

A WOMAN WITH BROKEN WINGS

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FADE IN:

SUPER: 1996, NEW YORK CITY

EXT./INT. JACK'S APARTMENT -- DAY

JACK (30), Caucasian, a good looking university staffer, young, but something is hidden in his young face. He turns the key of the apartment. The door opens -- one bedroom apartment.

It's so clean and orderly, it's creepy.

XING-XING (24), slender, a Chinese student, trusting, naive. She draws a breath, nervous.

Jack takes off his jacket, revealing his white shirt.

Jack takes out a CD. CD slides into the CD player.

Miles Davis "So What"

Jack pours wine into a glass and hands Xing-xing the glass.

JACK

What's your plan after graduation?

XING-XING

I don't know...

Xing-xing lowers her head, shy.

They both sit down by the couch, Xing-xing, sits a bit far from Jack.

Jack gestures Xing-xing to sit close to him. Xing-xing hesitates. Jack moves closer. Xing-xing moves away, uneasy. Jack moves again, aggressively, besides Xing-xing. He breathes hard and presses Xing-xing's hand. Xing-xing can't move any more.

Xing-xing QUIVERS.

Jack unzips his pants, sways his buttocks. The pants slide down revealing his black underwear with a Playboy rabbit logo.

JACK

(humiliating)

You have done this a lot, haven't you.

Xing-xing's PANIC EYES.

INT. XING-XING'S APARTMENT -- LATER

The room is quite empty. A bed is pushed against the wall by the side.

Xing-xing lies in bed and curls up like a ball. Her eyes stare at the window. Her face spells SHAME. Tears run down her cheek.

INT. XING-XING'S HOUSE (DAY)

Super: 2018, LOS ANGELES

CNN is on TV.

REPORTER (O.S.)

She wishes to testify, provided that we can agree on terms that are fair and which ensure her safety...A hearing on Monday is not possible and the Committee's insistence that it occur then is arbitrary in any event...

Xing-xing (42), still slender, cautious and repressed, pauses what she is doing and stands in front of the TV.

The footage shows demonstrators, Democratic party, President Trump...

Her face tightens.

INT. XING-XING'S STUDY -- DAY

Xing-xing sits by the desk. Magazines, receipts, headphone, picture frames, neatly arranged on the desk. In the center of the space, a laptop.

She opens the cover of the laptop and clicks on the W logo. The word processor opens up. An empty sheet.

She types. Fonts appear and cursor rolls.

XING-XING (V.O.)

Praise, Sarah is doing well at school...

Xing-xing stops for a second.

Xing-xing pulls up the browser and types in google search.

"JACK BROWN"