

UNDER THE MILKY WAY

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WRITING SAMPLE
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EXT. COUNTRY HOME - NIGHT

Heavy rain batters relentlessly against the weathered roof of a single story homestead.

SUPERIMPOSE: Dexter, New Mexico, July 1947

INT. LOUNGE ROOM - NIGHT

JULIA BRAZEL (31) is sitting at a table in her nightgown. She sips on a cup of tea while glancing at a clock on the wall with worry.

03:13AM

The SOUND of CAR TYRES screech outside.

Julia rushes to the window and peers out. She can't see a thing - darkness hides everything but the sound of rain.

She jumps as her husband, MR LOUIS BRAZEL (33), crashes through the front door. He's dressed in US military attire with his head bandaged - blood is seeping into the cloth.

He locks the door and moves swiftly to the window. He peers outside, breathing hard.

JULIA

What's happened? What have you done?

Louis wipes his wet brow and paces to a drinks cabinet. He grabs some whiskey and drinks straight from the bottle.

JULIA (CONT') (CONT'D)

Louis, stop it!

LOUIS

(whispers to himself)
I think I was followed. They were following me. Of course they'd follow me.

JULIA

What are you talking about? Who followed you?

Louis tries to hide the fear in his face. He turns slowly. Looks Julia in the eye.

LOUIS

The military- Secret Agents- I think they're following me.

He gulps whiskey. Julia snatches the bottle from him.

JULIA

(stern)

Louis? What have you done?

LOUIS

(raises his voice)

It's not what I've done, it's what I've seen!

Julia stands in stunned silence.

LOUIS (CONT'D)

Something terrible happened in the desert...

He pauses to catch his breath.

JULIA

Louis, come on. Tell me what happened.

LOUIS

I heard a rumor circulating the barracks. Rumors that something had crashed in the desert. Only rumors! They told me it was a weather balloon. But when they called for me, it-- it--

He begins to cry, uncontrollably.

Julia sits by his side and holds him in her arms.

LOUIS (CONT'D)

My God, they looked like children... They were only small. Like children.

JULIA

Louis? What were like children?
[Beat] Louis you're scaring me.
What is it?

LOUIS

They told me to keep it a secret.
They said they'd be consequences.

His eyes dart towards the window.

LOUIS (CONT'D)

They're watching, I'm sure of it.

JULIA

Louis, you can tell me. You know I wouldn't tell a soul. For gods-sake, Louis, what happened?

Louis appears hesitant.

LOUIS

[Beat] Something from the sky crashed into the desert and... And the passengers were killed.

JULIA

My God...

LOUIS

All except one. One was still alive. One of them was moving.

JULIA

One of what?

LOUIS

(shouts)

I don't know, they weren't human!

Julia is silenced. Louis pauses to catch his breath. They hear the sound of a car pulling up outside.

LOUIS (CONT'D)

(nervous)

Julia, you can't tell a soul. You can't. They'll kill us.

JULIA

My God, Louis. What have you got us into?

They rush to the window just as there's a knock at the door. Their heads turn slowly with fear in their eyes.

Fade to Black.