DAEMON HUNTERS

ORIGINAL SPEC SCREENPLAY

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FADE IN:

EXT. LOUISIANA BACK COUNTRY - NIGHT

Insect Sounds. Silenced by a large auto. It pulls off the road onto the grass.

A door opens. Rock Music blasting. 3 MEN, late 20's exit, all in black. A Short Haired GIRL follows. She lugs a gym bag and cellphone.

The SONG fades.

LONG COAT

This is it.

GIRL

Is it really haunted?

LONG COAT

Come on. I know the way.

They cross a marshy field towards an abandoned Plantation.

An outside kitchen becomes their Church. A slate counter their Alter.

Long Coat swipes debris off the Alter with his sleeve. Tattoo on his hand - Satan's Goat inside a Pentagram.

Girl lights a CANDLE. Places a BOWL next to it.

RAIN JACKET hoists a Leather POUCH above the bowl. Red wine to symbolize blood.

Long Coat unsheathes a large DAGGER.

He mumbles incoherently.

3RD GUY films with his phone.

Long Coat stabs the Dagger up, into the pouch.

Wine spills out, over his hand, into the bowl.

He licks his hand. Wipes it on his pants.

They pass the bowl, all drink.

Girl hands Long Coat a small BOOK.

He recites an Occult Chant.

LONG COAT (CONT'D)

False Gods awaken...

ALL JOIN.

ALL

...to likewise bind them before me!

Eos Pariter Eos Caram me...!

Demon, submit unto my bidding.

Daemon, esta subjecto voluntati meae...

A wind gust Blows Out the candle.

RAIN JACKET screams as he is THROWN into the air...

He lands with a thud. His arm bent in an unnatural position behind him. Wailing in agony.

Long Coat starts Vomiting. It is Violent and Nonstop...

3RD GUY runs, trips, and falls. He is yelling and crying.

Girl senses a presence in front of her but cannot see anything.

She feels something on her leg... Looks Down...

A footlong red CENTIPEDE...

It touches her leg... She begins to orgasm wildly...

Her eyes roll back in her head, her body shuddering...

Disgusted, she opens her eyes, hundreds of centipedes...

She looks up at Long Coat only to see his face melt away...

Girl screams a silent scream...

A pair of Belgian Malinois Dogs run up. They stand next to Girl, growling at something they see.

A mysterious Man appears. Dark skin. Long gray hair. Snakeskin jacket.

He points a sawed-off SHOTGUN in front of Girl...

She is startled when the Gun FIRES.

Black Crystals fly out of one barrel...

The man FIRES Again -

A Long FLAME erupts from the second barrel...

The Black Crystals Ignite. They sizzle and pop.

He lets go of the gun. It hangs by a cord.

The Man unsheathes an engraved Bowie Knife.

Stillness.

Long Coat stops vomiting...

3RD GUY rises to his knees...

Girl rubs her skin, shivering.

A puddle of liquid pools on the ground where the shells hit.

The man is AUGUSTIN, 33, An Occultist. Raised by his grandmother, a Supreme Witch.

AUGUSTIN

(angry)

FOUT TONE! ENBASIL! You have no idea what you are playing with.

Augustin rips the book from Long Coat's hand. Places it in his pocket, walks away. One dog pisses on Long Coat's foot and trails behind.

The injured and frightened group stumble to the car. They speed away.

EXT. HILLSIDE - CONTINUOUS

In the distance, 2 People in Camouflage surreptitiously record.

One enters on a tablet:

First shot - Charged Crystals? Phosphorus?

Second shot - Magnesium -Dragons Breath Cartridge?

They wait. Once clear, a man removes his face shroud. He retrieves hidden trail cameras as he makes his way.

Using a long Swab, he takes a sample of the wine.

He places the evidence in bags.

His partner examines the viscous liquid puddle, checking for Radiation with a Geiger Counter.

The Dial FLUCTUATES RAPIDLY - it's HOT!

EXT. TIVOLI, ITALY - DAWN

A Raven rests on a branch outside a window. Inside, a naked man lying in bed. Behind him, a partially covered woman.

INT. BEDROOM

JAMES RIORDAN (36) is wakened by a MESSAGE on his phone. Average height, rugged good looks. James rolls over, locates his phone. He reads the message. Cracks his neck.

The woman stirs behind him in a seductive way. She rubs her leg along his body. Kisses his shoulder. Beautiful features, lustful eyes.

They kiss. She bites his lip.

James walks to the bathroom naked.

INT. BATHROOM

The beautiful woman enters as James is toweling. She hands him an ESPRESSO. She is GINA PRICE, 32. Gina is an Investigative Reporter.

There is a scar on his shoulder.

JAMES

I must go to Rome for a meeting. Should be home for dinner.

GINA

No worries, I will be busy all day.

JAMES TURNS.

HE IS WEARING A CLERICAL COLLAR.

## JAMES IS A PRIEST.

GINA

What's it about? Your Resignation?

**JAMES** 

I assume so. Probably a HR requirement, exit interview. That sort of thing.

GINA

I'm tired of hiding our relationship.

**JAMES** 

You knew what you were getting into. I never hid being a Priest.

GINA

But you have to hide me instead. We are living a lie, James.

**JAMES** 

You are right. I am fixing it, okay?

EXT. SPANISH STEPS ROME - MORNING

An office Building. James is buzzed in. A Priest, MCGRATH greets him.

MCGRATH

I am happy you could make I on such short notice. It's a presentation and then discussion. We will be getting started right away.

JAMES

I look forward to it.

He is ushered into a conference room. Recognizes CARDINAL MUELLER and a Jesuit, BUCCI. In the corner, an OLD PRIEST, rosary in hand. 2 MEN IN SUITS, strangers, whispering.

James finds a seat. The lights are dimmed.

A huge presentation screen turns - BRIGHT WHITE.

Microphone switches on. Volume adjusted.

A VOICE - FATHER MCGRATH'S -

MCGRATH (V.O.)

Good morning. My name is Father Michael McGrath. I am an Occult Investigator for the Vatican. Today, you will be privy to information which very few people are aware.

Pause

We are Not alone! - Supernatural powers - disembodied creatures, share our World. These...

ON SCREEN - MULTIPLE SCENES:

EXT. TOKYO - CLOUDY AFTERNOON

A Young Woman is savagely attacked by an invisible force - The same entity then crumples the front of a moving car.

INT. BANK LOBBY

Security Camera Footage - Elderly man GORED by something we cannot see. The man lies bleeding.

EXT. BALL FIELD

A stadium full of spectator's panic as they witness players being injured on the field - Numerous fans are crushed in the ensuing stampede.

EXT. SCHOOL

Playground - dozens of children and teachers frantically scratch at their skin, desperately trying to remove something.

MCGRATH

We are seeing Attacks by Daemonic Beings.

James is shocked by the Images on screen.

MCGRATH (CONT'D)

(anxious)

His wounds appear from nowhere!

James' time in the Military had shown him human suffering. This was worse.

MCGRATH (CONT'D)

These are ARCHONS. Ancient DAEMONIC entities which exist on multiple dimensions.

SLASH! Blood Splatters.

MCGRATH

History is not what you were taught in school. It has all been changed. The Dark Ages was a time of Demonic Attacks. The Crusades, battles against legions of DAEMONS and their army of possessed.

FILM ENDS. ROOM BRIGHTENS.

McGrath and Bucci stand.

ON SCREEN: Slides of Wolf-like Creatures Eating men in Art.

James feels Ill. He dislikes horror.

MCGRATH (CONT'D)

You just saw Demons attacking people. They have been doing so for centuries, but it is only within the last few decades that the number of attacks has increased.

Sips Water.

BUCCI

We do not know why, but Demon Attacks only occur during the 3rd Lunar Phase each month.

MCGRATH

We believe the Archons are attempting to re-stake their Claim on Earth.

BLUE SUIT

What do Demons look like?

MCGRATH

Demons have the ability to shape shift, turn into other creatures or even into humans.

BLUE SUIT

They can be seen?

BUCCI

People do see them. Mostly those who study the Occult. For many, they appear as shadows. Evil doesn't reflect light.

**JAMES** 

Can this be stopped?

BUCCI

We've been battling Daemons for centuries.

MCGRATH

The Church has always supported groups of DAEMON HUNTERS. Our last group disbanded 6 years ago.

BLUE SUIT

What did they do?

BUCCI

Investigate and Eliminate Threats.

**JAMES** 

Eliminate? Can you kill them?

MCGRATH

You can. At least force them from this dimension.

**JAMES** 

How do they enter our dimension?

MCGRATH

There are hot spots for Supernatural activity across the World.

BUCCI

They are called Hell Gates. Portals - Inter dimensional gateways.

**JAMES** 

How do you know where they will attack?

MCGRATH

Seismic activity. Clusters under category 2 precede attacks.

BUCCI

We are testing Electromagnetic Field detectors to better track Demons.

MCGRATH

The Vatican has renewed its partnership with several Governments to stop the Attacks. We plan on updating our blessed weapons with modern gear.

**JAMES** 

Blessed weapons?

BUCCI

Yes, Swords were popular.

Coffee is served. Stretch their legs.

Cardinal Mueller approaches.

CARDINAL MUELLER

Hello Father Riordan, I must say, you look well.

Cheshire smile.

JAMES

Good morning, Your Grace. Can I ask if you are aware of my lett...

CARDINAL MUELLER

Yes, I am. Let's talk later.

MEETING TABLE

CARDINAL MUELLER

The CHURCH has again chosen to respond to Demon attacks. We are restarting our Response team. That is why we invited Father Riordan today.

ALL EYES ON JAMES.

MCGRATH

Father Riordan, we are offering you the opportunity to lead a team who respond to Demon Attacks...

JAMES LOOKS FOR EXITS.

MCGRATH (CONT'D)

You will work independently but with full support from the Holy See.

CARDINAL MUELLER

The Church has fought Evil since our beginning.

**JAMES** 

I appreciate the offer, but I am not what you are looking for.

CARDINAL MUELLER

Here is your chance to be a Hero.

**JAMES** 

I am not a Leader or Hero.

(sigh)

I have requested to be released from my vows of Priesthood. I made a...

CARDINAL MUELLER

--SHOW HIM--

GRAY SUIT LAYS A FOLDER DOWN.

JAMES STARES IN DISBELIEF.

PHOTOS of Gina and himself in compromising positions.

BANK RECORDS - Receipts for Large Deposits into their accounts.

SIGNED AFFIDAVITS incriminating them in an EXTORTION SCHEME to steal from the Vatican.

ARREST WARRANTS FOR HIMSELF AND GINA.

**JAMES** 

(Angry)

This is Bullshit!

(STANDING)

I am innocent.

CARDINAL MUELLER

Please sit down. Allow us to finish.

James, Angry, Sits. Drinks water.

CARDINAL MUELLER (CONT'D)

We've known of your 'relationship' with Miss Price for some time. Many Priests develop 'friendships' in the community. We ask they be discreet. You, Father were not. Ms. Price has enemies. Your relationship was exposed months ago.

The Cardinal bites a chocolate.

MCGRATH

James, you match a behavioral profile created by our psychologists.

**JAMES** 

I want to see what it says.

CARDINAL MUELLER

It says you are intelligent. You are ambitious. You believe in God but doubt the Church. You have no problem breaking rules.

He winks.

MCGRATH

You are physically fit. Served with the U.N., Injured performing last rites in a war zone.

CARDINAL MUELLER

The last piece is your relationship with Gina Price. Would be nice to know she will help us.

**JAMES** 

I can't speak for Gina.

CARDINAL MUELLER

Fair enough - Accept this position and we destroy the evidence.

JAMES

And be Blackmailed later?

CARDINAL MUELLER

I will also permit you to forgo your vows. You will no longer be a Priest. Free to continue your relationship without guilt.

MCGRATH

We will then hire you as a consultant. Have you given any thought about how you would support yourself after leaving the Church?

**JAMES** 

No, I haven't actually.

MCGRATH

Maybe you should.

BUCCI

RIZZI is our government liaison. He handles our supply needs.

GRAY SUIT WAVES.

**JAMES** 

What exactly would I be doing?

BUCCI

Locate, Interact and Destroy Demonic Beings.

**JAMES** 

You expect me to fight a Supernatural being? With a Sword?

CARDINAL MUELLER

You can, with training and support. There are DEMON HUNTERS who are quite effective.

**JAMES** 

Hire them. You don't need me.

MCGRATH

You were chosen to lead the team. You decide whether to fight Demons or not. We think you will.

MCGRATH STANDS

MCGRATH (CONT'D)

Everything is centralized from this building - Research, Communications, Training, Supply.

(POINTS UP.)

This will be your office. You also have private quarters upstairs. My office is next door. I am number 2.

CARDINAL MUELLER

Regarding Possessions, FATHER FRATINI will advise and assist.

The Old Priest stands, bows.

CARDINAL MUELLER

Father Fratini has done remarkable things. We now find ourselves in a battle which he is not well equipped.

FATHER FRATINI

Demons feed on Doubt. Trust in God.

**JAMES** 

Thank you, Father.

MCGRATH

You can only kill possessed humans in self-defense. You can't prove possession after death.

James sips an espresso, adds sugar.

**JAMES** 

What happened to my predecessor?

CARDINAL MUELLER

He is Dead. Suicide. Now you know.

JAMES

Was he a Priest?

CARDINAL MUELLER

Yes. I knew him. I am not going to lie to you. There are risks.

**JAMES** 

How much is this worth to you?

MCGRATH

If you mean salary, four times your present salary, plus expenses.

**JAMES** 

I seem to have no other option. I will accept your offer on the condition that I am released from my Vows. Agreed?

CARDINAL MUELLER

It is agreed.

**JAMES** 

Where do we begin?

CARDINAL MUELLER

I suggest you spend time with Father McGrath.

INT. HALLWAY

James excuses himself. He walks into the hallway and Texts Gina:

GOING TO STAY IN ROME A FEW DAYS. EXCITING NEWS!

Gina Texts Back in seconds:

Really? What's Up? Call me when you can. LUV YOU.

James: LOVE YOU TOO!

INT. MEETING TABLE - CONTINUOUS

JAMES

I'd like to see the list of candidates.

CARDINAL MUELLER

I am happy to see you in this role, Father Rior..., Sorry, I mean James. May God Bless and Look Over You!

The Cardinal departs. Suits follow. Father Fratini last.

MCGRATH

We sought people with high moral character. They all failed. We then searched for individuals with darker histories - risk takers, antisocial types, prone to violence.

Bucci shows James a pile of CVS's.

Each man takes a resume. They talk into the night.

INT. OLD SECTION, NEW ORLEANS

James enters DOC MOJO'S POTION & TEA PARLOR.

SIGN on door - COME IN FOR A SPELL.

He passes shelves of Magic Books, Candles, Figurines and Potions.

The store is filled with tourists. A young woman behind the counter, notices James. Shows him a door.

James enters a room clad in Leather and Wood. He meets AUGUSTIN.

AUGUSTIN

Please, make yourself comfortable. Would you like a Chicory Coffee?

**JAMES** 

Yes, that would be great. Thanks.

Augustin hands James a steaming cup. He adds sugar.

James admires Augustin's Collection of Voodoo Artifacts. A pair of Human Skulls serve as Bookends. Wisps of Incense smoke drift upwards.

James is offered a leather chair. Augustin sits opposite.

A Black Snake slithers across the floor.

JAMES (CONT'D)

Thank you for meeting me. Please tell me a little about yourself?

AUGUSTIN

I am a Creole. Haitian and French.

**JAMES** 

(Opens a file)

Raised by your grandmother, a Supreme Witch. You're an expert on poisons

and healing plants. Are you also a Witch?

AUGUSTIN

(GRINS)

I have talents. What brings you here?

**JAMES** 

Alcohol brings out a dark side.

AUGUSTIN

I am Sober. Not proud of my past. What is it you want?

**JAMES** 

Our mission is to respond to Demon attacks. You have a lot to offer. Would you be interested in joining our team?

AUGUSTIN

Doing what exactly?

**JAMES** 

Seek out and destroy Demons.

AUGUSTIN

What is the salary?

James hands him a letter.

AUGUSTIN RAISES HIS EYEBROWS.

AUGUSTIN (CONT'D)

Fantastic. I accept. What's next?

**JAMES** 

Curious why you accepted.

AUGUSTIN

I live for this kind of thing.

James

Can you travel to Rome to meet the team?

AUGUSTIN

Yes, grandmother can run the store.

James hands over a thick envelope.

**JAMES** 

Airline tickets and expense money. A private aircraft, you can bring weapons if checked.

AUGUSTIN

Can I bring my dogs?

**JAMES** 

Not this trip. We will arrange any permits for the future.

Augustin removes a string wrapped male voodoo doll, hung from a cord around his neck. He hangs it around James' neck. Augustin lays his palm over the doll and mumbles something.

AUGUSTIN

This will protect you.

INT. ROME - DAYS LATER

A visual acuity test reveals Augustin distinguishes a broader bandwidth than others. The R&D team pinpoints the spectrum and design glasses which display the Electromagnetic signals of Demons.

INT. VATICAN - DAY

They search the huge Weapons Vault.

Augustin adopts an Ornate Silver Blunderbuss. 66.6 Caliber. A Devil Killer.

James finds a Sword forged from Meteoric Iron.

BUCCI

That sword belonged to Saint George. He was a Daemon Hunter during the Crusades.

**JAMES** 

I'm curious, why swords? Aren't they evil weapons?

Their purpose is to kill.

BUCCI

They work.

INT. HEADQUARTERS - 3RD LUNAR PHASE

MCGRATH

Augustin, we need you to join James and investigate a reported attack. It will be cold. Be prepared for an encounter.

AUGUSTIN

Sure, be ready soon.

EXT. TRANSYLVANIA - DUSK

Old Cemetery. Dark. James and Augustin enter through a squeaking gate. The ground is mossy. Snow lingers.

They walk adjacent paths, 6 meters apart.

Random Crypts block their sight of one another.

Without warning, James is STRUCK HARD in the back, his shoulder scratched...

James falls face down onto the mossy ground...

He gets up, kneels...

His thermal glasses show a green DOT moving away.

He Sees Nothing...

James has a MAGNIFIED LASER weapon. He readies the weapon but has nothing to aim at.

Augustin has his shotgun, knife and a Maser backup.

JAMES

(Com - excited)

Watch Out!

AUGUSTIN

(Via Com)

I see it. It's Big!

**JAMES** 

What should I do?

AUGUSTIN

Nothing. Hello ugly... It's a Lizard looking thing! Slimy Bastard.

The Green Dot moves towards Augustin.

**JAMES** 

It's heading right at you!

AUGUSTIN

I see it. Just don't shoot me! Okay?

A translucent mass grows nearer.

Augustin fires one shell...

He fires the other ...

The shells impact. On Target... The Crystals violently react...

The Daemon, stunned but keeps advancing, its claws tearing at Augustin's Kevlar body panels...

It swings and strikes Augustin with a HARD BLOW in the chest. He is THROWN back a meter...
Augustin wheezes to catch his breath...

He raises the MASER, Aims and Fires. A BLAST of Dazzling Bright Light erupts...

The attack stops.

A puddle of Viscous Liquid pools on the ground.

INT. HEADQUARTERS - DAY

BUCCI

We received a dozen Long Range Surveillance drones with IR cameras. **JAMES** 

Excellent. Do we know anything about the liquid left by Demons?

BUCCI

Brackish Water, Alien DNA, High Levels of Thorium, Negative Charged.

MCGRATH

Their home dimension could be Aquatic.

**JAMES** 

We need diving equipment then.

BUCCI

Rebreather Diving Gear coming from the Israeli's.

JAMES

Good. What's next...?

EXT. NEW YORK CITY - DAY

Taxi door opens. James steps out.

SIGN -BELLEVUE HOSPITAL PSYCHIATRIC CENTER

INT. CRIMINAL PSYCHIATRIC WARD

James is escorted along winding corridors. Security levels increase as he proceeds. People in Scrubs hurry about. He is led to an Office. DOCTOR RICHARD DAVIS (39), Chief Neuro-Psychiatrist of the Psych Unit is at his desk.

James introduces himself. They shake.

DOCTOR RICHARD

It's nice to finally meet you.

**JAMES** 

Yes, it's a pleasure.

James opens a folder.

**JAMES** 

I believe you know enough about my organization. I will get right to the point. We are building a team to respond to Demon Attacks.

DOCTOR RICHARD

So, you seek warriors?

**JAMES** 

I suppose so.

DOCTOR RICHARD

Is this a Job Interview?

**JAMES** 

Only if you can dedicate one week a month, during the  $3^{\rm rd}$  Lunar Period. We now know that Demons attack during this time.

DOCTOR RICHARD

Wow, that is amazing. I always suspected a Lunar affect. I can commit that time to you, but need to remain here to be effective.

James presents a folder.

DOCTOR RICHARD (CONT'D)

Nice offer! So, is it a deal? I remain here?

**JAMES** 

Can you respond to reports during the 3rd Lunar Phase each month?

DOCTOR RICHARD

I can make it work.

**JAMES** 

Are you available to travel to Rome?

DOCTOR RICHARD

Yes, I am actually.

Post meeting; Doctor Richard closes his door. He swallows 2 oval red pills.

## MULTIPLE SCENES

EXT. MEXICO CITY - TWILIGHT

Augustin is led to a squalid section of town following a report...

Augustin turns a corner and sees a Daemon preparing to attack an elderly woman...

Augustin Whistles Loudly.

This startles the Demon. It rushes away...

Augustin checks on the woman, she is unharmed. Others arrive to help her.

Augustin tracks the Daemon's signal in an industrial area.

He turns a corner and comes face to snout with the Demon...

Its Face - Half Human / Half Boar.

Augustin Fires, black particles fill the air.

He Fires a Second round, A Flame erupts from the barrel...

The Particles Sizzle and glow...

The Demon disappears.

EXT. NEW YORK CITY - DUSK

Doctor Richard is tracking a Demon signature inside of Central Park...

The path leads to a dimly lit tunnel. He enters.

A DIRTY MAN appears from out of the darkness. He is wearing a Green Army coat and a plaid shirt. The man moves towards the Doctor but then STOPS. He moves back.

A pack of Rats appear. They Attack the Doctor, clawing and biting his clothes, his skin.

He Prays in Latin...

The Demon's signature again appears on his scanner.

He aims and fires his Weapon...

The Rats disappear, leaving him with scarred arms and legs. His clothes in tatters.

The Dirty Man comes at him, swinging a tree limb. The Doctor punches the man in the face and starts running...

The man is startled by the punch. He runs after the doctor ...

The Doctor runs across  $5^{\rm th}$  avenue. The dirty man follows and is struck by a bus. He is thrown onto the street...

A crowd of people gather. The doctor identifies himself. He checks the man. He has No pulse.

INT. ROME

James lives in Rome during the week, his weekends with Gina.

Gina is curious -

GINA

What's with all of your cuts and bruises? You have another lover?

**JAMES** 

I was meaning to tell you about it. I fight evil beings.

GINA

(Confused)

What?! Define 'Evil Beings'?

**JAMES** 

Demons, Fallen Angels.

GINA

You are serious? YOU FIGHT THEM?!

**JAMES** 

It's a good cause and helps people.

GINA

I would have been happier if you said you had another lover.

INT. HEADQUARTERS

The Presentation Screen is transformed into a Global Map. Red dots display locations of Daemon Encounters - 9.

Rizzi displays a Microwave Energy Weapon (MISER). He fires into a block of ice, melting a perfect circle through it.

RIZZI

This will kill a Daemon at 20 meters.

**JAMES** 

Let's have them tested.

RIZZI

We are concerned about exposure to emissions from Demons.

**JAMES** 

Emissions?

RT77T

Electromagnetic Radiation.

JAMES

Is it Dangerous?

RIZZI

Research shows exposure to wireless radiation is harmful. Some Countries have Banned 5G transmissions.

JAMES

Let's look into RF frequencies negative affects on lifeforms. I propose that we have a monthly video call with everyone joining. Let's make it the First Monday of Lunar Phase 4, just after the phase 3 attacks.

EXT./INT. QUEENSLAND AIRPORT - DAY

James' single engine plane lands in heavy rain.

He is met on the tarmac by HUNTER DAVIS, 35, a strong, powerful man.

He drives them in his pickup.

HUNTER

I thought I was crazy!

**JAMES** 

Demons are real. You aren't insane.

HUNTER

They come from Hell?

**JAMES** 

It fits our narrative.

HUNTER

You are a Priest?

**JAMES** 

I was a Priest. I recanted my vows.

HUNTER

What happened, you lose your faith?

**JAMES** 

The Church became a crutch for me when I was down. Then I met someone. Everything changed.

HUNTER

Things change.

JAMES

Indeed, they do. Have you thought about our proposal?

HUNTER

It's a generous offer.

**JAMES** 

You would be risking your life. It has to be worth it.

HUNTER

I accept. What now?

**JAMES** 

Just one matter to discuss first.

HUNTER

The Village?

**JAMES** 

Yes, precisely.

HUNTER

There was an investigation. My Squad was cleared. I blacked out; I have No Memory of what happened.

**JAMES** 

Were you involved in killing those villagers?
HUNTER

The day turned into a Clusterfuck. We were ambushed. Lost two Mates. Everyone was Going Off. I don't remember.

**JAMES** 

But you could have?

HUNTER

Bloody yes, I could have. That eliminates me?

JAMES

Not at all. I know what you will be facing. Just wanted to hear it from you.

HUNTER

Now what?

**JAMES** 

We'd like to brief you in Rome.

HUNTER

That's sick Mate. I have no ties. I can travel anytime.

**JAMES** 

Welcome abord.

INT. BELLEVUE HOSPITAL - LATE

Doctor Richard is on duty, High on Demerol.

CODE YELLOW ALERT in announced over the Hospital's WARNING SYSTEM - EMPLOYEE IN DANGER.

The Doctor and two orderlies follow protocol. They lock 5 of the 6 doors to their floor.

They approach the last door, it Bursts Open. A disheveled and DIRTY MAN with a green army coat, plaid shirt rushes in. He is brandishing a KNIFE...

A PA tries to block the man but is shoved aside.

The dirty man comes closer...

A security detail arrives in the background...

Doctor Richard holds his palms outward, instructing security to stand ground. He instantly recognizes the man as the one who attacked him and was killed by a bus!

DOCTOR RICHARD

How can I help you?

DIRTY MAN

(Deep voice)

We know you.

DOCTOR RICHARD

I am a doctor. I can help you. Put down the knife...

DIRTY MAN

God will not save you.

DOCTOR RICHARD

Let me help you. I won't let anyone hurt you. Put down the knife.

DIRTY MAN

God can't...

The man collapses...

Security rushes in, subdue him.

A Guard shakes his head.

The Man is Dead.

EXT. ABIDJAN - EVENING

James meets ELSIE AWAND 39, at a restaurant. They sit beside a lagoon, dining on fish stew. The restaurant is LOUD.

Elsie is a large, imposing man, practitioner of Black Magic.

ELSIE

I admire your necklace. May I see it?

James removes his string doll necklace and hands it over.

Elsie accidentally drops it. It falls under the table.

He bends and retrieves it.

He examines the doll and hands it back.

ELSIE

Strong magic. In parts of Africa, we rely on Dark Technology.

**JAMES** 

What is that?

ELSIE

Witchcraft.

**JAMES** 

Is Witchcraft practiced?

ELSIE

It's normal seeing a person just buried appearing in the streets after some weeks.

JAMES

What of Daemons?

Elsie smiles broadly.

ELSIE

Demons are God's creations, too. Created to test men. They feast on those who fall.

**JAMES** 

They follow God's Orders?

ELSIE

Yes, Old Testament. Demons serve God. Man has free will to choose right from wrong. Demons are God's enforcers, God's judges.

**JAMES** 

Why do you want to join us?

ELSIE

For Money, of course.

James hands Elsie a folder.

ELSIE (CONT'D)

I graciously accept.

INT. HEADQUARTERS -LATER

Hunter and Elsie train on tactics and weapons.

EXT. HONG KONG - NIGHT

Heavy fog - Poor visibility.

DRONE VIEW of a Woman running along the waterfront.

Dressed in black. Wearing sunglasses. She glances back, keeps running...

darting around corners...

deeper into the city....

She turns into a dead-end street.

We SEE through HER eyes...

Her glasses contain Infrared Cameras.

She senses movement on her side...

Turns her head and faces a horrifying Demon...

She is MEGHAN, 28. Mixed race, beautiful, deadly. Tiniest tattoo of a spider high on her cheek.

The Demon appears Green from the camera's lens.

It has a Canine Head on a Humanoid Body. Sharp canine teeth.

The creature stands erect on two legs, eight feet in height, long hairy arms ending in claws that glow red on her thermal sensor....

She unsheathes an Iron Dagger...

Drives it deep into the Demon....

Through the glasses we see the Demon writhing in pain...

There is a deep GROAN...

We pull back from her vision and see a Knife suspended midair, thrashing about...

Meghan raises a weapon and FIRES...

A blinding white light emerges...

The shadow darkens, drops to the ground, and disappears...

The dagger falls to the concrete floor with a CLANG...

Meghan retrieves her dagger from the puddle.

She runs her fingers through her hair and exhales...

EXT. CLOSEUP - CONTINUOUS

**MEGHAN** 

(Heavy breathing)
Did you enjoy the show?

DOCTOR RICHARD (O.S.)

Those glasses are fantastic!

JAMES (O.S.)

This changes everything! We can finally see Demons!

AUGUSTIN (O.S.)

You know, they're all different.

RIZZI (O.S.)

We installed miniature Cameras in the glasses. Each of you will get a pair.

AUGUSTIN (O.S.)

I'll Look Cool in them!

Laughter.

DOCTOR RICHARD (O.S.)

Remember when we had to use EMF meters?

JAMES (O.S.)

Meghan, how did the MISER perform?

MEGHAN

It slipped in my hands from sweat. I'd love to somehow secure it on my forearm and not hold it.

RIZZI (O.S.)

We can make those changes. The new version will be self-targeting.

MEGHAN

It worked really well. I plan on using it more. Swords look cool, but they aways get in the way.

DOCTOR RICHARD (O.S.)

It was a great test. Bravo.

MEGHAN

I am a bit tired, going to sign off. Good morning, all.

Meghan shuts her COM. She stretches before walking into the mist.

Meghan is a victim of child sex trafficking. At 16, she escaped with 2 other girls after killing the group pimping them. Her spider tattoo, a constant reminder.

For Meghan, sex is just a release. One Night Stands are her thing. Beauty attracts.

INT. HEADQUARTERS - MONTHS LATER

Videocall with the HUNTERS.

MCGRATH

We can now LOCATE, SEE and KILL DEMONS.

Cheers all around.

HUNTER (O.S.)

Anyone see the video of Meghan fighting on Me-Tube?

MCGRATH

There is talk of revealing our work to the Public.

DOCTOR RICHARD (O.S.)

The less who know the better.

MEGHAN (O.S.)

I saw it. I look Hot!

Augustin whistles.

MCGRATH

It may generate support. Who wouldn't donate to the Daemon Hunters?

MEGHAN (O.S.)

Demon Hunter! I like that. Maybe I'll tattoo it on my back.

AUGUSTIN (O.S.)

It's called a Tramp Stamp, dear.

MEGHAN (O.S.)

Cool, I'm into it.

INT. ABIDJAN - DUSK

Elsie arrives in a small village. In its center stands an ancient dead tree, carved with images of Demons.

A small wooden shack resides in its shadow.

Elsie enters through the opening.

He sniffs the air, reaches into a pouch, and blows white powder all over.

Dozens of snakes appear. Elsie ignores them. He comes face to face with a Cat like Demon.

Elsie pulls out a dagger and slices his palm... His blood puddles in his cupped hand. He offers it to the Demon. It touches his hand. The blood disappears.

The Demon fades away.

Elsie returns to the tree. He finds a carved tree branch lying on it. It was not there before.

Elsie grabs the staff. He feels its power...

INT. APARTMENT - NIGHT

Meghan brings a man home after partying - She is drunk.

They kiss, he gets forceful. She pushes back... He comes back harder...

She gets angry, slaps him.

He claws at her breasts...

She fights back... Punching...

He grabs her, throws her against the wall and punches her; in her belly, then her face...

Meghan smashes his Collar bone with her fist and KICKS him HARD, fracturing his Tibia...

A KNOCK ON HER DOOR. SHE OPENS.

MICHAEL, 37, her new neighbor. Tall, Cute.

MICHAEL

Is everything alright? It sounded like someone was fighting.

He notices the man on the floor, struggling to move.

MEGHAN

Sorry about the noise. I was about to throw out some trash. Wanna help?

Michael

Sure, no problem...

EXT. QUEENSLAND - DAY

Hunter investigates a sighting. Rainy season, sky is overcast.

He follows a walking trail, turns and is face to face with a Demon...

It summons a hoard of flies...

They attack Hunter. Bite his flesh...

He Fires his MISER Weapon. A Blast of White Light envelopes the Shadowy figure...

The flies drop away...

Hunter realizes he was bitten by the flies. He thought they were an illusion.

INT. TIVOLI - DINNER

GINA

I had a call with Cardinal Mueller's assistant. They asked me to produce a Documentary on the work you do.

James continues eating.

GINA (CONT'D)

I am going to do it.

James puts his utensils down.

**JAMES** 

Why? What's the purpose?

GINA

To drum up support for the Church.

**JAMES** 

Please don't. It's dangerous.

GINA

It's a Great Story; 'From the Shadows
- DAEMON HUNTERS'. I'm doing it. You
just make sure I stay safe.

**JAMES** 

I can't stop you. I know that. We'll make it work.

She kisses him.

INT. VIDEO SCREEN - 9 MONTHS LATER.

Gina's Documentary, **Daemon Hunters** premiers for Cardinal Mueller and officials. Her team had access to intelligence and joined Demon Hunts.

## THE VIDEO:

## Scene 1- Meghan Battles a Demon.

Moving like a Gymnast, fast, fluid, powerful. Meghan emits sensuality as she fights. The Demon appears as a Translucent Shadow. It towers over Meghan.

Scene 2- Gina interviews a Demon 'Expert'. He claims they grow stronger because of societies fall into Sin.

## Scene 3- James Fights a Demon -

James never saw this footage - taken by drone.

Scene 4- James is lifted into the air...

The Demon is somewhat visible, appearing like a diseased werewolf.

Scene 5-- He is thrown to the ground, struggles to get up, exhaustion on his face...

Scene 6- James fires his weapon...

Scene 7- Gina, interviews a survivor of a Demon attack.

Woman shows a scar from it - Says she would be dead if Demon Slayer (photo of HUNTER - quarter screen) didn't save her.

Scene 8 -Video of people being attacked at a Southern Plantation. Two dogs rush up. Then a man, Augustin...

Augustin fires once - Fires again. -

Scene 9- Hunter fighting an invisible entity. He appears distracted, perhaps by an illusion. He fights on and overcomes the adversary.

Final Scene- Gina thanking the Demon Hunters for their sacrifices.

The documentary is 41 minutes long. Edited for commercials. The room brightens.

Cardinal Mueller stands and applauds. Others join in.

CARDINAL MUELLER

Excellent! When can it air?

GINA

Next Sunday. Worldwide in a week.

CARDINAL MUELLER

How many viewers will it reach?

GINA

Around 7 million people.

CARDINAL MUELLER

Time to show the Church's strength.

CARDINAL BONILLA Stands. A polar opposite of Mueller. Mueller appears downtrodden, pudgy, and disheveled, Bonilla proudly displays his Vanity. Tall, tanned, impeccably dressed, perfect hair.

CARDINAL BONILLA

This is HERESY!

The Church does Not Exist to field an ARMY.

CARDINAL MUELLER

Can we speak in private?

CARDINAL BONILLA

I cannot support this...

Cardinal Bonilla charges from the room. Cardinal Mueller excuses himself and rushes after.

INT. WORLDWIDE INTERNET - WEEKS LATER

Gina's assistant, SABRINA (23) a tattooed beauty, is asked to AMP UP the Daemon Documentary

She ADDS A BEAT. And MORE...

Digitally Creates Demons for the fight scenes.

Adds MUSIC. They Battle to Wagner, Nirvana, and some Korean Rap Band.

Intensifies the colors.

Sabrina ANONYMOUSLY uploads it.

DaEMON HUNTERS ALIVE becomes a VIRAL SENSATION in days.

INT. GINA'S APARTMENT - EVENING

GINA

Believe it? 6.6 million people viewed my Documentary! And 21 million watched Sabrina's! You're all celebrities!

**JAMES** 

I still think it's a mistake.

GINA

Your American Doctor declined being filmed. Said he prefers to work in the shadows.

**JAMES** 

He has his reasons.

GINA

Since releasing the documentary, I have been getting strange emails and calls.

**JAMES** 

Strange, how?

GINA

Some man is claiming there is a Prophecy about Demons. I am waiting for him to reply.

**JAMES** 

Careful. I was warned there are people who do not support us. They may be dangerous.

EXT. ROME - LUNCHTIME

James joins McGrath near the office.

MCGRATH

Miss Price's documentary is generating great results.

JAMES

Good to hear.

MCGRATH

Forgot to mention, Elsie isn't responding to our messages.

**JAMES** 

What do you make of it?

MCGRATH

He was Ill. We have locals checking.

JAMES

I pray he is okay.

END OF ACT ONE.

ACT TWO

JUMP - YEARS LATER

INT. TEAM TELECONFERENCE - DAY

McGrath displays locations for expected attacks.

James observes his colleagues' faces on the screen.

They have Aged; Augustin's Gray beard matches his long hair.

Hunter is wrinkled from the Sun. Doctor Richard is Bald.

Meghan looks nearly the same. James sees his face on screen. Gray temples.

**JAMES** 

(To himself)

Yes, getting old.

MCGRATH

We had a difficult period. Years with no injuries, we now have two.

HUNTER (O.S.)

The Demons are getting stronger.

MEGHAN (O.S.)

They are.

MCGRATH

Nothing lasts forever. We need to come up with a replacement plan.

**JAMES** 

I was just discussing this. I agree.

MEGHAN (O.S.)

I never felt better!

HUNTER (O.S.)

I Love You, but there will come a time.

MCGRATH

I'll compile a list of recruits.

MEGHAN (O.S.)

Make sure mine is sexy.

AUGUSTIN (O.S.)

You, my dear, are relentless.

MEGHAN (O.S.)

I try.

INT./EXT. TIVOLI - AFTERNOON

Gina has a premonition, cancels her meeting. Jumps in a taxi.

She finds James in bed, sweating profusely, delirious.

He is mumbling. Gina uses her phone to record him.

She fills a bucket with ice water. Swabs him to break his fever.

INT. BEDROOM - HOUR LATER

**JAMES** 

I was having visions. They are targeting me.

GINA

What if you are right? Then what?

**JAMES** 

I don't know.

GINA

Haven't I been telling you to quit? It's tearing you apart.

Isn't it worth the sacrifice?

GINA

You've sacrificed enough. Walk away.

INT. MEDICAL CENTER, SINGAPORE -DAY

Meghan sits on a paper covered exam bench. Headphones on.

Doctor enters. She removes her headphones.

DOCTOR

I have your results.

MEGHAN

And?

DOCTOR

You have a rare form of Cancer.

MEGHAN

How long do I have?

DOCTOR

Luckily, we caught it early. Chemotherapy should stop its progression.

MEGHAN

That's the only option?

DOCTOR

It's the best option.

MEGHAN

Will I lose my hair?

DOCTOR

Possibly, it always grows back. Sometimes nicer.

MEGHAN

What if I decide not to?

DOCTOR

You will suffer and die within 2 to 3 years.

Meghan stares into space.

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

But with treatment you can have a normal life.

**MEGHAN** 

My life is anything but normal.

DOCTOR

Perhaps you can change that.

MEGHAN

What does the treatment consist of?

DOCTOR

Chemo infusions for 6 weeks. You are healthy otherwise.

**MEGHAN** 

When would it start?

DOCTOR

I strongly suggest you start immediately.

**MEGHAN** 

Need to think about it.

DOCTOR

Do you have anyone to look after you while you undergo treatment?

MEGHAN

I actually just met someone who I like. He's a nice guy.

DOCTOR

It's always good to have someone. Our daughter moved to the city, my wife and I live alone. You can stay with us. We'd love to have you.

Meghan walks to the door.

She stops - turns - smiles.

MEGHAN

Thank you for the kind offer.

DOCTOR

Don't wait too long...

MEGHAN

Understood.

INT. - TAVERN - CONTINUOUS

Meghan has a whisky/beer chaser.

Two hours later - Meghan is having angry sex with a stranger.

INT. JAMES QUARTERS - MORNING

Fathers McGrath and Bucci arrive together.

**JAMES** 

Thank you for coming.

BUCCI

How long have you been getting these nightmares?

**JAMES** 

They're occurring nightly.

BUCCI

Do you hear voices?

**JAMES** 

Yes.

BUCCI

Is it one voice or different ones? What are they saying?

**JAMES** 

It's all negative thoughts. People suffering in agony.

MCGRATH

I want you to speak to Father Fratini.

It's not a possession. Maybe it's a warning.

MCGRATH

What kind of warning?

**JAMES** 

I don't know.

MCGRATH

What do you want to do?

**JAMES** 

I'd like to stop hunting Demons for a while and see if it improves.

MCGRATH

I insist that you speak to Father Fratini. He has experience in these matters.

BUCCI

We have a recent graduate who can cover while you rest. His name is ANDRE.

JAMES

Is he ready?

BUCCI

Yes, he is.

**JAMES** 

Let's do it.

MCGRATH

And Father Fratini?

**JAMES** 

If you insist.

MCGRATH

I DO.

EXT. BUENOS AIRES - DUSK

Augustin is tracking a Daemon.

It stands motionless on the path, gazing at him...

Without warning, he is struck on his side by a second Demon! Its sharp teeth come within inches of his face and neck.

Augustin activates his suits' LED In-capacitators. The blinding light disorients the Demon. It backs away. Augustin pivots. Facing the Demon...

He fires one barrel... Black Tourmaline sparking...

He fires again... A Flame extends 8 meters, striking the Demon...

The Daemon melts into a puddle.

Augustin turns to face the other Demon, it is being distracted by his Dogs, AZAKA and BELCAN...

The Demon strikes at the Dogs ...

They evade its claws.

Augustin readies the Miser weapon...

The Demon turns towards him...

It spits a foul liquid on him...

Painful blisters erupt on his skin...

The Demon comes closer...

Augustin FIRES... A bright FLASH erupts...

The Demon Advances closer...

HE FIRES AGAIN...

It is Still coming...

Augustin is struck hard on his arm... He stumbles...

The Dogs attack again...

The Demon tosses one into the air...

It lands and attacks again ...

Augustin pulls a cord, exposing his Blunderbuss.

He COCKS the lever, AIMS, FIRES...

Augustin is jolted by the recoil of the 66.6-caliber bullet.

The Demon is struck.

It vanishes...

Augustin removes a leather pouch from his belt loop. He pours a green powder over his blistered arms and hands. They heal instantly.

EXT. ANTWERP - NIGHT

ANDRE POULLE, 30, his third hunt, following a signal. It leads to a commuter train station. A group of youth hanging out.

Andre's scanner alerts him. A Demon is approaching the teens. Andre moves...

Someone from Headquarters is shouting to him via a malfunctioning earpiece. Andre has difficulty hearing it.

MONITOR (O.S.)

(anxious)

ANDRE! U Signal. s ..owing 2 Demon. Abandon -Get ou o there!

Andre tracks the Demon as it circles away from the group and rapidly moves towards him...

He steadies himself - AIMS and FIRES... The ground shakes, we hear a roar.

The Demon's signature fades.

Without warning, a second Demon appears on his side. It spits a liquid on his face, burning him. He is blinded... Fires his Miser weapon...

INT. HEADQUARTERS - LATER

The team watch Andre's bodycam footage and grow despondent.

A researcher, JUNE, 29, has a theory;

JUNE

I believe there is a correlation between these attacks and a recent roll out of high-speed transmissions.

**JAMES** 

Explain please.

JUNE

Newly implemented bandwidth with 10G frequencies. It's allowing multiple Demons to enter.

MCGRATH

10G? What is that?

JUNE

Higher frequencies allow banks and Data Centers to assure fast transactions. These transmissions are expanding the Portal.

BUCCI

And increase the number of attacks?

JUNE

Yes. Basically, Hi-Tech is OPENING THE GATES OF HELL!

**JAMES** 

I think we need to speed up training.

MCGRATH

It takes 12 weeks.

RIZZI

We use complex systems. I will try and shorten it to 10 weeks.

JAMES

Make it 8 weeks. Let's get started.

EXT. ROME CITY CENTER- DUSK

James walks alone, thinking of Andre.

BOOM - James is HIT with a massive BLOW from the side, throwing him against a concrete wall...

James is not prepared. He has no gear, no weapon...

James is pinned to the wall, unable to move...

James can hear the Demon Speak...

It Torments him...

God does not love him...

James attempts to block it.

His training taught him that he needs to do something...

James starts throwing punches. One after another in rapid succession...

He swings wildly, missing many times but also connecting hard with others. He sets into a rhythm with his fists...

James lands a combination of punches; Cross, Straight, Cross, Uppercut...

He feels the Demon's grip relax....

James throws a solid right Hook. He pushes with his legs and falls to the ground...

The Demon claws at his neck...

Its claw grazes James protective necklace...

The Demon emits a deep groan...

It disappears.

James looks at his hands - shaking.

INT. TELECONFERENCE - NEXT DAY

MCGRATH

There is still so much to learn.

DOCTOR RICHARD (O.S.)

The Demons are coming in groups now.

MCGRATH

We must assume Daemons have intelligence and are targeting our team.

MEGHAN (O.S.)

We can't just sit around waiting for them to come get us.

HUNTER (O.S.)

Maybe we can bring the fight to them.

MCGRATH

What are you suggesting?

HUNTER (O.S.)

Cross into their Dimension. Find the Root, Sever the Nerve.

JUNE

We don't even know how they enter <u>our</u> Dimension.

HUNTER (O.S.)

So, just sit here in my billabong and wait?

MEGHAN (O.S.)

He's right, we have to do something.

JUNE

We need to locate their Dimension and determine if it's safe for Humans.

MEGHAN (O.S.)

I am not afraid of dying.

MCGRATH

I must warn you of the danger.

**JAMES** 

As if our lives aren't dangerous now.

MCGRATH

Let's end this call.

INT./EXT. WORLDWIDE - CONTINUOUS

ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE!

Hundreds of Demon Attack Reports arrive from across the Globe. The Vatican is inundated with calls from nervous bureaucrats demanding results. The Media is attacking the Demon

INT. JAMES QUARTERS - AFTERNOON

There is a knock on the door.

**JAMES** 

It's open. Come in.

Father Fratini enters, followed by McGrath and a young priest.

James is anointed with Holy Water.

The priests pray.

FATHER FRATINI

The first stage is MANIFESTATION. When you meet Demons.

They continue praying.

FATHER FRATINI (CONT'D)

The second stage is OPPRESSION. When an entity makes its presence known. Your Visions show this occurred...

The final stage is POSSESSION...

**JAMES** 

I am NOT POSSESSED!

FATHER FRATINI

No, you are not. But I believe a powerful Demon is targeting you.

**JAMES** 

Why me?

FATHER FRATINI

You invited Evil when you touched a woman while a Priest!

**JAMES** 

Can I be forgiven?

FATHER FRATINI

God may forgive you, but you have been marked. The Demon will haunt you to move away from God.

**JAMES** 

What can I do?

FATHER FRATINI

Trust in God and in the miracles of the Scriptures... WHAT is THAT on your neck?

**JAMES** 

It was a gift to protect me. The last Demon reacted violently when it touched it.

FATHER FRATINI

I have seen these. They are linked to powerful Natural Spirits. This may be the vessel the Demons enter through. Take it off.

James pulls the doll necklace over his head.

Father Fratini places the Doll on the desk. He opens a small pen knife and slices through the string wrapper. A dried bean and several odd-looking hairs fall out.

FATHER FRATINI (CONT'D)

Goat hairs. Always a 4-legged hooved beast.

Father Fratini crushes the Bean with a marble coaster revealing a worm. The worm struggles to escape. He crushes it next.

The worm bursts into tiny flames, a puff of smoke rises.

There is a look of worry on the old Priests face.

FATHER FRATINI (CONT'D)

A Bean Weevil.

**JAMES** 

What does it mean?

FATHER FRATINI

There is a hierarchy in Hell, as in Heaven. You have been marked by a strong Demon.

**JAMES** 

Archon?

FATHER FRATINI

A powerful Daemon.

**JAMES** 

Marked for what?

FATHER FRATINI

What do you covet most?

**JAMES** 

(concentrating)

One thing, my girlfriend.

FATHER FRATINI

The Demon will target her. She may be Marked as well.

JAMES

Gina? What can I do?

FATHER FRATINI

Find her, bring her to me. There isn't time.

INT. GINA'S APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

Gina arrives home. She drops things as she heads towards the bedroom.

Her light switch does not work.

She stumbles in the dark, trying to find the night table.

Gina finds it, turns on the light. She freezes. Her home had been ransacked. Her drawers pulled out and dumped on the floor.

Gina senses a movement behind her...

She turns just as a large fabric is draped over her. She is wrapped inside, her shouts muffled. Something is sprayed on the fabric. It chokes her. She grows faint...

EXT. GINA'S APARTMENT - 2DAYS LATER

James tries for days, but cannot reach Gina. He goes to her apartment, enters, and finds her mail piled up. He shouts her name - Nothing.

He walks past the items she dropped.

The light switch in the bedroom is not working. He uses the flashlight on his phone. He finds the light on the nightstand. Turns it on.

The room is in shambles. Her drawers turned upside down. Their contents poured out. Then, James notices Gina's Rolex watch lying on the dresser!?

**JAMES** 

This couldn't have been a robbery. What was this?

Something catches his eye. A piece of velvet cord peaks from inside her pillow.

James pulls the cord revealing a satin purse. It once held a necklace he bought for her. He opens it.

A small key falls out. The kind used for suitcases or desks. James finds nothing the key fits. He pockets the key.

He straightens the room, takes a shower, goes to bed, praying she will join him shortly.

INT. CDL. MUELLER'S OFFICE- AFTERNOON

CARDINAL MUELLER

We are being pressured.

MCGRATH

We are doing all we can. There are

hundreds of encounters.

CARDINAL MUELLER

Hire more Demon Hunters.

MCGRATH

We are now working with the military, training soldiers to use our gear.

JAMES

This escalation was unexpected.

CARDINAL MUELLER

Do you have a plan?

MCGRATH

Pinpoint the Demons' dimension. Take the fight to them.

**JAMES** 

I have invited the team to help form a plan.

CARDINAL MUELLER

God will guide you. I'll leave you to it then.

INT. MEGHAN'S - POST WORKOUT

Meghan peels off sweaty clothing. She looks in the mirror. Her face, older, skin less taught. Her body, scarred from years of fighting.

INT. BELLEVUE HOSPITAL - NIGHT

Doctor Richard slips away after a difficult session. He retires to his office and locks the door. He injects a drug cocktail into his arm. His eyes close.

EXT. TIVOLI, ITALY - EVENING

Augustin is here to support James. Together, they walk.

JAMES

The Police told me they are waiting for a Ransom Call or Note. They said I am not a Suspect but

asked me to turn in my personal computer and cellphone.

AUGUSTIN

Just doing their job. I have good and bad news for you. Which do you want first?

**JAMES** 

I could use some good news.

AUGUSTIN

I think Gina was abducted by Demons.

**JAMES** 

How is that good news? That's a crazy idea.

AUGUSTIN

Not if we can find her. She can lead us to the Demons.

**JAMES** 

What are you talking about?

Augustin is on his phone. Speaking French.

AUGUSTIN

My grandmother is coming.

**JAMES** 

What can she do?

AUGUSTIN

Man, that old Witch can bring back the dead. She'll look in the dark, find your girl...

END OF ACT TWO.

ACT THREE.

INT. JAMES QUARTERS - AFTERNOON

Enter THE WITCH, Age Unknown. Tall and beautiful. Long Silver hair like Augustin. Dressed in Sacred Robes.

She seats James at a table. Produces a deck of cards. The Witch makes the first cut.

James makes the second cut.

She lays out the cards in neat rows...

THE WITCH

These cards represent AIR, FIRE, WATER and EARTH. Choose 7 cards.

James chooses; The LOVERS - Three of Cups - Six of Swords - The Hanged Man - The Devil - The Magician - The Moon.

THE WITCH (CONT'D)

Choose your final card.

He turns a card over - The Fool.

The Witch nods to Augustin. He lifts her oversized bag onto a dresser and removes old looking bottles with hand written labels.

Augustin combines ingredients in a glass. He adds a strong dose of brandy from his flask.

AUGUSTIN

Here, drink this.

**JAMES** 

What's in it?

AUGUSTIN

Eye of Newt, Wolfbane. That sort of thing.

**JAMES** 

Seriously?

AUGUSTIN

It's actually DMT with some Vitamins.

**JAMES** 

DMT?

THE WITCH See this card?

She holds up: THE LOVERS

THE WITCH (cont'd)
This is your heart. Drink...

James chokes it down.

The Witch hands James another glass.

**JAMES** 

What's this now?

THE WITCH

Tea.

James drinks. In a few seconds, he tries to stand. He is unsteadied, falls forward. Augustin catches and moves him to the couch. He props James in a sitting position.

The Witch kneels before him. She places her hands over James' eyes. Her eyes grow heavy. She enters a Trance...

THE WITCH (cont'd)

She is in a place of her nightmares. Very Powerful Forces. Evil Forces want to trade her soul for yours...

The Witch snaps out of it. Sits in a chair.

James is concentrating, focused.

**JAMES** 

I think I know where she is.

AUGUSTIN

Where?

**JAMES** 

In a Cave. She had nightmares as a child about Caves.

AUGUSTIN

There are thousands of Caves.

THE WITCH

Which Caves are the Most Evil?

MCGRATH

The Caves of Hierapolis, in Turkey. It's called the evilest place on Earth.

THE WITCH

That's where you need look.

MCGRATH

It's a massive cave I believe.

**JAMES** 

Let's please find out all we can about this cave.

The Witch and Augustin leave.

MCGRATH

I would not trust her.

JAMES

Why would she deceive me?

MCGRATH

Wasn't it Augustin that gave you the Witches' doll necklace?

JAMES

I think I am a good judge of character. Augustin is a good man.

MCGRATH

Evil deceives, remember that.

INT. HEADQUARTERS - NEXT DAY

Meghan is asked to calculate if radio frequencies can be

used to breach into another dimension.

She reviews the CIA chair's data sheets.

Meghan has a solution in her mind, but cannot complete the calculations.

She has a salad for dinner. Trains hours in the empty gym.

Meghan gets on the treadmill and starts running. That is when she sees it- The gym's treadmill is connected to a row of LED lights on the wall. The harder she runs, the brighter the lights glow. Her running is generating power. Meghan rushes to her room. Works into the night.

She stares at the screen and smiles.

MEGHAN

Numbers Never Lie.

INT. HEADQUARTERS - NEXT MORNING

The team is gathered in James' office.

MEGHAN

We want to explain our theory on Intra-Dimensional Travel-

First Slide- Diagram of The Earth and Moon.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

The Highlighted area is the point where the Moon's Rays run parallel to the Earth. Since the Earth is Round, and the Moon far away, it's a narrow band-

Second Slide- Drawing of an Encapsulated Suit.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

Demons can crossover when the Moon's rays run parallel with the Earth -

Third Slide- Coil band.

JUNE

The suits are filled with Liquid Magnets - Ferrofluid. When

electrified, the liquid pulses between opposite poles creating current.

Fourth Slide- Diagram of a starfish shaped apparatus.

MEGHAN

This will form a shell to protect you in the other dimension. The pulses align with the frequency of the portal, creating a vacuum, allowing you to pass through.

JUNE

The ferrofluid moving over the copper fabric produces an electric charge. Powerful enough to be used as a weapon.

**JAMES** 

We certainly can use another weapon. Well done. Very impressive work. Let's build these things and start testing.

INT./EXT. HEADQUARTERS - 3 DAYS LATER

Lots of new people rushing about the complex. James does not recognize many.

June arrives and leads him into another room.

JUNE

Here they are wiring electromagnets.

She guides him to another room.

JUNE (CONT'D)

Constructing the Ferro-fluid suits.

They continue to another area.

JUNE (CONT'D)

This crew is building the exoskeleton. We call it Star Ship.

Amazing.

McGrath and Bucci join them.

JAMES (CONT'D)

June was showing me around.

BUCCI

There is more to see. Follow me.

Bucci leads them down several flights of stairs. They emerge in a brightly lit Cement Chamber.

BUCCI (CONT'D)

We received a Hemi-Synch System from the CIA. It creates audio patterns of Binaural Beats which harmonize the brain's hemispheres.

JAMES

CIA? Looks like a torture device.

JUNE

It does. Heavy padded chair with restraining points. Military grade electronics. Drab Gray.

BUCCI

It allows the user to experience different dimensions.

**JAMES** 

Is it operational?

BUCCI

It should be later this afternoon.

**JAMES** 

I want to be the first to try it.

HUNTER (O.S.)

Too late, Mate. I already called first shot at her.

Hunter arrives from behind. They hug.

Let's have a drink later. You can tell me about it.

HUNTER

It's a deal.

BUCCI

We have a lot of work to do. There's an elevator to take you upstairs.

MCGRATH

We need to go anyway, Ciao.

BUCCI

Ciao.

INT. JAMES QUARTERS - CONTINUOUS

James makes drinks while the team gets comfortable. McGrath has a glass of red. Augustin asks for a beer.

**JAMES** 

You start drinking again?

AUGUSTIN

I thought it would be a good time since we are all going to die.

HUNTER

I'll drink to that.

**JAMES** 

No worries with me. Wait, you have alcohol in your flask!

Augustin shrugs.

AUGUSTIN

For medicinal purposes only.

MCGRATH

The Doctor said he's sick, can't travel.

JUNE

Too bad. We need to start testing.

I saw different systems today. How do they all work together?

MEGHAN

We are testing different theories.

**JAMES** 

What are they?

JUNE

Meghan and I designed the ferrofluid suits and starship devices.

MCGRATH

We also have the CIA system.

**MEGHAN** 

We still need to shut down the portals. Infect the transmitter datacenters with a virus.

JAMES

Won't they have security apps to stop a virus?

MEGHAN

I coded a virus based on an impossible to solve mathematical equation. June inserted it into an AI mole. Their systems will be compelled to solve the problem. It's impossible to solve. They will overload and crash.

**JAMES** 

Won't they have backups?

MEGHAN

They can rebuild, time consuming though.

## INT. JAMES QUARTERS

James sits at his laptops looking at Gina's social media posts around the time of her disappearance. One post caught James' eye. It was Gina at an Awards Dinner. He thinks he now knows what the key is for...

INT. SUB BASEMENT

Hunter is strapped to the CIA Chair.

Some watch from behind glass...

A woman in a LAB COAT opens valves, adjusts dials...

She checks Hunter's vital signs...

JUNE

Counting Down from THREE...

TWO...,

ONE...

Lab Coat pushes the red button and braces.

The machine Hums and Vibrates.

Hunter's vitals elevate. Lab Coat monitors closely.

His condition stabilizes. He opens his eyes.

HUNTER

Bloody Ripper.

INT. MEETING ROOM - CONTINUOUS.

JAMES

So, what happened?

HUNTER

I kept falling backwards. Falling. It was dark except for flashes of light shooting by.

**JAMES** 

Did he Crossover?

JUNE

No, we didn't expect it.

**JAMES** 

I want to try next.

JUNE

It will take an hour to prep the

machine. In the meantime, you need to get fitted for your ferrofluid suit.

INT. HEMI-SYNCH - LATER

Augustin is secured to the chair.

James and Hunter watch through the plate glass.

JUNE

Counting Down from THREE..., TWO..., ONE...

June pushes the red button.

The machine Hums and Vibrates.

Augustin's body fights against the restraints.

Eyes wide open.

His Vital signs are off the charts. June looks worried.

His Vitals return to normal.

Augustin stares into space.

After 3 minutes, Augustin closes his eyes.

When he opens them again, he smiles.

JUNE

He entered a midpoint between Dimensions!

JAMES

But Hunter and I can't?

JUNE

We'll get there.

INT. - SUB-BASEMENT

The three men are wearing their ferrofluid suits. The suits

are Red with Silver reflective striping. The fabric was designed for protection and visibility for forest fighters

June pushes a lab cart. She hands each man 4 coils of flexible material to wrap around their ankles and wrists. They snap on easily. She hands each man a 5-armed device. Each a meter in diameter.

JUNE

Please stand further apart.

They move.

Okay, toss the Star Ships on the ground and step in the center.

AUGUSTIN

What side up?

JUNE

It doesn't matter. Just orient one of the arms behind you. It will adjust.

Hunter tosses his star ship on the ground.

He steps in the center. The device locks onto his feet. Its starfish like arms grow out from the base, extend over his head, and form a circular Exoskeleton around him.

JUNE (CONT'D)

Now, try and walk.

They take turns. The starfish devices move with them, bending as they walk. The arms are rigid but flexible.

JUNE (CONT'D)

Now, open your hands, palms up.

A Holographic control panel appears floating above each of their hands.

JUNE (CONT'D)

Each of your fingers control a different function. You need to familiarize yourself with them.

The men activate their control modules.

The suits hum as the electrically charged ferrofluids

generate high energy electromagnetic fields.

JUNE (CONT'D)

The hyper frequency vibration creates a vacuum which enables you to enter the void.

The men are pounded by intense sound waves.

Woo-Woo-Woo-Woo-Woo-Woo...

Their ears hurt. Their bodies feel pressure.

Augustin begins falling. He lands in a black void, looking ahead at a world of green sky.

His sensors indicate the air is barely breathable.

James and Hunter continue falling during their Tests.

Flash of Bright Light.

Augustin returns. The other men regain their senses.

INT. JAMES QUARTERS

HUNTER

I couldn't move at all.

JUNE

You will be able to. I didn't activate that function for the test.

**JAMES** 

What did you see?

HUNTER

Darkness. The Feeling of Falling. Flashing Bright Lights.

**JAMES** 

Same for me.

JUNE

As we near the 3rd Lunar phase it should become easier to cross but you still need to access a Portal.

INT.- SUB BASEMENT

Hunter and James test their suits' electric weapon. Hunter blasts a hole in a watermelon.

Augustin tries his Ferro-suit. He is suspended between Dimensions for a minute.

James grows impatient.

**JAMES** 

At this point, only you can cross.

AUGUSTIN

I have asked my grandmother to come.

JUNE

What can she do?

AUGUSTIN

Have faith, brother.

INT. JAMES OFFICE

Moon Phases display on the BIG Screen. Red Dots lighted EVERYWHERE.

JAMES

Do we have the Hell Gate Locations?

MCGRATH

Yes, including the one in Turkey.

MEGHAN (O.S.)

Should I travel to Turkey?

DOCTOR RICHARD (O.S.)

What about me, here in New York?

MCGRATH

There are Portals near you both. Will send their coordinates after the call.

DOCTOR RICHARD (O.S.)

Won't we be arriving in the other dimension in different places?

BUCCI

According to Meghan's calculations, these portals lead to the same location in the other Dimension.

BUCCI (CONT'D)

Doctor, Meghan. Check your messages for the location of Hell Gates.

JAMES

Any ideas on why Augustin is the only one who can cross?

AUGUSTIN

Drive on the freeway. Go fast. Pass slower cars. Go faster. Faster. Soon, you won't see the other cars. Other Dimensions are all around us but separated by speed.

JUNE

The system has a safety function if it senses your brain malfunctioning.

**JAMES** 

Cancel the safety protocols.

MCGRATH

That's Suicide.

**JAMES** 

This is for Humanity.

MCGRATH

Not if you all die.

**JAMES** 

We need to be able to travel into their Dimensions and Interact.

MCGRATH

Leave the life support in place.

HUNTER

Remove em all, my ass is on the line.

**JAMES** 

And mine. I agree.

MEGHAN (O.S.)

What about my ass? Doesn't it count?

AUGUSTIN

Yeah, baby, wet dreams.

**JAMES** 

Seriously now.

MEGHAN (O.S.)

Sorry, that was interesting. I have nothing to lose. Remove the net.

DOCTOR RICHARD (O.S.)

I am on-board also.

MCGRATH

Okay, no safety protocols.

AUGUSTIN

My Grandmother will be here soon. She's being introduced to the Pope.

JUNE

Augustin is able to view another Dimension. We did not anticipate this until the Moon was Parallel.

**JAMES** 

We have to wait?

JUNE

We are still working on how to bring you back.

**JAMES** 

Augustin returned.

JUNE

Augustin's journeys were out of body. You will be physically emersed in another Dimension.

**JAMES** 

We have over a week to prepare.

MCGRATH

We dispatched Meghan's and the

Doctors gear via courier.

MEGHAN (O.S.)

Can I test my suit when I get it?

JUNE

Yes, let us know if you have questions.

MEGHAN (O.S.)

I'm excited.

AUGUSTIN

If this works, you will be the first woman to travel between Dimensions.

MEGHAN (O.S.)

What more could a girl want?

JUNE

A Personalized Action Figure would be nice.

MEGHAN

Yeah, I dig it...

INT./EXT. ROME- SUNDAY MORNING

James taxis to City Centre.

THE JOURNALIST GUILD.

James rings the bell, no answer. He checks for ways of entering. Just then, a cleaning crew opens the door to remove supplies. James slips in past the cleaners.

Checks office doors. Finds - GINA PRICE - BOARD MEMBER.

James uses a penknife to slip the lock. He enters.

He locates a file cabinet. Fits the key. It opens.

He finds a Tablet. Switches it on...

It asks for password...

James tries several of Gina's passwords. None work. He tries different combinations of passwords. No luck.

Then he enters his own birthday. 12-21

The screen says: WELCOME.

There is only one file, a video.

James locks the door. He plays the video -

Gina on screen, speaking to HIM:

GINA

I am investigating a secret Church organization. A man I met worked for them to build something which he claims will amplify Demonic voices. He realized what they were doing and contacted me. I will be meeting him tomorrow.

Be Careful...
Love always...

INT. HEADQUARTERS - LATER

SUPREME WITCH LILIANA mixes a variety of liquids from her bag. Augustin goes to the pantry for Salt, a raw egg and Wine.

Augustin takes a sip. His eyes roll back into his head.

The Witch hands a small cup of the POTION to Hunter.

He drinks. Soon he is Hallucinating.

Quarter of an hour later, he is calm.

The Witch says he is ready.

Hunter climbs onto his Star Ship. Augustin hands him another vial of Potion.

AUGUSTIN

For your ride back.

He activates the control. Hunter opens his eyes, takes a deep breath. Stares...

He begins to fall backwards, falling, falling...

He lands with a thud... In a Green World.

Hunter injects the potion into his drinking tube.

He touches the Launch Button and returns.

HUNTER

What a Ride.

James returned earlier. No one noticed his absence.

Augustin hands him two vials. He secures his return one.

James drinks the first dose. Within minutes he is disoriented.

His heart races. Tracks of light accompany movement.

James is handed a Star Ship device. He steps in the center. It locks on. He secures his modified rebreather helmet.

He activates the device. The exoskeleton envelopes him.

The sound - A deep hum. Vibrations cascade around him.

James checks the display of his Vital signs.

The Vibrations increase exponentially.

The Humming intensifies. Growing stronger.

He feels like he is having a Vertigo attack. Unbalanced, on the verge of tipping over. Then, falling...

James feels the magnetic fluid pulsing against him, his skin tingling. He continues falling...

WHITE FLASH - BLACK

A Green Sky - His skin feels Cold.

James attaches the vial to his drinking tube and drinks the liquid.

BANG - WHITE FLASH - He's Back.

INT. DOCTOR'S APARTMENT- NEXT DAY

Doctor Richard's packages arrive.

One package contains his Star ship and Ferro-Suit. Inside a carton marked DRY ICE are Vials of the Witches' Potion.

Richard drinks one. He pauses, shrugs and drinks another.

He tries the Suit.

His hands are shaking. Everything is different, colors more vivid, lights more intense, sounds altered.

He activates the Star Ship.

He is transported into the void. Falling, Falling. Arrive.

He drinks the potion, touches the button and returns, his suit steaming when he returns.

EXT. THAILAND

Meghan follows the same instructions.

She drinks the potion and feels enormous energy which she fights to contain. She tests the machine and arrives in a Green World.

She drinks again and returns.

INT. HEADQUARTERS

DOCTOR RICHARD

Can we cross during the next Phase?

JUNE

Sooner. You will be able to cross in 4 days.

AUGUSTIN

What about Weapons?

MCGRATH

Weapons need to be organic. Iron is acceptable, The Suits themselves generate enough electricity to be potent weapons.

**JAMES** 

That means no Masers. Swords and firearms only.

AUGUSTIN

And Poison.

**JAMES** 

Poison?

AUGUSTIN

Derived from plants. Dip everyone's weapons in it.

MCGRATH

Just remember to secure your return potions the trip back.

**JAMES** 

So, what is the plan?

MCGRATH

You, Hunter, and Augustin will travel to Turkey where you will be met by a contact who will guide you to the Portal. At the specified time, you cross and destroy any Demons.

Meghan will enter the Fengdu Ghost City on Ming Mountain in China. According to Chinese legend, Fengdu is where the Devil lives. The Temple at the center of the complex is named - Demon's Doorway. It's a Hell Gate.

When your mission is complete, Meghan will return and upload the Virus. She needs access to a computer with internet connections to do it.

The Doctor will need to travel by boat in the East River to an island named Mill Rock. The Portal is inside an abandoned hospital.

DOCTOR RICHARD (O.S.)
I did Research on the island. Lots of

activity. It's infamous. Thousands drowned in its waters.

JUNE

James, you need to bring an extra tube of potion. You will need it to bring Gina back if she is there. And bring a second rebreather just in case.

JAMES

Okay, let's finish this.

They split up. James stops McGrath.

JAMES (CONT'D)

Could I ask a favor of you, Father?

**MCGRATH** 

Yes, certainly, what is it?

**JAMES** 

Would you take my confession?

MCGRATH

Of course. I know how we can do this.

He walks to mid-point of the wall. Divider curtains on both sides. He extends a curtain and steps on the other side.

MCGRATH (CONT'D)

You may begin my son.

**JAMES** 

Father, I have sinned. It has been 5 months since my last confession.

MCGRATH

What are your sins?

**JAMES** 

I have yearned for a woman.

MCGRATH

Does she belong to another?

**JAMES** 

No

MCGRATH

Did she seek your advances?

**JAMES** 

Yes

MCGRATH

Then it is not a Sin.

**JAMES** 

I broke my vows of Priesthood.

MCGRATH

That is a Mortal Sin. What other sins have you committed?

**JAMES** 

None, that is all.

MCGRATH

You are a Good Man, James. I do not know what God has planned for you. I absolve you of your sins. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen. - Go in Peace.

INT. TURKEY - DAY

James, Hunter, and Augustin meet their 'Guide', ANDREA.

**JAMES** 

You can lead us to the Portal?

ANDREA

Yes, correct. By the way, I am employed by MI6.

**JAMES** 

Why is MI-6 involved?

ANDREA

We are investigating a radical group operating from a castle. They are doing something inside the caves.

**JAMES** 

Tell me about the cave.

ANDREA

We need to travel by boat for the first leg. Then on foot through a maze of tunnels to reach the Portal. It's easy to get lost down there. Been closed for years. Peoples still sneak in, there are hidden entrances.

**JAMES** 

Do you know what they are doing in the caves?

ANDREA

Building something. It can't be good.

INT. HOTEL ROOM - AFTERNOON

James kneels on the floor. He prays.

**JAMES** 

God,

I have failed as a Priest - failed to protect Gina - Please Lord, give me the strength to overcome this.

EXT. CAVE - TWILIGHT

They arrive at the cave's entrance and are surprised to find Andre there waiting. He is dressed in ferro-suit and has a metal mask covering the disfigured half of his face.

Hugs are exchanged.

The area is blocked by cement blocks, industrial debris, and metal gates to prevent entry. The MI-6 team guide them through the maze.

Andrea leads them to the underground lake. They are met by other MI-6 agents. The group board three Zodiac inflatables. Two remain behind.

ANDREA

We've identified a large energy source inside the cave. Tonight, we will set off explosives to expose the chamber and destroy whatever we find. Another team will infiltrate the castle above simultaneously.

AUGUSTIN

Anything we can do?

ANDREA

Just get out before Midnight. You don't want to be buried down there.

EXT. CAVES OF HIEROPOLIS - 9 PM

Andrea leads the men into the left tunnel. It is a difficult walk in their ferro-suits. They march on for 20 minutes.

Andrea's team stops.

ANDREA

We stop here and place charges along this section. Just follow the tunnel and stay on the left. You will reach a large chamber that holds the portal. I've seen it, it's eerie. Good Luck. Remember, Midnight.

AUGUSTIN

Thanks, you as well.

**JAMES** 

Godspeed.

The men continue onward. Their suits' lighting illuminating ahead. Augustin stops to water his dogs.

James, Andre, and Hunter enter a huge chamber. It is illuminated with torches and candles. There are several chairs, and a long dining table. The table is littered with food.

The Portal is visible in the background. A luminescent, watery looking void which swells and shifts perception.

James spots Gina, seated on a padded chair. Her hands bound in front.

Standing behind her is Cardinal Bonilla. BLUE SUIT stands near the table.

Suddenly, Elsie Attacks them.

**JAMES** 

Why Elsie?

ELSIE

For the money, of course.

**JAMES** 

I understand now, you switched my necklace for a copy.

ELSIE

It's not personal.

Elsie attacks the men, thrusting his magical staff with speed and precision...

Augustin and his dogs appear.

Blue Suit drags a struggling Gina to the Portal. They disappear into it.

Augustin and Elsie square off, throwing magical punches. Open Handed, no contact. They conjure and fling elements at each other.

Augustin, both arms open and pointing outward, expels a hundred cubic yards of EARTH onto Elsie, covering him... He follows with a flood of WATER...

Elsie is muddied... He creates a powerful wind blast and dries off...

Elsie throws a fireball into Augustin's face... He jumps into the Portal.

The men power up their Ferro-suits. Once the oscillating frequencies align with the portal, James, Andre, and Hunter cross.

Augustin's dogs join him in the exoskeleton. He enters the Portal. Falling. Falling. Cold...

EXT. EAST RIVER, NEW YORK

A Port Authority Police Boat ferries Doctor Richard to Mill Rock Island. He disembarks onto an old dock. Checking his watch - on time - Need to reach the hospital before...

EXT. INTRA-DIMENSION

The three men enter a strange World. Green sky. Geysers

everywhere. Vapor floating in the atmosphere, obscuring vision. The Ground is puddinglike and smells of Sulfur. Light radiating from it.

Elsie observes from the distance. The Cardinal and Blue Suit are not to be seen.

Gina is struggling to breath.

AUGUSTIN

Save her, we'll handle the Witch.

James rushes to Gina. He slips a rebreather helmet over her head. Her panic subsides.

He works to cut the zip ties holding her. Blue Suit appears and Smashes James' exoskeleton with force...

James' ferro-suit shuts down and begins restarting...

Blue Suit comes again...

Hunter Tasers Blue Suit with an electric shock...

The shock knocks Blue Suit back.

Elsie reappears.

He slams his STAFF onto the ground.

FLASH - He suspends time.

James is conscience but cannot move.

They are all frozen in place...

He struggles against the forces holding him.

Cardinal Bonilla returns, accompanied by assorted Demons.

CARDINAL BONILLA

She said you would come.

James cannot open his mouth to speak.

The Cardinal holds a knife.

He walks behind Gina, rests the blade on her shoulder.

CARDINAL BONILLA (CONT'D)

The Girl is unimportant...

He caresses her cheek, down her neck. Places his palm on her breast.

CARDINAL BONILLA (CONT'D)

We used her to lure you here. We need to know the frequency you used to travel between these dimensions.

Voices. Demons speaking. Enchorian; language of the Angels.

CARDINAL BONILLA (CONT'D)

God never wished for you to have free will.

A Chorus of Chants. Deep, Rhythmic. Each Demon's 70 voices speaking simultaneously.

Images of the Sins of Lust, Gluttony, Greed, Sloth, Wrath, Envy and Pride flash in James' mind. They are joined by Doubt.

CARDINAL BONILLA (CONT'D)

Join us.

Give in to the voices. Tell me the frequency.

James tries to block the Chants from his mind. They grow in intensity. James desperately fights to escape the onslaught of the Demonic voices.

He continues resisting the forces holding him. He manages a few words:

**JAMES** 

Why, for God's sake?

CARDINAL BONILLA

Why? For Dominion over Humans. Man is destroying the planet and himself. Man needs to be ruled. Our transmitter is designed to permanently open the Portals. You can supply us the frequency. You used it to come here. What is it?

The Chants increase. His thoughts turn NEGATIVE - Failure - Disgrace - Suicide - Murder - Doubt

James fights against the Chants influence. He is weakening. He cannot hold much long...

**JAMES** 

I do not know the frequency.

CARDINAL BONILLA

Who knows it?

**JAMES** 

Meghan

CARDINAL BONILLA

Meghan? Of course, the Mathematician. Where is she?

EXT. FENGDU GHOST CITY

Meghan scales the outer wall of Ghost City. She observes security patrolling below her. Cautiously, she sticks to the shadows...

EXT. INTRA-DIMENSION

James starts to Pray.

**JAMES** 

Put on the armor of God, so you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. We do not wrestle against Flesh and Blood, but against the spiritual forces of evil...

James feels the force holding him weakening.

CARDINAL BONILLA

You are Strong willed. But you cannot fight Destiny. Where is the girl? We need the frequency...

James frees his arm. He squeezes a vial; SQUIRTING a stream of Holy Water on Elsie. The Holy water Burns Elsie's skin.

The LED in-capacitators on James' Ferro-Suit starts shining.

JAMES (CONT'D)

I am the Sword of God.

The Spell is broken. Time continues.

Gina gouges Bonilla's face with her nails. The Cardinal rushes away, face in hands, screaming in agony.

GINA

Buy me dinner next time!

Blue Suit reappears, different, larger. Transforming into a Demonic Beast.

More Demons emerge from the shadows...

One by one, the Demons are absorbed into the flesh of the growing - Archon...

JAMES

LEGION -the Demon Jesus faced

The Archon stands erect, twelve feet tall and growing. Numerous stalk-like tentacles emerge from its flesh and attach to the ground. Meter long fingers ending in claws extend from its arms. The Demon's face is shaped like the skull of a Boar. Bone, gray. No mouth, just ragged vertical slits. Empty Black Holes for eyes. Meter long strands of sinew hanging from its skull like dreadlocks.

It continues growing --

James cuts the zip-tie binding Gina.

He positions her into his exoskeleton. Climbs in himself. Injects his potion into the tube and drinks it.

James fumbles and drops Gina's potion into the soft ground. It sinks. He tries to find it. No success.

Augustin rushes over. Squirts his Potion into Gina's mouth. He activates James' control panel...

James and Gina begin falling...

AUGUSTIN

Catch you on the flip side.

INT. FENGDU GHOST CITY

Meghan evades security and enters the Temple. Filled with brightly painted statues of Demons eating people. She enters the Hall of the Dead.
Meghan is startled by movement.

On a ledge above her, amongst the statues, is a real Daemon. Ready to attack.

Meghan unsheathes her blade... laced with poisonous Cassava sap...

## INT. OTHER DIMENSION

encircling them...

Andre, Hunter and Augustin face off against Elsie... Other Demons advance...
The dogs work the perimeter, keeping the Demons from

Augustin trades Magical blows with Elsie... Elsie hurls Flames. Augustin, Water and Rock.

Hunter tries to Blast Elsie but his equipment fails. He chooses plan-B and stabs his sword into Elsie's thigh...

Elsie falls back in pain...

He throws a fireball at Hunter, hitting him in the face. Hunter's rebreather is damaged. He starts having difficulty breathing. Elsie thrusts his sharpened staff into Hunter's pelvis...

Hunter grimaces in pain.

Augustin removes his own rebreather and puts it on Hunter who looks at him in disbelief.

Andre blasts Elsie with an electric charge. Elsie strikes back, burying Andre under a ton of glowing soil.

Hunter turns towards the growing Demon hoard...

The Dogs protect the perimeter.

The ARCHON approaches...

Augustin fights using Witchcraft - Hurling Rock, Fire, Water... The Demon moves closer.

Augustin throws his poisoned knife at the Archon. It sticks deep.

The Archon emits a ROAR.

DOCTOR RICHARD (O.S.) You Started the Party Without Me...!

The Doctor, LEDs shining, appears behind the DAEMON... He drives a poisoned spear into its back...

The ground shakes with a HUGE GROAN.

He sends an Electric BLAST through the spear... Another ROAR.

The Archon is injured... It shoots out a long tentacle and grabs Andre's exoskeleton.

It starts to cross into another Dimension... Pulling Andre with it, struggling to escape and striking the Demon with an Axe.

Doctor Richard latches on...

DOCTOR RICHARD ...abide in the shadows of the Almighty. I will say to the Lor...

The men fight on as they vanish...

Hunter is in intense pain. He activates his Ferro-suit. Drinks the potion. Its power increases. The sound and vibration intensify.

Hunter watches Demons move closer to Augustin and his dogs, encircling them. The Demons move, creating a passage. A black horse walks into view. It stands before Augustin, eyes glowing Red...

Hunter is losing consciousness. Falling...

## EXT. CAVES OF HIEROPOLIS

James is shaken by the return to our Dimension. Gina is alive but weak.

Hunter arrives shortly after - He's injured.

Augustin, Andre and the Doctor do not come through. No word on Meghan.

It is eighteen minutes to Midnight.

Gina can walk. James supports Hunter's weight. They fight exhaustion and time.

They reach the boat. James forces Hunter to lie down in it. Blasts erupt as they motor away. Boulders fall around them. The inflatable tosses about.

They reach the cave's entrance. Andrea's team is waiting and provide medical assistance to Hunter.

INT. FENGDU GHOST CITY

The Demon lunges towards Meghan from above...

She leans back, legs wide apart, supported by them and one arm. Her other arm holding a Tanto Knife which she holds in the air...

The Demon's belly is exposed to Meghan's knife. She holds steady as the sharp blade slices into the creature its entire length, spilling its organs, covering her in fluids from head to toe...

The Demon fades away.

Meghan sees her ferro-suit is damaged.

She strips off the suit, leaves the Temple, searches the village.

She sees a man in a doorway, smoking. His home well lit. Meghan pushes past the man and enters the home. He watches in disbelief.

Meghan runs through the house.

She stops. A young Girl is using a computer.

Meghan kneels alongside.

She places her fingers on the keyboard next to the girls.'
The girl lifts her hands, transfixed by the magic on the
screen

Meghan inserts a USB device. Uploads the virus.

The virus spreads to the computers controlling the World's Communications Networks. Radio, Television, Military, Cell Phone and Satellite Transmission Networks succumb to the virus. They self-destruct.

INT./EXT. WORLDWIDE

Across the World people are alarmed to see the following on their Cellphones, Computers, TV's, and other devices:

## NO SIGNAL

This Device cannot Connect because it does not have access to the Internet.

THE END

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE - DAY

DOCTOR

(Reading chart)

Your Cancer has disappeared!

She smiles. Bathing in Demon Blood saved her life.

INT. HEADQUARTERS - WEEKS LATER

A worker is cleaning near the CIA Chair. It Turns ON.

The control panel starts to SMOKE and bursts into Flames. She extinguishes the fire. Lots of Smoke.

The worker turns and is startled to see Augustin standing there, his dogs beside him. His ferro-suit steaming.

## AUGUSTIN

I Have to deliver a MESSAGE.

FADE TO BLACK.