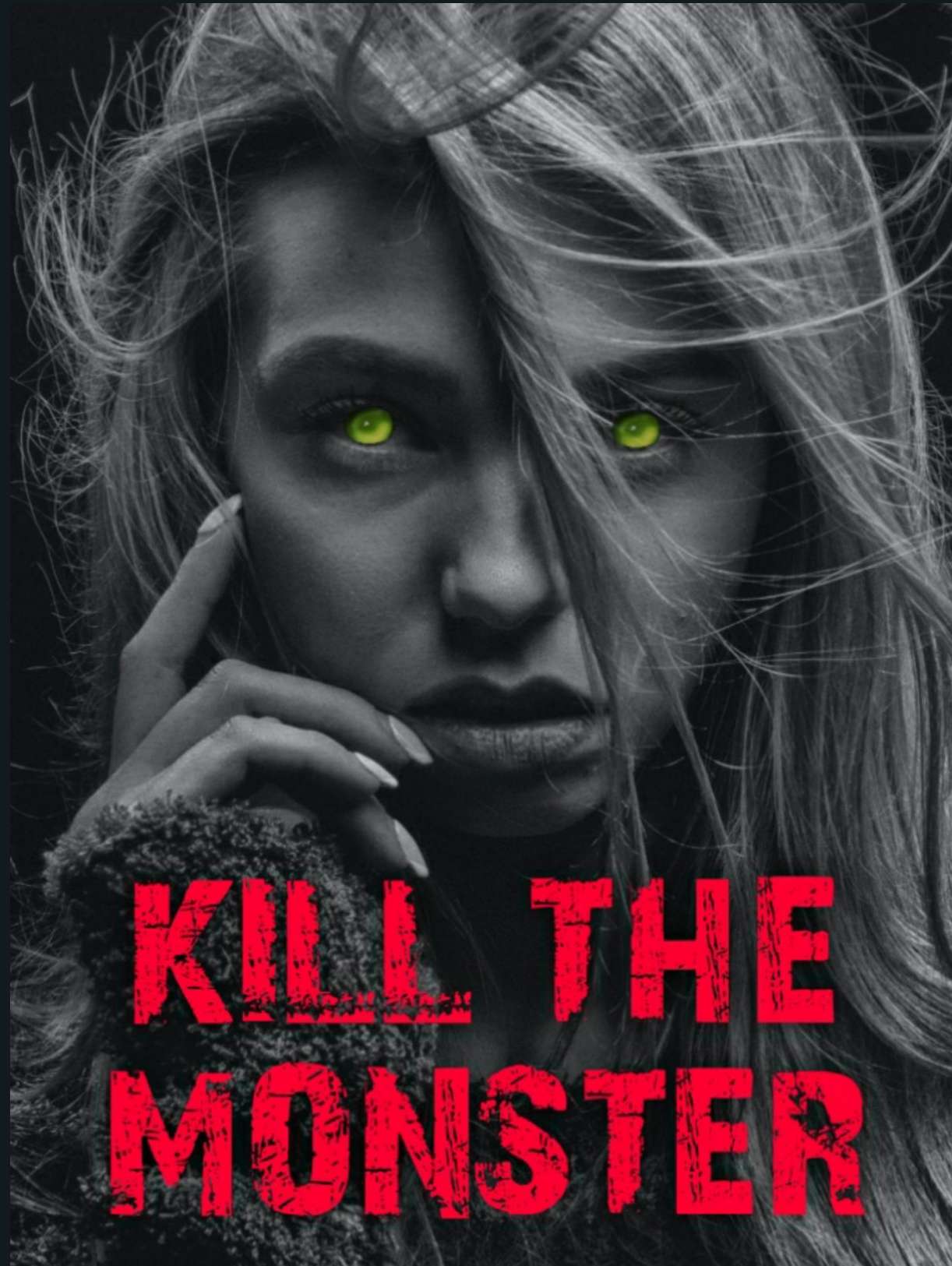


PITCH DECK



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SUMMARY

Main Genres: Horror/Action/Thriller (**Sub-genres:** Contained Horror/Monster)

Logline: A resourceful woman—who never asks for help or accepts it—tries to kill a nocturnal monster that's after her and her disabled best friend.

Theme: Ask for help when you need it, and accept help when you need it.

Similar Movies: “30 Days of Night” (because of the nighttime element) and “It (2017)” (because of the monster in a small town element)

Pages: 91

Budget: Low-budget

SUMMARY (CONTINUED)

Setting: Battlefield, North Carolina (fictional small town with a population of 5,000)

Locations: Three (most of the scenes in the script are interior)

- Large, two-story house (most of the script takes place here);
- Woods (only five very short scenes);
- Military surplus store (only two scenes).

Cast: Seven characters and four non-speaking extras

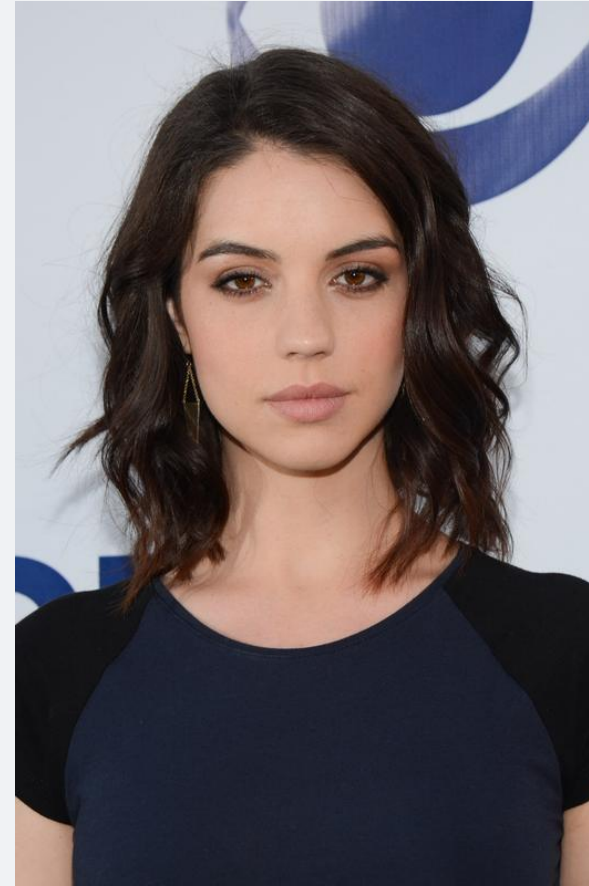
- Four major characters (most of the script focuses on them);
- Three minor characters;
- Four non-speaking extras (only in the script for a few seconds).
- **Note:** The minor characters and extras are included in the script treatment.

ACTOR SAFETY/DISTANCING

I've rewritten the script for actor safety/distancing (because of the virus and new production guidelines). I've done a separate rewrite where I went through the entire script focusing on actor safety/distancing.

More about this in the script treatment

KELSA BANKS



Looks like: Adelaide Kane

Main character. Age 30. Resourceful, brave, fierce, tough, and stubborn. She's physically fit and right-handed. She has long hair. She talks proper and without a country accent. She's a neat freak. She never asks for help or accepts it (because of the way she was raised). She's an expert shooter, she's an expert at using a Katana sword and a long spear, and she's a very skilled kickboxer.

KELSA BANKS (CONTINUED)

She has a big crush on Arch, but she hasn't told him. She's Dakota's best friend. She's an investor (she invests in businesses). She's a very skilled cook and baker. She's working on her business plan so she can own a business (her main life goal). Her childhood dream was to own a business.

DAKOTA LOPEZ



Looks like: Eiza González

Major character. Age 28. Humorous, lively, sharp-eyed (notices things), and fearful. She's tiny and physically fit (upper body). She has a country accent. She's disabled/wheelchair-bound. She's a huge Horror fan, a Horror writer who wants to be famous (her main life goal), and an expert shooter. She's Kelsa's best friend. She lives with Kelsa. She's grumpy when she wakes up.

ARCH BRIGGS



Looks like: DJonny Weston

Major character. Age 30. Brave, tough, very kind, and helpful. He's physically fit and very handsome. He has a heavy country accent. He's an expert shooter, and he owns a military surplus store. The store belonged to his parents. He wants to run it the best that he can (his main life goal). He likes to hunt. He went through a breakup five months ago. He doesn't know Kelsa likes him.

NIGHT CRIER



Looks like: Maika Monroe

Major character. Age 21. An aggressive, dangerous nocturnal monster and predator with green monster eyes and sharp teeth. She looks like a woman. She's physically fit. She has long hair. She wears country clothes and dirty hiking boots. She doesn't have a country accent.

NIGHT CRIER (CONTINUED)

There are thousands of Night Criers. They're male and female. They kill and eat people. Sometimes they travel alone. Sometimes they travel in a pack. A Night Crier travels alone because it doesn't have to share food. If a Night Crier travels alone, it won't attack more than three or four people at once, because it's too risky (the most important thing to a Night Crier is surviving).

They're called Night Criers because they go to people's houses at night and cry. People think they're hurt, so they take them inside. After Night Criers get inside a house, they kill the residents.

NIGHT CRIER (CONTINUED)

Night Criers live in big nests. There are nests in different states.

Night Criers wear clothes so they don't bring attention to themselves (ex: walking around naked would bring attention from the sheriff department). When Night Criers travel, they steal clothes and shoes, then stash them in hideouts.

Night Criers use abilities against people. Their abilities: The strength of two men; enhanced speed; they take a lot of damage; their bodies can heal; shoot electricity; spit slime; bite; paralyze people with poisonous nails (it's only temporary); crawl on things; see in the dark (they cut the power and attack in the dark).

The more damage Night Criers take, the longer it takes for their bodies to heal. They don't go out during the day. They can't stand sunlight.

SYNOPSIS

In a flashforward scene, a resourceful woman named Kelsa Banks (30) tries to kill Night Crier (21) in her house. It's a large, small-town house that's far from others and surrounded by woods. Kelsa never asks for help or accepts it. She's an expert shooter, she's an expert at using a Katana sword and a long spear, and she's a very skilled kickboxer. Night Crier is a nocturnal monster that kills and eats people. She uses abilities against them. She looks like a woman and dresses in country clothes.

Kelsa's best friend, Dakota Lopez (28), waits in the locked basement as Kelsa and Night Crier fight. Dakota is wheelchair-bound. She's sharp-eyed (notices things). She's a huge Horror fan, a Horror writer who wants to be famous, and an expert shooter. Night Crier gets the upper hand, and it looks like she's going to kill Kelsa.

In present time, Dakota's home health nurse named Naylene Johnson (55) offers to help Kelsa (because Kelsa has a lot to do). Kelsa doesn't accept her help.

SYNOPSIS (CONTINUED)

Night Crier discovers Kelsa's house. As she starts to ring the doorbell, Arch Briggs (30) drives up. Two men are with him. Night Crier hides. Arch is an expert shooter, and he owns a military surplus store. Kelsa talks with him. She has a big crush on him, but she hasn't told him.

After Arch and the men leave, Night Crier rings the doorbell and cries. Kelsa thinks she's hurt, so she takes her inside. After Dakota notices Night Crier's monster eye, she realizes she's a Night Crier. Kelsa fights Night Crier. Wounded badly, Night Crier flees.

Dakota tells Kelsa Night Crier will be back tomorrow night. Dakota tells her how she knows about Night Crier: Dakota read a Horror short story about Night Criers. Kelsa tells Dakota she's going to kill Night Crier (by herself).

SYNOPSIS (CONTINUED)

During the day, Kelsa gets ready for the second fight with Night Crier. Kelsa goes to Arch's store so she can spend time with him, hoping he develops feelings for her and they become a couple (**B Story**).

Night Crier returns to Kelsa's house that night. Night Crier's body is healed. After Kelsa wounds her badly, Night Crier flees.

Dakota is angry that Kelsa won't ask for help or accept help with killing Night Crier, so Dakota asks people to help Kelsa (**Subplot**). Dakota asks Sheriff Maurice Walker (55), then Naylene. Kelsa convinces them Night Crier is just a story.

Arch tells Kelsa he doesn't want to have a relationship with her (because she never asks for help or accepts it).

SYNOPSIS (CONTINUED)

Kelsa fights Night Crier the third time. Night Crier bites her right hand, so Kelsa has to rely on one hand (her left hand) to fight from now on. Wounded badly, Night Crier flees. Arch finds out about Night Crier. Dakota asks him to help Kelsa kill Night Crier, but Kelsa refuses to accept his help.

Kelsa fights Night Crier the fourth time. All seems lost for Kelsa. She has her Character Arc (she asks Arch to help her kill Night Crier). Wounded badly, Night Crier flees.

Kelsa, Arch, and Dakota go over the plan to kill Night Crier. Kelsa and Arch become a couple.

SYNOPSIS (CONTINUED)

In the biggest, most difficult fight, Kelsa and Arch battle Night Crier. Night Crier injures them badly, and Kelsa asks Dakota to help. Dakota wounds Night Crier badly. Night Crier tries to flee, but Kelsa kills her.

Kelsa, Arch, Dakota, Naylene, Sheriff Walker, and Duncan Grimm (45) have been hunting Night Criers for a year. Duncan is the one who wrote the Horror short story about Night Criers. They meet and talk about searching for Night Crier hideouts.

The team of hunters leaves Kelsa's house to find more Night Crier hideouts.

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