their comments, these things only pushed me to be a better artist and a better filmmaker. It is
genuinely hard to give a hopeful student, a crushing opinion, and for that, I will forever be
grateful. Finally, I’d like to thank my committee, the three of you are people whom I feel
personally close to. You all embody what I believe to be pivotal aspects of myself and who I
strive to be, not only as an artist, but as a fellow human being. You all spent countless hours
discussing ideas with me, watching my various cuts, and offering me support in various ways. I
hope you know that going through this filmmaking process with the three of you has meant more
to me than any other moment in my seven years of academics.
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FADE IN:

1 INT. UPSTAIRS OF HOUSE - NIGHT

RAVEENA, mid-20's slightly tan, tall girl wearing a tight black pencil skirt, black opaque tights and a white chiffon blouse, her hair a luminous mahogany pulled into a tight ponytail with a white scrunchie.

Her mascara, a mix of black and dark shades of blue are dripped and dried to her face, cheeks slightly red, eyes equally as red.

KIDS LAUGHING, FUTURISTIC TECHNO MUSIC playing loudly can be heard erupting from downstairs.

Her runny eyes pan side to side as she runs her hand against the balsam wood doors that line the hallway.

Various sizes of picture frames line the wall, all containing pictures of a quintessential white family, all creepily looking the same.

Raveena glosses over the pictures, pulling a tissue from her small black clutch and dabbing it on her eyes.

She scrunches her face at the picture and smears her tissue on the frame, leaving a black smudge.

She approaches the bathroom door, throwing it open with haste and locking it quickly.

2 INT. BATHROOM - NIGHT

She stands in front of the mirror, pulling out her thin metallic cell phone.

[NOTE: Text messages are in italics]

RAVEENA(TEXT)
I can't believe him. He's been all up on her, and I'm wearing this stupid outfit I thought would impress him.

LILLIAN(TEXT)
Girl he's a pig. Let's just get our shit together and get outta here. We steal that box of wine from my mom.

RAVEENA(TEXT)
Kk. But let me just try to get his
The computer hums and whirs.

She slowly approaches the computer tower and presses her hand flat on the face of it.

**BEEEEEPP!**

She jumps back quickly towards the door.

The top of the computer opens up like a barn door, a wide beam of green light erupts onto the ceiling.

The desktop screen slowly boots up to a dark blue background, a text box pops up.

She puts one foot in front of the other, her hands pushed out to the sides, balancing.

She crouches down to the floor and pushes her face inches away from the screen.

**ON THE SCREEN:**

**PRESS ENTER TO EXECUTE OPERATION 223:**

A creak can be heard underneath the whirring fans of the computer.

She jolts her head quickly behind her to see the door wide open.

Her finger hovering slightly on the enter key.

She falters slightly from her crouched position and her finger presses enter, **CLACK!**

A drop of sweat falls from her forehead to the oak varnished floorboards.

She exhales.

She turns back to the computer screen.

A voice emerges from the darkness behind the door, it surrounds her.

She falls on her back and struggles to move away from the voice.

V.O.

What did you see?
attention one more time.

Raveena puts her clutch on the table, pulling out a small makeup wipe and clearing out her smudged eyeliner.

3  INT. UPSTAIRS OF HOUSE - NIGHT

Raveena emerges from the bathroom, her winged eyeliner looking stunning.

WHRRRR! A door at the end of the hallway opens slightly.

Nothing but darkness in the crevice of the doorway.

She takes small puff of her small obelisk looking e-cigarette and stuffs it back into her clutch, right next to a small, hot pink bottle of mace.

She bends down and loosens the straps on her faux stiletto heels, pulling them off and hanging them on her pointer finger.

She slowly pushes the door open fully.

4  INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

She shuts the door to it's partially closed position.

The teenager fumbles around in the darkness, clumsily running her hand along the wall.

CLINK

Her ring knocks against a hollow lamp, she grasps for the knob.

A large fluorescent flash brings light to the room.

She stumbles back and shields her eyes from the glaring light.

The walls of the room are plastered in schematics and blueprints, unintelligible equations and shapes cover the blueprints.

Her eyes dart from side to side, scanning every inch of the wall.

The room is empty with the exception of a desktop computer, the size of a refrigerator, monolithic in structure with no buttons, only small vents.
RAVENNA
Where...di-

V.O.
(violently)
WHAT DID YOU SEE?

The teenage begins to choke on her words as tears stream down her face.

RAVENNA
(sobbing)
NOTHING! I SAW NOTHING OKAY? I just came in here because I really wanted to talk to you and after talking all week, I wanted to tell you-

Raveena gets choked up with her words and starts sucking in air like a sobbing child.

She reacts quickly as if a hand has touched her.

V.O.
It's okay. Calm down. I'm here to talk babe, just tell me if anyone saw you come in here.

Raveena looks down at her thigh.

The teenager wipes the mess of snot and tears from her face, she squirms her body away from his hand.

RAVENNA
No, no one saw me. I was just trying to use the bathroom.

She stands up quickly, slowly backing away to the door.

V.O.
Hey babe, it’s okay, you can talk to me now. I wasn’t doing nothing with Caterina downstairs, we’re just friends. You’re my only one.

RAVENNA
Umm, Lillian is waiting for me downstairs, we need to go, her dog’s sick.
Raveena stands up immediately, backing away towards the door.

The voice echoes of the walls and zeroes in close to her face, it now sounds like it's coming from right next to her.

V.O.
Well, let me walk you guys to the car safely. There's a lot of degenerates downstairs.

RAVENNA
No. I think we're fine. Thanks.

Raveena quickly runs out of the room, forgetting her shoes.

INT. UPSTAIRS OF HOUSE - NIGHT

She begins running down the hallway.

The lights shut off as she approaches the top of the hard wooden stairs, pure darkness.

Screaming can be heard from all around the house, followed by complete silence.

BANG!

The screaming subsides.

The lights turn back on.

She lays on the base of the stairs, her tibia protrudes from her left leg, tearing through her tights.

Blood pools around her.

She lets out a soft cry.

Tears falling from the corner of her eye.

The tear splashes into the newly pooling blood.

A dark shaded figure stands at the top of the stairs.

Raveena begins screaming.

RAVENNA
(screaming)
LILLIAN! PLEASE HELP ME!
PLEAAAAAAAAASEEEEE.
The voice laughs menacingly.

V.O.
(whispering)
Now. What is it you wanted to talk to me about? You love me?

A pair of black leather gloves sits in the pool of blood next to her.

The bone in Raveena’s leg begins to move around wildly on it’s own.

Raveena emits a bloodcurdling scream.

Her eyes roll in the back of her head and she falls backwards.

The lights begin to flicker heavily, the house shaking.

The picture frames falling down the steps of the stairs.

Pure Darkness.

INT. THERAPISTS OFFICE - DAY

The blue computer screen flashes in front of her.

ON THE SCREEN:

OPERATION COMPLETE: EXECUTE AGAIN?

She gasps, choking back tears.

She quickly jumps to her feet, faltering slightly on her left leg.

She looks down, no bone.

THERAPIST (O.S.)
Raveena, sit back down. Everything is okay. You’re here with me.

Raveena shakes profusely and slowly sits back down into a leather armchair.

THERAPIST (O.S.)
Raveena, do you want to tell me what you saw? Did you see him again?

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RAVENA
I couldn't see him. But I could feel him, it's like...I was right there, experiencing it all over again.

Raveena continues to stroke her leg, a long white scar is revealed on her leg.

THERAPIST (O.S)
Raveena, I know that was hard for you, but we really appreciate you doing this. The technology can be too much for people to take, but we genuinely believe it helps people to understand the awful things that have happened to them.

RAVENA
I don't understand. You told me the simulation would let me win this time, to make me confront...him.

THERAPIST (O.S)
I told you it MIGHT let you do that. Raveena, we can't defeat real monsters in imaginary simulations. We can only find ways to heal in the real world from the things that happened.

RAVENA
But...why was the simulation different from what happened. I couldn't see him, and it never actually happened at a party..

THERAPIST (O.S)
We felt that it would benefit all of us to further the simulation from the actual event, after all, no one wants to live through what you went through.

Raveena jerks her head up, and makes a quizzical face.

RAVENA
Wait...how did I get here? What is this place?

THERAPIST (O.S)
Oh lord, guess we need to rework the system a little bit. To remind you, I work with a company that uses peoples
fear to create simulations for a new video game that's being tested. You signed on with us a few months ago and agreed to share your memories.

Raveena stands up, shocked, mortified.

RAVEENA
I...No...I don't want anyone to experience that... you can't use that.

THERAPIST (O.S)
Sorry Raveena, you already signed over the rights to your memory in perpetuity to the company. We sincerely hope this experience has helped you, please feel free to call me or customer support with any further questions and make sure to keep an eye out for your free copy of the game!

Tears well in Raveenas eyes, her mascara begins to smudge, and she reaches down to feel her leg.

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11-6-20
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| NAME:   | Katherine Hill |
| ADDRESS: |               |
| CITY:    |               |
|CELL PHONE #: |         |
| EMAIL ADDRESS: |   |
| IS CREW MEMBER A UNO STUDENT? | Yes [ ] No [ ] |
| EMERGENCY CONTACT (Name & phone number): |   |
| CREW POSITION: | production designer |
| SCHEDULED WORK DATES: | 11/7/2020 to 11/8/2020 |
| ADDTL TERMS: |   |
| SCREEN CREDIT (Print name as you wish it to appear. Credit given at sole discretion of Student Filmmaker): | Katherine Hill |

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**NAME:** Holly Ferrar

**ADDRESS:**

**CITY:**

**CELL PHONE #:**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**IS CREW MEMBER A UNO STUDENT?** Yes [X] No [ ]

**EMERGENCY CONTACT (Name & phone number):**

**CREW POSITION:** Sound Mixer

**SCHEDULED WORK DATES:** 11/6/2020 to 11/5/2020

**ADDTTL TERMS:**

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DATE: 11-6-20
LOCATION WRAP RELEASE

Location:

Property Owner/Agent: RABERT WOOGAN

Address:

Phone:

Owner of the property described above hereby acknowledges that the Property has been returned to Owner in substantially the same condition it was in prior to Student Filmmaker’s use of the Property.

Owner further acknowledges that:

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b.) Neither Owner nor any individual who entered the Property at the invitation or on behalf of the Owner suffered any loss or damage arising from or relation to the use of the Property by the Student Filmmaker.

Owner hereby releases and forever discharges Student Filmmaker and the UNO Department of Film & Theatre, and their respective successors, assigns, agents, and employees from any and all claims, debts, demands, liabilities, judgments, obligations, costs, expenses, damages, actions and causes of action of whatsoever kind or nature, whether known or unknown, whether in law or in equity, whether now existing or hereafter arising, that relate to or arise from Student Filmmaker’s use of the Property.

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STUDENT FILMMAKER

OWNER/AGENT

11/8/20

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Permission is hereby granted to [Name] (student filmmaker) by [Name] (Owner/Agent) to use the property and adjacent area, located at [Address], for the purpose of photographing and recording scenes (interior and/or exterior) for motion pictures, with the right to exhibit all or any part of said scenes in motion pictures throughout the world, in perpetuity. Said permission shall include the right to bring personnel and equipment (including props and temporary sets) onto said property, and to remove the same after completion of filming.

The above permission is granted for a period of 4 Days 0 Weeks, beginning on 11/5 (Day and Date) and ending on 11/6 (Day and Date).

The Owner/Agent does hereby warrant and represent that the Owner/Agent has full right and authority to enter into this agreement concerning the above-described premises, and that the consent or permission of no other person, firm, or corporation is necessary to enable Student Filmmaker to enjoy full rights to the use of said premises, and that the Owner/Agent does hereby indemnify and agree to hold Student Filmmaker, and the University of New Orleans Department of Film & Theatre, free and harmless from any fees, arising from, growing out of, or concerning a breach of this warranty.

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STUDENT FILMMAKER  ROOM 1120  11/1/20

OWNER/AGENT  DATE  251-802-411

ADDRESS: [Redacted]
Dylan Mininger

Casting Considerations

The casting of this film is left fairly open ended due to the possible lack of actors during a pandemic situation. The film requires only one physical actor, and one actor shadowed, only seeing use of his hands. For the main character of Raveena, I’m looking for a woman roughly 20-25, between 5’4” and 6’1”, longer hair, preferably brunette. Honestly though, I am willing to work with anyone who can follow the part, someone who has very emotional and reactive eyes. It would be best to go with a trained actress for the part, but since the majority of the film revolves around her performance, it allows me time to rehearse and to work with the actress, to find the correct performance. Alongside the main character, I will need two voice actors, one preferably male, deeper toned voice and one female, older with a solemn, almost robotic voice. I have two voices in mind already, but need to check availability. Obviously I wouldn’t need the voice over until my post-production stage, but I’d like to confirm them early.
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**Actor Signature**

**Date:** 11/4/2020

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**LOCATION**

- HOUSE WITH RED DOOR
- STREET PARKING

**UNTITLED THESIS**

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

- 9:00am  
  FRIDAY 11/6/20
  Day 1/3

- If time permits, we will do Scenes 1 and 5 staircase.

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**AD 1** Marion Forbes

**AD 2**

**UNTITLED THESIS**

**LOCATION**

**HOUSE WITH RED DOOR**

**STREET PARKING**

**LUNCH** 2pm

**SUNRISE** 6:18am

**SUNSET** 5:09pm

**WEATHER** 75, Possible Showers

**NEAREST HOSPITAL** Oschner Baptist

**LOCATION**

**9:00am**

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

If time permits, we will do Scenes 1 and 5 in the backyard.

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UNTITLED THESIS

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LUNCH 1pm
SUNRISE 6:18am
SUNSET 5:09pm
WEATHER 76, Sunny

NEAREST HOSPITAL Oschner Baptist

LOCATION

HOUSE WITH RED DOOR
STREET PARKING

ADDITIONAL NOTES

9:00am
SUNDAY 11/8/20
Day 3/3

SCENE  SET & DESCRIPTION  CAST  NOTES
1  Int. Staircase  She walks up the stairs from the party to use the bathroom  1
5  Int. Staircase  She escapes the room and reaches the top of the staircase  1
5  Int.Staircase  She is at the bottom of the stairs after a nasty fall, crying.  1
7  Ext. House - Daytime  1
(1)  Ext. House - Night

ID  CAST MEMBER  CHARACTER  CALL TIME  SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
1  Rachel Morris  The Girl  9:30am  Bring all clothes!

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Shotlist/Thesis Plan:

**HALLWAY/STAIRCASE**
- Shaky TRACKING SHOT as she walks up the stairs.
- CU's/INSERTS of pictures hanging on stairs.
- Shoot her walking up stairs from bottom and from top for coverage.
- LONG SHOT of her at the top of the stairs
- CUT TO BLACK
- Same LONG SHOT of her at the bottom of the stairs.
- SLOW ZOOM into her laying at the bottom of the stairs
- Possible same shot but zooming out.

**BATHROOM:**
- OTS of her fixing makeup in the mirror
- INSERT of Red Cup etc.
- From the doorway, her looking at her phone, MEDIUM
- CU of wires on the floor outside the bedroom.
- MEDIUM of her approaching the bedroom door.

**BEDROOM:**
- WIDE shot from within dark bedroom of her opening the door into the room, Think matching action from both sides of the door(portal)
- INSERTS of old tv's, huge bunches of cables etc.
- MEDIUM shot from within the closet, of her sitting down at the computer.
- OTS of her looking at the computer monitors
- Possible SPLIT DIOPTER shot of her and the "darkness"
- INSERTS of computer's
- WIDE shot from corner of room as the closet door creaks open.
- MEDIUM shot from above of the Mystery person speaking to her
- TRACKING SHOT from front, of her crawling out of the bedroom and getting to her feet.
- INSERT shots with lots of fast movement of the walls and such to create a visually longer escape??

**THERAPISTS OFFICE:**

- INSERT CU's of medical posters on the wall.
- INSERT of computer screen
- XCU's of her hands, fidgeting.
- XCU's of the therapists hands, knees etc. body parts that show it's a real person, but faces.
- CU's of her face.
- CU of her, pan down for natural transition.
- Possibly a MEDIUM shot of the whole scene, only focused on her.

**EXTERIOR HOUSE:**
- ESTABLISHING SHOT of the house at night from one angle.
TRACKING SHOT of her walking down the street and approaching the house.
ESTABLISHING SHOT of her in front of the house.
CU of her face/Hands.
XCU of her hands through the grass or picking up a leaf or some artsy bullshit, that Malick bullshit.
"Stiletto"
First Pass Budget

Days Location - 6
Days Stage - 0
Total Days - 6

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Start Photo: 11/20/20
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Dylan Mininger
Distribution Plan

My plan for after the film is finished is very similar to my usual plan; I will be mainly relying on streaming it through various online sites such as YouTube, Vimeo, Dailymotion etc. I will also be sending it out to various blogs and websites of people who I have had contact with in the past in hopes that their following will help garner relative attention for my project. As well as that, the plan is to also submit to various festivals, but it’s currently hard to say which festivals, due to COVID. Typically the festivals I enter are Slamdance, Maine Film Festival, UNO Film Festival, Ponchatrain Film Festival. Since this film is under the science fiction genre, I will also be submitting it to various festivals that seek out Sci-Fi films specifically such as, Boston Science Fiction Film Festival, Fantasy Film Fest, Atlanta Horror Film Festival and Science Fiction Fantasy Short Film Festival in Washington. Finances permitting, I would like to submit the film to various higher scaled festivals such as Sundance.

A graphic designer as created VHS covers for the film, in which we plan on recording the film to VHS tapes and sending it out as a promotional item for the streetwear clothing company NGC apparel, based out of Portland, Maine.
Bio/Resume:

Dylan Mininger is a filmmaker, writer and editor from Gorham, Maine. Upon moving to New Orleans for undergraduate college at Loyola University, he has made multiple films exploring many themes prevalent in modern society. He received a best picture award from the Loyola Film Festival for a blaxploitation film about gentrification in the South. He has made various endeavours in experimental documentary filmmaking about alcoholism and various music videos for local artists. His most recent films have been based in arthouse cinema. His film Curiosidade Matou o Gato is a film that seeks to accurately portray dreams through film. Dylan has also worked as an actor and consultant on many films. In a previous life, Dylan was in artist management for New Orleans musicians spanning all genres. As of right now Dylan’s film, In A House, On A Street, In My Mind will be his last film before an indefinite hiatus from directing.

Synopsis:

A young girl finds herself in a familiar house. Haunted by a memory of a life changing evening, she wonders what feels different, what feels the same, and why is she back in this place?
RACHEL MORRIS

IN A HOUSE ON A STREET IN MY MIND

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY DYLAN MININGER
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY BEN DONNELLON
**Cast:**

The Girl: Rachel Morris  
The Therapist: Russell Leak

**Crew:**

Writer, Director and Editor: Dylan Mininger  
Director of Photography: Ben Donnellon  
First AD: Marion Forbes  
Producers: Robert Morgan, Ben Donnellon, Marion Forbes  
1st AC/Camera OP: Kenzie Latham  
Sound Mixer: Holly Ferrari  
Production Designer: Katherine Hill
Dylan Mininger is a B.F.A. Graduate of Loyola University New Orleans. Dylan majored in digital filmmaking, while originally starting his education in Music Industry studies, he has spent time working with local musicians and artists in a management sense. Dylan’s various works include narrative short films, documentaries, music videos and advertisements. He has worked in a crew capacity on large scale music videos and has worked as an actor on short films as well as television shows and national advertisements.

Dylan was the entertainment editor for the Driftwood newspaper and has a deep passion for film critique and literature.