

MOYROID MEOW

"Teaser"

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EXT. STREET - DAY

A busy sidewalk. Alien MOYROIDS move alongside humans with complete normalcy. Nobody looks twice at anyone.

ABBY BACKSTAR (27) walks mid-stride toward a store entrance. She moves like someone who stopped being surprised by the world a long time ago.

INT. GROCERY STORE - CONTINUOUS

Abby moves through the aisles. The shelves are stocked almost entirely with Moyroid brands -- Pepze, Mowtin Deu, MarekKlen. Familiar shapes, wrong names.

She doesn't notice. Or she stopped noticing years ago.

She grabs a can off a near-empty shelf.

CLOSE ON THE CAN

"NOURISH BITES -- Great for Cats and Humans!" Moyroid branding. A cartoon cat and a cartoon human give matching thumbs up.

She tosses it into her basket without looking.

Abby rounds the corner toward the exit and slows.

A FLYER is taped to the wall beside the checkout lane. A cheerful Moyroid mascot waves beside a smiling cartoon cat. Pepze branding in the corner.

FLYER (V.O.)

DONATE YOUR CAT FOR A PEPZE!

Moyroid approved!

Abby stares at it for a moment. Something flickers across her face. Then it's gone.

She steps into the checkout lane.

A FLY ALIEN CASHIER scans her items with practiced efficiency. Multiple arms working at once. He doesn't look

up. She doesn't look at him.

The can passes under the scanner.

She takes her bag and leaves.

EXT. STREET - LATER

Abby walks home. Bag under her arm.

INT. APARTMENT BUILDING - LOBBY - CONTINUOUS

Another FLY ALIEN sits behind the reception desk, sorting mail with six arms. Efficient. Unbothered.

Abby walks past without looking up. The fly doesn't acknowledge her either.

Just another Tuesday.

INT. HALLWAY - FOURTH FLOOR - CONTINUOUS

Abby rounds the corner toward her apartment and stops.

Her door is open.

Not unlocked. Open. The frame splintered. Something forced its way in -- or took something out.

She stares at it.

The grocery bag slips from her grip.

It hits the floor. A CAN rolls out and settles against the baseboard.

CLOSE ON THE CAN

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The can just sits there.

Behind it, out of frame, we hear ABBY move inside.

The sound of drawers pulled open. A closet door thrown back. Furniture shifted. Fast. Urgent.

The camera does not follow her.

It stays on the can.

The hallway light hums.

The screen begins to dim slowly -- not a cut, just the world going quiet around the edges.

Her searching continues in the dark. Getting smaller.

ABBY (O.S.)

Guffin?

Silence.

The audio stops.

SMASH CUT TO:

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FADE OUT.