

LIE OR DIE ?

31th October 2017, it is Halloween's night in London. A group of friends is outside to celebrate this mythical party by going to a bar. There are three men and two women. Among them, Mery and James, 34 and 39 years old, make an acquaintance and fall in love very quickly. Mery is a brunette, quite small, who doesn't have much money. Despite her outward chain, Mery is schizophrenic. She finds it hard to concentrate or maintain a conversation. Her behaviour shows to James that Mery is different from to other women but he doesn't think directly that she has a disease. Mery lives alone in an abandoned house close to the Epping forest. Epping forest is a former royal forest, very vast. The legend around this forest is creepy: obviously it's a murder place where murderers drop off dead bodies. James unlike Mery is a rich man, the heir to his parents. He is brown, tall man and very charismatic. He lives in his manor in Chelsea. Few days later, Mery and James become a couple and decide to live together in the manor of James. Mery was ashamed of her disease and decide to keep it a secret. The problem is that the behaviour of Mery is different compared to other women, especially when she have her hallucination like when she hears baby screams, when she believes someone is calling her by her name, when she sees her grandpa who died a very long time ago... To none sure her boyfriend James does not see and thinks she has a problem, Mery decides to involve James in her schizophrenia, that is to say she decides to convince James about the baby screams, her grandpa, someone calling out Mery, about all of their false convictions. Mery persuades her boyfriend about her hallucinations. James is not stupid and not naïve so he doesn't believe in Mery for more weeks. After these weeks, Mery continues to persuade James about her hallucinations but a distance has grown between them. A tense atmosphere is settling in. It's a heavy atmosphere, the couple talks less and less, more doubts are developing and James has questions. He wonders why his girlfriend hears and sees many things during a long time but not him. He decides to talk about that to Mery:

"Mery... can I tell you, it's important"

"Yes James"

"I would like to talk to you about me. I know you see your grandpa, you hear screams, your name, you feel all things differently from me, you see objects, persons, animals in the garden and I'm worried because I'm so different from you. I think I have a problem with my ears or my eyes because, you understand, I don't see the same things as you and I don't hear everything! t's disturbing!"

"James, don't worry, maybe you are tired and you don't focus on everything"

"Okay... you are be right"

More day pass, James sleeps often to regain her strength. Mery is guilty about her boyfriend because it's disrespectful and dangerous for him but it's too late to reveal the truth. We are in february, James is still "unwell" and he doesn't see and hear the same things as Mery. He thinks he is mad! He searches on the Internet what the reasons are for his problem. Most of the time, the results are about the consequences of the schizophrenia or of the cataract. For James, he is schizophrenic and he can't accept that. He doesn't want Mery to have to stand his disease because it's complicated to handle schizophrenia. The couple is distant and cold again. On 12th february, during a rainy day, gloomy atmosphere, Mery finds James hanged at the tree behind the manor around 09AM. James is dead. He kills him out of love for Mary. He did not want her live every day with a schizophrenic man, it's a lot of responsibility and he doesn't want Mery to live all of the bad side to the disease. When Mery discover the corpse, she is appalled and wan. She feels guilty about the death of James. He is died for her, thinking that he is schizophrenic but in reality, it's just Mery who doesn't accept her disease. At the end of february, Mery goes missing. There is a trail around her former abandoned house close to the Epping forest. Policemen think she has disappeared in this forest. Never will the corpse of Mery, ever be found...