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Chapter One
A Strange Encounter:
Riley's Present Diary

I honestly do not know where my Mom is taking me, she said it was some sort of surprise but the place that she took me to looks like some type of old street. We stopped at the biggest house on the street, a run-down, abandoned place. She didn't say much as she unlocked the car-door and waiting, muted. As I stepped into the strange building the

world went blurry then black as I heard a robotic voice saying, "You Are The.... Murderer."

Evelyn's Present Diary

My Mum was acting strange this morning. She only said a few words which were ordering me and Thomas to the car. It was quite strange because she is normally quite chatty... but not today, I guess.

As I stepped into the new, clean car, the door suddenly slammed shut nearly breaking my foot as it closed. Honestly, what is WRONG with that woman today?! Anyway, she dropped me and

Thomas at a strange mansion-like house. I don't know what happened to Thomas but all I know is that I got taken to some small dark room.

Riley's Present Diary

Honestly, I didn't expect much from this place but now I'm kind of... frightened? Anyway like a few minutes later I received a strange, black handbag with a knife in it. At last, I finally realised what this meant, I would have to DEFEAT the others.

I didn't want to do that to my actual school-friends. As I walked out of the small space of a room that I started in I saw everyone there, Victoria, Evelyn, Benjamin, Aaron, Opal, Lillian,

Ally, and Eric. I looked around and they ALL had a black bag which made me curious about what 'role' they got. Anyway, I had an earpiece so that the 'game master' could talk to me throughout the match. As soon as I



bumped into Lilian we were just talking casually when the game master said to me, "You can do it. NOW!" I had no actual choice but to do it. I heard a slight scream and then ran down a secret hall.

Anyway, I can believe I just did that, I am screwed for the rest of my life. Almost as soon as I escaped there was a ringing sound in my ear which, if I remember correctly, is the sound of a body found or a meeting is being called.

"Okay so... did anyone else here, that... scream?"

*Evelyn questioned, she seemed serious, so I knew SOMETHING was up... I just can't put my finger on it for why. She sounded so... serious. Oh yeah maybe because someone just DIED. Gosh, sometimes my brain just gets stabbed and doesn't work. Anyway, she's speaking again now. Wow, that girl just LOVES to talk to some antisocial people *cough cough* me.*

“Was anyone near the body or know where it was?!” she shouted angrily.

Gee wow such ‘encouraging’ words in a time like this.

“Well, I was in the kitchen? I think anyway there was loads of food so, yeah I was there... for a while” I said cautiously.

“Well of course you were. You are RILEY. Your one of the only people here who would spend the WHOLE time, eating FOOD in a horrendous situation like this...!”

Chapter 2

A Lady Detective

Evelyn’s Present Diary

God, that girl is just so infuriating sometimes. Riley Peterson is a hungry annoying and un-serious girl. She may have an antisocial BUTT, but that is no reason for stupidity. Anyway, literally we’ve only been here for like 10 minutes and someone has already DIED. Thing that’s bothering me is that NO ONE was near the body... its mind boggling. Anyway, being this main ‘detective sheriff thing’ is really bugging me. I literally have a GUN in my pocket. I’m guessing that I have to shoot the

murderer with the gun. They didn't even explain apart from that we are 'locked in this building' unless one team wins. Such ignorance. Although, I can't help but think that Riley was acting quite strange in the meeting... Well, I only have one meeting left, so I think I am going to save it though.

Wait a damn minute, was that ANOTHER SCREAM? This murderer really is thirsty today. IT'S ONLY BEEN 7 MINUTES. This is crazy. Period.

Riley's Present Diary

*What just happened? I cannot believe that happened... You are probably wondering what happened? Well, some kind of psychopathic feeling came over me and I blacked out then, when I came back to reality, I was standing next to Victoria Williams' actual DEAD body. Quickly I got to run before anyone finds it! Oh holy- wait I forgot this was live, forget what I just said-Oh shoot, I just heard someone walking down the hallway. Got to run, got to run. Whew, I made it! Oh my gosh, they just found the literal dead body. It was probably Evelyn who found it, as she is acting like a detective today. Maybe that's her role *thinking*

moment. Anyway, here we go more shouting moments great, lots more to write down in my journal.*

“Okay where is everyone I was literally with Opal, so where is everyone else in this place!” Evelyn shouted, honestly, I don’t know what IS with this girl well I’m going to skip time now...

Chapter 3 *A Breakdown Of Souls*

Evelyn’s Present Diary

Okay wow, I am quite surprised about how many people have been let go in only 8 hours. Honestly, I am quite astonished at this, I mean how can they do that much?! I go into a bathroom stall and lock myself in. After a few seconds of silence, I take out the gun from my pocket and just roll it in my hand peacefully when... I hear a very loud scream. I run out

off the stall and see if I can find the body. I can still ear the echo of the young voice and realise... it was a girl's... Opal's voice screaming to be exact. I think I may have finally uncovered this disastrous, murder mystery...

Anyway, apart from the fact that I am now looking at the body trying to uncover the murderer by finding evidence... but there are no fingerprints and no footprint or exact way of signing it. But the last person with Opal was... no it can't be... Riley?

Riley's Present Diary

Okay wow, why are the halls so empty? Oh yeah, I have been killing. Every. Single. Person. HERE! Well, this whole 'game' thing is nearly over so let's just hope it gets done quickly...

Definitely did not just take another person's life... Goodness, this whole 'lie to your friends thing' is really getting to my head. Although, I haven't seen anyone around apart from Opal, who I was 'supposed' to stick with this round. But the strange thing is, that I haven't heard any footsteps ever since the last meeting was called... which is very strange: even though

this building is a never-ending maze. Oh gosh, I just realised... If Opal just lost her life, and Evelyn and Aaron are together, then I would be the one to blame!

Chapter 4

The Final Battle

Evelyn's Present Diary

Okay, I have worked it out FINALLY! I just can't believe that Riley would do such things... oh wait,



antisocial person! Anyway, I can't let Aaron or me run into her... who knows what will happen if we DO bump into her. I want to discover this body first before reporting it or calling a

meeting about it, as I want to investigate the body

(even though I know its Riley). Although people are dying, I actually really like being a detective. But being here makes me realize that... life doesn't always have a happy ending, and I am really grateful that I am here-standing on this rotating home for billions. Oops, got caught in the moment... Gosh. Oh shoot, someone is coming down the hall!

"Aaron! Hide quickly. Come with me!" I manage to hiss at him, but he just looks at me, confused like an innocent puppy. So, I had no choice but to pull him into a shortcut to the main room where the meetings normally are

held. Aaron seems quite taken aback from me dragging him out of the hallway.

"What was that- woah wait how are we here NOW?!" he said, astonished. Honestly, this guy may be cute, but he is just so DUMB sometimes.



Chapter 5

The Fall of Death

Riley's Present Diary

Okay WHAT?! I swear on my murderous soul that I heard Evelyn whisper something Aaron... I don't know what about though. Its bothering me for some reason. Anyway, I just know it's the end of my reign as a psychopath in this abandoned building. As I think about all my life and how lucky I am to be here and be able to walk through fields of grass and lovely scenery... when I imagine my feet lifting

of the ground, and I am floating through the air and into the fluffy, light clouds. As soon as that little 'imaginary scene' finished, a sudden ring nearly burst my eardrums! So, I knew it was my time to leave... I just waited for Evelyn to shout some random things on how 'I was the one who killed Aaron's sister'.

"Okay, Okay no more messing around with us... Riley! I know it's you, Aaron knows its you just GIVE UP!" Evelyn didn't even stutter those harsh words at me.

“Wait I don’t actually know who is? So, it’s Riley the Aaron questioned Evelyn. That guy just makes me laugh!



“Yeah, I know... I am a monster! You are right. I am a MONSTER I tell you. So, vote me off and you’ll win this never-ending nightmare!” I say with a smile on my face, but tears are falling down my face slowly, one by

one. As I see Evelyn’s face of horror and shock and Aaron’s of dismay and surprise.

“Riley you’re supposed to defend your case! Not give into pain!” Evelyn shouted crying tears of anger.



“Well, I turned into a monster... And if you don’t want to do it then just remember that I will always watch you and never leave you fully.” I stutter with a fake smile and my hand on my heart.

After I finished speaking, one by one, we slowly pointed at me each of us crying tears of pain and anger all at once. As Aaron slowly voted I managed to stutter, "I'll always be in your hearts." With a weak fake smile, and tears leaking from my eyes as I slowly disintegrated from the planet and managed to hear Aaron shout, "I LOVE YOU!" with annoyance and agony in his weak voice. But I know I made the right choice because everyone else that had lost their lives had returned to a living state. I just wanted to say before I go... Goodbye my dear friend and home, Earth.

4 Years and 2 Months Later:

Evelyn's Present Diary

"You Have Beaten the Game by Voting Out the Murderer. Well Done Good Team. You Have Defeated Evil"

The 'gamemasters' voice saying that emotionlessly still rings in my head and brings me nightmares most nights. I still remember the day we were locked in an abandoned building like it was yesterday, all the bodies left and right, and my best friend left me for the worst. Since that day I have studied to become a

female detective and investigator, as I want to stop things (like what happened 4 years ago) from happening again but I am glad about how brave Riley was to give up her own antisocial life for others. It makes me proud but also makes me mad... She was my friend I should have stopped her... but I know she is watching over us up in the clouds. Everyone, EVEN Victoria had isolated themselves from the public since that day, hoping that it was a nightmare or some bad dream... but it wasn't. But that scenario also reminds me about how lucky we all were to have a friend who was

willing to give up their own life for you... I mean it makes you feel angry like a piece of your heart has been ripped out; especially if it is someone you love. I hope we all don't forget about how brave Riley was for giving up her life for EVERYONE who had lost their soul that day...

Aaron's Present Diary

It has been 4 years, 2 months and 6 days since Riley gave up herself for her enemies and friends that night. She was the one and ONLY

one I loved, and she gave her life up just like THAT! People tell me to relax, some say I am too dumb to love; but they are wrong I cannot



relax; I am not dumb as I sleep recklessly every night and wake up still remembering what happened while everyone else just plays cool... even though I know they all

feel the way I do but they are just too scared to show their true colours in public. Some of my friends isolated themselves

for a few weeks, but ever since that day I have isolated myself for 4 years and 1 month. I came out of isolation as Opal kept bugging me about getting fresh air and seeing the true light. She just doesn't seem to understand that part of me has been ripped out...

Riley's Present Diary

Looking at everyone (especially Aaron) just breaks my ghostly heart... but they won't be in pain for much longer. Floating around their houses and seeing if they will notice me, makes me feel invisible. Even though I know I am invisible to them. But this will be over soon for them and for me. I have pleaded with them for 4 years and the Protectors have finally allowed me too...

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Riley, Evelyn and their high school frenemies have been locked inside an abandoned mansion, where they are losing peoples' souls by the minute.

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