

FIVE CARD

(Feature horror screenplay – 87 pages)

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“Five bored, small town teens search for excitement and find a hidden horror.”

A young GIRL listens attentively as her DAD tells her a bedtime story of a little girl, like her, who wandered from her home without her parents knowledge. The girl walked aimlessly until discovering a little cottage within the forest. When she neared, a witch appeared and tried to lure the girl inside where evil waited. “The little girl ran,” continued Dad, “all the way home, but soon she lost her voice and eyesight, caused by the witch ensuring the girl could never tell or show the way to the evil cottage.”

Twelve years later – Rose NH police officers, HENRY BOSKOWSKI, a veteran officer and rookie NANCY DOCHETTE, receive a radio call from JOANNIE, the unseen police dispatcher for help with a stray Bull named CROSSBOW at the Morrison Farm.

At the town gazebo five local teens celebrate graduation from high school. NEIL, MANDY, CALVIN, TONY, and LINDA, pose for pictures, and chat of the future. Neil and Mandy are attracted to each other. Calvin and Linda are involved in a relationship. Tony is a lone wolf. After the festivities, Neil heads home to a small farm where he lives alone. His father is a long haul trucker, mother dead. The others agree to bring dinner to Neil's to cheer him up. After dinner, they ride in Tony's car to swim at a secluded clearing by a river. While enjoying themselves they notice a desolate, hidden cottage in the woods. Linda is frightened recalling of a story her father told her as a child about a witch and a cottage. The others think she is scared of nothing.

They leave, stopping at a gas station/store. Tony refuels his car, the others go inside the convenience store. Calvin steals a candy bar and is confronted by the clerk. Neil places his finger into the clerk's back and place him in a closet then take a few items before excitedly driving back to Neil's. They debate the sudden robbery, the excitement of doing something out of the ordinary and the thrill their adventure gave them. They decide to do it again, but cannot agree on what. Neil decides to deal five cards, Ace, King, Queen, Jack and Ten, one card to each. Whoever gets the Ace will decide. Mandy is dealt the Ace. She suggest they go back to the cottage and look for gold witches are known to have. Linda is scared but agrees to go.

They park at the swimming hole and with flashlights walk through the dense woods to the cottage. Calvin is suddenly confronted by an old woman who floats toward him. He falls back frightened. No one else sees her. Mandy looks into a back room and sees her younger brother who Mandy accidentally shot his leg off with a shotgun years ago. Calvin, Linda, Neil and Mandy run from the cottage. Tony sees the witch rising from the floor. He runs knocking a candle on to the floor starting a fire. They run through the woods to the car. Before they leave the area they see the witch outside the burning cottage. They speed back onto the main road, cutting off another car which strikes a tree.

Henry and Nancy get a call from Joanne that Crossbow has gotten loose again and drive to Morrison's Farm. Back at Neil's, the kids wonder what to do. Calvin looks out the window to see the witch in the yard. They nervously try to figure out what to do. Tony walks into a hallway where Neil's dad has a sword and battle-ax displayed on the wall. He sees his murderer Uncle Tony, who is in prison nearby holding the ax. He strikes Tony with the ax killing him. The others find Tony dead. They panic. Calvin takes the sword and Linda, running to the car. All the tires are flat. The witch is between them and the house so they run into the barn. Linda hides in the loft, Calvin and the sword hide in a hay stack below. After awhile Calvin leaves the sword and scampers up to the loft where he finds Linda with a noose around her neck by the lofts edge. He runs to her only to see she is the witch. The witch swiftly

places the noose over Calvin's head and pushes him off. Linda comes out of hiding finding Calvin hanging. She sees the sword in the hay below moving by itself, pointed up. When she turns, the witch is there. Startled, Linda falls onto the sword.

Henry and Nancy receive another radio call as they arrive at Morrison's farm telling them Tony's car caused an accident and is wanted for leaving the scene. Henry recalls seeing the car at Neil's. Neil and Mandy are wondering what to do when Neil sees his father's pickup truck approaching. He runs into the yard excitedly waving at the truck. At the last moment he realizes the truck is Crossbow and is gored by the runaway bull.

The witch comes at Mandy in the living room where she finds a crucifix. The witch stops when seeing the crucifix. Suddenly, Mandy sees her brother crawling toward her with the bloody leg. Realizing he's not real she turns back to the witch just as the witch lunges at her.

Henry and Nancy arrive finding a severely wounded Neil in the yard. Nancy calls for an ambulance and back up from a nearby town. Mandy stumbles from the house. Nancy helps her to where Henry applies temporary aid to Neil. Nancy enters the barn finding Crossbow, Linda and Calvin. She returns telling Henry of the deaths in the barn. Henry tries to find out what happened but Neil is too injured to speak, Mandy too weary. The ambulance and back up arrive. They take Mandy and Neil away in the ambulance. An EMT begins to inject Neil with a sedative when he suddenly finds his hand raising the syringe to his face. Neil watches in horror as the EMT stabs himself in the eye.

Nancy and two officers search the house. Nancy finds the bodies of Tony and Mandy with no eyes. She joins Henry, frightened, telling him Mandy is inside, dead. They both look confused and worried at the ambulance driving away. Neil is asking an unconcerned Mandy why she didn't help the EMT when suddenly he loses his voice. His eyes go wide as Mandy becomes the witch. Suddenly Neil's sight goes black. He is horrified as he feels his face, both eye sockets empty. He tries to scream but nothing comes out. He hears the witch laugh as the ambulance fades into the countryside.

The End