

Seesaw

A Synopsis

MATT TYLER, a struggling sculptor, arrives in Charleston, S.C., for a job interview at the local university. The interview was arranged by his Uncle Joe, a professor at the university. Upon arrival at Granville House, Joe's residence, Matt finds police detective KATIE BUCHANNAN, who informs him that Joe has just been killed by a hit-and-run driver while walking home from the university.

Over the next two days, Matt and Katie become close, the university offers him a job pending board approval, he learns that he will inherit Joe's estate valued at more than five million dollars, and he meets MEGAN, a sexy young coed who cons him into allowing her to stay at Granville House until the university dorms open in about two weeks. His dream of starting a new life in Charleston seems to be coming true.

Then Megan leads Matt and Katie to find evidence in Granville House that Joe and Lizette Richards, the next-door-neighbor's missing wife, had been intimate.

Lizette's body is found buried beneath Granville House. The next day, KYLE RICHARDS, the next-door-neighbor, files a ten-million-dollar, wrongful death lawsuit against Joe's estate. The same day, the university withdraws its offer of employment due to Joe having been a murderer. Matt is crushed.

Through discussions with LUCIEN, the chef who lives in the kitchen house out back, and then with HALEY, a local real estate agent that once had a listing on Richards' home, Matt begins to believe that Richards killed Lizette, framed his uncle, then killed his uncle and framed his yard man, in order that once the body was found, there wouldn't be a trial because the suspected murderer would be dead.

Katie returns to Granville House and Matt tells her what he's learned about Richards. He suspects that Megan was working with Richards and her job was to gain entry into Granville House and make certain that the evidence planted by Richards was found. When Matt tells Katie that he is going to question Megan under duress, Katie disables him with a stun gun and cuffs him with plastic cuffs.

Katie calls Richards over from next door, and through their discussion, Matt learns that Katie, Richards, and Megan had been lovers for some time, that Richards had killed his wife in anger then called Katie to help him cover it up. Katie came up with the plan to bury Lizette's body beneath Granville House and frame Matt's uncle. She later expanded the plot to kill Matt's uncle, and frame Richards' yard man for it, so there wouldn't be a trial of the uncle, and sue the uncle's estate.

While Katie and Richards are discussing how best to murder Matt and Haley, who Matt has confided in, and make it look like a yachting accident, Megan, who is

now living in the kitchen house with Lucien, comes in and sees Matt lying on the floor.

Katie had tricked Megan into helping them steer Matt to the planted evidence by telling her that she had found the evidence but couldn't use it because she had performed an illegal search of Granville House. When Megan learns that Richards killed Lizette and Joe, and that they are about to kill Matt and Haley, she realizes she has been used and becomes upset. Katie convinces her to keep Lucien busy at the kitchen house while they dispose of the bodies by telling her that she already is an accomplice in the murders of Lizette and Joe after the fact.

Megan leaves but returns with a pair of scissors which she uses to free Matt, while Katie and Richards are hooking Richards' boat and trailer up to his car. When Katie returns, Matt overpowers her and ties her up. Meanwhile, Lucien overpowers Richards and forces him back into Granville House. Matt calls the police with Katie's phone and tells them what has occurred.

While it's too late to save Matt's job at the university, he will now inherit his uncle's estate and has a chance for happiness with Haley.