

THE BEACH

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EXT CEMETERY - SUNSET

LAUREN sits in the driver's seat of a car, driving away from a cemetery.

Her gaze lingers on TWO GRAVESTONES to her left - one big, one small.

Off-screen, we hear A BABY CRYING, followed by Lauren's husband, JONATHAN:

Jonathan (O.S.)  
Shhh, shhh, it's ok.

Lauren turns to the backseat, but no one is there. She then looks at the passenger seat, no one is there.

A CAR HORN BLARES. Lauren stops abruptly, TIRES SCREECHING.

She looks at the other car she nearly hit. Her eyes are lost, sad. We sink into her face.

TITLE CARD

EXT HOUSE - NIGHT

Lauren walks up to her house from the car. It's a small house on the beach, and it appears as distraught as Lauren's eyes.

She puts the keys in the lock of the front door. As she goes to open it:

JONATHAN (O.S.)  
I'll put Jamie in his crib.

LAUREN  
I'll meet you in the bedroom.

Lauren opens the door to a dark house. She realizes she has talked to no one. She enters.

INT BABY'S ROOM

Lauren turns on the lights and walks to the crib. She grabs Jamie's favorite stuffed animal, a friendly-looking crab.

INT LAUREN'S BEDROOM

Holding the crab, Lauren turns on the bedroom lights. She grabs a shell necklace on the drawer next to Jonathan's side of the bed.

EXT BACK OF HOUSE - NIGHT

Lauren exits the back of the house and walks down the moonlit beach to the water.

She places the crab and necklace down on the sand and watches the waves. They crash gently.

She sits on the sand, smiles. She begins to build a sand castle.

As she builds her castle, A LUMP OF SAND forms down the beach. It starts to come towards her, as the sound of the WAVES CRASHING steadily becomes more intense.

EXT BACK OF HOUSE - DAY - FLASHBACK

Jonathan and Jamie laugh, building the castle with Lauren. The sound of the waves disappears.

EXT BACK OF HOUSE - DAY - PRESENT

Lauren sits under the moonlight, alone with her completed castle.

The lump of sand gets closer and closer to Lauren.

She places the crab by the castle, and drapes the necklace around it.

She creates a door at the bottom of the castle.

JONATHAN (O.S.)  
It's our home.

A wave CRASHES LOUDLY, startling Lauren.

She gets up and looks at what seems to be a moderate tide.

As she stands up, the lump of sand, now just a few feet away from her, disappears.

She strolls down the beach looking at the stars.

The small lump of sand returns and slowly follows her.

A little further down the beach, behind Lauren, a large lump of sand begins to form, becoming as tall as a person. It follows her as well.

JONATHAN (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
And that's the big dipper.

Jamie, off-screen, giggles. A wave CRASHES LOUDLY, startling Lauren.

She turns to the moderate ocean as the formations of sand fall back into the ground.

She starts walking back to her castle. Behind her, the formations of sand return. They follow her faster now.

The sound of the waves crashing grows louder.

When the sound of the waves becomes nearly deafening, Lauren turns to the water, looking defeated.

She notices the formations of sand. She stops, as do they. The crashing of the waves stops.

She stares at the sand formations, noticing they're the same sizes of Jamie and Jonathan.

She takes one step back towards the castle, and the sand formations come closer to her. For every step she takes, they cover twice the distance.

Lauren starts running towards the castle.

As her breath becomes more panicked, the sound of the waves crashing grows louder.

She is close to the castle when she trips. She screams on the way down, but all that is heard is a WAVE CRASHING.

She looks down at her legs, where the small lump of sand is covering her feet. She screams again, but only the sound of a wave crashing loudly is heard.

Every time she tries to scream, a wave crashes louder, until it is deafening. It is as if the sound of the waves crashing is coming from her.

Fearfully, she looks up to see the tall sand formation staring down at her. They stare at each other for a moment.

Then, suddenly, as she goes to scream one last time, the sand falls on her. The deafening sound of a wave crashing violently is abruptly ceased as the sand covers her face.

The sand completely covers Lauren as she lies next to the sand castle. She sinks into the beach.

The castle stands strong as night transitions into day.

Feet are seen coming up to the sand castle.

A woman sits by the castle, and she is joined by a man holding a baby.

We see their faces. The woman is Lauren, the baby is Jamie, and the man is Jonathan.

When they speak, the sound of waves gently crashing is heard. This does not bother them.

They play, continue to build the sand castle, and smile lovingly at one another.

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