

THE PURSUER

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EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

We see VERONICA, a young adult dressed for vacation, running and screaming through a multitude of trees. HERMAN, her pursuer, has a Michael Myers like physique and is holding a large knife.

Herman chases Veronica, while walking at brisk pace.

HERMAN

Stop running!

Veronica tries to take her cell phone out of her pocket, but in her haste, she drops it.

Herman picks up the cell phone and breaks in his firm grip.

Immediately, it is apparent that Herman has hurt his hand by doing this.

HERMAN (CONT'D)

I'll get you!

EXT. PORCH - CONTINUOUS

Veronica comes to a clearing with a lake house. She frantically pulls her keys out her pocket.

Herman also reaches the clearing and we can see that he is irritated because there are a couple of flies flying in the vicinity of his face. He begins swatting at them in a rage.

HERMAN

Get out of my face!

Veronica climbs up some stairs and reaches the door. She tries to open it with a a key.

It is the wrong key.

She tries again with another key.

It is the wrong key.

She drops the keys, picks them up, and continues to try keys.

All of them are the wrong keys.

Herman, still being harassed by the flies, trips on the first step up the stairs. He tries to get up using his hand that was injured from the cell phone.

The pain is too much. He falls face first into the stairs.

HERMAN (CONT'D)

Owwwwwww...

He slowly gets up awkwardly using his off-hand to do so. As he stands, Veronica puts in the correct key.

Herman lunges at the door while Veronica shuts it in his face and locks it.

HERMAN (CONT'D)

My nose!

Herman tries to turn the knob, but to no avail.

He takes a moment to think.

Herman knocks and then he knocks harder.

Herman then takes a few steps back.

HERMAN (CONT'D)

You hurt my nose!

INT. LAKE HOUSE FOYER - CONTINUOUS

Herman charges the door. The door breaks and falls fall on the floor. Herman walks into the lake house. He takes a look around and sees some muddy footprints leading up the stairs.

Herman mumbles something to himself.

HERMAN

I'm so smart...

As Herman climbs the stairs, the flies come back. He begins swatting at them.

Herman is practically at the top of the stairs when, of course, a combination of the flies and of stepping into a muddy footprint causes Herman to completely fall down the stairs.

EXT. PORCH - CONTINUOUS

Herman rolls out the door and down the stairs outside.

Out of nowhere there is a downpour of rain.

Herman uses his injured hand to get up again. He falls down once again and this time his face falls into the mud.

The flies have taken cover from the rain by landing on Herman's mask. Herman quickly grabs the flies and stands using his off-hand.

Herman crushes the flies in his injured hand. He has a disgusted look on his face as he opens his palm to look at it.

It is indeed disgusting as the guts of the flies are in his somewhat bloody wound.

HERMAN  
Ewwwwwwwwww!

Herman wipes his hand on his pants and looks ahead.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Get back here!

INT. LAKE HOUSE FOYER - CONTINUOUS

Herman enters the lake house and carefully walks up the stairs.

INT. SHORT HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

He reaches the top and continues into a short hallway.

He turns the corner and sees a very creepy portrait of an old woman. Herman jumps back in fright.

HERMAN  
That's a creepy painting...

Herman swipes at the painting, knocking it to the ground.

INT. LONG HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

As Herman turns another corner he comes to a long hallway with 3 doors on each side.

The muddy footprints are gone at this point, so there is no indication of which room Veronica could have gone to.

HERMAN  
Come out! Come out! Wherever you  
are!

Herman listens for a response and any sort of sound at all.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
There's no use hiding!

Herman becomes irritated.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Do you want a fast death or a slow  
death?

No response.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
If you come out now, I'll give you  
a fast one! Fast and painless!

No response.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Fine! Slow and painful it is! I'll  
enjoy it more anyway!

Enraged by the silence, Herman smacks his hand against the wall. This, of course, is his injured hand.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Owwwwwwwwww!

Herman rips his sleeve off to wrap around his hand. He tears it too much and half of his shirt is torn off too.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Damn cheap shirts...

INT. GUEST ROOM 1 - CONTINUOUS

Herman wraps the cloth around his hand, and walks into the first room on the right.

He steps on a skateboard and slams into the large set of drawers. The a drawer above Herman's head opens up.

Herman begins to stand, but catches himself before he hits his head against the open drawer.

HERMAN  
Almost got me!

He takes a deep breath in as he sits back down and closes the drawer. He slams the ground in anger, knocking the drawer open again.

He stands and his head goes through drawer. The drawer is now stuck around Herman's head.

Herman runs around in a frenzy until he falls down. The drawer breaks around his neck and Herman remains on the ground.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
What is happening to me?!

Herman stands using his off-hand.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Get it together Herman! You're a  
killer...

Herman is a little sad.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
It was so easy to kill her  
friends... Why is killing her so  
hard?!

Herman composes himself.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Gotta stay calm. You can do this  
Herman... Killing is what you do!

Herman peaks under the bed.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Peekaboo!

A thud is heard in the room across the hall.

Herman pokes up his head very quickly, looking in the  
direction of the sound.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
There you are.

Herman stomps his way across the hall into the room where he  
heard the sound.

INT. GUEST ROOM 2 - CONTINUOUS

Herman bursts into the room. He sees that some candles are  
lit.

HERMAN  
You know you shouldn't leave  
candles lit when you're away from  
home.

He chuckles and then hears breathing clearly coming from  
under the bed.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Oh where oh where could she be?

Herman raises his knife.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
I'm tired. Time for a nap. How  
about you join me?

Herman begins stabbing through the bed, but then a CAT runs from under the bed and leaps onto Herman's head. The Cat is going insane as he screeches and scratches Herman's head.

Meanwhile, Herman has got his knife stuck into the bed. He tries with all his might to pull his knife out while his head continues to be attacked by the Cat.

Herman pulls the knife out of the bed with such force that it flies through the air and lands on a dresser.

The knife lays flat on the dresser with it's blade pointed toward Herman.

Herman loses balance from the force used to remove the knife. He falls backwards into the dresser with the knife going into his butt.

HERMAN (CONT'D)

Ahhhhhhhhhhhh!

Herman falls to the ground and rolls around in pain with the Cat still attacking him.

Herman finally is able to get a grip of the Cat and throws him out the window.

Herman catches his breath.

HERMAN (CONT'D)

Who brings their cat to an AirBnB?!

Herman carefully grabs the knife.

HERMAN (CONT'D)

This is going to hurt...

Herman holds his breath while he quickly removes the blade.

HERMAN (CONT'D)

Ahhhhhhhhhhhh!

Herman gets up.

HERMAN (CONT'D)

I'm supposed to be the one doing the stabbing! Not the one being stabbed!

Herman kicks the door open into the hallway.

INT. LONG HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Herman limps into the middle of the hallway.

HERMAN

I'm going to kill you so good!

Herman limps into another room.

INT. OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Herman walks in and sees that Veronica's Facebook is signed in on her laptop. Herman chuckles to himself.

HERMAN

The least I could do is to give you  
an accurate status.

Herman carefully sits in the office chair. Still in much pain from the stab wound.

Herman chuckles again and types "DEAD" into the status bar and presses enter. The cursor is showing that it is loading. The cursor keeps loading for a very long time.

HERMAN (CONT'D)

Oh my God!

Herman hits the refresh button and the page turns blank. The loading cursor continues.

HERMAN (CONT'D)

Damn slow internet!

The page turns into a "you have lost connection" page.

HERMAN (CONT'D)

It's 2016! The internet shouldn't  
be this bad!

Herman goes to the corner of the room where the modem is located and angrily pulls the plug from the wall and it hits him in the face.

Herman tries to plug it back in, but it won't go in as the metal is bent.

Herman bends the metal back into place as he plugs the modem back into the wall. This gives him a major electrical shock.

HERMAN (CONT'D)

Ah!

Herman falls back into laptop and the computer desk, which completely falls apart.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Unbelievable... This better be  
worth it...

Herman picks himself up, but little does he know that a  
drawer of the destroyed desk was filled with tacks that are  
now spread all over the ground.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Ow! Ow! Ow!

Herman switches to his injured hand and succumbs to even more  
pain.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Owwwwwwwwwwww!

Herman switches back to his off-hand and is able to stand up.

He looks at both of his hands. Many tacks are now stuck in  
both of them. He removes them one by one as he exits the room  
into the hallway.

INT. LONG HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Herman removes the last tack from his hands and rips his  
other sleeve.

He approaches the room across the hall as he wraps his hand.

INT. BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

Herman turns on the lights and gives a sigh of relief once he  
sees that it is a bathroom.

He opens the medicine cabinet and claws through several  
bottles until he finds some bandages.

Herman rips off a large bandage and places it under his pants  
onto his buttocks wound.

Herman's stomach rumbles and he glances at the toilet.

HERMAN  
When you gotta go, you gotta go.

Herman pulls down his pants and sits on the toilet.

He pulls out his cell phone and begins playing "Angry Birds".

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
I shall kill you pigs with birds!

Sound effects from the game are heard. Herman loses.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Damn it! This level's too hard!

Herman loses again.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
I hate this game!

Herman puts his phone away and stands. He wipes his bottom and flushes the toilet.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Whew! That's much better!

The toilet only halfway flushes. Herman flushes it again. The toilet begins to overflow.

Herman frantically searches for a plunger. He sees one in the far corner.

As he lunges towards it, he slips in the toilet water with his head hitting the side of the bathtub.

Herman is knocked unconscious as the dirty toilet water rises.

Herman wakes up and begins spitting toilet water out of his mouth.

He is in great pain as he uses both of his injured hands to stand.

Herman continues spitting toilet water out of his mouth as he goes into the hallway.

INT. LONG HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Herman, still limping, looks terrible. He's dirty, bloody, and wet.

HERMAN  
You will die! I've earned this!

Herman walks into another room.

INT. STUDY - CONTINUOUS

Herman walks around the table that is surrounded by books.

He is very paranoid as he carefully searches around the room. He finds nothing

Herman goes back to the door to exit, but looks back.

HERMAN  
Will I finally search a room  
without something happening to me?

Herman pauses.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
I guess so.

Herman turns around to see a rat scamper across the hallway.

He jumps back as he is startled and trips over a chair in the study. He falls directly into a book self. All of the books fall on top of him.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
I shouldn't have said anything...

Herman fills with rage as he rises from the pile of books.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Errrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr!

Herman stomps back into the hallway.

INT. LONG HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Herman continues stomping at a swift pace.

HERMAN  
Errrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr!

He goes into the last room.

INT. MAIN BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

Herman immediately goes to the bed and flips the mattress off as if it were as light as a feather.

HERMAN  
Errrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr!

Herman opens the closet.

Veronica is inside with a gun. She fires the gun in a panic missing Herman.

Herman grabs Veronica's wrist and hits it the wall. Veronica drops the gun.

Herman pulls the knife back. Ready to thrust.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
Finally, you will--

The Cat comes back, jumping on the back of Herman's head.

Herman screams as he loses the grip of Veronica as she grabs the gun from the floor.

Veronica fires the gun uncontrollably and somehow hits Herman in both of his wrists.

Veronica kicks Herman in the groin as she runs out.

Herman continues to scream and stumbles around uncontrollably as he is unable to remove the aggressive Cat from his head because both of his hands have become unusable from the bullets that just hit his wrists.

Herman falls through the door into the hallway.

INT. STUDY - CONTINUOUS

Herman falls onto the table after he hits his groin into the side of it.

He stumbles back into the hallway.

INT. OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Herman trips on the office supplies on the ground.

He rolls on the ground while he continues to be scratched by the Cat. Tacks are stabbed into him all over his body.

Herman gets up and stumbles back into the hallway.

INT. BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

Herman falls into the bathtub and accidentally turns on hot water for the shower.

The Cat leaps away into the hallway while steaming hot water falls onto Herman.

HERMAN

Ahhhhhhhhhhhh!

Herman leaps out of the bathtub and falls face first into the toilet seat and then onto the ground with the overflowing toilet water.

He painfully gets to his feet, once again spitting out toilet water.

Herman is a mess as he stumbles to the door.

HERMAN (CONT'D)  
At least I can look at this as a  
learning experience.

Herman exits into the hallway.

INT. LONG HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Herman puts his hands on his knees as he catches his breath.

HERMAN  
Hashtag worst night ever.

Herman chuckles at his joke until the Cat jumps right back on him. Forcing him into another room.

INT. GUEST ROOM 2 - CONTINUOUS

Herman falls into the candles, which lights the curtains and himself on fire.

HERMAN  
Helpppppppppp!

The Cat jumps out the same window as before as Herman's entire arm is on fire.

Herman in a panic runs back into the hallway.

INT. GUEST ROOM 1 - CONTINUOUS

Herman continues to be on fire as he stumbles around and steps on the skateboard again which takes him back into the hallway once again.

INT. LONG HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

The fire has overtaken the hallway as the skateboard takes Herman back into the shorter hallway.

INT. SHORT HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Herman falls into the corner directly into the frame of the creepy picture from before.

HERMAN  
Ahhhhhhhhhhhh!

The painting is stuck on Herman's face as he steps on the skateboard again, which takes him door the stairs.

INT. LAKE HOUSE FOYER - CONTINUOUS

Herman's skateboard hits a wall on the bottom of the stairs.

Herman is now completely on fire and has no idea where he's going. He stumbles through a door in the foyer.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Herman falls into cabinets and all the pots and pans fall onto his head.

As he uses his hand to grab the counter, he accidentally turns on the gas.

EXT. FOREST - CONTINUOUS

Veronica is taking cover behind a rock with her gun pointed towards the front door of the lake house.

The lake house explodes.

The Cat walks by and sits in Veronica's lap. Veronica pets him.

VERONICA

And I thought the lake was going to be boring...

THE END