



REASONABLE SUSPICION

A COMEDY/THRILLER SCREENPLAY BY
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A black silhouette of a woman in profile, facing right, holding a camera up to her eye as if taking a picture. The word "LOGLINE" is written in large, bold, red capital letters across the upper part of her head.

LOGLINE

**Ready to leave her lawyer husband
over a perceived infidelity,
a suspicious wife instead
goes on the run with him
when his shady client sends a hitman
to kill them both.**

**“...showcases
a mastery of tone.”**

- Barnstorm Fest



SCRIPT SYNOPSIS

MELISSA thinks she sees her husband **HENRY** having an affair, but before she can confront him, he insists they leave town at once. On the run, Henry explains that a shady client might want him dead for knowing too much and that the woman **Melissa** saw him with was really an assassin—that he killed in self defense. **Melissa** believes Henry, but when **Melissa's** best friend **TIFFANY** checks Henry's story, the body is missing. **Tiffany** follows **Melissa** and **Henry** and unknowingly befriends **JOHN**, a second hitman. **Tiffany** catches up to **Melissa** and **Henry**, but so does **John**, who takes **Melissa** hostage. **Henry** and **Tiffany** band together, rescue **Melissa**, and with some later assistance from **John**, who has fallen for **Tiffany**, set an FBI trap for the shady client.



“The characters were well-written and carried the story with the charm of an old-school romantic comedy.”

– WeScreenplay



KEY CHARACTERS



Melissa Grant

A smart, rational, legal aid attorney whose faith in Henry, her corporate lawyer husband, is unexpectedly shaken when she sees him apparently involved with another woman.



Henry Wan

Melissa's husband. An ambitious attorney whose need to please the partners in his law firm threatens his professional ethics, his marriage to Melissa, and both their lives when a shady client decides Henry knows too much.

Tiffany Moore

Melissa's best friend who convinces her to spy on Henry. Fiercely loyal, she checks Henry's assassin story (doesn't find a body), and follows the couple when Henry flies Melissa to supposed safety. She plays a key role in saving Melissa's life and finds an unlikely love interest in the second assassin.



John

A middle-aged hitman who's starting to question his life choices. He falls for Tiffany and ultimately cooperates with authorities to bring Henry's shady client to justice.



KEY CHARACTERS



**“...an excellent job
capturing a
Hitchcockian vibe.”**

– Barnstorm Fest

FILM TONE

- Dramatic
- Suspenseful
- Comic
- Mysterious
- Light-hearted





FINAL WORD

FROM THE AUTHOR

Much of the comedy in this funny, tense script derives from Tiffany, Melissa's hilarious, scene-stealing best friend, who encourages Melissa to spy on Henry and who improbably falls for the hitman sent to kill them. However, at its core, *Reasonable Suspicion* is about a faithful married couple who reaffirm their love for each other under extreme circumstances.

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