

# REASONABLE SUSPICION

A COMEDY/THRILLER SCREENPLAY  
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A black silhouette of a woman with long, wavy hair, holding a camera up to her eye as if taking a picture. The silhouette is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the camera lens pointing towards the right. The background is white.

# LOGLINE

**Ready to leave her lawyer husband  
over a perceived infidelity,  
a suspicious wife instead  
goes on the run with him  
when his shady client sends a hitman  
to kill them both.**



**“...showcases  
a mastery of  
tone.”**

**- Barnstorm Fest**





# SCRIPT SYNOPSIS

Off a suspicious post-it in her husband HENRY's pocket, MELISSA, at the urging of her best friend TIFFANY, spies on Henry and sees him kissing another woman. Before she can confront him, he insists they leave town at once. On the run, Henry explains that TY, a shady client, might want him dead for knowing too much about an illegal slush fund, and that JANE, the woman Melissa saw him with, was really Ty's assassin—that he killed in self defense. Melissa almost believes Henry, but when Melissa's best friend TIFFANY checks Henry's story, Jane's body is missing. Tiffany follows Melissa and Henry and unknowingly befriends JOHN, Ty's second hitman. Tiffany catches up to Melissa and Henry, but so does John, who takes Melissa hostage. Henry and Tiffany band together, rescue Melissa, and with some later assistance from John, who has fallen for Tiffany, set an FBI trap for Ty. In the epilogue, Melissa and Henry are expecting a baby. And Tiffany offers John a "conjugal" visit.





**“The characters were  
well-written and  
carried the story with  
the charm of an  
old-school romantic  
comedy.”**

**– WeScreenplay**





# KEY CHARACTERS



## **Melissa Grant**

**A smart, rational, legal aid attorney whose faith in Henry, her corporate lawyer husband, is unexpectedly shaken when she sees him apparently involved with another woman.**



## **Henry Wan**

**Melissa's husband. An ambitious attorney whose need to please the partners in his law firm threatens his professional ethics, his marriage to Melissa, and both their lives when a shady client decides Henry knows too much.**

## **Tiffany Moore**

**Melissa's best friend who convinces her to spy on Henry. Fiercely loyal, she checks Henry's assassin story (doesn't find a body), and follows the couple when Henry flies Melissa to supposed safety. She plays a key role in saving Melissa's life and finds an unlikely love interest in the second assassin.**



## **John**

**A middle-aged hitman who's starting to question his life choices. He falls for Tiffany and ultimately cooperates with authorities to bring Ty, Henry's shady client and the man who hired him, to justice.**



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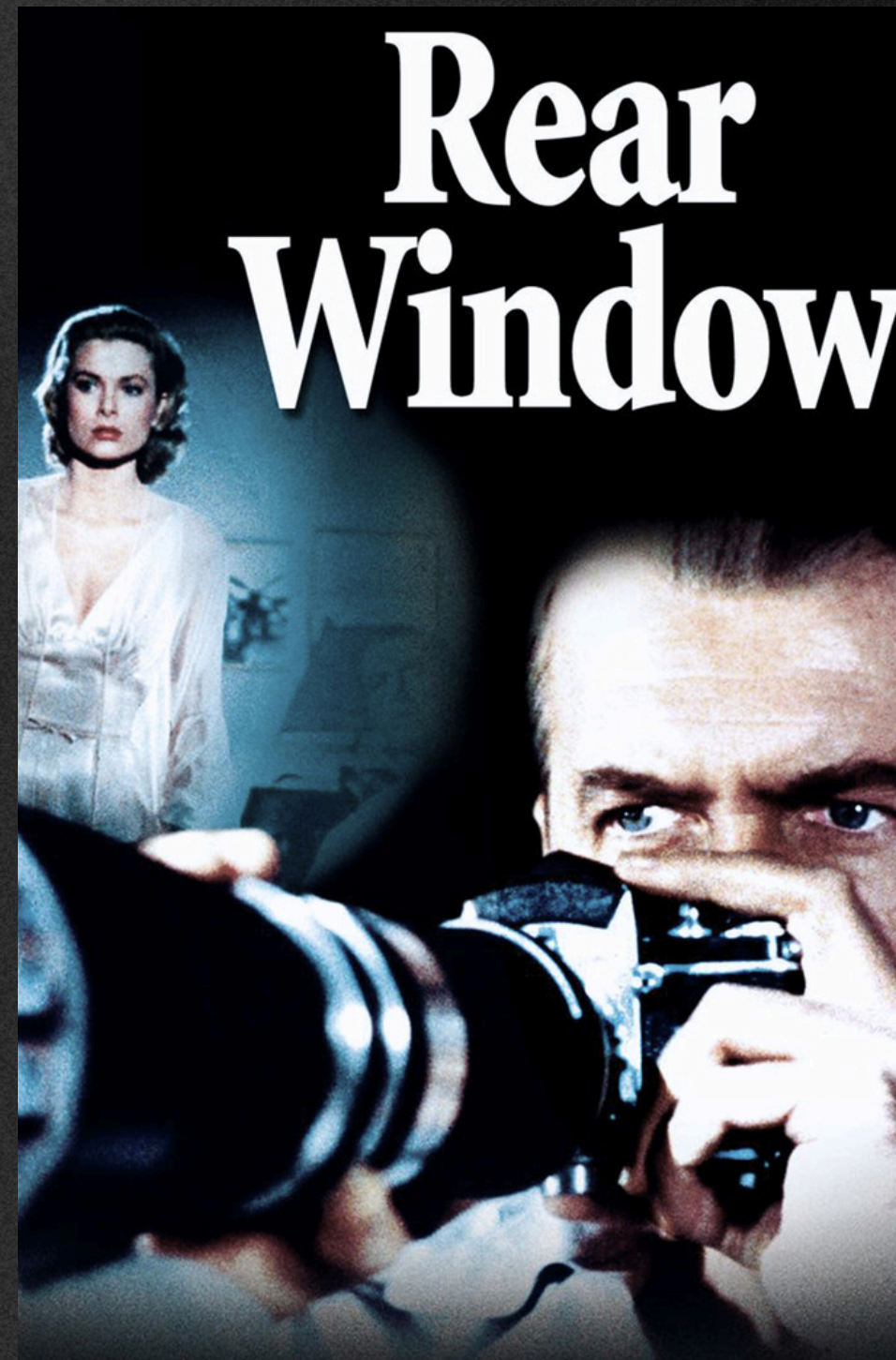
**“...an excellent  
job capturing a  
Hitchcockian  
vibe.”**

**– Barnstorm Fest**



# FILM TONE

- Dramatic
- Suspenseful
- Comic
- Mysterious
- Light-hearted







# FINAL WORD

## FROM THE AUTHOR

Much of the humor in this script derives from Tiffany, Melissa's hilarious, scene-stealing best friend, who encourages Melissa to spy on Henry and who improbably falls for the hitman sent to kill them. However, at its core, *Reasonable Suspicion* is about a faithful married couple who reaffirm their love for each other under extreme circumstances.



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