



GOODY



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“They had never seen anyone trace woodgrain lines before. It wasn't in the Catalogue of Voices of the Gods: Door-Waiting, Counting-to-Multiples-of-Five, Object-Counting, Checking-for-Accidental-Murders, Fingernail-Tearing, Skin-Scraping, Pulling-Out-of-Hair, Gnawing-at-Stone, Bugging-Out-of-Eyes - all these were known to be penances that the gods demanded, rituals of obedience that cleansed the soul of the godspoken so that the gods could fill their minds with wisdom.”

-Orson Scott Card, from *Xenocide*

"It shall be yours to penetrate, in every bosom, the deep mystery of sin, the fountain of all wicked arts, and which inexhaustibly supplies more impulses than human power--than my power at its utmost--can manifest in deeds."

-Hawthorne, from "Young Goodman Brown"

“Maybe faith is a type of insanity.”

-Dana Scully, from *The X-Files*

Story

Logline

A scrupulous, small town non-believer with a painful past seeks comfort in a provisional priest with troubles of his own.

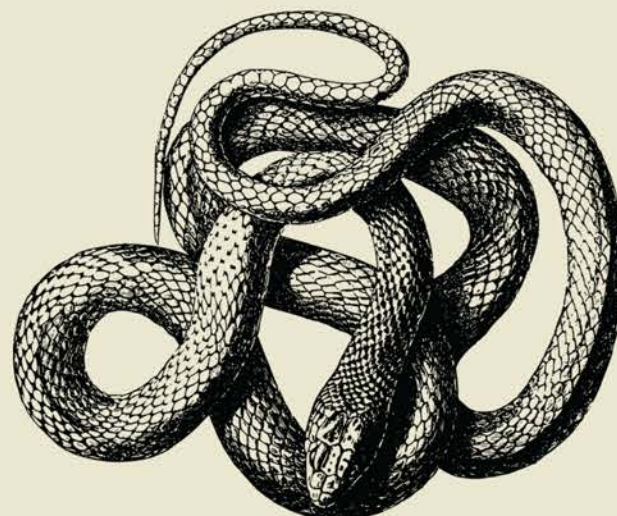
Synopsis

Goody follows twenty-year-old Gudelia Pedat, known to her friends and family as Goody. Brought up Catholic by her overbearing mother, Goody now unknowingly suffers from severe OCD, which manifests itself through an irrational adherence to religious rituals. After losing her faith and years after the death of her much loved, older brother Charles, she still heavily blames herself despite her lack of involvement.

As a result, she is ritualistic and has cut herself off from a normal life by sticking to a strict routine that eases her guilt and anxiety. Despite her admitted disbelief in a higher power, Goody has devoted her time to working at her small-town church under the wing of an old, harsh priest who has only guided her further into her delusions.

Goody's unhealthy routine comes to a sudden standstill when the priest suffers a stroke and winds up in the hospital, now no longer able to work. In his place, a new and much younger priest, Fr. James, is reassigned placement and brought into town in order to continue running the church as usual. Goody requests to continue working for the church only now under Fr. James's authority.

After reconnecting with her past through her childhood friend, Emma, and as her relationship with Fr. James evolves, Goody spirals to new lows and must find a way to free herself from her grief.



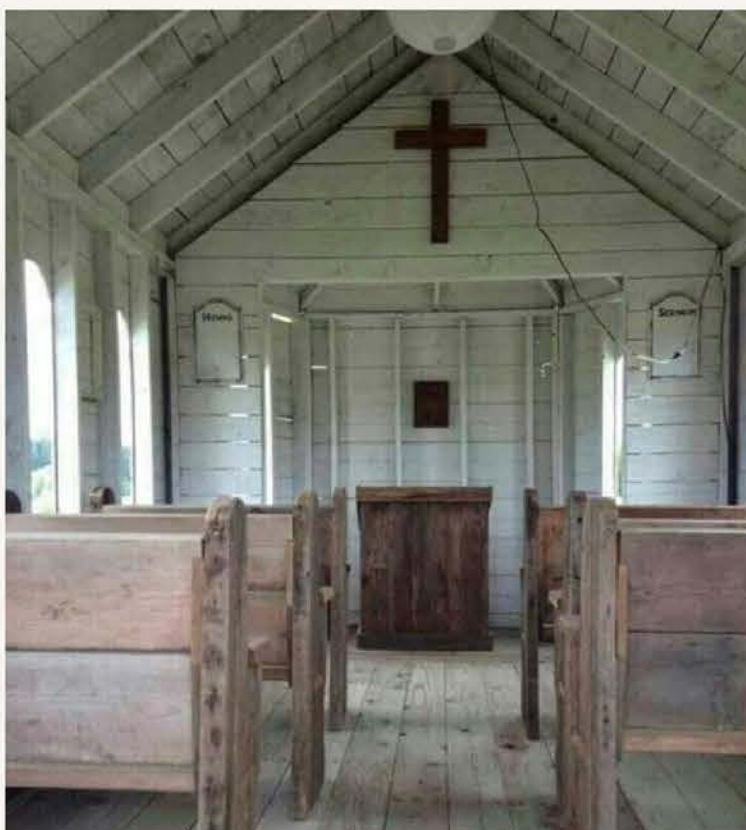


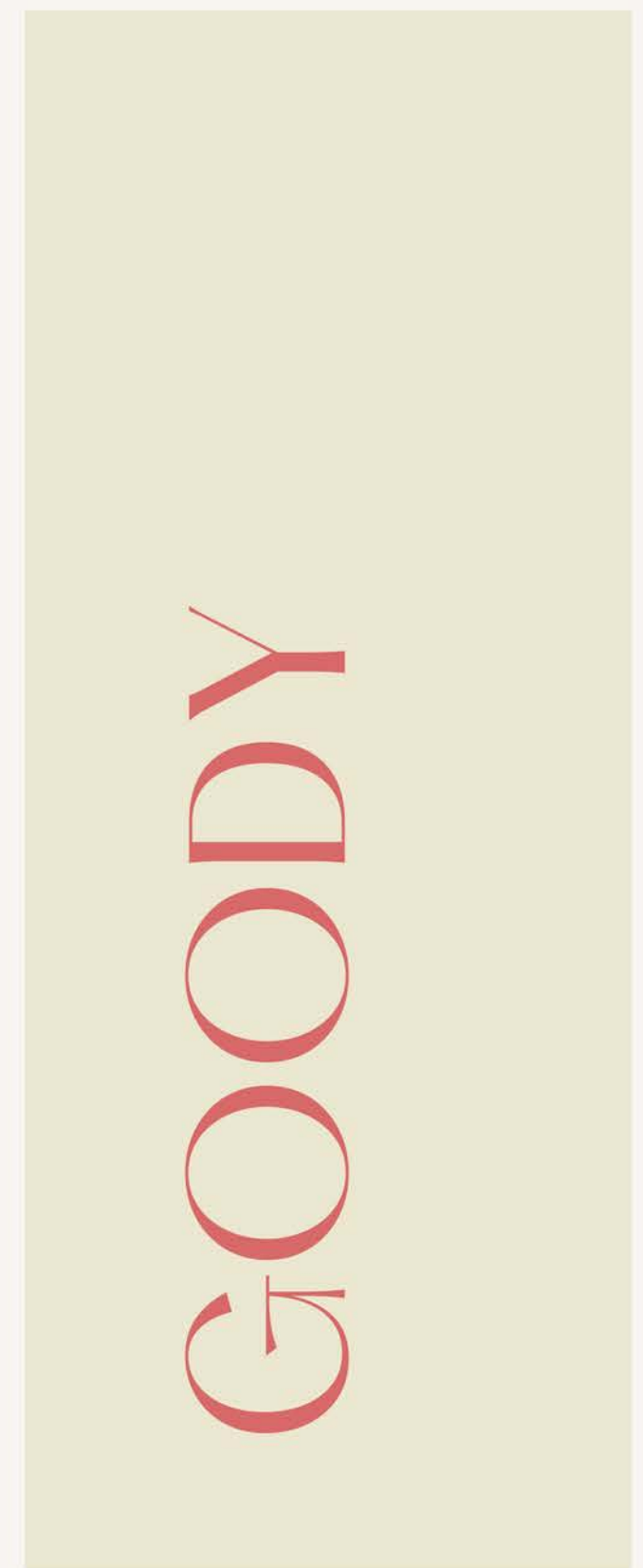
Warm and Feminine

STONE
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STYLE



Southern Gothic





GOODY (20) - Unknowingly suffering from severe OCD. Brought up in the Catholic church by her overbearing mother, and now a nonbeliever, she can't shake her ritualistic behaviors. Obsessive, out-of-place, and in her own world.



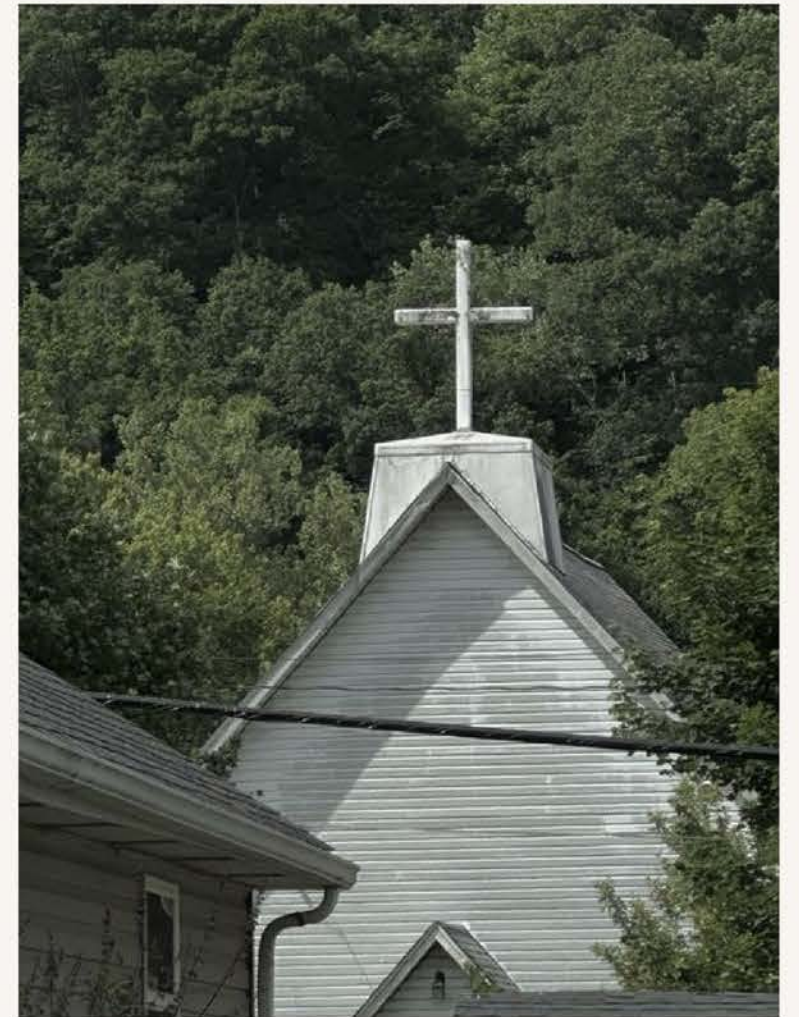
Goody wears an odd sort of fashion that makes her stand out in her small town. Her obsession with being good and pure is evident in her wardrobe.



JAMES

JAMES (30-35) - Catholic priest struggling with his faith when he is reassigned to a small town church. Going through a bout of indecisiveness and immaturity, he makes poor choices when he meets Goody.

Disheveled from stress, his clothes are not neat, and he sleeps on a sad cot in the church.



OTHER CHARACTERS

CHARLES (12) - *Adventurous and daring. He adores his younger sister Goody. At age 14, he dies in a car crash.*

MOTHER (51) - *Quietly suffering with grief for her son and OCD, she drinks and smokes excessively to avoid her guilt. She's distant and often dismissive, but deep down, she recognizes the pain her daughter is dealing with.*

FATHER MIKE (72) - *An intense, harsh man. His career as a priest comes to a halt when he ends up in the hospital after having a stroke.*

MARTHA (63) - *Sweet and humble. Confused by Goody's nature.*

EMMA (21) - *An energetic young woman, just recently engaged. Back in town visiting her family when she bumps into an old friend from her youth. Old memories resurface.*

MATTHEW (24) - *Emma's cousin. Liam's brother. Party guy. Aggressive and taunting. Always looking for a fight.*

LIAM (24) - *Emma's cousin and Matthew's brother. Party guy. Mean and taunting.*

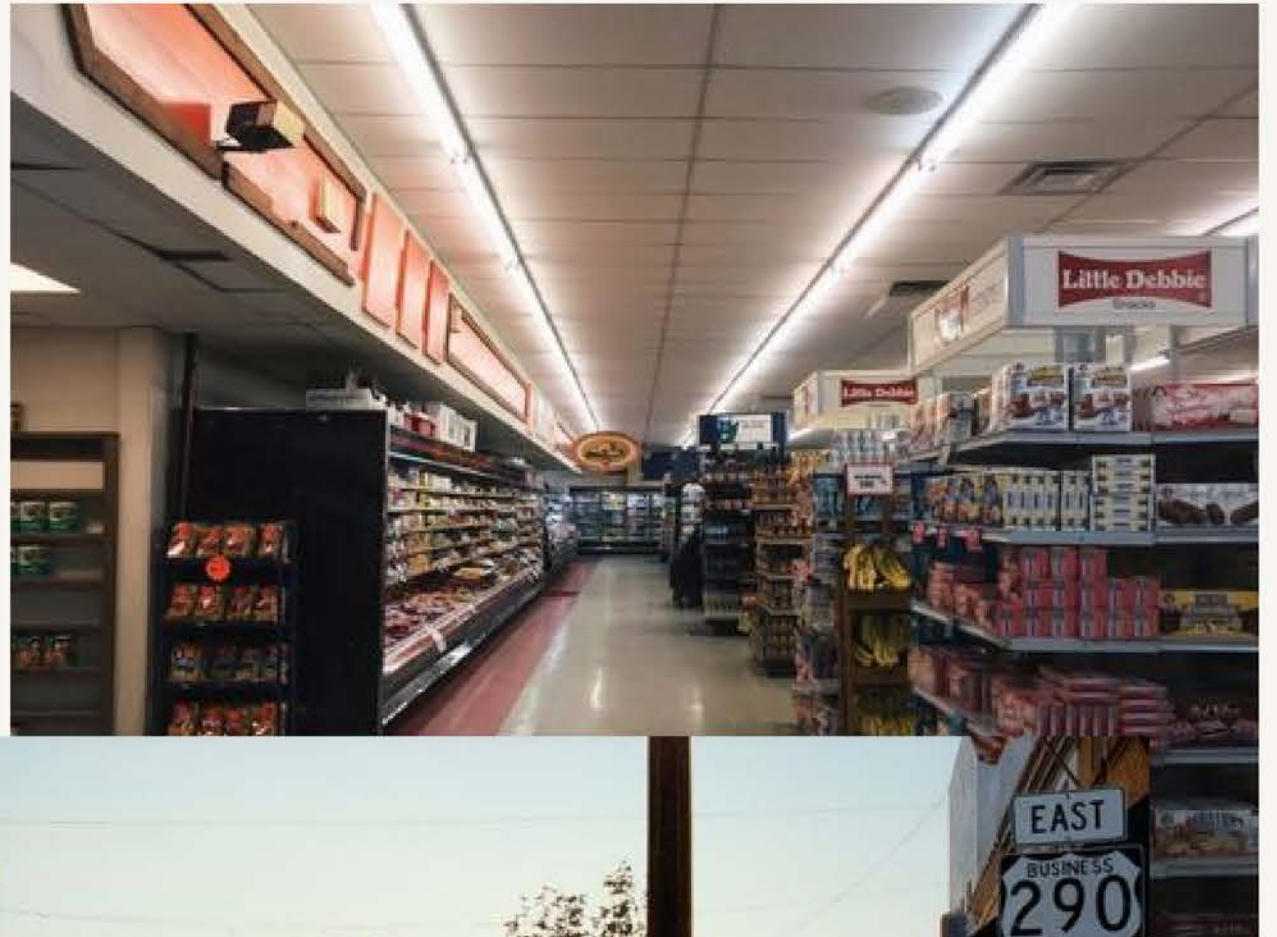
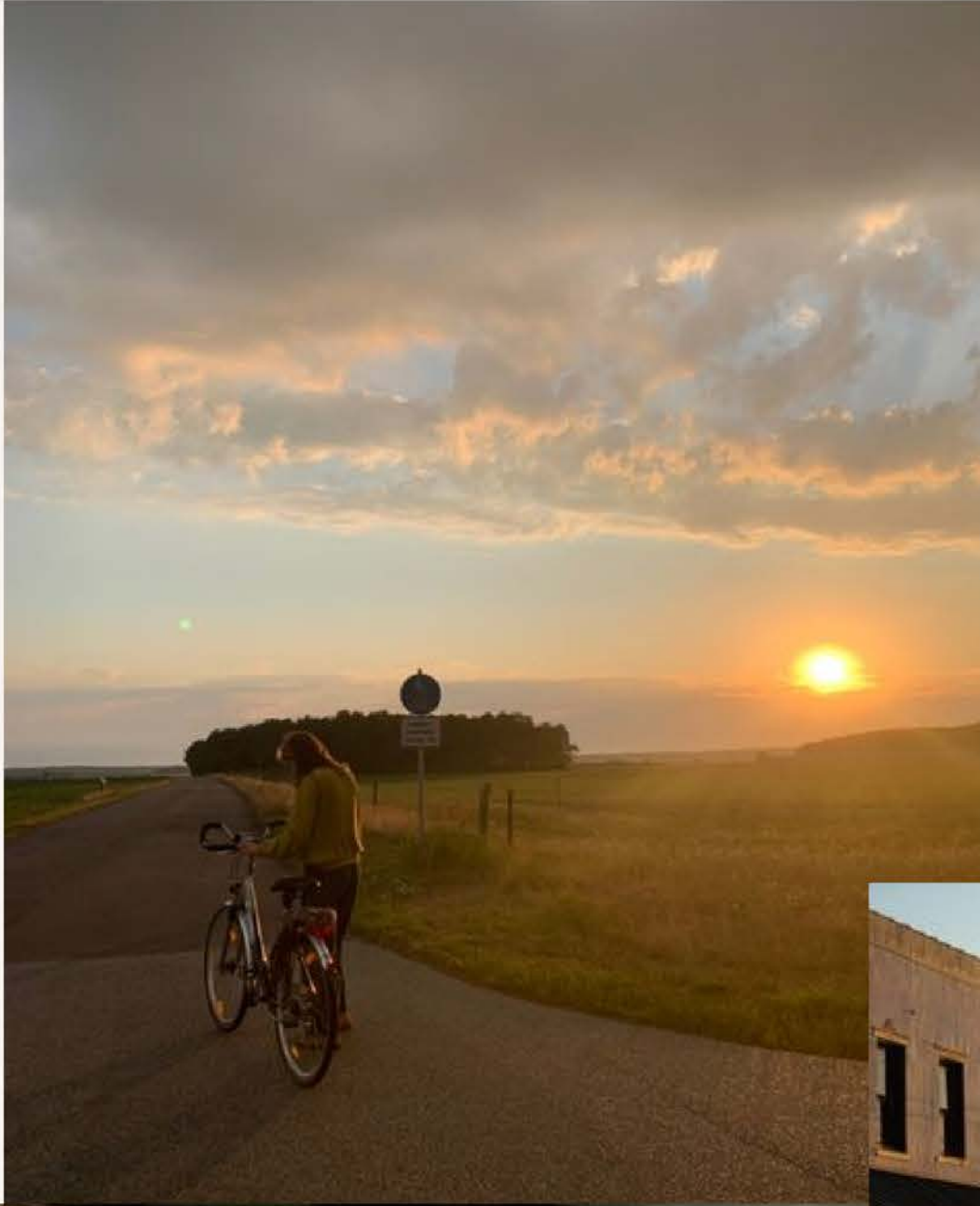
SCOTT (22) - *Engaged to Emma. Small-town guy. Likes to party, but is soft-spoken and kind.*

AVA (22) - *Tough girl with an attitude. Liam's girlfriend.*



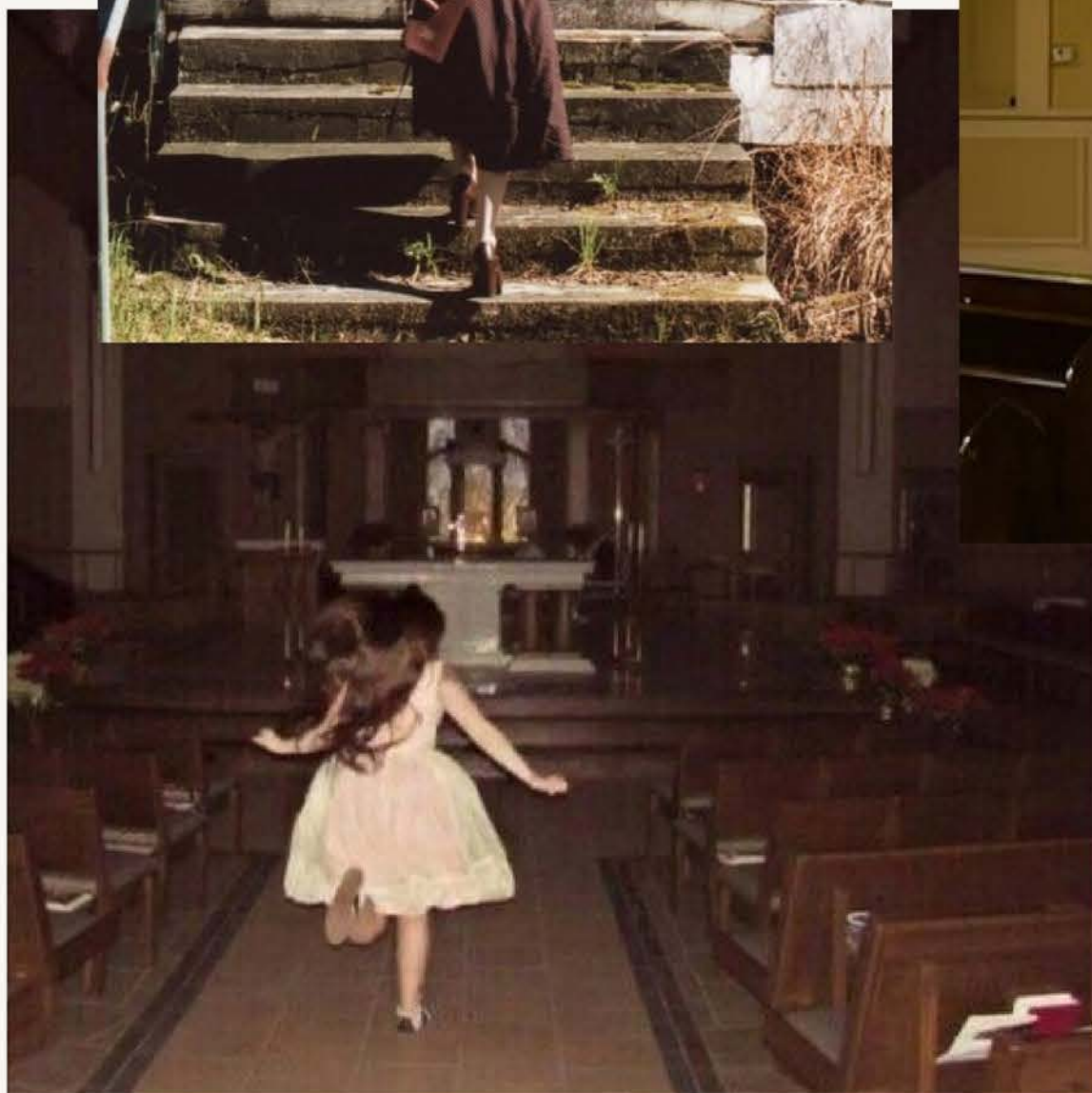
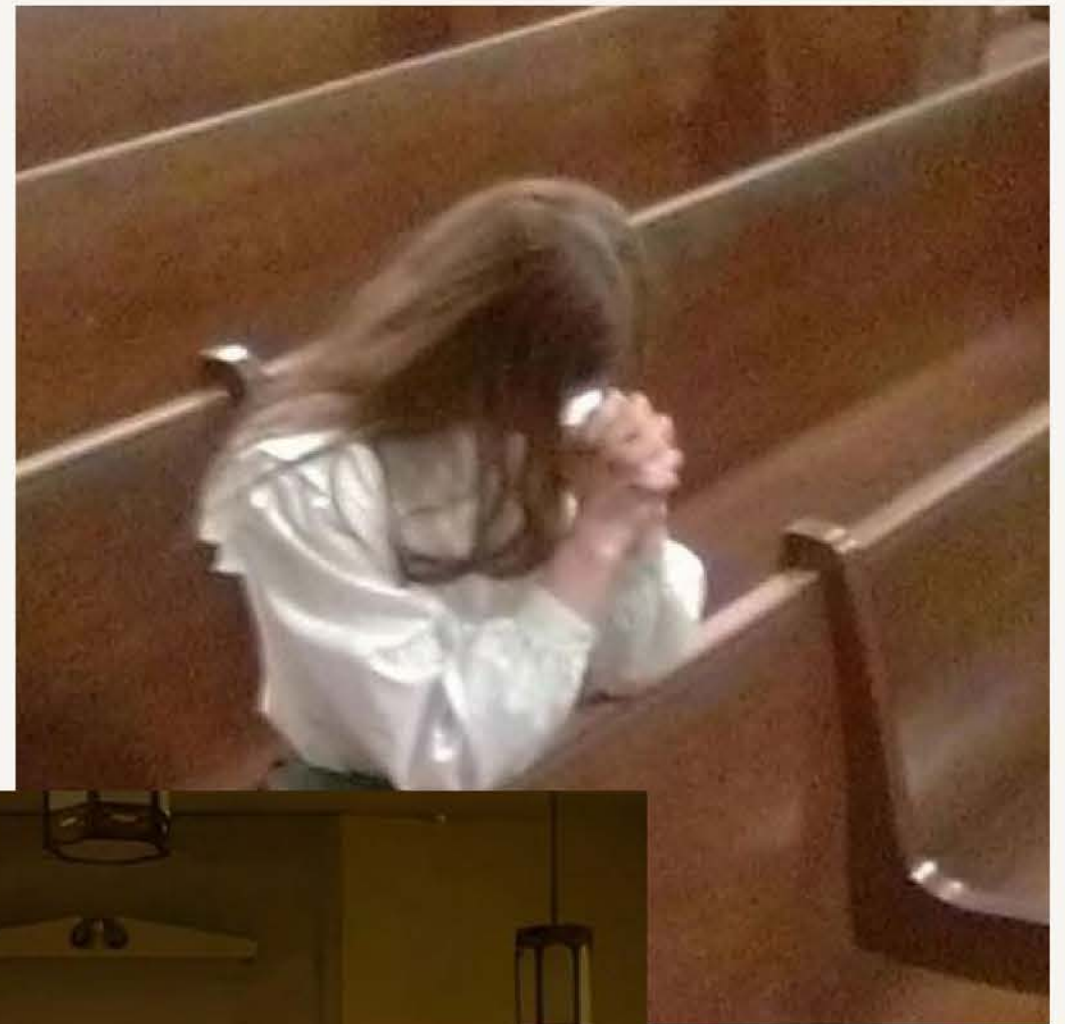
LOCATIONS

TOWN



LOCATIONS

CHURCH



LOCATIONS

GOODY'S HOUSE



LOCATIONS

GOODY'S BEDROOM

