Elena and Sophus

Intro to

"THE HORROR"

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Elena, 26, walks with her luggage to the waiting area for Uber/Lyft. Her half sister Sophie, 30 rushes up to meet her.

SOPHIE

Ellie!

ELENA

Sophia! So good to see you! But please call me Elena, okay?

SOPHIE

Sure. Oh, and everyone here calls me Sophie, or just Soph.

ELENA

Well, I think Sophia has so much more class. "Sophia, goddess of wisdom."

SOPHIE

Whatever. Sophia, Sophie, (makes a doofus face) Sophus!

ELENA

Um, yeah, so, shall we get an Uber?

SOPHIE

Got it covered. I came here with Lyft. Right over here.

Sophie leads Elena to a pretty old Ford Aspire, missing its right front fender. The driver, FREDDIE, 20-somthing, puts their luggage in the trunk, which creaks loudly when he opens it, and closes it with some difficulty. The sisters get in the back seat.

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SOPHIE

Yo, Freddie, meet my sister!

ELENA

Half sister.

SOPHIE

ELENA

Ellie. Elena.

FREDDIE

Nice to meet you Elly-elena!

ELENA

So, there must be an age limit for your car, to drive Lyft?

FREDDIE

Yep, fifteen years.

SOPHIE

Freddie just made it. Right, Freddie?

FREDDIE

Well, technically, some parts are newer, but some parts are older, so yeah, it averages about fourteen, fifteen years. That fender was older, so it's cool I lost it last week.

SOPHIE

Freddie's riding a wave of good luck lately.

ELENA

I can see that.

SOPHIE

Oh, sis, come on, is that sarcasm? We said we'd be nice, remember? This is our grand adventure! Making our first film together!

ELENA

I'm sorry. It's just the New Yorker in me.

(to Freddie)

Nothing personal, Freddie.

FREDDIE

No worries. That kinda stuff doesn't bother me. It's like water off a duck's beak.

ELENA

"Back."

FREDDIE

Yeah, your sister tells me you're making a horror film, yeah?

ELENA

Yes, that's what we have the budget for:

(dismayed)

Horror.

FREDDIE

I love horror films!

ELENA

We're doing horror because it's cheap, and easy to make, and easy to sell.

SOPHIE

Horror films are awesome! I'm with Freddie on that.

FREDDIE

Yo! Horror!

ELENA

I wish I could have helped out more with the preproduction on this.

SOPHIE

It's okay.

ELENA

It's just that i just wrapped an Off-Broadway show.

SOPHIE

I'm so proud of my little sister.

ELENA

And I've got another one going up in less than two weeks. I'm the sole producer on that one, so we've only got 10 days to shoot this. You got that?

SOPHIE

You're tearing it up in NY, and I'm tearing it up in LA. Woohoo!

ELENA

It's a horror film; 10 days should be doable. I hope.

SOPHIE

Oh, totally. I called in favors from some friends.

ELENA

So the networking thing is working for you out here?

SOPHIE

Oh, totally.

ELENA

Good. Well, you've got the personality for it, I guess.

SOPHIE I got it covered. You can relax, El.

ELENA

(tired)

FREDDIE

Elly-elena!

Elena rolls her eyes, leans her head against the window and tries to sleep.