

SERVANT (APPLE) EPISODE 408 SYNOPSIS

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OPEN on the attic, nighttime. Water drips from the skylight as we see LEANNE watching a live news report. CINDY BLAIR is 'on the scene', being storm-blown as she expounds on the weather. They move to a nearby storm drain to witness a flood of rats scurrying out of the gutter. In SEAN's office, we see JULIAN busy on his laptop as a background T.V. plays the same newscast. He is researching 'Conversion Disorder' – someone can become mute without a clear medical reason. LEANNE appears behind him, JULIAN stammering out an excuse for the research. Affectionate at first, LEANNE backs away knowing something is wrong. In the master bedroom, DOROTHY has the same newscast on as well. SEAN enters, softly instructing her to shut it off as he wheels in a sleeping JERICHO. DOROTHY is content with SEAN's behavior, which is juxtaposed with our knowledge that the baby isn't actually JERICHO.

We move to the PARK PEOPLE outside, as they struggle to keep watch over the house while wet and freezing. SNAKE appears on the patio, getting LEANNE's attention. LEANNE states to a protesting SNAKE that they need to leave to find shelter. Reluctantly, she goes, surprising LEANNE with her utter devotion to her. Back in the master bedroom, SEAN gets up in the middle of the night. We move to the basement wine cellar, where SEAN and JULIAN are awake and staring into the mouth of the grated tunnels UNCLE GEORGE had talked about in 407. They talk about getting her down here, to be picked up by UNCLE GEORGE and taken away from them. They argue about who is going to lure her, JULIAN reluctantly volunteering. Back in the master bedroom, DOROTHY is awakened to a banging noise coming from the nursery. Her and LEANNE discover it at the same time; the window open and letting the storm inside. They have a brief exchange, where the power dynamic between the two women has shifted in DOROTHY's favor.

We move to the master bathroom, where DOROTHY is laboriously tearing the now-wet bandages off her body as she steps into the shower. This SMASHCUTs with LEANNE back in her attic bedroom as she grabs a ladder and ascends to the dripping skylight. She props it open, the entire glass tearing off it's hinges. She climbs to the roof, standing defiantly in the storm while yelling, 'is that all you've got?'. JULIAN catches her in this act, witnessing her insanity on full display as he pleads for her to get down. Once she does, he grabs at her and begins dragging her to the stairwell. LEANNE cries out for SEAN, which appears and begins aiding JULIAN in carrying her to the basement. A visceral struggle ensues, with LEANNE fighting as hard as she can to resist as they manhandle her through the house. They barely manage to successfully get her into the basement, tying her up with rope while gagging her with one of SEAN's chef towels. She strap her to one of DOROTHY's wheelchairs and push her into the underground tunnel. They see light ahead, swiftly revealed to be UNCLE GEORGE with two cultists with him, the light being that of a fire built directly in the tunnel. They hand her over to him, JULIAN having a moment of hesitancy as he is lead away by SEAN.

Back in the master bathroom, an oblivious DOROTHY steps out of her shower to hear JERICHO wailing as if he is in pain. She reacts instinctively, grabbing her walker too fast and falling hard in the bathroom. Crying and in agony, she begins to crawl to her son. She gets to him eventually, his demeanor calming when he sees her. Back in the tunnels, UNCLE GEORGE removes LEANNE's gag, stating, 'we both know exactly what you are'. LEANNE and him have a conversation referring to, 'serving Him', LEANNE stating to UNCLE GEORGE that she, 'will never serve Him again'. UNCLE GEORGE responds by crying, unsettling LEANNE, as he states, 'a world of endless suffering, unless you chose to end it. And save us all'. As he speaks, one of the cultists pulls the blade of the angel killing knife from the fire. He places it in her hand, stating that she must kill herself. Being convinced

at the idea of giving DOROTHY a happy life, her trance ends when UNCLE GEORGE mentions her, 'wickedness'. She drives the knife into UNCLE GEORGE's head, the two cultists turning to run. LEANNE gives chase, catching the first cultist and slamming her head into the stone tunnel wall until blood splatters across LEANNE's face. A brief chase ensues, with the other cultist running into a dead end before LEANNE is on him, shattering the lantern he holds and slitting his throat with a shard of the broken glass. Moments later, she reemerges to the now dead body of UNCLE GEORGE. She performs the angel killing ritual, burning his eyes out with a flaming stick and throwing his body onto the fire.

CUT back to the kitchen, minutes later. SEAN and JULIAN are still processing the events of the night when they hear footsteps coming up stairs. SEAN grabs a knife as the storm intensifies. JULIAN is convinced that UNCLE GEORGE lied to them, and LEANNE really does have powers. As SEAN starts to protest, the patio door blows open. He stumbles, impaling himself on the knife he was holding. As LEANNE emerges from the stairwell, smiling, JULIAN tries to reason with her as she grabs him and shoves him down the basement stairs. He falls into the sinkhole, causing the wine shelves to collapse in with him, an intact bottle cracking him across the forehead. Back in the master bedroom, DOROTHY hears the commotion downstairs and begins crawling her way toward it. We move back to the kitchen, where SEAN calls out as LEANNE approaches him. She grabs the still-protruding knife and pulls it out. JULIAN chokes and sputters downstairs, barely able to save himself from drowning in the pit. Back upstairs, LEANNE staunches the bleeding of SEAN's wound with a towel while calling 9-1-1. DOROTHY emerges from the stairwell to see her sitting calmly as sirens begin to blare from outside.

As the EMTs take the two men away on stretchers into the stormy night, LEANNE ascends the stairs in front of a crawling, injured DOROTHY. With a look of triumph, LEANNE states, 'It's just you and me now'.

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