PATHOGEN 3:4:5

AUDITION SIDES · Hectic Films Productions · Written & Directed by Rickey Bird · Self-Tape Auditions

LENA — Lead

Female · Playing age 20–29 · Principal role

These are selected excerpts from the October 13, 2026 screenplay. Actors should have someone read the other character's dialogue off-camera. For the supernatural moments, use your imagination — no makeup or special effects required for the audition.

> ***Direction:*** *Lena is exhausted, frightened, and desperate. We're looking for believable fear, especially in close-up.*

EPISODE 5 · INT. LENA'S BEDROOM / BATHROOM — NIGHT

Lena wakes suddenly. Something has been moving beneath her bedsheet.

She screams, kicks, and yanks the sheet away.

Nothing is there.

Lena gasps for air. She stares at her phone.

LENA
Please... just make it stop.

Her phone rings.

SARAH (ON PHONE)
Have you heard anything from Maya?

LENA
No. Nothing.

SARAH
What about the girl who survived?

LENA
She made somebody else watch it. It stopped for a while. Then the whispers came back.

SARAH
Lena, you haven't sent it to anybody, have you?

Lena looks at her phone.

LENA
No.

SARAH
Don't do anything. I'm coming over right now.

The call ends. Lena rubs her eyes. Black residue covers her fingers.

LENA
What the fuck?

She looks into a mirror.

LENA
Oh my God...

WHAT WE WANT TO SEE

- Wake up in a real panic — fast breathing, heart pounding. Make us believe something was under that sheet.
- “Please... just make it stop” — barely a whisper, right on the edge of tears.
- On the phone, you're hiding something. Let us see the guilt when Sarah asks if you sent it.
- The black residue: slow realization first, then the fear creeps in.
- The mirror: let the horror hit your face before the line comes out.
- Then let's hear your scream. One full-out scream to finish the take.

Protect your voice: warm up before you scream, and one strong take is enough.

SELF-TAPE INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in our upcoming supernatural horror series, written and directed by Rickey Bird. Please submit:

1. **Slate:** State your name, location, and the role you're auditioning for.

2. **Audition:** Perform the provided scene with another person reading opposite you, if applicable.

3. **Framing:** Record horizontally or vertically in a medium close-up, with your face clearly visible.

4. **Lighting and audio:** Use simple, natural lighting and clear sound. Professional equipment is not required.

5. **Performance:** Keep your acting grounded and believable. We're looking for authentic reactions rather than exaggerated horror performances.

How to send it: upload your self-tape to YouTube or Vimeo (unlisted is fine), then submit the link with a recent headshot and any acting résumé or demo reel at **hecticfilms.com/casting**.

Production: PATHOGEN 3:4:5 **Director:** Rickey Bird
Production company: Hectic Films Productions **Location:** Bakersfield, California area

Some things are better left unseen.