

MY DARKENED HEART

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FADE IN:

INT. APARTMENT - BEDROOM - NIGHT

Darkness. The ceiling light turns on.

A newspaper lays on the floor. The headline reads: "Three Young Adults Found Slain in North Roanoke."

LUCAS WELLS (27), wearing a suit, enters and steps on the newspaper. He stares ahead and closes his wet eyes.

INT. CHURCH - SANCTUARY - NIGHT (TWO HOURS AGO)

Three caskets rest at the altar. Framed pictures of SARAH WELLS (20), AMY WELLS (18), and ZACK WELLS (19) stand behind them.

Lucas stares at them, with tears in his eyes. He looks to his left. RICHARD and MARY WELLS (55), dressed in funeral suits, glare at him.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT (PRESENT DAY)

Lucas opens his eyes and looks down. He picks up the newspaper and grips it in his hands.

LUCAS

What I'd give to make this right...

He leans against the bedroom mirror and cries. He hammers both fists against the wall.

LUCAS (cont'd)

But, what's the point? No one would care! No one!

He slams his fist into the mirror. The glass shatters and crashes onto the floor. He punches the mirror again and throws down its frame.

For a moment, he stares at his bloody hand before he sits on the floor and reaches under the bed.

A gun gleams in the room light. He thumbs the hammer back and puts the barrel in his mouth.

SARAH WELLS (20), in a bloody dress, slides out from under the bed and swats the gun out of his hand.

SARAH

Sorry, but I'm not letting you do this. Not today. Not ever. So, you need to --

Lucas goes for the gun, but she extends her hands. He flies backward and slams into the dresser. She looms over him.

SARAH (cont'd)

Look, I know you lost everyone you cared about, but you can't kill yourself.

(pauses)

I can't let you do that...

Lucas scrambles for the gun, but a green energy blast disintegrates the weapon. He touches the remaining ashes.

Sarah stands in front of him.

SARAH (cont'd)

Lucas, will you just listen to me for one damn second? Please?

Lucas stands and faces her.

LUCAS

How are you alive? You were --

SARAH

Murdered? Well, duh. Look, I'll just cut to the chase here, alright?

She exhales a deep breath.

SARAH (cont'd)

The others sent me here. They won't rest until you find our killers and bring them to justice...

LUCAS

Wait, what? Why me?

SARAH

'Cause you're the one who wants to make this right, remember?

(pauses)

Besides, you're the only one who cared and protected us for so long...

LUCAS

But the cops --

SARAH
Screw them. They're not solving this case. Only you can, Lucas. Only you.

She picks up the newspaper and hands it to him.

SARAH (cont'd)
They're still out there. We hunt them down. You hand them over to the cops. Everyone loves you again.

LUCAS
But, how the hell would I do that?
Huh? How?

Sarah stretches out her right hand.

SARAH
Just shake my hand.

LUCAS
Shake your hand?

SARAH
Yeah, do it.

Lucas grabs Sarah's hand with his hand. A white light engulfs them. He falls down and catches his breath. She pats him on the back.

SARAH (cont'd)
Now, you're ready...

EXT. ABANDONED FARMHOUSE - NIGHT

Weathered. Police tape stretches across the front entrance. Lucas and Sarah approach the building.

SARAH
Do you sense that?

LUCAS
Yeah, some really dark energy's in there.

SARAH
Well, let's go in and --

LUCAS
No, I'll do it. Just stay out here. Keep watch, alright?

Sarah nods. Lucas rips away the police tape and steps inside.

INT. ABANDONED FARMHOUSE - NIGHT

Dried blood covers the floor. Lucas scans the area. He extends his hand. A white light cuts through the shadows.

In the background, something CREAKS. He turns around. Nothing in sight.

LUCAS

Who's there? Come on out!

The sound of evil laughter ECHOES around him. In the background, FIVE MEN (40s), dressed in black robes, step out of the shadows.

MAN #1

Your presence gives us strength...

MAN #2

And our Lord will make you stronger than ever before...

Lucas clenches his fists. They emit a red glow.

LUCAS

I'm gonna make y'all pay for murdering them!

He extends his fists. Red energy blasts shoot from them. One of the Men flies backward into the shadows.

The other Men swarm him, but Lucas fires more energy blasts at them. They hit the ground, stand up, and hit the ground once the blasts strike them again.

LUCAS (cont'd)

That's right! Y'all messed with the wrong one now!

He places his fists together. A red wave of energy burns the Men into ashes. He lowers his fists. A red and black aura emits from his body.

LUCAS (cont'd)

What is... happening to me?

Footsteps ECHO behind him. They belong to THE HIGH LORD (1000s), dressed in a shadowy robe, who approaches him.

THE HIGH LORD
 You no longer serve the realm of the
 Lost. You serve me now.

Lucas spins and aims his glowing fist at him. High-pitched screams RESONATE in his ears. He hits the floor and shields his ears with his hands.

LUCAS
 Oh god, please, make it stop!

THE HIGH LORD
 Then, serve me or die...

LUCAS
 I will! Just make them stop!

The High Lord waves his hands. The screams fade away.

Lucas stands up. His eyes glow red. A black aura emits from his body.

THE HIGH LORD
 Now, go forth and do my bidding...

Lucas saunters toward the entrance, but Sarah appears in front of him.

SARAH
 Lucas, I can't let you do this!

Lucas stares at her. Tears run down his face.

LUCAS
 They all must die, including you.

He shoots a red energy blast through her chest. She falls to her knees. He places his hands together and pulls them apart. A blood red sword forms between them.

Lucas twirls the blade.

LUCAS (cont'd)
 Goodbye...

With one swing, Sarah's body fizzles and disintegrates.

The High Lord places his hand on Lucas's shoulder.

THE HIGH LORD
 Now, kill them all...

EXT. ROANOKE RIVER GREENWAY - NIGHT

The river runs underneath the long bridge. CARLY (24), HARRY (26), BEN (23), and JACK (28) walk along the bridge and stare at the river.

A red portal appears. Lucas steps out. They turn around, frightened.

CARLY
Lucas? What happened to you?

Harry steps toward Lucas, but Carly grabs his arm.

CARLY (cont'd)
Let's just go, guys...

They walk away, but Lucas follows them. Harry stops and turns around.

HARRY
Look, man, we're done with you
pushing us away, so either back off
or --

Lucas reforms his sword and jams the blade through Harry's chest. Carly screams. Harry falls into the river. Ben and Jack pull out their combat knives.

BEN
You sick piece of --

Lucas steps forward and swings his sword. Ben drops the knife and hits the ground, dead.

Lucas takes another step and another swing. Jack kneels on the ground. In another sword swing, Jack's head rolls into the water.

Carly falls and screams. Lucas approaches her.

LUCAS
And there was only one...

CARLY
No!

She grabs his face. A white light engulfs them.

EXT. DARK ROANOKE RIVER GREENWAY - NIGHT

Thick fog conceals the ground. Lucas stands and looks around. Carly lies on the ground, unconscious.

LUCAS

Carly!

He races toward her, but black hands rise from the ground and hold him in place. He struggles against them. The High Lord appears and twirls his black sword.

THE HIGH LORD

She never told you she was gifted?
Such a shame.

LUCAS

Don't you dare touch her!

THE HIGH LORD

You should know by now, boy, that my
empire has no tolerance for the
pure...

The High Lord lifts her into the air.

Lucas breaks free from the hands and tackles him. Carly hits the ground and wakes up. She looks around. Lucas and The High Lord wrestle each other.

CARLY

What the hell?

Lucas and The High Lord slide away from each other. They lock swords, parry one another's blows, and clash swords again.

THE HIGH LORD

You'll never win, boy! The darkest of
empires always prevails!

LUCAS

That's where you're wrong!

Lucas spins and slashes The High Lord's back. He swings again, but The High Lord shoves him backward.

THE HIGH LORD

You once believed you lost
everything. Your friends. Your
family.

(MORE)

THE HIGH LORD (cont'd)

(pauses)

But, you haven't seen anything yet...

A blue energy blast slams against him. He flies forward and slides across the ground.

Carly clenches her fists. Blue aura emits from them.

CARLY

He won't lose everything. Not if I have something to say about it!

THE HIGH LORD

Such a foolish girl!

He points at her. A black energy beam pins her against a wall. He stands and raises his hands. Multiple pairs of dark hands grab her. She struggles against their vice-like grip.

THE HIGH LORD (cont'd)

(to Lucas)

Do you remember what I said about not seeing anything yet?

He clenches his fist.

A red portal opens up in the ground. The dark hands pull Carly inside. She screams and wrenches in their grasps, but can't break free.

Lucas races toward her and dives, but the portal disappears.

The High Lord twirls his sword.

THE HIGH LORD (cont'd)

Now, do you see the error of your ways? You serve me now, boy. If not, then I'll make sure you'll --

Lucas pounds the ground with his fists.

LUCAS

Shut the hell up! I'm done with your threats! Done with them! Now, it's time you paid the price!

THE HIGH LORD

You dare defy me?

LUCAS

I said... shut up!

Lucas screams. A white energy wave floods the area. The High Lord falls down and shields himself with one arm.

Lucas stands up. His entire body glows white.

The High Lord also stands.

THE HIGH LORD
What is this madness?

Lucas extends his fists and fires a white beam of light. The High Lord soars backward.

Lucas steps toward him. The High Lord grabs his sword and swings, but Lucas shatters the blade with his fist.

THE HIGH LORD (cont'd)
This can't be!

Lucas punches the ground. The High Lord flies into the air. Lucas pulls back his glowing fist and extends. Another white energy blast pushes The High Lord backward.

Lucas extends his hand. A white sword materializes in front of him. He grabs the hilt and twirls the blade.

LUCAS
Do you want a promise that I'll keep?
(pauses)
This sword will be your end...

He glides and swings his sword. The blade slashes The High Lord's chest. He spins and swings again. Another slash across The High Lord's chest.

The High Lord kneels and reaches out toward him.

THE HIGH LORD
This... can't be over...

LUCAS
It already is.

Lucas twirls the blade and swings. The High Lord's head soars through the air. His body disintegrates into ashes.

EXT. ABANDONED WAREHOUSE - DAY

Boarded windows. Weathered exterior. A dozen of MEN (40s), dressed in dark robes, step out and raise their hands in the air.

A group of SWAT OFFICERS (30s - 40s) aim their guns at them. Four of the SWAT Officers approach them with zip-ties.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY (TWO WEEKS LATER)

Lucas sits on the couch and watches a news report about The Haunted's publicized arrest. His cellphone VIBRATES.

He stares at the screen: "Moved to Raleigh. Fresh start. Come visit when you can. We love & forgive you - Mom + Dad."

He smiles, cuts off the phone, and walks away.

EXT. ROANOKE RIVER - DAY

Lucas sits on the river's sandy edge and closes his eyes.

LUCAS (V.O.)

Losing my powers is something I can live with. But, losing her? My friends? That'll always haunt me.

He wades into the river.

LUCAS (V.O.) (cont'd)

Sometimes, all you can do is make it right...

He sinks himself and stays underneath the river.

A white flash erupts from above. Carly dives into the river, wraps her arms around him, and pulls him out. She drop him on the river's edge and looms over him. He looks up.

Carly stares at him. Tears fill her eyes.

CARLY

You don't get to die on me, you asshole. Not today. Not ever.

Lucas stands and stares at her. Tears run down his face.

FADE OUT.

THE END.