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*Ring*

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9 min. HD-Infrarot Video

Eine Frau überwacht sich in leeren Räumen. Sie stellt Beweismaterial her: Über ihre Wohnung, ihre Arbeit, deutsche Liebhaber, Möbelstücke, die Imagination, das Internet, ihren Alltag und Überwachungskameras. Die Video-Files dieses Films sind gespeichert auf den Servern des Überwachungskamerasystems, mit dem sie gedreht wurden. Die Server gehören amazon.com.

A woman monitors herself in empty rooms. She produces evidence: about her apartment, her work, German lovers, pieces of furniture, her imagination, the Internet, her everyday life and surveillance cameras. The video files of this film are stored on the servers of the surveillance camera system with which they were filmed. The servers belong to amazon.com.

Voice over <Ring>

The first time I saw John was on September 22nd  
at his girlfriend's birthday party.

Two weeks after I quit school.

I had that blue dress on,

The one I exchanged with that widower  
for a few photos of me in it.

John had a face like from another century.

The second time I saw John,

he had done something to his hair

and offered me a job

as a security guard in

the office of an accountant firm.

So, I have a job now!

I watch CCTV all night,

staring at empty rooms

where nothing seems to move,

guarding cheap furniture, high quality printers and the accountant's secrets.

It is quite nice, actually.

A few weeks later, I decided to get a surveillance camera myself.

So on my break at 3 a.m.,

I went on my smartphone,

to start some research on camera systems

and I found one built by a manufacturer called: Ring.

This name really spoke to me,

because of the number of things this world could mean, you know?!

A saleswoman in stone-washed jeans sold me the Ring-camera.

She told me to find some tutorials online before installing it.

I found one by a user named the Engineer,

who had greenish barbed wire tattooed around his upper arm.

He said:

„The update may take a few minutes.  
but as the app reminds us:  
„Rome wasn't built in a day“ either.  
So you might have to wait a little while.  
The camera is particularly useful  
when my wife is home alone  
or when we are on vacation.“

I installed the camera soon after.  
Now I can not only watch the office rooms,  
where nothing seems to move,  
but also my empty apartment.  
where no-one is at home.

It is 1.30 a.m. at the moment  
and I am at the office  
thinking about the Engineer's wife:

How she sits on a folding chair  
with a box of crackers in her hand,  
waiting for the coffee to boil,  
just waiting in general,  
how she plays with her imagination,  
how she forgets to continue this game,  
to then wait again,  
to see if something happens,  
if something comes up,  
how instead of answering the door,  
she will sharpen her knives,  
counting down from three to one:  
three  
two  
one.

Then she starts rummaging through the trash  
for a crumpled piece of paper  
a German lover gave to her.  
This is my translation:

„It would have been better to have slept and dreamed,  
then to watch the night pass and the slow moon sink.“