

BLINDFOLD

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28 Plays Later – Challenge 14

A remote holiday cottage

A Here you are!

B It's nice

A Here's the bathroom, the remote control. Let me know if you need anything else.

B Thanks

C Here you are

A Good night

B Alone at last

C I'm just going to check in with work

B Right now?

C One minute

B preps the room for romance

C There's no signal, let me try outside

C exits through the double doors that lead outside

Knock on the door, B opens. D stands there

D Hi...

B Shh!

D What?

B You're early

D I'm right on time

B Shit. Look, just wait outside – I'll come get you

D You're paying for my time, you choose what you want me to do with it

D exits

C reenters

B HI

C You ok?

B All done?

C Yeah, I might have to check in later though

B Come here

B kisses her

C OK

B Sit down

C OK

B Let's try something new

C Do we have to?

B Please, for me. You agreed to try

C Alright. Fine

C sits. B blindfolds her

C Seriously?

B Sshh. Don't move. Don't take it off

B kisses her.

B Now wait here, I've left something in the car

B opens the door, lets in D 'ssh-ing' her, the door shuts

C relaxes

D enters, looks at C.

D walks to C, bends over and kisses her

C panics, screams, hits D

D falls to the floor, hitting her head violently on the side of the table

B Shit!

C Oh my god – are you there?

C takes off blindfold

C What the fuck?

B Oh my god.

C What, who?

B She's not moving

C Is she dead? Who is she – oh my god she's dead!

B Shh – keep your voice down

C What's going on?

B She was for you! For us!
C A prostitute?
B An escort
C Oh my god.
B You said, you said you wanted to try a threesome
C What?! When?
B Ages ago
C Before we were married? Oh my god
B I'm sorry

Knock on the door

B Shit!
C Quick, move her

They drag D into the bathroom

Knock and A enters

A Everything alright?
C Yes
B Fine
A No problems with the room?
C No
B We're all good
A I heard a scream
C Oh, that was me. I saw a spider
A A spider
B She has arachnophobia
A I see
C Really badly
B But don't worry I got rid of it
A Yes, we do get a few spiders out here in the country
C I'll try not to scream if I see another
A No, no problem.

A turns to leave, there is a bang from the bathroom

A frowns, strides to the bathroom door, opens

B smashes A on the head with a lamp. A dies

C Oh my god!

B What?

C What did you do?

B I had to! If he saw the prostitute

C Oh my god

B I'm thinking of you

C We could have explained!

B Then what? He'd tell the police, it'd get in the press

C Yes

B I did it for you

C Shit

D re-enters

B Fuck!

D My head hurts

B We thought you were dead

D That was a bit harder than I was expecting

B What?

C Sorry

B What?!

C Look, things have gotten a bit out of control

B You know her?

C Yes.

B How?!

C I was on your computer. You left the website open

B So, so you decided to make me think you'd killed her?

C She told me about the photos

B What?

C Stop it!

D Is he dead?

C I don't know

B What photos?

C Stop it.

B I don't know what you're talking about

D He's not breathing

C The photos. The photos! You were going to take photos of me and her and sell it to the papers.

B No I.

C I knew we were going through some shit in our marriage, but this was going too far

B I. I didn't want you to leave me

C You were going to blackmail me into staying?

D Should we call an ambulance?

C&B No!

B I wasn't going to blackmail you. I. I just. Didn't want to lose custody of the kids

C SO it was blackmail

B They're my kids! I'm the one that's at home with them every day while you're off on the campaign trail! Me. Me that's given up work to look after them. Me supporting your subversive 21st century family brand and image. Me!

C I would never leave you

B I don't believe you. You've been so distant, I never see you, you don't see the kids. You've been spending so much time with Anthony.

C Anthony?

B Don't deny it

C He's my PR man. I need him

B Every day?

D Seriously, the blood is staining the carpet – do you two want to sort this out later?

C Fine. What do we do now?

B I don't know.

C You killed a man

B You killed a prostitute!

D I'm an escort. Look, we need to get him out of here. My car's outside.

C Fine. Do you know where we can take him?

D Yeah, my uncle. He. He can help us. Let me make a call

D exits into the bathroom

B I can't believe this

C We can't let her go

B What?

C She knows

B So?

C So we can't let her go! She'll tell the press

B Oh god

C Look. You killed a man. Right? You're fucked which means I'm fucked if that gets out. But right now she's the only witness. We're in the middle of nowhere, there's no other cottages for miles – we can fix this.

D re-enters

D Sorted. He says we can bring him right over. What?

B grabs her

C On the bed!

B pushes D onto the bed, restraining her

C grabs a pillow and suffocates D

D dies.

C Right

B Right

B and C look at each

C I'm sorry

B What?

C I'll sack Anthony

B Thanks

C I love you

B I love you too.

They kiss

