

PULSE

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FADE IN:

EXT. WOODS - AFTERNOON

In a dense forest a MAN, THE RECEIVER, late 30s, kneels by a large tree, scrolls through images on a trail camera.

A strong gust of wind blows debris from the ground into The Receiver's face, he spits out some particulate that enters his mouth.

He looks around wildly, appears annoyed.

The sky darkens, quickly.

A multitude of forest creatures charge towards him as they flee something out of view -- he darts out of the path of a large buck.

THE RECEIVER
O-o-h! What the actual...

From the direction the animals run an ear-piercing sound emanates -- The Receiver cups his hands over his ears, winces.

THE RECEIVER (CONT'D)
(to the animals)
Yeah, time for me to follow suit my
little woodland critter friends.

He picks up his trail cam and a rucksack by his feet, briskly walks in the direction of the animals, looks back frequently.

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A blinding flash of light fills the woods.

The air around him ripples, produces a shockwave that knocks The Receiver forcefully to the ground.

THE RECEIVER (CONT'D)
A-a-a-g-h-h!

Leaves and branches rain down on, and around, him like floral precipitation.

The Receiver bleeds from his nostrils, wipes the blood away with his hand. He stares at his bloody fingers momentarily, staggers to his feet.

He glances worriedly in the direction of the phenomenon.

Time slows and the plant debris slowly floats up around him, his eyes go wide.

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QUICK FLASH

EXT. DEEP SPACE - SAME TIME

An energy beam propagates through space at a high rate of speed, heads directly towards Earth.

BACK TO SCENE

The deep space energy emission shoots down from the sky, makes contact with the ground in a flash of white light.

Time dilates as The Receiver rises into the air after the beam makes contact with the surface around him -- his eyes roll back in his head as he ascends.

The beam of light dissipates in an instant, The Receiver drops to the ground with a THUD.

Leaves and tree branches rain down around his body.

His eyes shoot open, he screams MOS.

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A cocoon made of white light envelops him, flashes brightly.

EXT. DEEP SPACE - MOMENTS LATER

The Receiver's form appears in, and floats in, outer space -- he looks around in a panic, and hyperventilates.

His breathing calms as he realizes he is able to aspirate normally.

Before him a brightly-colored gas cloud forms, particles swirl and combine and separate in a rhythmic, cosmic dance.

The Receiver watches the occurrence in awe.

THE RECEIVER
It...it's beautiful...

The small nebula gradually condenses into the shape of a humanoid face.

The Receiver gasps, tears form in his eyes.

The particles that make up the face convulse

THE RECEIVER (CONT'D)
W-what...are you?

The face forms a wide smile.

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BEGIN MENTAL IMAGERY SEQUENCE

MONTAGE:

-- Extra-terrestrial beings battle each other, fiercely.

-- A nuclear-like explosion decimates a planet in a dual-star solar system.

-- Two warring ships race from the dead planet exchanging fire as they rocket through the cosmos.

-- The lead ship takes out the other's propulsion system with a pulse weapon -- it drifts in space motionless.

-- The surviving spacecraft warps space-time and enters a wormhole.

-- The craft reappears in Earth's atmosphere -- the engine spews smoke.

-- The spaceship hurtles through Earth's atmosphere and crashes in an ocean.

-- The body of one of the aliens floats to the surface and breaks down to the molecular level.

-- DNA helixes seep into the depths of the water around the decaying corpse.

-- The genetic strands interact with particulate in the water as they descend.

-- Images of the evolution of species in the Primordial slime to the Earth's waters to land and eventually humans race by.

-- Snippets of various human conflicts throughout human existence shoot by in flashes.

END OF MONTAGE

BACK TO SCENE

The Receiver gasps and his body forms into a fetal position.

THE RECEIVER (CONT'D)
T-t-this changes...everything...

The face smiles again, nods -- the entity dissipates into a million individual particles that float away from The Receiver's position.

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Another flash of brilliant white light envelops The Receiver, he winks out of the space.

EXT. WOODS - MOMENTS LATER

The Receiver touches down in the same spot he last occupied, the light beam envelops him and then fades out in an instant.

He stands from a crouched position -- he looks energized, reborn.

Animals from the forest descend upon him. They look at him fawningly.

He grins, his eyes crackle with energy streams.

THE RECEIVER
Power...to effect change...

The sky darkens, the forest creatures abscond in all directions.

Lightning touches down all around the Receiver -- he thrusts his arms skyward as if he beckons the electric discharges.

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QUICK FLASH

Inside The Receiver's body his cells change, they divide and reform at a rapid pace. Dark masses invade the cells.

BACK TO SCENE

THE RECEIVER (CONT'D)
A-a metamorphosis!

The Receiver clenches his fists, stares down at them. Energy pulses and crackles around them.

He walks out of the woods, as he does the ground blackens beneath him. Plant life withers and dies as he passes.

EXT. HIGHWAY - LATER

The Receiver reaches a long stretch of road that borders the woods.

A truck approaches appears from his left, moves at a high rate of speed.

The Receiver steps out in front of the vehicle, pretends to limp as he does.

The truck screeches to a halt several feet before the Receiver.

TRUCK MAN, late 20s, steps out of the vehicle, put his hands on his head in disbelief.

TRUCK MAN
Shit man, I coulda killed ya!

The Receiver limps towards Truck Man, loses the fake gait as he gets close to him.

TRUCK MAN (CONT'D)
What the...

The Receiver grins, sardonically.

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An energy beam shoots down from the sky, envelops a wide-eyed Truck Man in white light.

TRUCK MAN (CONT'D)
N-n-n-no...

The light rockets back up skywards with Truck Man in tow.

The Receiver walks to the truck, opens the passenger side door, sits.

He turns the car radio on, a male NEWSCASTER's voice plays.

NEWSCASTER (V.O.)
Strange light phenomenon have been
seen in the skies over the entire
county for several hours now.

The Receiver grins, looks up.

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The energy emittance returns with Truck Man -- he emerges from the photonic cocoon.

The Receiver steps out of the truck, walks over to Truck Man.

THE RECEIVER
Welcome back...brother.

Truck Man nods and grins, knowingly.

The two men walk back to the truck, enter, drive off.

EXT. CITY PERIMETER - THE NEXT DAY

The Receiver and Truck Man stand at the edge of a hill that leads down into the perimeter of a large city.

The two men look at each other, nod.

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Flashes of light erupt to the left, right, and rear of them as SCORES OF MEN AND WOMEN appear entombed in the energy projections from the sky.

The newly-returned masses gather behind The Receiver and Truck Man, enlightenment projects on their faces -- many smile widely and clasp their hands together.

The Receiver turns to the group.

THE RECEIVER
In order to usher in a new
world...sometimes you must cleanse
the old...

The men and women all smile and nod appreciatively.

The Receiver turns back towards the city, claps Truck Man on the shoulder.

THE RECEIVER (CONT'D)
Onward.

The Receiver waves a hand forward towards the city line.

He and Truck Man descend the hill first, the others follow.

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FADE OUT.