

LORD HEAR ME

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Fade In

INT. FRANKS CAR - DAY

DEPUTY FRANKS, a man in his 30's, is driving a cop car down a road. The radio is playing Down In the River To Pray. He begins singing along.

DEPUTY FRANKS

(to himself)

O brothers let's go down. Let's go down, come on down. Down in the river to pray. As I went down in the river to pray. Studying about that good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good lord show me the way.

On the sidewalk BONNIE HARP, a 15 year old girl, is walking with her arms folded. Franks turns down the radio and stops singing. He rolls down the car window and pulls up beside Bonnie.

DEPUTY FRANKS

Good morning Bonnie.

BONNIE HARP

Good morning Mr. Franks.

DEPUTY FRANKS

Shouldn't you be in church

BONNIE HARP

I decided not to go.

DEPUTY FRANKS

Oh why's that.

BONNIE HARP

Tom told me I shouldn't

DEPUTY FRANKS

Is that a friend of yours

BONNIE HARP

Uh huh, he's my best friend.

DEPUTY FRANKS

My best friend is Jesus. Is God in your heart Bonnie?

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BONNIE HARP

Of course

DEPUTY FRANKS

Well then how's about I drive you
to church

BONNIE HARP

OK

Franks opens the passenger side door for her. She gets in the car and closes the door.

Franks turns up the radio and continues singing. He puts his foot on the gas and drives down the road.

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

Bonnie walks while muttering a song.

BONNIE HARP

Jesus loves me this I know. For the
bible tells me so. Little ones to
him belong, they are weak, but he
is strong.

A rustling in the bushes is heard.

Bonnie stops walking and looks at the bush. Growling is heard. Bonnie walks faster. Footsteps are heard coming up behind her. She turns around, nothing is there.

Bonnie walks up to a house.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

BILLY HARP, a man in his 30's, is sitting down on the couch.

Bonnie enters and closes the door behind her.

BILLY HARP

Hey Bonnie, how was church?

Bonnie throws up black slime on the carpet.

Billy stands up visibly horrified.

BILLY HARP

Bonnie?

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BONNIE HARP

I'll be OK

Bonnie runs down the hall holding her stomach.

Billy walks to the phone and dials a number.

BILLY HARP

Yes Dr. Fontaine, it's Bonnie she's violently ill. Come here as soon as you can.

INT. BONNIE'S ROOM - DAY

Bonnie is laying in bed. Her face is pale and she is drenched in sweat. Billy is sitting on a chair beside the bed.

DR.FONTAINE, a man in his 30's, enters.

DR. FONTAINE

Hello Bonnie, how are you feeling?

BONNIE HARP

Not good

DR. FONTAINE

I'm sorry to hear that. Now, I'm going to run some tests OK

BONNIE HARP

OK

Fontaine walks towards Bonnie and pulls out a flashlight from his pocket. He turns it on and looks into her eyes. Fontaine puts the flashlight back into his pocket and pulls out a thermometer. He puts it in her mouth. The thermometer beeps. Fontaine pulls it out.

BILLY HARP

Dr. Fontaine, is she OK?

DR. FONTAINE

She's great. There's nothing physically wrong with her as far as I can tell. But I could ask her a few questions.

BILLY HARP

OK

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DR. FONTAINE
Have you eaten or drank anything
odd in the last few days.

BONNIE HARP
I don't think so. Tom gave me some
soda the other day.

DR. FONTAINE
Oh is a friend of yours

BILLY HARP
I thought I told you to stop
talking about Tom

BONNIE HARP
I can't help it. He's my best
friend.

DR. FONTAINE
It's very important for a girl your
age to have friends. Billy you
should know better.

BILLY HARP
Bonnie, where's Tom now.

BONNIE HARP
Silly Dad, he's standing in the
door way.

Fontaine Bonnie and Billy are looking at the door way.
Nothing is there.

BONNIE HARP
(waving)
Hi Tom

DR. FONTAINE
Oh dear, Bonnie, honey. Tom isn't
real.

BONNIE HARP
What are you talking about?

DR. FONTAINE
He's imaginary

BONNIE HARP
But, I can see him as clear as day.
Oh this is a joke.

DR. FONTAINE
I'm afraid this isn't a joke at all.

BONNIE HARP
It's not funny anymore Doctor and I don't think Tom likes it either.

DR. FONTAINE
Does Tom talk to you?

BONNIE HARP
Dad make Dr. Fontaine leave

BILLY HARP
No Bonnie, this fantasy has gone on long enough.

Bonnie screams and starts hitting Billy and Fontaine. Fontaine pulls out a syringe from his pocket and stabs Bonnie in the arm. Bonnie passes out.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Billy is sitting on a couch. Bonnie enters.

BONNIE HARP
Hey dad

BILLY HARP
Your looking better

BONNIE HARP
Yea I guess it was just the flu

BILLY HARP
That's good

Bonnie starts screaming. Billy stands up. Bonnie stops screaming and starts shaking like she's having a seizure. She falls to the ground and stops moving. She coughs up blood. Billy kneels to the ground and touches her arm. She screams.

EXT. DOOR - DAY

Billy knocks on the door. Franks opens the door.

BILLY HARP
What did you do?

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DEPUTY FRANKS

What do you mean?

BILLY HARP

I know you did something to my daughter. Ever since you took her to church she's been horribly sick. It's like she has the plague.

DEPUTY FRANKS

I didn't do anything Billy. I swear to God I didn't.

BILLY HARP

Yea well, it'll be your soul that pays for it.

Billy walks away.

INT. FRANK'S ROOM - NIGHT

Franks is sitting down next to his bed.

DEPUTY FRANKS

Please God will you make Bonnie better, she's awfully nice and doesn't deserve whatever's happening. You know I had nothing to do with it but I'll still feel guilty if she...oh I don't even want to think about it. Amen.

Franks gets up and lays in the bed. The door to the room opens. Franks sees Bonnie in the doorway. She walks to him and crawls on his bed. She lays on top of him. Her jaw dislocates. Shark like teeth pop out. Franks screams. He pushes her off of him. She runs out of the room.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Billy is on the phone standing near a table.

BILLY HARP

Shark teeth? What in the world is wrong with you, you sicko

Billy hangs up the phone.

BONNIE HARP

(off screen)

Jesus loves me, loves me still

Billy walks to...

INT. BONNIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Bonnie is sitting on her bed rocking back and forth while crying. Billy stands in the doorway.

BONNIE HARP

Though I'm very weak and ill. From
his shining throne on high. Comes
to watch me where I lie.

INT. BATHROOM - NIGHT

Bonnie is in the bathtub.

Bonnie moves her hand through her hair. Then she grabs a chunk and rips it out. She continues to rip out her hair until she's completely bald.

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

Billy is washing dishes in the sink. Bonnie enters. Billy stops washing dishes and stares at Bonnie. Bonnie stares at the back door and walks towards it. Bonnie looks outside. Bonnie opens the door and exits closing the door behind her. Billy looks outside.

EXT. BACKYARD - NIGHT

Bonnie is standing near the fence with her back facing the door. Billy stand behind her. Bonnie turns around. She has a dead rabbit in her mouth. Her face is covered in blood and her eyes are pale white. The rabbit falls out of her mouth and she smiles.

EXT. BACKYARD - DAY

Billy is standing on the dirt with a shovel in his hand. A box is in a hole in the ground. Billy starts shoveling dirt in the hole covering the box. Once he's done he throws the shovel on the ground.

BILLY HARP

Oh heavenly father please watch and
guide this creature up to paradise
and please forgive Bonnie. She's
not well, and if you could, please
make her better. Amen.

EXT. HOUSE - DAY

Billy is standing smoking a cigarette. FATHER VICTA, a man in his 30's, walks to him.

FATHER VICTA
I thought you quit smoking.

BILLY HARP
These last few days have been stressful Father.

FATHER VICTA
Yes I heard about Bonnie.

BILLY HARP
I don't know what's going on. Nobody does, not Dr. Fontaine, not Deputy Franks. I've tried praying. But, nothing's working. Last night she ate a rabbit for God's sake.

FATHER VICTA
What did you say?

BILLY HARP
A rabbit Father. I buried it in the backyard. It was a full sized rabbit, not chopped up, not cooked or fried. Skin fur bones. How do you explain that?

FATHER VICTA
Well there's one thing we could do. A thing my grand father once did, until he was arrested for it.

BILLY HARP
What are you getting at Father?

FATHER VICTA
Have you ever heard of an exorcism Mr. Harp?

BILLY HARP
Your serious aren't you.

FATHER VICTA
Well yes yes I am

BILLY HARP
I don't know Father, I mean I believe the bible but an exorcism

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FATHER VICTA

I know what it sounds like. But, in this world of ours there are good guys and there are bad guys. And right now your daughter's a bad guy. A very bad guy. Now we can sit back and watch the bad guy take her over completely or we can kill it.

BILLY HARP

I'm not sure

FATHER VICTA

Whether it be a demon or Satan an exorcism will do just fine.

BILLY HARP

If your sure it'll work

FATHER VICTA

As sure as God is good.

BILLY HARP

OK

INT. BONNIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Bonnie is laying in her bed. Her eyes are pale white. Billy, Victa and Fontaine are on the sides of the bed. Victa has a bible in his hand.

FATHER VICTA

Am I speaking to Bonnie?

BONNIE HARP

No

FATHER VICTA

We will begin

FATHER VICTA

For the lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are left will be caught up together with them to meet the lord in the air and so we will always be with the lord.

BONNIE HARP

Jesus loves me, he will stay. Close beside me all the way. Then his little child will take up to heaven for his dear sake.

Bonnie laughs maniacally

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FATHER VICTA
Leave this body this instance. You
demon from hell.

BONNIE HARP
Demon? But, I am God

FATHER VICTA
Lies all lies

A bright golden light glows throughout the room. Victa,
Billy and Fontaine scream while Bonnie laughs.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Franks enters. Blood is everywhere. Franks walks into...

INT. BILLY'S ROOM - DAY

Laying on the bed is two bodies turned inside out that have
been fused together.

Heavy breathing is heard from inside the closet. Franks
walks to the closet and slowly opens it slowly. Father Victa
is sitting down with a gun in his hands. His face is
severely burnt and he is covered in blood.

FATHER VICTA
God did it.

DEPUTY FRANKS
What?

FATHER VICTA
Why'd he do it, why?

DEPUTY FRANKS
Father Victa, what happened?

Victa puts the gun in his mouth and pulls the trigger. Blood
splatters the wall behind him.

Franks exits

INT. BONNIE'S ROOM - DAY

Bonnie is sitting on the bed. Franks stands in the doorway.

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BONNIE HARP
Is God in your heart Mr. Franks?

DEPUTY FRANKS
Not anymore.

Fade to Black

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