

# *Outside of Everything*

by Jason Dry

**LOGLINE:** An attorney defending her brother in the disappearance of his student begins to doubt his innocence as evidence stacks against him.

*Outside of Everything* is a drama-mystery set in a place where allegations of abuse run rampant – a public school.

**BRIAN** is a gay middle-school teacher who loves his job, is devoted to his students, and is a role model for his colleagues. He keeps his orientation to himself, his family and close friends.

He is also secretly addicted to crystal meth.

In mid-lesson, Brian is removed from his classroom and taken to meet two plain-clothed police detectives. They question him about a troubled female student who has gone missing. He is shocked to learn that they have found a diary in her locker that depicts a sexual affair between him and the missing student.

**CHERYL** is Brian's sister. Once a successful defense attorney, she stopped practicing to raise her two young children. Cheryl and Brian's oldest brother, now dead, was framed by cops and forced to confess to a crime he didn't commit. Cheryl will do whatever it takes to protect Brian from the same fate.

She gets Brian out on bail, and they set out to find the missing student and prove Brian's innocence.

The investigation leads Cheryl into a dangerous underworld. She discovers that the missing student had sex with many older men she met on the internet. She also begins to uncover her brother's own hidden dark side, as she finds evidence that points more and more toward Brian's guilt.

She learns that not only does he have a drug dealer, but that the missing student often hung out in his dealer's apartment. Then, one of Brian's colleagues reveals that Brian asked him to provide a false alibi for the night the girl went missing. Cheryl also discovers that Brian hid his cell phone and computer from police. Finally, two more female students claim they witnessed Brian having sex with the missing girl, and that he also forced *them* to have sex with him.

By this time, Cheryl's husband Lance has become fed up with the scandal and marital strain that has besieged his family. Finally, he gives Cheryl an ultimatum – if she does not stop representing her brother, the marriage is over.

Even Cheryl begins to doubt her brother's innocence, until she discovers that his shameful secret has nothing to do with the missing student. Cheryl catches Brian smoking meth in his living room with an anonymous male hookup from the internet.

This is the dark secret he kept from Cheryl and the police. Stuck in a catch-22, he could only prove his innocence if he revealed he was doing drugs with an anonymous sex partner when the student disappeared. Such a revelation would also lead to losing his career.

Despite misgivings, Cheryl continues to help him. They find the missing student held captive in an old warehouse, part of a sex-trafficking ring run by her stepfather.

With Brian's name cleared in the abduction, Cheryl recalls the importance of defending the innocent and returns to her career as a defense attorney. Brian gets help to overcome his drug addiction. The student is placed in a safe home.

My works have made the finals in the following screenplay competitions: ScreenCraft Screenwriting Fellowship, Filmmakers International Screenwriting Awards, Motor City Nightmares International Film Festival, 13horror.com Film and Screenplay Contest

I would love to send you the script for *Outside of Everything*.

Kind regards,

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