

TEASER

FADE IN:

RECAP OF PRIOR EPISODES.

OVER BLACK, we hear a young girl's PIERCING SCREAM of terror.

EXT. URBAN PARK - DAY

Nine-year-old CASEY comes running out of a wooded portion of the park. She dashes across this clearing, towards her MOTHER [30s], who leaps up from the bench where she's been knitting.

CASEY
Mommy! He's after me. Help me!

CASEY'S MOTHER
Who's after you, sweetie?

CASEY
The monster. There's a monster in the woods.

CASEY'S MOTHER
Baby. Calm down, okay? There's no such thing as monsters.

But rather than respond to mom's reassuring words, Casey looks back toward the woods -- and SCREAMS again. Her mother follows her gaze. A MAN in a hooded sweatshirt has just emerged from the trees, and is stumbling towards them.

Casey's mother instinctively herds her daughter into her arms as the man approaches.

It's KEVIN BURKHOFF. And, truth be told, he looks like a good argument for the existence of monsters. His skin is peeling and covered with sores. His eyes are buried in his misshapen, bulging skull. He stumbles up to Casey's mother --

KEVIN
Please. You have to help me.

CASEY'S MOTHER
Stay away! I'll call the police.

KEVIN
Call them! Please. I need help. They're after me.

But Casey's mom keeps an arm around her daughter and hurries her away. Kevin looks around. A few other N.D. PARK VISITORS are looking at him with revulsion and fear.

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