

Thesis Screenplay Summary for Broken Chain

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In our near future, the renting of people's bodies has commoditized into a bizarre beauty industry. Sibyl (23) and her lover Greta (26) are both registered surrogates at Alter Scope, the number one body leasing company in the world. Sibyl discovers that Greta is developing a strange sickness, which may be connected to the nature of this 'surrogacy'. When this sickness gets worse Greta commits suicide.

Sibyl becomes convinced that Greta's body and mind were being surrogated at the time and that a customer, therefore, murdered her. Through her investigation Sibyl manages to compel her brother (Cody), a technician that is addicted to leasing surrogates, to help her find out who covered up this murder? Sibyl investigates Alter Scope's owner, Boudica, a powerful recluse who hides her identity by fluctuating between dozens of her own personal surrogates. Sibyl also befriends Larissa Abney, the scientific creator of surrogacy, who suspects that Boudica is behind a black market that is selling off surrogates to customers for permanent take over.

Sibyl begins to suffer from a similar illness as Greta, confusing her own memories, desires and habits with that of her clients. Sibyl realizes, now, the full damage surrogacy has had on her. Sibyl and Cody attempt to infiltrate the company's medical files on surrogates so they can release them to the world. During this attempt, Sibyl is captured and told by Boudica that she is going to have her brain wiped so she can be sold off to a customer for permanent take over.

Sibyl confronts Boudica about killing Greta, but is shocked to learn that Boudica had nothing to do with Greta's death, as she had wished to sell Greta to a client for permanent take over too. Sibyl manages to break free and uploads incriminating evidence about the company, across the Alter Scope building, for all the customers to witness. The company switches off the power in the building to stop the video, which also switches off every active surrogacy session in progress, causing mass chaos as surrogates all over the city drop on unconscious.

The incident causes many investigations into Alter Scope. Sibyl meets with Larissa Abney, who has now been promoted after Boudica's arrest. Sibyl however uncovers that Larissa Abney killed Greta. Abney had been surrogating Greta for years and felt she had a right to her. Abney decided to kill Greta rather than let Boudica sell her off to someone else. Sibyl exposes Abney. Despite all that Sibyl has done, body leasing remains as popular as ever, and even her brother is still struggling with his addiction. Sibyl leaves the city to get away from the industry, that she was once so dependent on, in the hopes of discovering who she can be outside of it.

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