

ZACH ALEXANDER SELF TAPE SCENES

Synopsis:

Zach wakes to find himself 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, Zach is a Knight. Surrounding the board is videos of various people that mean something to the captives, including his brother's house. They have to play the game or their innocents die... but playing the game will kill them too.

Zach refuses to play the game, challenging the killer to come and kill them all if they refuse to play the game. The killer obliges, and stabs Zach in the chest. Despite Kira and Evie's best efforts, he dies.

Character:

Zach has always defiant, through his whole life he has fought for his place in the world. Most times, he's lost the fight, but he can't stop. Trapped in an underground dungeon against an enemy he can't fight drives him to insane defiance, and costs him his life.

Deadline for Self Tapes:

Mid February

Callback Dates:

Early March

Shoot Dates:

Mid / Late July in Sydney

SELF TAPE SCENE 1

Zach is not taking the situation at all well, he doesn't want to engage with anyone or anything, and his reaction to the rules of the game and the piece he's been assigned...

INT. UNDERGROUND, HALL - NIGHT

Zach paces along the back wall, angrily muttering to himself.

ZACH

When I get out of here, they're fucking dead... I'll kill them all. Who do they think they are...

KIRA

Not actually sure what his name is, but he has... anger issues... I think he might want to kill someone.

EVIE

All those pieces he's taken have names on them, I wonder -

ZACH

Fuck that. Screw the rules, no one tells me what to do.

He turns to a small security camera.

ZACH (CONT'D)

You can take your rules and shove them up your arse.

He storms out and up the stairs. Evie and Kira follow. The rest follow a little slower. They can hear him hammering on the door.

ZACH (O.S.) (CONT'D)

I won't do it. You can't make me! What are you going to do if we don't obey your stupid rules? Walk in here and blow us away, there's 9 of us and 2 of you. Come on, I'm waiting! You gonna kill us all?

The door opens and the masked killer stands there, the blank mask shows no emotion. Zach stops, eyes go wide.

The knife drives into Zach's rib cage, piercing a lung.