

13 Hours

The Nest

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There are six speaking roles

Characters:

Anni

Mum

Leader of the group of intruders

Shorter man, member of the group of intruders

Giant man, member of the group of intruders

Tall woman, member of the group of intruders

The characters are grouped together as though in a crowded room. Anni and her mum are huddled close whilst the group of other characters pace around the room and look agitated.

Leader I'm going to ask you some questions. Don't shout for help or make any loud noise. Nobody will hear you anyway. Your neighbours are too far away.

Anni (*Breathless and anxious*) Who are you? What do you want?

Leader (*Looking at Anni's mum*) Do you live here?

Mum Yes.

Anni How did you get into the house?

Leader Who else lives here?

Anni My dad and my three brothers. They are at work, but they'll be home any minute. minute.

Leader Oh great! (*Shakes her head*) Just great! Wonderful. Our first chance to prove prove ourselves and it's over before we've started.

Giant man Let's get the hell out of here. I knew it was a mistake and would blow up in our faces.

Shorter man Unless she's lying...?

Tall woman Don't lie to me.

Anni I'm not.

Tall woman If six people *really* lived here, there's no way we would have been informed the house was empty.

Leader (*Groans and paces back and forth, her fists bunched*) Stop messing about and tell us who lives here.

Mum Leave her alone. (*Hugs Anni towards her*)

Anni It's just me and my mum. She was injured in a car accident years ago and isn't very well. She can't walk without sticks and never leaves the house. Take anything you want. Just leave us alone, please.

Shorter man Christ! This gets worse by the second. We should just get out of here right now...

Leader (*Spins around angrily to confront him*) And what about all the work? All the planning? We can't give up just like that!

Shorter man I know all that J – (*stops himself revealing name*). We just...we didn't expect (*waves hands*) this...

Leader We need to think things over and decide how to move forward. Agreed?

Shorter man Agreed.

Mum What are you going to do to us?

Leader (*Looks around the room and points*) What's that room there?

Anni It's where my mum sleeps. She can't get upstairs.

Leader Take your mum in there and sit down.

Anni places her arm around her mother's waist and guides her off stage in the direction of the bedroom.