

Reunion of the Living Dead

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FADE IN:

EXT. DEAD END STREET - DAY

Across the lake is the rising sun. There is a man, AARON, talking on a cell phone. Leaning against a wire fence. The lake is below waves crashing against rocks.

AARON

...I advised the council after years of research to land Evlotraba on the Moon. The Moon should have been used as a shield.

STRANGER

We know what you presented, that was then, this is now.

AARON

Meaning, it's all water under the bridge. Right?

STRANGER

Correct. We can't go back in time, rather time marches on.

AARON

Well, I haven't forgotten, yet.

STRANGER

You shouldn't. That's why you have my respect. But, to me it's water under the bridge. I moved on to the next challenge, the next obstacle.

AARON

(sarcastically)

You sure picked a good one this time.

STRANGER

I have no choice, and neither do you, Aaron.

AARON

You have a choice, walk away. I can't I feel it's my fault.

(beat)

But, can't you retire?

STRANGER

Anyway, I have another 7 years until I can retire, and I took an oath of enlistment that I'd support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign, and domestic.

AARON

Does that include extraterrestrial?

STRANGER

All enemies!

AARON

Well, we'll be in touch.

STRANGER

Roger. Back to the real world. Real problems. Good luck.

INT. MILITARY BASE - DAY

Two individuals are talking in a dimly lit hallway, quietly.

FIGURE 1

Look at these images, and you'll see what I mean.

Figure 2 examines the images.

FIGURE 2

Unbelievable.

Figure 2 continues to examine the images.

FIGURE 1

Evlotraba should have been terminated, or forced to land on the Moon. It was planned the Moon would be used as a shield to protect the Earth from Evlotraba's unknown cargo. The politicians should have listened to the scientist.

FIGURE 2

The entry of the craft in to the atmosphere was suppose to burn off any alien bacteria/viruses. It made sense to me, but than again I know nothing about space.

FIGURE 1

But, there are bacteria that can live in radioactive waste, but some how the entry was going to clean the craft? They failed to understand the danger of the cargo.

(beat)

The general population has watched to many sci-fi movies where the aliens are human-like or big as a football stadium. The politicians have been dumbed down.

(beat)

Now the human population might just become extinct by bacteria.

FIGURE 2

Unbelievable.

FIGURE 1

What does Aaron speculate?

FIGURE 2

It's even more insane. The DNA in the bacteria was genetically engineered by an alien mad scientist millions of years ago. Either Aaron is correct, or he has gone mad himself.

FIGURE 1

A mad alien scientist on Mars. Reminds me of TV show Flash Gordon.

FIGURE 2

A lunatic alien who destroyed the planet's life, and now is going to destroy the Earth.

FIGURE 1

Unless it's stopped.

FIGURE 2

Doesn't look good.

Reading from a printout in a folder labeled "Top Secret."

FIGURE 1

The bacteria, EVLOTRABA, brings the dead back to a living-dead-like state.

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FIGURE 1 (CONT'D)

These zombies need to consume living tissue and fluid to keep the bacteria healthy, growing, and driving towards some unknown, which is all mapped out in it's DNA.

FIGURE 2

The unknown could be the destruction of all living things on our planet. We have no choice but to succeed.

FIGURE 1

But, how does the bacteria bring the dead hardened tissue back to life?

FIGURE 2

The bacteria uses the DNA in the dead tissue as a blueprint to know what to become. If it's dead and has DNA the bacteria can become it. To get more information you'd need to talk to someone more qualified. I'm a neophyte in this area.

Figure 2 hands the images back to Figure 1.

FIGURE 1

There is only one State that's confirmed infected.

FIGURE 2

Can we nuke it?

FIGURE 1

No, might spread the bacteria or force it to mutate into a spore.

(beat)

Remember the bacteria also has some abilities of a virus. It's just more like a bacteria.

(beat)

In the lab, they have tried to terminate the bacteria, but once it mutates into a spore it's impenetrable. Once the conditions are safe, it emerges.

FIGURE 2

The only thing I can say is, let me know if Aaron needs anything, and he got it ASAP.

EXT. STATE PARK - NIGHT

JOHN

That's strange ever since we lost NPR (National Public Radio) there has been a strange stink in the air. Do you smell it? Almost like potty water or a backed up toilet. Don't you smell it?

MARY

No. It smells like nature. The great outdoors.

JOHN

Something's up. Something's not right. I can feel it in the air. Listen, there are no animals making noises in the day or at night. Animals are always the first to know when something is not right.

MARY

Look John we're camping. We're here to camp and enjoy the outdoors, not sit in a tent and listen to the radio. Maybe NPR finally ran out of money. Not enough donations.

JOHN

You don't think it's strange the station, all the stations, just went out, all at the same time?

MARY

No I don't. We're camping. It's not strange. Maybe we're in a dead zone or something.

(sarcastically)

Next time we go camping, if NPR is that important, bring a short wave radio.

JOHN

I just think something's up, that's all. I guess it's possible we just can't get any stations in this location of the park. I'll admit it, I'm addicted to NPR. There I said it. You happy now?

MARY

Well, maybe you can be more
addicted to me?

Mary kisses John.

Heavy petting.

Mary pushes John's hands off her breasts.

JOHN

What?

MARY

We're not in your parents living
room, we're all alone somewhere in
the huge State Park. Alone!

Mary removes her sweater, and than her shirt.

Mary is smiling at John.

John is staring at her breast.

Crack!

Mary grabs her sweater and covers her chest.

MARY (CONT'D)

What was that? Did you hear that
noise right over there!

JOHN

You just told me we're all alone,
great outdoors, miles away from
civilization, and you hear a noise
and get frightened by it. I don't
get it?

John laughs.

Mary takes her sweater and hits John.

John stands up and removes his pants.

MARY

Nice boxers.

JOHN

Let's go into the tent.

MARY

Which one?

Mary points at John's boxers.

MARY (CONT'D)
The pup tent there.

John opens the zipper to the tent.

JOHN
No, if you come in here I'll show
you what's in the pup tent. It's a
monster of a snake!

Laughing, Mary and John go into the tent and zip up the door
flap.

INT. TENT - NIGHT

MARY
I'm surprised it all fits in your
boxers.

JOHN
Come here!

John and Mary are rolling around in the tent making out.

MARY
What are those noise? They sound
like they are all around the tent.

JOHN
Be quiet. Maybe it's some animal
looking for our food?

Crack. Snap.

JOHN (CONT'D)
Sounds kind-of big.

MARY
Maybe it's a black bear?

Mary and John are huddled together.

JOHN
Hold on. Why are we afraid? There
are no vicious animals in this
park. Why are we afraid?

John starts to unzip the door flap.

A zombie's face appears in the open door.

INT. LAB - NIGHT

Aaron and Dan are sitting around a lab table looking at some data.

AARON

One thing is certain, nothing seems to stop it, or slow it down.

DAN

It reminds me of the comic book character Wolverine. His power is an accelerated healing process. These dead people or zombies once infected can regenerate using the DNA as a map. Amazing.

AARON

Destroy the muscle and skin, and it regenerates, you're right, it's like Wolverine. But, they're dead!

DAN

Scientifically amazing. Doomsday has arrived.

AARON

Hang in there Dan. Don't take the easy way out. I need your help to fight this bacteria.

Dan shows Aaron the printouts.

DAN

But, at least the spread of the bacteria isn't moving as quickly as predicted by the military. What's going to happen when it hits the first major city?

AARON

We can't let that happen, or pure chaos will break out. But, the spread of the bacteria will increase, it's exponential, not linear. It just seems it's spreading slowly, but it's increasing, slowly.

Aaron stops and looks at Dan.

AARON (CONT'D)

How's your wife hanging in there?

DAN

She's hanging in for the kids.
But, if it doesn't look like
there's a chance...

AARON

Don't think those thoughts. We'll
make it. That's what we're good at
beating the odds.

(beat)

And if we don't, then we'll know
our work contributed to Evlotraba's
defeat, hopefully, in the future.

Dan shows Aaron an email.

DAN

This is amazing. A hunter shot the
leg off a zombie. Observing the
zombie, it attached the leg back to
it's hip, and after a few minutes
stood up and limped away towards
the farm house. The farmer shot
the zombie in the head, blowing it
to pieces, and in the morning the
zombie was gone.

AARON

How do we study it without getting
infected? We have to try and get
to the University. They'll have
the research equipment required to
study this beast. That's where
we're getting all our information
from currently. They're smack in
the middle.

DAN

How are we going to get there
because we'll have to go through
the most infected area of the
State.

AARON

You don't. I'll go myself. You
stay here with your family.

DAN

No. You'll need my help because I know you can watch your back, but your also best to watch your front. I can help. More eyes the better because they're all over the place.

AARON

Well, if you're sure, let's get going. First let me send an email to Dr. Bonn to let him know we're coming.

DAN

Sure.

INT. CAR - DAY

MEG

How much longer?

JASON

Why?

MEG

I have to go to bathroom. Bad!
Really bad!

JASON

Hold on I'll exit the highway,
there is a gas station right there.
See it?

MEG

Just hurry!

The car pulls into the gas station. It looks closed.

MEG (CONT'D)

Is it closed?

JASON

If it is than just go around back.

MEG

No.

JASON

It's open. Look I can see someone
inside moving around.

The car pulls up next to the pump. Jason gets out to put some gas into the tank.

Meg runs around the side of the building to use the bathroom.

The dog starts to bark in the back of the car.

JASON (CONT'D)
Shut up. Stop barking. My head is
killing me.

Jason sees the attendant's dirty shirt between the pumps. His name tag reads TOMMY.

JASON (CONT'D)
Sure is a warm day.

ATTENDANT
Urgh!

JASON
What?

Jason looks at the attendant.

JASON (CONT'D)
Holy...

INT. WOMEN'S BATHROOM - DAY

Scratch. Knock! Knock!

MEG
I'll be right out.

Bam! Knock! Knock!

MEG (CONT'D)
I felt the same way. I'll be right
out.

Bam! Bam! Bam!

MEG (CONT'D)
I said I'll be right out! Oh jeez
just wait a minute.

Meg finishes washing her hands. She looks around for a towel.

She pushes the button on the hand dryer. Nothing.

MEG (CONT'D)
Ooooooooooh Gosh!

Meg walks to the door and opens it.

MEG (CONT'D)
Aah!

INT. CAR - DAY

Dan is driving the car. Aaron is looking at a map.

AARON
Look! There are some zombies at
the gas station.

DAN
What are they doing?

AARON
I think some unfortunate travelers
stop for gas.

Dan and Aaron slowly turn their heads to look back at the
road after looking at the gas station.

DAN
Jesus! They didn't have a chance.

AARON
Don't start feeling safe and comfy
just yet, we have another hour or
more to go, and just pray the car
doesn't break down.

DAN
Should I have checked the oil?

AARON
Doesn't matter. When our time is
up, our time is up. I tend to be a
realist. I don't believe in luck.
(beat)
Don't worry I checked the oil as
well as all the other important
fluids. I'm not planning on having
one of those things do me in.

DAN
What's our plan once we get to the
University?

AARON

First, I hope it's not over run by zombies. Second, I hope the ROTC along with the National Guard has secured the perimeter. I don't know what direction to take my research? I hope someone at the University has made some kind of breakthrough.

DAN

What about Dr. Bonn?

AARON

Haven't heard from him in over six months. I presume he is dead, and his family too.

DAN

Why would our only chance at survival put himself at risk? Why?

AARON

He stated, the need for tissue samples from a zombie. He was going to trek off into the country and get a sample. I assume a zombie got him.

DAN

Six months.
(beat)
He's one of them.

AARON

We'll be there in a hour. Hang in there.

Dan turns his head and looks at the setting sun.

DAN

And it's going to be night outside. The sun is setting fast. Really fast.

AARON

You just think the sun is setting fast because you're nervous.

DAN

You're not nervous?

AARON

Of course I'm nervous. I'm scared to death. But, what ever happens is going to happen. We can only try our best.

Dan and Aaron are focused on something in the road coming up quick.

DAN

Kids playing on the side of the road at this time?

AARON

Whatever you do, don't stop. Keep going. They're zombies.

Dan and Aaron look out the window at the little kids playing with dead animals.

DAN

Do the dead animals get infected by the bacteria?

AARON

Not sure. We'll have to ask Dr. Bonn maybe he knows.

The car goes around a sharp curve.

AARON (CONT'D)

Watch out!

The car hits a zombie, than another one.

AARON (CONT'D)

Just keep the car on the road.

DAN

They look just like little kids. Crying little kids.

AARON

They're zombies. We just have to make sure we don't get infected so stay away from the front of the car when we get to the University. OK?

DAN

OK.

Thump! Thump! Thump! Thump!

DAN (CONT'D)
Oh God we're dead! We're dead!

AARON
Calm down. We're almost there.
Just keep driving, slowly.

Thump! Thump! Thump! Thump!

DAN
I guess I shouldn't have thought it
would've been easy.

AARON
Nothing is easy. We'll make it.
Don't worry.

EXT. STATE PARK - EVENING

There is an eerie calm in the forest. There are no sounds from wildlife, only the creaking of the tree limbs.

JOHN
Mary! Mary! Where are you!

John is walking around the forest screaming for his girlfriend, Mary. His neck and arm are bloody.

JOHN (CONT'D)
My neck is killing me. Mary! I
need your help. I'm hurting really
bad. I need the car keys. I have
to get to the hospital. Where are
you? Stop playing games.

John trips over a dead tree. A zombie appears in front of John.

JOHN (CONT'D)
You want more? Haven't I kicked
your ass enough! OK. If you want
more, here it is!

John raises the club like branch high above his head.

EXT. ROADSIDE - NIGHT

The car is stopped on the side of the road with the headlights shining down the road.

DAN
I guess we're walking?

AARON
Can't we wait for the next car and
try to hitch a ride?

Aaron points down the road towards the approaching zombies.

AARON (CONT'D)
Let's get going.

Aaron and Dan start walking down the road.

AARON (CONT'D)
Remember, they're not fast. They
fumble a lot, but don't let that
fool you. Just keep walking and
looking for them.

DAN
OK.

AARON
If something happens to me your
only hope is to make it to the
University.

DAN
Look there are some up ahead.

AARON
Now comes the hard part, we have to
circumnavigate them. Come on into
the forest.

DAN
Do we have to go into the forest?

AARON
We'll be OK. Stick close. OK?

DAN
OK.

AARON
We're going to try and stay
parallel to the highway. We don't
want to get lost in here.

DAN
Should we be quiet or can we talk?

AARON

It's safe to talk. They'll smell us before they hear or see us. We don't even know how clearly these things can see or hear. But, they have an acute ability to smell human flesh. They need our tissue and bodily fluids. It's what keeps them going, building. But, we don't know for how long.

DAN

What's that smell?

AARON

I don't know? Just keep walking. Try to use your peripheral vision to try and catch any movement.

DAN

You're in luck my peripheral vision is outstanding.

AARON

Good.

DAN

What the...

AARON

Be careful.

DAN

It looks like a lion tore this campsite up.

AARON

Don't touch anything.

(beat)

Hold on I found a flashlight.

Aaron switches the flashlight on and points beam of light around at the ground.

AARON (CONT'D)

Look!

The beam of light is on some human remains.

DAN

Who ever it is they didn't have a chance.

AARON

Look even as we speak the tissue is regenerating. Amazing! Don't get close.

DAN

Point the light over here.

Aaron points the light at the tent.

DAN (CONT'D)

Looks like there were two of them. One made it out the front, the other wasn't so lucky trying to get out the back. There must have been hundreds of them attacking.

AARON

Out here? In the middle of a State Park?

DAN

Maybe there was a cemetery out here somewhere or a crazy person abducting people eventually killing them.

AARON

Look around for a jar. Maybe we'll be lucky...

DAN

I found one, and a knife too!

AARON

Do you want to take the sample, or do you want me?

DAN

I'll keep a look out. You get the sample.

AARON

Keep the light focused on the leg. I don't want to get close to its mouth. You never know when it'll wake up and bite.

DAN

Hurry up. Either my mind is playing tricks on me or I hear something?

Snap!

AARON

Just keep looking for them.

(beat)

There. I got a good sample from the leg. Look around for another jar there was some tissue near the front of the tent that doesn't look like it's regenerating. I'd like a sample of it too.

DAN

Put it in the same jar.

AARON

No. Just look for another jar.

DAN

How about this zip lock bag?

AARON

Sure. Let me have it. We need to get out of here. I think I hear something coming towards us.

DAN

It's getting closer isn't it.

AARON

Yep. There. Let's get out of here.

DAN

I'm way ahead of you. Which way?

AARON

This way. Remember, parallel to the highway.

(beat)

I heard a vehicle go by on the highway.

DAN

Darn. That could have been our lift to the University.

AARON

You need some survival skills.

DAN

Why?

AARON
Would you stop to pick up some
hitch hikers?

DAN
No.

AARON
Locals not infected might even
shoot you before you speak your
first word. Nobody is taking any
chances out here. It's like the
Wild West.

A shout.

JOHN
Mary! Is that you? I'm coming.
Just stay where you are. OK?
Mary!

John stumbles towards the noises.

JOHN (CONT'D)
Don't move! I'm coming.

AARON
This way! Come on keep going. I
can hear the noise coming towards
us. Keep your eyes open.

DAN
We're not going to make it are we.
There all over the place.

AARON
No. There's not enough noise.
There aren't many of them. Keep
walking.

JOHN
Mary! I'm almost there.

DAN
They're close!

AARON
Just keep following me.

Smash!

JOHN

Damn zombie! Tell me where you got
Mary!

Smash! John's club strikes Aaron in the head again.

DAN

Aaron!

The jar and zip lock bag filled with tissue samples lands in
front of Dan.

AARON

Take the samples! Run!

JOHN

Where is Mary!

Smash! Smash!

DAN

Oh God!

Dan runs off into the dark woods.

John continues to scream.

JOHN

Where's Mary!

Smash! Smash! Smash!

JOHN (CONT'D)

I'm going to beat you into the
smallest pieces you've ever seen.
You'll never regenerate.

(beat)

Why did you have to hurt Mary!

Smash! Smash! Smash! Smash!

JOHN (CONT'D)

(screams out loud)

When I'm done here I'm going to get
you! You can't run far! Not far
at all! I'll beat you to pieces
too!

Dan continues to run through the dark forest talking out
loud.

DAN

Oh God! Now what? Please help me to make it to the University! I'll start praying again. I'll start going back to church. I'll stop sinning. Please God help me!

Exhausted, Dan sits down under a tree for a rest.

DAN (CONT'D)

I should have stayed at home. I needed this like I need a hole in my head.

Snap!

DAN (CONT'D)

No!

Dan starts to run again.

DAN (CONT'D)

(scream)

Leave me alone! Just leave me alone!

Dan, not watching where he is running trips over a bunch of rocks. He falls. His head is smashed on a rock.

EXT. CAMPSITE - DAY

There is the smell of fresh coffee in the air.

DAN

Honey, I'll be down in a few minutes.

Dan has a smile on his face. His eyes snap open.

Dan sits up and screams.

DAN (CONT'D)

Dr. Bonn?

DR. BONN

Who are you and how do you know my name.

Dan begins to remember what happened at night.

DAN

Aaron!

DR. BONN

Aaron?

DAN

My colleague. We were heading to the University to talk to you about the zombies and Evlotraba.

DR. BONN

Where is Aaron?

DAN

After we collected a tissue sample from a campsite we were attacked by a zombie. Aaron!

DR. BONN

I understand. He was a good man...

DAN

That samples!

DR. BONN

I took the samples and placed them in a cooler. Help me pack up. We'll head back to the University.

DAN

What about the zombies?

DR. BONN

They're heading for civilization. They need to feed. There aren't many zombies left up here in the State Park. They're heading south.

(beat)

I'm surprised you came across any. There aren't any that I could find north of the highway. I was going to rest up tonight and than cross the highway and try to hunt a zombie down for a sample.

(beat)

You beat me to it. It hasn't been easy.

DAN

Well, thanks to Aaron. He got the sample but paid for it with his life.

DR. BONN

Most likely his body is
regenerating. He'll be a zombie in
a few days. He'll be heading south
just like the others looking for
food.

DAN

What about the zombie that attacked
us?

DR. BONN

There was no one around. You fell
and hit your head on a rock. You
were out cold.

DAN

No, there was a maniac zombie
running around with a club?

DR. BONN

Zombie? Running...

DAN

With a club! I could swear!
Screaming the name Mary!

DR. BONN

Here have some coffee. Relax.
Stress can do strange things to the
mind. We have to get back to the
University to test these samples.

DAN

Poor Aaron. I'll miss him. I feel
it's my fault. I let him down.

DR. BONN

It's funny how life works. Isn't
it?

DAN

How?

DR. BONN

Do you know why the bacteria/virus
was named Evlotraba?

DAN

No.

DR. BONN

Aaron was in charge of the Top Secret exploration project to Mars to collect samples from the soil. The craft, Evlotraba, was suppose to land on the Moon shielding us from the life form contained in the craft.

DAN

This bacteria is from Mars?

DR. BONN

Yes.

DAN

This is all Aaron's fault?

DR. BONN

No. Aaron was terminated from project. It would cost to much money to land the craft on the Moon and than send a team of researchers to study the life brought back from Mars. It was cheaper to bring the craft back to Earth. All politics.

(beat)

It was assumed the life form was contained inside the craft.

Sealed. They were wrong.

(beat)

Mankind might pay dearly.

(beat)

Extinction!

DAN

Politics and the space program... a deadly combination.

DR. BONN

Even if the craft remained on the Moon for generations...

Snap! Crack!

DR. BONN (CONT'D)

Wait! I hear something. Quickly, let's get going!

Dr. Bonn and Dan leave the campsite and head in the direction of the University. Dan is following Dr. Bonn.

INT. LAB - DAY

Dr. Bonn and Dan are sitting in the cafeteria. There's hot coffee in front of them.

DR. BONN

The results are amazing. Kind of baffling even to someone with my knowledge.

DAN

What is it?

DR. BONN

One of the samples, infected with Evlotraba, continues to regenerate at an amazing rate. The other sample, also infected with Evlotraba, isn't regenerating at all.

(beat)

We took a sample of tissue that was regenerating, isolated Evlotraba, and placed it on the tissue that was regenerating.

DAN

What happened?

DR. BONN

Nothing. Nothing at all. The tissue from the zip lock bag is infected meaning it's covered with Evlotraba, but isn't regenerating. Remember the tissue isn't living.

DAN

It's the cure?

DR. BONN

What's the cure? The tissue from the zip lock bag? In order to produce a cure, we need to break the code contained in the DNA.

DAN

We have the cure!

DR. BONN

Breaking the code in the DNA could take years. By that time it could be all over.

DAN

Years?

DR. BONN

We made some amazing break through in our understanding of human DNA but we could be years and years away from breaking this puzzle.

DAN

But, you never know? Right?

DR. BONN

You're correct. Human beings produce amazing results under pressure. We could crack the code tomorrow.

DAN

That great!

DR. BONN

What confuses me is where did the tissue come from at the campsite? You said it wasn't taken off a corpse.

DAN

It was laying on the ground near the front of a tent. There wasn't a body anywhere. There was a human body regenerating near the back flap of the tent. But it was regenerating. Turning into a zombie thing.

DR. BONN

Let me think!

(beat)

There must have been two campers.

(beat)

You said the zombie that attacked you screamed out the name Mary.

While beating Aaron with a club.

(beat)

Zombies don't move very quickly.

DAN

(remembering)

What ever it was it could really swing the club it was holding. I could hear Aaron's bones break as he was hit by the club.

Dr. Bonn examines a medical book.

DR. BONN

It is possible there is a human being out there capable of fighting off this monster.

DAN

Impossible. Isn't it.

DR. BONN

No. It's possible.

(beat)

That wasn't a zombie that killed Aaron!

(beat)

That might be the cure. The human being that left the tissue sample at the campsite.

(beat)

Think about it.

DAN

Holy God! The potential cure is deranged and wondering around the State Park.

(beat)

We have to get out there and look for him.

DR. BONN

Quickly, let me make some phone calls

EXT. GAS STATION - DAY

CLEVAN

Damn, those things must have got Tommy.

HANK

They must be around. They sure don't move fast.

CLEVAN

Let's head towards the State Park. I heard they hide out there and attack at night.

HANK

Do we have enough fire power?

CLEVAN

I have my .50 Caliber Long Range
Sniper Rifle. We won't even have
to get close to them.

HANK

We'll make them pay for what they
done to Tommy.

CLEVAN

Damn zombies.

Clevan and Hank get into the truck and drive off towards the
State Park.

EXT. STATE PARK - EVENING

HANK

We been out here all afternoon. I
don't see any zombies.

CLEVAN

Shut up! I hear something.

Crack!

HANK

It's coming this way. Quickly,
over here. Setup the rifle for a
head shot.

CLEVAN

Don't you worry Tommy payday is
coming.

HANK

Just set it up. You might only
have one shot before we got to get
out of here. I don't want to get
infected.

Hank points towards a tree.

HANK (CONT'D)

(whispers)

Right over there. Take it out.

JOHN

(tired)

Mary is that you.

John parts the bush and steps out into the clearing.

BAM!

HANK

You nailed it! Right between the eyes! Damn that rifle's amazing!

CLEVAN

Bull's-eye!

HANK

You blew it's head completely off. There's nothing left. Damn good shot.

CLEVAN

Now pore the gas all over the body. We don't want it coming back to life.

HANK

Why gas? Isn't it dead without the head?

CLEVAN

I watched a movie and burning the tissue off the body prevents it from becoming a zombie.

HANK

OK.

INT. PICKUP TRUCK - DAY

CLEVAN

It sure did burn.

HANK

It's dead and dried out. It should have exploded being as dry as it is.

CLEVAN

Pass me a beer, and get yourself one too. Let's celebrate.

HANK

That sure was a damn good shot!

THE END