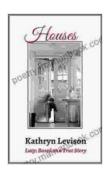
# The Haunting True Story Behind Lucy in "Houses": The Frightening Real-Life Exorcism of Anneliese Michel

The film "Houses" is a 2010 American supernatural horror film directed by Jenifer Kent and starring Rebecca De Mornay, Bill Moseley, and Nathan Phillips. The film tells the story of a family who move into a new house and soon begin to experience strange and terrifying events. The film is loosely based on the true story of the exorcism of Anneliese Michel, a young German woman who was possessed by demons and subjected to a series of brutal exorcism rituals.



#### Houses: Chapter 1 (Lucy: Based on a True Story)

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#### **Anneliese Michel: The Real-Life Lucy**

Anneliese Michel was born on September 21, 1952, in Leiblfing, Germany. She was a devout Catholic and a member of the Catholic youth group. In 1973, at the age of 20, Anneliese began to experience strange and

disturbing symptoms. She heard voices, saw visions, and was plagued by nightmares. She also began to exhibit physical symptoms, such as convulsions, vomiting, and bleeding from her eyes.

Anneliese's parents took her to see a doctor, but no physical cause for her symptoms could be found. They then turned to the Church for help. In 1975, two priests, Father Arnold Renz and Father Ernst Alt, were assigned to perform an exorcism on Anneliese. The exorcism rituals were brutal and lasted for months. Anneliese was subjected to beatings, starvation, and sleep deprivation. She was also forced to drink holy water and eat consecrated hosts.

Anneliese's condition worsened during the exorcism rituals. She became increasingly violent and aggressive. She also began to speak in tongues and to make guttural noises. The priests believed that Anneliese was possessed by multiple demons, including Lucifer, Judas Iscariot, and Hitler.

Anneliese Michel died on July 1, 1976, at the age of 23. Her death was ruled a homicide by the German courts. The two priests who performed the exorcism were convicted of negligent homicide and sentenced to three years in prison.

#### The Exorcism of Anneliese Michel

The exorcism of Anneliese Michel is one of the most famous and well-documented cases of exorcism in history. The case has been the subject of numerous books, articles, and documentaries. The film "Houses" is a fictionalized account of the exorcism of Anneliese Michel. The film takes liberties with the facts of the case, but it remains a faithful adaptation of the true story.

The exorcism of Anneliese Michel is a tragic story of a young woman who was subjected to a horrific ordeal. The film "Houses" is a powerful and disturbing reminder of the dangers of superstition and the power of belief.

#### **Additional Information**

- The film "Houses" was released in the United States on October 29, 2010.
- The film received mixed reviews from critics, but it was a box office success.
- The film was nominated for three Independent Spirit Awards, including Best Director for Jenifer Kent.
- The film has been praised for its realistic and disturbing depiction of exorcism.
- The film has also been criticized for its graphic violence and disturbing subject matter.

The film "Houses" is a powerful and disturbing reminder of the dangers of superstition and the power of belief. The film is a faithful adaptation of the true story of the exorcism of Anneliese Michel, a young woman who was subjected to a horrific ordeal. The film is a must-see for fans of horror movies and for anyone who is interested in the true story behind one of the most famous cases of exorcism in history.

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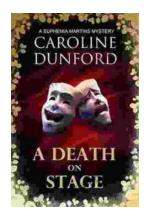
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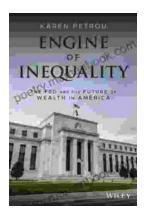
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