

\*\* (EXT. WILLOW CREEK PARK — NIGHT (1955 .1\*\* ###

\*\* .MOTIONLESS\*\*

A boy, \*\* JAMES (8)\*\* , barefoot, in a tattered school uniform, kicks a \*\*red rubber ball\*\*  
.across a moonlit clearing

.No laughter

.No voices

.Just wind through dead trees

.Behind him — a MAN. Tall. Still. Wearing a dark coat, collar up

.He steps forward. Grabs James by the arm

\*\*MAN\*\*

(whispers)

.You're not my son. You're nothing

.James doesn't cry. He just stares — as if he's heard this before

.The man drags him to an old oak. Hangs him with a rope from a thick branch

.James dies silently. Eyes open. Fixed on the sky

.The man cuts him down. Piles wood. Lights a fire

.The body burns

.\*\*Smoke curls into the shape of a \*\*child's hand

.As the flames die — a \*\*red ball\*\* rolls from the ashes

\*\* :SFX\*\*

.Wind -

\*\* "...Distant whispers: "We remember... we wait -

\*\*: (TEXT ON SCREEN (white serif font, centered\*\*

\*\*\*".The first child. The first lie. The first fire"\*\*\* <

\*\* .FADE TO BLACK\*\*

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\*\* (EXT. SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD — DAY (2006 .2\*\* ###

.Sunlight. Birds. A picnic basket

.\*\* (MOTHER (30s)\*\* , smiling, sets up lunch with her two daughters and \*\*LITTLE BOY (10\*\*

.He runs, laughing

**\*\*LITTLE BOY\*\***

!We're going to the park

.She laughs

.Everything is perfect

.SFX:**\*\* Children laughing. A dog barks. Normal\*\***

— But

.the red ball**\*\*** rolls slowly across the lawn**\*\***

.Unnoticed

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**\*\* (EXT. WILLOW CREEK PARK — DAY (2006 .3\*\* ####**

.Same clearing. Overgrown. Fence rusted

.The family eats. The boy runs to the playground

.The mother checks her phone. Orders pizza

**\*\*MOTHER\*\***

(cheerful)

?Extra cheese, right

.She walks to the bathroom

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**\*\* (INT. PARK BATHROOM — DAY (2006 .4\*\* ####**

.A cracked mirror

.She washes her hands. Looks up

.**\*\*In the mirror — a \*\*MAN**

.**\*\*Face distorted. Eyes too wide. Lips stitched in a \*\*frozen smile**

.He stands behind her

.**\*\*She spins — \*\*nothing**

.She exits, shaken

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\*\* (EXT. PLAYGROUND — DAY (2006 .5\*\* ###

.The man stands by the swings. Smiling

.He sees the boy. Crouches

\*\*MAN\*\*

?Beautiful day, isn't it

".He pulls out a \*\*rope\*\*. Begins playing "Red Rover

.The boy laughs. Runs toward him

— The mother turns

\*\*the boy is gone\*\*

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\*\*EXT. PLAYGROUND — CONTINUOUS .6\*\* ###

.The boy lies on the ground. Rope tight around his neck. Eyes wide

.Dead

. \*\*The man — \*\*vanished

.The mother screams. Runs. Collapses beside him

\*\*MOTHER\*\*

(sobbing)

!NO! WAKE UP! PLEASE

.Crowd gathers. Police arrive

— In panic, she grabs a \*\*kitchen knife\*\* from a food kiosk

\*\*slashes her throat\*\*

.Blood sprays. She falls

.Silence

.Her daughters scream. Frozen

.SFX:\*\* Wind\*\*

.A \*\*red ball\*\* rolls from the grass into the shadows

\*\*TEXT ON SCREEN\*\*

\*\*".The second child. The second lie. The second fire"\*\*\* <

\*\*FADE OUT\*\*

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\*\*(INT. EMMA'S APARTMENT — NIGHT (2012 .7\*\* ###

.Dark. Rain on the window

.EMMA (26)\*\*, pale, tired, sits in front of a laptop\*\*

."She opens a \*\*random video chat app\*\* ("ChatPhantom

.\*\*A man appears. Standing at a \*\*fence\*\*. Behind him: \*\*Willow Creek Park

.He doesn't speak

.Turns the camera — his face is \*\*distorted\*\*, eyes black, lips sewn shut

:He smiles. Speaks

\*\*MAN\*\*

.Hello

.Emma ends the call. Heart racing

.\*\*She opens a drawer. Pulls out a \*\*pink baby onesie

.Tears fall

\*\*(FLASHBACK — V.O. (DOCTOR\*\*

\*\*".I'm sorry, Emma. There was no heartbeat"

.She never told her boyfriend. Never told her mother

.She buried it in silence

\*\*EMMA\*\*

(whispers)

.I just wanted to know... if it meant anything

\*\*\*.She searches: \*\*\*Willow Creek Park disappearances

:Finds an old photo

.A picnic. The 2006 family

.And — \*\*a red ball\*\* in the corner

.She stares at it

\*\*Decides: \*\*She has to go

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\*\*(EXT. TOWN ENTRANCE — DAY (2012 .8\*\* ###

:A sign  
\*\*"WELCOME TO WILLOW CREEK — POP. 2,308"\*\*\*

.Emma's car stops  
".She checks into a \*\*motel\*\* — "Pine Rest Motel

.\*\*(Calls her friend \*\*LENA (27

\*\*EMMA\*\*  
.I found it. I'm going in

\*\*(LENA (V.O\*\*  
.Emma, this isn't healing. It's obsession

\*\*EMMA\*\*  
.I need to know why I'm still here

.She hangs up

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\*\*(INT./EXT. CITY STREET — NIGHT (FLASHBACK .9\*\* ###

.Emma and Lena walk at night. Tired after work

.Pass a dark window  
.A \*\*CHILD\*\* stands inside. Motionless. Staring at Emma

.No blink. No breath

\*\*EMMA\*\*  
.There's... a kid. In the window. He's watching me

\*\*.Lena looks. \*\*Empty

.Emma turns back — the child's face \*\*flickers in the glass\*\*, still staring

.They walk faster  
.Every shadow feels heavier  
.\*\*Every sound — \*\*directed at them

\*\*.SFX\*\*  
.Wind -  
.A streetlight dies -  
\*"...Whisper: \*"She sees us -

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**\*\*EXT. WILLOW CREEK PARK — DUSK .10\*\* ###**

.Emma enters. Gate creaks

.Trees sway. Leaves move without wind

.She hears **\*\*faint whispers\*\*** — children laughing, then crying

.A **\*\*red ball\*\*** rolls toward her feet

.She picks it up

.Drops it

**\*\*Runs out\*\***

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**\*\*INT. MOTEL ROOM — NIGHT .11\*\* ###**

.Emma collapses on the bed

.**\*\*Curtain flutters — \*\*no wind**

.**\*\*In the window's reflection — \*\*her body is on fire**  
.Skin peeling. Screaming silently

.She turns — nothing

.**\*\*Her \*\*phone rings**

**\*\*Screen: \*\*The same man. Smiling**

.**\*\*Laughter fills the room — \*\*not from the phone**

.She throws it. Silence

.**\*\*In the reflection — \*\*she's still burning**

.SFX:**\*\* Crackling fire. Distant child whispers\*\***  
**\*\*Emma \*\*screams silently**

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**\*\*EXT. WILLOW CREEK PARK — NIGHT .12\*\* ###**

.Emma returns. Determined

.**\*\*She explores. Hears \*\*muffled child screams**

. \*\*The \*\*swing moves alone

.She finds a \*\*wooden box\*\* — \*\*"Spirit Box" — glowing faintly

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**\*\*EXT. CENTER OF PARK — NIGHT .13\*\* ###**

.Emma turns on the Spirit Box

. \*\*Static. Then — \*\*a voice

\*\*(Spirit Box (CHILD VOICE\*\* <  
...Don't... look... under... the... swing <

\*\*.She looks. \*\*Blood drips from the chains

\*\*(Spirit Box (CHOPPED\*\* <  
...She... is... here... EMMA <

.She backs away

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**\*\*EXT. PLAYGROUND — NIGHT .14\*\* ###**

.The \*\*red ball rolls\*\* toward her

.She follows it

.A \*\*shadow\*\* darts behind a tree

.She sees \*\*the MAN\*\* — same as 2006  
.He smiles. Nods

.She runs

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**\*\*INT. MOTEL ROOM — MORNING .15\*\* ###**

.Emma wakes. Phone screen: \*\*Photo of the park\*\* — she didn't take it

\*\*EMMA\*\*  
(whispers)  
?Was it real... or a dream

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**\*\*EXT. TOWN — DAY .16\*\* ###**

.Emma talks to Lena on the phone

**\*\*LENA\*\***

.You're obsessed. Come home

**\*\*EMMA\*\***

.I have to know what happened

**\*\*She decides: \*\*One last visit. With a camera**

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**\*\*EXT. WILLOW CREEK PARK — NIGHT .17\*\* ###**

**\*\*Emma returns. \*\*Camera rolling**

.She places the **\*\*Spirit Box\*\*** on the ground

**\*\*(Spirit Box (EMMA'S VOICE — DISTORTED\*\* <  
...I... am... here... I... never... left <**

**\*\*(Spirit Box (CHILDREN\*\* <  
...Join us... stay with us <**

.Shadows gather

.She sees **\*\*the burning reflection of herself\*\*** in a broken mirror

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**\*\*EXT. CLEARING — NIGHT .18\*\* ###**

:She finds **\*\*carved symbols\*\*** on trees

.An eye -

.A noose -

.A child with no face -

.A **\*\*wooden platform\*\*** — like a gallows

.She touches it

**\*\*FLASHBACK MONTAGE\*\***

.James (1955) hanging -

.The boy (2006) choking -



.The mother's suicide -  
.The man's smile -

.She collapses

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**\*\*EXT. PARK — NIGHT .19\*\* ###**

.The **\*\*MAN\*\*** appears. He doesn't speak

.He points to the platform

.Emma runs — but the **\*\*ground shifts\*\***. Trees block her

.Shadows grab her arms. Drag her

.Forced onto the platform. Rope around her neck

.She fights. Screams

.But her hands... move on their own

.**\*\*She \*\*hangs herself**

.Rope tightens

.Fire starts

.Her body sways

**\*\*...SFX:\*\*** Children laughing. Whispers: **\*\*"She is ours now\*\*"**

**\*\*TEXT ON SCREEN\*\***

**\*\*".The third child. The third lie. The third fire"\*\*\* <**

**\*\*FADE TO BLACK\*\***

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**\*\* (EXT. WILLOW CREEK PARK — NIGHT (2024 .20\*\* ###**

.**\*\*HAILEY (20)\*\***, **\*\*ETHAN (21)\*\***, **\*\*CHRIS (19)\*\*** set up a **\*\*live stream\*\***

**\*\*LIVE CHAT — DarkWatcher\_89\*\* <**

**\*\*"...Wait... you're about to hear her" <**

.**\*\*They place the \*\*Spirit Box**

**\*\*(Spirit Box (EMMA — CLEAR\*\* <**  
...My... name... is... EMMA <

**\*\*(Spirit Box (CHOPPED\*\* <**  
...crucified... burned... shadows... can't ... <

.Chris screams

**\*\*(Spirit Box (CLEAR\*\* <**  
...EMMA <

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**\*\*EXT. PLAYGROUND — NIGHT .21\*\* ###**

.Swing moves. Red ball rolls

**\*\*(Spirit Box (EMMA — CLEAR\*\* <**  
...EMMA... crucified... burned... under the swing <

**\*\*CHRIS\*\***

!Emma! What do you want

**\*\*(Spirit Box (DEATH MOMENT\*\* <**  
...crucified... burned... the shadows ... <

.Static. Wind howls

.Shadows appear

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**\*\*EXT. CENTER OF PARK — NIGHT .22\*\* ###**

.Teens panic. Camera shakes

**\*\*LIVE CHAT — DarkWatcher\_89\*\* <**  
".She's not alone... the shadows surround you" <

.They drop the Spirit Box

.**\*\*Screen: \*\*STATIC**

.Shadows swirl

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\*\*EXT. PARK — NIGHT .23\*\* ###

:Three figures appear

.(EMMA\*\* (semi-transparent, burned face\*\* -

.\*\*(THE BOY (2006\*\* -

.(THE MAN\*\* (the killer — now her guardian\*\* -

.\*\*They raise their hands — \*\*toward the camera

\*\*(Spirit Box (EMMA — SCREAMING\*\* <

...I... am... EMMA... crucified... burned... the shadows... all... yours <

.Shadows coil

.Teens scream

.\*\*Phone falls. \*\*STATIC

.High-angle: Teens lie motionless. Blood spreads

.EMMA and the children raise hands to the sky

\*\*LIVE CHAT — DarkWatcher\_89\*\* <

"...It's not over... the shadows prepare... part two will reveal everything" <

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\*\*EXT. WILLOW CREEK PARK — DAWN .24\*\* ###

\*\*EPILOGUE: THE HOLLOW PARKS ARE AWAKE\*\*

.Fog lifts. Birds chirp

.\*\*A \*\*puddle\*\* reflects — \*\*Emma's eyes

.\*\*They \*\*open

.The reflection \*\*smiles\*\* — burned, twisted

\*\*"...SFX:\*\* Whispers: \*"We remember... we wait\*\*

\*\*Camera pulls back — reveals a \*\*map of the U.S

:Red dots light up\*\* in different cities\*\*

\*\*Dust Hollow, Oregon\*\* -

\*\*Black Pines, Maine\*\* -

\*\*Dead Creek, Texas\*\* -

\*\*Ash Hollow, Nebraska\*\* -

.\*\*Each: an \*\*abandoned park\*\*. Each: a \*\*story waiting

\*\*.TEXT ON SCREEN\*\*  
\*\*.The Hollow Parks... are awake" <

\*\*.FADE TO BLACK\*\*  
.Wind. Whispers. Silence

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\*\*(POST-CREDIT SCENE (5 seconds) ###

.A child in a dark room opens a laptop  
\*\*.On screen: "Willow Creek Park – Live Stream

:The chat says  
".DarkWatcher\_89: "We see you" <

.The child smiles  
\*\*.FADE OUT\*\*

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\*\*.THE END\*\* <

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