

Misconception

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FADE IN:

INT. CAFE, NEAR WINDOW, EARLY NIGHTTIME

LYDIA and DANIEL are sat round a table in a cafe, well lit scene, notably darkening outside.

LYDIA  
I'm sorry Dan, it's getting late  
and i will have to get home now.

DAN  
Want me to walk you home?

LYDIA  
No, i should be ok, i'm be safe  
enough, it's not too late.

DAN  
Ok, just stay safe. Come here

DAN goes into hug LYDIA, LYDIA receives hug openly.

EXT. CAFE, AT FRONT DOORS, EARLY NIGHTTIME

LYDIA and DAN part ways. Notice item left on table in Cafe,  
STRANGER grabs item.

EXT. STREET, CENTER OF PATH, EARLY NIGHTTIME

Camera facing LYDIA as she walks, we see STRANGER far of in  
the distance over her left shoulder (Right of thirds)

LYDIA goes round corner, camera stays stationary, notice man  
still following.

EXT. STREET, CENTER OF PATH, EARLY NIGHTTIME

LYDIA now notices STRANGER, begins walking faster and gets  
her phone out to begin calling DAN

(LYDIA DIALS DANS NUMBER)

LYDIA  
Dan, i think somebody is following  
me?!

DAN  
Really? How close is he?

LYDIA  
He's quite far away, but he's been  
following me for a while now. I'm  
scared!

(CONTINUED)

DAN  
Alright, where are you?

LYDIA  
I'm in middle street, on my way  
home still.

DAN  
Ok, stay there..No, keep moving,  
i'll come get you.

LYDIA  
Hurry please.

EXT. STREET, CENTER OF PATH, EARLY NIGHTTIME

LYDIA notices STRANGER is now closer than before.

LYDIA  
LEAVE ME ALONE!

STRANGER  
(No reply)

EXT. STREET, ALLEYWAY, EARLY NIGHTTIME

LYDIA darts quickly into a nearby alleyway.

LYDIA  
(Looks about for an exit)

STRANGER comes round the corner behind her, now fairly close  
to her

LYDIA  
What do you want from me?!

STRANGER stops, stands still for a short time, then slowly  
puts his hand into his pocket

LYDIA  
(Now looking very worried)

STRANGER brings enclosed fist out of pocket, while also  
reaching other hand towards head.

LYDIA  
(Still very worried)

STRANGER pulls headphones out, and shows object in hand is  
LYDIA's purse.

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STRANGER

You forgot your purse back at the  
cafe.

LYDIA

(Now looks reassured)

STRANGER

Sorry if i scared you, well you  
look scared anyway.

EXT. STREET, ALLEYWAY (LOOKING IN), EARLY NIGHTTIME

OTS shot of STRANGER, sudden thump onto his head, he drops  
everything.

DAN

Bloody Freak

LYDIA

For fuck sake Dan, he's only giving  
me my purse, no need to over do it!

LAS, looking over unconscious STRANGER.

DAN

Opps! My bad!

FADE OUT:

THE END