

Boxed In (30 min short film); Shot in 4K. Drama. Mystery.

What is this film about?

Boxed In tells us about a man's struggle to find peace, but the harder he strives and the closer he gets, the more chaos encroaches.

Where did the film come from?

I saw that box, a family heirloom, last Christmas, at my family home, and from its small drawers different emotional narratives appeared. I only realized later that they were channeled by my sadness, my insecurity and anger, which had peaked at that time.

So what?

Because this film has a piece of all of us in it.

The search for certainty in an uncertain world.

RUFUS has bought a dibbuk box from the market. BRIGITTE, his partner, is enchanted and begins to restore it. She finds a Pearl bracelet in the dibbuk; she assumes it is a present.

Rufus is packing boxes, planning to move. He hears Brigitte's hammer tapping, even though she is not there. When a noise startles him, out of sight the Girl With the Veil calls out his name. Rufus retreats to his gambling den where he gets drunk.

In the kitchen, Rufus struggles with the dibbuk. "Every time he opens it, he feels tense." In a startling moment, Brigitte seems to appear from the box. She taunts him how their lives unraveled. Rufus angrily tries to dump the dybbuk in the Woods, but ends up back where he started.

Brigitte is asleep in her workshop, in her dream, where the Girl with the Veil (GWV) taunts her. "He is leaving you, Brigitte". She follows the GWV into a room where Rufus reaches out to her.

Rufus wakes up in her workshop! His dream! Tearfully, he exits.

The GWV retrieves the dybbuk and returns it to the living room, where a wall of boxes now stands. Rufus finds the dibbuk and his frustration explodes as Brigitte, hidden

behind the wall, hurls her accusations. She pushes over the wall.

In the workshop, Brigitte's monologue reveals her suicide. Rufus finds her chair empty, and collects the dibbuk.

In the courtyard, he prepares a box cairn circle. The GWV reveals herself: Brigitte! Finally, Rufus and Brigitte are reunited.

Rufus enters a trance, trapped inside a boxed prison, a hellish place where his grief, guilt and denial explodes. Flashbacks reveal he built the wall of boxes, and collected the dybbuk, and committed suicide.

The next day the house is quiet. All the boxes have gone. Only the shut dibbuk remains. Rufus is about to leave, but at the door he hears the dibbuk opening. He turns to look back...