

AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN LONDON

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FADE IN:

MAN'S FOOTPRINT

on the moon.

EXT. MOON

Camera begins to pull back slowly, straight up - the song "Moon Shadow" by Cat Stevens begins. Once we are high enough to see the entire moon, the main title is superimposed.

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We continue to retreat from the moon, looking on as it grows farther from us, continuing credits until the full moon is the size it appears to us from earth.

EXT. CROSSROADS ON THE MOORS - NIGHT

Tree branches enter into the frame, the camera pans down and we see a truck approaching. We are at a crossroads in the moors, looking sinister enough to have earned their literary reputation.

The truck stops at the crossroads, the DRIVER, mustached and wearing tweeds, boots, and a muffler, climbs down.

"Moon Shadow" ends.

CUT TO:

Loud bang of the back grating on the truck as it slams down. Revealed among the sheep are two rudely-awakened young American boys. They look exhausted. They both carry backpacks, two American kids on a jaunt in Europe. They are both in their late twenties.

It is very cold and they clamber out of the truck none too happily. Pushing sheep aside they step out and stretch.

JACK GOODMAN AND DAVID KESSLER

They've been cramped for hours.

TRUCK DRIVER

Here, lads, East Proctor and all about are the moors. I go east here.

JACK

Yes, well thank you very much for the ride, sir. You have lovely sheep.

TRUCK DRIVER

(as he clammers back up on his truck)

Boys, keep off the moors. Stay on the road. Good luck to you.

DAVID

Thanks again!

He drives off. LONG SHOT of the two boys as the lorry pulls away. Surrounding them are the moors. They put on their packs, David points to the signpost pointing towards East Proctor.

EXT. ROAD ON THE MOORS - NIGHT

As they walk, their breath visible:

JACK

Are you cold?

DAVID

Yes.

JACK

Good.

They walk on, finally:

DAVID

Jack.

JACK

David.

DAVID

You're not having a good time are you?

JACK

Oh, I don't know. I mean look around. Isn't this a fun place?

The camera shows us the moors - desolate, cold, foreboding.

DAVID

Well, I like it here.

JACK

I'm sorry. Northern England first, Italy later.

DAVID

Right.

They walk on.

JACK

Do you think she'll meet me in Rome?

DAVID

I think Debbie Klein is a mediocre person with a good body.

JACK

Debbie is not mediocre and she has one of the great bodies of all time.

DAVID

She's a jerk.

JACK

You're talking about the woman I love.

DAVID

I'm talking about a girl you want to fuck, so give me a break.

JACK

Well, anyway, do you think she'll be there?

DAVID

I don't know.

JACK

(like an announcer)

Rendezvous in Rome starring Jack Goodman and Debbie Klein. The love affair that shocked Europe! See torrid lovemaking at its most explicit! See Jack and Debbie expose their lust in the sacred halls of the Vatican! Never has the screen dared...

DAVID

If you don't stop, I'm going to kill you.

JACK

I have to make love to her. It's very simple. She has no choice really.

DAVID

It just fascinates me that you can spend so much energy on someone so dull.

JACK

It is impossible for a body like that to be dull.

DAVID

We've known Debbie what, since the eighth grade? How many years of foreplay is that?

JACK

She says she 'likes me too much'.

David just laughs and laughs and laughs.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. EAST PROCTOR MAIN STREET - NIGHT

David and Jack entering East Proctor. It is brightly moonlit. East Proctor consists of a few shops, all closed, a petrol pump and a pub. East Proctor has a very small population and the place looks empty.

David and Jack enter the middle of town and look about. The camera sees what they see. A few shops, dark and shuttered. Light and laughter come from the pub.

EXT. THE SLAUGHTERED LAMB - NIGHT

Its traditional shingle shows a ferocious wolf's bloody head on a pike, and tells us the pub's name, "The Slaughtered Lamb".

JACK

The Slaughtered Lamb?

DAVID

Of course, The Slaughtered Lamb. Why else would they have a severed fox head on a spear as their symbol?

JACK

That's a wolf's head.

DAVID

Of course, The Slaughtered Lamb. Why else would they have a severed wolf's head on a spear as their symbol?

JACK

That's not a spear. It's a pike.

DAVID

A severed wolf's head on a pike as their symbol.

JACK

David, before we go in there I want you to know that - no matter what happens to us - it's your fault.

DAVID

I assume full responsibility.

JACK

Okay.

DAVID

Shall we?

INT. THE SLAUGHTERED LAMB - NIGHT

The pub was apparently "modernized" sometime in the mid-fifties. Its traditional Englishness combines with greasy stainless steel and glass. It is populated by mostly pale young men with longish hair. Several older men are ruddy complexioned and sport large mustaches. Four or five are watching a chess game. Two men are playing darts. The conversation is loud and there is often laughter. But there is something unsavory about these people. A look of leanness and poverty. They seem inbred and somehow sullen. We establish the types and the general level of noise in the room.

The door opens revealing David and Jack. There is dead silence and all are staring in a not friendly way at the two boys who are made uncomfortable by all the strange attention. They give each other a "what?" look, then turn to the assembled populace.

DAVID

Hello.

JACK

Nice to see you.

FACES

Silent and staring.

CUT TO:

DAVID AND JACK

DAVID

(smiles)

It's very cold outside. May we come in?

The WOMAN BARKEEP nods. The boys walk carefully over to a table and very self-consciously remove their packs, place them on the floor, and sit down at the table. There is a long, awkward wait. The Woman finally comes over to them.

JACK

Do you have any hot soup?

WOMAN

No.

DAVID

Well, do you have any coffee?

WOMAN

No.

JACK

Hot chocolate?

WOMAN

We've got spirits and beer. If it's something hot you want, you can have tea.

JACK

Then you have some hot tea?

WOMAN

No.

JACK

Oh.

WOMAN

But I can heat some up for you if you'd like.

DAVID & JACK

Yes, please.

As the Woman turns to prepare the tea, everyone resumes what they were doing; talking, drinking, playing chess and darts, and the boys breathe easier.

JACK

Nice looking group.

DAVID

Listen, at least it's warm in here.

JACK

Look at that.

CUT TO:

JACK'S P.O.V.

On the wall is painted a red pentangle (a five-pointed star) and on either side burns a yellow candle.

DAVID

What about it?

JACK

It's a five-pointed star.

DAVID

Maybe the owners are from Texas.

The Woman brings them their tea.

JACK

(to Woman)

Remember the Alamo?

WOMAN

I beg your pardon?

DAVID

He was joking. Thank you.

WOMAN

Joking? I remember The Alamo. I saw it once in London, in Leicester Square.

Jack and David look startled. One of the CHESS PLAYERS explains:

CHESS PLAYER

She means in the cinema, that film with John Wayne.

(turns to board)

Checkmate.

DAVID

Oh, yes, of course.

JACK

Right, with Laurence Harvey and everybody died in it. It was very bloody.

CHESS PLAYER
Bloody awful if you ask me!

This sends everyone into gales of laughter. Jack and David smile politely.

CHESS PLAYER
Here, Gladys, Tom. Did you hear the one about the crashing plane?

WOMAN
No, but we're about to.

Laughter.

CHESS PLAYER
You be quiet, woman, and let me speak.

WOMAN
(heavy sarcasm)
Quiet, everyone! Hush! Shhh!

Uproarious laughter.

CHESS PLAYER
All right, laugh then. I shan't tell it.

WOMAN
Oh, come on, tell us.

CHESS PLAYER
No. You've had your chance.

The men all coax him to tell the joke.

JACK
(to David)
Ask them what the candles are for.

DAVID
(to Jack)
You ask them.

JACK

(to David)

Listen, that's a pentangle, a five-pointed star. It's used in witchcraft. Lon Chaney, Jr. and Universal Studios maintain it's the mark of the wolf man.

DAVID

(to Jack)

I see. You want me to ask these people if they're burning candles to ward off monsters.

JACK

(to David)

Right.

DAVID

(to Jack)

Wrong.

The drinkers have gotten the Chess Player to tell the joke as everyone knew he would.

CHESS PLAYER

Oh, all right. There was this airplane over the Atlantic on its way to New York. It was full of men from the United Nations.

WOMAN

That's very funny, that is.

Uproarious laughter.

JACK

(to David)

Go on, ask them.

DAVID

(to Jack)

You ask them.

CHESSE PLAYER

Here now, let me finish! So halfway over the ocean the engines run low on petrol so they have to lighten the plane. So they heave out all the baggage, but it's still too heavy. So they chuck out the seats, but it's still too heavy! Finally this Froggy steps up and shouts "Viva la France" and leaps out. Then an Englishman...

DART PLAYERS

Hear! Hear!

CHESSE PLAYER

(undaunted)

...steps up and shouts 'God save the Queen!' and leaps out. But the plane is still too heavy. So the Yank delegate from Texas steps up, shouts, 'Remember the Alamo!' and chucks out the Mexican.

This is apparently the funniest joke the inhabitants of East Proctor have ever heard. The laughter is uproarious, choking, knee-slapping, incredible. As the Chess Player goes to take a drink of beer, the Dart Player gasps out...

DART PLAYER

Remember the Alamo!

...causing the Chess Player to spit out his beer causing even harder laughter. Complete hilarity.

JACK

Excuse me, but what's that star on the wall for?

Dead silence. A dart lands in the wall. David and Jack are understandably bewildered. The villagers look hard indeed.

DART PLAYER

(angry)

You've made me miss.

JACK

I'm sorry.

DART PLAYER

I've never missed the board before.

DAVID

Jack, we'd better go.

JACK

What do you mean? I'm starving.

DART PLAYER

There's no food here.

The villagers look threatening and David's voice is a bit urgent.

DAVID

Come on, Jack, shall we go?!!

JACK

Apparently so.

The boys pick up their backpacks and move uncertainly for the door.

WOMAN

(to men)

You can't let them go.

DAVID

(worried)

How much do we owe you?

CHESS PLAYER

Nothing, lads. Go, God be with you.

DAVID

Uh, thank you.

WOMAN

Wait! You just can't let them go!

DART PLAYER

Go! And stay on the road. Keep clear of the moors.

DAVID
Yes, well, thanks again.

CHESS PLAYER
Beware the moon, lads!

David pushes Jack out.

EXT. THE SLAUGHTERED LAMB - NIGHT

It is very cold.

JACK
What the hell was that all about?

DAVID
I don't know. Let's see if there's
an inn or something up the road.

JACK
Beware the moon?

DAVID
Come on, I'm freezing.

They start up the road into the night.

INT. THE SLAUGHTERED LAMB - NIGHT

It is quiet.

WOMAN
You can't let them go.

DART PLAYER
(angry)
Should the world know our
business?!

CHESS PLAYER
It's murder then.

DART PLAYER
Then murder it is! It's in God's
hands now.

The wax drips from the Pentangle's candles onto the floor.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. A ROAD ON THE MOORS - NIGHT - DAVID AND JACK

walking on the road surrounded by darkness.

DAVID

That was weird. I guess leaving was
the best idea.

JACK

I don't know. Now that we're out
here and it's three degrees, I'm
not so sure I wouldn't rather face
a blood-thirsty mob.

DAVID

Well, not quite a blood-thirsty
mob.

They keep walking.

JACK

What do you think was wrong?

DAVID

I have no idea.

JACK

Maybe that pentangle was for
something supernatural.

DAVID

I see and they were too embarrassed
to talk about it, because they felt
so silly.

There is a flash of lightning that sends a ghostly
illuminating sheet of light over the boys' faces. The clap of
thunder follows loud and rumbling.

DAVID

Please don't rain.

Downpour. The boys are walking in a deluge.

DAVID

Of course.

They walk getting soaked.

JACK

Say, David...

DAVID

I'm well aware of how pleasant the weather is in Rome at the present time thank you.

Jack spreads his arms and sings.

JACK

Santa Lucia... Santa Lucia.

INT. THE SLAUGHTERED LAMB - NIGHT

The rain is loud on the roof and beating on the windows. The gathered continue to drink, play chess and darts, but all are silent and contemplative.

WOMAN

Perhaps they'll be safe in the rain.

The Chess Player slams his hand on the table. Shouts:

CHESS PLAYER

No one brought them here! No one wanted them here!

WOMAN

You could have told them!

DART PLAYER

Are you daft? What do you think they'd say? They'd think us mad.

WOMAN

Listen!

The rain is subsiding. There is a very faint howl.

WOMAN

Did you hear it? We must go to them.

DART PLAYER

I heard nothing.

CHESS PLAYER

Nor I.

The camera lingers as the Chess Player's hard face shows the man's struggle. Another howl. The Chess Player turns suddenly.

EXT. ROADSIDE ON THE MOORS - NIGHT

David and Jack are now completely out of sight from East Proctor surrounded by darkness and wet. There is a light drizzle. They are standing, listening. The drizzle stops.

JACK

Did you hear that?

DAVID

I heard that.

JACK

What was it?

David begins to walk, Jack with him.

DAVID

Could be a lot of things.

JACK

Yeah?

DAVID

A coyote.

JACK

There aren't any coyotes in England.

DAVID

The Hound of the Baskervilles.

JACK
Pecos Bill.

DAVID
Heathcliffe.

JACK
Heathcliffe didn't howl.

DAVID
No, but he was on the moors.

JACK
It's a full moon, 'beware the
moon'.

Another howl, this one long and loud. It is a very inhuman
noise, terrifying, and closer this time.

JACK
I vote we go back to The
Slaughtered Lamb.

DAVID
Yeah.

They are both visibly worried and walk briskly back from
where they just came. Although after a bit of fast walking
they are getting nowhere. They stop out of breath.

DAVID
We're lost.

Another bloodcurdling howl.

JACK
Shit! David, what is that?

DAVID
I don't know. Come on.

JACK
Come on, where?

DAVID
Anywhere! I think we should just
keep moving.

A growl. A low guttural growl comes from out of the darkness. We stay on the boys, but we hear something out there. It starts to walk.

DAVID
It's moving.

JACK
It's circling us.

And indeed it is. The boys strain to hear its four footfalls and they turn slowly, following it. A snarl.

JACK
Fuck.

We hear the wolf-monster stop (for that's what it is - we know it's there even though we've not seen it). It sits breathing heavily.

DAVID
What's the plan?

JACK
(nervously)
Plan?

DAVID
(not too relaxed himself)
Let's just keep walking.

They do and David keeps talking as they walk.

DAVID
That's right, a lovely stroll in the moors. Tra-la-la, isn't this fun?

The thing stalking them seems to speed up. The boys hesitate as they sense it run past them. It stops.

DAVID
It's in front of us.

JACK
Do you think it's a dog?

Jack and David strain to see what waits ahead of them.

BOYS' P.O.V.

Something is waiting in the darkness. Its hulking shape is barely discernible, but its eyes glow eerily and its breath is visible.

JACK

Oh shit. What is that?

DAVID

A sheep dog or something. Turn slowly and let's walk away.

The boys keep talking as they move faster and faster.

JACK

Nice doggie. Good boy.

DAVID

Walk away, Jack.

JACK

Walking away, yes, sir. Here we are walking away.

They are in a full-out run by now. After a few minutes flight they stop, panting.

DAVID

See anything?

JACK

No.

A moment of quiet, then a howl.

DAVID

It sounds far away.

JACK

Not far enough. Come on.

They walk briskly.

DAVID

Jack?

JACK

Yeah.

DAVID

Where are we going?

JACK

I'll tell you when we get there.

DAVID

Well. I'm glad we... WHOAA!!

David shouts as he slips suddenly in the mud, scaring Jack, and us, and himself a great deal. He lays startled on the wet ground for a moment, then he and Jack laugh.

JACK

You really scared me, you shithead.

DAVID

Are you going to help me up?

Jack takes David's extended hand to help him up when

THE WOLF MONSTER SPRINGS!

EXT. MOORS - NIGHT

The lunging beast brings Jack down in one fell swoop. David falls back on his ass. Jack is screaming and struggling as he is torn to shreds. David scrambles to his feet and runs in complete panic. Jack's screams and the wolf's roars combine.

JACK

Jesus fuck! David! Please help me!
Please! David! Shit! Help me! Oh
God!

EXT. ROADSIDE ON THE MOORS - NIGHT

David runs and runs. Finally he falls, out of breath.

DAVID

Jack? Oh my God, Jack!

He gets up and runs back to find Jack a torn and bloody mess on the ground. He stares in horror.

DAVID

Jack...

EXT. NIGHT - VARIOUS FLASH CUTS

THE WOLF SPRINGS! The camera adopts David's P.O.V. as he fights the dark savage shape on top of him. Fangs clamp down on his shoulder when shots ring out and the hulking form rolls off of him.

EXT. ROADSIDE ON THE MOORS - NIGHT

David, dazed and bloody, looks and sees the men from The Slaughtered Lamb armed with shotguns and torches running towards him. Looking over at his attacker, instead of a wolf he sees a very old, naked man laying in the mud riddled with bullet holes. As the villagers crowd around, David falls back and faints.

FADE OUT:

FADE IN:

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

David is in a small, clean and very white hospital room. He lays on his back in bed, his shoulder bandaged and his arm plugged into a bottle of plasma. There are several cuts and abrasions on his arms and face, but he really doesn't look too bad. He opens his eyes slowly, blinks, and tries to sit up and look around, but is unable to because of the pain. He calls out...

DAVID

Jack?!

...and passes out. However his shout has fetched a nurse. She is ALEX PRICE, very English, very beautiful. She goes to the bed.

ALEX

Mr. Kessler?

She looks into his eyes, lifting the lids with her thumb, and then checks his chart at the end of the bed.

ALEX

Mr. Kessler?

David remains unconscious. Another young nurse, MISS GALLAGHER, comes in.

MISS GALLAGHER

He all right?

ALEX

Yes, I should think. He called out just now.

MISS GALLAGHER

He's an American, you know. Dr. Hirsch is going to fetch round one of those Embassy fellows to see him.

ALEX

Chart says he's from New York.

MISS GALLAGHER

I think he's a Jew.

ALEX

Why on earth do you say that?

MISS GALLAGHER

I looked.

ALEX

(smiles)

Really, Susan, I don't think that was very proper, and besides, it's common practice now.

A voice startles the girls.

DR. HIRSCH

Yes, Miss Gallagher, Miss Price is quite right.

DR. HIRSCH enters. He is an older man wearing the customary lab coat. A very commanding and reassuring presence. The girls are embarrassed.

ALEX

Dr. Hirsch, Mr. Kessler cried out a minute ago.

DR. HIRSCH

Miss Gallagher, surely you must perform some function here at the hospital.

MISS GALLAGHER

Yes, Doctor.

DR. HIRSCH

Then get on with it.

MISS GALLAGHER

Yes, Doctor.

She exits. Dr. Hirsch begins to examine David. Alex watches. Dr. Hirsch turns to Alex.

DR. HIRSCH

Can I be of service, Miss Price?

ALEX

Dr. Hirsch?

DR. HIRSCH

Go about your duties.

ALEX

Yes, Doctor.

She starts to exit.

DR. HIRSCH

Oh, Miss Price?

ALEX

Yes, Doctor?

DR. HIRSCH

What exactly did he call out?

ALEX

He said 'Jack'.

DR. HIRSCH

That would be Jack Goodman, the boy who was killed.

ALEX

What happened to them?

DR. HIRSCH

The police report said an escaped lunatic attacked them. He must have been a very powerful man. Although I really don't see that it is any of your concern, Miss Price.

ALEX

No, sir. Of course, sir. Good day, Doctor.

She exits as Dr. Hirsch continues his examination, looking into David's eyes.

EXT. DENSE FOREST - DAY

The camera is handheld, running furiously through the almost dense greenery. On the soundtrack are the footfalls and heavy breathing of the runner. The camera abruptly stops and turns, sharply looking about, the panting continuing. The breathing gets louder and harder, then too loud when we:

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

David opens his eyes quickly, the silence and whiteness contrast sharply with the preceding fantasy. Standing beside the bed are Dr. Hirsch and MR. COLLINS. Mr. Collins wears a bow tie and is holding a briefcase.

DR. HIRSCH

Hello, David. I am Dr. Hirsch and this is a countryman of yours, Mr. Collins.

DAVID

Where am I?

DR. HIRSCH

You're in a hospital in London.

DAVID

London? Where's Jack? I had a strange dream.

DR. HIRSCH

I should think so after your recent traumatic experiences.

DAVID

The guy I was with. Is he all right? How did I get to London?

DR. HIRSCH

(quietly)

Now, David, I want you to prepare yourself; your friend is dead.

David jolts up in bed and shouts.

DAVID

What?

The sudden exertion and strain hurt.

DAVID

Ow, shit!

He sinks back down.

DAVID

Jack's dead?

MR. COLLINS

Mr. Kessler, I am Mr. Collins of the American Embassy here in Grosvenor Square. Both Mr. Goodman's parents and your parents have been notified of your injuries and everything's in order.

DAVID

Everything's in order? What are you talking about?

MR. COLLINS

Mr. Goodman's body has been air-freighted back to New York for burial and your parents have wired funds for your stay in the hospital until you are well enough to fly home.

DAVID

(controlled tears)

You don't crate and ship Jack like
some side of beef.

(approaching hysteria)

Who the hell are you people? What's
going on here? Where is Jack? I
demand to see him!

DR. HIRSCH

(holds David down, calls
out)

Miss Price! Miss Price, please!

DAVID

(shouting)

Get your fucking hands off me! What
the hell is going on here?

Alex enters amidst David's shouting and confusion.

MR. COLLINS

(distraught, clutching his
briefcase)

I realize how upsetting this must
be for you, Mr. Kessler, but please
try to refrain from hysterics.

David continues shouting and struggling.

DR. HIRSCH

Prepare a hypodermic, please, Miss
Price.

The shot is administered and David is held down by Dr. Hirsch
and Alex until his breathing becomes more normal.

MR. COLLINS

Now, Mr. Kessler, try not to excite
yourself. Everything has been
arranged. I shall come back to
check on your progress and send a
report to your parents. The police
have requested to interview you and
I have given them permission to do
so.

Dr. Hirsch walks Mr. Collins to the door.

DR. HIRSCH

Thank you very much, Mr. Collins.
He'll rest now and I'm sure
everything will be fine once he's
adjusted. He's had quite a shock.

MR. COLLINS

These dumb-ass kids never
appreciate anything you do for
them.

Mr. Collins exits. Dr. Hirsch crosses back to the bed.

DAVID

How long have I been here?

DR. HIRSCH

You've been unconscious since you
were brought in two weeks ago.

DAVID

Two weeks?

DR. HIRSCH

You've suffered some rather severe
cuts and bruises, lost a bit of
blood, but nothing too serious;
black and blue for a while. You'll
have some dueling scars to boast
of. That lunatic must have been a
very fierce fellow. They say a mad
man has the strength of ten.

DAVID

(softly, as the drugs take
hold)
Lunatic?

DR. HIRSCH

Now we've just given you a pretty
strong sedative, so try to get some
rest now. Miss Price will see to
your needs. Rest now.

Dr. Hirsch watches as Alex straightens David's covers.

DAVID
(softly)
It wasn't a lunatic.

ALEX
(puzzled)
I beg your pardon?

DAVID
It was a wolf.

ALEX
(bends down close to hear)
What?

DAVID
A wolf.

David passes out. Alex looks to Dr. Hirsch.

DR. HIRSCH
Did he say a wolf?

ALEX
Yes, I believe he did.

Dr. Hirsch regards David thoughtfully.

INT. DR. HIRSCH'S OFFICE - DAY

Dr. Hirsch is on the phone, he is referring to a desk calendar.

DR. HIRSCH
But Roger is so terribly boring.
Yes, dear, but couldn't we... I
see.
(he makes a note)
Thursday at eight, dinner with
boring Roger. Yes, I'm sure I will;
if I survived Rommel, I suppose
I'll survive another excruciating
evening with Roger Mathison. Be a
good girl. Bye.

He hangs up very disgruntled. The intercom buzzes.

DR. HIRSCH

Yes?

SECRETARY (V.O.)

Lt. Villiers and Sgt. McManus are here to see you, Doctor.

DR. HIRSCH

Send them in.

He rises to greet the two police officers, one tall, the other rather pudgy.

LT. VILLIERS

Dr. Hirsch?

DR. HIRSCH

Come in, come in. Please sit. Some tea?

The cops sit down, Lt. Villiers immediately produces a small notebook.

LT. VILLIERS

No, thank you.

SGT. MCMANUS

I'd like some tea, please.

Lt. Villiers shoots the sergeant a withering look.

SGT. MCMANUS

Maybe not. No thanks. Maybe later.

DR. HIRSCH

It's no problem.

LT. VILLIERS

No, thank you, Doctor.

DR. HIRSCH

Well, then, what can I do for Scotland Yard?

SGT. MCMANUS

We understand the Kessler boy has regained consciousness.

Lt. Villiers glares at McManus.

SGT. MCMANUS

Sorry.

LT. VILLIERS

Has Mr. Kessler said anything
regarding the attack on the moors?

The intercom buzzes.

DR. HIRSCH

Excuse me. Yes?

SECRETARY (V.O.)

Roger Mathison, Doctor.

DR. HIRSCH

What here?

SECRETARY (V.O.)

He's on the telephone.

DR. HIRSCH

Tell him I'm out. No, tell him I've
passed away. An old war wound or
something. Tell him I'm dead. And
no more calls!

He turns from the intercom back to the cops.

DR. HIRSCH

You were saying?

LT. VILLIERS

Has David Kessler anything to say
concerning the attack on the moors?

DR. HIRSCH

Why don't we ask him?

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

David sits up in bed. Lt. Villiers and Sgt. McManus stand by
his side. Dr. Hirsch sits observing.

DAVID

I'm sorry if I conflict with your report, but Jack and I were not attacked by a man.

LT. VILLIERS

So you've said.

SGT. MCMANUS

He may have a point, Lieutenant. Two strong boys would be able to defend themselves against one man.

LT. VILLIERS

Sgt. McManus, are you suggesting that David and Jack were, in fact, attacked by some animal and that the officialdom of East Proctor has conspired to keep it a secret? We have an autopsy report on the murderer who was shot in the act by the local police. We have two witnesses to the crime. You'll forgive me, Mr. Kessler, if I consider your testimony as coming from someone who has gone through a terrible shock.

SGT. MCMANUS

Lieutenant, the boy seems pretty lucid to me and...

LT. VILLIERS

And what, Sergeant?

SGT. MCMANUS

(defeated)

I don't rightly know, sir.

LT. VILLIERS

That is precisely my point. David, as far as we are concerned, the matter is closed. We won't trouble you any further. Good day.

The lieutenant goes for the door. The sergeant smiles at David and follows.

LT. VILLIERS

Doctor.

The cops exit. Dr. Hirsch crosses to David's bed.

DAVID

There were witnesses?

DR. HIRSCH

So they said.

DAVID

How could there have been witnesses? It was so dark. We were running and I fell and Jack went to help me up and this thing came from nowhere... I don't understand what they're talking about.

DR. HIRSCH

In time I'm sure it will all come back to you.

DAVID

Doctor, my memory is fine. It's my sanity I'm beginning to worry about.

CUT TO:

EXT. DENSE FOREST - DAY

Again the handheld camera is running furiously through the woods. Heavy breathing and the sounds of the runner crashing through the foliage. The camera runs for a while then suddenly stops short near a tree. David abruptly enters frame, animal-like, the tenseness of a startled cat. His head makes sudden movements, looking about.

CLOSEUP

of his flared nostrils and perked up ears accenting his animalness.

DAVID

takes off and now we run with him. He runs fast and gracefully, taking long strides and leaps.

We run with him faster and faster
sharing in his exhilaration. We see
him

completely as the animal, study his movement and grace as if
watching a gazelle. Suddenly he stops again, alert,
listening. He moves with stealth, slowly he pushes some
leaves aside.

CLOSEUP

of his eyes.

DAVID'S P.O.V.

Several deer in the forest; they sense something and freeze,
the camera noting a fawn next to a doe. The buck turns his
head, feeling the danger.

CUT TO:

DAVID

Shots showing the muscles in his legs and shoulders tensing.

CLOSEUP

of David's eyes.

CLOSEUP

of the frightened deer.

CUT BACK TO:

CLOSEUP

of David's eyes.

CUT BACK TO:

THE FAWN

as it is leapt upon, its terrified face leaving frame as
David forces it down. David's head reenters frame, his mouth
full of flesh, his face and hands covered with blood. He
howls in triumph.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - NIGHT

The lights are subdued and David's asleep. The door opens, a shaft of light penetrates the room. Miss Gallagher enters with a small tray. She crosses to David, turns on the bed light and touches him.

MISS GALLAGHER

Mr. Kessler? Wake up, please.

DAVID

(awakened)

I was having a nightmare.

Miss Gallagher is very efficient in administering the pills and pouring a glass of water.

MISS GALLAGHER

Yes, well these should help that.

That's right, drink up.

David takes the pills.

MISS GALLAGHER

Now go back to sleep so you'll be fresh for Dr. Hirsch in the morning.

DAVID

What time is it?

MISS GALLAGHER

It's nearly eight. I'm off duty shortly, then I'm off to the films with Alex.

DAVID

Alex?

MISS GALLAGHER

Miss Price, the other nurse that attended you.

DAVID

What are you going to see?

MISS GALLAGHER

An American film about the Mafia called 'See You Next Wednesday', and I want to see it badly, so you give me no problems and go to sleep.

DAVID

(dropping off)

Do you have bad dreams, too?

MISS GALLAGHER

Some, everyone does.

DAVID

Yes, but does everyone kill Bambi?

MISS GALLAGHER

Bambi?

David has fallen asleep. Miss Gallagher turns off the light, picks up her tray and pauses in the doorway.

MISS GALLAGHER

Kill Bambi?

She exits, closing the door plunging the room into darkness.

INT. HOSPITAL NURSES' STATION - DAY

The corridor is busy with orderlies pushing gurneys about, doctors, visitors, and patients all performing appropriate background actions. Behind the Nurses' counter, Alex is typing some forms and an older, obviously senior nurse is filling some paper cups with different sizes and colors of pills she is taking from the drug cabinet. She is MRS. HOBBS, the chief nurse.

MRS. HOBBS

Miss Price.

ALEX

Yes, Mrs. Hobbs.

MRS. HOBBS

Take these round now, will you please?

The American boy in twenty-one is only to have these after he's eaten. Will you be sure of that?

ALEX

Has he been refusing food?

MRS. HOBBS

Nothing quite as dramatic as that, Miss Price. He just doesn't eat enough of what is put before him. He suffers from nightmares. I'd think he just needs a hand to hold.

ALEX

Yes, Mrs. Hobbs.

Alex takes the cups handed to her and makes her way down the hallway, pausing a moment to straighten her appearance. She enters.

INT. CHILDREN'S WARD - DAY

A ward with seven or eight beds in it, all occupied. She goes to a little Pakistani boy named BENJAMIN.

ALEX

Hello, Benjamin.

BENJAMIN

No.

ALEX

No what?

BENJAMIN

No.

ALEX

Well, all right then, be that way. Here, swallow this.

BENJAMIN

No.

Alex pours a glass of water, gives the pill to Benjamin who promptly takes it and then drinks the water, handing Alex back the glass.

ALEX
Feeling better?

BENJAMIN
No.

ALEX
The doctor will be round later.
Would you like a picture book to
look at? We have some lovely funny
Beanos.

BENJAMIN
No.

ALEX
Right.

She exits, pausing in the hall to speak to a black Jamaican
ORDERLY pushing a cart of lunch trays into Benjamin's ward.

INT. HOSPITAL CORRIDOR - DAY

ALEX
Has the patient in twenty-one
gotten his tray yet?

ORDERLY
The American? Yes, duck.

ALEX
How did he look?

ORDERLY
What do you mean, 'how did he
look'?

ALEX
You know, did he seem depressed? Do
you think he'll eat the food?

ORDERLY
(annoyed)
I'm an orderly, not a bleeding
psychiatrist! I push things about,
but I've little say what happens to
them.

ALEX

Thank you.

Alex holds up her head and proceeds to David's room. She hesitates, then peeks in.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

The curtains are drawn and David's lunch waits patiently on its tray alongside of the bed. David is apparently asleep. Alex enters softly.

ALEX

(softly)

Mr. Kessler?

DAVID

(lifeless)

Yes?

ALEX

You haven't eaten your lunch.

DAVID

I'm not very hungry, thank you.

ALEX

I'm afraid you have to eat something.

DAVID

Please, really. I'm not hungry.

ALEX

You put me in an awkward position, Mr. Kessler.

DAVID

How is that?

ALEX

(she shakes the paper cup)

Well, you're to take these after you've eaten. Now what kind of nurse would I be if I failed in so simple a task as giving out some pills?

DAVID
Leave the pills. I'll take them
later.

ALEX
Sorry.

She opens the curtains, daylight fills the room.

DAVID
Aw come on, Miss Price!

ALEX
Call me Alex.

DAVID
Aw come on, Alex!

ALEX
Shall I be forced to feed you, Mr.
Kessler?

David is getting interested.

DAVID
Call me David.

ALEX
Shall I be forced to feed you,
David?

DAVID
This is absurd. I'm not hungry. I
don't want any food.

ALEX
Right.

Alex efficiently removes the covers from the dishes and sits on the edge of the bed. Taking knife and fork in hand, she neatly cuts David's food into pieces. David watches all this amused. She places a napkin under David's chin and holds up his first bite on his fork. David folds his arms and refuses to open his mouth.

ALEX
Let's try a little harder, shall
we?

DAVID

Will you give me a break?

Alex grabs David's nose forcing his mouth open quickly, shoving the fork in it. David is startled, but amused and chews his food slowly and swallows it. Alex holds up another bite.

ALEX

Will I have to take such drastic action again, David?

David opens his mouth obediently. Alex almost smiles. She feeds him for a while; they are both sizing each other up. Finally:

DAVID

May I have a glass of milk?

Alex smiles.

FADE OUT:

FADE IN:

EXT. DENSE FOREST - DAY

Again we are running fast and faster. David again running naked, flying through the green forest. He stops suddenly, ears perked, he looks about and then we hear Jack's o.s. screams. The voice of Jack screams:

JACK (O.S.)

David! David! Please help me! Oh God! David! Oh my God!

David turns in blind panic, he runs (and we run with him) desperately trying to find the source of Jack's screams.

He comes to a clearing in the woods, light streaming through the tall trees. Jack's screams halt in mid-word. David looks in disbelief at the clearing. There is a hospital bed with someone in it. It is the same as David's.

David walks toward it slowly. The figure in the bed lays still. It grows dark, very dark, and David looks up at the full moon. There is a howl identical to the one heard earlier back on the moors.

David approaches the bed slowly, fearfully. We hear ocean noises on the soundtrack, the sound of crashing surf. David reaches out to pull back the covers, lightning and thunder cause him to hesitate for a second. Silence. The camera remains on David as he pulls off the covers. His face registers total disbelief and increasing horror.

We cut to the bed to find - DAVID. He lies there, pale white with purple lips and death pallor.

The camera begins to move in on the corpse of David.

Cut back to the standing David's terrified face; then continue until David's death mask fills the screen. The face remains still for several beats, then suddenly opens its bright yellow eyes and red mouth revealing fangs in a bloodcurdling wail which carries over in the...

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL NURSES' STATION - NIGHT

Mrs. Hobbs hears David's screams and efficiently calls out...

MRS. HOBBS
Orderly! Miss Gallagher!

Miss Gallagher and an ORDERLY appear at once.

MRS. HOBBS
Orderly, go at once to twenty-one
and restrain the patient.

The orderly exits.

MRS. HOBBS
Miss Gallagher, remain here at the
desk. I'll be in twenty-one.

She exits.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

It is bright, daylight, and Dr. Hirsch gazes thoughtfully out the window.

DR. HIRSCH
You've never had bad dreams before?

DAVID

(upset)

Sure, as a kid. But never so real.
Never so bizarre.

Dr. Hirsch crosses over and sits on a chair by the bed.

DR. HIRSCH

Did you get a good look at the man
who attacked you?

DAVID

I've told you, it wasn't a man. It
was an animal. A big wolf or
something. A rabid dog.

DR. HIRSCH

(chewing on his glasses)

Yes.

DAVID

Look, Dr. Hirsch, I know I've been
traumatized, but Jack was torn
apart. I saw him. A man can't do
that to someone with his bare
hands.

DR. HIRSCH

You'd be surprised what horrors a
man is capable of.

DAVID

Did you see Jack?

DR. HIRSCH

No. In fact, your wounds were
cleaned and dressed before you
arrived here.

DAVID

Did you talk to the police in East
Proctor? Did the cops go to The
Slaughtered Lamb?

DR. HIRSCH

I really don't know.

DAVID

Then why the hell are you so quick to disbelieve me? You yourself said it must have taken incredible strength to tear apart a person like that.

DR. HIRSCH

(rubs his forehead)

David, please. The police are satisfied. I'm certain that if a monster were out roaming northern England we'd have seen it on the telly.

DAVID

You really think I'm crazy, don't you?

DR. HIRSCH

Believe me. The Hound of the Baskervilles was an invention of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's. And if you'd read the bloody book, you'd find that Holmes discovered your house of hell a fraud, a fake.

There is an awkward silence as David sits and Dr. Hirsch is embarrassed at raising his voice.

DR. HIRSCH

Now really, David. You're far too intelligent to go on this way. When you return to America I want you to seek out a competent psychiatrist or psychologist or something and stop this nonsense. You'll be leaving this hospital in three or four days, please remain sane. At least until you are no longer our responsibility.

Dr. Hirsch goes to the door.

DAVID

Dr. Hirsch?

(pause)

I'd rather not be by myself.

DR. HIRSCH

Of course not, David. I'll fetch in
young Miss Price.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - NIGHT

Alex sits next to David's bed. Her shoes are off and she has her feet tucked up under her legs on the chair. The room is dark except for the lamp by which she reads. She is reading A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court by Mark Twain. David is asleep. Alex reads for a bit, then puts down the book and yawns. She gets up and stretches, a big spreading arms and feet, fingers and toes stretch.

DAVID

(quietly)

You're a very beautiful girl.

ALEX

(embarrassed)

I thought you were asleep.

DAVID

I was. What are you reading?

ALEX

'A Connecticut Yankee in King
Arthur's Court' by Mark Twain.

DAVID

Do you like it?

ALEX

I've just started it. My friend
gave it to me.

They look at each other.

ALEX

What do you dream about?

DAVID
I dream of death mostly.

ALEX
I'm sorry. I shouldn't have asked
you.

DAVID
It's okay. I want to talk to you.

They sit and look at each other for a while longer.

DAVID
How old are you?

ALEX
That's not really a very proper
question.

DAVID
How old are you?

ALEX
Twenty-eight.

DAVID
I'm twenty-seven.

ALEX
I know.

DAVID
Now what do you want to talk about?

ALEX
Was Jack Goodman your good friend?

DAVID
(seriously)
My best friend. My very best
friend.

ALEX
(embarrassed)
Shall I read to you?

DAVID
What? Oh, yes, please.

ALEX

(opens book)

A Connecticut Yankee in King
Arthur's Court by Samuel L.
Clemens. This is after the preface
but before chapter one: A Word of
Explanation. You all right?

DAVID

(settles back)

Yes, go on.

ALEX

(clears her throat)

Ahem, A Word of Explanation. It was
in Warwick Castle that I came
across the curious stranger whom I
am going to talk about. He
attracted me by three things: his
candid simplicity, his marvelous
familiarity with ancient armor, and
the restfulness of his company -
for he did all the talking. We fell
together as modest people will in
the tail of the herd...

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. KESSLER HOME - NEW YORK - NIGHT

We are at David's parents' house in New York. His FATHER sits
reading the paper in the living room as his younger BROTHER
and SISTER watch "The Muppet Show" on television. We can see
past the small dining nook where David sits doing homework
and into the kitchen where his MOTHER is washing the dishes.
A peaceful lower, middle class setting. All is tranquil and
secure. There is a loud pounding on the front door.

FATHER

I'll get it.

The pounding continues.

FATHER

All right, all right! Hold your
horses.

(The following happens with shocking speed.) When he opens the door, four beings open fire with machine guns, blowing him away. The sudden burst of violence is terrifying and unrelenting. The four rush into the room and the family looks at them in fearsome surprise for these men are not human at all, but loathsome, bestial demons dressed as Storm Troopers. One kicks in the television and fires into the kitchen, blasting David's mother. David rises but is forced back into his chair by one of the things and held there.

DAVID

Stop!

He watches in horror as his little brother and sister scream in terror before they are brutally murdered. The monstrous Storm Troopers then set fire to the rooms. The one holding David pulls a knife and quickly slits David's throat.

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - NIGHT

David bolts upright in bed and looks around, trying desperately to gain his bearings. He sees that Alex is asleep in the chair by his bed, Connecticut Yankee folded on her lap. He makes a deliberate effort to calm himself. He considers waking her, then decides against it. He turns on the lamp by his bed and reaches over to take the book from Alex's lap. David takes the book as gently as possible, but Alex wakes up anyway.

ALEX

(yawns, smiles)

Hello. You all right?

DAVID

I'm sorry I woke you up.

ALEX

Don't be silly. Can I get you something?

DAVID

No, thank you. Just keep me company for a while.

ALEX

That's easy enough.

DAVID

I keep having these really terrible dreams. They are getting worse and I can't seem to stop them.

ALEX

David, your dreams will stop. You'll leave England and your bad memories; and then this will all fade away.

DAVID

Will you come with me?

ALEX

(taken aback)

What?

DAVID

(smiling)

I'm serious. You don't know me and I know nothing about you. We have a perfect relationship.

ALEX

Now, David, I said I would keep you company, but I meant right here and now.

DAVID

Will you think about it?

ALEX

How did we get from your bad dreams to my taking a holiday with a patient?

DAVID

(big grin)

Not just a patient -- me.

ALEX

You're being awfully forward, aren't you?

DAVID

Forgive me, I'm trying to cheer myself up and an affair with a beautiful nurse seemed like just the thing to do it.

ALEX

(smiles)

All I am to you is a sex fantasy then?

DAVID

Now I'm embarrassed.

ALEX

Good. I thought for a moment I was the only embarrassed one in the room.

There is an awkward pause.

DAVID

Where were we in the book?

Alex is relieved for something to break the tension.

ALEX

(looking through the book)

Let me see here.

FADE OUT:

FADE IN:

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - MORNING

The black Orderly hustles in with David's breakfast tray, busily setting up the tray on the table over the bed. He awakens the sleeping David with his activity.

ORDERLY

Ah you're up. Good morning and a good day to you. We've quite a meal for you here this morning. Bacon, oatmeal, orange juice, and toast with jam. Good stuff there. Now eat it up and I'll be back for the dishes when you've finished.

The Orderly exits. The drowsy David, who has been trying to fully wake up during the Orderly's speech, notices his exit.

DAVID

Good morning.

He looks at his food none too happily. He sticks a spoon into the bowl of oatmeal and tastes it gingerly.

DAVID

(in mock English accent)

Please, sir, I want some more.

He settles down to eating, reaches over to butter his toast and drink his juice. While he eats, we hear Jack's o.s. voice.

JACK (O.S.)

Can I have a piece of toast?

David looks over to the o.s. Jack. Jack, behaving relaxed and normal, sits in the chair last occupied by Alex. However, Jack's appearance makes his casual manner all the more surreal. He is as we left him butchered on the moors. He is covered with dried mud and open wounds. Huge glistening gashes abound on his body. His face is scratched, his throat is badly torn, and his hair is matted with blood. In several spots he has already begun to rot. He is a remarkably gruesome sight, but his physical state seems not to affect him at all.

JACK

(pleasantly)

Nice to see you.

DAVID

(unbelieving)

Get the fuck out of here, Jack.

JACK

Thanks a lot.

DAVID

(horrified)

This is too much. I can't handle this.

JACK

I'm aware that I don't look so great, but I thought you'd be glad to see me.

Jack gets up and takes a piece of toast from David's tray as David watches amazed. Jack returns to his seat and takes a bite out of his toast. David stares at Jack horrified.

JACK

David! You're hurting my feelings.

DAVID

(astounded)

Hurting your feelings? Has it occurred to you that it may be unsettling to have you rise from your grave to visit me? Listen to me, I'm talking to a hamburger!

JACK

I'm sorry to be upsetting you, David, but I had to come.

DAVID

(aghast)

Aren't you supposed to be buried in New York someplace?

JACK

Yeah. Your parents came to my funeral. I was surprised at how many people came.

DAVID

(resigned)

Why should you be surprised? You were a very well-liked person.

JACK

Debbie Klein cried a lot.

DAVID

I can't stand it.

JACK

So you know what she does? She's so grief stricken she runs to find solace in Rudy Levine's bed.

DAVID

Rudy Levine the shmuck?

JACK

Life mocks me even in death.

Jack takes another bite of toast.

DAVID

(to himself)

I'm going completely crazy.

JACK

(loud)

David!

DAVID

(louder)

What?!

JACK

David, now I know this may be hard for you, but I have to warn you.

DAVID

(shouting)

Warn me? Will you get out of here, you meat loaf?

JACK

I'm a grisly sight, it's true; but I love you and that's why I'm here. You've got to know.

DAVID

If you love me so much, Jack, you'll realize how disconcerting it is to share one's breakfast with the living dead!

JACK

We were attacked by a werewolf.

DAVID
(covers his ears)
I'm not listening!

JACK
On the moors, we were attacked by a
lycanthrope, a werewolf.

DAVID
Shut up, you zombie!

JACK
I was murdered, an unnatural death,
and now I walk the earth in limbo
until the werewolf's curse is
lifted.

DAVID
(incredulous, furious)
What's wrong with you? Shut up!

JACK
The wolf's bloodline must be
severed. The last remaining
werewolf must be destroyed.

DAVID
Will you be quiet?!

Jack rises and comes closer to David.

JACK
It's you, David.

DAVID
What?!

JACK
You survived and now you shall
continue the curse.

DAVID
What are you talking about? I won't
accept this! Get out! God damit!

JACK

Remember what that guy at The Slaughtered Lamb said? 'Beware the moon.'

DAVID

(quietly)

Stop it, Jack.

JACK

Beware the moon. The full moon, David. You've got two days.

DAVID

(quietly)

Jack, please go away. Please go away.

JACK

You'll stalk the streets of London a creature of the night.

DAVID

(flares up)

You're talking like Boris Karloff! It's movie dialogue!

JACK

David, please believe me. You will kill people, David. You've got to stop the bloodshed before it begins.

DAVID

(yells)

Nurse!

JACK

Listen to me! Take your own life, David. It's our only chance.

DAVID

Nurse!

JACK

The supernatural! The powers of
darkness! It's all true. Take your
own life! Suicide, David. Join me.

DAVID

(losing it)
Nurse! Oh God! Alex!

JACK

It's cold, David, and I'm so alone.
The undead surround me. Have you
ever talked to a corpse? It's
boring! I'm lonely! Kill yourself,
David, before you kill others.

INT. HOSPITAL - NURSES' STATION - DAY

Alex rushing down the hospital corridor.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

David rocking back and forth weeping.

JACK

Don't cry, David.

INT. HOSPITAL CORRIDOR - DAY

Alex rushing down hospital corridor.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

JACK

Please don't cry.

INT. HOSPITAL CORRIDOR - DAY

Alex rushing to the door.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY - CLOSEUP

JACK

(softly in looming
closeup)
Beware the moon, David.

CUT TO:

ALEX
as she bursts into the room.

CUT TO:

DAVID
laying in bed rocking from side to
side, crying softly. He is alone.
Alex rushes over, removes the tray,
sits on the bed and hugs David.

ALEX
David? David!

David pulls away sharply, his head jerking about wildly until
he focuses on Alex's face and begins to breathe easier.

ALEX
David, what's wrong?

David smiles and kisses her, a real kiss.

DAVID
(quietly)
I'm a werewolf.

ALEX
A werewolf?

Alex holds David a moment then realizes where she is and
backs off a little. David composes himself.

ALEX
Are you better now?

DAVID
I'll let you know the next full
moon.

ALEX
You're to be discharged tomorrow.
Will you be all right?

David takes Alex's hand.

DAVID
My friend Jack was just here.

ALEX
Your dead friend Jack?

DAVID
Yeah. He says that I will become a monster in two days. What do you think?

ALEX
What do I think? You mean about the possibility of your becoming a monster in two days or about visits from dead friends?

DAVID
I was dreaming again?

ALEX
I would think so.

DAVID
(resigned)
Yeah, I would think so, too.

Alex considers for a while, finally...

ALEX
Do you have a place to stay in London?

CUT TO:

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING - DAY

David and Alex walking down the street. Alex points out her flat and leads David up the front steps. She gives him a conspiratorial look and unlocks the door.

INT. ALEX'S FLAT - DAY

Alex enters and David follows. A small, utilitarian apartment, she flicks on the kitchen light. David puts his backpack on the floor.

ALEX
The kitchen.

DAVID

Very nice.

She proceeds to give the tour.

ALEX

Closet.

DAVID

Charming.

ALEX

Bathroom.

DAVID

Lovely.

ALEX

The bedroom.

DAVID

There is only one bed.

ALEX

(makes a face)

David, perhaps you'd like to watch
the telly while I take a shower.

Alex enters the room and David whistles softly, rocking on his heels.

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

David and Alex stand facing each other under the stream of water in the shower.

DAVID

It's nice to see you.

ALEX

It's nice to see you.

MONTAGE IN SHOWER - DAY

A sequence of soap and flesh. Van Morrison's "Moondance" plays. A montage of soapy hands on slippery skin. Thighs rubbing thighs, arms and shoulders. David and Alex kiss again and again and...

INT. ALEX'S BEDROOM - DAY

David and Alex in a passionate, orgasmic kiss in Alex's bed. David pulls out and they lay holding each other. After a moment....

DAVID

Alex?

ALEX

Yes?

DAVID

Will you be here in about fifteen minutes?

ALEX

Of course.

DAVID

(leers)

Good.

Alex props herself up on one elbow.

ALEX

David, you don't honestly believe that in reality your friend Jack rose from the grave to breakfast with you? Do you really?

DAVID

I was awake and he was in my room.

ALEX

But, David.

DAVID

(firm)

I wasn't hallucinating.

Pause.

ALEX

(smiles)

Tomorrow is the full moon.

DAVID

That's good, Alex. Reassure me.

Alex begins kissing David's neck.

DAVID

It's all right, I know I'm being insane.

She kisses his shoulders, then his chest.

DAVID

Okay, okay. I'm properly reassured!

Alex is now kissing his stomach, her head gradually lowers from frame. David reaches back over his head to hold onto the headboard of the bed.

DAVID

(closing his eyes)

This is very reassuring. I'm feeling very reassured.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. ALEX'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Alex is asleep holding David. David carefully lifts her arm and gets out of bed. He is naked. He tiptoes out of the room and goes to the bathroom.

INT. ALEX'S BATHROOM - NIGHT

David lifts the toilet seat and pees. He winces, hoping the steady stream doesn't awaken Alex. When he's finished peeing he goes to the sink. The medicine cabinet door over the sink is open. When David closes it he (and the audience) is terrified to see Jack reflected standing behind him. (Note: This is a big scare.) Bloodied and horrible, Jack has continued to rot and looks even worse than when we last saw him. David chokes out a strangled cry, closes his eyes tightly and then reopens them. Jack is still there in the mirror. When David turns around Jack is standing in the doorway.

DAVID
(points a trembling
finger)
You're not real.

JACK
Don't be an asshole, David. Come
here.

David, clearly troubled, follows Jack into the living room.

INT. ALEX'S LIVING ROOM

Jack sits down and motions for David to sit also. He does. David's conversation is in whispers, so as not to wake up Alex.

DAVID
What are you doing here?

JACK
I wanted to see you.

DAVID
Okay, you've seen me. Now go away.

JACK
David, I'm sorry I upset you
yesterday, but you must understand
what is going on.

DAVID
I understand all right. You're one
of the undead and I'm a werewolf.

JACK
Yes.

DAVID
Get out of here, Jack!

JACK
David, tomorrow night is the full
moon. You'll change, you'll
become...

DAVID
(interrupting)
A monster. I know, I know.

JACK
You must take your own life now,
David, before it's too late.

DAVID
Jack, are you really dead?

JACK
What do you think?

DAVID
I think I've lost my mind. I think
you're not real. I think I'm asleep
and you're a part of another bad
dream.

JACK
You must believe me.

DAVID
What, Jack? That tomorrow night
beneath the full moon I'll sprout
hair and fangs and eat people?
Bullshit!

JACK
The canines will be real. You'll
taste real blood! God damit, David,
please believe me! You'll kill and
make others like me! I'm not having
a nice time, David! Don't allow
this to happen again! You must take
your own life!

DAVID
(shouts)
I will not accept this! Now go
away!

INT. ALEX'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Alex wakes up from the shouting.

ALEX

David?

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

JACK

(quietly)

This is not pretend, David.

DAVID

(righteous)

I will not be threatened by a
walking meat loaf!

Alex enters the room.

ALEX

David, what's wrong? I heard
voices.

David turns and sees that Jack is gone.

DAVID

(triumphant)

It was just me, Alex. It was just
me.

EXT. EAST PROCTOR - DAY

Dr. Hirsch is driving down the main street in his red M.G. He
parks in front of The Slaughtered Lamb.

INT. THE SLAUGHTERED LAMB - DAY

The pub is less crowded than when we were here last. The Dart
Player is behind the bar cleaning glasses, the Chess Player
is still at the chessboard. Dr. Hirsch enters and crosses to
the bar. As he removes his gloves:

DR. HIRSCH

A drink for a very cold man?

The Woman comes in from the back.

WOMAN

Hello, there. What can I get you?

DR. HIRSCH
Campari and soda would do nicely.

WOMAN
Sorry, love.

DR. HIRSCH
I suppose Guinness will suffice.

She serves him his beer. As he lays down his money...

DR. HIRSCH
A thousand thanks.

After a few sips.

DR. HIRSCH
Nasty bit of business with those
two young American boys.

The Dart Player stops his wiping.

DART PLAYER
I'm afraid I don't know what you
mean, sir.

DR. HIRSCH
Yes, I'm sure that's right. A few
weeks ago, the last full moon
wasn't it?

The Chess Player turns in his chair to get a good look at Dr.
Hirsch.

DR. HIRSCH
I mean that escaped lunatic. The
one that killed the boy. Wasn't
that near here?

CHESS PLAYER
(concerned)
And where are you from, sir?

Dr. Hirsch crosses and joins the Chess Player at his table.

DR. HIRSCH
London. Knight takes pawn.

CHESS PLAYER

What?

Sees that Dr. Hirsch was talking about his game...

CHESS PLAYER

Oh, yes, yes.

Dr. Hirsch points to the pentangle on the wall.

DR. HIRSCH

What's that?

WOMAN

(nervously)

Oh, that's been there for two hundred years. We were going to paint it out, but it's traditional, so we left it.

DR. HIRSCH

I see. You've heard nothing about the incident?

DART PLAYER

Incident?

DR. HIRSCH

The murder?

CHESS PLAYER

Are you a police officer?

DR. HIRSCH

(smiles)

No, no, hardly. I work in the hospital where the Kessler boy was brought.

The Dart Player and Chess Player exchange a look.

DR. HIRSCH

He was talking about werewolves and monsters and as I was near here I thought...

DART PLAYER

You thought what?

DR. HIRSCH
I thought I'd look into the boy's
story.

CHESS PLAYER
(scoffs)
A story about werewolves - now
really, sir.

Dr. Hirsch eyes the Chess Player.

DR. HIRSCH
Would you like a game of chess?

INT. ALEX'S FLAT - DAY

We find Alex and David in an embrace by the front door. Alex is dressed in her nurse's uniform and David has jeans and a T-shirt on. He is shoeless and obviously not going out. Alex pulls away.

ALEX
Let me go now, you'll make me late.

DAVID
Do me an enormous favor?

ALEX
Anything.

DAVID
Tell me that it's silly of me to be
apprehensive.

ALEX
It's silly of you to be
apprehensive.

DAVID
Werewolves simply do not exist.

ALEX
(serious)
David, do you want me to stay here
tonight?

DAVID
Yeah, I do, but go to work.

He opens the door and they both go outside.

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING - LATE AFTERNOON - ALEX AND DAVID
walk to the sidewalk. It is rather chilly.

ALEX

Listen, if you get too anxious,
call me at the hospital, okay?

DAVID

Okay.

ALEX

I've left those pills for you.

DAVID

A dooper werewolf.

They kiss again.

ALEX

I'm off. There's food in the
fridge.

DAVID

See you later.

Alex goes off, turning for a last wave. David stands looking
after her when a LITTLE GIRL walking a dog passes by. The
dog, on seeing David, begins to growl and snarl.

DAVID

(to dog)
What did I do?

The dog begins barking ferociously, the little girl tugging
on his leash.

DAVID

Thanks a lot, dog.

He realizes just how cold he is outside and runs back up the
steps to find the door locked.

DAVID

Wonderful.

Cut to shot of David's bare feet on the cold stone. He mutters to himself, imitating a newscaster.

DAVID

An American werewolf was found
frozen to death today in the heart
of London, England.

He looks around and sees that there is a small window ajar on the side of the flat about eleven feet off the ground, which can be reached by climbing a brick wall, which he does but not without damage to his bare toes.

At the top of the wall is a cat that begins to hiss on seeing David. The hair stands up on its arched back and it glares at David, hissing and spitting. David is disturbed by the cat's hostile behavior.

DAVID

What did I do, cat?

The cat is really acting fierce. When David goes to pat it cautiously, it screeches and runs away. David is, by this time, not amused. David manages to pull himself into the window.

INT. ALEX'S BATHROOM - DUSK

David awkwardly enters the bathroom through the tiny window. Finally getting both feet on the ground, he steps to the sink and regards himself in the mirror.

DAVID

(weakly)
Snarl. Growl. Grrrr.

He examines his mouth, touching his canines carefully. After a while he sighs and goes into the kitchen.

INT. ALEX'S KITCHEN - DUSK

David goes straight to the fridge and opens it. He closes the fridge and walks into the bedroom.

INT. ALEX'S BEDROOM - DUSK

He lays down on the bed. After a few beats of staring at the ceiling, he rises and goes back into the kitchen.

INT. ALEX'S KITCHEN - DUSK

He reopens the fridge.

DAVID
I'm not hungry.

He closes the fridge and walks into the living room.

INT. ALEX'S LIVING ROOM - DUSK

David turns on the television. On Thames is a soccer match. On BBC 1 is some truly insipid children's program, and on BBC 2 is a soccer match. David switches off the television.

He sits on the chair nervously, drumming his fingers and humming.

DAVID
(singing)
'Moon River, wider than a mile I'm
crossing you in style, Someday...'

David gets up, goes to the front door, and flings it open. It is getting dark. David views this fearfully, but still not completely convinced. He goes back inside and we note that the front door is not completely closed. He goes back into the bathroom and looks into the mirror.

DAVID
Fee fi fo fum, I smell the blood of
an Englishman.

He goes back into the living room and paces round and round the room like a caged animal.

INT. CHILDREN'S WARD - NIGHT

Alex is back with Benjamin, the little Pakistani.

ALEX
How are we feeling tonight?

BENJAMIN
No.

ALEX
No what?

BENJAMIN

No!

ALEX

(smiling)

Benjamin, have you ever been severely beaten about the face and neck?

BENJAMIN

No.

ALEX

I thought not.

She tucks him in.

ALEX

You sleep now and have sweet dreams.

BENJAMIN & ALEX

No!

For the first time, Benjamin smiles. As Alex tucks him in, we can clearly see the full moon outside through the window.

INT. ALEX'S FLAT - NIGHT

David sits reading Connecticut Yankee when he suddenly clutches his head in pain.

DAVID

Jesus Christ!

He stands in agony, the book falls to the floor.

DAVID

(screams)

What? Christ! What?

He begins sweating profusely, clinging to the sides of his head. He trembles violently.

DAVID

I'm burning up! Jesus!

He rips at his shirt, tearing it off. His body is dripping wet.

DAVID
(shouts out in pain and
fear)
Jack!? Where are you now, you
fucker!?!

As a new spasm of pain wracks his body, he cries out in anguish.

DAVID
Help me! Somebody help me, please!
Jack!!

David's hair is wringing wet. He screams and grabs at his legs.

DAVID
(pleading, whimpering)
I'm sorry I called you a meat loaf,
Jack.

New bolts of agonizing pain wrack through David's body. He grabs at his pants, pulling them off as if they are burning him. Standing naked in the center of the room, David gasps for air.

He falls to his knees and then forward on his hands. He remains on his hands and knees, trying to master his torment; but it's no use. On all fours he gives himself over to the excruciating hurt and slowly begins to change.

The metamorphosis from man into beast is not an easy one. As bone and muscle bend and reform themselves, the body suffers lacerating pain. We can actually see David's flesh move, the rearranging tissue. His mouth bleeds as fangs emerge. His whole face distorts as his jaw extends, his skull literally changing shape before our eyes. His hands gnarl and his fingers curl back as claws burst forward.

The camera pans up to show the full moon outside through the window. David's moans change slowly into low guttural growls. We hear the four footfalls as the WOLF begins to walk. As the camera pans back over the room, we see the front door pushed open and hear the Wolf padding off into the darkness.

EXT. RESIDENTIAL STREET - NIGHT

A taxi pulls up in front of a block of flats. An attractive couple gets out. The Man pays the driver and the cab drives off.

WOMAN

Which one, Harry?

MAN

Number thirty-nine, but let's go
'round the back.

WOMAN

Why?

MAN

Come on, we'll give Sean a scare.

WOMAN

You're crazy, Harry.

HARRY

Come on.

Harry takes her hand and leads her around the side of the flats. The apartments back up to a park and the two walk around to the rear. The park is dark and quiet.

EXT. PARK - NIGHT

WOMAN

Did you hear something?

HARRY

Just now?

WOMAN

Yes.

HARRY

No. Here we are, Sean's is the
one...

THE WOLF SPRINGS! Before the Woman can scream, the Wolf whirls around and goes for her throat.

We can't see clearly, but we see enough to realize how large the Wolf is and that its wolfen features are twisted and demonic. The Wolf savagely devours its two victims.

INT. SEAN'S FLAT - NIGHT

Sean's wife is looking through their French windows out onto the park - a middle-aged couple.

WIFE

Sean, those hooligans are in the park again.

SEAN

Aren't you ready yet? They'll be here any minute.

WIFE

Something's going on out there.

INT. HOSPITAL - NURSES' STATION - NIGHT

Miss Gallagher is helping Mrs. Hobbs dispense medication into paper cups when Dr. Hirsch approaches. He is still wearing his overcoat.

DR. HIRSCH

Is Miss Price on duty this evening?

MRS. HOBBS

Yes, Doctor.

DR. HIRSCH

Miss Gallagher, do you know if Miss Price has seen the Kessler boy since his release?

Miss Gallagher is not sure how to answer.

MISS GALLAGHER

Uh, I don't know if...

Alex has walked up and overheard the last.

ALEX

It's all right, Susan. Yes, Doctor, I have.

DR. HIRSCH
Come to my office, Miss Price.

Alex and Susan exchange glances as she obediently follows Dr. Hirsch down the hallway.

EXT. PARK - NIGHT

Sean has exited the back of his flat to investigate his wife's complaints. She hangs by the door. He walks deeper into the park.

SEAN
(calls out)
Is anyone there?

INT. DR. HIRSCH'S OFFICE - NIGHT

Dr. Hirsch hangs up his overcoat.

DR. HIRSCH
Sit down, Alex.

Alex sits and Dr. Hirsch leans against his desk.

DR. HIRSCH
I was in East Proctor today.

Alex looks confused. Dr. Hirsch realizes the cause of her concern.

DR. HIRSCH
Oh dear girl, your extracurricular activities are of no consequence to me. I don't give a damn who you sleep with. I'm concerned about David.

ALEX
Yes, sir.

DR. HIRSCH
It's a full moon. Where is he?

ALEX
At my flat. I'm off at midnight and...

Dr. Hirsch picks up the phone.

DR. HIRSCH
The number, Alex. Your number!

EXT. PARK - NIGHT

Sean carefully approaches something near the trees. He steps on something and looks down to see what it is. It is an arm.

INT. ALEX'S FLAT - NIGHT - EXTREME CLOSEUP - THE TELEPHONE
rings loudly. (This is a scare.) It continues to ring unanswered.

INT. DR. HIRSCH'S OFFICE - NIGHT

Dr. Hirsch waits on the phone, finally hanging up.

DR. HIRSCH
He's not there.

Alex grows worried.

ALEX
He's not?

DR. HIRSCH
Alex, has David persisted in his werewolf fantasies?

ALEX
Well, yes, but he seems to be more upset by the death of his friend.

DR. HIRSCH
Has his friend appeared to him again?

ALEX
Yes.

DR. HIRSCH
What did he say?

ALEX
David says Jack comes to warn him.

DR. HIRSCH

Warn him?

ALEX

Dr. Hirsch, what's wrong? Is this more serious than I know?

DR. HIRSCH

I tried to investigate the attack. There are no records. The case was closed and now they've 'misplaced' the file. David's lacerations were cleaned and dressed when he arrived here and yet supposedly no doctor examined him before I did. The Goodman boy is already in the ground so he's no good to us. So I went to the pub in East Proctor where I was convinced of two things.

ALEX

Yes.

DR. HIRSCH

They were lying. There were no witnesses, no escaped lunatic. The whole community is hiding the truth of what actually happened up there.

ALEX

And what else?

DR. HIRSCH

I think the village of East Proctor is hiding some dark and terrible secret. I'm convinced that, like David, they believe in this werewolf.

Alex is flabbergasted.

DR. HIRSCH

You've absolutely no idea where David might be?

ALEX

No. He knows no one in London,
besides me. I shouldn't have left
him alone.

Suddenly.

ALEX

Surely you're not suggesting...

DR. HIRSCH

David has suffered a severe trauma.
I myself witnessed some form of
mass neurosis in East Proctor. If
all the villagers believe that Jack
Goodman was killed by a werewolf,
why shouldn't David? And then it
follows that if he survived an
attack by a werewolf, wouldn't he
himself become a werewolf the next
full moon?

ALEX

(bewildered)

Dr. Hirsch?

DR. HIRSCH

Oh, I don't mean running about on
all fours and howling at the moon.
But in such a deranged state he
could harm himself, or perhaps
others.

ALEX

What shall we do?

DR. HIRSCH

Let's call the police and see if
they can help us find our wandering
boy.

EXT. BRICK LANE - NIGHT

The bombed-out ruins of this unsavory part of London are
stark and uninviting in the moonlight. Three old DERELICTS
are huddled around a trash can fire trying to keep warm.

A skinny dog is tied up beside them. Its ears perk up and he growls in warning.

DERELICT #1
Old Winston smells something.

DERELICT #2
(calls out)
Who's there?

The dog begins to whine.

DERELICT #2
Let 'im go.

Derelict #1 unties Winston who takes off running in terror.

DERELICT #3
Brave dog that.

DERELICT #1
(worried)
Here - who's there?

An unearthly howl shatters the night. We've heard this sound on the moors.

DERELICT #2
That's not Winston.

DERELICT #3
Look there.

He points out into the night. They strain their eyes - something is approaching them. They can just make out its size.

DERELICT #1
Mother Mary of God.

INT. SUBWAY STATION - NIGHT

A train SCREECHES to a halt. (A scare.) We are in the tubes of London. Only one passenger disembarks and the train goes off, leaving him alone in the cavernous hallways.

The PASSENGER is a young man, rather well-dressed. He looks about the platform, then at his watch. He walks up to a vending machine to buy a Cadbury Chocolate Bar.

CUT TO:

INT. SUBWAY STATION - LONG SHOT

as the Passenger puts his coin in the vending machine. The camera is on ground level and as we watch the Passenger, the Wolf's legs flash by us.

CUT TO:

CLOSEUP

of the Passenger eating his chocolate bar. He turns thoughtfully, wondering if he had heard something. Satisfied that he is alone, he begins his walk down one of the long serpentine tunnels that make up London's tubes. He feels he's being followed and turns slowly to look. There is no one and he continues, concerned about his imagination.

CUT TO:

CLOSEUP - WOLF'S EYES

watching in the darkness.

BACK TO SCENE

Our Passenger approaches the first escalator, pauses, then gets on going swiftly and silently up the moving stairway.

CUT TO:

CLOSEUP - WOLF'S SNOUT

In profile we can see its ragged, razor-sharp fangs and black tongue. It waits, panting, drool falls from its mouth.

BACK TO SCENE

The Passenger reaches the landing and walks briskly down the long tunnel marked "Escalator to Street Level". He is being followed. He hears it and we hear it. He stops, frightened.

PASSENGER

Hello?

CUT TO:

TUNNEL

Long and empty.

THE PASSENGER

PASSENGER

Is there someone there?

We hear the Wolf's heavy breathing. The Passenger is beginning to panic.

PASSENGER

I can assure you that this is not
in the least bit amusing!

He looks around wildly.

PASSENGER

I shall report this!

PASSENGER'S P.O.V.

We see the Wolf at a great distance trotting down the tunnel towards us.

PASSENGER

Good Lord.

THE PASSENGER

turns to flee, his jog becoming a
run. He is terrified.

WOLF - CLOSEUP

of the Wolf's running steps.

THE PASSENGER

frantically running, falls to the
ground hard bloodying his nose. He
scrambles to his feet crying out in
fear. Reaching

the escalator, he begins to run up the moving stairs, falling several times. He sits, panting and defeated, the blood trickling from his nose.

CUT TO:

WOLF'S P.O.V.

as it begins to climb the stairs. The camera tracks slowly in on the increasingly horrified Passenger until we are in an extreme closeup of his eyes, when we:

CUT TO:

CLOSEUP - A TIGER ROARING

(A scare.) The tiger paces in its cage and roars again. We are at:

EXT. LONDON ZOO - DAY

It is early morning and all the animals are aroused. We cut around to roaring cats, screeching monkeys, and panicky birds, etc., until we come to the Wolves' cage where we find David, naked and curled up on the ground by the cage, asleep. David wakes up slowly. He is completely naked, his body dirty, with several scratches on his torso and legs. He yawns and stretches, makes a face, and with his finger picks something distasteful from his teeth. He also notices something under his fingernails and as he goes to clean them, he suddenly does a complete Stan Laurel discovering where he is. He puts his hands over his eyes.

DAVID

Wake me up, Alex.

He slowly peaks through his fingers; he's still there. He stands up and looks around.

The zoo opens and women with prams and children hustle about. David sees them coming towards him, notes his lack of clothes, and decides it would be better for all concerned if they did not meet. He looks around for a suitable hiding place and dashes behind some bushes. He crouches down so that he can't be seen, scratching himself on a thorn.

DAVID

Ouch!

INT. ALEX'S FLAT - DAY

Alex sits holding David's torn T-shirt. She is trying to read her book, but is just too distracted. The phone rings and she runs for it.

ALEX

(excited, then
disappointed)

Hello? No, Dr. Hirsch, he hasn't
come back yet. Yes, I will, doctor,
but I just feel so helpless sitting
here doing nothing. Thank you, yes,
goodbye.

She hangs up and looks around the empty flat. She is now more worried than ever.

EXT. LONDON ZOO - DAY

David is still behind the bushes. He looks to see if the coast is clear, then stands up and parts the bushes. He steps out to confront a DOWAGER LADY.

DAVID

Hello.

CUT TO:

DOWAGER'S FACE

Dumbfounded.

DAVID

Excuse me, won't you?

He returns to the bushes.

CUT TO:

CLOSEUP - A GORILLA EATING

A LITTLE BOY with four helium balloons on a string is staring intently at the gorilla. The Little Boy leaves the monkey house and we travel with him as he looks at several other animals. Eventually he comes to the Wolf cage.

DAVID (O.S.)

Pssst!

The Little Boy looks around.

DAVID (O.S.)

Hey, kid! Pssst. Little boy with
the balloons.

The Little Boy pantomimes, "who me?"

CUT TO:

THE BUSHES

David cannot be seen.

DAVID (O.S.)

Come over here.

The Little Boy shakes his head. The bush replies:

DAVID (O.S.)

If you come over here, I'll give
you a pound.

The Little Boy shakes his head. The bush pleads.

DAVID (O.S.)

Two pounds?

The Little Boy shakes his head. The bush reasons:

DAVID (O.S.)

Listen, two pounds is a lot of
money. It's almost five dollars.

LITTLE BOY

(very English)

I don't know who you are.

DAVID (O.S.)

I'm the famous balloon thief.

LITTLE BOY

Why would a thief want to give me
two pounds?

DAVID (O.S.)
(losing patience)
Come here and I'll show you.

The Little Boy starts cautiously towards the shrubbery, but stops a few feet away.

DAVID (O.S.)
(pleading)
Come on!

The Little Boy edges forward.

DAVID (O.S.)
A little closer.

When the Little Boy gets within reach, David grabs his balloons and uses them to cover his crotch.

DAVID
Thank you.

David runs off through the zoo, naked but for his balloons, startling several animal lovers.

EXT. PARK - DAY

An ELDERLY COUPLE sits feeding birds, their coats folded nearly over the park bench. A naked blur darts by, grabbing the top coat as it passes, scaring off the birds.

EXT. LONDON ZOO - DAY

The Little Boy tugs at his MOTHER'S coat.

MOTHER
Yes, love?

LITTLE BOY
A naked, American man stole my balloons.

MOTHER
What?

LITTLE BOY
A naked, American man - the famous balloon thief.

EXT. NEWSSTAND - DAY

The signs they always have on London newsstands proclaim "Man or Monster?" Dr. Hirsch picks up a newspaper with its headline, "London Murder Victims Found Partially Devoured".

DR. HIRSCH

I'll have one of those, too.

He pays for the papers. The second one's headline, "Death Toll Up To Six - New Jack The Ripper?"

EXT. LONDON STREET - DAY - BUS STOP

in another part of town. The camera is on the crowd of fifteen or twenty people waiting for the bus. When the bus pulls up, they all crowd in. The camera goes to floor level and slowly examines the footwear of the crowded bus. Passengers are standing in the aisle and the camera slowly pans on their galoshes, boots, high heels, rubbers, etc., until it comes to rest on a conspicuous pair of bare feet. We pan up to find David clad only in a woman's rain coat with a fur collar trying to look as nonchalant as possible. A man looks at him oddly.

DAVID

(cheerfully)

A lot of weather we've been having lately.

The man studies David carefully.

INT. ALEX'S FLAT - DAY

Alex sits in the kitchen drinking tea and reading. There is loud knocking on the door. Alex rushes to open it and David enters quickly, closing the door behind him. He is still wearing the woman's coat.

ALEX

David! Where on earth have you been!?!

DAVID

I'm freezing.

He goes into the bedroom and takes off the coat and gets dressed as Alex watches in amazement. David is excited, even euphoric.

DAVID

Alex, I've lost my mind. I woke up at the zoo! But you know what? I feel terrific!

ALEX

The zoo?

DAVID

Waking up at the zoo, that's not so insane. Having no clothes on? That's insane. What did I do last night, Alex?

ALEX

Don't you remember?

DAVID

I said goodbye to you. I was locked out of the flat. I climbed the wall and came in through the bathroom window. I started to read and then I was naked at the zoo!

(big smile)

I guess I am out of my fucking mind.

Alex sits next to him and puts her arm around his shoulders.

ALEX

I worried about you. We didn't know where you were.

David kisses her, a desperate kiss, and she kisses back with equal passion.

ALEX

Where did you get that coat?

David laughs.

INT. DR. HIRSCH'S OFFICE

Dr. Hirsch is dialing the phone.

INT. ALEX'S FLAT

The phone rings.

ALEX
I'll get it.

Alex goes to the phone.

ALEX
Hello?

The telephone conversation is intercut between Alex and Dr. Hirsch.

DR. HIRSCH
Alex, have you heard anything?

Alex speaks softly so that David won't hear her.

ALEX
He's here.

DR. HIRSCH
(excited)
Is he all right? Why didn't you call me? Where was he?

ALEX
He doesn't remember. He woke up at the zoo.

DR. HIRSCH
The zoo? Is he rational?

ALEX
Yes, he is. He's very excited and confused, but he's not crazy, if that's what you mean.

DR. HIRSCH
Have you read the papers today? Have you listened to the radio or television?

ALEX
No, why?

DR. HIRSCH
Is David acting strangely?

ALEX
No, not really.

Dr. Hirsch considers.

DR. HIRSCH
Could you get here without any
trouble?

ALEX
Yes, I should think so.

DR. HIRSCH
Right. Now listen carefully. I want
you to bring David here. I want him
in my care. I'll notify the police
that we've found him. It is
imperative that you bring him
straight to the hospital. Do you
understand?

ALEX
Yes, Doctor.

DR. HIRSCH
You're certain he's lucid? You
won't need any help?

ALEX
He's fine. We'll come right over.

DR. HIRSCH
Shall I send a car?

ALEX
No, a cab will be faster.

DR. HIRSCH
I expect you shortly.

Dr. Hirsch hangs up, checks a piece of paper, and then dials
again.

DR. HIRSCH
Yes, Scotland Yard?

EXT. LONDON STREET - DAY

Alex and David are walking.

ALEX

The next corner we can get a cab.

DAVID

(grins)

I should be committed.

ALEX

Dr. Hirsch will know what to do.

DAVID

(stretches)

I don't know why I feel so good. I haven't felt this good in a long time.

Alex is signaling for a taxi.

DAVID

My body feels alive, alert. I feel like an athlete.

A taxi pulls up; Alex opens the door.

ALEX

Get in.

INT. TAXI - DAY

ALEX

Saint Martin's Hospital.

DRIVER

Right.

As they drive.

DRIVER

It's like the days of the Mad Barber of Fleet Street, isn't it?

ALEX

I beg your pardon?

DRIVER

The murders.

DAVID

(concerned)

What murders?

DRIVER

Last night. Haven't you heard? Six people in different parts of the city mutilated. A real maniac this one.

DAVID

Pull over.

ALEX

But...

DAVID

(adamant)

Pull over.

EXT. LONDON STREET - DAY

The cab pulls to the sidewalk.

DAVID

Pay the man.

David gets out of the cab.

ALEX

David, wait!

She hurriedly hands the Driver some money and takes off after David.

ALEX

David, what are you doing?

DAVID

Six people mutilated? It had to be me, Alex.

ALEX

David, stop!

He turns and faces her.

DAVID

I am going to the cops. There's a full moon tonight. Jack was right. I...

ALEX

(angry)

Jack is dead!

DAVID

Jack is dead. Look, six people have been killed. I'm going to the police.

David takes off walking briskly down the street. Alex has to jog to keep up with him.

ALEX

David, please be rational. Let's go to Dr. Hirsch.

DAVID

Rational!?! I'm a fucking werewolf, for Christ's sake!

He strides up to a Bobbie on the corner.

DAVID

Officer, I killed those people last night.

BOBBIE

(interested)

You did, did you?

Alex runs up.

ALEX

He's playing a stupid joke, sir.

DAVID

(dumbfounded)

What?

ALEX

We had an argument. He's being silly.

DAVID

(desperate)

I swear, I don't know this girl.

BOBBIE

All right, you two, move along.

DAVID

Hey, you asshole! I want you to arrest me!

BOBBIE

There's no call for that kind of language.

DAVID

(shouts)

Queen Elizabeth is a man! Prince Charles is a faggot! Winston Churchill was full of shit!

BOBBIE

(losing patience)

Now see here young man.

DAVID

Shakespeare was French! The Queen Mother sucks cocks in hell! Shit! Fuck! Piss!

The Bobbie takes David's arm roughly as pedestrians start to gather.

BOBBIE

That's quite enough!

ALEX

(pleading)

David, please!

DAVID

Who is this girl?

BOBBIE

You're going to have to stop this disturbance or I shall arrest you.

DAVID

(frustrated, yelling)

That's what I want you to do, you moron!

ALEX

(to Bobbie)

Sir, he's very upset. His friend was killed and...

DAVID

Will you shut up!?!!

BOBBIE

(losing his temper)

That's enough! Now go about your business.

ALEX

Yes, David, let's go.

DAVID

(disbelief)

You're not going to arrest me?

David approaches one of the ONLOOKERS.

DAVID

Don't you think he should arrest me?

ONLOOKER

Well, I'm not sure. How does he know this isn't a prank?

DAVID

(despair)

A prank?

ALEX

(urgently)

David...

The Bobbie has lost all patience.

BOBBIE

I've no time for this foolishness.

(to onlookers)

Nothing to look at. Move along.

The Bobbie walks away. David is beside himself.

DAVID

Hopeless. It's hopeless.

ALEX

(softly)

David, let's go now.

David turns in a rage.

DAVID

Leave me alone, dammit! You people
are crazy! I've got to get away
from here! I've got to do
something!

ALEX

(worried)

David, don't lose control.

DAVID

(approaching, hysteria)

Control!?! What control!?! Get away
from me!

He begins to cry.

DAVID

Leave me alone!

He runs out into the street. Cars slam on their brakes, just
missing him.

ALEX

David, wait!

It's too late. He's lost in traffic. Alex stands for a moment
not knowing which way to turn.

EXT. ALLEY - DAY

David is running in panic. He finally comes to rest in an alley. He sits down and sobs uncontrollably.

INT. DR. HIRSCH'S OFFICE - DAY

Alex sits distraught in the chair opposite the desk. Dr. Hirsch is talking to Lt. Villiers and Sgt. McManus.

LT. VILLIERS

The forensic lads seem to feel that some sort of animal was involved, that's true, but I hardly think...

DR. HIRSCH

(interrupts)

Regardless of what you think, Lieutenant, the fact remains that David is missing and that we must find him.

SGT. MCMANUS

Before nightfall.

DR. HIRSCH

Precisely.

LT. VILLIERS

(harried)

Gentlemen, please. We shall find Mr. Kessler as quickly as we're able.

ALEX

He tried to have himself arrested. He...

LT. VILLIERS

(interrupts)

Getting arrested isn't all that difficult, Miss Price.

ALEX

He wants help. He...

DR. HIRSCH
 (interrupts)
 What can we do to assist you?

LT. VILLIERS
 (rising)
 Stay here. If we need you, we'll
 know where to reach you.

He and Sgt. McManus pause by the door.

LT. VILLIERS
 I cannot accept a connection
 between David Kessler and last
 night's murders. We will find him,
 however. I can assure you of that.

SGT. MCMANUS
 We'll find him, not to worry.

The two policemen exit. Dr. Hirsch looks at Alex.

ALEX
 (distraught)
 What shall we do?

DR. HIRSCH
 (comforting)
 Tea would be nice.

EXT. LEICESTER SQUARE - DAY

David is in a telephone booth.

DAVID
 Yes, operator. I'd like to call the
 United States and reverse the
 charges. David Kessler for anyone.
 Yes, I'll wait. Hello? Yes, area
 code 315/472- Thank you.

(pause)
 Hello? Rachel? Just say yes, you'll
 accept the charges. Just say yes,
 Rachel. Is Mom or Dad home? Where
 are they? Where's Max? You're all
 alone? Mom and Dad wouldn't leave
 me alone when I was ten.

No, not ten and a half either. I'm still in London. I'm all better. Look, would you tell Mom and Dad that I love them? I don't care, Rachel, just do it for me. Okay? Good. And, Rachel, don't fight with Max. Well, try. Look, kid, please don't forget to tell Mom and Dad I love them. I love Max and you, too. Well, I do. No, I'm not being weird, you little creep. You promise? Okay. Be a good girl. I love you. Bye.

He hangs up in profound depression. Leaving the booth he sees an outdoor clock. It is 4:15. He sighs, then catches sight of something.

EXT. CINEMA - DAY - DAVID'S P.O.V.

There stands Jack, now truly rotted and ghastly. He's pretty much dried out, a third of his face gone revealing the grinning skull. He waves to David. Jack points inside the theater and goes in. David smiles, walks across the intersection, and up to the box office.

TICKET LADY

Two and a half quid, please.

David reaches in his pocket. All he has are traveler's checks.

DAVID

Will you take a traveler's check?

TICKET LADY

No, sorry.

David signs a \$100 check and hands it to her.

DAVID

Keep the change.

TICKET LADY

Well, thank you, sir!

She gives him a ticket. David goes in.

INT. CINEMA - DAY

A film (to be determined) plays on screen. The small theater is mostly empty. A few snoring BUMS and wide-eyed CHILDREN are scattered about. Jack sits in the last row in the shadows. He waves to David. David goes and sits next to him.

DAVID

Hi, Jack.

JACK

Hi, David.

They sit for a while watching the screen.

DAVID

What can I say, Jack?

JACK

You don't have to say anything.

DAVID

Aren't you going to say, 'I told you so'?

JACK

If I was still alive, I probably would.

DAVID

You look awful.

JACK

Thank you.

DAVID

(apologizes quickly)

I didn't mean it. I don't know what I'm saying. I'm not even sure it was me who killed those people. I don't remember doing it.

JACK

What about the zoo?

DAVID

Well, even if I'm not the wolfman, I am crazy enough to do something like that. I mean, here I sit in Leicester Square talking to a corpse. I'm glad to see you, Jack.

JACK

I want you to meet some people.

Sitting down the row from Jack is a man, GERALD BRINGSLY, completely in the shadow.

JACK

David Kessler, this is Gerald Bringsly.

DAVID

Hello.

JACK

Gerald is the man you murdered in the subway. We thought it best you didn't see him as he's a fresh kill and still pretty messy.

BRINGSLY

(in shadow; very English)

Yes, I do look most unpleasant.

The camera pans down to show the blood dripping from the seat to a puddle on the floor.

DAVID

(horrified)

Why are you doing this to me, Jack?

BRINGSLY

This isn't Mr. Goodman's idea. He is your good friend, whereas I am a victim of your carnivorous lunar activities.

DAVID

(appalled)

Mr. Bringsly, I'm sorry.

I have absolutely no idea what to say to you.

BRINGSLY

You've left my wife a widow and my children fatherless. And I understand that I am to walk the earth one of the living dead until the wolf's bloodline is severed and the curse lifted.

Bringlsy leans forward almost into the light, he glistens.

BRINGSLY

You must die, David Kessler.

JACK

David, this is Harry Berman and his fiancée Judith Browns.

The two victims lean forward from their seats next to Mr. Bringlsy. We can just make out that Harry has one arm missing.

JACK

And these gentlemen are Alf, Ted, and Joseph.

The Three Derelicts sit next to Harry and Judith. All are slick in the darkness, the light from the screen illuminating their gore.

DERELICT #2

Can't say we're pleased to meet you, Mr. Kessler.

DAVID

(defeated)
What shall I do?

JACK

Suicide.

HARRY

(adamantly)
You must take your own life!

DAVID

That's easy for you to say - you're already dead.

BRINGSLY

No, David. Harry and I and everyone you murder are not dead. The undead.

DAVID

(to Jack)

Why are you doing this to me?

JACK

Because this must be stopped.

DAVID

How shall I do it?

JUDITH

Sleeping pills?

DERELICT #1

Not sure enough.

DAVID

I could hang myself.

JACK

If you did it wrong, it would be painful. You'd choke to death.

DERELICT #3

So what? Let 'im choke.

JACK

Do you mind? The man's a friend of mine.

DERELICT #3

Well he ain't no friend of mine.

BRINGSLY

Gentlemen, please.

HARRY

A gun.

DERELICT #1

I know where he can get a gun.

DAVID

Don't I need a silver bullet or something?

JACK

Be serious, would you?

David puts his head in his hands.

DAVID

Madness. I've gone totally mad.

HARRY

A gun is good.

JUDITH

You just put the gun to your forehead and pull the trigger.

BRINGSLY

If you put it in your mouth, then you'd be sure not to miss.

DAVID

Thank you, you're all so thoughtful.

As the conversation continues, the camera pulls back from the grisly tableau. David grabs his head suddenly.

CUT TO:

EXT. BIG BEN - NIGHT

The clock strikes eleven. The full moon is up.

INT. CINEMA - NIGHT

David is dripping wet and shaking violently. Three small children, the oldest nine, stand in the aisle staring at him.

DAVID

(gasps out in anguish)
Go away! Please! Go away!

The children watch, fascinated as David's seizures grow more severe.

DAVID
(his face contorting)
Run! Please... run.

His hands clutch the arms of his chair. Coarse thick hair splits his skin. The children's eyes widen in fascination.

EXT. CINEMA - NIGHT

Roars and screams come from inside the theater. The TICKET TAKER at the door says to the Ticket Lady:

TICKET TAKER
I'll check on the house.

He goes inside the theater.

INT. CINEMA - NIGHT

The Ticket Taker enters the theater. The movie continues on screen, but all else is quiet. He cautiously continues down the aisle. He sees something and makes his way towards it. He looks down in horror.

THE WOLF SPRINGS!

CUT TO:

EXT. LEICESTER SQUARE - NIGHT

From way up high we look down on the sidewalks and single out TWO BOBBIES running furiously to the cinema through the busy traffic.

EXT. CINEMA - NIGHT

The two cops run up, the Ticket Lady is hysterical.

TICKET LADY
It's horrible, horrible! There's a
beast! A mad dog! It's killing
people in there!

One cop stays with the lady, the other rushes inside.

INT. CINEMA - NIGHT

The cop enters a side door to find several bloodied corpses. He hears something, looks over to see the Wolf hunched over a victim. The Wolf turns, eyes blazing, mouth dripping with blood. We see it clearly for the first time. It is truly a hound from hell, its wolfen features a hideous sight. Its eyes fierce, burning green. The Wolf roars and starts for the cop. The cop rushes out and slams the door behind him.

EXT. CINEMA

As the cop bolts the door shut.

COP #1

For God's sake, Tom, there's a monster in there! The doors shudder as the Wolf begins to batter them down. The cops strain to keep them shut.

COP #1

Call for assistance and tell them to bring guns.

Pedestrians start milling around. The door is bulging. The Wolf's roars continue.

COP #2

Keep moving! Will you people get out of the way!

INT. DR. HIRSCH'S OFFICE - NIGHT

Alex is asleep. Dr. Hirsch wakes her.

DR. HIRSCH

Nurse Hobbs said there's a disturbance in Leicester Square involving some sort of mad dog.

ALEX

David?

DR. HIRSCH

I doubt it. But it's something to do.

INT. POLICE STATION - NIGHT

An officer unlocks a rack of rifles which are distributed to uniformed men.

INT. CINEMA - NIGHT

Police cars arrive, sirens blaring. Officers are pushing the crowd back as other men help hold the door closed against the Wolf's battering.

Another police car pulls up and out steps Lt. Villiers and Sgt. McManus.

LT. VILLIERS

What the hell is going on here?

COP

It's some kind of animal, sir.

We...

Suddenly the doors splinter apart and there stands the Wolf, eyes blazing. It leaps on Lt. Villiers, savaging him. The crowd falls back in panic.

The Wolf runs into traffic, a cab swerves to avoid hitting it and plows into fleeing pedestrians hurling one through a shop window. Mass confusion as orders are shouted and the police pursue the Wolf.

It runs down an alleyway into a cul de sac. It stops in the darkness, blocked by a brick wall. The Wolf whirls around, defiant, roaring. The cops quickly barricade the entrance to the alley.

INT. TAXI - NIGHT

The taxi is halted by the traffic jam in Leicester Square. Police vehicles roar past.

ALEX

David! It's David!

She jumps from the car before Dr. Hirsch can stop her.

EXT. CUL DE SAC - NIGHT

The police arrive with weapons and efficiently ring the alley. Alex runs to them.

ALEX
Let me through!

COP
Stand clear, miss!

ALEX
I must get through!

Alex dodges the cop and runs into the alley. The officers shout after her. Dr. Hirsch reaches the police line.

DR. HIRSCH
Alex!

Alex walks towards the dark end of the alley.

ALEX
David? Is it you? Is it true,
David?

She's almost to the end. The Wolf lays in wait in the shadows. The police raise their weapons.

ALEX
David?

THE WOLF REARS UP. In that brief instant, Alex realizes it will kill her.

OFFICER
Fire!

The guns blaze. The Wolf falls dead. Alex leans on the wall, numb. The cops, Dr. Hirsch, and Sgt. McManus run to the dead Wolf only to find David, naked and riddled with bullets. Alex begins to weep.

FADE TO:

BLACK

END CREDITS OVER BLACK

SONG: The fifties rock version of "Blue Moon".

THE END