

Night of the Vampire

written by

Noah McCay

INT. MOVIE THEATRE LOBBY - NIGHT

Two movie theatre employees Mike and Dave and their friend Jimmy have a lively discussion while another patron, Rider a sullen quiet guy in his early 20's stares at movie posters. The news plays softly in the background.

JIMMY

Wait? You actually liked that piece of crap Elm St. Remake

MIKE

Look, I'm not saying it's the best thing ever but yeah I kind of liked it.

JIMMY

Back me up Dave...Dave?

Dave stares at Rider.

DAVE

You think you're actually going to see a movie tonight Rider?

Rider just shrugs his shoulders without turning away from the posters.

DAVE (CONT'D)

This kid has come in here almost every day for weeks and never actually sees anything. I'm sick of it.

MIKE

Kid might not have anywhere else to go. Cut him some slack.

Rider turns around and sees the monitor playing the news

RIDER

Hey can you turn that up?

DAVE

What?

RIDER

The news turn it up.

Dave pulls a remote out of a drawer and turns up the news. A female news anchor gives a report.

NEWS ANCHOR

Officials are reporting a rash of strange attacks tonight where the victim is bitten on the neck.

Three people burst in one woman Elena and one man Bridger carrying a second man. He is unconscious and bleeding from the neck. They are all carrying guns. Dave turns off the TV

MIKE

Hey what are you?

BRIDGE

Lock this door!

DAVE

You can't just come in here

BRIDGE

Lock this door damnit we don't have much time.

Mike goes to the door and locks it.

JIMMY

What's going on?

ELENA

Christ, the world is going to shit and you guys don't even know it.

BRIDGE

Is there a place where I can set my friend. I need to treat his wound.

DAVE

We got a room in the back. Just try not to get blood on the floor.

Bridge glares at him and walks off with his friend in tow.

DAVE (CONT'D)

Or not whatever's good.

JIMMY

Can someone please tell me what is going on?

ELENA

No one knows exactly. A couple hours ago people started biting people out of nowhere.

JIMMY
Zombies. I knew it. I knew they
were real.

DAVE
God Jimmy just shut up and let the
woman speak.

ELENA
They aren't zombies. Most just get
bit and then die.

MIKE
Most?

ELENA
Me and Bridge have heard that some
are changing biting more people.
Haven't seen it myself. Might just
be a rumor.

Bridge enters the room cleaning blood off his hand with a
rag.

BRIDGE
Not a rumor my buddy back there

Bridge motions towards the back room.

BRIDGE (CONT'D)
He told me he saw it himself and
I'd trust that man with my life.

JIMMY
Alright, so some of them do come
back, what else could that be other
than a zombie.

RIDER
A vampire.

Everyone turns towards Rider. They had forgotten he was here.
The newcomers never saw him at all.

BRIDGE
Who's this kid?

DAVE
Rider, he doesn't talk much but
he's a good kid. Hangs out in here
most nights.

BRIDGE

Why doesn't he speak for himself?
What reason's he got for being so
quiet?

RIDER

No reason, I just don't need to
hear myself talk all the time like
some people.

BRIDGE

You little shit

Bridge lunges at him and Elena pulls him back

ELENA

Cool off, we don't need to be
pissing these guys off. If they
kick us out of here what are we
supposed to do?

Bridge relaxes a little.

BRIDGE

Alright

Bridge points at Rider.

BRIDGE (CONT'D)

but I'm watching you punk.

JIMMY

You're friend did he uh

Jimmy can't quite get the words out

BRIDGE

Come on spit it out!

JIMMY

Get bit... Did he get bit.

BRIDGE

Yeah, what of it?

JIMMY

Is he going to turn into one of
them?

BRIDGE

You let me deal with that.

MIKE

No, It's a good question we're locked in here with that guy. We need to know if we're safe with him.

ELENA

If he turns we'll kill him. Until then just pretend he isn't here.

DAVE

Oh yeah, just pretend someone isn't bleeding out in the back room of my movie theatre. That's a great plan.

RIDER

Do you even know how to kill them?

BRIDGE

Just like anything else, with bullets.

RIDER

How well did that work for you on the way here?

Bridge scowls a little as Elena touches him lightly on the shoulder.

ELENA

He's right.

BRIDGE

Fine, we might not know how to kill them but I'm still not putting Ethan down. Not until he turns into one of those things for sure.

JIMMY

We need a plan then in case he turns.

DAVE

Rider what do you think?

RIDER

Huh?

DAVE

You seem to know a thing or two about vampires. You got any theories on how to kill one of these things.

RIDER

Only what I know from like movies
and stuff. Stakes, Sunlight,
Decapitation.

BRIDGE

And not a damn one of you knows if
that stuff works in real life so
maybe leave this to the
professionals who have actually
served.

DAVE

You a veteran?

BRIDGE

Yes sir

DAVE

Where were you deployed?

BRIDGE

Well I never actually.

DAVE

That's what I thought now would you
please shut up and let someone else
talk.

JIMMY

That stuff isn't just from movies
right it goes back further to Bram
Stoker.

MIKE

Yeah and I think I read somewhere
that a few people were even
attacked by vampires in the 1800's

ELENA

So what they've just been hiding
out since then and the guy who
wrote Dracula is the only one who
knows about it?

RIDER

Maybe, either way they're here now.
Not hiding

BRIDGE

Which tells us exactly nothing, now
can we please get back to coming up
with a plan.

RIDER

What's the news saying?

BRIDGE

Oh yeah, like the medias going to be able to solve our problems for us.

DAVE

Look if someone has figured out how to fight these things they might be reporting on it. Now how about you quit being a dick, or I push you out the door.

MIKE

Dave we can't

DAVE

No, this is still my theatre, and I'm not putting up with this asshole anymore unless he calms down.

ELENA

He'll calm down. He will. You want to watch the news let's watch the news.

DAVE

At least the girl has some sense.

MIKE

Dude

JIMMY

Can we please stop fighting.

RIDER

Seriously, arguing isn't getting us anywhere now please turn up the TV.

DAVE

Alright

Dave turns on the TV.

NEWS ANCHOR

Several states and larger cities have called in the national guard but it seems to have had no effect. Normal means of killing have proven impossible against these creatures.

(MORE)

NEWS ANCHOR (CONT'D)

This station has received reports that fire, and wooden stakes could be effective but we are recommending that the public stay inside their homes as the creatures seem to avoid residential properties but will attack businesses. We repeat stay indoors and do not attempt to

Dave mutes the TV.

DAVE

Sounds like we aren't even safe in here.

JIMMY

Should we make a run for it.

RIDER

No way we'd be like free food out there.

BRIDGE

For once I agree with the kid.

MIKE

So we're back at square one.

RIDER

Not exactly.

ELENA

Got an idea?

RIDER

Not really, just something the news caster said, that they were avoiding residential property. Houses.

DAVE

And?

RIDER

Well it's just like the stories right a vampire can't enter someone's home without permission. They can't get in so they skip the houses altogether.

BRIDGE

I don't see how this helps us.

RIDER

Well if that part of the story's true why not the rest of it.

MIKE

So we're back to the classics. I don't suppose anyone's carrying around any stakes.

ELENA

Yeah, right.

DAVE

Decapitation's another one right?

Rider nods.

DAVE (CONT'D)

We've got that sword.

MIKE

Is that thing even real?

DAVE

Guy who sold it to me said it was.

MIKE

Holy shit dude you've been keeping an actual sword in here thought that thing was a prop from a movie or something.

DAVE

Well it's the only thing we've got right now isn't it.

JIMMY

Do we have anything we can carve into a stake?

MIKE

Not really.

ELENA

Sounds like the sword it is.

RIDER

Now do we even use it or not.

Everyone looks at Rider.

RIDER (CONT'D)

I mean that's what this was all about right. A way to kill that guy in the back.

BRIDGE

I already told you we aren't killing him.

ELENA

Maybe it's not the worst idea.

BRIDGE

You! You can't seriously be agreeing with this.

ELENA

We don't really have the medical equipment to deal with his wound properly and it looks like we might not be out of here before sunrise. He'll probably be dead by then anyways. Better to protect our own asses.

DAVE

Sounds like the best idea to me.

ELENA

That's two for the sword. Any other takers?

BRIDGE

He's locked in there anyways what harm can he do?

ELENA

You were out there you saw what these things can do. You think he wouldn't bust that door down as soon as he smells the food in the next room.

JIMMY

Can you please not refer to us as food?

DAVE

Not the time Jimmy.

JIMMY

Well whatever you call it I don't want to be it. You have my vote.

MIKE

Are we really voting on murdering someone?

ELENA

We're voting on killing a monster.

MIKE

He isn't even a monster yet. We don't know if he even going to turn into one of them.

ELENA

Well if we don't do something by then it could be too late.

RIDER

She's right. We can't risk it.

BRIDGE

Just wait a little longer that's all I'm asking. You kid

Bridge points at Rider.

BRIDGE (CONT'D)

How long would it take for him to turn.

RIDER

No idea. Even movies aren't exactly consistent on that.

BRIDGE

What, What about the news what's the news saying?

DAVE

So now he cares about the news.

RIDER

He indulged us

DAVE

Eventually

RIDER

Let's indulge him. Only a couple minutes though.

BRIDGE

Thanks kid it's it's something.

RIDER

Dave would you?

Dave raises the volume again.

NEWS ANCHOR

More reports are coming in from all across the world now. Bodies piling up in the streets. Drained of all their blood. The ones that aren't drained are beginning to change and become vampires themselves. (beat) God help us all.

DAVE

Sounds clear enough to me. You're friends going to turn into one of them sooner rather than later and it's time to deal with it. All in favor.

All five save bridge raise their hands.

DAVE (CONT'D)

Mike, get the sword.

Dave blocks the door.

ALLEY BEHIND THE THEATRE - NIGHT

3 men stand in the alley, two are dressed in modern garb one is wearing older clothes much in the gothic tradition.

VAMP 1

Is this the place?

VAMPIRE KING

Yes, a new brother is about to rise in this place

The vampire king draws in a deep breath.

VAMPIRE KING (CONT'D)

I can smell him.

VAMP 2

Should we bust in?

VAMPIRE KING

No I want to see how he performs.

INT. MOVIE THEATRE LOBBY - NIGHT

Bridge still blocks the door, Dave is now holding an ornate looking sword.

ELENA

Don't make us have to hurt you
Bridge. None of us wants that.

BRIDGE

Please you, you can't do this.

Elena raises her gun and then the knob on the door begins to rattle.

DAVE

Get out of the way.

Bridge rushes out of the way. The door flings open. Dave swings the sword, the swing is untrained, unpracticed and weak. The vampire catches the sword in his hands.

BRIDGE

Ethan don't do this. After all
we've been through together.

ETHAN

I've never seen you before in my
life but I would like to get to
know you more...personally.

Ethan grabs with an intense force and strength and plunges his fangs into his neck.

ELENA

Run

Everyone runs and turns to the door.

JIMMY

It's locked. Where are the keys.

DAVE

I got 'em move.

Dave fumbles with his keys his head down.

MIKE

Dave.

DAVE

No time Mike.

Ethan lets go of Bridge and his body falls to the floor.

ETHAN

You're right you are out of time.

Ethan rushes forward with intense speed, grabbing Elena and snapping her neck.

MIKE

Dave what's going on?

Mike turns around and sees three vampires in front of the door. Ethan stands still watching their terror

JIMMY

What do we do now?

RIDER

Can we go out the back?

DAVE

Past him, how?

RIDER

We all rush him, he can't stop all of us.

MIKE

What about those guys at the door?

RIDER

They obviously aren't coming in fore a reason. I think they're just supposed to watch.

DAVE

Ok on three we rush him.

Ethan raises a finger and begins to whisper to himself.

ETHAN

Eeny

DAVE

One

ETHAN

Meeny

DAVE

Two

ETHAN

Miny

DAVE

Three

ETHAN

Moe.

Ethan's finger lands on Jimmy as the other three run past him. He grabs Jimmy and bites him moaning in pleasure.

ALLEY BEHIND THE STORE - NIGHT

The two new vampires stand eager like hyper children.

VAMP 1

Now

VAMPIRE KING

Now.

The vampire king raises a finger and pulls it backwards the door popping open.

The two new vampires rush in meeting the group, They grab Mike and Dave tackling them to the floor and then drinking from them. The vampire king walks in slower, more patient. He walks up to Rider who stands in front of him trying not to look as afraid as he is.

VAMPIRE KING (CONT'D)

Who are you?

RIDER

Why do you care, you're just going to eat me.

VAMPIRE KING

Interesting. Most people beg for their lives. Not you.

RIDER

Guess not. Now are we doing this or not.

VAMPIRE KING

Perhaps not.

The vampire king scratches himself with a long nail and he begins to bleed. He presses his wrist to Rider's mouth.

VAMPIRE KING (CONT'D)

Drink my child.

The vampire king bites Rider.

CUT TO:

INT. NEWS STATION - SUNRISE

In the news station the anchor gives another report.

NEWS ANCHOR

The sun is rising and this station
is receiving word that the vampires
are now retreating into public
buildings and businesses as well as
homes where the owner is now dead.
We are recommending you get out
into the sunlight and travel in
large groups. We are hearing as
many as 100

The news anchor is interrupted as a vampire jumps up on the
desk and bites the anchor and the broadcast goes dead.

CUT TO BLACK.

CREDITS