

A Nightmare ON ELM STREET

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OPEN ON:

INT. SPRINGWOOD MEDICAL - CLARK'S ROOM - MORNING

We see the whole group together; **CLARK**, laying in the bed, **PETE**, sitting next to him in a chair, **CASSIE** and **TOMMY**, standing in front of him together

CASSIE

What did you see, Clark?

Clark thinks, he looks at them and looks around

CLARK

He took me to several places. He focused on my relationship with my dad and... how much of a dick he is to me... he then just took me to the boiler room...

PETE

And that's when Tommy and I made the save.

Clark nods as Cassie thinks, she paces as Tommy looks at her

TOMMY

What're you thinking, Cass?

Cassie looks at them

CASSIE

Freddy is targeting our weaknesses... what we're afraid of, what we're traumatized by... he's putting us down before he makes the kill.

TOMMY

If fear is what he feeds on, how the hell do we beat him?

JESSE (O.S)

You can't.

The group looks at **JESSE**, standing in the doorway, looking tired as he walks in, Pete stands up

PETE

Who the hell is he?

Cassie smiles slightly, looking at the group

CASSIE
This is Jesse Walsh...

The group looks at Jesse, he looks at them before it **SMASHES**
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INT. SPRINGWOOD MEDICAL - CLARK'S ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

The group, now standing next to Clark's bed, are looking at
Jesse, who's pacing around the room

JESSE
I take it we all got a visit from..
him last night?

Everyone except Cassie nods, Jesse nods

JESSE (CONT'D)
Great, so this'll be easier to
explain.

CASSIE
What happened to your arm?

Jesse looks at his arm, seeing the bite mark, he looks at
them and scratches his head

JESSE
Freddy came to me, that's what
happened. But I managed to get away
on my own and..

Jesse pulls out the piece of his sweater, they all looked
shocked

TOMMY
Is that..

JESSE

A piece of Freddy's sweater, and it got me thinking last night. What if we could pull him out of the dream world?

CLARK

Would that kill him?

JESSE

I don't know.. but right now, it's our only option. Unless any of you have better ideas?

They all look at each other, Tommy looks at Jesse

TOMMY

How would we go about pulling him out anyway, he's practically invincible in the dream world..

PETE

He's not exactly invincible..

They look at Pete, he gets up

PETE (CONT'D)

When Tommy stabbed him with the pipe, it did hurt him, even if temporary..

JESSE

Okay.. So, what's the plan?

CASSIE

We gotta attack Freddy head on and corner him on his turf.. we lure him to where he's vulnerable and one of us could grab him..

The group collectively nod their heads, Jesse looks at her

JESSE

Where exactly are we doing this?

CLARK

Yeah, if we want to catch this guy, one of us would have to fall asleep somewhere that isn't our house?

Cassie thinks, she looks around before realizing

CASSIE

The gymnasium.

Tommy looks at her

TOMMY

What?

Cassie gets up, she looks at them

CASSIE

It's the only place I know where
there's only one way in and one way
out. It's practically the best
place to trap him.

They all look at each other, Jesse looks at her

JESSE

So, you and Tommy go to the
gymnasium tonight. Me, Pete and
Clark will try to attack him head
on. But we're only going in for an
hour, not a second longer.

Cassie nods, she looks around as Tommy looks at her

TOMMY

How are we getting the keys to the
gymnasium?

Cassie looks at him, she smiles before he realizes, he nods

TOMMY (CONT'D)

Right..

Pete looks at his watch, he looks at them

PETE

We gotta head to school, we'll meet
back up tonight.

CLARK

I'm gonna be stuck here until my
dad comes by.

They all collectively nod. Jesse, Pete, Cassie, and Tommy
leave the room as it

CUT TO:

INT. HANNIGAN RESIDENCE - KITCHEN - LATER

LACEY is sitting in the kitchen, clutching a cup of coffee
before she hears a door open and close, she stands up

LACEY

Cassie?

Cassie walks into the kitchen, Lacey springs towards her and hugs her, catching Cassie by surprise

LACEY (CONT'D)

I was worried sick about you..

CASSIE

Sorry, I stayed at Tommy's..

They break off, Lacey looks at the noticeable bags under Cassie's eyes

LACEY

Did you get any sleep at all?

Cassie shakes her head

CASSIE

No, but it was for a good reason.

Cassie pushes past Lacey, she follows her to the fridge

LACEY

So, what're you doing now?

CASSIE

Heading to school.. just had to get some clothes.

Lacey watches as she gets a soda, she looks at her sister with concern

LACEY

Cass.. are you feeling all right?

Cassie looks at her

CASSIE

Yeah, I'm fine. Why do you ask?

LACEY

No reason.. you just seem.. jittery.

Cassie nods in confusion, she smiles

CASSIE

Well, I'm fine, Lacey..

Cassie walks past her, she heads towards the stairs, Lacey sighs before it

CUT TO:

INT. HANNIGAN RESIDENCE - CASSIE'S ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Cassie is preparing her bookbag when Lacey opens the door, she scratches her head

LACEY
What's going on, Cass?

Cassie turns around, she shrugs

CASSIE
Nothing.. we're just getting closer
to figuring out the whole Freddy
thing.

Lacey nods as she sighs

LACEY
You can't overwork yourself like
this, you know..

Cassie shakes her head

CASSIE
I'm not. I'm fine.

LACEY
The bags under your eyes say
otherwise.

Cassie sighs, she zips up her bag

CASSIE
I feel fine, doesn't that count for
something?

LACEY
Not when your running on zero
sleep, Cass. It's not healthy.

Cassie rolls her eyes, Lacey thinks

LACEY (CONT'D)
All I'm saying is just rest for a
few, it could really do you some--

CASSIE
Are you being serious right now,
Lace?

Lacey nods

LACEY
I Am.

Cassie sighs

CASSIE
I can't FUCKING sleep, Lacey. Not
when this fucker is tormenting us.
Once he's dead, I will gladly take
your advice but for now, back the
fuck off and let me figure this
shit out.

Cassie grabs her bag and storms out of the room, brushing
past Lacey, she rubs her eyes as it

CUT TO:

INT. SPRINGWOOD MEDICAL - CLARK'S ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Clark, now wearing his clothes from the previous night, is
sitting on the chair, fixing his shoes when BUCK walks into
the room

BUCK
Oh thank god, you're alright..

Clark stands up, looking at his father as he shakes his head

CLARK
No dad, I'm pretty fucking far from
all right.

Buck looks at him up and down, visibly confused

BUCK
What do ya mean, son? There's no
broken bones..

CLARK
I TOTALLED my car, dad and you
didn't even know I was here until I
called you..

BUCK

I was working late, Clark. I didn't have my phone on me and I didn't make it to the house until five in the morning--

CLARK

Of course.

Clark pushes past Buck, he sighs as he follows before it

CUT TO:

INT. SPRINGWOOD HIGH - COACH WILSON'S OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

We see Tommy enter the office where **COACH WILSON**, a man in his mid 50s wearing the normal gym attire with a hat on, he looks at Tommy

COACH WILSON

Tommy, what can I do for ya?

TOMMY

Hey Coach, I uh.. was wondering if I could borrow the key to the gymnasium tonight?

Coach Wilson thinks, he looks at him

COACH WILSON

What for?

Tommy scratches his head, he thinks

TOMMY

I uh.. have just been wanting to catch up.. with everything that's been going on, I could use the distraction..

Coach Wilson thinks, he nods as he takes a key off of his shorts, he tosses it to Tommy and he catches it

COACH WILSON

Have it back to me tomorrow morning..

Tommy nods

TOMMY

Thank you, Coach..

Coach Wilson nods as Tommy walks out of the room, he sits back as it

CUT TO:

INT. SPRINGWOOD HIGH - HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

Cassie is sorting her locker when Tommy walks up, she looks at him

CASSIE
You got it?

Tommy nods as he jingles the key, she nods as she shuts her locker, Tommy looks at her

TOMMY
What's wrong?

Cassie looks at him, she shrugs

CASSIE
My sister. She's been on my ass since I got home and noticed that I didn't sleep last night.. again.

Tommy nods as they start walking down the hall, he scratches his head

TOMMY (JOKINGLY)
I don't know how you're still functioning..

Cassie looks at him in a "seriously?" Manner, he nods

TOMMY (CONT'D)
Sorry, where's Pete?

Cassie shrugs

CASSIE
He wasn't in homeroom?

Tommy shakes his head as it

CUT TO:

INT. SPRINGWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY - STUDY AREA - MOMENTS LATER

We see Pete, sitting at a table with a stack of books, all being dream related, he's reading a book with the front reading "Dreamscape", he sighs

PETE (UNDER BREATH)
Nothing on dream demons..

He continues reading as Jesse walks up, tapping on the table,
he looks up at him

JESSE
You aren't going to get anywhere
reading that, ya know.

Pete nods as he closes the book, Jesse sits across from him
and they look at each other

PETE
How'd you find me?

JESSE
Followed your car, figured you were
going to come here for answers..

Pete nods as he sighs, he sits back

PETE
Why did Freddy come after you last
night?

Jesse shrugs

JESSE
Me and him kind of ran into each
other before. He's the reason why I
spent most of my life in a psych
ward..

PETE
What happened?

Jesse looks at him, he thinks

JESSE
It's uh.. a bit complicated but
let's just say that my girlfriend
had to burn me alive in order to
kill him..

Pete nods as he thinks

PETE
So, why help us? You don't even
know us..

Jesse nods

JESSE
True, but I know what its like to
sound crazy and wanting someone to
believe you..

Pete nods as he gets up

PETE
You got a ride?

Jesse shakes his head

JESSE
I took a taxi..

Pete nods, Jesse gets up

PETE
You're welcome to uh.. come with me
and I can drop you off..

Jesse nods

JESSE
Sounds good.. I just don't have
money..

Pete shakes his head

PETE
Don't worry about it..

Pete walks towards the exit as Jesse follows before it

CUT TO:

INT. SPRINGWOOD SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - WALTER'S OFFICE -
MOMENTS LATER

WALTER is wearing his glasses, sorting through papers when he
sees Lacey at the door through the window, she waves and he
signals for her to come in, she shuts the door

LACEY
Did I catch you at a bad time?

Walter shakes his head as he takes his glasses off and puts
them on his desk

WALTER
Uh, no. What can I do for you, Ms.
Hannigan?

Lacey sighs as she sits down, she throws her hands up in frustration

LACEY

I don't fucking know what I'm doing wrong..

Walter is taken aback by this but looks at her

WALTER

What's been going on?

Lacey sighs as she sits back

LACEY

Cassie is all over the place, sheriff. She's not sleeping and she stormed out of the house last night in the pouring rain and came back with bags under her eyes and dodging my questions..

Walter nods as he thinks

WALTER

What exactly happened that made her storm off?

Lacey chuckles as she sits up, resting her arms on her knees

LACEY

You wouldn't believe me..

Walter shrugs

WALTER

Try me..

Lacey looks at him, she nods

LACEY

Cassie has a working theory that.. there's a guy that's in people's dreams and.. he kills them which kills them in the real world..

Walter looks shocked as Lacey looks at him

WALTER

How did she discover this?

Lacey shrugs

LACEY

No idea, but.. I believe her..

Walter nods, his face showing a bit of disbelief as lacey sighs

LACEY (CONT'D)

I know how it sounds but I've seen this guy in my dreams too..

Walter nods

WALTER

I can't do anything with this information, Ms. Hannigan..

LACEY

Why not? Can't you issue prescriptions for anti dream meds or something?

Walter shakes his head

WALTER

I can't..

Lacey nods as she thinks, she takes a deep breath before looking at Walter

LACEY

There has to be something I can do to help Cassie because I'm scared she's going to get herself killed and I.. I wouldn't be able to live with myself..

Walter nods, Lacey sits back as he thinks

WALTER

I'm not trying to overstep but.. what was your mother like?

Lacey shrugs

LACEY

She was my favorite person in the world.. seemed so happy around us and was supportive through high school.. but after I turned 18 and graduated.. she just gave up.. and I knew something was bothering her because she looked like she saw a ghost the night before she..

Lacey stops, Walter looks intrigued

WALTER
Before she what, Ms. Hannigan?

Lacey shakes her head, she gets up

LACEY
Nothing.. sorry to bother you,
sheriff..

Lacey goes out of the room, Walter stands up

WALTER
Ms. Hannigan..

He sighs, scratching his beard before it

CUT TO:

EXT. MOTEL - PARKING LOT - MOMENTS LATER

Pete pulls into a parking spot as Jesse looks out the window,
he looks at Pete

JESSE
I appreciate the ride, Pete..

Pete nods

PETE
No problem..

Jesse nods as he gets out of the car, Pete thinks

PETE (CONT'D)
Hey Jesse?

Jesse looks through the window

JESSE
Yeah?

Pete grabs a pen and a sticky note from his dashboard, he
writes something and hands it to Jesse, he grabs it, seeing
that it's his number, they look at each other

PETE
Before you go to sleep, call me..

Jesse nods

JESSE
Thanks, Pete..

Pete nods

PETE
No problem, see you in dreamland..

Jesse chuckles as he walks towards his room, Pete backs out as it

CUT TO:

INT. WALLACE RESIDENCE - CLARK'S ROOM - EVENING

Clark is watching TV on his bed as a knock is heard on the door, he looks at it

CLARK
Come in..

The door opens and it's Buck, he smiles

BUCK
I uh.. just wanted to check on you
before I went to--

Clark nods

CLARK
I got it, dad. Thanks.

Buck nods as he thinks, he sighs

BUCK
Clark, I am sorry about not being
there..

Clark shrugs

CLARK
It's fine..

BUCK
Then why are you pissy, man?

Clark looks at him, he sighs

CLARK

You were such a dick to me the other night over baseball and the moment I'm in the hospital, you try to be the "supportive dad" despite the fact that you're just going to go back to critiquing every little fucking thing I do..

Buck looks surprised as he thinks, Clark looks at him

BUCK

Clark, I'm--

CLARK

Please.. just get out, dad..

Buck nods as he closes the door, Clark tears up and rubs his head as it

CUT TO:

INT. SPRINGWOOD SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - FILE ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Walter walks towards the file room where **STELLA**, a woman in her 50s, wearing a long sleeved shirt with black pants, is sitting at a desk in a gated area. She looks at him

STELLA

Sheriff, what can I do for you tonight?

Walter smiles

WALTER

Hey Stella, I was wondering if there's a case with the label "Hannigan".

Stella looks confused

STELLA

Hannigan? Why're you looking into that?

Walter thinks, he shrugs

WALTER

Just helping out a friend.. and I could use the refresher..

Stella nods as she rolls further into the room, Walter looks around before Stella comes back, holding two files, she puts them on the desk and slides them towards Walter

STELLA
These are the only two files
labeled Hannigan, sheriff..

Walter nods as he picks them up, reading the names

"HANNIGAN, JOHN. 2008"

"HANNIGAN, LINDSAY. 2023"

Walter looks at Stella

WALTER
Thank you, Stella..

Stella nods

STELLA
No worries..

Walter leaves as it

CUT TO:

INT. SPRINGWOOD HIGH - GYMNASIUM - NIGHT

Cassie and Tommy come into the gymnasium, it's mostly dark as the duo close the door and shine their flashlights.

Tommy walks over to the pile of mats and pulls one out, Cassie sees a bat display and walks over to it, she grabs the metal one and walks back over to Tommy, he looks at her

TOMMY
It's ready..

Cassie nods as she hands him the bat, she lays down on the mat and sighs, she looks at Tommy

CASSIE
Hey Tommy?

TOMMY
Yeah?

CASSIE
Promise me one thing?

Tommy nods

TOMMY

Shoot..

CASSIE

Aim for the head..

Tommy nods as he pulls his phone out, texting Clark and Pete as Cassie starts to doze off, her eyes close as we go to

INT. WALLACE RESIDENCE - CLARK'S ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Clark is on his bed, he sets his phone down and closes his eyes as we go to

INT. REYNOLDS RESIDENCE - PETE'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Where Pete is looking at his ceiling, dozing off as his phone is dialing a number as we go to

INT. MOTEL - JESSE'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Where Jesse's already asleep, his telephone off of the stand, he feels a touch and turns around to find Pete, he sits up

JESSE

So where to?

PETE

Clark should be at his room, lets go..

Jesse nods as he gets up before it

CUT TO:

INT. SPRINGWOOD SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - WALTER'S OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

Walter is sitting at his desk, leaning back in his chair reading John's file, there's a big red "UNSOLVED" stamp on the paper

WALTER (UNDER HIS BREATH)

Hannigan was last seen at Mike's tavern two hours before he disappeared, his car was found abandoned in the middle of the road..

Walter, with a flicker of intrigue, sits up

WALTER (CONT'D)

There was nothing but ash in the front seat and on the road by the vehicle but no sign of the body..

Walter takes his glasses off in disbelief, he thinks

WALTER (CONT'D)

What the hell happened to you that night?

Walter closes the file and moves on to Lindsay, he puts his glasses back on and reads her autopsy report

WALTER (MUMBLING) (CONT'D)

Victim was declared dead at the scene after forensics found two deep incisions on both arms.. there was no weapon found at the scene..

Walter flips the page and reads the witness report, looking shocked

WALTER (CONT'D)

The victim was found by her daughter, who claims to have witnessed her mother's suicide but wouldn't elaborate further..

Walter takes off his glasses in shock, he thinks as it

CUT TO:

INT. HANNIGAN RESIDENCE - LIVING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Lacey is sitting on the couch, watching TV as a knock on the door is heard. Lacey flicks the TV off and walks towards the

INT. HANNIGAN RESIDENCE - FOYER - CONTINUOUS

Where she sees Walter in the window, she opens the door and sees him holding the files

WALTER

Sorry that I'm here late but I really need to talk to you..

LACEY (CONFUSED)

Sheriff? What're you--

WALTER

I need you to tell me everything
you saw the night of your mom's
murder..

Lacey looks surprised, we close in on her reaction before it
SMASHES TO BLACK