

TEASER

1 EXT. GROCERY STORE - ESTABLISHING SHOT -- HALLOWEEN 1
AFTERNOON (DAY 1)

Late afternoon. A neighborhood GROCERY STORE. In the parking lot: a few CARS, including an ARMORED TRUCK...

2 INT. GROCERY STORE -- SAME TIME 2

Inside. It's HALLOWEEN. The store is decorated with festive holiday decorations: ORANGE STREAMERS, CREPE PUMPKINS etc.

The STORE MANAGER is on the phone with a VERY ANNOYING CUSTOMER. He refers to a BOX OF FOOD, which is about to be delivered. Taped to the box: an ORDER FORM, with an address on it.

STORE MANAGER
(into phone)
No, we didn't forget about you. He was just leaving now. Yes, yes, it's all here. I'm looking at it now.

He checks the items in the box: BANANAS, TOMATO PASTE, PASTA, and FOUR CANDY BARS, including a "Cluster" bar.

STORE MANAGER (cont'd)
Two cans, tomato paste. One sixteen-ounce box of farfale pasta. One, two, three, four candy bars. And a bunch of bananas. He'll be there in ten minutes.

The Manager hangs up. He turns to a DELIVERY BOY.

STORE MANAGER (cont'd)
You know the address, right?

The DELIVERY BOY nods, takes the box, and leaves.

Meanwhile, at the CHECKOUT COUNTER: a YOUNG FEMALE CASHIER is ringing up an ARMORED CAR DRIVER, in uniform. The Driver is buying a few items: a SANDWICH, a BAG OF CHIPS, a SODA, and a "CLUSTER" CANDY BAR.

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ARMORED CAR DRIVER
Are you going out tonight? Trick-or-treating?

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"MONK" - CASHIER

CASHIER

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CASHIER

I think I'm a little old.

ARMORED CAR DRIVER

Hell, I went trick-or-treating all
through high school.

The Driver is too hungry to wait: he unwraps the Cluster Bar
and takes a big bite.

CASHIER

That'll be five fifty-one...

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Nearby: ANOTHER CUSTOMER- an ordinary, shorter-than-average
man- is standing in an aisle, holding a FOOD BASKET. He's
watching the Driver, intently.

The Driver AD LIBS a friendly goodbye, and leaves.

3 EXT. GROCERY STORE, PARKING LOT -- MOMENTS LATER

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Moments later, outside. The Driver is walking toward his
ARMORED TRUCK, carrying his bag of food, still eating his
Cluster Bar.

The OTHER CUSTOMER appears, carrying a bag of food, and
holding a CIGARETTE.

OTHER CUSTOMER

Hello! Excuse me...

The Driver stops.

OTHER CUSTOMER (cont'd)

Do you have a light?

4 INT. GROCERY STORE -- SAME TIME

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Back inside. Business as usual. The Cashier is ringing up
another customer...

Suddenly, from outside: GUNSHOTS! BLAM BLAM!

Pandemonium! EVERYONE SCREAMS and DIVES for cover. The
CASHIER bravely peeks outside...

5 EXT. CASHIER'S P.O.V. - PARKING LOT -- CONTINUOUS

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Through a window, at a distance, across the parking lot,
partly obscured, she sees: a cold-blooded execution!

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COOL. HIPPIE BOY

COOL.

VAMPIRE BOY

Have you gone trick-or-treating yet?
You should come with us.

Julie turns to Natalie for permission. Natalie sighs.

NATALIE

Okay. Be back by 8 o'clock. Stick together. And don't go past the highway. And take my cell phone. And don't eat anything until I inspect it.

JULIE

Mom. I'm not four years old.

PRINCESS GIRL

My mom said the same thing.

18 INT. POLICE HEADQUARTERS -- SAME TIME -- NIGHT

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Meanwhile, across town. In Police HQ.

The YOUNG CASHIER from the grocery store has been working with a POLICE SKETCH ARTIST. They've just completed a ROUGH DRAWING OF THE KILLER.

Capt. Stottlemeyer considers the sketch.

START
SC. 2

CAPT. STOTTMLEYER

~~Good job.~~

(then)

And you've never seen this man before?

~~In the store? Hanging around the parking lot...?~~

CASHIER

I don't think so. But I see a lot of faces.

During this, Lt. Disher is looking at the SKETCH.

LT. DISHER

He looks like Keifer Sutherland.

~~CAPT. STOTTMLEYER~~

~~Yeah. I guess he does.~~

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CASHIER

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LT. DISHER
(to Cashier)
It wasn't Keifer Sutherland, was it?

CASHIER
No sir.

Capt. Stottlemeyer takes out a paper CASH REGISTER ROLL.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
Here's the receipt from your register.
(pointing to receipt)
This is him. He bought three items,
for eighty-nine cents each?

CASHIER
Yes sir. Three candy bars.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
Three candy bars.

~~Lt. Dishor is still obsessed with the sketch~~

LT. DISHER
It really looks like Keifer
Sutherland. Before we distribute
this, we might want to print out,
along the bottom: Not Keifer
Sutherland. So nobody bothers Mr.
Sutherland.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
That's a good idea.

LT. DISHER
You think so?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
No.
(resuming, to Cashier)
Let's do this again. The guy pays
you. He walks out. A minute later,
you hear shots. You run to the
window. You see this guy shooting
the driver...?

~~The Cashier nods.~~

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER (cont'd)
Then he looks into the truck, sees
it's empty, and takes off?

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CASHIER

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CASHIER

No sir. He never looked in the truck.

Capt. Stottlemeyer and Lt. Disher exchange baffled looks.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

He never looked in the truck?

(stunned)

~~He never looked in the truck?~~

//END 50.2

19 EXT. AMBROSE'S NEIGHBORHOOD - STREET -- SAME TIME -- NIGHT 19

Across town. Julie and her Friends are trick-or-treating. They're running from house to house, carrying BAGS OF CANDY.

They don't notice: the MAN IN THE FRANKENSTEIN COSTUME is following them, at a distance....

20 EXT. CITY PARK -- MOMENTS LATER -- NIGHT

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Julie and her friends are cutting through a CITY PARK. Suddenly- the MAN IN THE FRANKENSTEIN COSTUME appears!

FRANKENSTEIN

GGRRRRRGCH!

The KIDS SCREAM! "Frankenstein" grabs their CANDY BAGS! The Kids RUN AWAY! Frankenstein clutches the candy bags, and runs the other way!

21 EXT. CITY PARK - SAME SPOT -- MOMENTS LATER

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Moments later. In the park, where the kids were "robbed".

Monk and Natalie are there. Monk is treating this like any other crime scene. He's pacing... thinking... doing his Zen thing.

Watching him are: TEN CHILDREN, including Julie and all the Trick-Or-Treaters we met earlier. They're all in cute, HALLOWEEN COSTUMES. Half of them still have their candy bags; half don't.

PRINCESS GIRL

(to Julie, whispering)

What's he doing?

JULIE

You'll see. Shhh.

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