

The Shed - Synopsis

Rob drives home after work, catching sports scores on the radio and listening to a “Mack the Knife” re-make. When he arrives home, he drives over a stuffed bear in the driveway, but doesn’t react. He pops out his CD and catches news on the radio about “Max the Axe”- a notorious local killer on a spree that has police baffled. When the police ask for help on the radio he calls them “idiots.” He goes in the house whistling “Mack the Knife.”

When Rob goes inside, his girlfriend is watching news about the axe murders- he tries to distract her, concerned for her health. Her response is that he seems to be the one who always obsesses about horror movies. Rob wonders why her hands are dirty, she explains it’s from gardening and “Hey, everyone needs a hobby.”

Unfortunately, Rob takes this advice too literally because he now has a secret hobby he’s working on- in her small garden shed. She definitely doesn’t like the competition for the shed.

Weeks go by & Callie is losing patience but Rob finally finishes his project: a hand-carved baseball bat, which he plans to sell. He plans to make 2 or 3 a month in the shed. Callie storms off furious. They go to sleep for the night angry- Callie wakes him in the middle of the night to share a solution, but Rob wonders why they can’t talk in the morning. Sure they’ve argued- but it’s nothing to lose one’s head over.

In the dim light, he notices she brought the bat with her to discuss it. As she pulls it out from behind her, he realizes it’s not a bat at all, but an axe & she is swinging it right at his head when everything goes dark... The next day Callie works alone in her garden, happily planting something. She kisses a photo of Rob and affixes it to a stake which she puts in the ground behind the hole. The camera pulls back showing a dozen such stakes as she whistles “Mack the Knife” heading in the house.

The Shed - Characters

CALLIE- a 20-something “stay at home” gal, who enjoys gardening in her shed and watching the news- two of her hobbies that she must do or the monotony of housework and errands makes her feel crazy. She loves her boyfriend and is sweet and supportive, unless he gets in the way of her hobbies. She is starting to become concerned about the amount of time he is spending in her shed. She is a news junkie and spends a lot of time following the news coverage of a high-profile, local murder case.

ROB- The classic American Joe Six Pack type, Rob drives a big, red pick-up truck and works 9 to 5 in an office job. When he drives home, he likes listening to sports scores and to his favorite CD, which includes a grunge type re-mix of Bobby Darin’s 60’s tune “Mack, the Knife”. Rob likes to whistle the original version of this song while he’s driving and working.

Rob doesn’t like it when his girlfriend Callie watches so much TV news, especially when she watches so much coverage about the rash of local axe murders the city has been experiencing. He will often try and distract her from watching news, whenever he is in the room. He has also been annoying her by getting in the way of her gardening due to a secret project he has been working on lately in her potting shed.

Rob is very manly and likes drinking beer while he works in the shed, but is apparently afraid of spiders and doesn’t like when people touch him with dirty hands.