

Invaders

Pilot Part.1.

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TEASER

EXT. PICK-UP PARKED ON A HILL - NIGHT

Very early morning. A single-cab PICK-UP TRUCK is parked on the highest point on the outskirts of Quartz Hill.

A 40-something Caucasian man sits on the open tailgate, looking up in the sky.

Overhead two F-22 RAPTORS fly past while executing a maneuver.

ADAM
(jumping off)
Hell! Can you guys not be any
louder!?
(laughing)
Whoo-who!

Spinning around looking as the two F-22's fly off.

Adam suddenly spin around again.

SOUND OVERHEAD:

Adam hear a very strange air-sound. WHOOSHING by, but with a METALLIC SCRATCHING.

ADAM (cont'd)
What the hell man! Are either one
of you two breaking down as well,
or what's going on?

Adam spin around again, looking all around him.

In the far distance the two F-22's bank left, flying out of the area.

ADAM (cont'd)
Is there someone else flying around
here at night?

Adam jumps, his PHONE'S alarm sound.

SUPER IMPOSE ON PHONE: 5 AM.

ALARM

Wake up, Wake up, Wake up!

ADAM

(dismissing alarm)

Why the hell did I let TRUDY put
this damn thing on my damn phone!

Irritated, Adam put the phone in his pocket. Jump in the vehicle. Struggle a bit to start and drive off.

ADAM (cont'd)

Why the hell did I accept to open
the store every second weekend?

(irritated)

I cannot believe they don't pay me
overtime either!

Adam turn the RADIO DIAL.

ADAM (cont'd)

And what the hell is going on? Why
the hell can I not listen to the
radio?

SOUND OVERHEAD:

The same strange air-sound. WHOOSHING by, but with a
METALLIC SCRATCHING.

ADAM (cont'd)

(looking out the
WINDSHIELD)

And what the hell is that? Those
other things are gone. Who else is
out here with them?

Adam need to concentrate on the road, while the pick-up
bounce all around.

He grab a hold of the steering-wheel better, driving back
onto the dirt road lines.

ADAM (cont'd)

You know, I bet if the Sheriff saw
me driving like this, he would fine
me for not staying on the road!

Look at the passenger side, seeing no one there. Shocked, he
focuses on driving.

Coming down the hill, Adam swing onto the tarred road,
driving toward the town.

SUPER IMPOSE ON THE BOARD:

Quartz Hill - Los Angeles County. Population, 10,209.

ADAM (cont'd)
Come one BETSIE - don't break down
on me now! It's not like Tracy
likes either one of us!

Correcting the PICK-UP on the road again.

ADAM (cont'd)
We just make sure that her business
doesn't die and yet, she doesn't
like either one of us? How the hell
is that even possible?

Looking out the open window.

ADAM (cont'd)
If I'm late in opening and anyone
tell her, she's deduct money from
my salary!
(irritated)
It's not like I'm earning so damn
much and then she takes more than
she pays me!
(grabbing the
steering)
Today I'll show her!

The PICK-UP speed along the road to the LIGHTS in the
distance.

EXT. QUARTZ HILL GENERAL STORE - DAY - MIDDAY

Various people walk in the STORE. Everyone is looking for
something different to buy.

BENNET
Now tell me ADAM, where is my
order? I did call you during the
week to get everything sorted for
me, didn't I?

Adam finished putting the MONEY in the TILL. Looking very
unhappy at the old man.

ADAM
(unable to say)
Mister BENNET, as I told you and as
Trudy many time before told you,

BENNET

(very upset)

I didn't come here to hear what kind of smart-ass you think you are! I'm just picking up my order!

ADAM

Yes I know Mister Bennet. But as Trudy told you, half of your goods are only delivered by month's end.

(exhausted)

There's nothing she or I can do about that.

Mr. Bennet move around, not sure where to sit. Finally he's ready again.

BENNET

When is Trudy back?

ADAM

She'll be back next weekend.

BENNET

How the hell could she leave this place in your incompetent hands!

Adam can only look wide-eyed at him.

ADAM

In-what hands?

JULIETTE

Adam my boy, can you come help Aunt JULIETTE?

ADAM

(walking)

I'm coming Misses Juliette... what can I do for you?

BENNET

MARY, why the hell do we still come to this damn store? Trudy's quality and the helps' service suck!

MARY

Relax my husband, you'll have a heart-attack.

EXT. QUARTZ HILL MAIN STREET - DAY (CONTINUOUS)

Numerous people are busy in the main street. SHOPS are busy and CARS drive up and down in the street.

ROBERT
(furious)
Sheriff WILLIAMS!

An gray tall man, 80 years old walk on the SIDEWALK up to the UNIFORMED Sheriff.

WILLIAMS
ROBERT, what can I do for you?

ROBERT
I know you spoke to everyone at the last town meeting, telling us that the Air Force will run these training missions.

WILLIAMS
I know what you're going to say and there's nothing I can,

ROBERT
I spoke to the Mayor as well, he thinks we have a case to stand on.

WILLIAMS
Oh that's nice!
(chuckling)
You seriously want to tell me that you think the Air Force will change their minds?

Overhead everyone hear the two AIRCRAFT flying past the town, blasting off into the distance.

ROBERT
I really don't care what you and the others say!
(turning)
Myself, the Mayor and a few of the town's people are taking this issue further. With or without your assistance!

Many people start doing what they were again.

INT. GENERAL STORE - DAY (CONTINUOUS)

Mr. Bennet got off the chair, walking up to Adam again.

ADAM
 Yes, yes I know! Go look in the
 back to see if we've got any of
 those things!
 (irritated)
 Why the hell do I have to take all
 of this crap!

Adam walked from sight, closing one DOOR to the back.

SUPER IMPOSE: Staff Only.

EXT. MID-AIR CLOSE TO THE TOWN - DAY (CONTINUOUS)

Adam just closed the door at the same time, Robert turned, walked five paces from Sheriff Williams when everyone hear a massive EXPLOSION in the air.

EXT. MID-AIR FIGHTER JET - DAY (CONTINUOUS)

Female Pilot of the F-22 see explosion. Barely change direction.

PILOT 1
 (freaked out)
 Raptor 1 to Base! Raptor 1 to Base!
 I have an emergency! Raptor 2 just
 blew-up! Mid-air collision with
 nothing!

Instrumentation and power flicker. Pilot struggle with aircraft. NOTHING RESPONDING!

PILOT 1 (cont'd)
 May-day! May-day! Non-responsive
 bird! Losing altitude! Veering from
 populated area!
 (struggling with
 control)
 I'm going down! I'm going down!
 Punching out!

Pilot EJECT with power almost gone. Pilot free of AIRCRAFT moments before impact on the ground!

Massive BALL OF FIRE rip into the sky!

INT. COMMAND CENTER AIR FORCE BASE - DAY (CONTINUOUS)

Multiple air force personnel man the various INSTRUMENTS, checking up on tactical information.

A.V. SPECIALIST
Cornel Johnson!

JOHNSON
Sergeant, what do you have for me?

A.V. SPECIALIST
I've just lost both Raptors from my scope.

JOHNSON
Really, you didn't just blink and they flew off?

A.V. SPECIALIST
No sir. There's only two ways they can disappear like that.
(looking at him)
Either they blew up or both of them are down.

Cornel Johnson pick up a PHONE.

JOHNSON
Cornel Johnson here, I have a possible emergency. I need you to get to the last coordinates of my two birds and see what is going on there. We'll forward the location to you mid-air!

Putting the RECEIVER down hard.

JOHNSON (cont'd)
What was their last known location?
What was their last known traffic?
Did we get any may-day or any communication?

The operators get really busy. Everyone try to see what information they can retrieve.

A.V. SPECIALIST
Sir, what are the odds that two F-22 Raptors go down or blowing up?

JOHNSON
I've got no idea sergeant!

EXT. QUARTZ HILL MAIN STREET - DAY (CONTINUOUS)

Very few people up and down the main street saw a thing.

Many more didn't have a chance. Pieces of the F-22 slammed into a great many BUILDINGS up and down the road.

The massive explosion mid-air knocked the second F-22 out with a electromagnetic pulse. Giving the pilot only seconds to eject.

All the WINDOWS of the town and many HOUSES around mid-town shatter in the explosion.

Everyone on main street are knocked on their backs. Some of the people were impaled and others lay just on the road.

Adam is hit so hard, he got impaled by ten different pieces of the invisible ship. He is slammed through the back of the general store. Ending up outside and under a good many pieces of WOODEN BUILDING.

FIRES brake out and WATER blasted from broken PIPES, not blazing the fires.

Not one ELECTRONIC DEVICE worked after the explosion.

Anyone and everyone outside heard the massive explosion ten miles away and now hurried to get to where they heard it from.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT 1.

ACT 2.

EXT. AIR FORCE HELICOPTER FLYING IN - DAY - AFTERNOON

SMOKE bellows into the sky. Inaudible people calling out for help.

Main road Quartz Hill looks like a war zone.

DAVIS

Rescue 1 to command.

JOHNSON (V.O.)

Lieutenant DAVIS what do you have for me?

DAVIS

Sir it's bad. I cannot tell you if it's both, but I can tell you that possibly one of the F-22 Raptors when down.

(pause)

Hitting the main street buildings of Quartz Hill.

JOHNSON (V.O.)

Davis you and your unit do whatever you can. We'll co-ordinate from here and get you as much help as I can manage!

HELICOPTER flying in cross-wind.

PILOT 2 (O.S.)

Sir, there's another ball of smoke, it could be the second F-22!

DAVIS

Sir, it appears that our other bird crashed outside the town limits. There's no houses close to it's approximate position.

JOHNSON (V.O.)

You get to that site as well, see if our pilots are still okay and assist as best you can.

DAVIS

Roger that sir, I'll keep you informed with what we find.

JOHNSON (V.O.)

You do that, I'll get the cavalry there as fast I can. Over and out!

The HELICOPTER land as close as it can.

DAVIS

Sergeant SMITH, take your unit. See if there's anyone you can help. Check out the best location where we can set-up a command, treating anyone you find who need medical attention.

SMITH

Are you going after the second F-22?

DAVIS

Yes. I suspect that you'll find more people arrive, help out as best you can. Keep in touch.

SMITH

Roger that sir.

(to the unit)

Move out. There's a lot to do, be careful, we don't know if there might be other dangers within the buildings and parts of the aircraft.

The HELICOPTER take off, heading to the next possible location of fire.

INT. COMMAND CENTER AIR FORCE BASE - DAY - LATER

Cornel Johnson sit at a DESK, PHONE in hand.

JOHNSON

Hi Sheriff, this is Cornel Johnson. I need your help. One of our F-22 Raptors crashed and hit the main street of Quartz Hill.

SHERIFF (V.O.)

Hi Cornel Johnson, Sheriff FOSTER. Here at Lancaster we heard the explosion. Had no idea what is going on, but saw there's smoke from Quartz Hill.

JOHNSON

I've already called the FDA and sent all the rescue units I have to the town. I just want to know if you've got some man-power and medical officers to spare?

CUT TO:

INT. SHERIFF'S OFFICE LANCASTER - DAY - (SAME TIME)

SHERIFF

I'll sent what we can, I'll speak with some of the others in the area, knowing them. I'll see what we can help Quartz Hill from here.

JOHNSON (V.O.)
Thank you Sheriff, I really
appreciate any you can do.

SHERIFF
Any idea what happened there?

JOHNSON (V.O.)
It's too early to say, we'll
investigate the accident.

EXT. SECOND ACCIDENT LOCATION - DAY - AFTERNOON

HELICOPTER on approach to second accident location sight.

PILOT 2 (O.S.)
Lieutenant, the fragments we see,
they are those of a F-22 Raptor.

DAVIS
Yes I see. I just hope we find the
pilot alive to find out what
happened here.

PILOT 2 (O.S.)
We'll be your eyes in the sky. The
pilot may be anywhere. Unresponsive
or at worse, diseased.

DAVIS
(looking at him)
Let me know if you see anything,
our daylight is fade fast. It will
go much harder with the light gone!

PILOT 2
Roger that Lt.

Davis and his unit run from the HELICOPTER, while it take
off again.

The unit immediately start to inspect the WRECKAGE.

JONES
Lt.

DAVIS
Corporal Jones, what do you have
for me?

JONES

I cannot say for sure, but what I see here, I suspect this is a single crash.

DAVIS

A single crash. Why would the bird come down? There was no emergency traffic, from either one. What could that mean?

JONES

You may think there's a lot of damage here, but I can tell you that it looks like the plane just came down nose first.

DAVIS

So there could have been issues with the bird and not the pilot.

EXT. SECONDARY ACCIDENT SITE - DAY - (SAME TIME)

A female soldiers stand at the WRECKAGE.

ALVAREZ

Lt. I've located what is left of the cockpit.

DAVIS (V.O.)

Sergeant ALVAREZ, do you see the pilot in there?

ALVAREZ

Negative Lieutenant. Not here.

(looking around)

This is Lieutenant Jennifer A. Miller. So the other F-22 pilot would be the Brigadier General Sanders, son's plane.

DAVIS (V.O.)

Ho damn. Not good not good at all!

ALVAREZ

Lt., Lt. I see what look like a parachute hooked in a tree!

DAVIS (V.O.)

We're coming to you. Get to her and see if she's okay!

EXT. SECOND ACCIDENT LOCATION - DAY - (CONTINUOUS)

Running in the general direction.

JONES

I have no idea at what speed she must have punched out, but what I'm seeing here, she might be in bad shape.

DAVIS

I hear you Corporal.
 (breathing hard)
 I really hope not.
 (running steadily)
 Whatever happened, things looks bad!

JONES

I hear you Lt. If she's alive, she'll need serious help to get back into another plane.

EXT. TALL TREE - DAY (LATER)

Sergeant Alvarez stop at the TREE. Daylight fading fast.

ALVAREZ

Lt. I see her, I'm mounting the tree, taking a closer look. Not sure of her condition!

DAVIS (V.O.)

Roger that.
 (pause)
 Be careful.
 (breathing)
 We see the tree, we'll be there shortly.

INT. HELICOPTER - DAY (SAME TIME)

While the two men run to the tree, the HELICOPTER fly covering the area.

PILOT 2

Lieutenant Davis.

DAVIS (V.O.)

Send your traffic.

PILOT 2

Cornel Johnson relayed that we've got support coming in from all over. If you do not need to move the Pilot, there will be EMS units with you soon enough to help.

DAVIS (V.O.)

Roger that, we'll evaluate her, let you know her condition. Thank you.

PILOT 2

Roger that Lt. Daylight is fading now, it'll only become harder the further we go.

DAVIS (V.O.)

Understood. We'll find you a good spot to land, if you need to evacuate her from this location.

PILOT 2

Roger that. We're only at half tank, we'll rotate, see if we can pick up on anything else.

DAVIS (V.O.)

Affirmative, help the EMS to get to our position as fast as they can. Over and out.

EXT. TALL TREE BOTTOM - DAY (DUSK)

Both men stop. Dropping their BAGS. Out of breath.

ALVAREZ

Hey Lt. Why do I get the idea that both of you are truly out of shape?

DAVIS (O.S.)

(sitting)

I'm just well rounded. Remember who got you this brilliant assignment. You could as easily have been cleaning something bad or standing guard at a terrible place!

ALVAREZ

Roger that, our Pilot is alive, got banged up pretty good. No mortal danger as far as I can see.

JONES (O.S.)

We have EMS and rescue units on the way. If you don't have to move her, you guys look too high up to take any chances.

ALVAREZ

She looks somewhat comfortable. Breathing easily and heart-rate it good. She might wake and have pain, only then we'll know what her actual condition is.

DAVIS (O.S.)

Stay with her. As soon as the rest arrive we'll get her out of there and take it from there.

ALVAREZ

Any idea so far what happened here Lt.?

EXT. TALL TREE BOTTOM - NIGHT (SAME TIME)

DAVIS

(standing)

I have no idea Alvarez, but whatever is going on here, I have a bad feeling.

JONES

One of those bad ideas?

ALVAREZ (V.O.)

You're not serious, are you Lt.?

DAVIS

Only time will tell, only time!

END OF ACT 2.

ACT 3.

EXT. QUARTZ HILL MAIN STREET - NIGHT - LATER

A string of regular emergency medical units roll into the Town as best they can. Everywhere anyone can get out, taking note of the debris, fires and some of the dead people.

Cornel Johnson stop at close to the trauma center he can get to.

Running onto the major destructive scene. There are too many people, no one really got direction through all the chaos.

DAVIS
Cornel Johnson!

Johnson stop seeing Davis, walking over to him.

JOHNSON
You said it looked bad, I had no idea just how bad things were looking in the thick of things!

DAVIS
Lieutenant Miller is being treated, she'll make it fine.

JOHNSON
What do we know about the accident?

DAVIS
The FAA, NTSB and some of the Air-Force investigators are combing through the debris.

JOHNSON
So the other pilot is gone?

DAVIS
Lieutenant Sanders didn't make it. We're currently looking for both aircraft black boxes. After that, we might have more information.

JOHNSON
Where are the rest of your units?

DAVIS
We're helping with the investigation and we've almost filled up the local mortuary already. The high school gym was already converted into another morgue.

JOHNSON
What is the death-count standing at?

DAVIS

It's bad. You need to go speak to the other ems people, seeing what else we can do for them.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL GYM - NIGHT - LATER

Johnson walked through the main doors. He sees many more people running up and down the large room.

KARYN

Hi there, you must be Cornel Johnson?

(shaking his hand)

I'm Dr. Karyn Lindsey, I'm here to see how we can deal with all of this trauma.

JOHNSON

I am Johnson. Do you have enough people to help out here?

KARYN

We're doing all we can, but there had been a good many people who died because impacts on them.

(breathing)

I had not seen the injuries and I cannot tell anyone why they are dead.

JOHNSON

What are you talking about?

KARYN

Did you guys from Edwards preform some kind of experimental session here or why is it that people died who looked alive?

JOHNSON

We lost two birds in extreme rapid succession, in training that only happens if one or both of the pilots hit each other.

(looking around)

That didn't happen here. Our other bird was located far enough away to make be believe that something else happened here.

KARYN

From the censors of the Town, we know there's only two men still missing. I cannot tell you much of anything about them.

JOHNSON

What are you talking about?

KARYN

There was a possible mid-air collision and what I can see over the main street and stuck inside the buildings, I can tell you that your one plane is in pieces.

JOHNSON

Yes, my people told me this as well. But, what are you getting at?

KARYN

What did your plane hit or could it have been shot down? Hence, we're still looking for two men from Quartz Hill to tie this theory down.

JOHNSON

I doubt that you're correct and if you were, do you have any idea how difficult it would be, shooting a F-22 down while it's on maneuvers?

KARYN

I don't know about that, but I have to tell my superiors what I see here. If nothing else, we're still looking for two men from this Town.

EXT. QUARTZ HILL MAIN STREET - NIGHT

Walking from the High School Gym, Johnson walk thought the main street. Just as he passes another point of impact, he hear people calling out, finding another person.

JOHNSON

What is going on?

EMS

We found another town's man. He's dead!

Johnson help the rescue unit moving the stretcher from the rubble. Letting in lie the ground.

EMS (cont'd)

It's very weird. We found many of them who got blood on their clothes, yet, when we look. There's no wound and we don't know why they're dead!

JOHNSON

How many did you find in the same state?

EMS

We might have a hundred by now, I'm not sure.

(moving to the stretcher)

All of them look like him. Blood without injury and dead.

EXT.INT. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - NIGHT - LATER

Johnson checked his watch. Walking all the way to the Sheriff's office. Trying to find others involved with the incident.

KARYN

Cornel! Would you like a cup of coffee?

JOHNSON

Thanks. How did you get here so fast?

KARYN

I heard on the radio that they found the second last man. From what I heard, it's the same things which happened to all of them.

(handing him a cup)

We can trace blood on their clothes, but examine their bodies and we cannot say why they are dead.

JOHNSON

So now we wait for only one person. If not then there's a chance that someone had something to do with all of this?

KARYN

(drinking coffee)
I wouldn't want to be him, you do know if there's one person involved here, the chances that he'd stay alive for long, is very difficult!

Both see a man walking to the middle of the office.

RIDLEY

(clearing his throat)
Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Ridley, Bryan.
(moving between them)
We have no idea what happened here and even though we've got detailed reports from Cornel Johnson, if we look at the data from the damage and where we found the victims, then I'm still at a loss as to what really happened here.

There's a shift between everyone in the office.

RIDLEY (cont'd)

It's late. If you don't have to be here and if you're not part of the actual investigation units, please go have a rest.

(pause)

If I need any of you, I'll send for you. But for now, rest so we can have a fresh pair of eyes on the problem in the morning.

He tried to relax as many people as he could, walking over to Johnson and Karyn.

JOHNSON

So, what is there you're not telling everyone else?

RIDLEY

There's quit a bit, but I know that you'll not be happy with me if I did try to play it down with you.

KARYN

What are you getting at?

RIDLEY

Doc. We've been doing what we can. Check up on all the victims, not that we have the man-power to do any of the autopsies currently.

(worried)

It doesn't matter, as we're missing some of the dead.

Johnson and Doctor Lindsey stood shocked looking at him.

JOHNSON

How many dead have you registered and how many have you found are missing?

KARYN

How many places do you have the dead at and just how did you come to realize they're missing?

RIDLEY

That's actually the easy part. There are far more dead than alive in this Town.

(pouring coffee)

When I ordered a head count, needing to inform all relevant parties, we found that there are bodies bags, but the people aren't there.

KARYN

Do you have any idea why this is happening?

RIDLEY

Your guess is as good as mine. Never before had I ever witnessed anything like this!

He pull up a chair to the small table.

KARYN

I take it you're looking into the missing bodies?

RIDLEY

I would have suspected the Cornel here, trying to cover something up. But his reaction to the missing bodies, leaves me to think there's something else going on.

JOHNSON

I'll call in re-enforcements as well as guards to help out. But they'd only arrive here early tomorrow.

RIDLEY

Thanks Cornel. But we've received people from al over. The more people who are here, the easier it will be for things to go missing.

(getting up)

Why don't you turn in for the night. Tomorrow will have more issue, I guarantee you that!

JOHNSON

No worries. I do feel tired, and I suspect the Doc here can do with some rest.

Both getting up.

KARYN

Call us as soon as you need any help.

Ridley brushed them off, clearing the office from the people he didn't know personally.

EXT. OUTSIDE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE - NIGHT - LATER

JOHNSON

I don't know what is going on here, but if we wait to see what the rest comes up with, we might be caught with our pants down.

KARYN

There's very little in the way of escape routes. They had not received more Ambulances than there had been in the Town so far.

JOHNSON

How did they move the dead?

KARYN

Everything is so close to each other. With stretchers. There had only been five or so, being moved from further away.

JOHNSON

So how can this happen?

KARYN

It shouldn't. I'm not the only
Doctor who verified the dead. We're
about ten Doctors in town.

JOHNSON

It doesn't make any sense. We have
medical personal here as well.

KARYN

So why would the dead go missing
like they're doing?

Neither spoke a word further, walking from the Sheriff's
Office.

END OF ACT 3.