

A LULLABY FOR THE SLEEPLESS

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CELINE, mid 20s, radiating with natural beauty, perches on the left side of the couch and bathes in the TV light. Her pajamas are nothing more than heart underwear and a t-shirt.

A few rain drops hit the roof.

BEAU, mid 20s, charming and fit, slides in on the right wearing nothing but sweats.

Celine grabs a pillow and hugs it in her lap.

Beau does the same.

CELINE

Our boss has a nice place.

BEAU

That she does.

CELINE

Can't sleep either?

BEAU

Uh, yeah. I woke up and just couldn't go back to sleep.

CELINE

Cartoons usually help me. About an hour of nonsensical cat and mouse and, boom, I'm off to dreamland.

BEAU

I need to learn a trick like that.

CELINE

Well, it helps to know how your body works.

Celine adjusts her pillow.

BEAU

So, how did you figure out that cartoons put you to sleep?

CELINE

They just always have. Ever since I was a kid. My mom never let me watch them during the day, only at night. So, that conditioned me.

BEAU

Damn. Sorry.

CELINE

It's cool. We've talked.

They laugh. The pace of the rain picks up.

BEAU

Well, if I think about childhood, I remember this summer camp I went to. The bunk I always slept in had a leaky faucet. And all the boys would complain every year we'd come and it still wasn't fixed. But I didn't mind at all. The sound always helped me fall asleep.

CELINE

Some water bill.

BEAU

Right?

CELINE

Have you tried one of those sleep noise apps? I'm not sure if leaky faucet is an option, but you might be able to find something close.

BEAU

No, I haven't heard about those but thanks for the suggestion.

Beau adjusts his pillow.

BEAU (CONT'D)

Uh, I'll be right back.

Beau gets up with the pillow and walks away.

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INT. VACATION HOME - HALLWAY - RAINY NIGHT

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Beau makes sure he is out of Celine's earshot. He removes the pillow to reveal heavy breathing beneath.

BEAU

(to his groin)

What the hell, dude? I felt like I couldn't mute you enough.

BEAU'S GROIN (V.O.)

Pff... I was trying... to tell you... that's the girl!

BEAU

What?

Beau checks to see if anyone is coming.

3 INT. VACATION HOME - LIVING ROOM - RAINY NIGHT 3

Celine snatches her pillow away after Beau exits.

CELINE

(to her groin)

What's your deal?

CELINE'S GROIN

He's the one. He's the one. He's
the one. He's the one!

CELINE

Are you sure?

CELINE'S GROIN

Girl.

Celine hugs the pillow to her chest.

Beau walks in.

BEAU

Hey, I was just thinking, if you
want, we could maybe watch some
cartoons in my room? I'm the one
that got the room with the TV.

CELINE

Bastard. Yeah, sure.

They throw their pillows on the couch and walk out.

4 INT. VACATION HOME - BEAU'S ROOM - RAINY NIGHT 4

Beau and Celine sleep on the bed while cartoons watch them.

A drip is heard from a drain outside the bathroom window.

FADE TO BLACK.