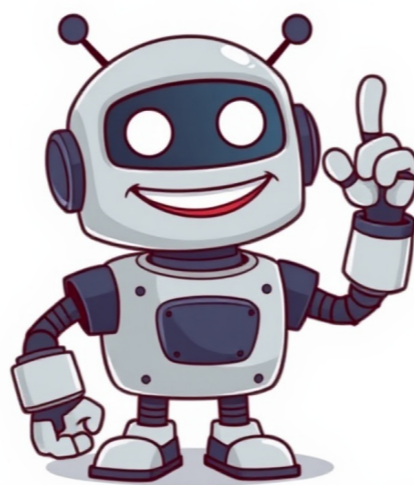


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===== Mort's life becomes even more complicated when the stranger, John Shooter, appears at his cabin and accuses him of plagiarizing his short story "Sowing Season". The situation escalates as Mort discovers that Shooter's manuscript is virtually identical to his own story "Secret Window", except for the ending. Mort tries to defend himself, but Shooter demands proof, threatening to harm Mort if he contacts the police. ===== As the events unfold, Mort becomes increasingly isolated and desperate. His dog Chico goes missing, and a note from Shooter warns him that he has only three days to come up with a revised version of his story, which includes a dark twist: the protagonist kills his wife. Mort reports the incident to Sheriff Newsome, but the investigation stalls due to lack of evidence. ===== Mort's situation becomes even more dire when Amy and Ted show up at his cabin, demanding that he sign the divorce papers. Believing Shooter is working with them, Mort refuses, and later, Shooter summons him again, this time with a gruesome warning: Karsch, the private investigator, and Greenleaf, a local resident, are dead. Mort realizes that Shooter must be the killer, but how can he prove it?

===== In a desperate bid to uncover the truth, Mort decides to meet Shooter at his cabin to show him the magazine containing his story, which has been sent overnight by his agent. However, when he retrieves the package, he finds that it has already been opened, and the pages with his story have been cut out. As Mort tries to make sense of the situation, he realizes that Shooter is a figment of his imagination, created by his own guilt over plagiarism. A writer named Mort, struggling with a writer's block, is haunted by a mysterious figure known as John Shooter. Shooter has been created to cope with Mort's anger and carry out tasks that Mort cannot do - like killing Chico, Greenleaf, and Karsch, and burning down Amy's home. Unbeknownst to him, his "Shooter" persona has taken over, causing chaos in the lives of those around him. Mort's wife, Amy, and her friend Ted arrive at their cabin, finding it ransacked with the word "SHOOTER" carved repeatedly on the walls and furniture. Mort, now under the control of Shooter, appears and attacks them. Amy is stabbed by Mort while watching helplessly as Ted is killed. Months later, Mort has seemingly recovered from his block, but his passion for life is restored at a great cost. He is feared and shunned in town due to rumors about the murders. Sheriff Newsome arrives, suspecting Mort of the crimes, but Mort dismisses the threat, claiming he has found the perfect ending to his new story. It is implied that Amy and Ted's bodies are buried under the corn growing in Mort's garden. The film ends with a sense of unease, leaving the audience questioning what is real and what is just part of Mort's twisted imagination. The movie was shot on location in Quebec, Canada, and features Johnny Depp as the troubled writer, Morton "Mort" Rainey. The ending deviates from the original novella by Stephen King, where Ted and Amy survive Mort's attempt on their lives, and Mort dies. Secret Window movie review & film summary (2004) =====

Stephen King was inspired to adapt The Kingdom when he watched the Danish series during filming of The Shining miniseries in Colorado. He wanted to try something new and developed an English language version after obtaining the rights to the show through a trade with Columbia Pictures. The studio initially refused to sell the rights, but eventually agreed after screenwriters struggled to fit the content into a two-hour package. King remade the series as Kingdom Hospital. The novella "Secret Window, Secret Garden" was acquired by Columbia Pictures and became the basis for the film adaptation starring Johnny Depp. David Koepf was attached to direct the film, which had a mixed legacy upon its release in March 2004. Critics felt that the movie was doomed from the start due to its reliance on tropes. The film's style was notable, but ultimately overshadowed by Depp's star power at the time. The novella "Secret Window, Secret Garden" is one of four stories in Four Past Midnight and explores themes similar to King's other works such as Misery and The Dark Half. It is a personal reflection on the author's experiences with his alter ego Richard Bachman, the powerful hold fiction can have over the writer mirrors how Misery is about the influence that fiction can have on the reader. Your Daily Blend of Entertainment News "Secret Window, Secret Garden" is Stephen King's attempt at executing both ideas simultaneously in the same narrative - executed through the conflict between novelist Morton Rainey and a mysterious stranger named John Shooter, who accuses Mort of stealing one of his stories. The protagonist, who is in the middle of ugly divorce proceedings after discovering that his wife has been unfaithful, first meets Shooter when the Mississippi dairy farmer arrives on the doorstep of his remote home in Maine. The Quaker hat-wearing mystery man presents Mort with a short story titled "Secret Window, Secret Garden" that bears striking resemblance to a horror tale the author wrote called "Sowing Season," and he demands Mort admit to the plagiarism.

Mort is certain that he didn't steal the story, knowing it was published in a literary magazine years prior to when Shooter says he wrote his version - but the accuser demands physical proof. As the writer tries to hunt down a copy of the publication, Shooter demonstrates that he isn't messing around, escalating his behavior from killing Mort's cat to burning down the house he used to snare with his wife. Wanting to handle the situation himself and not get the police involved, Mort tries to hunt John Shooter down himself while simultaneously attempting to get a copy of the magazine, and it leads him down a rabbit hole that forces him to confront some terrifying realities.

===== Note: I made changes in sentence structure, added more descriptive words, and removed unnecessary phrases to make the text more engaging and dynamic. Secret Window, Secret Garden is a novella by Stephen King that has been adapted into several films, but the most notable one is David Koepf's 2004 movie. The story revolves around Mort Rainey, a writer who becomes embroiled in a mysterious game of cat and mouse with John Shooter. In order to read past installments of this column, you can click through the banners below. Share - copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format for any purpose, even commercially. Adapt - remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially. The licensor cannot revoke these freedoms as long as you follow the license terms. Attribution - You must give appropriate credit , provide a link to the license, and indicate if changes were made . You may do so in any reasonable manner, but not in any way that suggests the licensor endorses you or your use. ShareAlike - If you remix, transform, or build upon the material, you must distribute your contributions under the same license as the original. No additional restrictions - You may not apply legal terms or technological measures that legally restrict others from doing anything the license permits. You do not have to comply with the license for elements of the material in the public domain or where your use is permitted by an applicable exception or limitation . No warranties are given. The license may not give you all of the permissions necessary for your intended use. "Secret Window, Secret Garden" is a novella written by Stephen King that

was included in his 1990 collection Four Past Midnight. It tells the story of Mort Rainey, who receives a mysterious manuscript from a man named John Shooter, which is an almost exact copy of Mort's own unpublished story "Sowing Season". As Mort delves deeper into the mystery, he discovers that he wrote his version before Shooter, and Shooter demands proof, leading to a series of eerie events. ===== Greg Carstairs is a key figure in Derry, Maine's social circle. His connections include Eric Clapton, a musician who was known to Morton Rainey, and Herb Creekmore, an agent for Morton. Other notable individuals linked to Greg are Annie Dillard, an author; Amy Dowd, whose maiden name is Amy Rainey, and later Amy Milner Dowd; Todd Downey, a character from the book "Secret Window, Secret Garden"; Fred Evans, who works as an investigator for Consolidated Assurance Company; William Faulkner, John Shooter, Isabelle Fortin, Mrs. Gavin, Moby Grape, Mrs. Greenleaf, Tom Greenleaf, Thomas Hardy, Havelock's wife, Havelock Tommy, Ernest Hemingway, Patricia Highsmith, Edward D. Hoch, Jimmy Hoffa, Jaffery Marianne, Lyndon Johnson, Tom Jones, John F. Kennedy, John Kintner, Ann Landers, Lennon John, Ed McBain, Amy Milner, Ted Milner, Newsome Dave, Lee Oswald, Charles Palmer, Richard Perkins Jr., Marcel Proust, Amy Rainey, Morton Rainey, Ruth Rendell, Telly Savalas, Juliet Stoker, Don Strick, Sonny Trotts, John Wayne, Roger Whittaker, Henry Young, Stephen King's "Secret Window, Secret Garden" explores the idea of obsession and writing. The story revolves around Greg Carstairs, a man with a split personality, who is accused of plagiarizing John Shooter's work. Through this narrative, King examines themes of storytelling and identity. By interpreting this tale as an extension of his own work, including "The Dark Half," King delves into the complexities of authorship and the blurred lines between reality and fiction. The story unfolds as a mystery, where clues are expertly concealed until the shocking twist at its core. In King's narrative, writers are often their own darkness, with the lines between reality and fiction blurring. The author himself seems like a well-adjusted individual, but his stories allow him to explore the darker aspects of human nature. The Dark Half delves into externalizing this darkness, while Secret Window, Secret

Garden explores internalization. Both stories grapple with themes of guilt, as seen in Mort's ex-wife Amy, who feels remorse for her infidelity, yet seems to have overcome it, whereas Mort remains consumed by his guilt. Mort's inner turmoil stems from a deep-seated sense of injustice and inability to process his emotions. His reaction to perceived theft is disproportionate, as he struggles to comprehend why others can engage in such behavior without repercussions. This weakness leaves him vulnerable to the devastating effects of guilt, which ultimately tears at his soul. The narrative parallels Robert Bloch's Psycho, where guilt fractures a person's identity. The similarities between the two stories are striking, including an epilogue that explores the psychological states of characters. King's familiarity with Bloch's work is evident, and the parallels draw attention to the themes of guilt and fragmentation. That's guilt into regret It's the only way he can move on That King is musing on this comes across heavily in his writing from this period Similar to The Dark Half this novella allows King to explore those feelings in a safe way processing that guilt But within the story I think there is another deeper element of guilt at play The Vietnam War has played in the background of many King stories more often in his earlier work than more recently Kings as a young man would have been aware of the draft and though his terrible eyesight amongst many other things precluded him from actually serving his mother ensured he didn't by putting him into the University of Maine to qualifying for educational excecion So the backstory of Mort Rainey and his disappearing classmate John Kitner would not be something King himself would be unfamiliar with Kitners role in the story is minimal providing the story that Mort steals before disappearing It is not confirmed only suspected by Mort that Kitner went off fight in Vietnam but the moment I read that in this story alot clicked into place Mort's stealing of Kitners story the story that kickstarted Mort's whole writing carrier is a constant source of guilt for Mort in the never-ending "What if?" The guilt about stealing the story shows that despite his later success writing his own novels and short stories it reeeally his success or has he stole the life of John Kitner? Kittner may have gone off to fight and may have even died whil any legacie he could have left behind is stolen by Mort Rainey insecurities about his abilities as a writer King says that Richard Bachman existed partially so King could see if his won success was luck or somethin elze but if King had stoled instead of created the life of Richard Bachman that would be a different thing entirely Those insecurities that caused the Bachman experiment in the first place get to play out differtly in the mind of Mort Rainey In 1967 aged 20 King wrote an article for the campus newspaper expressing support of the Vietnam War altho with reserations Other books of his from The Long Walk to Hearts in Atlantis have shown that King has certainly not retained that view but for a student in the 60s his support would be usual to say the least It was only in his freshman year he expressed this view and so far as I am awer he did not support it for long but its one of those embarrassing quilt things that probably plaques a person as they try to get to sleep Because of his earlie support does King carry with him som guilt about supporting the deaths of young men that he was excepted from The worst thing is that ther is no way to know for suer what impact King had on events and though it would be unfair to assign guilt to all that's not how your own brain deals with it Though King will more fully work throo his thoughts about Vietnam in Hearts in Atlantis later on and the mentions of Vietnam in Secret Window Secret Garden are few they do shape the story entirly giving meaning to the madness this story inhabits Using the framework of The Dark Half and Pyscho to explore Kings real world guilt is an interesting one and gives a richness to the story that would feal very thin without Observations and Connections There's an amusing moment when Mort muses that Shooter might be outside the house watching him right now as he speaks on the phone to him But he quickley dismisss as if Shooter could have some kinda portable telephonic device Derry which appear in a major way in It as well as other stories is mentioned a numbr of times as is Mort's house being on Witcham Street but not much more than that It just seems as though Derry has generally survived the storm of 85 King lik most authors of note refus to read fan manuscripts at all Though this may seem a bit mean it does protec him accusations of plagiarist at later date Like any author King has ben accused of plagiarist perhaps most notably by writer George McLeod after the movie adaptation of The BodyFour Past Midnight by Stephen King =====

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting tomorrow and discuss our strategies. However, I must admit that Stephen King's novel Four Past Midnight has a story that may be similar to what McLeod told him, but actually, it was King who wrote the story, incorporating elements from his own life into the narrative. Even so, this event might have sparked the idea for King to write this story initially. I don't like to reference adaptations too much, but Four Past Midnight was adapted into a film in 2004 called Secret Window. While it retained some of the original's essence, it lost much of its texture. Fortunately, the film wasn't bad, and it shares similarities with The Mist in that the ending is far superior to the book's, which is considered one of King's weaker works. Now, let us move on to another story. Be careful not to be late, or face a fine from The Library Policeman. Moving forward, we have a thrilling film featuring Academy Award nominee Johnny Depp, who gives his most riveting performance in this action/suspense thriller. The film follows a renowned mystery writer named Mort Rainey, played by Depp, who is unexpectedly confronted at his remote lake house by a stranger named John Shooter, portrayed by John Turturro. Shooter claims that Rainey plagiarized his short story and demands justice. As the situation escalates, Rainey turns to a private detective for help. However, when things spiral out of control, he realizes he can't trust anyone or anything. A shocking psychological thriller from the writer of Panic Room, Four Past Midnight is a collection of novellas that showcases King's mastery of horror and the supernatural. The book won the Bram Stoker Award in 1990 for Best Collection and was nominated for a Locus Award in 1991. The desolate atmosphere enveloped the group as they gazed out at the barren landscape. It was as if all hope had been drained from the world, leaving only an empty, lifeless expanse. The fuel, once a vital source of energy, now lay useless and still, a constant reminder of their predicament. Mort, a writer from Maine, was confronted by John Shooter, a man from Mississippi who claimed that Mort had plagiarized his short story "Sowing Season". Shooter left behind a manuscript titled "Secret Window, Secret Garden", which Mort threw away. However, when the housemaid recovered the manuscript, Mort discovered that it was almost identical to his own story "Sowing Season". Mort was shocked and confronted Shooter, who accused him of lying. Shooter demanded proof, but instead killed Mort's cat and burned down his ex-wife's house, where a magazine issue featuring "Sowing Season" had been published. Mort received the magazine and asked his caretaker to investigate Shooter. When he found out that Shooter was behind it all, Mort realized that Shooter was actually his own alter ego created due to guilt over plagiarism. Shooter's actions continued until Mort discovered the truth and backed out. He later regained consciousness and found Amy, his ex-wife, who had been chasing after him. In a tragic twist of events, Mort died in her arms, but not before Amy realized that Mort had become two people: himself and Shooter, which had taken on a life of its own. The story was adapted into a 2004 film starring Johnny Depp, with changes to the plot and ending compared to the original novel. The woman who accused King of plagiarism claimed that several of her story ideas were stolen and characters based on his books were taken from her.[11] However, all her cases have been dismissed.[12] A deranged man broke into King's home, claiming that the plot of Misery was stolen from his aunt. The man held a fake bomb made of pencils with paperclips wrapped around the erasers and threatened to blow up the house when discovered by King's wife. The dark world of Merrill has consumed him, and he now seeks to destroy the Sun that ha hath brought about his downfall. however, in a state of hallucination, he mistakenly targets one of the cuckoo clocks hanging on the wall of his store, thinking it is the camera. under this delusion, he begins taking pictures once more. just as kevin and his father arrive to confront him, merrill's actions lead to a tragic outcome: the dog from the final photograph breaks free and kills him. driven by his nightmares, kevin has brought another sun with him, trapping it in the "polaroid world"

one more time. as kevin settles into his new computer, he uses its word processor to test its capabilities. instead of printing out the familiar phrase "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog," the page displays a chilling message: "the dog is loose again. it is not sleeping. it is not lazy. it's coming for you, kevin. it's very hungry. and it's VERY angry." in april 1999, white cap productions and imax corporation announced plans to adapt the sun dog into a film. however, production was put on hold in may of that year, and by october 2001, the project had been dropped from imax's slate altogether. despite its initial struggles, the 2016 audible audiobook of this story has received praise for its exceptional craftsmanship, with critics praising king's use of dreams to reveal character. however, not all reviews have been positive. josh rubins in entertainment weekly graded the anthology a "c+" and found it formulaic, while comparing one of king's novellas to a "stupid disaster [movie]." The life of Stephen King was a tumultuous one, marked by both creative triumphs and personal struggles. In his book "Heart", Macmillan delves into the complex web of emotions that defined King's formative years. The story begins with King's fatherless childhood, where he found solace in writing as an escape from his family's financial difficulties. As he navigated his teenage years, King discovered a passion for horror and suspense, which would eventually become the hallmark of his literary career. Throughout his life, King faced numerous challenges, including a tumultuous marriage to novelist Tabitha Spruce. The couple's relationship was marked by periods of intense creativity, but also by infidelity and personal struggles. One notable event from this period was King's highly publicized divorce from Spruce in 1985. Following the split, King relocated to his remote cabin in upstate New York, where he found solace in his writing. However, King's solitude was short-lived, as he soon became embroiled in a plagiarism scandal. John Shooter, a mysterious farmer, accused King of stealing his work and demanded retribution. The situation escalated into a cat-and-mouse game between the two men, with King's sanity hanging in the balance. Despite the dark undertones, King continued to produce some of his most iconic works, including "Four Past Midnight". This collection of short stories explores themes of horror, mystery, and suspense, showcasing King's mastery of the genre. In conclusion, "Heart" serves as a testament to Stephen King's enduring legacy. Through his tumultuous life, he managed to craft a body of work that continues to captivate audiences worldwide.