

TERROR  
FROM THE SKY

FADE IN:

**EXT. WOODS - CREEK - NIGHT**

The rocky creek snakes through the dark woods.

NICK, 16, short and stocky, and JARED, 16, tall and lanky, sit in lawn chairs in the grass next to the shallow water.

Jared passes Nick a joint, who takes a puff.

Beside them, RILEY, 15, a hefty fellow, lies down on the ground. He brings a bottle of hand sanitizer to his lips, takes a drink.

Nick watches in disgust as Riley BURPS.

NICK  
You're nasty as Hell. You know  
that, right?

Riley finishes the bottle off, tosses it into the water.

RILEY  
Whatever. All I know is this shit  
gets you fucked up. Jared, hit me  
with another of those bad boys.

JARED  
Told you this was the strong stuff.

Jared grabs his bag by his feet, reaches in, pulls out a new bottle of hand sanitizer. He tosses it to Riley, then turns to Nick, offers him a bottle.

Nick rolls his eyes.

NICK  
Yeah right. I'm not drinking that  
shit. No way.

JARED  
(shrugs)  
Your loss, Dude.

NICK  
You two idiots get trashed on hand  
soap if you want, but you're  
definitely gonna get sick.

JARED

It's hand sanitizer. And it's the good shit, Dude. Eighty-percent alcohol. Shit's actually flammable!

NICK

Yeah. I'm definitely good on that. I'll just stick to this bud.

Nick takes another long drag from joint.

Riley goes to get up, loses his balance, falls forward and face-plants into the creek water.

Nick and Jared burst into LAUGHTER as Riley crawls out of the water.

RILEY

Yeah, yeah. Fatty fell down. Very funny. Laugh it up.

A loud BOOM startles the trio.

Riley jumps to his feet, points to the sky.

RILEY

Look at that!

Nick and Jared step beside Riley, look up to see a large military cargo Plane fly into view. Black smoke billows from it's engines as it SPUTTERS and stalls.

The Plane disappears over the treeline.

Just seconds later, a loud CRASH echoes through the woods.

With an excited smile, Nick looks over to his friends.

NICK

Holy fuck! That was crazy!

Jared steps forward.

JARED

Did that really just happen?

RILEY

We should head back to your house. If my Mom finds out I'm out here she'll kill--

NICK

Fuck that. Lets go check this out.

Nick finishes off the joint, flicks the roach away. He pushes past Jared, moves into the dark woods.

JARED

Hey, wait!

Jared shoots Riley a worried glance. Hesitantly, the two friends rush into the woods to catch up.

**EXT. WOODS - HILL - NIGHT**

Riley struggles to keep up with Nick and Jared, who practically sprint up the hill.

A faint orange glow emits from the top of the hill.

RILEY

Hey, slow down.

Riley trips over a root, falls hard on his face. He rolls over onto his back, stares up through the tree tops, at the bright crescent moon in the pitch black sky.

IN A FLASH, a shadow moves past the moon.

Riley squints as he searches the vast night sky.

RILEY

What the... ?

He looks over, sees Nick and Jared reach the hilltop.

**EXT. WOODS - CRASH SITE - CONTINUOUS**

Nick and Jared stand in awe before the burning wreckage of the plane. The entire surrounding area is devastated, broken trees, burning debris scattered about.

Jared points to the U.S. Army logo on the side of the plane. Just beside the logo is a massive hole. The side panels are bent outwards, like something burst out of the plane.

JARED

That's a cargo plane. My Uncle used to fly one...

(looks to Nick)

We should really get out of--

NICK  
Grow a pair, would ya?

Nick steps closer to get a better look.

RILEY (O.S.)  
Hey guys! Something isn't right.

Riley barely makes it to the top, stumbles and falls to his knees. Vomit explodes from his mouth.

Nick glances back, sees Riley wipe bile from his chin. He shakes his head, LAUGHS.

NICK  
That's why hand sanitizer was a  
dumb-shit idea. Burns, don't it?

Riley COUGHS, flips Nick the bird.

Nick waves him off, turns back to the wreckage. SUDDENLY a WINGED CREATURE, drops from the sky, lands directly on him.

It's tall and slender, covered in black leathery skin, no eyes, instead two long, slender nostrils. And a shit-load of jagged teeth and sharp claws.

Nick SCREAMS as the Winged Creature wraps it's jaws around his head and bites down.

NICK  
Please, God! Fuckin'... Help me!

FWOOSH! With Nick's bloody head still clutched in it's jaws, the Winged Creature flaps it's massive wings and shoots up into the night sky.

Nick's bloodcurdling SCREAM fades away into the distance.

Jared turns back to Riley, who just stares on in shock.

RILEY  
It t-took him... It took him...

Jared whips his head around, scared and confused.

JARED  
What the fuck is it!?

Something lands a few feet behind Riley with a loud THUMP. Startled, Riley lets out a small WHELP. As he turns to see what fell from the sky, his eyes go wide with horror.

On the ground is Nick's mangled, decapitated head. His left eye and his entire nose has been torn off.

All the color flushes from Nick's face. Behind him, the Winged Creature silently lands.

With his eyes locked onto Nick's head, Riley steps back.

JARED (O.S.)  
Riley, behind you!

Riley spins around just as the Winged Creature lunges at him and tackles him to the ground. It opens its massive jaw just inches from Riley's face and ROARS, who in turn projectile pukes into the Winged Creature's open mouth.

The beast SCREECHES out as it jumps off of Riley and clutches at its throat. It GAGS as it struggles for air.

Jared uses his foot for leverage and pulls a long, flaming piece of metal from the debris. He clenches the bottom tight, wields it like a sword.

JARED  
Fuck you!

Weapon held high, Jared charges the choking Winged Creature. He thrusts the flaming end of the makeshift sword directly into the beast's mouth and down its throat.

Fire erupts from the beast's mouth and nostrils as it desperately clutches at the makeshift sword.

Soon flames completely engulf the Winged Creature's head. It CROAKS as it collapses to the ground.

Jared steps back, drops down next to Riley. They just watch as the burning beast twitches.

RILEY  
I told you we should have stayed at  
your place and played Halo.

Jared smirks, releases a CHUCKLE.

JARED  
I told you that shit was flammable.

In the night sky above them, a black FIGURE spreads its massive wings, circles its prey.

FADE TO:

**BLACK**