

REACTION QUEEN

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INT. MARTHA'S ROOM

The place is small but looks new. A couple of YouTube Creator Awards on the shelf.

A DSLR CAMERA on a tripod looks down from an angle at the PINK GAMING CHAIR. The LED RING LIGHT around the camera switches on.

Smaller CAMERA mounted on the top of the monitor. The MIC WITH POP FILTER sits on the desk.

GIRL'S HAND clicks "Enter" on a keyboard.

MARTHA (19), aka LONELY GIRL, puts the headphones on. She could easily win the pageant contest. Right now she's all business.

-- On the screen amateur video of YOUNG MAN proposing to his GIRL. She laughs at him. The Young Man runs away, angry and trips over. It's ridiculous.

Martha snorts with laughter, pauses the video. She struggles to keep her face straight.

MARTHA
(to camera)
Okay-- Dude, did you really think she would agree? I mean, look at yourself and lower your bar a little bit.

Martha plays with her locks, flirts with the camera.

MARTHA (CONT'D)
That was the last live reaction for today. Don't forget to subscribe to my channel and support your Lonely Girl. See you soon.

Martha sends a sexy blow kiss to the camera, stops recording, and...her smile is gone.

She scrolls down the comments under her video. She stops at:

AZRAEL666 "A saucy doll can only judge others, and she has done nothing in her life"

MARTHA (CONT'D)
Screw you. I`m the reaction queen, and you can smell my feet.

Another comment.

BILLIE369 "Would you like to watch at my puppet theatre?"

MARTHA (CONT'D)
(disgusted)
Freak--

Martha checks the subscribers count. It's nearly 10M. She smirks, stands up, and moves to...

KITCHEN

Martha grabs a bottle of champagne out of the fridge,

MARTHA (CONT'D)
To me...I deserve it.

She pops open the champagne, drinks it straight out of the bottle when...

ON COMPUTER

SOUND of incoming email, letter icon appears. It's from BILLIE369 "no subject".

Martha slumps in the chair, puts the bottle on the desk, checks the email...

Hesitates. Clicks.

INSERT: "I adore you. Please rate my work" -> LINK

Martha shakes her head, marks the message as SPAM.

Checks the subscribers' counter. Considers it.

She restores the message from SPAM, circles the cursor around the LINK...

and she CLICKS...

A page with a video opens.

MARTHA (CONT'D)
Thank god it's not a virus.

INT. BILLIE'S ROOM

Billie's computer screen. ESTABLISHING CONNECTION bar loads up and...we can see Martha on the screen. The stream from her cameras on Billie's computer.

INT. MARTHA'S ROOM

Martha puts the headphones on, prepares for the next recording. She's live again, all fake smile.

MARTHA

Surprise-- I have one more reaction for you today. This time the video came from one of my beloved fans. Are you ready?

She turns on the video. Clearly shot with the mobile phone.

On-screen RED and BLACK SOCK DOLLS talk to each other. Billie changes voices between characters.

RED SOCK DOLL

Do you think they will like us?

BLACK SOCK DOLL

Our show is the best in the whole world. Just ask our audience.

The Red Sock Doll turns away from the screen, looks at something...or someone...

BLACK SOCK DOLL (CONT'D)

Oh, stop. You're too kind.

End of the show, the socks disappear.

The screen turns sideways, still recording...CREAK of the floorboards.

MARTHA

Okay. That was...unique-- I forgot that crazy people also have access to cameras. Sorry about that. I gonna grab something to drink and we all try to forget what we just saw...

Martha walks away. We stay on the screen, where...

...Billie fixes the camera and reveals THREE TEENAGE GIRLS, tied to chairs, gagged lips, smudged makeup.

BILLIE (O.S.)

(changes voice)

I said she wouldn't like it--

(changes voice again)

Best reaction is yet to come-- Are you ready to meet your Horror King?

Billie's hand appears on the screen. Oh shit...He's holding a BIG CLEAVER...and approaches off-screen one of the girls.

The muffled Girl`s SCREAM changes into deadly silence.

Martha, unaware of what just happened, comes back to the computer, YAWNS.

INT. MARTHA'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Martha wakes up over the constant vibration of her phone. You can barely recognize her without her makeup.

She squints her eyes and reads the caller ID; Bestie!!! and answers.

JANET (V.O.)
Great collab, girl.

MARTHA
(on phone)
What? Hold on...

Martha checks the time. It's midnight. She rolls out of bed in crap pajamas, turns on the computer.

Her mouth goes agape. Billie's video has 100k views.

MARTHA
What the hell? Those were just some
handicapped socks.

Martha plays the video, the ceiling CREAKS above her. Martha looks up, aware of her neighbors above.

She doesn't notice a human-like shadow on the wall behind her.

Video gets to the point with the Girls. Martha pauses it.

MARTHA (CONT'D)
What the fuck...

She hesitates. Plays video again.

BILLIE (O.S)
Best reaction is yet to come--

Creak. Creaaaaaaak.

Martha nearly jumps out of her skin.

INT. BILLIE'S ROOM

On Billie's computer screen. Martha panicked, frantically looks around, moves back to the computer.

INT. MARTHA'S ROOM - BACK TO MARTHA

Martha stares at the monitor.

Incoming email...From BILLIE369..."no subject", CLICK.

INSERT: "I can see you now!"

MARTHA
You fucking psycho--

She puts phone to her ear.

MARTHA (CONT'D)
(on phone)
Janet? Are you there?

JANET (V.O.)
Yup. Listen I have this idea--

Martha checks that subscribers count has reached 10M.

MARTHA
Janet, listen to me. It wasn't a
collab. This guy is crazy--

JANET (V.O.)
Sure. So I think we could--

KNOCK! KNOCK!

Martha freezes.

Shadows under the door. Footsteps.

MARTHA
(on phone, whispers)
Somebody is here--

JANET (V.O.)
Okay. Is this a part of your next
creepy show?

Footsteps fading.

Martha slowly walks towards the door.

BEHIND HER

Billie in mask sneaks in through one of the windows and creeps up behind Martha.

He turns on the cameras. The live feed is on. The number of viewers grows rapidly.

MARTHA'S POV

She reaches for the door handle.

JANET (V.O.) (CONT'D)
A crazy psycho fan would work, you know.

Martha pauses. Hand on the knob.

MARTHA
(on phone)
Hold on for a sec.

She starts to turn the doorknob.

JANET (V.O.)
So, what do you say? Collab?

MARTHA
(on phone)
Fine, but shut up for a moment...

Janet's excited. Martha pulls open the door to reveal...nothing.

Martha looks down the corridor. Nobody can be seen. She SIGHS with relief.

JANET (V.O.)
This is so great. Listen, I already have a few ideas--

MARTHA
(on phone)
I need a rest. Long, long rest.

Martha hangs up, while Janet's still talking. She closes the door, double checks the locks.

She turns around and stands face to face with...

...Billie - thin, wears a mask - In his hand, a CLEAVER, Sticky with blood.

Martha SCREAMS. She's truly terrified, looks ugly as hell. First real reaction.

DSLR CAMERA, RED LED in on.

ON COMPUTER

Comments on live feed go crazy. Viewers count grows.

INT. BILLIE'S ROOM

Billie records another RED and BLACK SOCK DOLLS show, changes voice between characters.

RED SOCK DOLL
Bow before the diamond queen.

BLACK SOCK DOLL
God save the queen.

Martha sits tied to the chair; between the two Girls, we saw before. Gagged lips, smudged makeup, the paper crown on Martha's head.

ON COMPUTER

Billie scrolls down the comments under the video feed, stops at:

DANNY "What a reaction. Lonely Girl nearly shitted herself."

Another comment.

AZRAEL666 "First real reaction from that fake doll"

Another comment.

GINA "That was awesome. More of Horror King and Reaction Queen or I'll unsubscribe!"

Other comments demand more videos of Billie and Martha together.

Billie considers it.

He turns away from the camera, takes off his mask.

Martha's eyes fixed on her abductor. Curious.

BILLIE
Are you ready to reign?

Martha's eyes brightens.

INT. MARTHA'S ROOM

The front door is slightly ajar. The interior lit only by the few candles placed on the PENTAGRAM SYMBOL painted on the floor.

A DSLR CAMERA is on. Live feed in progress.

The door CREAKS open. JANET (18), sticks her head in,

JANET
I've got your message. Hello?

Janet walks in and looks around.

She grabs YouTube Creator Awards of the shelf.

BEHIND HER

Two human shapes rise behind her.

The lights go off.

Janet SCREAMS.

BILLIE (V.O.)
Are you ready to meet your Horror
King...

MARTHA (V.O.)
...and Reaction Queen?

THE END