

Double Walker
(Feature horror screenplay – 87 pages)

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“Ben's shadow appears during an electrical storm beginning a series of strangulation's.”

After being fired from his job, BENEDICT ARNOLD, 20's, visit's his girlfriend DARLENE where she works at a bar as a waitress. He witnesses her and the bartender coming out of the stockroom after an obvious intimate meeting. She regrettably informs Ben that their relationship is over. Upset, Ben tells her he will move out of their apartment then drives to his parents house where he confides in his mother GLADYS what has happened. When his step-father KEN comes home, Ben is given an ultimatum to find work within two weeks or move out.

Ben falls asleep in his boyhood bedroom as a huge electrical storm descends over the house. As he sleeps, he is struck by lightening causing him to fall into a dark nightmare causing his body to shake uncontrollably. An evil figure separates from Ben's being. When he awakes he is groggy, blurry eyed and sees the dark figure across the room. Ben passes out.

The next morning, Ben mentions the figure in his room. She says his stress level is so high that he maybe seeing things. It was probably just his doppelganger, or double walker... his shadow. He disagrees and argues with his mother then leaves angrily to find a job. He stops at a downtown repair/gas station. The mechanic doesn't have work available. Ben is persistent which causes an argument. Ben leaves angrily and sees the double walker in the gas station garage. He runs back to find the mechanic strangled.

Ben returns home disappointed from his gas station encounter to find police detectives JAMISON and MONROE at his parents home. He is informed his mother and Ken were strangled under unusual circumstances, the house now a crime scene, he'll have to stay somewhere else for a few days. Ben states he will try to stay at his ex-girlfriends where he just moved from. Jamison and Monroe are called to the strangulation of the gas station mechanic and informed of a man running from the scene by a witness, who copied the man's automobile plate numbers. They are led back to Ben.

Ben visits Darlene who refuses to allow Ben to stay for a few days. Ben is extremely upset and watches Darlene enter the elevator. Inside he sees the double walker. Ben tries in vain to warn her but is to late. When the doors open Darlene is dead. Residents of the building believe Ben murdered her causing him to run in frustration believing no one would believe him.

The detectives view the security tape at the apartment building and find a mysterious shadow in the elevator. They are very interested in finding Ben and search for him. Jamison contacts Ben by cellphone. Ben, tired of running, scared and confused, agrees to meet them at the bar where Darlene worked. While he waits for them, the bartender infuriates Ben. The double walker appears and strangles the bartender just as Monroe and Jamison enter. They are themselves attacked. Ben runs from the bar, carjacking a vehicle and making a get-away. The double walker releases the detectives when Ben leaves.

They reach out to Ben again on the cellphone and listen as Ben explains of the storm and the double walker appearing killing anyone who upsets him. Jamison pleads for him to survive but he hides. After a search through a church and cemetery, Ben is found and brought to the police station. Jamison interrogates Ben trying to decipher the truth to an unexplained phenomenon.

The detectives enlist the assistance of a skeptical Psychologist MARIA DOBBS who speaks with Ben alone in the interrogation room unknowingly upsetting him. The double walker appears behind Ben and begins to strangle her. Jamison and Monroe rush in and remove Dobbs. She is

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unnerved by the double walker and believes it was created by the lightening and that another electric jolt will remove the double walker. Ben is held overnight alone in the cell block. The double walker strangles the jailer, Ben slips, falls and bangs his head and is taken to the hospital security ward.

He regains consciousness to see his wrist handcuffed to the bed. The double walker strangles a police officer guarding the room and brings Ben the cuff keys before disappearing. Ben escapes posing as a hospital janitor. Jamison notices Ben. The detectives chase him through the hospital. Ben tries to hide in a surgical theater but Jamison and Monroe locate him, approaching carefully from both sides. As Ben watches Monroe is attacked by the double walker. Jamison picks up the defibrillator pads and hits Ben with a heavy electric shock. Ben collapses but alive. He is taken to a facility for help and electric shock therapy.

After a few months, Jamison and Monroe visit Ben as he meets with Dobbs in the gardened yard of the facility. They bring a release issued by the court stating Ben has been cleared of the crimes and is okay to return to society. Jamison and Monroe congratulate Ben and Dobbs, then leave. A dark shadow is nearby watching them.

The End

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