



VICKY SMITH SELF TAPE SCENES

Synopsis:

Vicky wakes to find herself in an underground dungeon with 7 other innocent captives. They have no idea why they are all captive until 3 rules appear on a projector screen:

Rule 1: Play a move every 5 minutes

Rule 2: Miss a move, an innocent dies.

Rule 3: Each piece taken dies.

It all makes horrible sense when a chess board appears on the screen, each piece has one of their names on it, Vicky is a Pawn. Surrounding the board are videos of various people that mean something to the captives, including Vicky's younger brother. They have to play the game or their innocents die... but playing the game will kill them too.

Vicky is genuinely terrified of what is happening, and turns to Lucas to protect her, it seems like they almost know each other. When the other try to stop Evie playing the first move to protect her sister, it's Vicky who plays the move, inadvertently placing her own piece in danger. She face death bravely and dies with the help of Lucas. But all is not what it seems with Vicky...

Character:

Vicky seems very much the innocent victim, a gentle soul who is trapped in a nightmare and wants something to hold on to in order to get through it. She has a good heart, and wants to help people whenever she can. She is brave in the face of death, but there's something about how easily she agrees that suggests something very different.

Deadline for Self Tapes:

Mid February

Callback Dates:

Early March

Shoot Dates:

Mid / Late July in Sydney



SELF TAPE SCENE

Now that everyone knows they die if they try to escape, or an innocent dies if they don't play a move, Evie as the only one who can play chess, has taken on the responsibility of playing the game, and tries to salvage something after Vicky played the first move badly.

INT. UNDERGROUND, HALL - NIGHT

EVIE

I can save half of us, if you will just trust me.

LUCAS

In 4 minutes, you kill one of us.

EVIE

I don't want to.

VICKY

So which one of us dies?

She looks so small, so scared. Evie swallows uncomfortably.

VICKY (CONT'D)

Oh... me.

Evie nods. Lucas comforts Vicky.

LUCAS

I promised you -

VICKY

But you can't. If I die, does that give everyone more time?

EVIE

Yeah, maybe an hour. The other piece is Wendy, but that's not as good, only half an hour

VICKY

I got us into this, I played that bad move.

EVIE



I didn't have much better, and you saved my sister's life.

VICKY

And now maybe I can save some more lives.

A video clears, showing a teenage boy sitting in a park.

EVIE

Who's he?

VICKY

Alex, my brother, we've looked after each other since we lost our parents last year in a car crash.

EVIE

We each have someone out that relies on us. That's how they picked us.

VICKY

Rule 2: Miss a move, an innocent dies. That girl nearly died, now Alex... So how am I meant to kill myself, or does one of you do it?
(pause)
Will it hurt?

LUCAS

This is not going to happen.

The screen with Vicky's brother Alex goes to full screen.

VICKY

It has to happen. I won't risk Alex. Have you promised your girl you'd protect her Lucas?

Lucas nods.

VICKY (CONT'D)

And you'd do anything to keep her safe?

He nods again. Vicky finally turns to them.

VICKY (CONT'D)



So how am I going to die?

Lucas opens a wooden box to reveal 9 needles.

LUCAS

I don't know what's in them, but I can guess...

Vicky kneels in front of the box and picks one up.

VICKY

I don't want to do this. You should all go.

LUCAS

No, I'm staying with you.

Vicky nods.

VICKY

Evie, go play the move before it's too late. And I hope you win.

Everyone leaves Lucas holding Vicky as she cries softly. He helps her raise the needle towards her neck..

And the tears dry up, and Vicky looks vindictively victorious.

VICKY

Think they fell for it?

Lucas nods.

VICKY (CONT'D)

I'll make sure I pretend to be dead whenever they're here.

Her eyes go wide. Lucas has injected her in the neck.

VICKY (CONT'D)

I don't understand... you told me I'd live if I helped you.

Fear floods her face. She goes to scream, and he clamps his hand over her mouth. Loving the power.

LUCAS

I lied.