

ECHOES

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TEASER

EXT. BEACH - CRASH SITE - DAY

INSERT - A WOMAN'S EYE OPENS

BACK TO SCENE

ALEX WOLFE, 34, female with brown hair and piercing blue eyes comes into consciousness. Rain falls on her face and lightning flashes.

Alex lays in the sand as the storm crashes around her. Her skin is tan and wet. The sound of a woman's muffled screaming echoes over the sound of Alex's erratic breathing.

ACE (O.S.)

Alex! Alex!

Alex's erratic breathing gets louder.

Alex stares up at a frantic ACE PORTER, 35, Alex's ex-best friend, thin figure, feminine face, short dark hair, and dark eyes.

Ace stands over her, the sunlight casts behind her, Ace snaps her fingers next to Alex's ear. Ace's voice becomes clearer.

ACE (CONT'D)

Alex! Can you hear me?

Thunder crashes. Alex snaps into a sitting position. She looks left then right, shakes her head, and turns to Ace.

ALEX

Yes... yes. I can hear you.

Ace grabs Alex's face with her hands.

ACE

I need you to focus.

Alex nods and scans the area.

ELIZA WILDER, 23, female, long dark hair, perfect skin, thin and petite, lies lifeless on the sand 25 feet away.

JADE, 18, female, screams and struggles to stay above water. A man clumsily swims out to save her.

JADE

Help! I can't swim!

Ace turns her attention to Jade and runs towards the water. Lightning flashes in the sky.

Alex jumps to her feet and runs toward the unconscious body on the shore.

Seaweed in Eliza's hair moves back and forth as the waves wash over her body. Alex drops to her knees and begins CPR.

After a few steps in, Ace effortlessly dives in the water and swims towards Jade.

EXT. BEACH - WATER - DAY

KODAH, 28, Alex's assistant and a flamboyant gay man, struggles to tread water next to the drowning woman.

Jade frantically kicks and flails knocking Kodah in the head.

Kodah slips under water. He pops up again, terrified.

KODAH

Girl. I need you to calm down.
You're gonna kill us both, and I'm
too cute to die.

Ace approaches the drowning pair. She pulls Kodah back to a safe distance from the panicking girl.

ACE

Kodah, can you swim?

KODAH

I got here didn't I? Even if I
almost died thanks to her ass.

Ace looks in the direction of Alex on the beach as she performs CRP on Eliza.

JADE (O.S.)

Help me!

ACE

Get back to shore, I got her.

Ace swims in Jade's direction.

KODAH

Damn lesbians. Always gotta try to
out-butch me.

Kodah swims away.

EXT. BEACH - SHORELINE - DAY

He closes in on the shore and a body brushes his foot.

KODAH
Wahhhh! What just touched
my foot?

Kodah runs flailing towards the shore in a panic.

Kodah stops. He squints and turns in the direction of the body. He turns back to shore, then hesitates.

KODAH (CONT'D)
Damnit.

Kodah takes a breath and clumsily dives towards the body.

EXT. BEACH - WATER - DAY

Ace swims up as Janet screams and her head goes under water. Ace dives under and pops up with Jade in her arms.

ACE
Hey, look at me.

Jade stops screaming but continues to struggle.

JADE
Your skinny ass can't hold us both
up. I can't swim.

ACE
I get that you don't trust me, but
your only other option is drowning.

Jade looks conflicted, but she nods. Ace swims towards shore, carrying the weight of Jade.

ACE (CONT'D)
Good. You're doing good. We're
almost there.

Jade grabs Ace's arm and squeezes.

EXT. BEACH - SHORELINE - DAY

Kodah rises out of the water with SKY, 27, female, tall with an athletic build, emotionally damaged with a heart of gold. Kodah struggles under the weight of her.

EXT. BEACH - CRASH SITE - DAY

Alex kneels next to Eliza and performs chest compressions, she gives her a breath when Eliza's eyes open.

Eliza coughs up water, and gasps for air. Her breathing is erratic, she sits up and looks at Alex with hate in her eyes.

ELIZA

You --

Alex curiously squints at her. Eliza shakes her head and continues to cough up water.

ALEX

You're going to be okay.

ELIZA

It just had to be you.

ALEX

I'm sorry, I don't think we've met.

ELIZA

(annoyed)

Nothing. I mean... thank you.

KODAH (O.S.)

Help!

Alex nods and runs off in Kodah's direction.

EXT. BEACH - SHORELINE - DAY (CONTINUOUS)

Kodah struggles under the weight of Sky. He collapses in the shallow water.

KODAH

Somebody help! She's not breathing!

Alex approaches Kodah.

Alex and Kodah each grab an arm and they drag Sky onto the sand. Kodah kneels next to Sky, the waves wash over her feet. He breaths into her mouth then hesitates.

KODAH (CONT'D)

You know, this might be a bad time to pretend I know what I'm doing.

Kodah leans back. Alex drops to her knees and begins CPR.

End of Teaser