

SEVEN NIGHTS

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ACT I:

We open up after the production companies are mentioned and the words Ethan Janac Presents. We are inside of some sort of medical room where we see the Seven people getting treated on tables. There are a bunch of quick cuts to mimic the quickpace energy between the medical staff. A clock's tick starts ticking. We see the Seven in some sort of weird white cloth, and we overhear chatter between the doctors and nurses. One of them says bring in their clothes.

Then we get a close up of one needle, being injected in the skin, but we don't know whose it is. Then we watch as they are put into their clothes, and then moved onto moving tables, and then separated. Each is placed by a tray built inside the wall. The trays start to be pushed in the wall. This is the Seven being put into the environment. Each tray is pushed in fully on beat with the clock ticking, and it continues until the last one, where the doctors are standing and leaving the tray but it is complete silence, and then the words Seven Nights appear on screen. The ticking continues and starts to slow down.

Then we cut to black, and see one of the trays, carrying Melanie rising up, with lights going past the tray, until a hatch door opens up, and the platform which she is on is above ground. We stay there for a while, changing to different views of the other people, and then cut back to Melaine as she wakes up. She gets up, and starts to walk, slowly, and struggling. She nearly falls.

MELANIE:

"Damn it!"

She gets up and continues walking. We cut to different shots of the area in which they are trapped. It seems to be outside, with some wooded areas, and a creek. We get views of the landscape and buildings next to the characters as they all start to move.

We see Luke approach one of the houses, built similarly to an 1800s farmhouse, medium size and of good quality. He turns and looks around.

LUKE:

"I better be dreaming or I swear..."

We continue these shots, until we get to Ethan, as we get a closer view of him running up to a tree, looking upward towards the houses.

ETHAN:

"A town?"

Then he sees movement near the houses, and he is startled. He looks again.

ETHAN:

"I'm not the only one..."

JORDYN:

"You're right."

ETHAN:

"HOLY SHIT!"

We see Jordyn, walking behind him from the trees. He seems calm and collected, standing straight up and looking at both Ethan and the far houses.

ETHAN:

"Who are you, and why..."

JORDYN:

"Don't even try asking questions, because you won't get any answers."

ETHAN:

"You didn't even let me finish."

JORDYN:

"I don't have a damn clue."

ETHAN:

"Great! (Pause) Now what the hell were you doing sneaking up on me like that?"

JORDYN:

"I wasn't trying to, I simply overheard you while I was walking by. You aren't exactly quiet out here."

We look back towards the houses, where we see three people interacting with each other. Ethan turns back to Jordyn.

ETHAN:

"I count three more up by those houses. (Pause, Ethan turns to Jordyn) Do you know those people?"

JORDYN:

(Sarcastically) "Yes, they just so happen to be my friends and we kidnapped you during the night. NO I don't fucking know them, I already TOLD YOU I DON'T KNOW SHIT. The only thing I can tell you for certain is that my name is Jordyn."

ETHAN:

"OK... Jordyn, my name is Ethan, and I'd appreciate it if you weren't so snarky."

JORDYN:

"Yeah, well I'd appreciate it if you stopped asking stupid fucking questions."

ETHAN:

Sigh "Noted..." (Quietly) "Asshole."

We get another look at the house. Two of the people walk away together, and the last one stays, looking towards Ethan and Jordyn, but they don't see them.

ETHAN:

"Come on, let's go talk with them."

Jordyn turns mildly shocked.

JORDYN:

"Alright, captain."

ETHAN:

"I'm just saying we need to find out who they are. Maybe they know something. They probably know more

than you."

JORDYN:

"Even if they did, what makes you think they'd help us?"

Ethan fully turns his back towards the houses, and stands with a straighter posture.

ETHAN:

"They're probably just as confused as..."

JORDYN:

"And look! Let's get one thing straight, I take orders from one person, me! Why the hell do you assume I'd listen to you."

ETHAN:

"I was just trying to find out who they are."

JORDYN:

"WHO CARES. THEY'D PROBABLY TRY TO KILL OR WORSE. IT'S BETTER WE STAY HERE."

ETHAN:

"WHAT THE HELL IS YOUR PROBLEM?"

Jordyn becomes more calm.

JORDYN:

"My problem is being stuck with you and whoever the fuck they are. I'm not dealing with it."

ETHAN:

"Hey, wiseguy, wouldn't it make sense if..."

Jordyn notices a quiet sound of leaves.

JORDYN:

"It'd make sense if you shut up."

ETHAN:

"Oh yeah, WHY?"

Jordyn points over beside him near some trees. We hear noise in the bushes, as someone is approaching. We see Yarezty appear looking terrified at both of them. Jordyn glares. Ethan starts to calm down. Yarezty is breathing a little heavily, and backs into a tree, she looks over at Jordyn, then Ethan.

ETHAN:

whispers "Oh my god*

Regularly "Are you alright?"

Ethan approaches her, and she starts moving away. Ethan notices a little bit of blood on her arm. He is about to say something, but she starts first

YAREZTY:

"Please, please, don't hurt me."

Ethan looks at Jordyn and then to her.

ETHAN:

"We won't, I promise."

JORDYN:

"Depends, don't give us a reason to hurt you."

ETHAN:

"Shut up!"

Yarezty is more scared, and she stops looking at Jordyn entirely.

YAREZTY:

"I, I... Won't hurt you, but please don't hurt me."

ETHAN:

"What makes you think we'd do something like that?"

Yarezty grabs her arm, then looks back at Jordyn, and somewhat stares at him. Ethan sees her arm then looks sharply towards Jordyn.

ETHAN:

"Who? HIM?"

JORDYN:

"I've never seen her before."

YAREZTY:

"No, someone else, right after we, woke up. He grabbed some stones and threw them at me. I was (pause) able to outrun him."

ETHAN:

"How long ago?"

YAREZTY:

"I can't really remember, it all felt so fast, maybe twenty minutes."

Ethan moves towards her, and examines her arm.

ETHAN:

"Well, you'll be safe with us. The names Ethan, and that S.O.B is Jordyn."

JORDYN:

(Flips Ethan Off)

ETHAN:

"And you are..."

Yarezty:

"Yarezty."

ETHAN:

"Well Yarezty, we were about to head towards those houses, maybe there is someone that can help you."

YAREZTY:

"NO! NO! What if he's there."

ETHAN:

"I..."

Jordyn cuts him off

JORDYN:

"Relax, there are only women up there. I can tell from here."

ETHAN:

"He's right. I only saw girls up there, at least I think I did."

JORDYN:

"Yeah, well good luck with that, I'm going back to where I woke up."

Jordyn proceeds to walk away towards the trees. Ethan turns to him.

ETHAN:

"Wait Jor..."

JORDYN:

"Don't even think about it."

Jordyn disappears, Ethan turns back to Yarezty.

ETHAN:

"Sigh, I hope he finds his way. Here, let me help you up, I promise I won't let anyone harm you."

Yarezty looks up at him. She ponders, then starts getting up a little. Ethan helps her to her feet.

YAREZTY:

"Alright, I just hope those people are as friendly as you are."

ETHAN:

"Me too."

We cut to them walking up to the houses, first going towards a dirt pathway leading to the houses. We cut to a side view of them walking. Then we see a shot from the perspective of the area right by the houses, where we see Luke, sitting by one of the doors. He is looking off to the distance, then turns his head and sees Ethan and Yarezty walking. He is frightened.

LUKE:

"Shit! GUYS, GUYS, there's more people here."

Luke takes off running towards the direction the two people Ethan had seen earlier were walking to.

YAREZTY:

"I thought yall said there were only women here."

ETHAN:

"Guess Jordyn was wrong."

YAREZTY:

"You said it too."

ETHAN:

"I did only see women, HEY WAIT!"

They start lightly running where Luke went, and then we see Luke, Olivia, and Melanie inside a house. Ethan and Yarezty are at the doorway. The three inside are carrying things they plan to use to attack them.

ETHAN:

"Hey, woah woah, calm down, I..."

MELANIE:

"Stay back! We don't know who the fuck you are."

LUKE:

"WHY do we have to do this again!"

Ethan and Yarezty move back a little, and we get some close up shots of the three indoors and then the two by the doorway. Yarezty is a little closer to Ethan now.

ETHAN:

"If you could please, lower those down..."

OLIVIA:

"Luke, what were they up to?"

LUKE:

"That bastard was sneaking up on me and..."

ETHAN:

"Sneaking? Who do you think I am, the boogeyman?"

YAREZTY:

"Neither of us meant to frighten anyone, I..."

MELANIE:

"And we should just expect you to come in and not try and pull any strings?"

LUKE:

"I'm worried enough as it is being in this God forsaken place, I don't need you two..."

Ethan and Yarezty talk at the same time.

ETHAN:

Eyes widen "We haven't got to explain ourselves!"

Yarezty raises her arm and grunts.

YAREZTY:

Angerly "I'm fucking bleeding and..."

Ethan is mildly shocked about Yarezty swearing. Olivia who has been puzzled and in the darker part of the house the whole time moves towards the door closer, Melanie and Luke quickly turn to her.

OLIVIA:

"Ethan?"

ETHAN:

"Uh yeah, how'd you know my... Olivia?"

Olivia sets the chair she's been holding and runs up to Ethan. He walks up, and the two hug. The others are looking confused. A tiny tear rolls down his face.

ETHAN:

"What are the odds?"

OLIVIA:

"Where did you wake up?"

Ethan points in the direction he came from.

ETHAN:

"Somewhere over there. I've been awake for probably a half hour now. You don't know how great it is to see a familiar face."

OLIVIA:

"Trust me, I know. Sorry about what just happened, these two are the warmest folk around."

ETHAN:

"Thanks, I could tell."

Ethan gives a little glare to them, who are still standing confused and in awe.

OLIVIA:

"Do you have any idea what could be going on? None of us know what... "

MELANIE:

"Olivia, what are you doing?"

OLIVIA:

"Put those down you two, he's my friend."

ETHAN:

"We know each other from High School, and we happen to..."

Melanie squints her eyes.

MELANIE:

"That doesn't mean anything for us. So what, YOU recognize him? When is the last time you've seen each other, he could've..."

OLIVIA:

"It wasn't long ago, I can't remember. And if you're worried about him trying any funny business don't be. He's too good for it. Besides, I'd be the one to kill him if he did."

Ethan lightly chuckles.

ETHAN:

"Yeah, she would."

Luke, who has still been waiting to attack, speaks up.

LUKE:

"Not before I kill you first, give me one reason..."

OLIVIA:

"THAT'S ENOUGH LUKE! PUT THAT SHIT DOWN!"

Both Luke and Melanie drop their things on the ground, Luke looks shocked yet still suspicious of Ethan in particular.

MELANIE:

"Alright, but you have to look at our perspective. WE didn't know any better, it's only natural for us to assume the worst."

LUKE:

"Yeah, we weren't exactly the best of friends when we first ran into each other."

Olivia looks at both of them and then turns to Ethan and Yarezty.

OLIVIA:

"We were in a similar altercation earlier, not long after we woke up. Judging by the time, I'd say we've been up a half hour longer than you."

Ethan begins to ponder for a bit, continuing to look up at the others, as they make their way closer to the door. Olivia notices Yarezty.

OLIVIA:

"Who's your friend?"

YAREZTY:

(Quietly) "Yarezty."

ETHAN:

"We met over by the trees. She's the reason we came up here."

LUKE:

"The blood on her arm?"

ETHAN:

"Yes... exactly. She was attacked by someone else near where she woke up."

MELANIE:

"So there IS another random person roaming out there."

YAREZTY:

"There's two."

It gets really quiet, as we look around the room with the characters. Then Olivia breaks the silence.

OLIVIA:

"Did you run into these people?"

Yarezty turns to Ethan.

ETHAN:

"Before Yarezty found me, there was a guy who I met in the woods, a real pain in the ass named Jordyn. He'd left, and thought yall would try and kill us, and I guess he wasn't wrong entirely. As for the other one... I mean, look at her arm."

Ethan points to her arm.

YAREZTY:

"Is there anything you could do to help?"

Olivia looks at the arm, then turns around.

OLIVIA:

"I could probably use some of these tablecloths and use them as a makeshift bandage."

Yarezty looks at her gratefully, and then gives Olivia a hug. Olivia is a little caught off guard.

YAREZTY:

"Thank you."

OLIVIA:

"Uh, you're welcome, sorry you just caught me off guard."

We look at Melanie. She turns to Luke and whispers.

MELANIE:

"How do we know someone actually attacked her. HE could've done it."

Cut back to Ethan, watching as Olivia is tending to Yarezty. We then see everyone outside, walking towards the center around the houses. Olivia is leading them, with Ethan and Yarezty behind her, and Melanie and Luke behind them.

ETHAN:

"So, have you found anything that would help us find out where we are?"

LUKE:

"See the other entrance to the houses. There is a sign over there that says Melas Town-31."

ETHAN:

"31? So is there more than one town?"

OLIVIA:

"We don't think so, judging by the distances we travelled when we woke up by the wall, this area is relatively small."

ETHAN:

"Oh."

MELANIE:

"That's not the only strange thing, look ahead."

We get a shot of a tower-like structure, made of wood, and around it are seven evenly spaced out circles, with enough room for someone to stand on them.

YAREZTY:

"Wow, it looks like..."

ETHAN:

"A bond fire."

The five stand around it, admiring it.

OLIVIA:

"Before Luke called us to know you were here, me and Melanie went by this... structure. We didn't get this close because we had checked the other houses."

LUKE:

"You said there were two others out there, right?"

YAREZTY:

"Yes there were."

LUKE:

"I wasn't asking you."

ETHAN:

"Hey!"

OLIVIA:

"It doesn't matter who you were talking to Luke, what's your point?"

LUKE:

"Look at the circles. There are five of us here and two others wondering, and I count seven circles."

YAREZTY:

"What happens if you stand on them?"

MELANIE:

"Why don't YOU go ahead and find out."

OLIVIA:

"Wait, we don't know if it's a trap or not."

MELANIE:

"Okay, then riddle me with this. Why would whoever the hell captured us want us to explode when we stepped on those things?"

ETHAN:

"I'LL go and stand on it."

Yarezty and Olivia both turn to him, as Melanie has a small grin. Luke looks emotionless. Ethan walks over to one of the circles, takes a deep breath, and stands on the circle. It turns green, and a computerized voice plays from a speaker from the circle itself.

COMPUTER:

"One out of Seven standing. Six more are required for needed information."

Ethan turns to them, and they all are now looking at each other.

OLIVIA:

"Finally some peace and quiet. Now we can actually try..."

LUKE:

"I am not so sure about peace."

OLIVIA:

"WE CAN ACTUALLY TRY to work together, and see if there is any way out of this place."

It goes quiet again, and we get closer shots of Ethan and the group, and then Yarezty who is looking more scared. Ethan breaks the silence.

ETHAN:

Sigh "I'll go back and try to find Jordyn. He couldn't have been too far from..."

Yarezty screams.

YAREZTY:

"THAT'S HIM!"

We cut to see a person walking past one of the houses. He turns and looks at the group, before starting to run. By this time it is getting dark. Ethan and Luke give chase, as Olivia and the girls follow them.

We get a chase scene, where we get cuts back and forth to Gabe and Ethan and Luke.

ETHAN:

"WAIT! WE NEED YOU!"

GABE:

"GET THE FUCK AWAY!"

LUKE:

"YOU'RE MAKING THIS WORSE FOR YOURSELF!"

GABE:

"NO, I'M TRYING TO SAVE MYSELF."

LUKE:

"Dumbass."

Gabe turns the corner of one of the houses, and trips up from turning too hard. Ethan and Luke catch up to him and grab him up. Olivia and the other two make their way from the other side. Ethan and Luke hold him to a wall.

ETHAN:

"Alright, you have some explaining to do! Why did you attack Yarezty?"

GABE:

"ARE YOU FUCKING STUPID! Why wouldn't I attack her? A guy wakes up and winds up God knows where and sees another person, YEAH I'M GOING TO DEFEND MYSELF!"

ETHAN:

"Look at her. Do you think she'd do anything to you?"

GABE:

"YOU weren't there so how would you know?"

ETHAN:

"She was terrified when she found us!"

LUKE:

"What if he's telling the truth, huh Mr Kingpin. Then what?"

ETHAN:

"Luke, what logical reason could she have to..."

GABE:

"SAME REASON AS ME!"

YAREZTY:

"What gives you the right to, THROW ROCKS AT ME
OUT OF NOWHERE!"

ETHAN:

"You're the one we shouldn't trust."

GABE:

"OH YOU TRUST HER BUT NOT ME HUH. THAT BITCH IS
LYING, SHE'S..."

Olivia punches Gabe in the face, knocking him out, and causing his nose to bleed. Luke jumps back away and drops him, Ethan is still holding on. He is staring at Gabe before turning to Olivia.

ETHAN:

"What the hell Olivia?"

OLIVIA:

"I'm not going to tolerate that kind of behavior,
and neither should you."

YAREZTY:

"Are you defending him?"

ETHAN:

"NO! But at the same time I find it very
hypocritical that..."

OLIVIA:

"What!?"

ETHAN:

"WHY worsen our odds of making progress, YOU just said that we needed to work together."

OLIVIA:

"Yeah, and he wasn't cooperating."

ETHAN:

"We STILL need him, Olivia, and now he's..."

LUKE:

"Still breathing, she just knocked him out pretty good."

ETHAN:

"From now on no one is going to harm anyone."

MELANIE:

"I still find it quite odd that she was the only one to have seen his guy."

YAREZTY:

"HEY!"

MELANIE:

"It's just a simple observation, sheesh."

LUKE:

"Here's another observation, *turns to Ethan* Why do you feel that YOU are leading US."

ETHAN:

"BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY ONE NOT GOING AFTER SOMEONE'S DAMN THROAT! You sound like Jordyn!"

Luke is about to talk but Olivia cuts him off.

OLIVIA:

"Speaking of, we aren't going to get anywhere without him. You said you knew where he went?"

Ethan nods.

OLIVIA:

"Good. Go and convince him to get over here, and take some time to calm down. THAT goes for everybody, not just Ethan, am I clear?"

Everyone nods.

MELANIE:

"Loud and clear."

OLIVIA:

"Luke, see if you can find something to tie our guess up with, I don't want him to think he can run away from us."

LUKE:

"As long as I'm alone."

OLIVIA:

"Why?"

LUKE:

"I remember why people piss me off."

Ethan begins jogging towards the trees where Jordyn was last seen. Luke heads towards one of the houses, and the girls stick together. We get some nature shots of the scenery, before cutting to Ethan during the early sun set.

Ethan is walking out of the woods, looking back as he notices animals within the woods itself. He doesn't have a light source so he is moving quickly towards the wall. He stops at the base of it.

ETHAN:

"What kind of monster locks seven teenagers against their will?"

He continues looking at the wall, before turning to the sun, and then walking alongside the wall. He keeps going, until he sees a silhouette of a man sitting on what appeared to be a tray station. Ethan starts running towards him. He gets there, breathing a little heavy, as Jordyn does not even budge.

ETHAN:

"Long time, no see..."

JORDYN:

"What do you want?"

Ethan looks at him, his face reflecting sorrow and pity for Jordyn.

ETHAN:

"You don't care if you die or not, do you."

Jordyn looks up at him, and says.

JORDYN:

"Thank you, Mr Holmes."

A pause.

ETHAN:

"Look, I don't want to be here just as much as you do."

JORDYN:

"Congratulations, we finally agree on something."

ETHAN:

"But you're not going to get anywhere if you just sit here and let yourself rot."

Jordyn doesn't say anything.

ETHAN:

"We found something in the town. It's a giant bonfire of some sort, and there are seven circular buttons around it. All seven of us need to be there so we can find out what's going on. *pause* You need to be there."

Ethan stares at him waiting. He doesn't say anything. Ethan turns away and says.

ETHAN:

"Have it your way, but know this. The blood of six innocent people will be on your hands by the end of this."

Ethan starts walking. Then he hears something. Jordyn stands up and follows him. Ethan takes a brief pause.

ETHAN:

"The town is this way, we don't have much daylight."

We cut to the town. Gabe is now awake and he is laying down against the wall of one of the houses on the front porch. Olivia is standing next to him, watching him. Melanie and Luke are on opposite sides of the town, looking towards the entrances. Yarezty is laying down under one of the trees next to the bonfire and circles. Ethan and Jordyn approach Melanie. The two have mild scarring from tree twigs and vines.

MELANIE:

"Finally, it took you long enough."

ETHAN:

"Melanie, it's dark out, of course it took longer to get back here."

MELANIE:

"You should've taken a flashlight."

ETHAN:

"I left before you even..."

MELANIE:

"HEY! EVERYONE! HE BACK AND HE BROUGHT JORDYN."

Jordyn breaks silence and whispers.

JORDYN:

"What a ray of sunshine, now you know partially why I wanted to stay."

ETHAN:

"I understand... but we can't afford to be alone."

Olivia and Yarezty already have made it to a bonfire. Ethan, Jordyn, and Melanie are approaching it. We get cuts between the two groups, then to Luke as we hear.

OLIVIA:

"Hey Luke! Grab Gabe and bring him over."

Luke stops and looks at Gabe then sighs. He approaches him and Gabe starts to shimmy.

LUKE:

"For the love of God don't make this any weirder than it is."

GABE:

"You're the one grabbing me."

Luke carries him over his shoulders and heads towards the bonfire.

LUKE:

"Well maybe if you didn't try running away..."

Luke begins to fade off as we look over at the rest of the group. We cut to Olivia who is looking at Jordyn for the first time. Then to Jordyn, he is facing the nearest circle on the ground. Then Yarezty who is tense at the moment. Luke drops Gabe to the ground. Thud*

GABE:

"OW, God damn it!"

Luke ignores him. He walks by near Melanie.

It's quiet.

ETHAN:

"So oh, this is Jordyn and he was..."

Jordyn cuts him off by simply standing on the circle.

COMPUTER:

"One out of Seven standing. Six more are required for needed information."

JORDYN:

"Would you look at that, you were telling the truth captain."

Luke, and Melanie both glare towards Ethan. Olivia turns to Jordyn.

OLIVIA:

"What made you finally show yourself, Jordyn?"

JORDYN:

"Are you guys just going to stall, because if so I'll gladly go back and..."

ETHAN and YAREZTY:

"NO."

They turn and look at one another.

ETHAN:

"No, that won't be necessary. Everyone, would you please stand on the closest circle."

Yarezty quickly stands on hers, followed by Olivia, then Luke and Melanie. Gabe rolls over to his circle, before finally Ethan stands on his. The computer is resetting every time someone stands on the circle. All of them are standing and a loud ding sound plays. Then suddenly the wooden structure is set aflamed, scaring everyone except Luke and Jordyn. Yarezty almost runs off her circle. The computer starts to speak. The camera moves from the burning fire and goes around to everyone's face.

COMPUTER:

"All seven required are now present. Welcome to Melas Town-31. We are not allowed to clarify why you are here, nor are we allowed to give you the identity of those who brought you. However we are entitled to give you the following information. Over the past decade, the world's top biologists have created a formula, which gives the human body a second form. This form is stronger, more powerful than most humans, though it is highly dangerous. Through trial and error, we've managed

to be able to control when this form takes place, via chemical reactions that gradually build up over time, until the final reaction triggers the individual transform. One of you will turn into this second form by the end of the week. It is the job of all subjects to figure out which one of you is the carrier. You have seven nights to achieve this goal. We must warn you, that this second form will closely resemble, for lack of a better term, a monster. It will behave violently, and if you fail, we are afraid that some of you will perish. Good luck."*beep*

Everyone is in silence, as the fire burns during the night sky. Everyone is looking at each other, even Jordyn, though barely moving his eyes. Yarezty is almost to tears, and Gabe is trying to roll away. Melanie is absolutely shocked and looks angrily at Jordyn. Olivia is processing everything, so is Ethan, who had all of his hopes wiped away.

ETHAN:

"That's... it?"

LUKE:

"What the fuck was that?"

Jordyn turns to Ethan.

JORDYN:

"So much for that helping us out."

YARZETY:

quietly "It's all going to be gone... it's all going to be erased. I can't be a monster, can I."

MELANIE:

"YES, you can. As for you *points to Jordyn* if your bum ass wasn't sitting around pouting about whatever, then we could've found this out sooner. Now we've completely wasted a day that could've been spent finding out the carrier."

JORDYN:

"And I was supposed to be urgent because why?"

MELANIE:

"BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT the only person here asshole."

GABE:

"Maybe if you'd stop arguing yall could..."

LUKE:

"I don't want to hear it from the one person who's already attacked one of us."

Luke, Jordyn, Melanie, and Gabe go back and forth. Yarezty starts to cry and Olivia runs over to comfort her. Ethan grows tired of the loudness.

ETHAN:

"HEY!"

The four go silent, Yarezty jumps a little as Olivia is by her, looking at Ethan.

ETHAN:

"Let's get this out the way, we now know why the hell we are here. Six nights is more than enough time to uncover the creature. The recording DID NOT say we had to harm one another or tear ourselves apart to achieve that. I'm looking at you three *pointing at Gabe, Luke, Melanie.* It's late, and we can't think straight if we can't get some rest. There's what, five houses, which some of you will have to bunk up. I say Olivia and Yarezty, and Gabe and Jordyn. The rest of us are on our own."

Melanie is about to talk, with Luke at her side, but then Olivia goes...

OLIVIA:

"Melanie. Don't."

She backs off.

ETHAN:

"Alright. Luke, go untie Gabe. We will meet back here tomorrow as soon as the sun rises."

Yarezty who has stopped crying at this point, and Olivia are the only ones who nod. The rest simply go towards a house. Luke unties Gabe, and Gabe quickly gets away from him. We get a wide shot of the fire, before cutting back to Ethan.

ETHAN:

"This is going to be a long week."

We cut back to the wide shot of the fire, seeing Ethan walk off to a house.

END ACT I

ACT II:

We cut to the sun rising, over the wall. Then we get shots from the woods as animals are appearing, before resting on the houses. We cut to Luke sleeping pretty sound, then to Gabe and Jordyn, and Jordyn looks sweaty and very uncomfortable. Olivia seems to be sleeping normally, but Yarezty rolls over and stares at her. Melanie is also sleeping normally, too normally. We cut to a table, which has what appears to be a sort of care package, with the camera moving over to reveal a kitchen area. Then we see Ethan, already awake, looking towards the bonfire. It had burned out, but we watched him see a circular wall rise up around it. After a while we hear some mechanical noise from the distance, and as the wall is being lowered, we see a new, fresh bonfire. Ethan sighs.

We then cut to Ethan walking towards the new bonfire. He stands by it looking at it. Behind him we hear footsteps. Ethan turns suddenly, only to see its Yarezty.

YAREZTY:

"Olivia is coming, we woke up around the same time."

ETHAN:

"Ok, good."

The two look at the bonfire, and then at the sun.

ETHAN:

"Were you able to sleep any?"

YAREZTY:

"No, not really. I couldn't keep my eyes shut. Even though Olivia seems... trustworthy, I just wanted to be prepared if... if..."

ETHAN:

"I understand, but I wouldn't worry too much about her. She's my friend, I know her."

YAREZTY:

"But I don't. No one knows the truth, and she might very well be..."

She doesn't finish her sentence.

YAREZTY:

"There has got to be some way to differentiate each other. Maybe whoever trapped us here left some clue."

ETHAN:

"I sure hope so."

He turns to Yarezty.

ETHAN:

"Even if I end up being this... thing, I want you to know that until that time creeps by, you have my support. Olivia as well."

A brief smile appears on her face. She walks up and hugs him.

YAREZTY:

"Right now would be a horrible time for you to transform."

Ethan chuckles.

ETHAN:

"I think we have time, they gave us seven days to work with, why go ahead and reveal them so soon. As for clues, I think I have an idea."

We cut to one of the houses, where we see Luke walk out, with a bar of some kind, eating it. We look back at Ethan and Yarezty, as Olivia is right by them now, and Ethan looks over.

ETHAN:

Whispers "Don't blame Yarezty if she seems unsettled by you, she's more nervous then any of us."

OLIVIA:

"Understood, that goes for me around you too."

Ethan looks somewhat surprised, but he nods.

OLIVIA:

"I'm giving you a hard time. *Pats Ethan on the back* Besides, it's her I don't trust."

Ethan turns to see Melanie walking. Luke overhears the last three words of her sentence.

LUKE:

"It's who don't you trust?"

OLIVIA:

Quickly "Jordyn!"

Luke continues to eat his bar, looking at Olivia. Ethan tells Olivia quietly when Luke is making his way to Melanie.

ETHAN:

"I'd agree, but we don't have evidence."

Cut to Luke and Melanie. Luke takes a bite of his bar. Melanie looks confused.

MELANIE:

"Where did you find that?"

Luke tosses one to her.

LUKE:

"Here. They're inside the houses, along with other stuff like bread, fruit, even some cold foods."

MELANIE:

"Hmm, must've not noticed in the dark."

Luke shrugs this off, and turns around, and then we cut to Melanie, where we see something already in her pocket, before putting the bar Luke gave her in it.

We see Gabe walk out a little hastily, followed by Jordyn, who looks disheveled. Gabe quickly heads for the group.

MELANIE:

"When did this happen?"

Melanie points at the bonfire.

MELANIE:

"Surely none of us could've done it."

ETHAN:

"I saw it this morning after I woke up. A giant wall rose around it, and they replaced it."

OLIVIA:

"Hopefully THEY can be of more use to us."

LUKE:

"I doubt it."

Gabe makes it to the group.

GABE:

"Guys, I think there is something off about Jordyn."

All of them look at him.

YAREZTY:

"What?!"

MELANIE:

"Warned ya!"

Ethan raises his hand in Melanie's direction to silence her.

ETHAN:

"And by something off you mean..."

GABE:

"I mean just look at him!"

Gabe raises his hand towards him. Jordyn is still walking and he sees Gabe. We cut to him as he begins to talk.

JORDYN:

Quietly "God damn it."

Cut to Gabe.

GABE:

"I think he could be infected or..."

We hear Jordyn, then cut to him.

JORDYN:

"For the last motherfucking time, I slept horribly! I might as well not have even tried!"

MELANIE:

"YOU do look awful."

JORDYN:

"Yeah, and I suppose you were off in dreamland like a princess huh."

MELANIE:

"I had no trouble going to sleep, maybe it's a side effect."

Yarezty turns to her.

YAREZTY:

"Well maybe it was just you, because I didn't exactly have a great time lying down either."

MELANIE:

"Did you now?"

LUKE:

"Same here."

Melanie looks over to him, mildly disappointed. Ethan who has his head down looks back up.

ETHAN:

"We done here?"

Melanie backs down, and so does Gabe. We cut to Jordyn who is still sweating, and then Olivia.

ETHAN:

"I didn't expect any of you to have had a good night's rest, not after last night, but it was needed. As you can see, THEY have supplied us with food."

Ethan points to Luke.

ETHAN:

"Each house should have enough to last us the week. Until then, I've come up with something that MIGHT help us figure out who's the carrier."

OLIVIA:

"What do you suppose?"

Ethan looks down.

LUKE:

"Well, say something 'captain'!"

JORDYN:

"That's my line."

Ethan looks back up, and starts to speak.

ETHAN:

"You may not like it, but we need to split up, boys and girls."

The group looks at one other, confused as to what Ethan is saying.

ETHAN:

"The voice said that biologists are able to control this form with chemical reactions, which means they had to first put it inside of us."

GABE:

"Like an injection."

ETHAN:

"Yes, or anything that could possibly leave a mark on the human body. It could be skin coloration, a needle spot. We just need to find it."

MELANIE:

"Ok, but why split up?"

OLIVIA:

"Do you really want one of these guys to do a body search on you?"

MELANIE:

"I'd prefer no one search me."

LUKE:

"I'm with Melanie, why can't we just look for ourselves?"

JORDYN:

"Because then you can just lie."

It goes quiet, Luke looking coldy at Jordyn.

JORDYN:

"If you think I'm stupid, *cough* then you're wrong."

LUKE:

"You've got a point, but who's to say we are going to find anything at all."

OLIVIA:

"Yeah Ethan, do we really, have to, get naked for this?"

YAREZTY:

"We won't know if we don't give it a chance."

We cut to Ethan, who has a small smile for a brief moment, then Gabe who is moving his eyes between different people at once. We then get some natural shots and shots of the houses.

We cut to the floor, where we see a pair of feet walking towards one of the back doors. There is no hair on them, as they go through the door. We hear Ethan talk.

ETHAN:

"Are they locked?"

JORDYN:

"Em hm."

The legs move forward towards the back of the room. We can now see four pairs of legs in the room, each separated quite a bit. Ethan talks again.

ETHAN:

"And your underwear, Jordyn."

Quiet.

We see underwear drop from down the legs, then cut to Ethans upper body, we can see the others too, only their faces and part of their chests.

GABE:

"So, how are we going to do this?"

Quiet again, we get cuts to the different faces.

ETHAN:

"Two of us will check the other two at the same time, that way we don't have to stand here like this any longer."

JORDYN:

"Then why are we just standing around all quiet, let's get this over with."

Ethan nods, he signals Gabe to check Luke, and then says.

ETHAN:

"Come here, so you can change first."

Jordyn walks over to Ethan, and both he and Gabe start inspecting Luke and Jordyn. We see Gabe look mostly at the back of Luke's head and back area. Gabe feels his mid back then Luke shivers.

LUKE:

"This is stupid."

Ethan does the same, then goes lower to look at Jordyn's legs.

JORDYN:

"If you even dare."

ETHAN:

"Wasn't planning on it."

Ethan examines his feet, then rises up to check the shoulders, then he spots something. We cut to his face, terrified, then he looks at Gabe, still looking.

ETHAN:

"Jordyn, I'm going to need you to..."

Ethan looks up.

JORDYN:

"What?"

Then Gabe looks terrified, and looks at Ethan. Jordyn talks.

JORDYN:

"What Gabe? What's with your face?"

LUKE:

"I could ask the same about Ethan."

Jordyn turns to Ethan and sees his face. Ethan grabs him to make him turn around.

ETHAN:

"Just let me look again..."

JORDYN:

"GET OFF ME MAN!"

Ethan gets a hold of him.

ETHAN:

"Gabe, are you seeing what I'm seeing?"

Gabe looks back at Luke.

GABE:

"I, I think so."

LUKE:

"THEN spit it out for god's sake."

ETHAN:

"It's a collection of needle marks."

We cut to Jordyns back, zoomed enough to see a varied amount of little markings near his armpit and back.

JORDYN:

"Welp, guess this means you get to kill me now.
Make it quick would ya."

GABE:

"WAIT! Luke has them too."

It's silent, Ethan pondering.

ETHAN:

"Luke, Jordyn, check to see if Gabe and I have any."

Luke then walks behind Gabe, and then nods. Jordyn goes behind Ethan and says.

JORDYN:

"Yeah."

GABE:

"Does this mean, we're..."

LUKE:

"NO dummy, the voice only said ONE of us was a carrier of, whatever the hell. It was probably..."

ETHAN:

"Shots to keep us from getting sick."

Gabe is looking at Ethan.

JORDYN:

"JUST my luck, and here I was thinking I was getting out of here."

Ethan looks at him, mildly frustrated.

ETHAN:

"Come on, let's get our clothes on."

Ethan walks out, and then cuts to him, fully clothed entering another room of the house. The rest are in there, getting changed.

ETHAN:

"The back doors are unlocked."

LUKE:

"Did this really have to be in my house? This room is going to smell like Jordyn's sweaty ass for the..."

JORDYN:

"You shut your damn mouth."

ETHAN:

"It was the closest to the bonfire, don't make a big deal about it."

JORDYN:

"And if I have to explain that I wasn't feeling well sleepy last night..."

LUKE:

"You know, you seemed eager for us to kill you, maybe we should and see if we're lucky."

JORDYN:

"DO IT SO I DON'T HAVE TO SEE YOUR FACE ANYMORE!"

Luke gets up, Gabe too just not as quickly.

LUKE:

Over Jordyns last line "YOU MOTHERFUCKER!"

ETHAN:

"ALRIGHT CUT THE BULLSHIT!"

It gets quiet. Ethan looks like he's about to say something, but Gabe interjects

GABE:

"You two idiots forgot we still haven't checked on the girls. It's possible one of them has an indicator of, whatever the hell."

Ethan takes a deep breath, then we cut to Jordyn who seems to be more calm now, Luke doesn't.

ETHAN:

"Gabe's right. Let's go ask them, now!"

We cut to the main doorway from the porch side, and watch all four of them walk out of the house. Then we hear a scream and then glass shattering in the girls house. The four guys look at each other and dart for the house, except Jordyn who only jogs lightly. The closer we get to the house the more we can hear Yarezty and Melaine talking loudly.

MELANIE:

"YOU SAW THEM TOO!"

YAREZTY:

"BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL HER!"

Luke is the first one to enter the building, having to bust through the door. We continue the shot through the next two rooms. Luke then immediately turns around. The two look shocked and Yarezty screams.

LUKE:

"They're still naked."

Ethan turns his head away.

LUKE:

"HEY!"

The girls go quiet.

LUKE:

"How about putting on some clothes before you send everyone into a panic!"

ETHAN:

"Where's Olivia?"

MELAINE:

"Where she belongs."

Ethan moves a little closer to the door. Melaine notices, and Gabe holds him back.

ETHAN

"WHERE IS SHE?"

MELAINE:

"ARE YOU GOING TO LET US COVER OURSELVES FIRST OR NOT?"

YAREZTY:

"Ethan, I'm so sorry."

Ethan goes back, and mutters.

ETHAN:

"God damn it."

LUKE:

"Hurry the fuck up. I want to know EVERYTHING that happened."

Jordyn looks over at Luke. Gabe near Lukes side. Ethan is in the back, hand over his head. We hear the girls in the room, and then Melaine comes out.

MELAINE:

"YOU wouldn't believe our luck. At least, my luck..."

Ethan bolts to the door. He runs to the other side of the room where Olivia's body is on the ground, still unclothed. Ethan closes his eyes. Yarezty is their tending to her.

ETHAN:

"Check her pulse!"

YAREZTY:

"What?"

ETHAN:

"GRAB HER WRIST AND CHECK HER PULSE!"

Yarezty is startled and quickly checks Olivia's pulse. She says in a relieved tone.

YAREZTY

"It's beating."

ETHAN:

sigh of relief "Thank God."

Melanie is looking over at them, Luke and Gabe beyond her.

MELAINE:

"Oh yes, THANK GOD the person who has weird markings on her back is ALIVE."

Turns to Ethan.

YAREZTY:

"I told her not to, she wouldn't listen..."

GABE:

"But we have..."

Melanie to Yarezty.

MELAINE:

"Oh SHUT UP! I'm not taking any chances with HER! You're the one who noticed them in the first place."

JORDYN:

"Then you should get away from us."

Jordyn enters the room.

MELAINE:

"Why so?"

It's quiet.

LUKE:

"When we were inspecting ourselves, it turned out all of us had very similar markings."

YAREZTY:

"Like this?"

She points at Olivia's back. Luke looks briefly, and nods.

MELAINE:

"That doesn't make any fucking sense!"

ETHAN:

"You two probably have them as well."

MELAINE:

"WHO are you to say that?"

ETHAN:

"I was the one who found them in the first place. Now thanks to your impatience, one of us is unconscious."

Luke looks over to Ethan.

LUKE:

"Yeah, and YOU looked about ready to kill her when you thought she was dead."

Ethan turns quickly back to Luke.

ETHAN:

"I'd be concerned if it was any one of you!"

Melanie glances.

MELANIE:

"Sure..."

It goes silent. Ethan is pacing back and forth.

YAREZTY:

"Me and Melanie still need to check if there are in fact markings on as."

Ethan nods in agreement. Melanie looks over at Yarezty, mildly frustrated, but she has no choice.

MELANIE:

"And if I don't, there'll be hell to pay."

The two girls walk to the back of the room and begin taking their shirts off. Ethan and the rest walk out. Jordyn isn't there.

LUKE:

"Where's Jordyn?"

Gabe looks at Luke, confused.

GABE:

"I don't know, he just left."

ETHAN:

"Great!"

Luke looks at the two of them.

LUKE:

"If he's gone, I'm gone."

ETHAN:

"Don't you guys get it! WE can't isolate ourselves, that gives the carrier the opportunity to strike without us knowing."

LUKE:

"I can fend for myself! YOU are going to get us ALL killed if we are constantly by each other!"

Luke walks off through the door.

ETHAN:

"So be it!"

Gabe is looking back and forth between the two, and then he speaks to Ethan.

GABE:

"Is there anything else you've thought of?"

Ethan shakes his head no.

GABE:

sigh "I could only think of one thing."

Ethan looks up, confused.

GABE:

"Maybe the chemical reactions can be triggered by the things we consume."

Ethan is staring at Gabe.

GABE:

"There seemed to be plenty of fruits in my house, I bet they left them here so it could reveal the carrier."

Ethan is thinking. Before he says.

ETHAN:

"Gabe, if you think that'd work, go test it yourself. I don't think you're going to find out much."

The girls walk back out.

YAREZTY:

"You were right, both of us have them."

MELANIE:

"Where the hell did everyone go?"

Ethan turns back. Gabe is seen through the doorway walking hastily to his house, he turns around and sees Ethan, then flips him off.

ETHAN:

"Back to their houses, I think they've seen enough excitement for today."

MELANIE:

"Ok, great! Get the fuck out of my house."

Ethan looks at her coldly, before turning to Yarezty.

ETHAN:

"Help me get Olivia back to your place."

Yarezty nods, and the two go into the room where Olivia is still lying on the floor, before cutting to Melanie's face, looking outward. Then we get nature shots. We pan over Olivias body, laying down on a bed, clothed before continuing to Gabe, slicing up fruit and then very nervously eating it. Next is Jordyn who we can see has a bloody fist, next to a dent in the wall. He is holding back tears and breathing heavily. Finally we cut to Luke, looking upwards from his bed. He looks bleak, just thinking and angry. We hear a window open then close, and Luke who is too lost in

thought doesn't hear it. Melanie then walks into the room, and plants herself by the doorway, Luke is startled.

LUKE:

"Holy Shit!"

MELANIE:

"Oh please, I can't be that scary now can I?"

LUKE:

"I thought I made it clear to Ethan that I wanted to be ALONE!"

MELANIE:

"Why would you assume I listen to him if you won't yourself?"

Luke lies back on his bed and sighs.

LUKE:

"What do you want?"

MELANIE:

"I think, you know what that is?"

Luke looks confused. Melanie is now fully in the room.

LUKE:

"I can't read your fucking mind. You barge into my house, and expect me to know wh!"

MELANIE:

"Settled down, if I wanted to have another argument, I wouldn't have come. I didn't MEAN to come off... agoragant."

LUKE:

"Then just tell me!"

MELANIE:

"I came here because of you."

Luke feels and looks shocked.

LUKE:

"Gonna need a lot more than that."

Melanie walks forward, closer but slowly. Her voice is softer.

MELANIE:

"Isn't so frustrating being here. All of us, oblivious to reality, and we can't even do anything about it."

Silent for a second. Luke's face is starting to become less frustrating.

MELANIE:

"Ethan can't lead us, no matter how hard he tries."

She looks up, and takes a few steps.

MELANIE:

"All he cares about is himself and Olivia. I'm not even sure he wants to save Yarezty. He SURELY doesn't care about us..."

Luke looks up, a tad suspicious.

LUKE:

"Us?"

Melanie walks a little closer.

MELANIE:

"Everyone he doesn't know. He is blinding himself with trust that doesn't exist."

Silent again.

MELANIE:

"You. You don't trust anyone."

She gets closer and sits on the bed. Luke moves back a little, but not a lot.

MELANIE:

"That makes you smarter than the rest. It makes you the one person I want to trust."

She inches a little closer.

LUKE:

"But then why should I trust you? So you can get a leg up on me if something were to..."

MELANIE:

"Because I'm willing to do what they won't."

She inches a little closer.

MELANIE:

"If they find out one of them is a carrier, they'll be sympathetic. If I turn out to be the carrier, then I'd want you to kill me. The same way I'd try to kill them."

She goes in to kiss Luke slowly. Luke raises his hand and closes his eyes.

LUKE:

"That won't be necessary, I understand your point."

Luke looks off for a moment. Melanie is still looking at him more closely.

LUKE:

"We still need to act like we are on their side. Whenever we finally find out the truth, then we end it, whoever it may be."

Luke looks tired and a bit uneasy by the words he just said. Melanie is still looking at him. She reaches her hand out and turns his chin.

MELANIE:

"It doesn't have to be unnecessary..."

She leans in again, this time Luke does nothing. We don't stay on them for too long before cutting to Yarezty, hiding underneath the window frame from the outside. Then it cuts back to Melanie walking out of the room. Yarezty gets up after crawling away from the window. She starts walking pass, making it look like she is coming from the other direction. Melanie walks out the house, and starts walking, and sees Yarezty acts like nothing happened but confused. Melanie turns back to the house.

MELANIE:

"If you're wanting to talk to Luke don't. He doesn't want visitors."

Melanie walks past Yarezty, as Yarezty turns back to her. Now we cut to facing behind Ethan, who is walking towards one of the trees by the bonfire. He sits down underneath it.