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AWARD-WINNING COMEDY-HORROR SHORT SCREENPLAY

Project Overview

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TITLE	Scarier Movie
FORMAT	Short film
GENRE	Comedy horror
STATUS	In development
COUNTRY / LANGUAGE	United Kingdom / English
WRITTEN BY	Madeline McQueen
DIRECTED & PRODUCED BY	Madeline McQueen
PRODUCTION COMPANY	Beyond Realms

Project at a Glance

CONCEPT A supernatural curse turns an awkward romantic encounter into a fight for survival.

APPROACH A compact short-film version of a broader feature concept, built around escalating comic horror.

STONE Fast, irreverent and knowingly absurd, while allowing the central threat to remain genuinely dangerous.

Logline & Synopsis

Logline

When Sam is stalked by an unnatural being, he turns to his best friend Abbie for help—but escaping this supernatural infection will take more than common sense and a handful of unlikely demon hunters.

Short Synopsis

When Sam discovers that an unnatural being is following him, he turns to his best friend Abbie for help. With the aid of several unexpected strangers, they must find a way to rid themselves of the entity before it closes in.

Expanded Synopsis

Sam's love life has always been a little cursed—this time, literally. After he and his girlfriend Clair sleep together for the first time, Sam discovers that he is being stalked by a shape-shifting supernatural entity that can look like anyone. Its rule is brutally simple: do not let it get close.

As the creature inches nearer—sometimes wearing very familiar faces—Sam turns to his best friend Abbie. She initially thinks he has lost his mind, until the demon arrives to prove him right. Just as the situation spirals from bad to worse, an unlikely band of demon hunters crashes into the chaos and attempts to save the day. Sort of.

Scarier Movie is a twisted comedy-horror tale about bad dating decisions, relentless demons and the difficulty of ghosting something that is actively trying to kill you.

Creative Vision

Scarier Movie began as a feature-film idea and was later reshaped into a short. I wanted to revisit the fast, irreverent energy of comedy-horror parody while giving the supernatural threat enough weight to feel genuinely dangerous.

The central joke is a literal supernatural infection: the kind of problem that sounds absurd when Sam tries to explain it, but becomes terrifying once it starts wearing familiar faces. That contrast allows the story to move between awkward character comedy, visual horror and escalating chaos.

Abbie gives the film its grounding. Her disbelief mirrors the audience's reaction to Sam's increasingly ridiculous account, while her loyalty pulls her into the danger. Their friendship keeps the comedy character-led rather than relying only on references or spectacle.

The short is intended as a playful, self-aware homage to comedy-horror films, with its own supernatural premise and a sharper horror edge. The aim is to make the audience laugh at the situation, then briefly wonder whether they should be laughing at all.

MADELINE MCQUEEN
Creator & Writer

People Behind the Project

Principal Cast

SAM Az James

ABBIE Madeline McQueen

Key Crew

WRITER Madeline McQueen

DIRECTOR / PRODUCER Madeline McQueen

Creator Biography



Madeline McQueen is a UK-based actress, writer, director and producer whose work spans screen, voice performance and immersive theatre. Trained at Rose Bruford College, she is also a published author with a multidisciplinary approach to performance and storytelling.

Her creative work is rooted in horror, thriller and paranormal storytelling, while also incorporating comedy and fantasy. She wrote, directed and produced her first feature film, *The Hitchhiker's Project*, and has continued developing original projects across feature films, short films and television.

Awards & Contact

WINNER	Accolade Global Film Competition Short Film	2026
WINNER	Florida Shorts Best Comedy	2026
NOMINEE	International Film Gala London Best Short Screenplay	2025
NOMINEE	Venice Shorts Best Comedy	2026
QUARTER-FINALIST	Outstanding Screenplay Best Short Screenplay	2025
QUARTER-FINALIST	Raindance Best Short Screenplay	2023
SEMI-FINALIST	Indianapolis Independent Film Festival Best Comedy	2026
SEMI-FINALIST	New Orleans International Film Awards Best Short Script	2026
SEMI-FINALIST	Rio de Janeiro World Film Festival Best Comedy Short	2026

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