PATHOGEN 3:4:5

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

LENA'S MOTHER — Featured, non-speaking

Female · Playing age 40–65

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:*** *We want a subtle, unsettling performance rather than an exaggerated possession.*

EPISODE 6 · INT. LENA'S MOTHER'S KITCHEN — MORNING

An untouched bowl of cereal.

LENA'S MOTHER sits at the kitchen table, spoon suspended in her hand.

She stares blankly at her phone.

The refrigerator hums.

Her eyes slowly begin to turn milky white.

CUT TO BLACK.

WHAT WE WANT TO SEE

- No big acting — stillness is scarier.
- Hold the spoon frozen in the air. Slowly stop blinking.
- Let your face go empty, like whoever you were just left the room.
- We want to feel uneasy just watching you sit there.

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.