

Title: Mirror Fear
Genre: Sport/Drama

Open on a female gymnast (Jennifer, 23) in a dark, empty gym with several mirrors lining the walls. She walks the space before picking up and putting on a gymnastic hand grip. Close up on her hands as she fastens the grip around her wrist. As she finishes:

Form cut to Jennifer's hand. Where the grip was is now a finger tip heartbeat monitor, medical bracelet, and IV. Her limp hand is being held by her mother as she sits by her hospital bed. Pan over to the mother, we see her face filled with dried tears and worry while the room is filled with dead flowers and lost hope. We see Jennifer's closed eyes and zoom in until her face fills the frame.

Form cut to Jennifer's eyes opening. She is now looking at herself in the mirror. We see both Jennifer and her reflection in the mirror, in full gymnastic gear. She stares at herself, preparing, focusing, for a moment before the Jennifer in the mirror speaks.

Mirror Jennifer

We have to get out of this

Jennifer

Why do you say that?

Mirror Jennifer

Look around

Jennifer looks around to discover that a set of uneven bars has appeared in the center of the gym.

Jennifer

How could this happen?

Jennifer walks up and touches the uneven bars. As soon as she does:

Flash back to Jennifer running towards the spring board with a roaring crowd. She jumps for the first bar:

Cut back. She recoils her hand in fear and looks back at the mirror.

Mirror Jennifer motions her go on. Jennifer walks around the bars and touches them again, this time with a full grip then:

Flash back to the roaring crowd. We see a set of hands catch on the bars, do a full rotation, and then slip off:

Flash back. Jennifer looks back at the mirror. Mirror Jennifer is standing still and

the flickers of red and blue lights appear on her skin. The cry of an ambulance sounds in the distance. The lights intensify as the siren grows louder during the following:

A quick cut montage of the jump, the slip, the fall, the hospital, the mother, and Jennifer's expressions until she is collapsed on the floor crying and broken.

Mirror Jennifer now appears all in all the mirrors:

Mirror Jennifer
We'll never get out

These words resonate and echo all around the gym, shaking Jennifer to the core, mentally and physically.

Jennifer, bracing herself, looks directly at Mirror Jennifer and through her pain, tears, and fears confidently challenges:

Jennifer
That's what you think. Watch this!

Jennifer gets up and sprints towards the spring board. She leaps into the air before:

Mirror Jennifer
Don't!

She jumps for the bars and successfully grabs hold. Jennifer then executes a stunning routine of circles, swings, giants, and saltos before dismounting firmly on the mat.

Upon landing, a shock shoots through the mat towards the mirror. The pulse runs up the mirror and sends a crack across Mirror Jennifer.

Mirror Jennifer
Are you happy now?

Jennifer smiles and the mirrors around her all shatter--falling to the ground. Light floods the room quickly and shines in her eyes. Jennifer's eyes close as she winces, then:

Form cut to Jennifer's eyes, now back at the hospital. She opens her eyes and sits up in the hospital bed. She is immediately greeted with an emotional embrace from her mother. Fade out on their happy reunion.

The End