Screenplay: The Cliff

(Abby sits on the cliff near the sea, with her eyes closed.)

(She turns her head, like looking at someone, and smiles.)

(change scene, at the hospital, Abby’s sickroom)

(Eason sits next to the bed, Ryan walks in)

DOCTOR LEON

As always?

EASON

Yeah, as always. (rubs his forehead)

DOCTOR LEON

You seem tired. Are you alright?

EASON

Yes. I’m fine.

(silent for a while)

DOCTOR LEON

You really love her very much… I promise you are the best husband I’ve seen. Not all people can insist taking care of others like this…even if their spouse.

EASON

No…you don’t understand. I owe her… Sorry, I’m tired. I think I have to leave. (takes his jacket and goes out)

(EASON leaves the hospital, answers his phone on the car)

EASON LAKE

Ryan…

(change scene, at RYAN’s clinic)

RYAN

Hello, Mr. Lake. I am Dr. Ryan Williams; you can call me Ryan if you want to. Please take your seat.

EASON

(sits down)

RYAN

Well, Mr. Lake, your profile says that… you have insomnia, right? Do you take pills?

EASON

Yes, I take pills, but they are not that effective recently. I need something better.

RYAN

How long have you been insomnia? Eason?

EASON

…I don’t think that is important, doctor.

RYAN

Of course that’s important, and I think that’s why you’re here. I can’t help you if I don’t know anything about you.

EASON

You have my profile!

RYAN

Well, that does not mean anything.

(close the file and throw it away)

We need a talk, Eason. You need a talk, and I am the person who will listen to you.

EASON

I don’t need a talk, I just need a sleep! (scratch his hair)

RYAN

How long haven’t you sleep?

EASON

I don’t know… three days… a week, or more…

RYAN

You have nightmares?

EASON

Yes…no, no, not nightmares. They are not nightmares…

RYAN

Who is in your dream?

EASON

(hands cover his face, refuse to answer)

RYAN

Abby? Your fiancée?

EASON

(suddenly stand up, looks at RYAN)

What do you want me to say? Is it interesting? To make someone feel pain and watch them struggle?

RYAN

Calm down, Eason. It’s alright. Listen to me, it’s alright. I’m not a police. I’m here not to judge you. Remember? I am a psychiatrist; you come to me because you want to heal your insomnia, right? (pats on EASON’s back, and lead him sits down)

EASON

(take a deep breathe) Yes… I am here to heal insomnia. I really need a sleep, doctor. Please help me…

RYAN

Take it easy, Eason. You’re too nervous. You need to relax. Do you want a cup of tea?

EASON

(nods his head) Thanks.

RYAN

(leaves to make two cups of tea, take one for Eason)

Feel better?

EASON

Yes…I think so.

RYAN

Okay, then let’s talk about something interesting. Have you ever been to the beach?

EASON

Yes…several times. She…Abby, likes to go to the sea.

RYAN

The sea here Is really beautiful. When did you visit there last time?

EASON

About a month ago… it was her birthday. I don’t know why… (starts to cry)

RYAN

Hey, it’s alright. It’s alright, Eason. You just need to relax. (pat on his back)

(change scene, at EASON’s house)

(EASON lies on his bed)

EASON

It’s twelve now…

(grab the pills in his hand and look at it for a while, then put it on the bedside table)

Just take a try; I’m so tired today…

(change scene, at RYAN’s office)

RYAN

Hi, Eason. You look better today.

EASON

Well, I sleep for a while…

RYAN

You take pills?

EASON

No, I was tired…

RYAN

That’s a good start. Did you dream?

EASON

Not that much.

RYAN

Still about Abby?

EASON

Yes, but not about that day… not about the time we are together.

RYAN

Talk about it.

EASON

I don’t remember very much. She stands under a tree… the one in our college. She just stands there, doesn’t turn around.

RYAN

You didn’t see her face?

EASON

No.

RYAN

Did you see her face in your dreams before?

EASON

Yes, when she turns her head to me… just like that day. (trembling)

RYAN

That day? At the sea?

EASON

Yes, the sea… She was in the sea…

(closes his eyes and holds his arms together)

RYAN

It’s over, Eason. It’s over. I think you need to take a rest now, don’t you?

EASON

Yes, I am tired… I just want to go home.

RYAN

Go home and take a rest. Hope you can have a nice dream today.

(RYAN called a taxi for EASON and watches him leave)

EASON, the main character, watches his fiancée, ABBY jumped down the cliff in front of him. It becomes a nightmare and since then he cannot sleep at night, therefore he goes to a psychiatrist, RYAN. EASON gradually opens his heart to RYAN and talk about the relationship between he and ABBY.

EASON loves ABBY, but she had some mental problems that he does not know. She feels insecure. She jumps down the cliff because she wants EASON to remember her forever.

When EASON revealed his secret about ABBY, RYAN tries to convince him that it is not his fault and make him overcome his psychological disorder. However, during the days EASON went to RYAN’s office, he starts to rely on him and falls in love with him. He feels struggled because he thinks the one he loved should be ABBY. The last time he went to the hospital (the beginning scene) and decides to start a relationship with RYAN. He drives to the sea and ask RYAN to come. He stands at the cliff and ask RYAN whether he would receive his love, if not, he would jump down into the sea. He did almost the same thing as ABBY. Fortunately, RYAN receives his love, although he does not think EASON really “loves” him.