



Marnie, a young woman going by the name of Mary Holland, works at the accounting firm of Abercrombie & Strutt. One day after closing, she breaks into the office safe and steals the company's funds.



Marnie visits her invalid mother and gives her money. Marnie's mother is cold and disapproving. She hints that long ago, Marnie was involved in the death of her baby brother.



Marnie changes her appearance and begins a new job. She recognizes Mark Rutland, the firm's owner, from her past, but he doesn't seem to know her. Marnie also meets Mark's brother Terry, a known womanizer. He suspects that Marnie isn't exactly what she seems.



One day, Marnie delivers some work to Mark at his home. A thunderstorm strands her there, and she is terrified and disoriented. Mark comforts her and then tries to kiss her. Marnie flees.





Marnie returns to the office and breaks into the safe. Before she can take the firm's money and escape, Mark catches her in the act. He coerces her into marrying him to avoid his turning her over to the police.



Mark wants Marnie to love him, but she can't stand his touch. On their honeymoon, he tries to force himself on her, but she escapes into the bathroom and slits her wrists.



Marnie recovers from her injuries, but she and Mark both suffer from their disastrous marriage. Mark persuades Marnie to see an analyst. In return, he offers to stable Marnie's beloved horse Forio on his property.

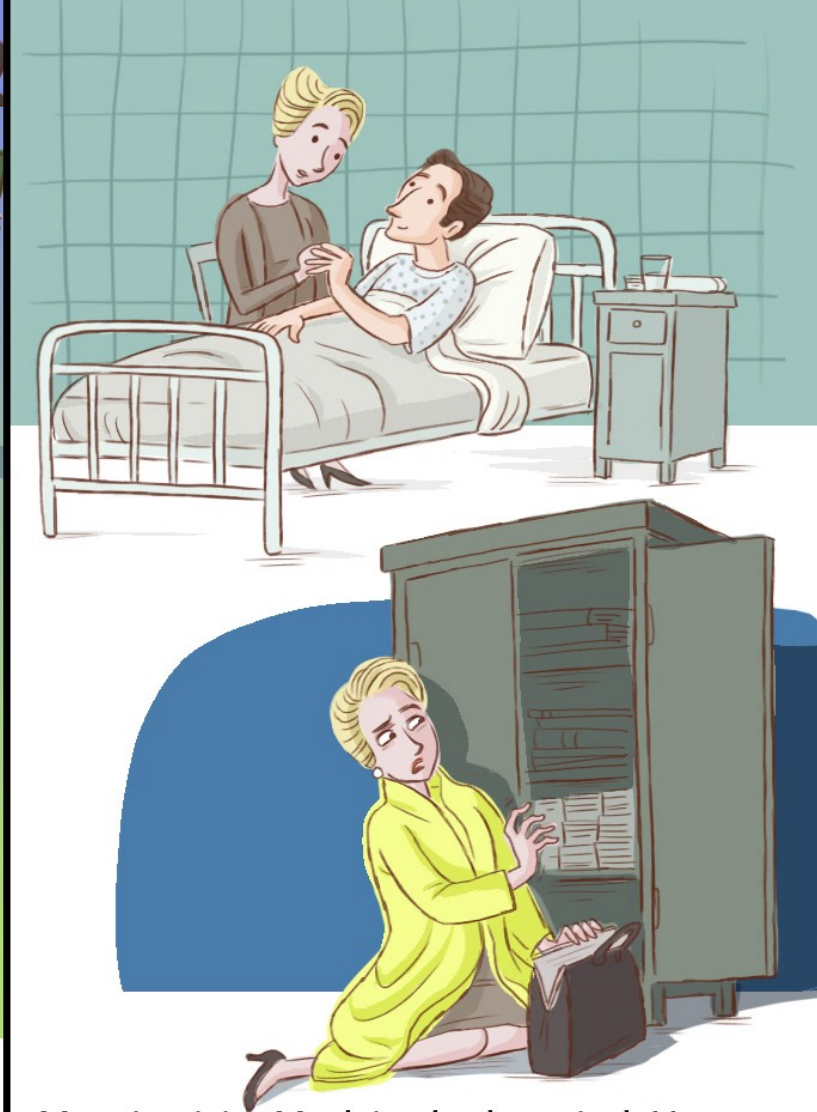


In therapy, Marnie has disturbing flashbacks of a thunderstorm, her mother, a soldier, and her dead baby brother.





Mark and Marnie take part in a fox hunt. Amid the chaos of the hunt, Marnie panics and Forio bolts. The horse is injured so badly that he has to be shot. Mark, trying to help, is also hurt.



Marnie visits Mark in the hospital. Her feelings are warming towards him, but once he is asleep, she takes his keys to the office safe. She returns to the office but finds herself unable to steal from him.



Marnie flees to her mother's house only to discover her mother has died. At the funeral, Marnie learns from an old family friend that it was Marnie's mother who killed Marnie's infant brother.



Mark tracks Marnie down and arrives at the funeral, accompanied by his brother and the police. Mark hopes that Marnie and he might reconcile, but Marnie can't promise anything. The police put her in handcuffs as she says, "I'm free."