Seraphim

"Pilot"

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#### TEASER

FADE IN:

EXT-A PARK IN CEDAR FALLS, A SUBURB OF CHARLOTTE NC - NIGHT

PAN along the grassy area of a park toward a grassy hilltop. The off-British voice of METATRON an angel rings out.

> METATRON (V.O.) Darkness, it has always been the greatest fear of mortals. To primitive man the dark places were world of demons, chaos and death. Science, man thinks, has cast aside that darkness, has put names and faces to old fears, but the dark places are still there, and the unnamed creatures that it spawns are still hunting.

Pan towards a CAR siting on the hill with the windows FOGGED UP. The car is shaking slightly and muffled MOANS of pleasure can be heard from within

CUT TO:

INT. CAR - MOMENTS LATER

Inside two teenagers, JESSICA and STAN make out in the confines of the car as they kiss and fondle one another.. Stan gently lifts Jessica's shirt over her head revealing a pink bra he pulls her to him and kisses her neck and whispers in her ear.

STAN Are you ready

Jessica nods.

JESSICA

Mmhmm.

Stan's eyes suddenly GLOW a pale yellow, Jessica seems to fall even further into Stan's embrace until...

Stan SLAMS her down on her back, this seems to bring her back into reality.

JESSICA (CONT'D) Wh-wha, St-Stan stop it! Stan ignores her his eyes are now a bright yellow and he lets out an inhuman GROWL. Jessica SCREAMS loudly.

CUT TO:

EXT. CAR - CONTINUOUS

The car is now shaking violently as Jessica's SCREAMS burst forth into the still night.

CLOSE ON THE PASSENGER WINDOW

A last guttural SCREAM escapes Jessica and a spray of BLOOD covers the inside of the window.

BACK TO SCENE

The car makes one final rock and the night falls still and silent once again.

SMASH CUT TO:

MAIN TITLES

## END OF TEASER

ACT 1

FADE IN:

EXT. CEDAR FALLS HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE- THE NEXT DAY

A SERIES OF QUICK SHOTS

The sign at the front of the high school reading CEDAR FALLS HIGH.

STUDENTS walk in the main entry way a few sit on the sign itself CONVERSING.

A lone student: CORRI EVANS mid teens with dark hair and a sightly pale complexion but still beautiful walks towards the main entrance. She ignores the activity around her seeming to be single minded in heading towards her own destination.

CUT TO:

## INT. CEDAR FALLS HIGH SCHOOL, HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

Corri walks down the hall clutching her book bag closely to herself. She seems to take extra care not to accidently touch any of the other students as she heads for her locker. As she arrives at her locker she notices FRED GOLDSTEIN, same age black squat and very muscular, getting his own books from the locker next to hers.

FRED

Corri!

Fred is the first person Corri acknowledges.

CORRI Morning Fred, how was your summer?

FRED Spent most of it working on the cabin with my dad.

CORRI Oh? How's it coming along?

Fred closes his locker.

FRED Well we spent all summer on it, and I'm happy to say... we've brought it up to shanty status. CORRI

So I guess I can't look forward to spending future summers with you at the lake.

For a moment the look on his face makes it obvious the idea of spending time with Corri at the lake is very appealing to Fred, this passes though and Corri is oblivious.

> FRED Not unless you like Tetanus.

AT THE OTHER END OF THE HALL

DETECTIVE CARRIE FOSTER, mid 30's dark red hair, is talking with the VICE-PRINCIPAL, mid 50's balding. After a brief INAUDIBLE conversation the two part ways with the Vice-Principal heading toward a REAR EXIT.

BACK TO SCENE

Fred gestures toward the Detective.

FRED (CONT'D) What are the cops doing here?

CORRI Didn't you hear? Some girl from the city went missing, she was on a date somewhere in town.

FRED How did you find out about that?

CORRI You know Fred there are other things on TV in the morning besides Sports Center, things like the news.

Fred pretends to be offended.

FRED I do not watch Sports Center in the mornings Corri... I'm not going to sacrifice extra sleep time so I can watch that'll play again in the afternoon.

He notices SOMEONE heading down the hall the Vice-Principal just walked down and his face falls as he mumbles an INCOHERENT COMPLAINT.

What?

Fred turns around almost as if by not looking at the new arrival she'll disappear.

FRED Its the Queen of Cedar Falls...

#### ANGLE ON THE HALLWAY

Walking toward the pair is STACI MATHIS, mid teens, and looking like a model right of "Cheerleader Stereotype Weekly".

BACK TO SCENE

Just before she reaches them Corri is able to whisper a warning to Fred.

CORRI

Be nice.

Corri walks towards Staci meeting her just in front of Fred. They two embrace.

STACI Hey Corri! Did you like have a nice summer?

CORRI It was OK, Dad and I went fishing off Topsail Beach.

STACI Omigod! I went fishing to! I like met this guy in Florida.

CORRI What was his name.

STACI

Oh, Tom, Tim, something like that... but the best part was his dad lets him use the boat like whenever he wants! He took me fishing too and we got to watch the sunset! It was so romantic!

CORRI Wow, did you catch anything?

STACI Yeah, like I'd touch that gross squid he was putting on the hooks. (She makes a face) But lets hear more about you, didn't you like make a pretty good catch this summer. Fred looks to Corri with a brief look of incredulity, but Corri doesn't notice. FRED Please tell me she's talking about a fish. Corri is blushing. CORRI I didn't tell you? FRED Tell me what? Staci is even more ignorant to Fred's body language and tone. STACI Corri met a cute guy at the beach, he just moved to Charlotte, they're going on a date tonight! The first period bell RINGS LOUDLY. Saved by the bell! Corri is still blushing though. CORRI Well I've got to get to class. Fred, see you at lunch? FRED Um... yeah see you there. They part ways. CUT TO: EXT. CEDAR FALLS HIGHSCHOOL - MOMENTS LATER Detective Foster walks down the stairs of the school, she is met halfway by VICE-PRINCIPAL MARVIN LANE. Marvin stops her before she reaches the end of the staircase.

MARVIN

Detective?

The Detective turns around turns around and seems a bit surprised to see the man out here.

DETECTIVE FOSTER

Mr. Lane?

Marvin clearly is meeting the detective for the first time.

MARVIN Yes, I'm sorry I'm late there was an incident in the parkinglot to deal with. I'm told you want to speak with me about that missing girl, I hope you don't think one of our student's is involved in something so tragic.

DETECTIVE FOSTER (Completely confused) Sir, I just spoke with you indoors.

#### MARVIN

No, I just heard from my secretary that you were here, it couldn't have been me you spoke to.

DETECTIVE FOSTER

Then who...

She looks back toward the ENTRANCE with suspicion.

CUT TO:

EXT. CEDAR FALLS HIGHSCHOOL - MOMENTS LATER

The imposter VICE-PRINCIPAL walks out a BACK EXIT to the school. FOLLOW him from the side as he enters the football team's EQUIPMENT SHED.

CUT TO:

## INT. EQUIPMENT SHED - MOMENTS LATER

The Imposter enters the shed and closes the door BARRICADING it with a TACKLE SLED. He looks towards a FIGURE IN THE SHADOWS.

FIGURE Do the mortals have any leads?

The Imposter shakes his head.

IMPOSTER

No...

A WHITE LIGHT begins at his chest and envelops him before fading away. In place of the imposter stands ASA an archangel appearing to be in his mid to late 20's.

> ASA They still think the girl is just missing, they're checking the school to see if the boy she was with was a student.

The figure steps into a LIGHTED part of the shed revealing METATRON, a calm, dignified angel appearing to be in his mid 60's.

METATRON

Good, if our luck holds they will keep chasing that lead until we can deal with this creature.

ASA Metaron, I still don't see why we can't at least give the authorities a push in the right direction-

METATRON That is out of the question.

ASA But Metatron-

METATRON

Asa I know that you have worked indirectly with humans in the past but I can promise you that when it comes to demons we don't need involve them. Frankly we don't want to involve them.

ASA But they could help us-

Metatron loses some of his calm demeanor but is more firm than angry.

METATRON

We don't need their kind of help. Their help means killing outsiders on the off chance they are a demon. Humans cannot handle the responsibility of hunting evil.

ASA But people are in dangerMETATRON The best way to keep them out of danger is to let them go about their normal, non-supernatural lives. (beat) Come on the more time we spend here the more this creature has to hunt...

CUT TO:

EXT. STACIS HOME - AFTERNOON

A very nice two story house, green with white trim. A BMW is parked outside the two car garage. A red mustang convertible pulls in beside the BMW.

ANGLE ON

Staci exits the mustang and puts the top up. She locks the door and engages the alarm, the walks toward the house.

BACK TO SCENE

Staci walks up the steps to the house and lets herself in with a key.

CUT TO:

INT. STACIS HOME, LIVING ROOM

The inside of the house is well decorated, with high quality furniture and various forms of decoration it seems like typical upper-middle class, or lower upper-class home. Staci enters the home and hangs her keys on a key-rack near the door.

# STACI

Mom, I'm home.

There is no response. Staci continues to walk through the house.

STACI'S POV

Staci walks through the living room looking around for some sign of her mother. The sound of something SIZZLING comes from the kitchen.

CUT TO:

A high end kitchen.

ANGLE ON THE KITCHEN WALL

A SHADOW on the wall clutches a large knife.

BACK TO SCENE

Staci walks towards us entering the kitchen.

STACI

Mom-

She lets out a short scream.

STACI'S POV

Janet, Staci's sister late tweens to early teens, is cutting a CHICKEN BREAST and tending a frying pan.

JANET It's just me Stace.

BACK TO SCENE

Staci lets out a sigh of relief.

STACI Sorry Janet, I'm not used to seeing you cooking, hows mom?

They both know the answer.

JANET How do you think.

She points to a PILL BOTTLE on a nearby COUNTER.

ANGLE ON THE BOTTLE

The bottle is still open and is half empty. It's printed information shows its for AMBER MATHIS.

BACK TO SCENE

STACI Sis, you shouldn't talk like that.

JANET You mean about how our mom's a junkie. Staci is hurt but hides it well, she's used to hearing this, and it happens to be the truth.

STACI Sis, she just... How's Davey?

JANET He's upstairs watching Netflix.

ANGLE ON THE KITCHEN DOOR

DAVID MATHIS, early grade school, suddenly jumps into the doorway wearing a MASK. He lets out a child like ROAR that sounds scary to him.

BACK TO SCENE

Staci feigns fright.

STACI Oh Davey, please don't scare me like that.

Davey giggles and takes off the mask.

DAVID Sorry Staci I couldn't resist.

STACI That's ok little quy.

She walks over and kisses him on the forehead, sweet revenge, David wipes it off disgusted.

#### DAVID

Ew, yuck!

Staci gives an almost maternal smile.

STACI Its time for dinner go wash up.

David runs to the bathroom ready to wash off the girl germs. Janet turns to Staci.

JANET That's the third time he's jumped in to scare me. I hope dad talks to him about those monster movies he's watching. STACI Oh don't worry Janet, he can handle them, so what if he pretends to be a monster or something, there's no such things as monsters.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK, HILLTOP - DAY

DETECTIVE FOSTER Jesus Christ what kind of monster would do something like this?

Jessica's car is now covered in yellow police tape and the entire area is cordoned off by police barriers. Several COPS move around the scene gathering evidence. The REPORTING OFFICER talks to Detective foster.

Foster indicates the blood stain on the window

REPORTING OFFICER I don't know, I've been doing this for twenty years and I've never seen something this gruesome.

Foster decides not to dwell on the carnage and continues to her interview.

DETECTIVE FOSTER How did you find the car?

REPORTING OFFICER Park's part of my patrol area, this place is a lovers lane so at night I come up here every few hours to... break things up.

DETECTIVE FOSTER Have you confirmed this is the girl we were looking for?

REPORTING OFFICER Yeah, she still had her purse and her ID. Had about forty-five bucks on her too so I'd rule out robbery even if...

DETECTIVE FOSTER Even if what?

The officer appears to be stealing himself, this is going to be really unpleasant to describe.

REPORTING OFFICER Even if she hadn't been mutilated, I don't know if you've seen the

body yet but her chest has a gaping hole in it. I'm no doctor but I'll bet my next paycheck that this bastard ripped her heart out.

Foster is a bit shocked in spite of herself.

DETECTIVE FOSTER Ripped her heart out? Is that even possible. Maybe he just stabbed her and it-

REPORTING OFFICER I've seen stabbings, detective, this is something else. Its almost ritualistic, and I don't think its an isolated incident. Call it intuition if you want but you've got a repeater on your hands.

Foster decides to end the interview.

DETECTIVE FOSTER OK, I'll get over to the morgue for the autopsy.

REPORTING OFFICER Good idea, I've got some paperwork to do. (beat) You think about what I said Detective.

The two part ways with the officer walking deeper into the park.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK, ANOTHER AREA - MOMENTS LATER

The Reporting Officer walks through the park looking around, seeing no one he begins to glow white as Asa emerges from his disguise.

ASA'S POV

Sitting under a tree is Metatron.

METATRON You were at the scene weren't you?

Did you find anything?

ASA

Nothing new, seems typical for a demon attack: lots of blood and gore... parts missing.

## METATRON

Demon attacks are almost always violent, and more than a few dismember their victims. There must be something else there.

Asa thinks a moment and realizes something.

ASA

The place they found was a lovers lane, that's where-

## METATRON

I know what a lovers lane is. Do you think she was there willingly?

ASA

I didn't see any signs that she was restrained, and I didn't see any evidence that someone summoned the demon to attack her. I think she was with it willingly, a lot of demons pray on lust though.

#### METATRON

You're right, but only one demon that prays on lust will take the time to seduce their victim into coming with them willingly. Lust is by its nature an impatient sin, most of them are.

## ASA

A patient demon, that doesn't sound good, what kind is it?

#### METATRON

An incubus.

CUT TO:

EXT. FRED'S HOUSE - DAY

A Tudor style suburban house with a small front porch.

CUT TO:

## INT. FRED'S HOUSE, LIVING ROOM

A "middle" middle class living room with moderately priced furniture and a small flat-screen TV. Fred enters the house to find his mother RACHEL sitting in an armchair watching the news. His mother is a white Jewish woman in her early 50's. She looks up at Fred as he enters.

> RACHEL Welcome home honey.

FRED Hey mom. Is dad home yet?

RACHEL Not yet he's still at work.

Fred turns to the TV.

FRED So what's the good news.

RACHEL None today I'm afraid, they found that girl.

ANGLE ON THE TV

The TV shows a reporter standing in the park where Jessica was killed. The reporter uses the solemn but eager tone that reporters have mastered.

## REPORTER

...where the search for 16 year old Jessica Radner, ended in tragedy. Sheriff's deputies are refusing comment on the case so far but an anonymous source within the department says that the killer is still at large and may be targeting teenaged girls.

BACK TO SCENE

Fred seems disturbed by this news. He looks over at his mom.

Mom, I've gotta go see Corri, we're studying together.

His mom knows he's lying but thinks he's going there for romance.

RACHEL Ok honey, be back before 11 ok?

Fred runs out of the house.

CUT TO:

EXT. CORRI'S HOUSE - DAY

ESTABLISHING SHOT

A lower-middle-middle class brick home. The door has a wreath on it. A pickup truck sits in the driveway.

CUT TO:

INT. CORRI'S HOUSE, KITCHEN

Corri's father MARTIN, late 50's balding with gray hair, sits across from Corri, her dad is eating a FROZEN DINNER. He looks up from his meal.

MARTIN How was your day today Corri?

CORRI

It was pretty good I've got a bunch of classes with Fred again so it's pretty much the same as last year.

MARTIN Are you still going out with that boy tonight.

Corri blushes slightly.

CORRI

Dad.

MARTIN

Honey...

CORRI Yeah dad I am, his name is Stan Willis and he's a very nice guy.

Martin takes another bite then pauses.

MARTIN It's just shame I have to work, it's my job to frighten your dates into being a gentlemen you know. Corri smirks at what she thinks is a joke. CORRI Dad don't worry about me, I'll be fine. It's a dinner date that's all, I'll be home by ten. She kisses him on the cheek. This seems to calm him. MARTIN Honey I'll be working late tonight OK, so don't wait up for me, I want you in bed by 11:30. Corri's sigh shows that this has been repeated many times over. CORRI Yes dad. MARTIN And honey, remember I keep the gun in my night stand just remember what I taught you at the range and-CORRI Dad! Gun's are your things not mine. Martin decides arguing will be fruitless. MARTIN OK honey. He stands up. MARTIN (CONT'D) I have to go I don't want to be late. He hugs her. MARTIN (CONT'D) Goodbye honey. CORRI Goodbye dad.

Martin walks out the door. Corri exits the kitchen.

CUT TO:

INT. CORRI'S HOUSE, CORRI'S BEDROOM - AN HOUR OR SO LATER

Corri stands in front of a mirror looking at her new attire a long black dress that covers her cleavage and legs almost completely. She looks at a photo tucked in the edge of her mirror. It's a woman in her late 40's with the same hair and nose as Corri. Corri's MOTHER is also wearing a cross around her neck.

Corri reaches into the top drawer of her nightstand and pulls out a small box and opens it

ANGLE ON THE BOX

The same small silver cross necklace lays in the velvet pillow.

BACK TO SCENE

Corri takes the cross from the box and puts it around her neck. There is a KNOCK at the door and Corri rushes out of the room.

CUT TO:

INT. CORRI'S HOUSE, FRONT DOOR - MOMENTS LATER

Corri opens the front door.

CORRI Hey Stan I'm ready to go if you are.

ANGLE ON

Stan Willis stands at the door with a grin on his face.

STAN OK lets go I'll give you a ride.

CUT TO:

EXT. CORRI'S HOUSE, FRONT DOOR

Corri walks out the door and embraces Stan.

Stan returns the embrace his gaze meeting ours. The incbuses eyes glow a bright yellow.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT 1

ACT 2

INT. SHERIFF'S OFFFICE, DETECTIVE FOSTER'S - EVENING

Detective Foster sits at her desk going over her NOTES from the case. A KNOCK at her door gets her attention.

#### DETECTIVE FOSTER

Come in.

A CRIME SCENE TECH enters the room holding an EVIDENCE box.

TECH First batch from the inside of the car Detective.

Foster takes the box.

#### DETECTIVE FOSTER

Thank you.

The tech leaves and Foster opens the box.

A SERIES OF SHOTS SET TO FOCUSED, DETERMINED MUSIC

She looks through Jessica's TORN CLOTHES

CUT TO:

She opens Jessica's PURSE and slowly lays out the contents: a CHANGE PURSE, a WALLET, and various other SUNDRIES.

CUT TO:

She lays out the CONTENTS of the GLOVE COMPARTMENT.

CUT TO:

The music FADES OUT as she notices something in compartment that's out of place, a PLANNER with the name "STAN" on the cover. She opens it.

ANGLE ON THE BOOK

She thumbs through it and comes to the current DATE. Written down for this day are the words "Corri" and a PHONE NUMBER. She closes the book and sees a NOTE attached to the top of it.

ANGLE ON THE NOTE

The note reads "The Handwriting Doesn't Match- ATA"

Foster looks up from the note grimly, Asa's words echoing in her mind.

ASA (O.S.) Call it intuition if you want but you've got a repeater on your hands.

DETECTIVE FOSTER Oh no... He's hunting another girl...

CUT TO:

## EXT. PARK- EVENING

Asa and Metatron in shimmering white robes stand in a secluded part of the park. Metatron is furious but in an even, somehow more threatening way.

METATRON I cannot believe you have defied my

orders so quickly and so blatantly!

Asa stands his ground with resolve equal to, or perhaps greater than, Metatron's fury.

ASA

Other people are at risk, we can't be everywhere and humans, particularly those who risk their lives to enforce the law, have remarkable abilities if they are given the right information.

METATRON

Yes they have remarkable abilities, and they usually consist of brutalizing outcasts in place of *real* demons.

ASA

Metatron, times have changed, witch burning is a thing of the past.

Metatron pauses as if he's remembering or considering something.

There are things worse than death Asa, much worse, that's something you should learn quickly if you expect to last as an Arch-Angel... Still what's done is done, you gave the information to that detective so you will be in charge of protecting her.

Asa nods his ascent.

METATRON (CONT'D) Don't make me regret this.

The two of them disappear in slowly buildings flashes of light.

CUT TO:

EXT. CORRI'S HOUSE - EVENING

Detective Foster's CAR pulls into the DRIVEWAY. Foster steps out and KNOCKS loudly on the door.

DETECTIVE FOSTER Hello? Ms. Evan's?

There is, of course, no response. Moments later Fred RUNS into the driveway.

FRED Corri! Corri! (He notices Foster) Oh no!

Foster takes a step back and puts her hand near her gun but does not draw it.

DETECTIVE FOSTER Who are you?!

Fred has little experience being on a cop's bad side but he knows enough to tread softly.

FRED I'm Corri's friend I'm trying to find her before she goes on her date her phone's been out all week so I haven't been able to get her cell... Looks like I was too late, did that bastard get her?

DETECTIVE FOSTER How did you know someone was trying to get her? Fred is a bit embarrassed. FRED Well, I didn't, I just assumed because I had never met the guy and some new guy is killing girls that she was in trouble. This is an assumption Foster would have denounced if she herself had not just made a similar one. DETECTIVE FOSTER What do you know about this guy? Where is he taking her? FRED His, his name is Stan I think, they're going to a resteraunt. DETECTIVE FOSTER Do you know which one? FRED No, but I think I know someone who might. CUT TO: INT. RESTAURANT, BATHROOMS - MOMENTS LATER Corri dials Staci's number on a PAY PHONE. CUT TO: INT. STACIS HOME - INTERCUT Staci picks up the ringing phone. STACI Hello CUT TO: INT. RESTAURANT, BATHROOMS-INTERCUT CORRI Hey Staci it's me.

STACI Oh hi Corri how's the date going, and why aren't you calling from your cellphone?

CORRI My cell's gone out, I don't know what's wrong with it... But I think the date's going well. He- he says he wants to show me something.

STACI Omigod! What is it?

CORRI He says it's a place with a nice view and I was wondering if you think he means he wants to...

STACI Omigod! He may... thats great for you Corri I-

CORRI Staci! I don't want to do something like that *especially* on the first date. I'll just tell him I don't want to and go on home.

STACI Home? It's only 8:30. Go on with him, if he tries any thing just tell him no. Come on Corri, live a little!

Corri considers this for a moment.

CORRI OK I'll do it!

STACI OmiGod I am so happy for you! Call me when you get home ok?

Corri nods.

# CORRI

OK.

She hangs up her phone and walks back towards her table.

CUT TO:

Stan is sitting at the table staring at Corri. For a brief second his eyes glow yellow again.

STAN'S YELLOW TINTED POV

Corri walks towards Stan.

CORRI Thanks for dinner. Did you say something about a great view?

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK - NIGHT

CLOSE ON ASA'S FACE

Asa's eyes are also glowing yellow. When suddenly they stop.

BACK TO SCENE

Asa appears drained by the experience. Metatron sits across form him.

METATRON Did you feel it?

Asa nods weakly.

ASA Yes, he's found another victim.

METATRON

Incubi are creatures of habbit, he will likely strike somewhere near where he took the last girl. This will be a good test for you. Go there and kill the demon.

ASA What about the girl?

METATRON

She'll run off when the fighting starts. Hurry there's not much time.

Asa nods and "beams" away.

CUT TO:

## EXT. PARK, PARKINGLOT - NIGHT

Two paths lead away from the parking lot, one leads to the park proper and the other leads into the woods. Stan and Corri walk from their CAR arm in arm, Stan beings to head toward the woods.

> CORRI Stan where are we going?

STAN You didn't think the great view I was taking about meant the jungle gym did you?

Corri hesitates a moment but goes with him into the woods.

CUT TO:

INT. STACI'S HOME, BEDROOM

Staci tucks in her little brother and kisses him on the forehead.

STACI Good night Davey.

DAVID Good night.

Staci walks toward the door and turns out the lights save for a small NIGHT LIGHT in the corner of the room.

CUT TO:

INT. STACIS HOME, HALLWAY - NIGHT

Staci steps into the hallway and closes David's bedroom door behind her. She walks down the hall toward her mothers room and opens the door.

THROUGH THE DOORWAY, STACIS POV

Stacis mother AMBER is lying on her bed still passed out from an opioid binge.

BACK TO SCENE

Staci sniffs and blows a kiss into the room.

STACI Good night mommy. There is a a loud KNOCK at the door.

CUT TO:

EXT. STACIS HOME, DOORWAY

Fred and Detective Foster stand at the front door. Staci opens it and stands in the doorway.

STACI Fred? Whats going on?

FRED Staci! Do you know where Corri is?

STACI What are you talking about? Why are you following her?

She notices Foster.

STACI (CONT'D) Did you call the sheriff? Fred, she's with a date not a kidnapper.

FRED I didn't call the sheriff they were at her house, we're trying to protect her!

STACI From who the cute guy she's dating?

FRED No from a... Haven't you seen the news?

STACI No I haven't.

She pauses thinking.

STACI (CONT'D) Could Corri be in trouble?

Detective Foster speaks up.

DETECTIVE FOSTER We don't know that's why we need to find her, to make sure this really is just a date.

Staci relents.

STACI I don't know where she is she just said somewhere with a view. Foster turns to Fred. DETECTIVE FOSTER The place we found the other girl had a good view ... You stay here, I'll go and check it out. FRED Ok, good luck. Foster runs off. A beat later her SIREN can be heard as she DRIVES OFF. Staci looks to Fred. STACI I'm impressed I thought you'd insist on going with her. FRED If I had asked that she would have said no. That's why I'm going to follow her. STACT What ?! Are you crazy? FRED (deadpan) Yes.

He runs off. Staci sighs and closes the door, she has enough to worry about.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK, WOODS - NIGHT

Corri and Stan are walking through a thick wooded area Corri is obviously growing concerned.

CORRI Stan this place your talking about is pretty far off the trail are you sure you know where you're going?

Stan nods.

STAN

Don't worry I've gone this way thousand times. It's right up here.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK, WOODS - NIGHT

Detective Foster moves confidently through the area. She holds a HEAVY FLASHLIGHT in her hand moving it slowly across the foliage.

FOSTERS' POV

The light moves slowly up a tree trunk.

And illuminates the face of Fred.

BACK TO SCENE

Foster draws her gun in a fluid motion.

DETECTIVE FOSTER

Hold it!

Fred puts his hands up immediately, Foster recognizes him and lowers her gun.

DETECTIVE FOSTER (CONT'D) What the hell are you doing here?

Fred lowers his hands.

FRED I wanted to make sure Corri was OK.

DETECTIVE FOSTER And you thought you'd find that out by sneaking up on a heavily armed deputy?

FRED Wasn't the best plan but-

Foster has no time for this.

DETECTIVE FOSTER Go home kid.

She heads deeper into the woods, Fred follows.

FRED I'm not going to abandon my friend, I don't want to lose her. Foster grits her teeth and rolls her eyes.

DETECTIVE FOSTER Fine! Follow me, but don't do anything stupid.

The pair head deeper into the woods.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK, HILLTOP - NIGHT

Stan and Corri emerge from the woods on the hilltop. Corri looks out over the landscape and gasps.

CORRI'S POV

The city of Charlotte is sprawled under the lege, along with a backdrop of bright stars the view is truly breath taking.

BACK TO SCENE

Corri turns to Stan.

CORRI Stan you were right it's beautiful.

Stan smiles and leans in close to her.

STAN Not as beautiful as you are.

Corri blushes as the two get closer and closer. The they kiss passionately. Stan holds the kiss and begins to rub Corri's face. Corri appears to be enjoying it.

> CORRI (through the kiss) Mmm.

Stan's hand begins to move from her face.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK, ANOTHER AREA - NIGHT

Fred and Detective Foster jog through the park.

FRED Where are we going? DETECTIVE FOSTER There's an overlook on the far edge of the park. It's where he took his last victim.

FRED What do we do when we get there?

DETECTIVE FOSTER You do nothing, I subdue the guy and arrest him.

FRED Sounds like a plan...

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK, HILLTOP - MOMENTS LATER

ANGLE ON

Stan's hand moves to the waist band of Corri's jeans. She reaches out to stop his advance.

BACK TO SCENE

CORRI Stan?! What are you doing?

Stan is a bit dumfounded by her sudden resistance

STAN Nothing... I

He regroups and his eyes glow again. Corri notices and SCREAMS loudly.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK, WOODS, ANOTHER AREA - NIGHT

TWO QUICK SHOTS

Corri's SCREAM echoes through the park. As a hears the scream and runs towards it source.

ANOTHER PART OF THE PARK

Fred and Detective Foster hear the same scream.

DETECTIVE FOSTER Damn! We're running out of time. She draws her GUN.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK, HILLTOP - NIGHT

Corri begins backing away from Stan terror in her face.

CORRI What's wrong with you?! Get away from me.

Stan's voice is now demonic and menacing.

STAN No! I will not be denied my due!

He lunges at her. Corri SCREAMS.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT 2

EXT. PARK, HILLTOP - NIGHT

Corri staggers backward and falls to the ground. Stan advances towards her. When he reaches her he puts his knee on her stomach. He reaches toward her throat with his hands.

## ANGLE ON

His hands grab her throat but at the same time his left hand touches the cross around her neck. His hand sizzles and begins to smoke where the cross makes contact.

BACK TO SCENE

Stan YELPS in pain and gets off Corri who tries to struggle to her feet and finds her dress makes it difficult. She falls again and begins crawling away from Stan.

Stan shakes his burnt hand a cross shaped burn mark is branded in his flesh. His eyes turn yellow again and his teeth grow into two pairs of long canine fangs. He lets out a demonic ROAR and begins to advance on Corri again.

ANGLE ON

Detective Foster and Fred burst into the clearing Foster holding her gun. Foster aims her gun at Stan, not noticing his horrific appearance.

> FRED Hold it! Mecklenburg Sheriff's Department!

Stan suddenly turns and both Fred and Foster let out an involuntary scream, To his embarrassment Fred's is louder and shriller than Foster's, however Foster faints dead away.

Fred, acting on instinct, grabs the detective's gun and raises it, pulling the trigger three time.

CLICK

CLICK

CLICK

The gun does not fire. Fred gives a "screw it" shrug, throws the gun away and charges at Stan tackling him at the waist. Stan, caught off guard falls to the ground and Fred begins pummeling him. Unnoticed by either of them a SMALL STONE WITH A RUNE ON IT falls from Stan's pocket. Stan takes several punches before he can regain his bearings. He reaches out and grabs one of Fred's punches then tosses him like a rag doll. Fred hits the ground hard stunned. Corri finally scrambles to her feet and runs to him.

> CORRI Oh God! Fred are you ok?

Fred groans and sits up.

FRED What the hell is that thing?

Corri is near tears.

CORRI

I don't know.

ANGLE ON

Stan starts a rush toward the two teenagers... and into three arrows.

BACK TO SCENE

In spite of themselves Corri and Fred wince at each impact.

ANGLE ON

Asa emerges from the woods holding a bow and arrow. He loads another arrow and prepares to take aim.

ANOTHER ANGLE

Stan breaks off his attack and flees, the arrows still sticking out of his body.

BACK TO SCENE

Fred and Corri simply sit and stare at Asa temporarily struck dumb. Corri buries her face in her hands and shakes her head as if to deny everything that is happening.

> CORRI (CONT'D) Oh God, oh God...

Asa looks over at the two cowering teens. He hesitates a second, then opens his hand causing the bow to turn into white light and disappear, then he walks over to them. He extends his hand to the exasperated Corri.

ASA Here let me help you. FRED No,no... I'm fine.

He climbs painfully to his feet. Corri embraces the stranger.

CORRI

Thank you. Thank you for saving us.

Asa accepts the hug albeit very awkwardly. Corri breaks the hug.

ASA You two are lucky to be alive.

FRED Wait you know what that thing was?

ASA I do, but it's a very long story. I think it would be better told somewhere else. Come with me.

Neither Fred nor Corri follow at first. As a senses their hesitation and turns back around.

ASA (CONT'D) It's not safe out here. He may come back, come with me and I can protect you.

Fred looks at the detective.

FRED What about her?

Asa walks over to Foster and places his hand over her face, a WHITE LIGHT emanates from his hand and FADES AWAY.

ASA I have shielded her from the demon's sight. Don't worry, she'll remember being knocked out by an attacker, the rest will seem like a dream. She'll be safe long enough to get out of here.

He stands up and walks away, this time Corri and Fred follow.

CUT TO:
INT. DINNER - NIGHT

A casual dinner, Fred Corri and Asa sit in a booth. A WAITRESSS walks away from the table carrying a pitcher of coffee. Corri and Fred sit opposite Asa.

> FRED (disbelievingly) So you're an angel?

Asa nods.

# ASA

I am.

Both Corri and Fred exchange glances.

# CORRI

So... what? Are you here to give us some kind of message? Are we some kind of new prophet?

# ASA

Not exactly. I came here to hunt the creature that attacked you in the park.

Fred rubs the arm that Stan used to throw him.

FRED What was that thing anyway.

Asa explains matter-of-factly

ASA He was a demon, an incubus.

Corri looks confused.

# CORRI

Incubus?

# ASA

Yes a creature that seduces, then preys on women. He was the one that killed the girl you heard about on the news.

# CORRI

Well did you get him? I mean did he run off and die or something after you hit him with those arrows? ASA Unfortunately no. An incubus can only be killed if his heart is pierced.

FRED So that thing's *still* alive out there?

# ASA

Yes and it will almost certainly hunt a new target now that Corri has escaped him.

FRED

Well you've got to do something about it.

ASA

That's why I brought you here. I want to ask for your help in killing this thing.

# CORRI

What?! You want us to face that thing again. No! That's your job isn't it?

ASA It's something I don't think I can do alone.

### CORRI

Don't you have some sort of powers you can use on him, can't you guard everyone from his sight like you did that cop? Or maybe call in other angels?!

### ASA

I do have powers that I can use against him, but even angels have their limits. For instance I can only guard someone from his sight if they themselves have seen him and only for a short time the demon would be able to see through my magic sooner rather than later.

# CORRI

What about other angels?

ASA

The Creator is adamant that humans remain ignorant of our presence unless they find us themselves. An army of angels descending on North Carolina would not fit well with that policy.

#### CORRI

Well you seem to have done a good job so far, we haven't seen any demons walking around before now.

Asa simply looks ahead.

### CORRI (CONT'D)

What?

#### ASA

Do you really think there have been no demonic deaths in the news? Unsolved murders, disappearances, human remains found in odd places: all the work of the infernal enemy we've been fighting.

CORRI

So why do you want us to fight them with you?

#### ASA

Because I think there is something special about you two. It was the will of the Creator for me to meet you I'm sure of that.

#### FRED

Yeah well even so, I don't think I can handle that thing again, if you hadn't shown up we'd both be dead.

#### ASA

You won't be alone I will be with you while you do this and there is another angel who will also be watching. Please understand that without you it will be much more difficult and other people may die.

Fred is slowly coming around.

# FRED Corri, we... we can't let that happen.

Corri sits in silence for a beat.

CORRI

I...I

Her compassion win's out, she gives in.

CORRI (CONT'D) What do you need us to do?

ASA We will need a plan.

He looks at a clock on the wall.

ASA'S POV

The clock show's it's well after midnight.

ASA (CONT'D) And it's very late now you two need to get home so your families will know you are safe.

FRED (almost to himself) Yeah the moment they realize I'm not dead *they'll* kill me for being out after curfew...

ASA I will meet with you tomorrow at your school we can discuss our plans then.

CORRI You're going to our school? Won't you stand out there?

ASA No, I can conceal myself if I want. You will see me but anyone else will see another unremarkable student.

FRED Tomorrow? Should we wait that long What if-

ASA The monster was not killed by arrows but her was wounded. (MORE) ASA (CONT'D) He will have to recover before striking again.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. RUIN - NIGHT

ASA (V.O.) He will not attack again tonight.

Stan, the arrows still protruding from him staggers through a small ruin. FOLLOW as he struggles to the center where a large OBELISK with STRANGE RUNES sits.

CUT TO:

EXT. OBLISK - NIGHT

Stan collapses at the food of the massive structure. It is made of a cold stone and seems to radiate menace.

Stan PULLS each arrow out of him, SNARLING in pain as he does. For a moment LIQUID FIRE, in place of blood, drips from the wounds, but they quickly close,

STAN'S POV

A small stone knife lays near him. He picks it up.

BACK TO SCENE

And RUNS IT ALONG HIS OTHER HAND. This time the liquid fire that serves as his blood falls at the foot of the Obelisk. It seems to slide up the obelisk illuminating the runes in red, the rest of the Obelisk glows sulfur yellow. A terrifying VOICE emanates from the Obelisk.

> VOICE Why have you called me? I do not sense the girl's blood on you!

Stan falls on his knees before the Obelisk.

STAN Master please forgive me! I was unable to kill her.

VOICE You have opened this channel to tell me you have failed? You were not to speak to me again until she was dead. STAN

N-no master! There's more: there were others in the woods tonight. Another human, and an Angel. I-I think the Eternal knows-

VOICE

The Eternal knows NOTHING!

The obelisk glows so brightly it appears to be on fire for a moment.

STAN

B-but master!

VOICE Fool! You cannot complete even the simplest of tasks and dare to question my plans? I should destroy you here and now!

Stan wails in anguish.

STAN Master no! I beg you.

There is a moment of silence.

VOICE Despite your failings I still have use for you.

# STAN

But master you said that the girl was the target, she will be on her guard now, the angel will-

VOICE Forget the girl! there are other threats to me. You will hunt one of them.

Stan seems to be slightly relieved by this news.

STAN Master your mercy is-

# VOICE

Mercy? You still live because I do not want to wait for another peon to do my work, but you will need to change your form to contiue to be useful. A WALL OF FIRE emerges from the Obelisk consuming Stan. He lets out a howl. PULL BACK RAPIDLY and

CUT TO:

### EXT. PARK, HILLTOP - NIGHT

PUSH IN on Detective Foster's unconscious form as she suddenly sits BOLT UPRIGHT with a yelp. She feels her face and looks around desperately.

She satisfies herself that there is no attacker near by and climbs to her feet.

ANGLE ON HER EMPTY HOLSTER

She immediately notices her gun is missing.

DETECTIVE FOSTER

Damn!

BACK TO SCENE

She looks around for her weapon.

FOSTER'S POV

She notices Stan's stone lying on the ground and picks it up.

ANGLE ON THE STONE

Foster's hand traces the strange rune.

BACK TO SCENE

Foster suddenly STIFFENS

PUSH IN ON FOSTERS FACE AS THE VOICE RINGS OUT

VOICE (V.O.) You have your new target, now seek her out!

BACK TO SCENE

Foster falls to her knees. She takes a moment to compose herself then stands again.

DETECTIVE FOSTER What is going on?

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK, A SECULDED AREA - NIGHT Asa and Metatron stand in a secluded area of the park. Metatron is obviously upset. METATRON Have you lost your senses completely? In a mere two hours you have reversed millennia of policy! Asa has grown more confident in talking to his superior. ASA They discovered this themselves I did not reveal anything-METATRON They discovered you due to your carelessness and now you want to recruit them to fight this monstrosity. ASA This is a monstrosity that hides among humans. They are better suited to seek things like him out and... He trails off for a moment. METATRON And what? ASA And there is something about these two. Both of them stood against an incubus and lived. I think they have a role to play in this war. He pauses. ASA (CONT'D) And the powers above agree with me don't they? Metatron shakes his head in frustration. METATRON They do... they've given you full approval to fight this threat however you can.

Asa smiles. Metatron interrupts his moment of triumph.

METATRON (CONT'D) This is a mistake. You don't know humans like I do Asa, they will fail you at some point- its a certainty.

ASA Only The Creator is perfect. I will be ready to deal with any "failures" my new charges may have.

METATRON For your sake Asa I hope you are right. Good luck.

Metatron "beams" away.

CUT TO:

INT. STACIS HOME, BEDROOM

Staci sits on her bed studying a book. Her studies are interrupted by the RINGING of a phone next to her bed. She picks it up.

STACI

Hello?

The voice of her father, KURT on the other end answers.

KURT (O.S.) Hey sweetie.

STACI

Hey daddy.

KURT (O.S.) Honey look I'd hate to do this to you but something's come up at the conference and I have to stay another day or so, can you look after David and Sarah for awhile longer?

Staci's eyes say "please no".

STACI Sure daddy I'll do it.

KURT (O.S.) That's my girl, I'll see you in a few days. I love you sweetie. Bye.

# STACI

# Bye daddy.

Staci hangs up the phone, she sits back on her bed and grabs a STUFFED ANIMAL from a desk, she hugs it and begins to cry.

CUT TO:

#### EXT. CEDAR FALLS HIGH LIBRARY - DAY

### ESTABILSHING SHOT

The outside of a small school library building. A few STUDENTS walk in and out of the building. A sign identifying it as the LIBRARY, is carved into the stone edifice of the building.

CUT TO:

# INT. CEDAR FALLS HIGH LIBRARY - DAY

The interior of the library is rather simplistic with shelves of books in one half of the room and rows of study tables on the other half. Corri, Fred, and Asa sit at one of the study tables, one near the doors.

> ASA Thank you again for meeting me.

Corri seems to still be hesitant.

#### CORRI

So last night you said we needed a plan, do you have one?

#### ASA

Yes, it will be very similar to the plan I had with another angel. We have to wait until the incubus has selected his next victim and-

### FRED

Wait a minute, you mean we can only find this guy after he's about to attack someone else?

# ASA

I'm afraid so, it's the way my powers work, I can only sense the incubus when he uses his powers but this time it's different.

# FRED

How?

ASA An incubus feeds in one of two ways. He prefers to earn the trust of his victims, lure them to their deaths like he did with his last victim, and like he tried to do with Corri.

Corri looks slightly embarrassed. As a doesn't notice and continues.

ASA (CONT'D) If an incubus cannot find his meals in that way then he becomes desperate and resorts to easier prey.

CORRI Like what?

ASA

For lack of a better word: weaker people. People who are hurting or feeling lost and alone. People who are more likely to give in to... romantic advances from a stranger.

FRED

Wow a lost and lonely person in a high school how are we *ever* going to find one of them.

Corri gives him a look.

CORRI What do we do once we find out who it is?

ASA Then you and Fred need to strike, Incubi like to take their victims alone so when you arrive it will catch him of guard.

FRED And then what? We fight him?

ASA No, in your current states

attacking a demon would be suicide You only need to distract him while I get close enough to attack.

Fred is a bit worried and it shows.

FRED So we have to hope to stumble on the one lonely girl in the city who's being stalked by this guy, then fight with him till you shoot him? (beat as he notices how crazy this is) How is this different from last night?

ASA First of all you'll be getting the drop on him instead of the other way around, and this time I won't miss.

CUT TO:

# EXT. CEDAR FALLS HIGHSCHOOL - DAY

Staci sits on the school lawn under a tree appearing to be lost in thought. Her cellphone RINGS loudly shattering her peace. She lets it go to voice-mail.

ANGLE ON THE PHONE

The LCD display reads "8 missed calls: Mom"

BACK TO SCENE

Staci puts up the phone obviously reaching the end of her rope she buries her face in her arms and curls into a semi-fetal position.

# WIDER

TIM JACOBS about Staci's age sandy blond hair and rather handsome walks towards the grief stricken Staci. He puts his hand on her shoulder.

BACK TO SCENE

Staci starts.

# TIM Hey Staci, sorry if I scared you.

Staci tries to hide the fact that she's been crying.

STACI T-Tim? What are you doing here?

TIM My dad's in Charlotte on business, he took me here to show me the ropes I guess. Staci composes herself further. STACI Oh? How long are you here for? TIM Just a day or two, I remember you said you went to school here and I thought I'd look you up. Staci seems to be genuinely flattered. STACI Wow, thanks! TIM Don't take this wrong way but you look like hell. Staci looks at him sadly. STACI Yeah, I'm having a tough day. TIM Maybe you need a drink, if we go into the city I know a bar where they don't ask too many questions about your age. Staci looks like she's fighting herself a bit-addiction runs in her family- but gives in. STACI OK, lets go. ттм I'll drive. They walk off as Tim puts his arm around Staci's shoulder. ANGLE ON TIM'S HAND ON STACI'S SHOULDER A cross shaped burn mark on sits on the outside of his hand. CUT TO:

#### END OF ACT 3

INT. SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DETECTIVE FOSTER'S OFFICE - DAY

Detective Foster sits at her desk, obviously tired. Sitting in front of her is STEVEN FABUS the MECKLENBURG COUNTY SHERIFF.

STEVEN We've sent that stone you found to a professor at Chapel Hill but I don't know if we'll find anything.

DETECTIVE FOSTER Did you send it to a historian like I asked.

STEVEN We did, I don't know why you want it done that way, but the I trust you, your hunches have been right before.

DETECTIVE FOSTER Thanks Steven, any chance I can go back on active duty?

STEVEN The doctor cleared you soon after you left the emergency room, so yes you're back on duty. Give em hell detective.

He stands and walks out of the office.

CUT TO:

INT. BAR - DAY

A small bar in a less than safe part of Charlotte. Staci and "Tim" are sitting at the bar, drinking. Tim smiles at Staci.

TIM To apathetic bartenders.

### STACI

Here here.

They clink bottles and take a drink.

TIM

Staci what was bothering you today? You were so cheery when I met you over the summer. TIM Come on you can tell me.

His eyes suddenly flash yellow, Staci seems to melt down, tears start to fall down her cheeks but she is able to keep her composure enough to avoid attracting attention.

STACI It's just so hard...

Tim reaches out a hand and pats her shoulder.

TIM It's ok Staci, let it out.

His eyes flash yellow for a brief second again.

CUT TO:

INT. CORRI'S HOUSE, KITCHEN

Asa and the others are siting at the table, suddenly Asa stiffens his eyes glow yellow. Fred jumps.

FRED What the-

Asa's eyes return to normal.

ASA

Its him.

CORRI He's found someone else? Who is it, where is he?

ASA He looks like he's in some kind of bar He's trying to seduce a blonde girl, I think he called her Staci.

Corri is pushed over into a panic.

CORRI Staci, oh no! We've got to get there quickly!

Asa tries to restrain the two with his words.

ASA Calm down. We have to be ready for him otherwise it will be a repeat of last time. Surprise is our best chance to come out of this without any more bloodshed.

He reaches into his robes and pulls out the gun from last night.

ASA (CONT'D) Take this, it may be a human weapon but-

FRED I thought you said humans couldn't fight demons. And it didn't work last time.

ASA With your fists? No, but a gun can hurt him enough to continue the distraction and we need all the redundancy we can manage here.

Fred takes the gun and stuffs it in his waist band.

ASA (CONT'D) There's something else you should know: when we get there it's very likely that he'll have her under his power... she may attack us.

FRED What do we do if she does?

Asa waits a beat, avoiding the obvious conclusion.

ASA Do you best not to hurt her and get her away form him if you can.

CUT TO:

INT. BAR - LATER

A few more drinks line the bar where Staci and "Tim" sit. Staci has stopped crying and is now sitting very close to "Tim".

> TIM Feel any better?

Staci is tipsy and partially enthralled by the incubus' powers. STACI A little yeah, thanks for brining me here Tim, I guess I was so focused on everyone else I forgot about me. Tim wraps his arm around her. TIM Hey, you wanna get out of here? Staci hessites for a moment then nods her head. STACI For a bit I guess, but I really do have to get home. TIM OK

The two stand up and walk out of the bar.

CUT TO:

EXT. STREET - DAY

FRED'S CAR SWERVES around a corner with a SCREECH of tires.

CUT TO:

INT. FRED'S CAR - DAY

Fred drives while ASA sits in the front seat and CORRI the back.

> ASA Be careful! If you keep driving like this we'll be in the hands of the Creator a lot sooner than we want to be.

FRED It would help if we knew where we were going, did you see anything else that might help us?

Asa thinks on it for a second.

ASA Let me try.

He closes his eyes for a second, then stiffens and opens them again this time they are a pale yellow.

CUT TO:

INT. BAR - CONTINUOUS

THE INCUBUS' YELLOW TINTED POV

The incubus walks through the bar looking around briefly to stare at Staci who appears to be falling deeper and deeper into his spell. He turns his head again this time towards a side door. Over the door a sign hangs reading "Leon's"

CUT TO:

EXT. STREET

Asa's eyes return to normal.

ASA I saw a sign, it said: Leon's, it's over one of the doors.

Fred realizes where they are.

FRED It's Leon's bar.

He SWERVES again, turning around.

CUT TO:

EXT. ALLEY - DAY

Staci and "Tim" are standing in the alleyway making out. Tim begins to move his hands all over Staci's body. Staci lets out a contented sigh as she returns the kisses with equal vigor. Suddenly "Tim" reaches for the hem of her shirt. Her hands go to his to stave them off.

> STACI No, Tim, not here, not...

"Tim's" eyes glow yellow and Staci's protests are silenced, he reaches for the hem of her shirt again.

THE OTHER END OF THE ALLEY-INTERCUT

Fred's car SWERVES into the alley. Fred, Asa, and Staci quickly pile out.

"Tim" has Staci's shirt halfway up her body. His hand moving towards the center of her chest.

FRED'S END OF THE ALLEY-INTERCUT

FRED (Yelling) Stop!

"Tim" stops what he's doing and turns around. Asa is miffed.

ASA What part of 'suprise' did you not understand?

FRED Seemed like a good idea at the time.

"Tim" turns around and begins to advance on the trio.

ANGLE ON ASA

FRED'S POV

Asa holds out his hand and in a beam of light a bow and arrow appears in his hands.

BACK TO SCENE

"Tim" reacts quickly.

TIM (His teenager voice mixed with a demonic one.) Staci, stop them they're going to hurt me.

Staci's eyes suddenly glow yellow, she seizes a lose brick.

FRED

Oh sh-

She tosses it and hits Asa square in the head knocking him out.

The incubus heads toward them.

Fred reaches into his waistband and pulls out the gun. He aims it and fires three shots.

Click

Click

Click

The gun still doesn't work.

FRED (CONT'D) Not again... oh screw it.

He tosses the gun aside and charges "Tim" tackling him from the waist. Caught off guard once again by Fred's sudden attack "Tim" falls to the ground. Staci rushes to his side and begins kicking Fred as he pummels "Tim".

Fred yells out between kicks.

FRED (CONT'D) Corri, get her off me!

Corri runs over to the fight, she tries to talk to Staci.

CORRI Staci, come on don't you see what your doing.

Staci continues to kick.

CORRI (CONT'D)

Staci!

She moves to grab her. As she does the cross around her neck rests on Staci's arm.

CORRI'S POV

The cross rests on her arm gleaming in the sunlight.

BACK TO SCENE

As soon as the cross touches her skin Staci's eyes return to normal and she stops kicking Fred. She sees Fred fighting "Tim" his glowing eyes cause her to panic.

> STACI What's going on? What is Tim doing?

CORRI There's no time! I've got to get you out of here!

The two begin to head towards Asa's unconscious body. As they do "Tim" is able to free himself from Fred tossing him a few feet across the alley. Fred begins to climb painfully to his feet, obviously winded.

FRED Is... that... all... all you got? "Tim" begins to advance on the three teenagers, breathing demonically. As he approaches the three back away. Tim's voice is now permanently demonic. TIM You pitiful, infuriating humans you cannot stop us! He continues to advance. ANGLE ON As the teens back away from "Tim" Corri's foot scrapes against Fred's gun. BACK TO SCENE Corri bends down and draws the gun, she aim's it at "Tim" TIM (CONT'D) If you want to spend you last moments of life wielding a useless weapon go ahead... Corri raises the gun and fires a shot. CLICK, nothing. Tim continues to advance with a sadistic pleasure in watching Corri's failures on his face. Corri examines the gun in her hands. She suddenly has a revelation. CORRI (almost surprising herself.) Safety's on. She thumbs the safety off and aims the gun again, and pulls the trigger. BANG! The gun fires. The advancing "Tim" is his square in the chest by it. LIQUID FIRE again pours from his body, but this time it ENVELOPS HIM. TIM No, no it can't be!

The fire quickly consumes him leaving only a small amount of ash on the ground. Corri, Fred and Staci stare at the ashes for a moment, then Fred embraces Corri. FRED Corri, that was some shot! Corri smiles. CORRI Thanks, looks like my dad's lessons paid off. Staci seems overwhelmed. STACI Excuse me but just what the hell is going on. FRED It's a long story Staci. ANGLE ON Asa begins to stir, and climbs to his feet. BACK TO SCENE Asa looks around and see the ashes where the Incubus' body once was. ASA You did it! You killed him! And without me. That's... amazing. Staci is thoroughly annoyed at this point. STACI OK, who the hell are you? Asa turns to her. ASA My name is Asa, I'm an angel. CUT TO: INT. CEDAR FALLS HIGH LIBRARY Asa, Staci, Fred and Corri sit at one of the tables in the library. Staci appears to have just been filled in on what happened.

CORRI

So Asa, since this guy is gone does that mean your going to be leaving us?

Asa shakes his head.

ASA

No, I and my fellow angel will be staying here to monitor the area.

### FRED

But we killed that incubus, there can't be any other demons hanging around Cedar Falls can there?

Asa pauses.

#### ASA

Most demons need help to escape from Hell. We haven't been able to figure out who helped our incubus escape.

#### FRED

So there's someone out there trying to bring in more of those things?

Asa nods. Staci looks slightly sick.

#### STACI

But you're going to do something about them right, you're not going to let them run free.

### ASA

Of course not, that's one of the reasons I came by to see you. I want you to continue to help me.

#### CORRI

Really? Why? We barely made it out of there, it was blind luck that I knew how to shoot that gun.

# ASA

Divine intervention is often mistaken for luck. It wasn't a coincident that I met you, nor that you were able to defeat that demon. What ever happens next is going to involve you. FRED

You're making it sound like we don't have a choice.

ASA There's always a choice Fred. You can leave right now.

Fred pauses and shakes his head.

FRED

Ah hell I'd rather know whats out there rather than have it show up on my doorstep.

STACI What about me? What am I destined for? Were you just talking to them or am I going to be part of this?

ASA I'm not a fortune teller, but I won't turn away any help no matter how-

STACI Omigod! I'll be like the star of that TV show! Hot cheerleader by day demon killer by night.

She makes a series of totally amateur "karate moves." This obviously grates on both Asa and Fred's nerves. Corri defuses the situation.

CORRI So what happens next?

ASA We, me and the other angels, will be watching for the next threat. When it appears I will find you.

He gives the teens a paternal look.

ASA (CONT'D) Until then try to enjoy this peace. I will be watching over you.

ANGEL ON ASA

Asa turns to walk away and vanishes in BEAM OF LIGHT.

# ANGLE UPWARD TOWARD THE SKY

FOLLOW Asa's beam of light briefly then:

CUT TO:

INT. SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DETECTIVE FOSTER'S OFFICE - DAY

Detective Foster is preparing to go home for the day when her office phone RINGS. She picks it up

DETECTIVE FOSTER Mecklenburg Sheriff's Office, this is Detective Foster.

CUT TO:

INT. UNC-CHAPEL HILL - INTERCUT

PROFESSOR STEIN sits in his on office.

PROFESSOR STEIN Hello Detective, you asked me to look over symbol for you?

DETECTIVE FOSTER Thanks for calling me, did you find something?

Stein holds the stone in his hand.

PROFESSOR STEIN I did, but I need to clarify something first: you said you found this in the woods?

DETECTIVE FOSTER Yes sir, during the course of an open investigation.

PROFESSOR STEIN Well this symbol doesn't fit with any local folklore, its origins are actually Israeli

DETECTIVE FOSTER Israeli?

PROFESSOR STEIN Yes, it's the mark of Absalom.

DETECTIVE FOSTER

Who?

PROFESSOR STEIN

Absalom was one of David's sons, according to the Old Testament he revolted against the rule of his father.

DETECTIVE FOSTER

Why would his symbol be all the way over here?

# PROFESSOR STEIN

Absalaom's mark has only showed up a few times in history, most people think its a hoax, but according to a few sources there's a cult that Worships Absalom, they see him as a successor to Lucifer.

ANGLE ON THE SYMBOL

Stein's finger traces the runes.

PROFESSOR STEIN (CONT'D) But those sources are far from reliable chances are this thing is some trinket someone bought while visiting Jerusalem.

DETECTIVE FOSTER If that cult did exist.

Her persistence is confusing to the professor.

PROFESSOR STEIN Why are you so focused on this Detective, is it a part of a case?

DETECTIVE FOSTER No, no it isn't I just... had some questions I needed answered, thank you Professor.

Stein nods.

PROFESSOR STEIN You are very welcome detective.

Fosters hangs up and puts her hands on her temples, pondering the events of the past few days.

PULL OUT SLOWLY and...

# EXT. RUIN - NIGHT

# PAN ALONG THE RUIN

# METATRON (V.O.)

Darkness, it is always waiting just beyond the light. Human's think their tests and studies have explained away evil. That the dark places of the supernatural pose no threat. They are wrong, the dark places are still there, and they are gathering their strength.

ANGLE ON THE OBELISK

FREEZE ON The OBELISK as it FLARES TO LIFE.

FINAL FADE

THE END