

Store (1997)

A woman is dreaming. All of a sudden, a nightmare awakens her: she is terrified. She decides to go to the kitchen but finds a child floating in the corridor. She wakes up again, scared stiff, but then dreams that her sister is sitting next to her, on the sofa, having weird spasms. She wakes up once more and goes to her other sister's bed, which, at that point, becomes soft and develops tentacles. She wakes up again to find herself in her own bed. She switches on the light and drinks a gulp of water, but in the water there is something floating, something dreadful and formless. Panic stricken, she lets go of the glass and wakes up one more time. She sees a lattice of veins on the walls and ceiling of her room, she alternately wakes up and falls asleep again and has nightmares, one after the other... she sees floating furniture, small goldfishes with huge and horrible fangs...

A child is terribly afraid of the Mona Lisa. There is a reproduction of the painting in her parents' house and she cannot sleep thinking of the landscape, the smile, the protuberances on her forehead... She has not overcome this fear yet and she cannot bear the sight of it, not even of a reproduction. One day she met someone who looked very much like the Mona Lisa, a man, and her life changed.

A man and a woman inside a car. The man has drunk too much and is feeling sick. She offers herself to drive him home, he says he has a car and prefers to follow hers. They set off. He then indicates and so does she and stops but, out of the blue, the man steps on the gas and overtakes her to end up crashing a little further on. She helps him into her car, sitting him in the back seat. He is scared of her and she is scared of him. He phones or pretends to be phoning a friend, but she thinks he is faking it. She cannot hear anyone at the other end of the line and sees him pressing keys at random from time to time. They are mutually terrified of each other...

Alberto's driving instructor carried a baseball bat in his car. One day he told him to overtake a truck that had made a strange manoeuvre and then gave the truck driver a bad beating. Alberto was shocked and during each driving lesson thereafter he was scared and prayed to pass the test at the first attempt to finally get rid of his teacher.

Vesalius was forced to go on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. On a certain occasion, a lady—or a gentleman: history does not recall which one—, died while she was being treated by him. Vesalius could not understand the cause of her death and decided to ask her relatives to allow him to perform an autopsy. When he opened the body, the relatives could hear her heart still beating and escaped in panic. Vesalius was accused of murder by the Inquisition and sentenced to death. However, the king intervened and commuted his sentence to a compulsory pilgrimage to Holy Land in order to purge his sin.

A girl dreamt of her grandmother a little time after her death. She saw her on her bed, motionless, with her eyes opened. Then she approached the bed.