

The Magic Number Twelve Draft 3

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LOGLINE: In a mental institution, a troubled woman visits her sister in order to tell her about a tragic event.

LENGTH: 8 minutes

GENRE: Drama/comedy

LANGUAGE: English

LOCATION: Flat/2-rooms in a city

CHARACTERS: Blanca, Billie and the nurse Agnes.

1 SCENE 1. INT. LIVINGROOM - DAY 1

BLANCA (21) stands in the livingroom. She looks around and see that it's sparsely furnished with a nondescript sofa, table, wardrobe and a naked wall. The curtains hang lifeless in front of the window. The only colourful item is the rug on the floor and the hoodie that lies on the sofa.

Blanca turns her head towards a sound in the kitchen. The sound is a bit strange. She walks towards the door and looks inside.

2 SCENE 2. INT KITCHEN - DAY 2

Blanca sees her sister BILLIE (23) inside the kitchen. She washes the window with a white cloth. The kitchen is as sparsely furnished as the livingroom, with an ordinary table and two chairs. The walls are naked and there are no curtains in front of the windows.

BLANCA

Hi!

Billie continues to wash the window without answering Blanca. Blanca enters the kitchen slowly and stops inside the door.

BLANCA CONT'D

I heard you from the livingroom.

Blanca studies Billie while Billie do the cleaning. Billie wears a long summer dress that follows her movements.

BLANCA CONT'D

Do you need any help with that?

Blanca walks slowly towards Billie and stops next to her. She leans forward to look at Billie's face.

Billie doesn't give any indication that she notice Blanca. She stops cleaning, change hands, and continues to wash.

BLANCA CONT'D

This is nice. It's easier to see if
there are birds outside.

When Billie doesn't answer, Blanca turns around. She leans
towards the counter/wall and looks at Billie.

3 SCENE 3. INT. HALL - DAY 3

Blanca stops next to a wardrobe. She opens the doors and
search through the clothes. She finds a summer dress similar
to the one Billie is wearing and puts it on.

4 SCENE 4. INT. KITCHEN - DAY 4

Blanca stops behind Billie when she enters the kitchen and
holds out her dress for Billie to see. Billie continues to
wash.

BLANCA

Remember? The B-twins.

Blanca circle around herself while she holds the dress.
Billie doesn't look at her.

BLANCA CONT'D

Do you know what this remind me
off? That trip to...what was the
name again?

Blanca looks up at Billie with a smile on her face,
expecting Billie to smile back. Only she doesn't.

BLANCA CONT'D

(low)

Alicante.

Billie keeps on cleaning. Blanca looks at the motions. It
seems like there is some kind of rhythm.

Blanca opens a drawer, it's empty. She opens an other one,
it's also empty. In the third drawer she finds a pink cloth
for cleaning. She stands in front of the window and imitate
the way Billie cleans. There is a pattern to Billie's
cleaning.

Blanca starts to clean the window and they both wash it in
silence for several minutes. It looks as if Blanca tries to
disturb Billie and Billie seems to be even more determined
to wash it properly.

BLANCA CONT'D
1-2-3-9-10-12-change. 1-2-3...

Blanca starts to shake her ass while she cleans. It looks like she is dancing.

Billie suddenly stops and looks at something outside. Blanca also peers outside.

Billie starts to clean the window again, and Blanca follows.

BLANCA CONT'D
1-2-3-4...

BILLIE
5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-change

They say change at the same time. Billie stops cleaning and stares at Blanca. Blanca slows down and seems uncertain about what Billie will do. They look at each other.

BILLIE CONT'D
You're the one with angel wings.

Blanca's face turns into a big smile.

BLANCA
I have to tell you...

Blanca looks out the window. She has an uncertain look on her face.

BLANCA
A sparrow! It's beautiful. That reminds me: I talked to Nico the neighbour. He wants us to pet sit Charlie.

Billie turns towards the window again and continues to wash.

5 SCENE 5. INT. LIVINGROOM - DAY

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Blanca looks underneath the hoodie that lies on the sofa. Nothing there. She lifts the only pillow on the sofa and it has a hole underneath so what's inside falls down on the floor. It's a book. She stuff the book back inside and continues to search.

Blanca opens the doors to the closet and search through the clothes.

6 SCENE 6. INT. KITCHEN - DAY

6

Blanca comes back into the kitchen again. Billie has changed the cloth into a huge towel and she dries the window with it but it gets in the way all the time.

Blanca stops next to Billie. The big towels dance around their heads.

Blanca bites her own lip, it looks like she hesitates.

BLANCA

Billie, there is something...

Blanca shakes her head. The towel falls between them and she waits until she can see Billie's face.

BLANCA CONT'D

(each word slowly)

...there is something I have to
tell you, and perhaps...

Billie stops wiping the window and walks out of the kitchen with the towel trailing on the floor behind her.

After a few seconds, Blanca follows.

7 SCENE 7. INT. LIVINGROOM - DAY

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Blanca looks around and see that Billie is gone.

Blanca takes the summer dress off. She folds it slowly.

8 SCENE 8. INT. HALL - DAY

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Blanca opens the wardrobe to put the dress back. She takes out a jeans jacket and puts it on. She looks at herself in the mirror and she seems defeated. She puts her right hand inside the pockets of her trouser and takes a picture of a dog out of it. The dog has a kind face.

She watches the picture for a moment while caressing it with her right thumb.

She stops for a moment a looks towards the kitchen.

We hear a sound of someone moving something.

Blanca walks back to the kitchen again.

9 SCENE 9. INT. KITCHEN - DAY

9

Billie sits at one of the bench next to the wall. She looks out the window.

Blanca fidget with the picture and stops in front of Billie. Blanca gives her the picture and Billie takes it but looks at Blanca.

BILLIE

Where have you hidden the wings?

A smile flashes over Blanca's face.

BLANCA

Do you see who that is?

Billie looks down on the picture.

BILLIE

Yes, Magic. How is he?

BLANCA

I have tried to tell you. He...

Blanca looks almost scared.

BLANCA CONT'D

Magic died. He died.

Billie looks down.

BILLIE

Okay.

Blanca starts to walk back and forth. Billie holds up the picture.

BILLIE CONT'D

It's okay, Blanca. He was old.

BLANCA

Twelve?

BILLIE

Twelve. Look!

Billie shows the picture to Blanca.

BILLIE CONT'D

I think he's smiling at us.

Billie holds the picture next to her face and smiles to Blanca while she imitates Magic (the dog).

Blanca starts to cry (?). Billie gives Blanca a long hug.

BILLIE CONT'D

Do you remember when we saw Magic
for the first time? In Spain. We
had to speak Spanish for him to
understand. Sienta te!

BLANCA

Sienta te!

Blanca laughs and let go of Billie. She points to the ground
as if there is a dog there.

BLANCA CONT'D

Sienta te!

BILLIE

Sienta te!

AGNES

Sorry for the interruption.

Both Billie and Blanca looks at the nurse AGNES(45).

AGNES

Visiting time is over.

Blanca smiles to her. Billie gives the picture back to
Blanca. Billie study Blanca for a moment with a lovingly
expression on her face and then she exit the kitchen.

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SCENE 10. INT. LIVINGROOM - DAY

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The door to the hall opens.

Blanca enters the livingroom as if expecting to see Billie.

The nurse smiles to her.

AGNES

It's time for your medicine.

Blanca looks at her and then nods slowly.

THE END