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INT. WEED SHOP - FRONT - DAY

Wall-to-wall weed. A stoner's paradise. Hip-hop bumps.

DEREK aka "D" (a funny stoner, early 20s) and RICH (the flashy owner, mid 20s) chill on bean bags.

The bean bags sit near the back, far from the sunlight coming through the front door and windows.

Derek lights a blunt, and Rich reads a vampire comic.

Derek rocks a weed shirt. Rich wears a lotta ice and a flashy uniform, even his name tag's icy.

Rich laughs at the comic. BLING! Diamond vampire grillz in his mouth.

RICH (talking about comic) Ey, D! This that shit!

DEREK Ppreciate it... Ey, what I gotta do to get those grillz?

RICH Become a vampire.

Derek laughs, and Rich joins in. Derek puffs, puffs, passes the blunt. Coughs up a lung.

DEREK This gas. That. Shit.

Rich smokes the weed, doesn't cough.

RICH

Naw, D...

Rich pulls a small, strange box from behind the counter, hurries back to the bean bags.

RICH (CONT'D) This that <u>shit</u>. Best smoke eeeever.

DEREK Word? What's it call?

RICH

Immortality.

DEREK Shit, I want some immortality. Rich grins wickedly. He starts to open the box -- sees a lady watching through the front door. SASHA (fierce, early 20s).

RICH Ey, I just remembered. I gotta close up.

DEREK What about the best shit ever?

RICH Come back tonight.

DEREK

Aight.

Derek heads to the door. Sasha is gone. Derek turns to Rich, does a little dance.

DEREK (CONT'D) (sings) "I'm gonna live forever!"

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING - DAY

Decaying building. Derek unlocks his apartment on the second floor, sees Sasha walking up the stairs.

DEREK

Sup, Sasha.

She continues towards Derek, ignoring him.

DEREK (CONT'D) Why you don't like me? Is it how I look? How I dress?

Sasha walks by Derek, not even looking at him.

A THUG (20s) beats up a man (18) downstairs. Badly.

Sasha runs down the steps, kicks the thug's ass. Fists to the face and belly, stomps his leg hard. Derek watches, shocked but impressed.

Sasha goes to the second floor.

DEREK (CONT'D)

Damn.

SASHA You just stood there.

DEREK Ain't my problem.

Sasha glares at Derek, stomps to her apartment. He follows.

DEREK (CONT'D) Can I come over?

He pulls out a bag of edibles.

DEREK (CONT'D) I got edibles.

Sasha ignores Derek. He touches her shoulder so she'll stop. She swings around, ready to knock him out.

> DEREK (CONT'D) Whoa. Relax. Let me come over. Or come to my place. I just wanna chill with you. Get to know you.

She goes in her apartment, shuts her door before he can look inside. Derek sighs, disappointed. He's crushing hard.

INT. WEED SHOP - FRONT - NIGHT

Rich unstocks shelves. A lot of them are empty. Derek enters, and they dap hands. Derek sees empty shelves, panics.

DEREK Ey yo, what the hell!? You closing!?

RICH

Hell naw.

DEREK Then what's this!? I know no one ordered all that shit!

Rich grabs the strange box from behind the counter, pulls out a blunt. The weed glows red.

RICH

Just making room for Immortality. The only weed anyone's gonna want.

Derek's eyes bulge and his mouth hangs open as he stares at the blunt.

DEREK You got edibles? Not yet, but we're working on it.

Derek throws money on the counter, snatches the blunt.

INT. WEED SHOP - FRONT - NIGHT (LATER)

Smoke and rock music fill the shop. Derek relaxes on a bean bag, high as the sky. His eyes are red, red.

The entire room looks blood red to him.

DEREK (sings) "I'm gonna live forever. I'm gonna live forever."... Yo, why the room red!?... (sings) "I'm gonna live forever."

He keeps singing as Rich comes from the back area.

RICH You ain't the only one.

Rich shows his real fangs, bites the air. Derek freaks the fuck out, rolls off the bean bag. Derek beelines for the front door.

INT. GAS STATION - FRONT - NIGHT

Calm gas station music plays. A nerdy clerk, ALBERT (early 20s) reads Derek's comic, wearing a horror shirt. Derek rumbles into the station, startling him.

ALBERT Hey, Derek. Fire comic.

Derek ignores him, grabs snacks. He drops a huge pile of snacks on the counter.

ALBERT (CONT'D) Someone's got the munchies.

Derek tosses cash on the counter, rips open a snack with his fang. Eats. Albert sees the fangs, smiles.

ALBERT (CONT'D) It's a little early for Halloween.

DEREK

What?

ALBERT

The fangs.

DEREK

What fangs?

The question spooks Albert.

ALBERT The ones in your mouth.

DEREK Fangs? You trippin'.

ALBERT

Vam... Vam...

Albert holds up the comic. He points at the cover and Derek.

ALBERT (CONT'D)

Vampire.

DEREK

Vampire?

Derek thinks.

DEREK (CONT'D) You smoke it too?

ALBERT

Vampire!

Albert snatches a backpack from behind the counter, rummages through the bag. Horror things, horror movies, and survival gear fall out. Derek watches, eating.

DEREK What you doing?

Albert finds a new UV flashlight. He tries to get the box open, having a hard time.

ALBERT

Jus-just stay over there.

Albert gets the flashlight out the box, shines it in Derek's face.

SIZZZZ. Derek's face burns. He guards his face, freaking out.

Derek scoops up as many snacks as he can.

EXT. GAS STATION - NIGHT

Derek runs through the lot, dropping snacks. Sasha gets out her car. She spots a trail of snacks on the ground, watches Derek take off in his car.

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING - NIGHT

The same thug beats up the same man. The thug has a black eye, busted lip. Walks with a limp.

Derek sees the thug beating up the man. Derek rushes up the stairs, ignoring it.

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

The room's junky. Derek's comic, laptop, and a pad with ideas for a new comic lie on the center table. Plus the snacks and a lotta weed. He paces, thinking.

> DEREK Albert's tripping. I ain't no vampire.

He paces some more. His eyes light up, getting an idea.

BATHROOM

Derek rushes in, looks in the mirror. No reflection. He stomps, whines.

DEREK I'm a vampire.

LIVING ROOM

Derek paces, freaking out and thinking.

DEREK There has to be a cure.

He plops down on the sofa, grabs his laptop off the table.

MONTAGE **STARTS**:

-- Derek searches online, eating snacks. "can vampires be human again," "cure for vampires," "vampire cure."

-- He watches a vampire movie, taking notes on the pad and eating snacks.

-- Derek reads an online forum about vampires.

-- He totes in a stack of books on vampires, monsters, and potions. He scours the books, eating a huge plate of food.

MONTAGE ENDS.

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Derek sleeps, head back and snoring. He wakes up and sees the books. He eats the rest of the food, throws the plate.

DEREK

Still hungry!

He thinks hard, jumps off the sofa.

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING - DAY

Derek snatches open the front door. The sun beams on him. SIZZZZ. His skin smokes. He screams, closes the door.....

Derek opens the door, wearing a red track suit, gloves, fullhead mask, and black shades.

As he locks his door, Sasha watches him from outside her apartment. He looks up, and she's gone. He hurries off.

INT. GAS STATION - FRONT - DAY

Albert plays a horror mobile game. Derek bursts into the store, holding his stomach. Albert jumps, startled.

Derek rushes to the counter, takes off his shades and mask. Albert draws his UV flashlight from his pocket, aims at him.

DEREK

Don't!

ALBERT You're not sucking my blood!

DEREK I'm not here for that!

ALBERT Then why did you come back?!

DEREK

I need help.

ALBERT Help with what? -- You don't think I'm gonna kidnap people so you can feed on them, do you!? DEREK What !? No... Unless you down. ALBERT No I'm not down! DEREK Aight. That's not even why I came back. I need help turning back human. Albert stares, flabbergasted. He bursts out laughing. ALBERT It doesn't work like that. DEREK It might. ALBERT It doesn't. Derek frowns, getting pissed off. ALBERT (CONT'D) Turn back human. Albert laughs.

> DEREK Keep laughing and see what happens. I'll! --

Derek bites the air, and Albert shoves the flashlight in his face. Derek backs down.

DEREK (CONT'D) Sorry. You a big horror fan. I figured you'd know how to help me. Guess not.

Albert frowns, feeling for Derek.

ALBERT I've heard about a local witch. She should be able to help.

DEREK Hell yeah!

ALBERT Let me find her number.

Albert searches his cell phone, texts. He gets a reply.

ALBERT (CONT'D) She'll be here.

INT. GAS STATION - FRONT - DAY (LATER)

Derek stares outside, wearing his shades and mask. The sun's setting. He does his best to control the hunger. Albert walks up, looks outside.

DEREK Where the hell is she!?

ALBERT

I don't know.

Albert sees Derek holding his stomach. Derek eyes him, showing his fangs.

ALBERT (CONT'D) But let's get you some blood so I'm off the menu.

EXT. GAS STATION - NIGHT

A "Closed" sign hangs on the front door.

INT. GAS STATION - BACK AREA - NIGHT

Albert watches a horror movie on his phone, UV flashlight nearby. Derek sucks the blood out a big rat. Another rat lies on the counter, drained. Albert stares at him.

> DEREK What? I got blood on my face?

Derek wipes his face, but blood's only on his mouth.

ALBERT You're an actual vampire.

DEREK

Sucks for me.

ALBERT (smiles) I knew vampires were real... What powers do you have besides healing? Derek shrugs his shoulders. ALBERT (CONT'D) Let's find out. DEREK Coo. Albert gives him a broom. ALBERT Break that. Derek tries to break the broom, can't. ALBERT (CONT'D) Weird. You should've snapped that. Vampires are supposed to have super strength... Super speed? Derek zips through the room. Albert's mouth hangs open. DEREK Super speed! Albert pulls out a pocket knife. ALBERT Vampires are immune to regular attacks. DEREK You sure? --Albert stabs the knife in him.

DEREK (CONT'D) What the fuck!?

ALBERT Feel anything?

DEREK

No.

ALBERT It's true!

Derek pulls the knife out.

DEREK What if it wasn't!?

ALBERT I guess you'd be in a lot of pain.

Derek glares at him.

ALBERT (CONT'D) Try to grow your nails. You can use them as a weapon.

Derek looks at his nails. They're long and sharp now. He shows them to Albert.

ALBERT (CONT'D) Try to fly.

Derek tries to fly. It looks hella awkward.

DEREK This stupid.

ALBERT Now try turning into a bat.

DEREK I ain't turning into no damn bat.

Albert opens his mouth to speak --

DEREK (CONT'D) And don't say test out my weaknesses. I'm <u>not</u>... Sun nearly baked my ass earlier. You did too.

Someone knocks on the front door.

GAS STATION - FRONT

Derek rushes from the back area, Albert following.

Albert unlocks the front door, and HAG enters. Hag's filthy and dressed in a raggedy gown. A sack hangs on her shoulder. She's in her 30s, but the makeup makes her look 90.

> ALBERT Derek, meet Hag. Hag, Derek.

Albert stares at Hag, gobsmacked.

HAG I don't use my real name. DEREK Whatever. Can you help me?

HAG

Of course.

Hag searches her sack, pulls out a potion. Derek gawks at it. He reaches for the potion -- she slaps his hand.

HAG (CONT'D) Eight hundred.

DEREK Get the fuck outta here.

HAG Ok, I will. Enjoy being a vampire.

Hag turns to leave --

DEREK Wait! I only got like two hundred.

Hag holds out her hand. Derek pays her, gulps the potion.

DEREK (CONT'D) How long does it take?

HAG It takes about ten minutes --

Hag dashes outside. Derek runs after her -- the thug limps in, wearing a ski mask and waving a handgun. Still got a black eye and busted lip.

Derek backpedals, hands up. The thug grabs Albert. Albert shivers, damn near pissing himself.

THUG You got a gun!?

Albert shakes his head. The thug walks him behind the counter, checks for a gun. No gun.

THUG (CONT'D) Empty the register!

Albert takes the money out the register, stuffs it in a bag.

THUG (CONT'D) (to Derek) Try anything and I'll smoke your ass. DEREK

I ain't trying shit. This between you and him.

ALBERT

What?

The thug grins, nods.

THUG That's wassup.

The thug shoves Albert.

THUG (CONT'D)

Hurry up!

Albert empties the register.

THUG (CONT'D) And the safe.

Before Albert can open the safe, a police siren blares in the distance, spooking the thug. He snatches the bag, hauls ass out the store -- still limping.

Albert stares at Derek. Derek avoids looking at him. Awkward.

ALBERT You let him rob me. You're a vampire! You could've used your powers!

DEREK

It had nothing to do with me.

ALBERT What if he killed me!?

DEREK

I mean, that'd be bad. But what if I tried to stop him with my powers, he got away, and told people I'm a vampire? Nope. I ain't sticking my neck out for nobody. Never have. Never will. And it's your fault that hag stole my money!

ALBERT

I thought she was real! I saw reviews on her website!

DEREK

Reviews?

ALBERT Yeah! People said she turned them back human! DEREK Vampires!? ALBERT No! Werewolves! I figured why not vampires! They glare, ready to go for each other's throats. ALBERT (CONT'D) (mocks) "I ain't sticking my neck out for nobody. Never have. Never will." Guess what? You never stuck your neck out for anyone, and it still got bit! Derek draws back to slice Albert with his vampire nails. Albert trembles. Derek realizes what he's doing, backs off. DEREK I didn't get bit. I smoked some qas. Albert thinks a moment. ALBERT Maybe there was vampire blood in the weed. According to some myth, a human needs to consume a vampire's blood to become one. DEREK The weed was glowing red. ALBERT Definitely vampire blood. Derek's blood boils. He knocks things off the counter.

EXT. GAS STATION - NIGHT

Sasha drives up. Derek stomps out the store, nostrils flaring and fists balled. She sees him speed off in his car. She gets out. Albert opens the store's door.

> ALBERT Sorry, Sasha. We're closed.

SASHA What's up with Derek?

ALBERT Oh, he lost money on a game.

INT. WEED SHOP - FRONT - NIGHT

All of the shelves are empty. Boxes sit on the counter and floor. Rich opens a box with his vampire nail, wearing the vampire grillz. Derek bursts through the front door.

> DEREK Your shit turned me into a vampire!

RICH It's that shit.

Derek appears in front of him, super speed. Rich grabs Derek's throat, knowing where Derek would be at.

Rich forces him to his knees. Derek stares at him, bug-eyed.

RICH (CONT'D) Super strength.

Rich pulls a travel-size wooden stake out his pocket.

RICH (CONT'D) Guess you're not living forever.

Derek eyes the stake like "What the fuck?"

RICH (CONT'D) Sometimes vamps gotta kill vamps.

Rich draws back to stab Derek's heart -- a bullet hits Rich's chest, just missing his heart.

SIZZZZ. The wound burns.

Sasha stands at the door, aiming a handgun. She fires twice. Rich dips to the back area with super speed, avoiding the bullets.

She helps Derek up.

SASHA

Come on.

INT. SASHA'S APARTMENT - HALLWAY - NIGHT

Sasha rushes through the hall. Derek follows her.

DEREK Sasha the Vampire Slayer. Damn, that's sexy.

He rubs his hands together, smiling.

DEREK (CONT'D) Derek and Sasha.

SASHA That's not my real name. And no.

They reach a closed door --

MAIN BEDROOM

Sasha bursts in. Derek looks around, stunned. The room's a vampire slayer Batcave. As they talk, she puts weapons and items in a duffle bag.

Derek walks around, looking at weapons and objects.

DEREK No wonder you wouldn't let me come over.

SASHA That's not the reason.

He picks up a handgun clip. Sasha takes it, loads her gun.

DEREK Bullets can't kill vampires.

SASHA These bullets can.

Sasha puts her gun in the bag, goes back to packing. Derek picks up garlic on accident. He drops it, wipes his hand.

DEREK You the only slayer?

SASHA No. There's more. A lot more.

DEREK

Like a gang?

SASHA

No. A family. "Fuck Vampires."

DEREK Yeah, fuck vampires.

SASHA

No. That's our name... And yeah, fuck vampires.

DEREK

Fuck Rich. Double fuck 'em. For what he did to me and he's a vampire... Why he got super strength and I don't?

SASHA

You're just a regular Venchman. He's a captain. Captains have the same powers and weaknesses as you, except they have super strength and they can control animals.

DEREK

Venchman?

SASHA A vampire henchman.

DEREK Glad he can't fly.

SASHA No. Only Dracula can. Fly, turn into animals, etc., etc.

DEREK

The Dracula?

SASHA

Үер.

DEREK Of course Dracula's real... Why weed?

SASHA Millions of people smoke weed. He's building an army to take over the world.

Derek looks like "Well, shit!" He points at her bag.

SASHA Finish my mission: Kill Rich, save this city.

She grabs a blunt out a drawer. The weed inside the blunt glows gold.

DEREK The hell is that?

SASHA Resurrection. It'll turn you back into a human.

Derek's eyes shoot open wide. He reaches for the weed -- she pulls her hand away.

SASHA (CONT'D) One condition. Join us. "Fuck Vampires."

DEREK Naw, I just wanna get back to my normal life. I got shit to do.

SASHA You heard me. One condition.

He thinks about it hard.

DEREK Aight. I'll join.

Sasha smiles.

DEREK (CONT'D) I finally made you smile.

She gives him the blunt. He pats his pockets.

DEREK (CONT'D) Got a light?

Sasha hands him a lighter, and Derek smokes.

DEREK (CONT'D) I mean, how can I not be down with y'all? Your name's "Fuck Vampires"... Yooo! I feel normal again. No hunger! He dances.

DEREK (CONT'D) (sings) "I'm back, baby. I'm back. I'm back."

Sasha giggles. She gives him a beat-up binder.

SASHA Everything you need to know about being a slayer's in there.

DEREK Oh, I'm not a slayer.

SASHA You said you'd join.

He tosses the binder on the bed.

DEREK

I lied.

SASHA There are millions of vampires. We need as many slayers as we can get!

DEREK Ain't. My. Problem.

She snatches a stake out her bag, points it at his neck.

SASHA You see someone in trouble, you never help. Never! <u>That's</u> why I don't like you.

DEREK You ok with killing people?

Sasha lowers the stake, shoves him.

Rich steps into the room with two venchmen. Sasha snatches her handgun out her bag, kills the venchmen. BANG! BANG! To the heart.

Rich appears in front of Sasha with super speed, slaps her gun away. He grins, no vampire grillz.

RICH I thought that was you outside my shop, Sasha. She draws back to stab Rich's heart with the stake -- he breaks her arm, and she screams.

DEREK

Motherfucker!

RICH She your woman, D? My bad for breaking her arm.

Derek fires stakes at Rich with his eyes. Rich grabs Sasha's throat, brandishes his nails to stab her.

In super speed, Derek grabs two stakes from Sasha's bag and appears behind Rich.

Derek stabs Rich's back with a stake. Rich releases Sasha, faces Derek -- Derek jams the other stake in Rich's heart. Rich drops dead.

DEREK Guess you're not living forever.

Derek sits Sasha on the bed, checks her arm carefully.

SASHA Thanks for saving my life.

DEREK You welcome. You like me now?

Sasha thinks, smiles.

SASHA

Yeah.

Derek rubs his hands together, cheesing.

DEREK Derek and Sasha.

SASHA We're not there yet.

DEREK

Yet.

Derek looks at the floor. Rich and the venchmen are ashes.

DEREK (CONT'D) I'm joining. "Fuck Vampires." Derek the Vampire Slayer.