# Chupacabra Retrieval

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#### FADE IN

### EXT. URBAN SKYLINE - NIGHT

Two moons shine down from a purple pink sky upon a futuristic city sprawl. The second circular moon dims, as the SONY logo forms around it. Cars discharging neon colored jets fly around the three dimensional grid.

At (one of the) street levels, a man checks left then right before quickly descending some basement steps and unlocking a drab matt black door.

SUPER: SOMEWHERE IN SPACE AND TIME

## INT. APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

Is white minimalist, exceptionally neat. A slender Black Cat jumps down from a white Egg chair to meow a greeting while winding around the legs of her handler GARY SEVEN 30s.

He sluffs off his trenchcoat revealing his sharp suit.

GARY SEVEN Missed me, Icis?

The cat's meows and chirrups indicates that she has. She jumps into his arms. He smooths her. She purrs harder.

GARY SEVEN Computer, play messages.

A wall panel glows with pastel colors as a staccato female voice replies.

COMPUTER VOICE Bethanie Ward reports finding a Chupacabra cadaver by the roadside in Abilene Texas.

GARY SEVEN Excellent. Fancy a road trip Icis?

Icis jumps from his arms; eyes like saucers she fluffs up, arches her back and spits and screeches.

GARY SEVEN They're not really hairless dogs. I believe they're hybrids. Left abandoned by the reptilians. Computer set coordinates for Abilene Texas. COMPUTER VOICE Initializing. 1983 June, Abilene Texas, Earth - ready.

GARY SEVEN Background info please.

COMPUTER VOICE Abilene is a small city with a big personality. It offers affordability, economic stability, education, health, and amenities for everyone to thrive.

A swirling mist is filling the apartment. Seven grabs his coat and attaché case. Scoops Icis up with his other arm.

GARY SEVEN

Transport.

SUPER: EARTH - TEXAS - JUNE 1983

INT. DERELICT BARN - TEXAS - DAY

Beams of sunlight from the holed roof slant down into the dispersing mist cloud. Seven stands still to regain his bearings. Icis jumps down, meowing. She runs over to a tarpaulin. Seven unfurls this to reveal a shiny black Chevy Monte Carlo SS.

> GARY SEVEN Nice choice Icis. It's like the car version of you.

He opens the drivers door and Icis darts inside, sniffing, inspecting, checking. She meows - then purts strongly.

GARY SEVEN The heatbeat of America. Really?

Seven opens the barn doors. Collects up his coat & attaché case, dumps them in the trunk. Moves to slide into the driver's seat. Icis doesn't budge.

GARY SEVEN Cat's can't drive. Sit on my lap.

Seven gets in, snicks shut the door. Icis quickly settles on his lap.

GARY SEVEN (to car) Drive to downloaded coordinates.

The car sets off. Texan dust plumes behind them.

SUPER: THE BADLANDS OF ABILENE TX - PREVIOUSLY

EXT. WILDERNESS ROADSIDE - NIGHT

BETHANIE WARD 30s, drives her teen daughter CHLOE. Their Jeep travels slowly along the 244 Road.

BETHANIE (V.O.) I'm not looking for too much longer.

INT. JEEP - TRAVELLING - NIGHT

They are both searching, peering into the semi-darkness.

CHLOE Please Mom! If the dog is lost this is wilderness out here.

BETHANIE

It's probably escaped from Trent's Pet grooming. They should take more care.

They approach a cross roads.

CHLOE

Make a left.

BETHANIE Up there? That leads back to Clyde.

CHLOE Just a few more minutes. It's a poor lost dog.

BETHANIE

Who owns it?

CHLOE I donno. Alison called me and said she could hear it howling in distress.

BETHANIE I'm driving about another half mile then we end this search.

CHLOE

Mom please!

She folds her arms and scowls into the near distance. Bethanie grips the wheel tighter and sighs loudly. They travel slowly on in silence.

EXT. JEEP - SLOWING AND TURNING - NIGHT

The headlights illuminate a motionless large black dog just off the edge of the road in the scrub.

CHLOE (O.S.) Oh no! It's been hit.

BETHANIE (O.S.) That's some dog. I'll check it out.

With the Jeep blocking the road, Bethanie jumps out to investigate.

EXT. WILDERNESS ROADSIDE - NIGHT

Bethanie moves forwards as Chloe keeps her distance.

CHLOE Is it a hairless coyote?

BETHANIE They're not that big. That's not mange - the leathery skin - it's weird.

CHLOE Look at those canines!

BETHANIE We're lucky it's dead.

She's about to prod its deformed, elongated skull with her boot then thinks better of it.

BETHANIE

That's not going in the Jeep. I'll report this to Texas A&M. The University Department of Animal Science.

CHLOE You ever seen anything like it?

BETHANIE Nope. Don't want to ever again.

They climb back into the Jeep.

EXT. WILDERNESS ROADSIDE - NIGHT

The Monte Carlo's headlights illuminate the ragged hairless Chupacabra cadaver. Seven points a slender device at the creature. It POP POP POPS as it takes a number of flesh samples. Vaguely dog-like, the creature has 4 inch canines. Icis meows urgently from inside the car.

> GARY SEVEN Nearly done, Icis. It's my hobby. It's nice to have DNA proof.

He transfers the wand into one of the machines in the car's trunk. Other devices light up with displays showing various complex details and analysis.

GARY SEVEN Definitely not of this world. You were right Icis. We're heading home now.

He slams the trunk shut. Gets in. The car drives itself off into the night. Icis meows in protest.

EXT/INT. RANCH HOUSE - SUNRISE

Rolling out of bed the RANCHER 40s, watches the distant plume of dust traveling towards one of his disused barns.

He quickly pulls on his pants then exits.

INT. DERELICT BARN - TEXAS - SUNRISE

The Monte Carlo drives back inside. As Seven opens his door Icis leaps out in hot pursuit of a mouse. He re-covers the car with the tarpaulin. In the b.g. Icis screeches then pounces. A sudden silence and stillness expands.

Seven opens his attaché case - sets it down. An eerie light fills the barn.

GARY SEVEN Computer - we are ready to return to base.

COMPUTER VOICE Agent Seven - the United States will be test launching an orbital nuclear warhead tomorrow.

GARY SEVEN Locate agents 201 and 347. COMPUTER VOICE They've been killed in a car crash before the completion their sabotage mission.

Icis jumps into his arms. She's smacking her lips and looking very pleased with herself.

GARY SEVEN So it's up to me -

Icis meows very loudly. She leaps from his arms - runs off.

GARY SEVEN - And Icis. OK, our business is completed here.

Gary is unaware of the Rancher creeping closer to get a better look.

GARY SEVEN (calling out) Icis - it's time to go!

EXT. DERILICT BARN - SUNRISE

The Rancher nearly jumps out of his skin as he's confronted by a beautiful girl, with dark hair and eyes, striking make up, wearing a sleek black cocktail dress. She regards the Rancher with caution. He raises both hands in surrender.

INT. DERILICT BARN - SUNRISE

The barn fills with swirling mists. Pastel colors crackle from the attaché case with electric intent.

GARY SEVEN

Icis - now!

She meows.

#### GARY SEVEN

Transport.

The mists clear to reveal the barn is now empty. The Rancher shakes his head in disbelief.

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