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In English

Title	<i>The Architect</i>
Author(s)	Richard Wheildon and Lauri Lippmaa
Format	A 90-minute full feature
Genre	Contained supernatural horror
Logline	After witnessing her child and his bedroom vanish, a frantic mother has to place her trust in the only man who believes her fantastical story... the strange Architect who designed and built the house over a hundred years earlier.
Synopsis	<p>Joe and Ellie move into their new home under the dark cloud of a car crash that nearly killed their young son David. While decorating, Ellie discovers a room hidden behind the wallpaper. Joe convinces her it would make a perfect bedroom for their son and Ellie reluctantly agrees. A few nights later they are woken by the house shaking. As they rush to get out, they find David's bedroom door sinking into the wallpaper. As Joe tries to force his way in, the walls smash together and everything goes dark. When the police arrive they find Ellie frantically clawing at the walls. She is sent to a psychiatric hospital.</p> <p>Three years later Ellie gets a visit from the new owner of the house, Karl Solace. He has found a toy belonging to David in a room hidden behind the wallpaper. When Karl takes Ellie back to the house he confesses he designed and built the house as a wedding gift for his wife Sasha. In a jealous drunken rage, he accused his wife of an affair and bricked her up in the bedroom. When he came to his senses the room had gone and ever since he has been searching for her. Karl thinks the child can lead him to the missing room. He demands Ellie call to her son. Ellie refuses. Enraged, Karl brutally attacks her. When she wakes, Karl is gone. But in his place is Hannah, another mother searching for a child. Karl has lured many women to the house before.</p> <p>Hannah shows Ellie how to manoeuvre through the house using the bedroom mirrors... which seem to act as a portal through the decades. Eventually, Ellie manages to get to Sasha's but Karl is not far behind them. Now a game of cat and mouse ensues as a frantic mother tries to stay one step ahead of a madman.</p>
Stage of Project	Script
Author's Notes	<i>The Architect</i> is a so-called 'Monster in the house' story that has always been a firm favourite of the Horror genre. It draws on the primal fear of if you are not safe in your own home where are you safe. I think there is always a place for these stories as they tap into our deeper psyche and like all great horror stories leave the audience with a 'what if' feeling... long after they have left the cinema.