TEXAS CHAINSAW LEGACY SEASON 1_EPISODE 1: PILOT

Ву

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Based on the characters created by Tobe Hooper

TEASER

FADE IN:

Two boys, CONNOR(11) and BARRY SIMPSON(9), sit quietly with their fishing rods in a paddle boat out on A LAKE.

Birds awaken with the sun, all chirping at once.

CONNOR

(V/O)

Me and Barry was just--we went fishin' early that mornin'.

BRRRRRRRRMMMMMMMMMMM

A motor home -- THEE MOTOR HOME -- it comes to a stop on the shoreline of the lake.

INT. THE MOTOR HOME - DAWN

CRIES AND RAGE explode all over THE MOTOR HOME.

Without seeing much of him, LEATHERFACE trashes the place, crying out in a tantrum of rage. He is covered in blood.

EXT. TEXAS - DAWN

SUPER-IMPOSE: July 26th, 1982

A hazy early morning sky blankets over the Texas Plains.

OFFICER BURKETT

(O/S)

Once again, this is Officer Burkett at North Peril Road with a confirmed 11-44. I am still awaiting backup. Repeat: still. Awaiting. Backup. Over.

DISPATCHER

(O/S)

Officer Burkett, backup is en route. Over.

Multiple red lights flash along the horizon. A slight sound of distant sirens.

EXT. ROAD - DAWN

Above the trees, within the woods, BLACK SMOKE billows up into the sky.

Down in the middle of the road is OFFICER PAUL BURKETT, 50's.

OFFICER BURKETT

(V/O)

We freed the Flossenburg concentration camp on April 23rd, 1945.

At his squad car in the middle of the street, Officer Burkett angrily tosses the radio back into the car. He then slowly turns and stares back at something he has not been able to take his eyes off of.

INT. INTERVIEW ROOM - DAY

Burkett, now 60's and in street clothes, sits before THE CAMERA.

SUPER-IMPOSE:

PAUL BURKETT

FORMER POLICE OFFICER

TRAVIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICER BURKETT

Even though I became a cop, I never thought I'd relive the horrors I had witnessed back then. That day.

He nods, somberly.

EXT. ROAD - DAWN

Following a trail of blood and tire marks along the pavement...

OFFICER BURKETT

What in god's name...?

Laying in the middle of the road is the VERY DEAD and DEFORMED result of multiple generations of inbreeding--

CONTINUED: 3.

The face of DRAYTON SAWYER -- a sore sight. Rough, cratered skin. Severe acne. Grizzly facial and body hair. Dead eyes. Blood drips from his mouth into the pool around his head. The middle of his misshaped skull is blown away.

KUTCH000000000000000000000WUUUUH--

INT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

It's the filthy, blood stained interior of Hell on wheels.

OFF-SCREEN, BABY SAWYER cries hysterically.

His hunched over shadow appears across the broken wall. Though OFF SCREEN, as well, Leatherface too, can be heard weeping.

EXT. ROAD - DAWN

Officer Burkett looks around, pulling out his gun and beginning down the pathway toward the source of the smoke.

EXT. LAKE - DAWN

The boys continue to sit in their boat, motionless and just staring at the motor home.

CONNOR

(V/O)

We just kept hearing this baby, crying. Like, so loudly. That never stopped.

Baby's cries continue from within.

CONNOR

(V/O)

Then, like, all of a sudden, the door to the trailer swung open and he just came running out, screamin' and hollerin', but-but it wasn't any words. He was just... like goin' crazy.

From the POV of the boys:

Leatherface, in a manic state, bursts from the motor home, screaming and crying out incoherently, tearing at the hair of his earlier victim, the hippie, Becky, whose face he now claims as his own.

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Startled into a state of shock, the boys continue to sit silently staring on at this mental breakdown no more than 70 yards away, on the shoreline.

BARRY

(whisper)

Connor...

His brother is completely entransed.

BARRY

(whisper)

Connor, let's go.

CONNOR

(V/O)

Barry started cryin' and beggin' me for us to qo.

Unaware of the boys' presence, Leatherface continues his rageful tantrum, slamming his fists into the side of the camper.

WHAM! WHAM! WHAM!

Leatherface tires and leans up against the wall he just dented. The baby continues to SCREAM, inside.

BARRY

Connor, let's get outta here!

He turns around, giving the FIRST FULL CLOSE UP of Leatherface, breathing heavily, covered in blood from the gunshot wound at his shoulder.

He notices Connor and Barry sitting out on the lake, staring silently at him.

CONNOR

Oh, shit.

BARRY

Connor, let's go!

Leatherface runs to the shoreline, wilding out, once again in a horrifying hysteria.

BARRY

Let's go! Let's go!

The boys grab their ores and paddle in the opposite direction.

CONTINUED: 5.

CONNOR

Come on, come on!

With Barry's back to Leatherface, Connor watches him begin to grow smaller in the distance. His hysteric behavior continues until the Cannibal hunter jets back into the motor home.

OLDER BARRY

(V/O)

My brother couldn't stop watchin' over my shoulder.

INT. INTERVIEW ROOM - DAY

Barry, now 20's, sits before the camera in the midst of an interview.

SUPER-IMPOSE:

BARRY SIMPSON

EYEWITNESS

OLDER BARRY

I finally looked back just in time when I heard the engine, ya know, of the, uh, the camper. Then he drove back down the path through the woods.

Barry sits uncomfortably silent. He shrugs.

OLDER BARRY

That was it.

EXT. SAWYER PROPERTY - DAY

A hand pushes some bushes out of the way, startling Officer Burkett who is hiding -- sweaty, petrified and shaking.

CUE OPENING MONTAGE & CREDITS:

ACT ONE

EXT. ROAD - DAWN

The headlights of an EIGHTEEN WHEELER tear through a background of black trees and a navy blue sky.

SUPER-IMPOSE:

MAY 19TH, 1984 24 MILES NORTH OF BENEDICT, KANSAS

INT. EIGHTEEN WHEELER - DAWN

Empty beer cans roll around on top of the dashboard.

The carpeting is covered in crumbs, cigarette butts and more empty beer cans. Also, two pairs of boot-covered feet.

Two men, CHARLIE BERKEN(40's) and his nephew, WILSON HUGHES(20's) sit side by side.

Charlie drives while Wilson sleeps, his head propped up against the door on the passenger side.

Wilson jumps awake, coughing, holding his mouth.

WILSON

Pull over!

CHARLIE

What? Oh, you sick, boy?

WILSON

Pull over!

Wilson wheels down the window and sticks his head out.

CHARLIE

No!

Charlie's foot slams on the break.

EXT. ROAD - DAWN

The truck's speed slips back as it comes to a sudden stop right in the middle of the road -- atop of fifty foot long BRIDGE over a small, hundred-feet deep VALLEY underneath.

CONTINUED: 7.

CHARLIE

Out! Not in the truck!

Wilson has already puked down the side of the passenger door, but jumps out and down and straight to the side of the bridge, puking over the girder.

Charlie comes around the front, immediately noticing the open door.

CHARLIE

Goddamnit, Wil! You're cleaning that shit yourself!

Wilson continues to puke over the side, into the DARKNESS below.

CHARLIE

Told you not to eat those fish tacos, boy.

Charlie starts sniffing around.

CHARLIE

Goddamn! Your puke smells unholy, boy!

Charlie steps back, gagging, he turns to the girder and spits off.

WILSON

Ugh, the smell!

He continues to puke his brains out, barely able to take a moment to breath.

CHARLIE

What the fuck is that?

Charlie looks around. The headlights shining across the dark road ahead. Crickets chirp loudly. The sky is just a tint brighter.

Charlie leans over the girder, watching Wilson's puke drop. He follows it down with his eyes.

CHARLIE

What is that?

Wilson pulls away for second, wiping his mouth, groaning as Charlie continues to stare over.

CONTINUED: 8.

CHARLIE

There's something -- Oh, fuck! Ah!

Charlie covers his nose and mouth, jumping away from the girder.

WILSON

What?

Charlie turns around and vomits onto the gravel.

Wilson looks over the side.

DOWN BELOW

TWO DECOMPOSING bodies lay, just barely visible in the early sunrise light.

OFF SCREEN, Wilson begins puking again.

CHARLIE

(O/S)

Let's git the fuck outta here!

ZOOM IN on the shadowy FACE of one GIRL.

OFF SCREEN, the doors to the eighteen-wheeler slam shut and the truck speeds away.

Continuing in on her face, the focus becomes her slightly opened EYE surrounded by a decomposing skull whose flesh was thoroughly removed. Maggots.

ACT TWO

INT. ASSEMBLY ROOM - DAY

THROUGH THE LENS OF 1980's STANDARD DEFINITION TELEVISION:

The assembly room is full.

SUPER-IMPOSE:

APRIL 15TH, 1985

TAMNEY COMMISSION HEARINGS

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Sitting at the podium is AGENT RAMONA DIAZ, 33. She sits up straight, though comfortably and relaxed.

SUPER-IMPOSE:

AGENT RAMONA DIAZ, FBI

CHAIRMAN

(O/S)

Now, Agent Diaz, you testified that the FBI was not made aware that a child was involved in this case until April of 1983, correct?

AGENT DIAZ

Correct.

CHAIRMAN

Shortly after the discovery of uh, the bodies of, uh--Walter Jennings and Carolynn Messer in Benedict, Kansas. So, almost nine months after the massacre on the, uh, Sawyer family property, correct?

AGENT DIAZ

Correct.

CHAIRMAN

And when... was it, uh, confirmed that there was a toddler in the possession of Robert Joseph Sawyer?

AGENT DIAZ

I believe I recieved that confirmation around December 20th of last year -- 1984.

CHAIRMAN

Around three weeks after the, uh, tragedy... at Tamney?

AGENT DIAZ

Correct.

CHAIRMAN

So, for nine months, the FBI had no knowledge of an infant child in the custody of this extremely dangerous and highly publicized killer. And then it would take more than two years before the existence of this child was confirmed. Why is that?

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AGENT DIAZ

Other than the fact that there has never been any documentation of the child's existence, I don't know the answer to that question, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN

Well, you are the lead investigator on this case. One would assume that you would be aware of the cause in the delay in the communication of such pertinet information.

AGENT DIAZ

Yes, but that question is misdirected, Mr. Chairman. And misworded, I might add. I'd suggest that you ask the members of the Travis County Sheriff's Department why they failed to document nor communicate the eyewitness reports that were made by the Simpsons brothers around August, the first of 1982. That would be probably be where that answer lies... Mr. Chairman.

The room erupts into CHATTER.

EXT. CHESTERFIELD, OKLAHOMA - DAY

As far as can be seen, the tops of wooded territory shine off of the sun in orange, yellow, red and brown. A shower of leaves scatter down with the slightest bit of wind.

CINDY OF "THE SHINING"

(O/S)

Hey, isn't it around here that the Donner Party got snowbound?

SUPER-IMPOSE:

NOVEMBER 28TH, 1985

CHESTERFIELD, OKLAHOMA

JACK OF "THE SHINING"

(O/S)

I think that was farther west in the Sierras.

CONTINUED: 11.

A small lower class trailer home sits on the side of a two way road. Isolated miles in either direction.

TOMMY OF "THE SHINING"

(O/S)

What was the Donner Party?

INT. BONNER RESIDENCE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

An old fashioned color television set shows the 1980 film, "THE SHINING" -- the movie characters, CINDY, JACK and TOMMY on their way to the Overlook Hotel.

JACK OF "THE SHINING"

(on television)

They were a band of settlers in covered-wagon times. They got snowbound one winter in the mountains. They had to resort to cannibalism in order to stay alive.

A young girl, BILLIE JEAN BONNER(16), sits on the living room couch. She has on large bi-focal glasses, her hair big and curly and dark. She appears nerdy, but is quite attractive and sorta, kinda knows it.

TOMMY OF "THE SHINING"

(on television)

You mean... they ate it each other up?

She sits there with a newspaper, not paying attention to the movie at all.

JACK OF "THE SHINING"

(on television)

They had to, in order to survive.

MRS. BONNER, early 40', a heavy set widow, walks into the room.

MRS. BONNER

Mornin', hun. You're up early.

Mrs. Bonner plops down in the chair across from the couch, watching the film on THE TELEVISION:

CINDY OF "THE SHINING"

(on television)

Jack...

CONTINUED: 12.

TOMMY OF "THE SHINING"

(on television)

Don't worry, Mom. I know all about cannibalism. I saw it on TV.

JACK OF "THE SHINING"

(on television)

See. Its okay. He saw it on the television. [smiles]

BILLIE JEAN

(reads)

"There are moments when life may not seem real. Pinch yourself and you may just find out that it is."

MRS. BONNER

What's that?

BILLIE JEAN

My horoscope for today.

COMMERCIAL

(on TV)

"Watch the Dallas Cowboys versus the St. Louis Cardinals live at 12:30."

MRS. BONNER

Horoscope?

BILLIE JEAN

You know, it's in the paper everyday... almost like your fortune. It's all based around your zodiac sign. Like, I was born in December, so I'm a Capricorn. You were born in late March, so you're--

Billie Jean locates her mother's horoscope in the newspaper.

BILLIE JEAN

You're an Aries.

(reads aloud)

"Sometimes there is no payoff. Don't expect too much."

MRS. BONNER

That's my fortune?

CONTINUED: 13.

BILLIE JEAN

Well, it's not really your fortune, but--

MRS. BONNER

Listen hun, I have a hell of a lot of cooking to do today and I could use some help.

Billie Jean throws the newspaper down on the coffee table.

BILLIE JEAN

Can't. Promised Chris, Lenny and Amber I'd go with them to the parade in town.

THREE CAR HORN HONKS--

BILLIE JEAN(CONT'D)

(stands)

That's them.

MRS. BONNER

Ugh, Billie Jean! Your grandma and your cousins will be here at five o'clock! I can't do everything alone.

Billie Jean throws on her coat.

BILLIE JEAN

I know.

MRS. BONNER

Well, I need you back here by two, at the latest...

Billie Jean kisses her mother's head and goes for the front door.

MRS. BONNER(CONT'D)

Billie Jean!

She opens the door.

EXT. BONNER RESIDENCE - CONTINUOUS

Through the open door, we see Mrs. Bonner sitting in the chair, looking back at Billie Jean who ignores her as she walks out.

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MRS. BONNER

Billie Jean, I mean it! Two o'clock--

Billie Jean slams the door behind her.

BILLIE JEAN

(to self)

Bye, mom.

She runs down the steps and across the lawn to LENNY'S PICKUP TRUCK.

Inside the Pickup is LENNY and AMBER, both 17, waving her over.

INT. PICKUP - DAY

Billie Jean gets into the car. Amber slides into the middle, closer to Lenny who is driving.

BILLIE JEAN

Hey, guys.

The radio plays low, broadcasting the news.

AMBER

Hey, Billie Jean.

NEWS ANCHOR

(V.O.)

Investigators still have not confirmed whether fugitive, Robert Joseph Sawyer is suspected of killing and dismembering twenty-six year old, Cara Simon of Wayne, Arkansas. Her body was discovered on November 2nd, right over the Texas border near Waskom.

Amber turns it down.

LENNY

Happy Thanksgiving.

BILLIE JEAN

Happy Thanksgiving, guys.

AMBER

Did you tell Chris we were on our way?

CONTINUED: 15.

Lenny turns, pulls the gear into drive and goes to pull out WHEN--

BEEEEEEEE!

His foot immediately hits the BREAK--

AMBER

Whoa!

A MOTOR HOME SPEEDS PAST THEM, tearing down the two way road.

LENNY

Shit!

AMBER

(annoyed)

Lenny! Get us to the parade in one piece. Please.

He shakes his head.

EXT. BONNER RESIDENCE - DAY

The pickup pulls away.

Mrs. Bonner stares out the window from behind the curtain.

INT. ASSEMBLY ROOM - DAY

SUPER-IMPOSE:

MAY 16TH, 1985

TAMNEY COMMISSION HEARINGS

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Mrs. Bonner sits at the podium, tears in her eyes and a tissue constantly wiping her nose.

ASSEMBLYMAN 1

Mrs. Bonner, when was the last time you saw your daughter, Billie Jean?

MRS. BONNER

It was that morning of the 29th. She was goin' out with her friends, I told her to be back early... and... that was it.

Tears roll down her cheeks.

INT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

Billie Jean lies bound and gagged and covered in blood. Her body shakes with fear. Her eyes are exhausted with everlasting tears from the unstoppable weeping.

The vehicle in which she is in is moving. A news report broadcasts over the radio.

NEWSCASTER

(O/S; on the radio)

Four teenagers have been reported missing from the Chesterfield, Oklahoma area.

She glances to her right for a quick reminder of what lies next to her--

NEWSCASTER

(0/S; cont'd)

Sixteen year old, Billie Jean Bonner,

THE CORPSE of her boyfriend, CHRISTOPHER DONNELL, eyes open, jaw locked, skin graying -- he's been dead long enough to attract the one fly that hover over him.

NEWSCASTER

(0/S; cont'd)

Nineteen year old, Christopher Donnell,

She whimpers and looks away, only for her eyes to meet the sight of the DECAPITATED HEAD of Lenny. It rests atop a counter. No one would recognize him, for the flesh from his face and scalp has been removed.

NEWSCASTER

(0/S; cont'd)

Seventeen year old, Lenny Simmons, and Seventeen year old, Amber Jones.

SCREAMS and CRIES come from within a chest behind the driver's seat. It's padlocked with Amber inside, screaming and kicking, desperately fighting to escape her cramped dungeon.

EXT. ROAD - DAY

The motor home speeds down a stretch through the GREAT PLAINS.

NEWSCASTER

(O/S; cont'd)

The four teens were last seen by their parents before they were all suppose to meet. They never returned home for dinner and so far there are no other eye-witnesses.

It's the early morning and the sun has risen over the horizon. Miles and miles of flatland lies ahead.

ACT THREE

EXT. RONSON'S HOUSE - DAY

A cozy little house on a street of fall shades sits surrounded by acres of land and the sound of chirping birds.

RONSON

(V/O)

It was no different from any other day.

INT. RONSON'S HOUSE - BEDROOM - DAY

A clock reads the time at about 6:20 AM.

PHIL RONSON(28), the impeccably handsome and fun-loving man is awoken by the tickle of his red-headed wife, JENNY's(20s) finger across his face.

RONSON

(V/O)

I woke up a married man.

His eyes shoot open and then quickly squint as he turns to Jenny.

JENNY

The kids are still asleep.

She rubs his muscular, tone chest, her hand moving ever-so-slowly down his torso.

Phil smiles and kisses his gorgeous wife. He wraps his arms around her and rolls over on top of her.

The husband and wife begin passionately making love -- the chemistry between the two instantly apparent.

INT. RONSON'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

PHILIP JR.(5), runs into the kitchen ahead of his father who holds his infant baby sister, KATIE(4 Mo).

PHIL

Woah. Woah, slow down there, Junior. "Goodmorning, Mom."

Jenny cracks open an egg into the pan on the stove. A small TV set rests on the counter beside her. It's muted, but a news report is showing photographs of Billie Jean, Christopher, Lenny and Amber.

JUNIOR

Morning, Mom.

JENNY

Good morning, Boy. And hello, Baby!

Jenny gushes over Katie and then takes her from Phil's arms.

Phil immediately reaches for the coffee.

EXT. RONSON'S HOUSE - DAY

Phil leaves his house, the light sound of Katie crying, inside.

EXT. TAMNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT - DAY

Phil runs to catch the closing door of the station, entering.

INT. LOCKER ROOM - DAY

As Ronson enters the police locker room, he is met with three of his comrades. They each give him a pound as he makes it to his locker.

OFFICER TOM LARTH--

OFFICER LARTH

Hey, Ronson, here at the the cusp of the hour, as usual.

OFFICER LEIGH TEMRIN--

CONTINUED: 19.

OFFICER TEMRIN

Hey, still gittin' use to two kids at home, eh? How are ya, Ron?

And SERGEANT STEVE JESPAR--

SGT JESPAR

Just wait till number five comes along.

RONSON

Ah, no, Jespar. Some us like to give our wives a break, every once in a while.

Ronson begins undressing.

OFFICER TEMRIN

The only break Jespar and his wife know of is the one in the rubbuh.

The men all laugh and joke amongst each other.

CHAIRMAN

(V/O)

Please state your name for the record.

OFFICER TEMRIN

(V/O)

Officer Leigh Temrin, uh... Tamney Police Department.

INT. ASSEMBLY ROOM - DAY

Officer Temrin sits at the podium. His face shows dispair. His body, tense.

INT. POLICE LOUNGE - DAY

Officers file into the lounge, gathering coffee and taking a seat for the morning meeting.

LIEUTENANT GRIFFIN(50s) hands Sargeant Jespar a stack of paper to pass out and then steps to the podium.

LIEUTENANT GRIFFIN

Alright, gentlemen. Hope you all had a good Thanksgiving with your families. Those of you who worked, we thank. Last night, fourteen D-U-Is came in--

CONTINUED: 20.

OFFICER LARTH

There goes half the population of Tamney.

One or two laughs burst out.

The Lieutenant reaches over and turns on a projector, placing a transparency onto it.

The reflection shows the photographs of Billie Jean, Amber, Lenny and Chris with their names. Underneath is a photo of Lenny's pickup with the make and model written out in pen.

LIEUTENANT GRIFFIN

Alright. Now some of you may have heard that these kids were reported missing yesterday from way over in Chesterfield. Parents said they were meeting to go to the parade in town and they never came home for dinner. Now, they may have just run away together -- some kind of orgy relationship or what-not--

The officers laugh.

LIEUTENANT GRIFFIN

I don't know what these kids are into today. But anyway, with that Texas Chainsaw fuck on the loose, we gotta be extra vigilant.

RONSON

Hope he didn't get all excited 'cause Dallas won last night -- decided to kill off another couple of people.

More collective laughs.

The Lieutenant shamefully laughs, shaking his head.

LIEUTENANT GRIFFIN

Alright, you guys are too much. Get outta here.

Ronson stares down at the faces and descriptions of the four missing teenagers.

INT. POLICE SQUAD CAR - DAY

Ronson sits on the passenger side of the car outside of a gas station, sipping his coffee.

Temrin comes walking up with a coffee in one hand and a cigarette in the other. He tosses the butt and gets in on the driver's side.

TEMRIN

This fuckin' guy -- everytime I go in there.

RONSON

Old O'Daniel?

TEMRIN

"Reagan's gonna be puttin' me out of business any day now."

RONSON

Ah, Reagan's always the scapegoat with guys like him.

Temrin pours liquor into his coffee from a flask.

RONSON

Should I drive?

TEMRIN

No, I'm fine. I just gotta kill this delayed hangover.

He sips the hot coffee and nip before putting it between his legs and starting the engine.

EXT. ROAD - DAY

The sky is dreary over this two way road cut straight through the woods.

The squad car jets down the lonely road.

INT. POLICE SQUAD CAR - DAY

Ronson stares out the window, while Temrin sips his coffee with one hand as he drives with the other.

RONSON

How was dinner last night?

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OFFICER TEMRIN

Ah, it was damn good, that's for sure. You and Jenny still gotta come over one night, sometime.

RONSON

We definitely need a night out, soon.

OFFICER TEMRIN

So how's the baby doin'?

RONSON

She's good. She's good. The colic days seem to be behind us--

The radio scrambles up:

OFFICER LARTH

Officer Larth requesting backup at the quarry. Checking out an 11-54 on the north side. Repeat: north side of the quarry. An 11-54. Over.

RONSON

10-4. Temrin and Ronson en route. Over.

OFFICER TEMRIN

Suspicious vehicle at the quarry... Let's see what this is about.

Temrin lights another cigarette.

EXT. THE QUARRY - DAY

The place is desolate. Cut bricks of stone lay stacked all around. Ditches, trucks, piles of stone, everywhere.

In the far corner is the MOTOR HOME.

EXT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

It's parked. Quietly.

Officer Larth closes the door to his squad car and approaches the vehicle. His sirens are left flashing, but without sound.

He stops and pulls out his notepad and pen, copying down the license plate number.

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Larth sneaks slowly around it. He attempts to peak into the windows on his way to the door.

KNOCK-KNOCK-KNOCK--

INT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

KNOCK-KNOCK

OFFICER LARTH

Hello? Police.

Billie Jean awakens, still bound and gagged on the floor. She perks right up--

EXT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

IT'S LEATHERFACE

holding a brick of stone over his head before BASHING it into the back of Officer Larth's head.

WHAM!

INT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

Billie Jean is able to free herself just in time to hear the stone hit Larth and then for Larth's body to crash into the motor home.

THUMP!

She gasps under the duct tape around her mouth.

She pulls it down under chin, crying again.

EXT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

Leatherface throws the brick down and grabs Larth's DEAD BODY from off of the floor, dragging it away from the camper.

Leatherface goes to search the body when suddenly he hears RUSTLING--

INT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

Billie Jean pulls out the key and then lifts open the chest Amber is locked in.

Amber lies their half unconscious.

BILLIE JEAN

(whisper)

Amber. Amber, we gotta go. Amber!

She shakes her.

Amber's EYES SHOOT OPEN.

SHE SCREAMS OVER AND OVER,

shoving Billie Jean out of the way, hysterically jumping up and running straight for the door--

EXT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

Leatherface approaches the door just as Amber BURSTS through it, evading her captor and making A RUN for it.

Leatherface cries out before glancing over to see Billie Jean as the door slams shut.

He lunges at the door--

INT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

Billie Jean screams out, jumping across the narrow room to grab and hold it shut.

BILLIE JEAN

No!

She immediately locks herself inside.

Baby begins to cry in the back room.

EXT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

Leatherface screams and yells out under the mask, desperately trying to pull the door open as he watches Amber run down an exit path from the quarry.

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LEATHERFACE

AAAAHHH!

He gives up on the door and begins chasing after Amber.

INT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

Billie Jean holds onto the door, crying, unaware that he has already run off.

Baby continues to scream behind the back room door.

With heavy breathes, Billie Jean begins to look all around her. She hears nothing outside, anymore.

Her eyes meet the driver's seat where the keys sit in the ignition.

EXT. QUARRY PATH - DAY

Amber, a sweaty, snotty, crying mess runs down the pathway through the trees.

She begins to slow before glancing back...

She stops.

AMBER

Oh god.

It's silent and clear...

BEFORE LEATHERFACE TEARS AROUND THE CORNER--

AMBER ROARS and makes a break for it.

Coming around another curviture in the path, Amber spots the road up ahead and begins running even faster.

While in pursuit of her, Leatherface snatches up a heavy round rock, which he CHUCKS like a baseball at her head.

WHACK!

Amber CRIES OUT and spills into the yellow, brown and red leaves.

INT. POLICE SQUAD CAR - DAY

Temrin sips his coffee, the officers sitting quietly as they cruise down the road.

EXT. QUARRY PATH - DAY

Leatherface comes up right behind her, but Amber is able to stand up and run--

AMBER

Help!

INT. POLICE SQUAD CAR - DAY

The road is clear out ahead of them.

RONSON

We can enter up here.

TEMRIN

No, the path further up leads to right to the north side.

EXT. ROAD - DAY

Amber comes running out, screaming and bleeding from her head.

AMBER

Help me!

INT. POLICE SQUAD CAR - DAY

Amber runs right into the center of the speeding car's path.

RONSON TEMRIN

Look out! Oh, shit!

His foot slams on the break.

EXT. ROAD - DAY

IN SLOW-MOTION:

The car plows right through Amber.

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Her neck and limbs break on impact. Her head flails everywhere as it passes over the car--

AND THEN SUDDENLY

SLOW-MO ENDS with a SHOCK back into real time--

The car comes to a short stop and Amber's body richochets back toward the front of the vehicle, landing many away.

INT. POLICE SQUAD CAR - DAY

Temrin and Ronson stare out the windshield at Amber's body lying in the road.

TEMRIN

Oh, fuck!

RONSON

What in the...

The car sits perpendicularly to the path, giving Ronson a full view in.

He sees NO ONE.

INT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

Billie Jean sits at the drivers seat desperately trying to get the engine started, but failing.

BILLIE JEAN

Come on, start! Come on!

Baby is still crying OFF-SCREEN.

She turns the key in the ignition over and over.

Glancing in the side mirror, she sees Leatherface come running back up.

EXT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

Leatherface comes running back to the motor home just in time for the ENGINE TO START.

INT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

Billie Jean grabs ahold of the gear and struggles to pull into place.

BILLIE JEAN

Come on!

MOVED. LOCKED IN.

She slams her foot on the gas pedal.

EXT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

The camper REVERSES.

Leatherface jumps out of the way as it slams into the front of Larth's squad car.

INT. MOTOR HOME - DAY

Billie moves the gear back and locks it in--

EEEEEEEEEERRRRRRRRRR--

EXT. QUARRY - DAY

The motor home careens out of the quarry and down another pathway ahead.

Leatherface lies on the ground. He looks across at Officer Larth and notices THE GUN in his holster.

Leatherface cries out in anger and runs over to retrieve the gun.

With a bit of doubt in mind and body language, Leatherface climbs into the drivers side of Larth's squad car.

The engine ROARS before the wheels shoot back a trail of smokey dust.

EXT. ROAD - DAY

Ronson approaches the body, Temrin still inside the squad car.

As he approaches, her condition becomes more clear -- she is DEAD. Her eyes WIDE OPEN. Her neck broken, her head a bit caved in. A lot of blood.

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RONSON

Oh my god.

Ronson looks back at Temrin who sits behind the windshield, all hope immediately lost in his face.

INT. POLICE SQUAD CAR - DAY

Temrin drops his head in shame and begins crying.

He goes to reach for the radio, but then stops.

EXT. ROAD - DAY

Sergeant Jespar drives peacefully along the road.

THE MOTOR HOME CAREENS OUT from the woods and turns onto the road ahead of Sergeant Jespar.

INT. JESPAR'S SQUAD CAR - DAY

The sergeant is stunned.

SGT JESPAR

What the hell?

He flips on the sirens and grabs the radio.

EXT. ROAD - DAY

Ronson and Temrin stand before

TAG:

BLACK SCREEN

RONSON

(O/S)

We were all at fault for that whole thing. We were. We were responsible for killing Amber Terrence. And we were responsible for not apprehending Robert Sawyer. So now he's had Billie Jean Bonner for fifteen years, now. INT. BAR - NIGHT

An entirely different setting, though also a CLOSE-UP on a now unrecognizable Phil Ronson. He wears big sunglasses and a fedora in this dimly lit, low-key bar. His skin is disfigured and discolored from severely bad burns.

RONSON

She's either dead or he's got her... out there somewhere. Still hiding. Still feeding.

INTERVIEWER

(O/S)

You're a P.I., now. Have you been looking for him?

Ronson doesn't budge for a BEAT.

A mischievous smirk grows across his heavily scarred face.

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