## PLEASE HELP!

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Address Phone Number INT. HOUSE -EVENING

Maria walks in and announces.

MARIE

Mrs. Burton, I'm sorry I'm late.

Alexa comes running out to meet her.

**ALEXA** 

Maria I need your help.

Maria tries to put her bag down but is pulled away by Alexa.

MARIA

Calm down, I'm here for you.

ALEXA

George tried to hurt me. I had to defend myself.

They enter the dining area and George is laying of the floor.

MARTA

Oh my God - you need to call an ambulance.

ALEXA

It's too late for that, he's gone. I need your help.

Marie goes through her purse to retrieve her cell phone.

MARIA

I'll call the police.

ALEXA

Yes and you have to tell them you helped me. Actually saved me. You had no choice.

Maria freezes and tries to understand Alexa's request. Then she tries to reason with her.

MARIA

What? Mrs. Burton, Alexa you said it was self-defense.

ALEXA

It was but the way the world is, one voice doesn't matter. We need to get together on this. I'm so scared police will try to twist this around.

MARIA

What happened?

Alexa describes and points out the event with her hands.

ALEXA

I made him dinner because you were not here. He threw it against the wall and started hitting me.
Maria this wasn't the first time.
He hit me a lot but because you weren't here I took another beating.

Alexa starts pacing.

ALEXA (CONT'D)

I just tried to get him away from me and I pushed him back and he hit his head on the table.

MARIA

Just tell the police.

ALEXA

Why do we have you? If I cooked him dinner. They won't believe me.

Alexa gets very emotional.

MARIA

Tell them he hit you.

ALEXA

I have bruises but I can't prove he did them. Just back me up with the police. You cooked, heard him hurting me, pulled him back and he fell. They can't say we both are lying.

MARIA

Mrs-

ALEXA

Maria please! You know his family are nasty to me. We can't let them spin this. I'm begging you.

MARTA

I don't know-

ALEXA

Please help. You know he hurts me. I know you witnessed it.

MARIA

Yes- I've seen things.

ALEXA

And you know I'm telling the truth.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM

The Police are taking their statement. Two Detectives walk in.

DETECTIVE LARRY

Let's separate them and make sure their stories lineup.

Detective Larry walks up to Alexa.

DETECTIVE LARRY (CONT'D)

Ma'am follow me.

He takes Alexa to the kitchen. Maria is in the living room with Detective Joey.

DETECTIVE JOEY

So you cooked dinner. They were fighting and you pulled him away from her, and he fell?

MARIA

----yes!

DETECTIVE JOEY

OK go with this officer outside.

OFFICER RALPH

Forensic and the corner is here.

INT. DINING ROOM

Detective Joey walks past the body to the kitchen to notify his lead detective about forensics.

CUT TO

INT. KITCHEN

Detective Larry shares for a second then Alexa runs to the sink.

DETECTIVE JOEY

Sir - forensic is here.

Alexa then leans over the sink and acts like she's being sick.

DETECTIVE LARRY

Good! I want that maid lady arrested for this.

DETECTIVE JOEY

I'm confused.

DETECTIVE LARRY

She cooked the dinner and poison the food.

Alexa trying to throw up at the sink.

DETECTIVE LARRY (CONT'D)

Look at Mrs. Burton. I'll take her to the hospital. She probably got small traces otherwise she'll be on the floor as well.

ALEXA

Why? Why did she want us both dead?

DETECTIVE LARRY

Get that crazy old lady down to the station. We need answers, she lied about her story.

Detective Joey walks away.

FADE OUT.

INT. INTERROGATION

Detective Larry is question Maria.

DETECTIVE LARRY
You stated you made the food now you are saying you didn't.

MARTA

She told me to lie.

DETECTIVE LARRY

So if you agree to lie before. How are we supposed to know you're not lying now.

DETECTIVE LARRY (CONT'D)

Two different stories, have you been diagnosed with multiple personalities?

MARIA

I am a good person.

DETECTIVE LARRY

We see the illusion of good people every day. When the truth is people are sometimes just evil.

He gets up and leaves Maria starts crying.

MARIA (YELLS)

You have it wrong I was just helping as the door closes.

Credits

FADE OUT.

INT. JAIL -

Maria is being released. She is getting her cuffs removed.

MARIA

Did Mrs. Alexa confess.

DETECTIVE JOEY

In her note she did both detective Larry and Alexa we're found this morning with a murder suicide situation.

They apparently suspected each other of planning to cut the other one out of Mr. Barton's insurance money. She shot him with his gun and knew there were no one left to help her cover things up.

MARIA

And she just confessed before killing herself.

DETECTIVE LARRY
Just be grateful someone from above was watching over you.

FLASHBACK

INT. KITCHEN

Detective Larry gets a glimpse of Alexa slipping off the counter and wiping lipstick off of Detective Larry's lips.

INT. BEDROOM

Alexa and Detective Larry in bed together.

DETECTIVE JOEY

You two are sick fuckers. The problem is so am I.

He shoots the detective.

DETECTIVE JOEY (CONT'D)

You are not done yet.

Maria hugs him.

MARIA

You're a nice man.

DETECTIVE JOEY

I try to help when I can.

FADE OUT.