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HARDWARE STORE



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Logline: Donor is a tense black comedy noir set in an isolated country hardware store in a shadowy 80's Ireland. Dee, the overly protective store manager, is desperate to get pregnant to please Dennis, her depressed security man boyfriend, motivated by a traumatic breakup in her past. However, when she discovers, despite his young age he is completely infertile, she secretly advertises for a black-market sperm donor, aided by their cunning shelf stacker Pam. This opens a dark and seedy underworld full of oddballs, charlatans and losers which ultimately becomes a threat to Dennis' life.

Dennis: Genre: Black comedy in noir style similar to Fargo
Main characters: The overprotective Dee - the hardware store manager, Dennis - Dee's depressed security man boyfriend and Pam - the scheming shelf stacker

Format: Drama series Content: 1 Season x 4 Episodes (25min each)

Theme: Is it ok to lie and cheat for a good cause?

Goal: Dee desperately wants to get pregnant to please Dennis.

The stakes: Dennis is besotted by Dennis and doesn't want to lose him after a traumatic breakup with a previous boyfriend.

Inciting incident: Dee receives test results and discovers Dennis is infertile.

Plan: Dee decides not to tell Dennis and due to her poor financial situation she feels the best solution is to find a black market sperm donor.

Ticking clock: The store owner Fintan has found the shop has a shoplifting problem. Dee must sort this out before the end of the month otherwise they will be made redundant. This leaves her trapped in the store to carry out her plan. Dennis is installing security cameras which will make things even more tricky.

Character list

Main characters

Dee: The hardware store manager

Dennis: Dee's boyfriend and the hardware store security man

Pam: The hardware store shelf stacker

James: The first sperm donor

Will: The second sperm donor

Minor characters

Hogan: Dee's ex boyfriend and delivery man

Fintan: The hardware store owner

Margaret & Archie: Dee's parents

Shoplifters: The store's glue sniffing teenage couple

Customers: The hardware store's customers



Dee

Dee is the overprotective hardware store manager and the story's main protagonist. She is in her mid 20's and has a bit of a punk style to her clothing, a remnant from her youth.

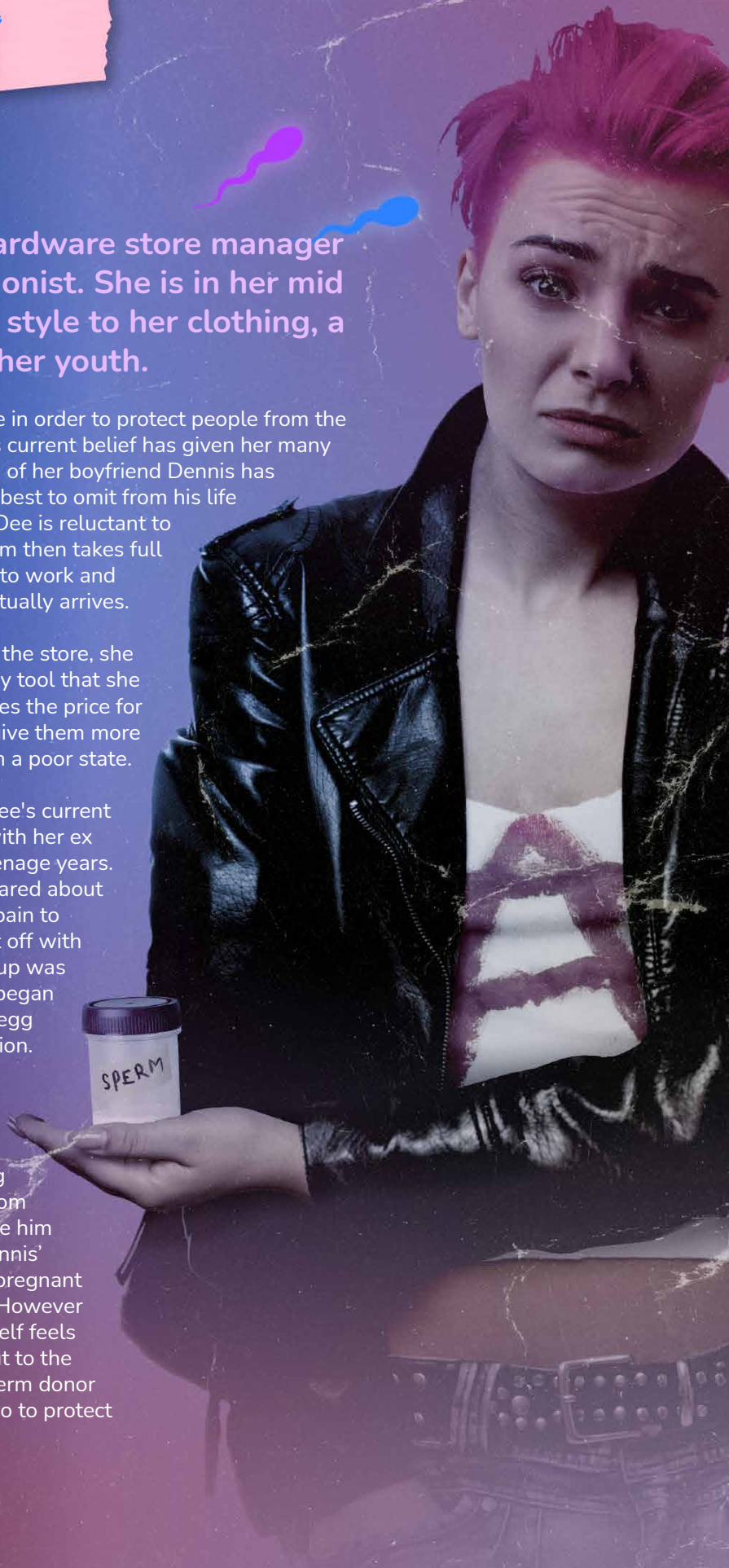
She believes it is ok to say the odd white lie in order to protect people from the truth if it causes them harm. However this current belief has given her many problems to deal with. Her mollycoddling of her boyfriend Dennis has contributed to his depression, she tries her best to omit from his life the one thing he feels it needs, hardship. Dee is reluctant to give out to Pam the shelf stacker which Pam then takes full advantage of by being constantly late to work and unwillingly to do her job when she eventually arrives.

Dee turns a blind eye to the shoplifters in the store, she discourages customers from purchasing any tool that she deems too dangerous, she frequently reduces the price for customers and she overstocks the store to give them more choice. All this results in leaving the store in a poor state.

We discover at the end of the story that Dee's current beliefs stem from her past relationship with her ex boyfriend Hogan which she dated in her teenage years. Back then she was a delinquent who only cared about herself. She ended up causing so much pain to everyone around her she decided to break it off with Hogan and turn over a new leaf. The breakup was very traumatic but after some time people began to suspect that Hogan alone was the bad egg and Dee never corrected this false assumption.

Ever since then she has used everything in her powers to protect the people she loves from harm.

When Dee discovers that Dennis is shooting blanks, she feels that she must keep this from him at all costs as she is scared it will cause him great distress. She is so dedicated to Dennis' happiness that she will try anything to get pregnant as she knows how much he wants a baby. However she has never once thought how she herself feels about having a child. Dee's beliefs are put to the ultimate test when she advertises for a sperm donor behind Dennis' back. Just how far will she go to protect the man she loves.



Dennis

Dennis is the security man for the hardware store and main antagonist to Dee's plan. He is in his early thirties and has a punkish flare to what he wears with black music tank tops and studded bracelets.

He provides the story with the stakes. Dee is head of heels in love with him and if he discovers her plan she could lose him. Dennis desperately wants a child as he feels the hardship of parenting will rid him of his depression. Dee's greatest fear is that he discovers the results from their fertility test, that he is completely infertile and may not be able to cope.

Dee's mollycoddling ways are a main cause of his depression, he searches out the hardships that are lacking in his life. This leads to Dennis to rewire the whole store before he installs the new security cameras. He wants to prove to Dee of his abilities but this ends in complete disaster, he gives up and leaves the store in disarray for the owners inspection.

Dennis' main problem is he lacks the ability to handle much adversity which makes him feel even more dejected. Pam the shelf stacker has a soft spot for Dennis as she relishes other people's pain and sees that she can help him with his need for persecution. Dennis in turn gives in to Pam's interest in him as he knows he needs someone who can help administer the punishment he desires. Eventually Dennis discovers the truth about Dee's plan and finds out he is completely infertile.

Dee's fears are realised when Dennis is attacked by Will the second sperm donor and is left with both his legs broken. He pleads with Dee to put him out of his misery unable to handle the harsh truth of the situation. However Dennis discovers that deep down he does have the power to handle this hardship and leaves him happy even though he is left in a wheelchair.





Pam

Pam is the store shelf stacker and acts as Dee's mentor. Unlike Dee and Dennis, Pam is dressed older than her years, she is in early 20's and wears business suits with shoulder pads and large framed specs.

She provides Dee with the necessary knowledge and encouragement needed to achieve her plan in finding a black market sperm donor. Pam takes advantage of Dee's good nature to do as she pleases at work.

However it becomes quickly apparent that her motives for helping Dee are not as they first appear. Although Dee assumes she is a lesbian after she shows Dee a concocted photo of her with her girlfriend and a baby which she insists is the result of a black market sperm donor. She is however secretly in love with Dennis, Dee's boyfriend, the security man and wants to get proof of Dee's plan to show him so he will break up with her.

Pam fancies Dennis as she sees his constant need for torment and has realised she will be the perfect person to help him with this as she loves nothing more than to see other people in pain. Pam continuously tries to sabotage Dee's need to keep her plan a secret to help add to the tension.

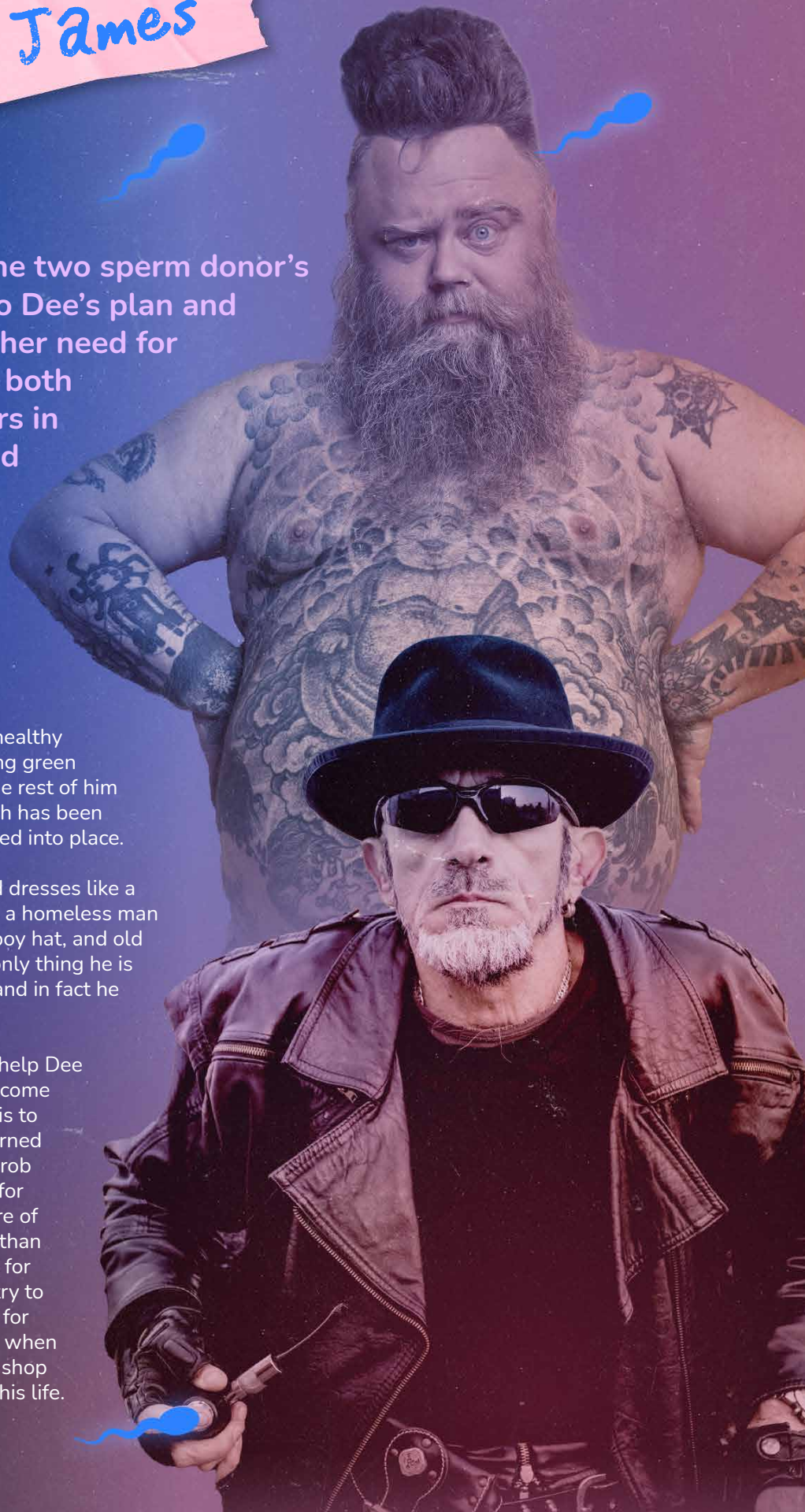
The sperm donors - Will & James

Will and James are the two sperm donor's and are both allies to Dee's plan and also antagonists for her need for secrecy. They are both unsavoury characters in both appearance and intent and they represent the immoral aspect of Dee's plan of tricking her boyfriend.

Will is horribly obese and unhealthy looking, dressed in a matching green tracksuit. In sharp contrast to the rest of him lies a big Elvis like quiff, which has been perfectly positioned and greased into place.

James is in his mid thirties and dresses like a mixture between a cowboy and a homeless man with a large dirty looking cowboy hat, and old denim jeans and a jacket. The only thing he is missing are the cowboy boots and in fact he arrives barefoot.

Their beliefs on the theme also help Dee learn that her actions must become increasingly destructful if she is to achieve her goal. James is concerned about the environment and will rob from other charities to provide for them whilst Will reveals far more of himself and others in his videos than he is comfortable with in order for them to sell. Both men quickly try to take advantage of Dee's need for secrecy to gain more money and when Dennis encounters them in the shop they become a serious threat to his life.



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