



A FILM BY ALISON GUESSOU

# WHAT MARILYN DIDN'T KNOW

DJINI PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS A FILM BY ALISON GUESSOU "WHAT MARILYN DIDN'T KNOW"  
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# SYNOPSIS

"What Marilyn Didn't Know" is a short film about a suburban family living the quintessential American dream. Marilyn, a mother, and homemaker lives a life most people envy. She has two beautiful children, and her husband is a rising star at his firm. One day, she receives a mysterious package that sends her life into a whirlwind. It reveals a side of her husband she didn't know existed, throwing her once perfect life into disarray. Marilyn struggles with the moral obligation to either protect her family, or intervene and go to the authorities to save innocent lives. She begins to wonder if she even has a choice in the matter.







# DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

**Alison Guessou is an Independent Filmmaker**

As a budding filmmaker, Guessou's aim is to tell those stories that are not often told, and to bring to light the characters that we rarely see. Her belief in having diverse perspectives represented behind the camera will add to the narratives of today.

Her goal is to develop feature films that bring the experience of our communities to life; not only stories which speak to the concerns of our time but also provide entertaining stories through diverse casts and crew.

## ***BRING STORIES TO LIFE***

Prior to filmmaking, Guessou worked as a Project Manager for multiple agencies. As a Bachelor's in Business Administration and Master's in Project Management graduate, she is the founder of Djini Productions dedicated to enhancing the dynamics in film production.



A man with dark hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt and a dark tie, is seated at a dark restaurant table. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. His arms are crossed. On the table in front of him are several plates with food, some glasses, and a small orange bowl. The background is dark and out of focus, showing what appears to be a bar or restaurant interior with warm lighting.

# ***DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT***

As a filmmaker, my aim is to tell those stories that are not often told, and to bring to light the characters that we rarely see. I believe having diverse perspectives represented behind the camera will add to the narratives of today.

This story speaks to the concerns of our time. There have been a number of mass shootings that have shaken the core of our communities and our trust in each other as concerned civilians. As a person of color and naturalized citizen, whenever I hear about a mass shooting I pray that the assailant is not a minority or an immigrant. Bigoted campaigns about protecting Americans from external “terrorist threats” are always fueled by these incidents. Secondly, I hope that there wouldn't be a societal backlash that would weaken our already fragile race relations in the U.S.

In “lone wolf” attacks where the assailant has a significant other, people tend to question whether or not the partner is an accomplice to the crime. How do people in relationships with terrorists not know what their partner was planning? Is the spouse also guilty regardless of whether or not they were in the know? What is their moral obligation in this scenario? These are the questions I chose to explore in my short film.



# CREDITS

Amanda Day ... Marilyn Caster

John Bruce ... William Caster

Alexander Terry ... Son

Avery Mollus ... Daughter

M.A. Doerfler ... Extra

Millie Gibson ... Extra

Adam Guager ... Extra

Jesse Wright ... Extra

Eugene Davis ... Extra

Duke Anyanwu ... Extra

Annacita Bruno ... Extra

Dia Lee ... Extra

Tessa Meath ... Extra

Alison Guessou ... Director, Producer, Writer

Justin Christopher Ayd ... Co-Producer

Amanda Becker ... Co-Producer

Brian Few Jr. ... Cinematography

Jasmine Navy ... Assistant Director

Tim Schrader ... Film Editing

Aleshia Mueller ... Script Supervisor

Corban Noah ... Sound

David J. Buchanan ... Key Grip

Owen Seaton ... Grip

Matt Stice ... Special Makeup Effects Artist

Joni Hathaway Jones ... Wardrobe

Amanda Hansen ... Hair Department

Bethany Langham-Jones ... Production Coordinator

Noah Gunderson ... Production Assistant

Carly L. Paolillo ... Production Assistant

Aiyana Ruggiero ... Casting

Nicole Ubbelohde ... Casting

Lu Flingai ... Special Thanks





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