The Cleaner 2025 

Co-director + writer Panashe N Yamkanga

Joy: Savannah Kityo

Joys Mum: Jolande Monique

Therapist: Jesse Gattward

The Cleaner: Stephen Opoku-Asamoah

11mins 17 seconds

The Cleaner, janitor representative of "The holy Spirit or ghost"

Synopsis

The Cleaner is a 2025 short film work grounded in associative connotations of religion and its fundamental impact upon our lives in the "real" world in its "in action" concept as the writer indicates that his job is "making heaven out of a living hell."

Set

This project takes place within the confined space of a therapist office during a session for Joy. Joy is a young college graduate whose mother feels is slipping into a psychological episodic stage after having fallen under the care of a mental health ward for in the previous year. We join she and her therapist at the end of their session as the therapist leaves the room to consult with her mother who is waiting in the waiting area.

Overview

At this moment "The Cleaner" enters and Joy without hesitation began to question him in regards to his duties. "Do you like your job," she asks and he responds, "Do you like your therapy?" The director allows the questions to loom mid-air for seconds until she responds, "No, forced to come to therapy."

He then begins to make reverence toward her inner most thoughts and ease with asserting herself to a stranger inside a therapist office as a troubled, tired young woman. He too sits to meet her at her seated level in discussion of his presumed lack of judgement and held secrecy of her issues as an almost invisible interest in her real life as she just wants someone to listen.

He then, in a ghostly fashion begins to allude to her life and past establishing a genuine centered love held by her mother from birth and her unannounced commitment to their relationship in use of a necklace. This is why, her mother Christina, has brought her to this therapy session and hope of resolving she and their issues.

As the therapist returns, she inquires as too whom Joy was conversing as she and the mother observe her speaking to herself once again. The Cleaner is an illusion, a figment of her imagination who appears within seconds to her mother in the hallway offering her a tissue. This leads to therapist to once again inquire to whom the mother, Christina, is speaking and she asserts, "The Cleaner" to which the professional suggest that she has "no" cleaner.

Later, this spirit reveals himself to she also as she is seated playing the piano.

Review

This short film is a picturesque depiction of how the "holy spirit" is believed to work in the lives of those grounded in the undertaking of religion in relation to the father, son, and the Holy Ghost.

Along with our trials and problems our lives often suffer is the comfort in the spirit of the Lord which is divine internal voice that guides and influences our decisions in life if and when we are naturally and spiritually in-tune.