

The Man in the Dark Suit

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Logline

After losing her memory in an accident, Janelle keeps seeing the man in the dark suit who becomes the clue to her past

Characters

Janelle (F) - A young woman involved in an accident. She loses her memory and starts dreaming about a man in a dark suit. Although she's scared of the man, he becomes the reason why she finds her family. She learns about her ex-fiancé and eventually marries James.

Robin (F) - Thirty-three. Long blonde hair. Nurse at the hospital. She takes Janelle in and becomes her friend.

Dr. James Ryan (M) - Thirty-two. Dark brown hair, brown eyes. He is the doctor who treats Janelle. After her discharge, he stays friends with her and marries her.

Dave Edwards (M) - Twenty-eight. Blond curly hair with blue eyes. Dave is Janelle's ex-fiancé. While he tries to reconcile with her, Janelle catches him kissing Cristy.

Jarred (M) - The man in a black suit. Gene's employee who goes in search of Janelle to reunite her with her family.

Gene (M) - Janelle's dad

April (M) - Janelle's mother.

Cristy (F) - Janelle's friend at the hospital gift shop. She falls in love with Dave.

Three Act Summary

Act One

- Gene's car crashes into a tree. Janelle is in the driver's seat, unconscious and bleeding. Later in the hospital, Janelle panics, and Robin, the nurse, attends to her. Janelle says she doesn't remember anything and the nurse goes to contact the doctor. Dr. James Ryan visits Janelle's ward to check on her and leaves when she tries to sleep.
- Janelle dreams about Dave. Dave and Jarred approach Janelle in her dream, and then she wakes up and falls asleep again. In the morning, Janelle wakes up, and Nurse Kimble attends to her. Janelle asks about Robin, and Nurse Kimble explains why Robin is absent while offering to help with her bath.
- After having her bath and eating, Janelle lies on the bed, and James comes to examine her. She mentions that her shoulder hurts, and James tells her the nature of the accident. Janelle is concerned about her appearance, and James gives her a mirror and informs her that two police officers are coming.
- When James leaves, Officers Andy Thomas and John Richards come in. They question Janelle about the accident. Janelle tries to remember some details with the officer's help. When the officers leave, Robin comes in and offers Janelle a pill to help her remember.

- Janelle sleeps off into a dream. In the dream, she sits on a couch, and Jarred meets her and takes her hands. Janelle wakes up to see the cleaning lady walking out of the bathroom. She drifts in and out of her sleep and sees Jarred standing at the threshold of her room. Jarred walks away when she wakes, and Robin comes in with lunch.
- James walks in and tells her she needs to have a name and settles on Jean. James says he's releasing her from the hospital, and a distraught Janelle worries about her condition. Robin offers to let Janelle stay with her.
- Later, Janelle sits in a wheelchair, and Robin pushes her out of the room and the hospital. Jarred lingers, watching as Janelle leaves. When they arrive at Robin's house, Robin lets Janelle choose a room. Robin makes the bed for Janelle while she takes her bath. Janelle falls asleep and dreams about Jarred.
- In the dream, Janelle walks toward the patio in her house to meet other people enjoying themselves. They seem unfamiliar, so she goes back into the house, relaxed. Jarred walks behind Janelle and stands in the doorway, and her dream ends.
- Janelle, James, and Robin eat dinner at a table in Robin's house. They try to figure out Janelle's real name, and James suggests she reads a book. Later, Janelle picks up a book to read, and Robin walks in carrying a shopping bag to prepare for dinner.
- While Robin cleans dinner plates, James and Janelle fix the broken cabinet drawer. Robin goes to take a phone call. Janelle remembers her name when James asks her to bring a nail. Robin joins them after taking her call.
- That night, Janelle falls asleep and dreams about Jarred. Janelle walks down the hallway in Robin's house and overhears two men speaking. She meets Jarred, who stares at her with angry eyes, and she runs away in fear.

Act Two

- Janelle goes to Mrs. Britney Taylor's office for a job in the hospital. James meets Janelle, and Janelle says she can't fill out the application because she doesn't know her details. James talks to Britney, who allows Janelle to volunteer around the gift shop.
- As Janelle leaves, she sees Jarred, and this scares her before she enters an office. When she walks in, the receptionist tells her the doctor has gone to lunch, and Janelle leaves the room to meet Britney.
- Janelle asks Britney for her phone, so she can call Robin. When the call is placed to Robin, Janelle asks her if someone else knows where she's staying. Robin asks her to stay where she is. Janelle calls James to find out if anyone knows about her. Robin meets Janelle. James waits for Robin and Janelle to drive to Robin's house. They all go inside the house to discuss.
- Janelle is at the hospital pulling a cart. She helps a woman who gives her a tip. Janelle pushes the cart to the gift shop for Cristy Amber to count the money. Robin and Janelle walk to Robin's car in the parking lot, and when Robin drives off, she tells Janelle there's a man asking about her. Robin drives to an unknown street as she shares more information.
- Robin and Janelle wait in the car, and they see Jarred walking out of the hospital. Janelle recognizes him as the man from her dreams. Jarred gets into a blue Cadillac Seville and drives off. Robin drives behind him to copy his license plate number before they lose him.
- Robin and Janelle go into the police station to give John the license plate number. Robin and Janelle drive along Sandy lane. They drive past a tree, and Janelle asks Robin to stop because it seems like the accident scene. Robin and Janelle get closer to the oak tree to see the marks. Janelle remembers the car crash.

- Flashback shows Janelle driving Gene's car. She looks in her mirror to see another car following and runs into the tree. Back to the present, Janelle screams and grabs her head. The two ladies hug.
- Later, Janelle makes breakfast, and James visits them and offers to take them fishing. Robin, James, and Janelle are on their boat. Janelle notices Jarred sitting on a picnic bench. When Jarred looks at her, she hides. James pulls the boat into a cove, and they all try to fish.
- Jarred waits at a picnic table, and Dave drives his truck to meet him. They talk about Janelle and then go toward a shop. Jarred and Dave continue to talk about Janelle. At the cove, Janelle catches fish, James helps her release it, and she throws it back into the water.
- After playing in the water, Janelle, Robin, and James go home. After dinner, James leaves. Janelle falls asleep and dreams about Dave and Jared. In the dream, Janelle laughs as she walks with Dave. Jarred joins them, and Dave disappears. Janelle wakes up whispering.
- Janelle and Robin eat breakfast and talk. The phone rings as they clean up, and when Janelle picks up, Mark Karmen asks to speak with Robin. Robin stares at Janelle and walks into her room. Janelle hangs up the phone and walks past Robin's room. Robin talks to Mark. When Robin goes to her bedroom, she calls James and asks him to drive her to Sandy Lane.
- Later, James drives Janelle to Sandy Lane, and they park at the accident scene. While Janelle walks to the oak car, Josh Caleb and Danielle Daniels drive up to meet them. James and Janelle try to learn more about the accident from Josh and Danielle. Josh and Danielle leave while James and Janelle return to the car.
- At Robin's house, officers John and Andy pull up in their car and meet James and Janelle. Andy and John follow James and Janelle into the kitchen to discuss. When the officers leave, Janelle makes dinner for James, and they kiss. The

ringing phone snaps them back to reality. After dinner, James leaves. When Janelle sleeps, she dreams about kissing Dave on a high school football field.

- The next day, Janelle and Robin eat lunch in the cafeteria. Then Robin hurriedly leaves. Janelle works with Cristy in the gift shop, and a call comes from Robin to Janelle. As Janelle exits the hospital, she sees Dave and Jarred. Janelle arrives at Robin's house, cries, and unwinds.
- Jarred goes through the files in Gene's office. He accidentally plays Janelle's message on the answering machine. Jarred calls Gene and holds the receiver, so Janelle's message plays in. Janelle starts dinner. Robin gets home and shares what happened with her and Mark. Janelle walks into Robin drinking coffee in the morning. They talk about Robin's relationship with Mark.
- Later at the gift shop, Janelle works with Cristy, and she sees James. Janelle excuses herself to meet James, who asks her out on a dinner date. Janelle buys a notepad and pen at the gift shop and pushes her cart to the hospital. She goes to the cafeteria and writes in her new notepad. She leaves the table later to push her cart toward the gift shop.
- James shows up at Robin's house with roses to pick up Janelle, and they leave the house. Janelle and James are at Eric's Dine and Dance, eating. After their meals, they go to the dance floor. As they leave, Janelle sees a picture of her and Dave on the wall. Janelle asks the waitress about it. James drives Janelle to Robin's house, they kiss goodbye, and he drives away.
- Dave goes to Eric's Dine and Dance to ask about Janelle, and the cashier states she hasn't seen her ever. Dave goes into a boutique to ask about Janelle. He gets into his car, observes pictures of him and Janelle with Barb, then drives to Barb's house. Barb lets Dave come into her house to talk about his broken engagement with Janelle.
- In Robin's house, Janelle writes in her notepad. Flashback shows Janelle overhearing Jarred and Jack Mackenzie

talking. Then she leaves and crashes into a tree. Back to the present, Janelle panics but falls asleep. She dreams about being in Eric's Dine and Dance, having fun with Dave.

- It's raining when Janelle wakes and goes to the hospital gift shop. Robin shows her an engagement ring, and they arrange lunch. Robin pushes her carts through the hallways and meets James. He kisses her, and they break off when the door opens.
- Janelle meets Robin at the cafeteria, and they discuss Robin's wedding plans. Meanwhile, Jarred is working at his desk when Gene calls him to talk about Janelle. Jarred takes another call from Dave and leaves the office. Dave walks into Jarred's house and confronts him for ruining his engagement. Janelle and Robin are picking dresses for Robin's wedding.
- Janelle wakes up and joins the wedding party. Janelle and Robin toast, and Janelle walks behind Robin as she goes down the aisle. Janelle dances with James at the party. Later, Janelle is enjoying a bubble bath, and James visits. Robin's parents visit the house and send James and Janelle off for a break. James and Janelle drive to the hospital, and Janelle sees Jarred at the end of a hallway.
- Janelle runs away from James and into a Janitor's closet. She trips over a broom handle, and James catches her. James and Janelle walk out of the hospital with Jarred following behind. Jarred drives his car toward James's truck, but he doesn't catch up with them. James and Janelle drive to a restaurant to eat and talk about Jarred.
- Janelle and James relax on a boat. They kiss, but James detaches from the kiss. Later, Janelle and James check the notes in Janelle's notepad. When James leaves, Janelle falls asleep and dreams about her dad, Gene. Janelle walks in on James checking the patient charts. Later, in a hospital, Gene gets his blood drawn.

Act Three

- Jarred waits for Dave, and he shows him where he saw Janelle. James and Janelle are at the cafeteria, and Jared and Dave walk in. Janelle writes in her notepad and sees Jarred, Dave, Alice, and Gene walk in. She faints, and James takes her away.
- When Janelle regains consciousness, she tells James about the people she saw. James goes to fetch Jarred to talk to Janelle. After Jarred leaves, James helps Janelle up and out of the room. Janelle and James walk in to meet Gene, April, and Jarred. Dave joins the group, and Janelle confronts him over their relationship.
- Janelle appreciates everyone and leaves. While pushing the cart, Janelle calls her mom, April, to pick her up. As she leaves, she runs into James. When April drives Janelle to the mansion, Janelle is scared of Jarred and requests a private conversation with Jarred.
- Janelle joins her family for dinner, throwing even more questions at Jarred. Janelle leaves them to go to bed. She falls asleep and dreams. Dave walks toward the hospital and meets James in the hallway.
- Dave goes to the gift shop in search of Janelle. He asks Cristy out to dinner. Janelle tries to read a book but sleeps off. She goes to the gift shop in the morning and meets Cristy. Janelle pushes the cart to the hospital administration building. The office clerk tells her Jarred has cleared her bills, so she calls Dave using the hospital phone.
- Janelle goes to Eric's Dine and Dance to meet Dave. Janelle pushes her cart in, and Cristy tells her she's having lunch with a friend. At the cafeteria, Janelle sits with James for lunch. Janelle goes to a supermarket, then to Robin's house, and Dave visits her.
- Cristy, Nancy, Britney, and other staff members throw a party for Janelle. Janelle and James see each other but

walk away. When Janelle pulls up at her home, April tells her about the party. Janelle eats breakfast with her parents and leaves.

- Janelle prepares for the party, and her friends start coming. The party starts on the patio. Janelle talks to Cristy and then Dave and James. Janelle eventually finds time to catch up with Robin. Janelle talks with Jarred about his dark suit. Janelle walks around the mansion until she bursts into the library to see Dave and Cristy kissing.
- Janelle runs to James, and James takes her into the room and helps her calm down. James helps Janelle clean up the room. He agrees to drive Janelle to the airport. James stops at his house and picks up his bags.
- Janelle and James lodge at a motel together and enjoy each other's company. Janelle and James visit different places. When they go into a store, James buys a diamond ring. Janelle and James have dinner at a restaurant, and James proposes to Janelle. Janelle calls April.
- Janelle and James get married over the weekend with their friends and family in attendance. After the wedding, Janelle and James go to James' cabin to bask in their love.