

**LITTLE GIRL LOST: SEASON 1**

An hour-long television drama/thriller treatment

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Logline: The lives of a sexual abuse victim and a young mother collide in a tale of sexual abuse and vengeance. Can Detective Robyn Carter put together the clues to solve the case before more lives are ruined?

## **Characters**

### **Alice Forman**

As a young child, she becomes the victim of abuse. When she tells her mother what happened, she doesn't believe her. This sets the two of them on a journey of drugs, alcohol, and prostitution with her mother never forgiving Alice for ruining the ideal life that she thought was finally within grasp.

### **Detective Robyn Carter**

Smart and hardworking with killer instincts. Robyn is just getting back on her feet after a miscarriage and the death of her husband. While working for her cousin's detective agency, she happens upon a missing person case. As the rabbit hole deepens, she takes the case with her as she rejoins the force. As the body count rises, Robyn searches for clues to solve this case before more lives are destroyed.

### **Abigail and Jackson Thorne**

Abigail and her husband Jackson are new parents. Abigail is a stay at home mother and Jackson is a pilot who owns his own business. Their baby girl Izzy is their entire world. But things have grown stale in their relationship. Suddenly Abigail starts receiving cryptic texts, notes, and phone calls. As the intensity of these threats mounts, she tries to tell her friends and husband about what's happening to her. She starts to question her sanity when all the evidence always seems to disappear.

### **Lucas Matthews**

When Lucas was a child, he molested Alice. Now as an adult with a wife, he leads a life full of secret trips sexual misconduct. As the evidence mounts against him, his wife starts to question if she truly knows her husband.

## **Episode Summary**

### **Episode 1**

Alice, a nine-year-old girl, listens as her mother prepares to leave for the evening. She's going on a date with her new boyfriend, Paul. Alice doesn't want her mother to leave. She's having a hard time adjusting to life without her father, who has recently passed. Paul is an actor whose career is on the rise. He has two children: Natasha and Lucas.

Once Alice and Paul leave for their date, Lucas sneaks into young Alice's bedroom. He attempts to rape her, but Alice defends herself by stabbing him in the eye with a pencil.

Years later we meet Robyn Carter. A private detective who is currently working an insurance fraud case. With her husband recently deceased, and still grappling from a miscarriage, she works long hours with her cousin Ross.

Abigail Thorne, a young first-time mother, takes care of her young daughter Izzy just as her husband Jackson tells her that he has the day off. Although he wants to stay home with her, she tells him that she has plans.

Now in his 60's, Paul Matthews goes for a jog. He laces up his Skechers and heads out. He falls victim to a trip wire, and a figure emerges and kills him. The final words that Paul hears are: "Too late. You had your chance."

### **Episode 2**

Ross and Robyn receive a new job. It's a missing person case. A husband named Lucas Matthews has gone missing. It's agreed that Robyn will take the case even though she is set to return to the police force in a week or so.

Robyn goes to interview Mary. She's the wife of the missing person. She's much older than he is. She recounts the story of how they met. She tells Robyn that he had said he would be going to Thailand like he usually does. But when she found his passport in a drawer, she knew something was "off". She had been trying to call him, but he won't answer her phone calls. Mary also tells Robyn that she found a

folder on his hard drive that was full of pictures of little girls in school uniforms.

*Flashback:* Alice is on the stairs. She listens to a conversation between her mom and her grandparents. The grandparents want to help Alice's mom, but she refuses their help. Tempers flare, and things get heated. Alice mom drags her out of the house.

Robyn tells Ross about her conversation with Mary. It provided her with some insight into Lucas' life as well as a new lead to track down - co-worker Nick Pearson-Firth.

The meeting at the school with Nick Pearson-Firth gives Robyn even more information. For starters, she learns that Lucas has recently resigned from his position at the school. But Nick also tells her the story of the time the two of them went to Thailand. While on the trip, Nick says that he saw Lucas with a Thai lady boy, and there was something sinister in his eye.

Abigail meets a group of her friends for coffee. She brings Izzy. The women get caught up in their lives and one of them gives Izzy a gift.

Paul Matthew's killer complains about the coverage the death received. The newspaper article gets Paul Matthews age wrong. It also claims that he was killed by a heart attack while jogging. The killer contemplates whether or not they should contact the paper.

### **Episode 3**

Robyn concludes a skype conversation from Thailand. She had been speaking with the Devlins, the friends of Lucas Matthews. They told her that they hadn't talked to or seen him in months. They had sent him emails, but he never replied. They also examine a photograph of Paul Matthews at an awards gala with a stunning woman. Robyn also tells Ross that she will be returning to work under DCI Mulholland, she'll be taking this case with her.

Ross and Robyn examine a report. The report is about when Paul Matthews takes a few hours off from filming a popular drama to join his family in Scarborough. In the picture,

he's with his wife Linda, and their children Lucas and Natasha. This is when Robyn realizes that Lucas has a sister.

They also come to the realization that in July 2000, Christina and Lucas were engaged, but there was no wedding. Around the same time, Paul turned down the biggest role of his career and dropped off the scene.

Abigail drives home in a panic. She's been getting prank calls and disturbing messages suggesting that Jackson is cheating on her. Upon returning home, Jackson's Maserati isn't there. Her mind starts to wander. Is he with his lover? Does he have another lover somewhere?

#### **Episode 4**

Now 11, Alice has fallen asleep in front of the television. Her mom returns home with a man. This is a usual occurrence. Alice goes to bed and tries to sleep, but the sounds of her mom and the man keep her awake. Soon, the man comes into Alice's room. He asks if he can lie with her, he'll even pay her. She says yes. The man gets into bed with her, and molests her. He leaves money on her nightstand and leaves.

Robyn goes to visit Brigitte, who is her friend and her husband's ex-wife. They always got along, and her daughter Amelie soon joins them. Amelie's birthday is right around the corner and Robyn has brought her a present. She says she can't stay for long, and won't be able to attend the party, so the young girl opens the gift there.

Abigail arrives home. She's not feeling well. Her head feels hot, and she vomits into the sink. Her phone rings and she answers it. On the other end, a voice asks her if she's doing okay. The voice is robotic and taunting. Abigail falls to the floor. Cramps crippling her body. Izzy starts to cry. Abigail crawls to her. Claire calls, and Abigail asks her to come over to help with Izzy because she's sick.

Robyn arrives at the house of Paul Matthews. It's been in the care of Geraldine since he died. She's still mourning the death of Paul Matthews, but she gives Robyn information

about Lucas. She tells Robyn about what a terrible child he was.

Alice is now in school. A group of girls with whom she does not get along, pick on her. She wishes that she could throw one of the girls into the water, weighed down by stones.

### **Episode 5**

Claire wakes Abigail. She's covered in vomit and disoriented. Clair gets her into bed where she sleeps again. While Claire sleeps with Izzy, Abigail receives another call from the mysterious caller who continues to torment her. The caller speaks about her house and how nice it is. The voice also tells her that Jackson has been having a great time.

Robyn stops by Ross' office. She is in the midst of moving to police headquarters to continue the investigation. Ross tells her that the Robert Brannigan case is closed.

Although the paper reported that Paul Matthews died of a heart attack, Sergeant Drayton informs them that was not the case. In actuality, he died in what seemed like a freak accident. The actual report states that he was killed when he hit his head against a tree after falling. He also tells them that there was nothing to indicate foul play.

Alice head-butts a male student and gets suspended. She's happy for the suspension, but her mom is not. She ends up at a different school, where a group of girls bully her. They spray perfume at her and call her a dirty, disgusting girl.

### **Episode 6**

Jackson arrives home. Abigail comes down after he gets an update over the phone from Claire. Claire admonishes him for not being there when Abigail needed him. He says he didn't know but still feels bad about the whole thing. He apologizes to Abigail for not being there. He leaves to take a shower, and as soon as he's out of the room, the phone rings. Abigail answers, and on the other end is the person who has been tormenting her. They drop hints that they can see into her house - even going as far as to

mention that Jackson is home and how good it is to see her up and about again. Then the voice tells her that the worse is yet to come. After that, the phone goes dead.

Robyn goes to meet Mary Matthews again. She tells her that she had to tell her boss about the file on Lucas' computer. Robyn also asks if Lucas had mentioned going to meet his father. Mary says the more she finds out about Lucas, the more she realizes that she doesn't exactly know who he is. A letter has also arrived from a building society. She opens it and finds that Lucas has an account with thirty thousand pounds in it. He withdrew half of it a couple of weeks ago, and then withdrew the rest the day before he supposedly went to Thailand.

After a trip to the doctor, in which Abigail and Izzy are declared fit and healthy, they run into Rachel. She invites her over for tea. Rachel gives her another gift. Later that evening, Jackson jokingly accuses Abigail of having an affair with another man. This sets off an argument where Abigail tells him about the caller and accuses Jackson of having an extra-marital affair. It ends with Jackson leaving and a shadowy figure hiding in the bushes.

## **Episode 7**

A woman with green hair pays Mary a visit. It's Natasha, Lucas' sister. They sit and Natasha tells Mary stories about growing up with Lucas. Eventually, Mary dies. Poisoned by Natasha.

Alice plots her revenge on one of her classmates. She squirts her in the face with hydrochloric acid and runs away.

Abigail opens her Facebook page and sees that someone has hacked her account and posted the naked picture of her on her Facebook feed. They also went through all of her updates and posted lewd pictures and comments. Suddenly, someone says "Bye Bye Mommy" through the baby monitor. Abigail races upstairs and into Izzy's room. She finds Izzy fast asleep...and the room empty.

Geraldine gets ready for a night out. She's going to see Chicago in London. But a noise in the house startles her

and she goes to investigate. She's supposed to be in alone. As she searches the house, an unseen assailant pushes her down the stairs. Her head hits the tiles at the bottom of the staircase.

## **Episode 8**

Gets a hold of Paul's laptop and goes through his email correspondences with Lucas. The conversations are terse and very tense. The last one is dated five days before Paul died. She also makes the connection that Lucas went missing the same day that Paul died. While at the gym, Robyn gets a call from a member of her team. They tell her that Geraldine has been found dead.

Over the phone, Claire offers to help Abigail with her Facebook situation. After Jackson leaves, Abigail receives an email from a sender calling themselves "concerned friend." She opens the email and sees pictures of Jackson sleeping with a naked woman. The woman in the picture has green hair. Abigail soon realizes that the woman in the pictures is Zoe.

Robyn meets Zoe at a bar. She questions her and Zoe asks if she's a suspect. Robyn tells her she's not. After Zoe leaves, Robyn has a conversation with the barman. He tells her that Zoe loves the bar, mostly because she loves the men in uniforms. Especially the pilots. She asks if the barman knows Jackson Thorne. He says he does. He also tells her that Zoe and Jackson are good friends.

Ross goes to question Mrs. Clifford. He discovers that she is Alice's grandmother. She tells him that they don't know if she's alive or dead. They don't know where she is. They also tell him about the problems that arose after Alice and Christina moved in with Paul's family. She also tells Ross that Christina became an escort and was getting paid for sex. Then she shows him postcards that had been sent to them.

Ross calls Robyn and tells her about his conversation with



Mrs. Clifford. He also tells her of the connection between Alice, and Christina. He also tells her about the postcards she received.

Jackson arrives home to find the locks changed. He asks Abigail why. She tells him that she thought there was an intruder in the house a few nights ago. They get into a fight, and Abigail uses Izzy to avoid the confrontation with her husband.

Abigail meets with Rachel and Claire. They talk about what happened between her and Jackson. They also discuss Zoe. Afterwards. When she returns home, she checks her email. That's when the phone rings. The same robotic voice greets her. The voice says that it hopes she enjoyed the gift. Abigail says it's not the truth. The voice tells her that it's the gift of the truth.

## **Episode 9**

While getting lunch, Robyn receives a call from the barman informing her that Jackson is at his bar and that if she wants to speak to him, she should head over. Robyn arrives at the bar and asks Jackson if he recognizes a picture of Lucas. He says he knows who he is. He says that he had been trying to get a hold of him through the BizzyAir switchboard. He knows the name but doesn't recognize the name. The man with Jackson recognizes the picture. Stu, who is the gentleman with Jackson mentions someone by the name of Gavin Singer. Through the conversation, Robyn discovers that the barman knows of Lucas. She also learns that Zoe, Jackson, Stu, and Gavin had all been in the bar at the same time as Lucas.

Mitz, a member of Robyn's team, calls to tell her that Lucas has been found. There's just one problem. He's dead. Chief Lousia Mulholland confirms that it is Lucas, and it appears that he has been murdered.

When Robyn goes to investigate the crime scene, she sees the body. It's obvious that it's been decomposing for some time. She also notices that Lucas' genitals have been removed. She also realizes that this was premeditated.

*Flashback:* Alice is now a drug courier. She likes the work

because it keeps her mother from getting beat up too bad. Plus, she makes fifty quid for every package she delivers. Her boss, Dirk, threatens her by promising so to hurt the young man she's seeing if she doesn't break it off with him. She develops a plan to get rid of Dirk. She replaces his secret stash of drugs with rat poison.

Abigail returns home to find her dog Toffee murdered - hanging from the wooden door with a six-inch nail through his throat.

### **Episode 10**

Jackson and Abigail argue about whether or not to call the police. Abigail doesn't want to. But Jackson thinks it's necessary. Abigail tells him that someone is targeting them. She tells him about the notes and the texts. When she attempts to show him the texts, she realizes that they've vanished. Abigail tries to convince him of what's been going on, but all the evidence has disappeared. She grows angry that Jackson is making her sound like a crazy person, but he can't help it.

*Flashback:* Alice discusses how easy it was to extract money from Lucas. She talks about her plan and how she blackmailed him into leaving his job. Later, she watches as Lucas roams the woods with a map. She has an envelope marked "Zoe" that she tucks into her backpack before disappearing into the woods.

Robyn arrives at the house on Mulwood Avenue. They examine the body of Mary Matthews. It appears as though she had suffered a heart attack. Scratched on the base between the rabbit's feet, it reads "RIP MARY." She instructs her team to check with the neighbors and get to examine the house more carefully.

*Flashback:* Alice decides that after getting the other fifteen thousand pounds from Lucas, it was time to kill Paul. She doesn't like her mother's new man, and she's worried that he will take the money that she's making for her mother. She sees Paul jogging, and she kills him with a branch. She decides that Lucas will be next.

