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**HORROR GUIDE**



**A Bestiary of Dangers Within  
Upcoming Television & Film**

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# HELLO, BOILS & GHOULS!

## Welcome to Team Click's Guide to

# HORROR ON SCREEN

It's October, and there's an unearthly chill in the air (ok, that's just the AC) and everything at the grocery store claims to be flavored with some form of pumpkin spice. That can only mean one thing: 'Tis the season for all things creepy, kooky, and downright cursed!

Yet, who's to say if Halloween marks the end of a spooky season or the start of the next? With so many cinematic frights & delights multiplying exponentially throughout the year, bursting onto screens like so many baby spiders hatching beneath the skin of fans and professionals alike, how is one to navigate the unending stream of terror?

Whether you're a ghoulish gourmet, or fresh blood for the fray, consider our Guide your personal grimoire of the coming year's horrors of entertainment. We've hunted down the beasts, boogeymen, and things that go bump in the night, and logged them all here for your information (and, if we're honest—our own entertainment).

Whether you're navigating the horde of shambling fans at New York Comic-Con, exploring the twists and turns of Monsterpalooza, or prowling the many events the year has to offer, think of us like that friend in the haunted maze that walks in front of you, no matter how hard you dig your nails into our arm...

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**drag-on** | /'drag(ə)n/ *n.* a mythical monster, usually represented as a large reptile with wings and claws, breathing out fire and smoke

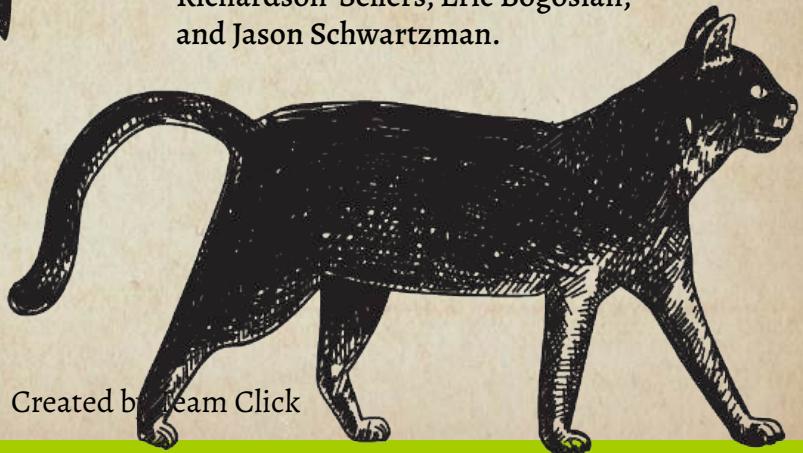
# WITCHES, WARLOCKS & THE OCCULT

**witch** | /wiCH/ *n.* a person who is credited with having usually malignant supernatural powers

**FORBIDDEN FRUITS** (Shudder, 2026) At a mall store, Apple leads a secret witch cult with coworkers Cherry and Fig. New hire Pumpkin questions their sisterhood, forcing them to confront inner darkness or meet violent ends. (whether that means being turned into a pie remains to be seen) Starring Lola Tung, Lili Reinhart, Victoria Pedretti, Alexandria Shipp, Emma Chamberlain, and Gabriel Union.

**HOKUM** (Spooky Pictures, 2026)  
A horror writer (Adam Scott) visits an Irish inn to scatter his parents' ashes, unaware the property is said to be haunted by a witch. It's sus, because we *know* someone in the pub would have told him if he'd just gone for a pint earlier.

**THE TALAMASCA: THE SECRET ORDER** (AMC, 10/26/25)  
A secretive society which tracks supernatural beings like witches, vampires, and werewolves must hire a new recruit (Nicholas Denton) to help them recover a book filled with dangerous knowledge. Based on the Anne Rice novel and starring Elizabeth McGovern, William Fichtner, Maisie Richardson-Sellers, Eric Bogosian, and Jason Schwartzman.



# DEADLY GAMES

**game** | /gām/ *n.* a form of play or sport, especially a competitive one played according to rules and decided by skill, strength, or luck.

**GUTS & GLORY** (Shudder, 9/9/25) The legendary horror makeup FX icon, Greg Nicotero, hosts a thrilling competition series that blends the intensity of a horror film with the pressure of a survival game where contestants are confronted with their fears in various scenarios. Nicotero has described it as if “Survivor” and “The Blair Witch Project” had a baby. Like, the best baby *ever*.

**BITS** (Dirty Water Pictures, 2026) When a haunted 90's video game resurfaces in the present, Scott and his friends must figure out how to stop the game from a vicious real life killing spree without they themselves facing Game Over. Starring Dee Wallace, Dominique Swain, and Angry Video Game Nerd. (you'd be angry too, if your game was trying to kill you irl and not just metaphorically.)

**THE LONG WALK** (Lionsgate, 9/12/25) A group of teenage boys compete in an annual contest known as “The Long Walk,” where they must maintain a certain walking speed or get shot. And no cellphones, otherwise they'd all just walk until they ended up in the Gulf of Mexico. Directed by Francis Lawrence, based on the Stephen King (Richard Bachman) short story and starring Mark Hamill, Judy Greer, Josh Hamilton, Cooper Hoffman, David Jonsson, Ben Wang, and Charlie Plummer. Remember to do your cardio!

**READY OR NOT: HERE I COME** (Searchlight Pictures, 4/10/26) It's Game Night: Round 2! What's in store for the players this time? Duck, Duck, Goose? The Floor is Lava? We're RSVPing. We'll bring the beer and chips, you bring the dip!



# CULT OF PERSONALITY

**cult-of-personality** | /kʌlt/ /ɒv/ /pər-sə-'na-lə-tē/ *n.* a situation in which a public figure (such as a political leader) is deliberately presented to the people of a country as a great person who should be admired and loved

**WAYWARD** (Netflix, 9/25/25) A bucolic but sinister town explores the insidious intricacies of the troubled teen industry, and the eternal struggle of the next generation. (struggling to escape the previous generations, tbh) Starring Mae Martin and Toni Collette.

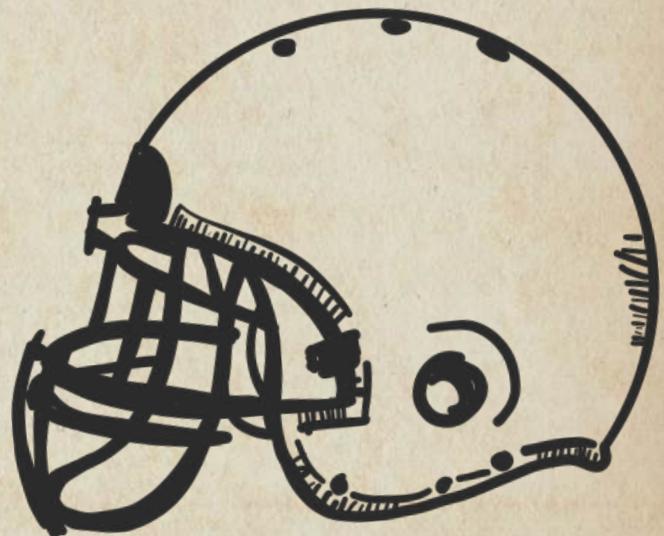
**DREAMQUIL** (Republic Pictures, 2026) A woman embarks on a virtual wellness retreat in order to get her life back on track - but with nightmarish consequences. Starring Elizabeth Banks, Juliette Lewis, Kathryn Newton, Sofia Boutella, and John C. Reilly.

**SHELL** (Republic Pictures, 10/3/25) A struggling actress (Elisabeth Moss) accepts an invitation to join the ultra-glamorous world of a wellness company CEO (Kate Hudson), but soon realizes there may be more than a few red flags when patients begin to go missing. Directed by Max Minghella and starring Kaia Gerber, Elizabeth Berkley, Peter MacNicol and Mary Lynn Rajsckub

**HIM** (Universal Pictures, 9/19/25) An aging quarterback takes a young football player under his wing to train at an isolated compound. Perfectly normal, nothing to see here. Starring Marlon Wayans, Tim Heidecker, and Julia Fox.

**ANNIVERSARY** (Lionsgate, 10/29/25) A provocative thriller about a very close-knit family that is torn apart as a new movement "The Change" envelops the country. Starring Diane Lane, Kyle Chandler, Zoey Deutch, Dylan O'Brien, and McKenna Grace.

**PENDULUM** (C2 Motion Pictures, 2026) A couple journeys to a retreat in New Mexico seeking healing. Patrick (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) grows skeptical of the retreat's leader (Jacki Weaver) as Abigail (Phoebe Dynevor) falls under her influence. They wonder if the group's practices offer genuine healing or conceal a terrifying truth. Written & directed by Mark Heyman and starring Norman Reedus.



# Technology

**tech-nol-o-gy** | /tek'näləjē/ *n.* machinery and equipment developed from the application of scientific knowledge. Can be used for Evil.



**GREEN BANK** (Nocturnal Kid, 2026)  
In a town where wifi, cell service and all other radio transmissions are heavily forbidden, infant sleep-trainer Sloan (Jasmin Savoy Brown) realizes that the parents of the child she's caring for are much more than the clueless yuppies they seem to be. No wi-fi? Horror movies are getting cruel. Starring Tatiana Maslany.

**SOULM8TE** (Universal, 1/9/25)  
A man acquires an Artificially Intelligent android to cope with the loss of his recently deceased wife. In an attempt to create a truly sentient partner, he inadvertently turns a harmless lovebot into a deadly soulmate. Starring Claudia Doumit, David Rysdahl, and Lily Sullivan. So the doll slays and took it literally? It's a common problem. Learning slang can be a real killer.

**THE ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM IS DOWN** (A24, 12/20/25) When the entertainment system on a long airplane flight crashes, the passengers have no choice but to choose violence. No choice at all. Starring Joel Edgerton, Kirsten Dunst, and Keanu Reeves. (and you thought killing his dog was bad...)

**FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S 2** (Universal Pictures/Blumhouse, 12/5/25) The lights at Freddy Fazbear's Pizzeria are back on, as are the murderous animatronics that lie within! We'd say that risking death for a slice of pizza isn't worth it, but we'd be lying. Starring Josh Hutcherson, Matthew Lillard, McKenna Grace, Skeet Ulrich, Elizabeth Lail, and Wayne Knight.

# CHANNEL *Surfing*



PRIME VIDEO  
S2: 12/17/25

NETFLIX  
S5: 11/26/25

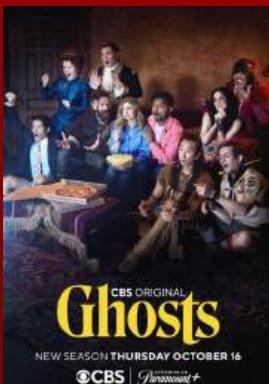
SHUDDER  
S2: 10/7/25



PARAMOUNT+  
S5: 10/16/25

SHOWTIME  
S4: TBD 2026

NETFLIX  
S3: 9/25/25



# Supernatural Spirits

**spir-it** | /spirət/ *n.* the nonphysical part of a person which is the seat of emotions and character; the soul.

**SCARED TO DEATH** (Convoke Media, 2025) A group of filmmakers attend a seance at an abandoned children's orphanage in order to do research for a movie...that's their first mistake. Starring Lin Shaye and Bill Mosely.

**HARLAN COBEN'S LAZARUS** (Amazon/MGM, 10/22/25) Following the suicide of his father (Bill Nighy), Joel Lazarus (Sam Claflin) becomes entangled in a series of cold murder cases and begins having disturbing experiences that can't be explained.

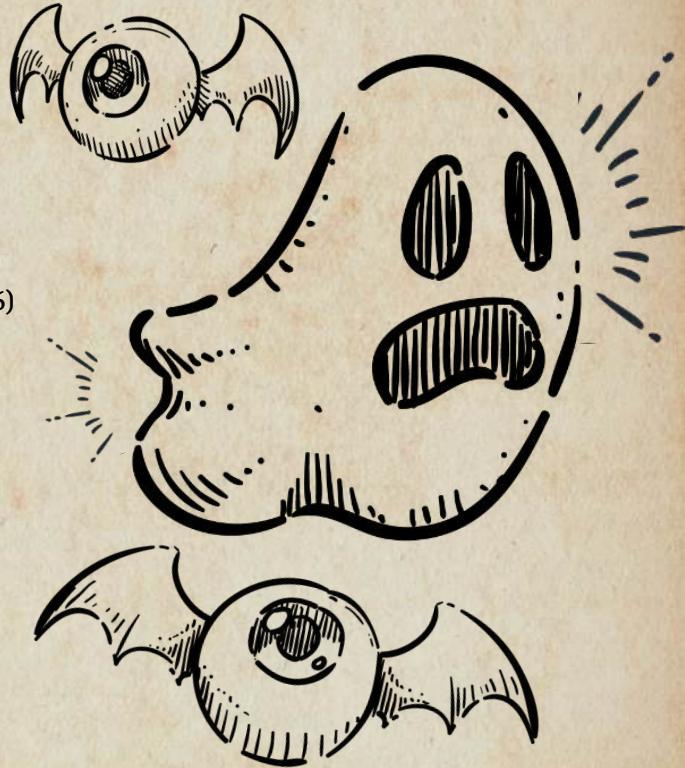
**HAUNTED HOTEL** (Netflix, 9/19/25) This adult animated series centers on a single mom (Eliza Coupe) who operates a haunted hotel, aided by her late brother's ghost. Created by Matt Roller ("Archer," "Rick & Morty") and starring Will Forte, Skylar Gisondo, and Jimmi Simpson.

**EVIL DEAD: BURN** (Warner Bros., 7/24/26)  
OK, kids, one more time for those in the back. Stop. Reading. Books. (especially ones involving human skin or blood, for sanitation reasons alone.)

**GOOD BOY** (Shudder, 10/3/25)  
A loyal family dog (Indy) discovers supernatural forces lurking in their new home and must fight to protect the one he loves most. **VERY GOOD BOY!!** You get treats!

**OTHER MOMMY** (Universal Pictures, 5/8/26) An 8-year-old girl living in a home with marital problems, confronts a sinister entity that comes out of her closet. The presence, whom she calls "Other Mommy," becomes increasingly threatening to her and her family.

**THE JESTER 2** (Epic Pictures, 9/15/25) When teen magician Max (Kaitlyn Trentham) crosses paths with the sinister Jester on Halloween night, she must outsmart a supernatural killer whose magic is all too real. First the clowns, now magicians, meaning balloon artists are about to get their due!



# DEMONS

**de-mon** | /dē-mən/n. an evil spirit; a source or agent of evil, harm, distress, or ruin



**THE TRUNK** (4 Brothers Pictures, 2026)  
Mitchell (Lamorne Morris) races full speed into the desert in his 1977 Lincoln Town Car with his best friend Steve (Kyle Shevrin) riding shotgun, a leather-bound book of the dead at their feet and a trunk full of problems. (What did we say about reading books?! “Don’t”!)

## THE CONJURING: LAST RITES

(Warner Bros., 9/5/25)  
Ed & Lorraine Warren (Patrick Wilson & Vera Farmiga) take on one last paranormal case. The last one always ends well, right? They aren't two weeks from retirement are they?

## THE CARPENTER'S SON

(Magnolia Pictures, 10/30/25)  
Inspired by the Infancy Gospel of Thomas, the dark story of a family hiding out in Roman Egypt unravels as a child known only as 'the Boy', (Noah Jupe) is driven to doubt by another mysterious child and rebels against his guardian, the Carpenter (Nicolas Cage), revealing inherent powers and a fate beyond his comprehension. Also starring FKA twigs.



# DEMONS II



**de-mon** | /dē-mən/n. an evil spirit; a source or agent of evil, harm, distress, or ruin

**SHELBY OAKS** (Neon, 10/2/25)

Co-written and directed by YouTube film critic Chris Stuckmann, the film follows a woman's manic search for her missing sister as she realizes that an imaginary demon from their childhood might be real. Starring Keith David, Michael Beach, and Brendan Sexton III.

**THE HAUNTING IN WICKER PARK** (Screen Gems, 2025)

Based on the true story of the first televised exorcism in 1971. Audiences across the nation were entranced; the demon, not so much. Directed by Gary Fleder ("Tiny Pretty Things," Runaway Jury)

**THREAD: AN INSIDIOUS TALE** (Sony, 8/21/26)

A grieving couple (Mandy Moore, Kumail Nanjiani) discover a spell that will allow them to travel back in time to save their daughter's life. The real question is who are they saving it for, exactly?



# HUMANS

**hu-man** | /hyü-mən/ *n.* a bipedal primate mammal; a.k.a. “the worst”

**hu-man** |  
/’hyü-mən/ *n.* any  
individual of the  
genus *Homo*,  
especially a  
member of the  
species *Homo*  
*sapiens*.



## **OVER YOUR DEAD BODY** (IFC, 2026)

In this remake of “The Trip,” a dysfunctional married couple retreats to a secluded cabin to repair their relationship, but each secretly plots to murder the other. Hilarity ensues. Directed by Jorma Taccone and starring Timothy Olyphant, Samara Weaving, Jason Segel, and Juliette Lewis.

## **FACES OF DEATH** (Legendary, 2026)

Loosely based on the (mostly staged) collection of death videos from the late 70s/early 80s, the film follows a website content monitor who discovers a series of violent death videos online. So if the original FoD were fake, pretending to be real, and these are pretending to be fake, are they...real? Starring Dacre Montgomery, Charli XCX, Josie Totah, and Barbie Ferreira.

## **SOMETHING VERY BAD IS GOING TO HAPPEN** (Netflix, 2026)

A certain atmosphere of horror is felt the week before the celebration of an unfortunate wedding. Look, if you're going to invite a Single White Female (Jennifer Jason Lee) and Buffalo Bill (Ted Levine) to your wedding, bad things are bound to happen.

## **THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE** (20th Century Studios/Hulu, 10/22/25)

An upscale suburban mom (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) brings a new nanny, Polly Murphy (Maika Monroe), into her home, only to discover she is not the person she claims to be. Also starring Martin Starr and Raúl Castillo.

# HORROR 4 KIDS

## THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE: SEARCH FOR SQUAREPANTS

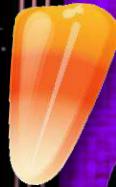
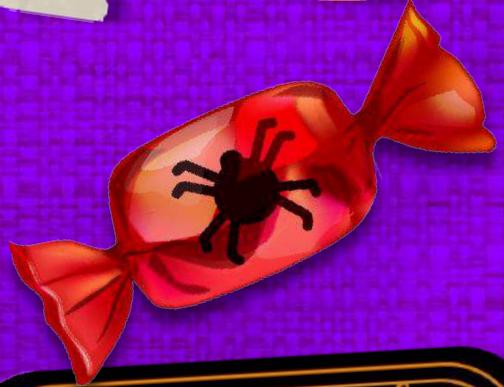
(Nickelodeon/Paramount Pictures, 12/19/25)  
Follows SpongeBob as he travels to the depths of the ocean to face the ghost of the Flying Dutchman.

## THE SEA SPONGE

## MOTEL TRANSYLVANIA

(Sony/Netflix, 2025)  
Drac and Mavis trade their gothic mountain hotel for a California desert resort in this animated TV series, where we imagine the hunt for SPF 1,000,000 sunscreen may be a recurring plot line.

## THE NIGHTWALKER



# HUMANS II

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**BONE LAKE** (Bleecker Street Media, 10/3/25) A couple's vacation at a secluded estate is upended when they're forced to share the mansion with a mysterious couple. A dream getaway spirals into a nightmarish maze of sex, lies, and manipulation, triggering a battle for survival.

**SEND HELP** (20th Century Studios, 1/30/26) Two colleagues (Dylan O'Brien and Dennis Haysbert) become stranded on a deserted island, the only survivors of a plane crash. On the island, they must overcome past grievances and work together to survive, but ultimately, it's a battle of wills and wits to make it out alive. Directed by Sam Raimi and starring Rachel McAdams.

**THEY WILL KILL YOU** (Warner Bros. 2026) A woman takes a job as a housekeeper in a NYC high-rise, unaware of the building's history of disappearances. She soon realizes the community is shrouded in mystery. Starring Patricia Arquette, Heather Graham, Tom Felton, and Zazie Beetz.

**NIGHT PATROL** (RLJE/Shudder, 2025) An L.A. cop (Jermaine Fowler) must team up with local gang members when he discovers a local police task force is hiding a horrific secret that puts the residents of his childhood neighborhood in danger. Starring Dermot Mulroney and Justin Long.

**THE MONSTER** (Republic Pictures, 2026)

Follows two millennials who flip NY apartments they don't own to new buyers who don't know they are being scammed. The con works brilliantly until they run into an apartment owner with a dark secret who flips the game on them. Directed by Darren Lynn Bousman and starring Alicia Witt, Neal McDonough, Lauren LaVera, and Djimon Hounsou. No honor among thieves indeed, lol.

**THE HOUSEMAID** (Lionsgate, 12/25/25) Follows a struggling woman who is happy to start over as a housemaid for an affluent, elite couple. Directed by Paul Feig and starring Sydney Sweeney, Amanda Seyfried, and Elizabeth Perkins.



# MONSTERS



**mon-ster** | /män(t)-stər/ *n.* an animal of strange or terrifying shape

**RETURN TO SILENT HILL** (Cineverse, 1/23/26) In search of his lost love, James returns to Silent Hill after receiving a mysterious letter in the mail. He will soon discover the town is now inhabited by a horrible new menagerie of monsters and malicious entities. This is what you get for opening physical mail. Who does that? Directed by Christophe Gans. Starring Jeremy Irvine, Hannah Emily Anderson, Eve Macklin.

**DUST BUNNY** (Roadside Attractions, 12/12/25) When a little girl's family goes missing, she suspects the monster under her bed ate them, and enlists her neighbor to help kill it. Given that it's written & directed by Bryan Fuller and stars Mads Mikkelsen and Sigourney Weaver, we think we can guess where this is going...

**UNTITLED NEWFOUNDLAND SERIES** (Netflix, 2026) When a mysterious sea creature terrorizes a remote town, a fisherman (Josh Hartnett) must fight to protect his family, his community, and his way of life. Also starring MacKenzie Davis and Natasha Henstridge.



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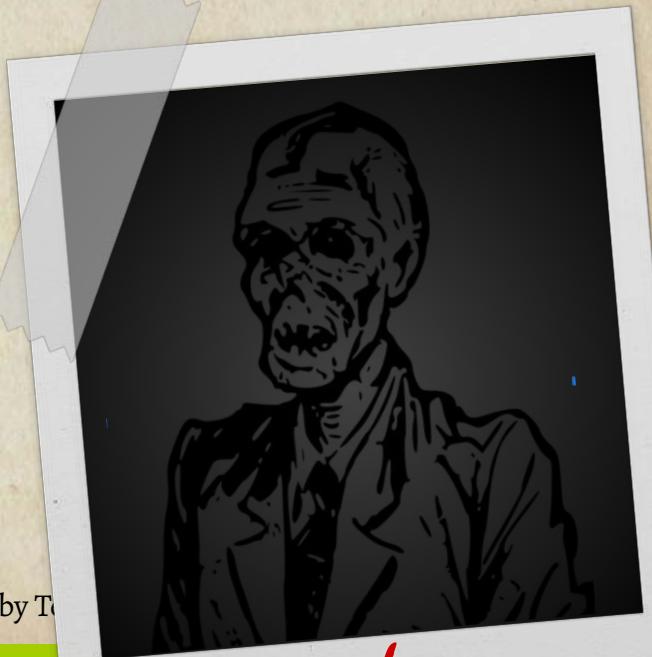
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**TITAN** (Lionsgate, 2026) A team of doctors embark on a local mission in the Amazon rainforest, but it soon becomes clear that not everybody - or everything - is happy to see them. Their sudden appearance draws the attention of an animal predator, the "Boiúna". Directed by Mike P. Nelson and starring Logan Marshall-Green and Jessica Rothe.

**THE THIRD PARENT** (Bleecker Street Media, 2/20/26) Amidst the 4th of July celebration, a disturbing figure named Tommy Taffy (Crispin Glover) emerges, disguising himself as a human to infiltrate a suburban neighborhood and impose authoritarian rule over an unsuspecting family. Also starring Rob Lowe and Roselyn Sanchez.

**TROLL 2** (Netflix, 12/1/25) Nora, Andreas and Captain Kris leap back into action when a dangerous new troll awakes - and this time they'll need more help to take it down.



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# NAUGHTY BY NATURE

**na-ture** | /ney-cher/ *n.* the particular combination of qualities belonging to a person, animal, thing, or class by birth, origin, or constitution; native or inherent character.

**DEEP WATER** (Magenta Light Studios, 2025) A group of international passengers en route from Los Angeles to Shanghai are forced to make an emergency landing in shark-infested waters. Now they must work together in hopes to overcome the frenzy of sharks drawn to the wreckage. Directed by Renny Harlin and starring Aaron Eckhart, Angus Sampson, and Sir Ben Kingsley.

**THE DEVIL'S MOUTH** (Amazon/MGM, 2026) A group of college friends' Thailand adventure turns deadly when they become trapped in submerged caves with a bull shark and low oxygen tanks. Honestly, this is on them. Starring Kathryn Newton.

**COYOTES** (Aura Entertainment, 10/3/25)

Trapped in their Hollywood Hills home, a family fights for survival when caught between a raging wildfire and a pack of savage coyotes. Just two of L.A.'s four seasons. Starring Justin Long, Kate Bosworth, and Katherine McNamara.

**WHALEFALL** (20th Century Studios, 2026) Follows a scuba diver who is swallowed by an 80-foot, 60-ton sperm whale and has just one hour to get out before his oxygen runs out. Easy! Just start a fire using the old ships in his belly and the smoke'll make hm sneeze you out! Written & Directed by Brian Duffield and starring Josh Brolin and Elisabeth Shue.

**SHIVER** (Sony, 7/3/26) Amidst a catastrophic hurricane, a coastal town battles nature's wrath and an onslaught of sharks. Braving torrential rain, debris, and darkness, they unite to survive the deadly predators and make it through the storm. Just another day in Florida! Directed by Tommy Wirkola and starring Djimon Hounsou, Whitney Peak, and Phoebe Dynevor.



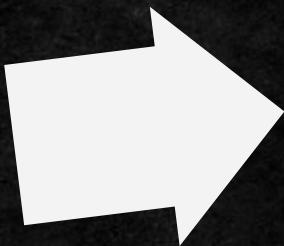
# UPCOMING CONVENTIONS



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## THE FALL SCHEDULE



HORRORCON LOS ANGELES  
SEPTEMBER 20-21, LOS ANGELES, CA

LACC  
SEPTEMBER 26-28 · LOS ANGELES, CA

SCREAMFEST FILM FESTIVAL  
OCTOBER 7-16 · LOS ANGELES, CA

SON OF MONSTERPALOOZA  
OCTOBER 10-12 · BURBANK, CA

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**PRIMATE** (Paramount, 2026) A summer break pool party turns deadly when the family's chimpanzee is bitten by a rabid animal. Trapped with no way to call for help, the teens must outsmart the ferocious creature to survive. Starring Johnny Sequoyah and Troy Kotsur.

**MOOSE JAWS** (Troma, 2026) Like *Jaws*, but with a moose! Written & directed by Kevin Smith and starring Kevin Smith, Jay Mewes, Genesis Rodriguez, and Harley Quinn Smith.

**ANACONDA** (Columbia Pictures, 12/25/25) A group of friends going through midlife crises decide to remake a favorite movie from their youth but encounter unexpected events when they enter the jungle. Paul Rudd, Jack Black, and Steve Zahn fighting giant snakes is the best Christmas gift anyone could hope for. THANK YOU SANTA!

**THE SCURRY** (True Brit Entertainment, 2026) Chaos erupts at an eco-café when a horde of deranged squirrels seeks revenge on the staff and visitors, forcing two summoned pest controllers to face the onslaught. Starring Rhys Ifans, Ella Purnell, and Paapa Essiedu, but honestly, you had us at "SQUIRRELS!"



# SLASHERS & SERIAL KILLERS

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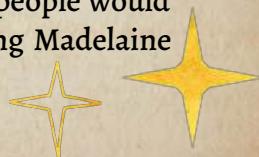


**WOLF CREEK: LEGACY** (Cineverse, 2026) A family of American tourists wander innocently into Mick Taylor's (John Jarratt) hunting grounds. When the parents sacrifice themselves to save their children, the kids find themselves alone, lost and hunted in the vast Australian wilderness. Once you hear Mick's laugh, you'll pray that a spider or crocodile will eat you first.

**SCREAM 7** (Paramount, 2/27/26) On the off chance this Guide is a little subtle, the answer is YES, we like scary movies! *Scream* creator Kevin Williamson steps behind the camera, with writing duo Guy Busick & James Vanderbilt (*Scream V & VI*, *Abigail*, *Ready or Not*), and franchise stars Neve Campbell and Courtney Cox returning. We assume Ghostface makes an appearance as well, but won't know the casting until the 3rd act.

**SILENT NIGHT, DEADLY NIGHT** (Cineverse, 12/11/25) A child witnesses his parents' murder by a man in a Santa suit. Years later, as an adult, he dons a Santa costume himself and embarks on a violent quest for retribution against those responsible for the traumatic event from his childhood. This is why kids don't like sitting in Santa's lap!

**THE STRANGERS: CHAPTERS TWO & THREE** (Lionsgate, 9/26/25, 2026) The saga of three masked home invaders continues in director Renny Harlin's trilogy, as a newlywed couple fights for survival. Remember the good old days when people would ring the bell and just run away instead of stabbing you to death? Starring Madelaine Petsch and Richard Brake.



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**se-ri-al kill-er** | /sir-ē-əl 'ki-lər/ *n.* someone who murders more than three victims one at a time in a relatively short interval.

**CRYSTAL LAKE** (A24/Peacock, 2026)  
This prequel series to *Friday the 13th* follows a group of friends vacationing at a house in a small town where camp counselors once came to die. Actually, it was more like a *dozen* times. Starring original *F13* Final Girl Adrienne King, and Linda Cardellini as a young Pamela Voorhees.

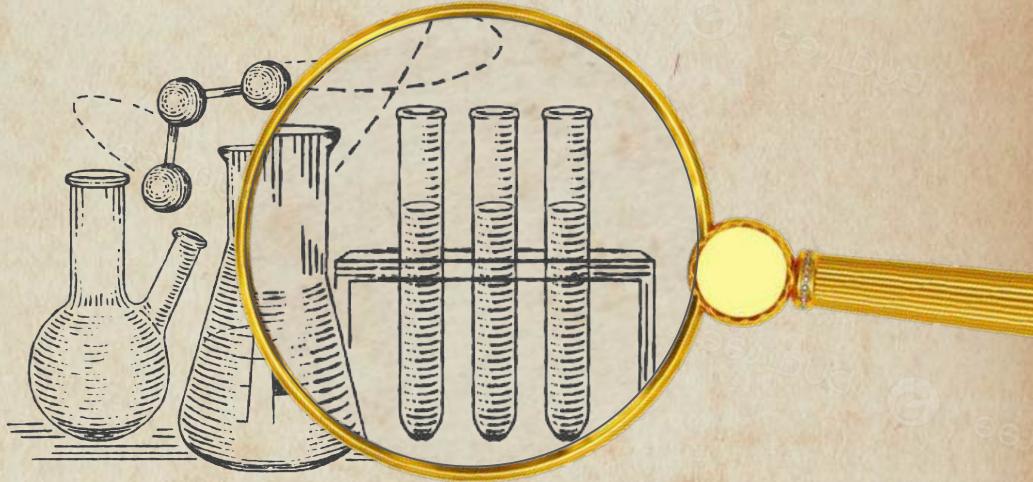
**PSYCHO KILLER** (20th Century Studios, 2/20/26) *Qu'est-ce que c'est? We'll tell you!* A police officer (Georgina Campbell) tracks a sadistic killer across the country after her husband, a highway patrolman, becomes one of his victims. Also starring Logan Miller and James Preston Rogers.



**THE BLACK PHONE 2** (Universal Pictures/Blumhouse, 10/17/25) As Finn (Mason Thames), now 17, struggles with life after his captivity, his sister (Madeleine McGraw) begins receiving calls in her dreams from the black phone and seeing disturbing visions of three boys being stalked at a winter camp known as Alpine Lake. Movies like this are why no one answers the phone anymore. Directed by Scott Derrickson, written by Derrickson, C. Robert Cargill, and Joe Hill, and starring Ethan Hawke, Jeremy Davies, and Demián Bichir.

# MAD SCIENCE

**mad-sci-ence** | /mad 'sīəns/ *n.* An eccentric, unorthodox, science often depicted as involving dangerous experiments.



**ONSLAUGHT** (A24, 2026) A mother living in a trailer park uses her skills to protect her loved ones from a threat that escaped a secret military base, while mercenaries try to contain it. Those mercenaries aren't named Ricky, Julian and Bubbles, are they? Written and directed by Adam Wingard & Simon Barrett and starring Adria Arjona, Dan Stevens, Rebecca Hall and Michael Biehn.

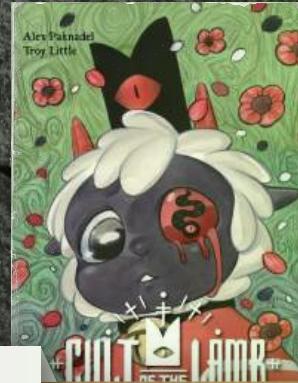
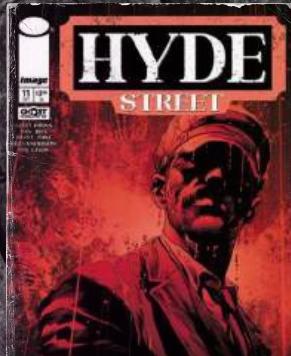
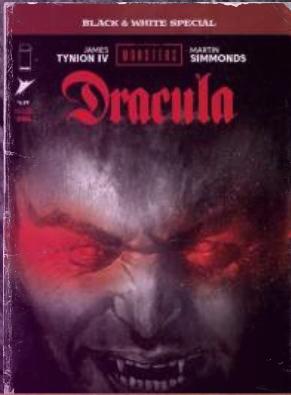
**RESIDENT EVIL** (Columbia Pictures/Sony, 9/18/26) A hapless courier (Austin Abrams), tasked with delivering a package to a remote hospital, finds himself caught in the middle of an outbreak and must fight through hordes of mutated creatures to survive. Remember this next time you're tipping your delivery person! Directed by Zach Cregger (Barbarian, Weapons)

**FRANKENSTEIN** (Netflix, 2025) Legendary horror icon Guillermo del Toro brings the Frankenstein legend back to life with a tale that finds Dr. Pretorius (Christoph Waltz) searching for the elusive monster 40 years after its historic rebirth in order to continue the experiments of Dr. Victor Frankenstein (Oscar Isaac). With a cast that also includes Mia Goth, Ralph Ineson, Lars Mikkelsen, David Bradley, and Charles Dance, the only pitchforks and torches we'll see is if it gets delayed!

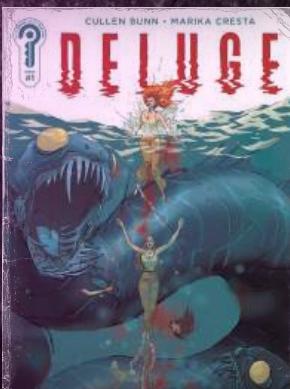
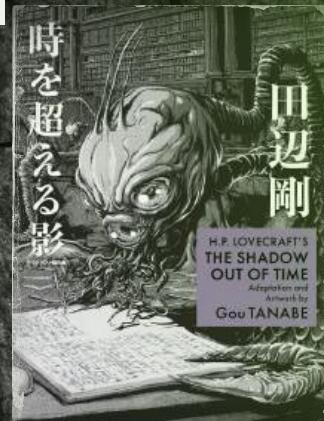
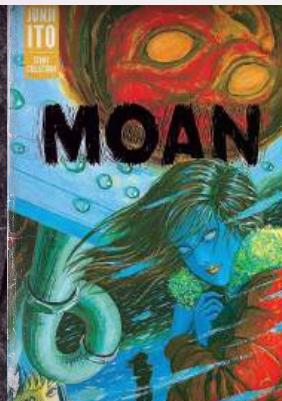
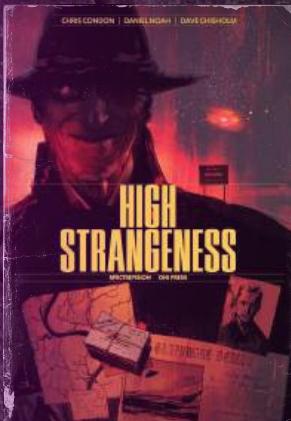
**THE BRIDE** (Warner Bros., 3/6/26) In 1930s Chicago, Frankenstein's monster (Christian Bale) asks Dr. Euphronius to help create a companion. They give life to a murdered woman as The Bride (Jessie Buckley), sparking romance, police interest, and radical social change. Is that change therapy? It should probably be therapy. Directed by Maggie Gyllenhaal and starring Jake Gyllenhaal, Jessie Buckley, Penelope Cruz, Annette Bening, Julianne Hough and Peter Sarsgaard.

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# THE CURSED



**curse** | /kərs/ *n.* a prayer or invocation for harm or injury to come upon one; evil or misfortune that comes as if in response to imprecation or as retribution. Can be applied to a person or object.

**PINOCCHIO UNSTRUNG** (ITN Studios, 2026) This unsettling tale explores the eerie nature of the iconic puppet, blurring lines between reality and fantasy. Directed by Rhys Frake-Waterfield and starring Richard Brake as Geppetto, and Robert Englund as the puppet's cricket companion.

## **THEY FOLLOW** (Neon, 2025)

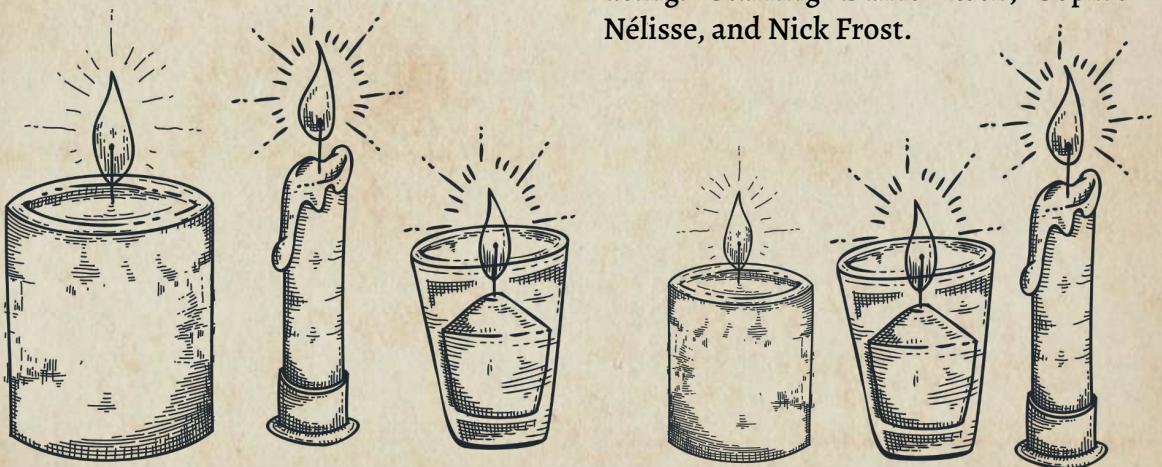
Writer/Director David Robert Mitchell and actress Maika Monroe return in this sequel about a sexually-transmitted spirit that slowly follows its host on foot from a distance and kills them upon contact unless they can pass it along to someone else. And no, we didn't spend time wondering if the ghost would have to walk along the ocean floor or across the surface after seeing the first film. 👁️

## **LEE CRONIN'S THE MUMMY** (Warner Bros./Blumhouse, 4/17/26)

Jack Reynor stars in this remake of the classic horror film featuring the lesson that we never learn from: respect other cultures and do not take stuff from dead people.

## **WHISTLE** (IFC/Shudder, 2/6/26)

A misfit group of unwitting high school students stumble upon a cursed object, an ancient Aztec Death Whistle. They soon discover that blowing the whistle creates a terrifying sound that will summon their future deaths to hunt them down. Kids, stop putting ancient death things in your mouth, I don't care what all the other kids on TikTok are doing! Starring Dafne Keen, Sophie Nélisse, and Nick Frost.

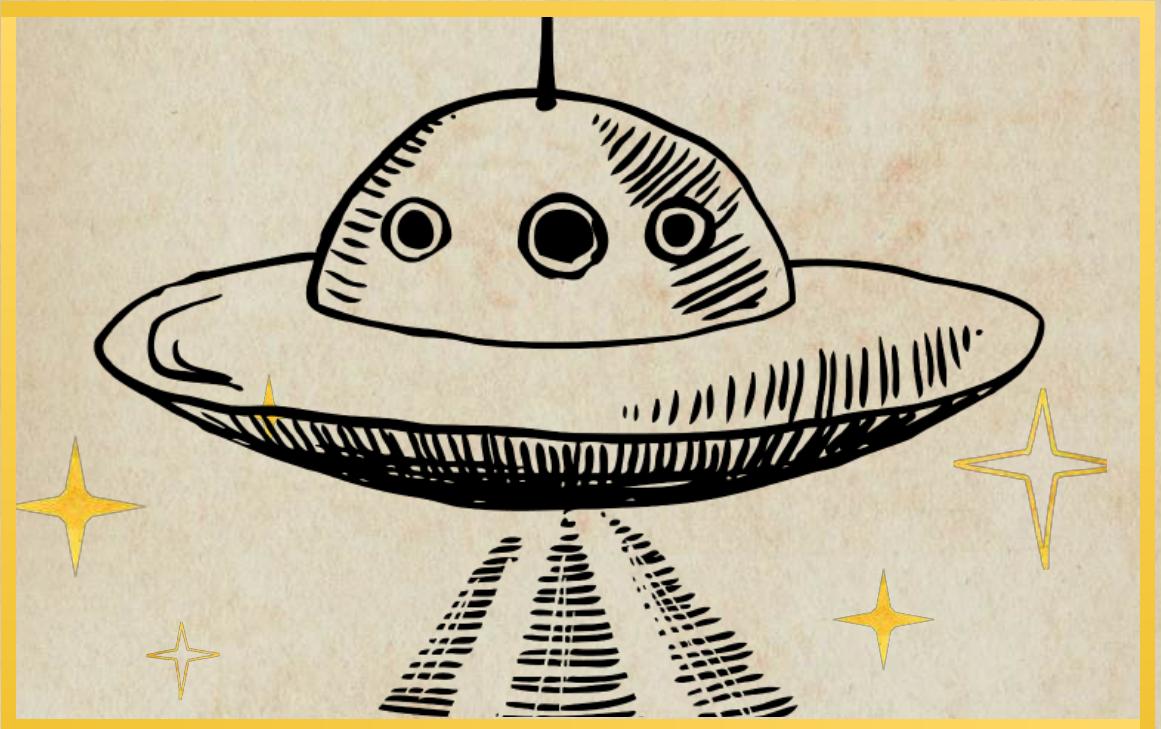


# EXTRATERRESTRIALS

**a·li·en** | / āl-yən / *n.* a being from another world.

**ICK (Image Nation, 2026)** A high school science teacher (Brandon Routh) has to manage the tricky balance of reconnecting with an old flame (Mena Suvari), learning he might have a daughter he didn't know about, and, you know, an alien invasion.

**IT: WELCOME TO DERRY (HBO, 10/26/25)** Everyone's favorite killer clown from outer space rewinds the clock to simpler times in this series that explores the events that took place 30 years before *The Losers Club* assembled. Clowns weren't scary as scary in the 60s, so Pennywise (Bill Skarsgård) might get to stretch his legs as a reefer-smoking hippie or a nuclear bomb this go around. Developed by Andy Muschietti (*IT* Chapters 1 & 2) and starring Madeleine Stowe, James Remar, and Taylour Paige.



**AMONG US (Paramount+, 2026)** The popular mobile game, where the crew of a spaceship must root out a shapeshifting imposter before they are killed, gets an animated series voiced by Dan Stevens, Patton Oswalt, Yvette Nicole Brown, Elijah Wood, Wayne Knight, Debra Wilson, and Randall Park. We wonder if their femur-spines will be addressed...

**PREDATOR: BADLANDS (20th Century Studios, 11/7/25)** A young Predator, outcast from his clan, finds an unlikely ally (Elle Fanning) on his journey in search of the ultimate adversary. We're starting to think that collecting skulls might be the Yautja's version of Pokémon GO. Directed by Dan Trachtenberg.

# Vampires

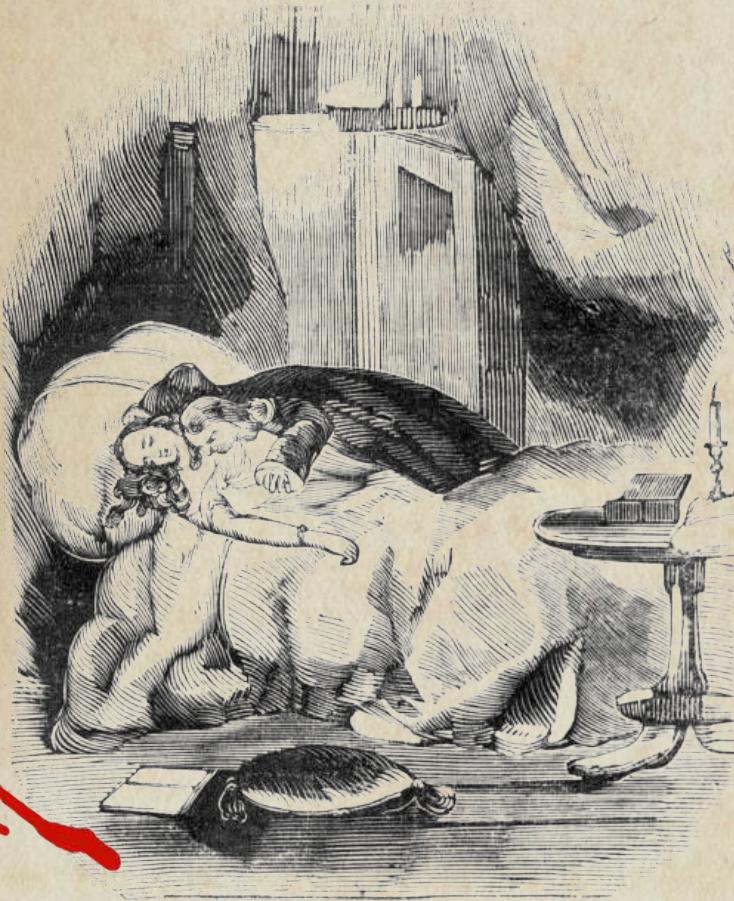


**vam·pire** | /'vam,pī(ə)r/ n. a preternatural being, commonly believed to be a reanimated corpse, that is said to suck the blood of sleeping persons at night.

**SILENCIO** (Apoyo en Positivo, 2026) Vampire sisters face blood scarcity during the Black Death, while centuries later, their descendant confronts similar struggles during Spain's AIDS crisis. A dark comedy about survival, love, and society's eternal prejudices. From creator Eduardo Casanova ("Skins") and starring Ana Polvorosa, Leticia Dolera, and Omar Ayuso.

**FLESH OF THE GODS** (Mad Gene Media, 2026) Director Panos Cosmatos (*Mandy*) helms an unhinged tale of 80s excess when a married couple (Kristen Stewart & Oscar Isaac) fall in with a group of hedonistic vampires. The 80s were the best.

**BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER: NEW SUNNYDALE** (Hulu, 2026) Buffy Summers is back! Sarah Michelle Gellar steps into the role of mentor as she trains a new vampire slayer (Ryan Kiera Armstrong) to fight the forces of evil in a newly rebuilt Sunnydale. You just *know* those contractors didn't properly fill in that Hellmouth.



# The Undead

**un-dead** | /ən-'ded/ *adj.* of or having to do with supernatural beings who have died, but continue to exhibit some characteristics of living beings

## QUEENS OF THE DEAD (Shudder, 2026)

Drag queens and club kids battle zombies craving brains during a zombie outbreak at their drag show in Brooklyn, putting personal conflicts aside to utilize their distinct abilities against the undead threat. Brains aren't the only things that will be served! Directed by Tina Romero and starring Katy O'Brian, Riki Lindhome, Shaunette Renée Wilson, Tom Savini, and Margaret Cho.

## PLANET OF THE DEAD (Netflix, 2026)

This sequel to *Army of the Dead* follows the sole survivor (Omari Hardwick) of a heist crew after a military strike levels the zombie-infested city of Las Vegas. We guess what happens in Vegas won't be staying there very long! Directed by Zack Snyder.

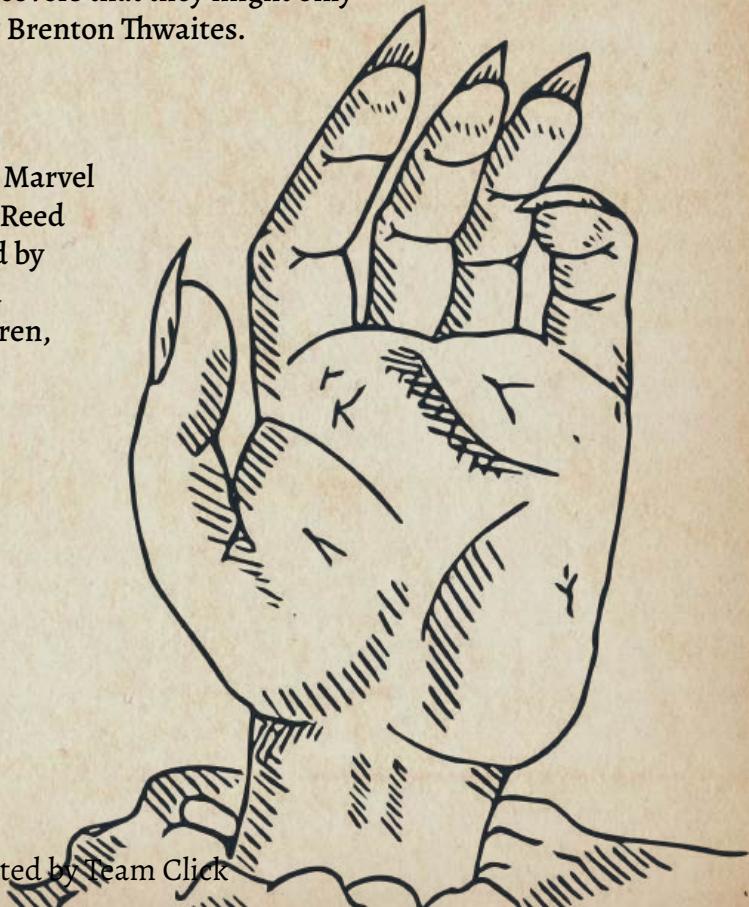
## WE BURY THE DEAD (Neon, 1/2/26)

Following the events of a disastrous military experiment, a woman (Daisy Ridley) joins a "body retrieval unit" in order to search for her missing husband. While burying the bodies, however, she discovers that they might only be *mostly* dead. Mostly. Also starring Brenton Thwaites.

## MARVEL ZOMBIES

(Disney+/Marvel, 10/3/25)

Think "The Walking Dead" meets the Marvel Cinematic Universe. How chewy are Reed Richards' brains, we wonder.... Voiced by Elizabeth Olsen, Iman Vellani, David Harbour, Florence Pugh, Kari Wahlgren, Debra Wilson, and Fred Tatasciore.



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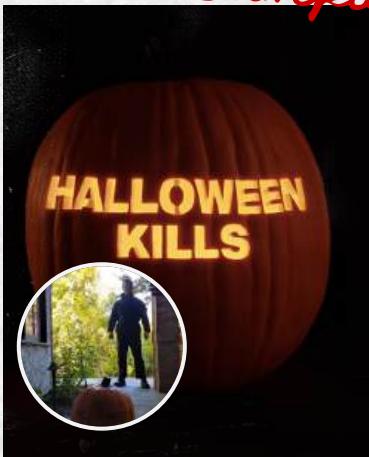


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# The UNKNOWN

**un·known** | /,ən' nōn/ *adj.* not known or familiar.

**ALTAR** (A24, 2026) A young boy has to grow up fast when his summer takes a turn for the worst. Could be witches, could be a YouTube outage. Starring Kyle MacLachlan, January Jones, and David Krumholtz.

**VICTORIAN PSYCHO** (Bleecker Street Media, 2026) In 1858, an eccentric young governess (Maika Monroe) arrives at the remote gothic manor Ensor House. Staff soon begin to disappear, and the owners wonder if something is amiss about this new governess. Or maybe they just got into her laudanum. Also starring Jason Isaacs and Thomasin McKenzie.

**THE BACKROOMS** (A24, 2026) A horror anthology made up of found footage, presumably from alternate dimensions... Starring Chiwetel Ejiofor and Mark Duplass.

**KEEPER** (Neon, 11/14/25) A woman discovers a sinister secret at a remote cabin during an anniversary vacation with her husband. We feel like “remote” should be the new red flag for traveling. Starring Tatiana Maslany and Rossif Sutherland.

**THE MAN IN MY BASEMENT** (Hulu, 9/26/25) Charles Blakey (Corey Hawkins), an African American man living in Sag Harbor, is stuck in a rut, out of luck and about to lose his ancestral home when a peculiar white businessman with a European accent (Willem Dafoe) offers to rent his basement for the summer. And here he thought he was unlucky! Also starring Anna Diop.



# The UNKNOWN II

**un·known** | /,ən'nōn/ *adj.* not known or familiar.

**VICIOUS** (Paramount, 8/8/25)

A mysterious visitor delivers a late-night gift to a woman (Dakota Fanning), triggering a desperate fight to escape the rabbit hole contained within. We tried Temu. We get it. Directed by Brian Bertino (*The Strangers*).



**IN FROM OUTSIDE** (Entertainment One, 10/4/25) Three couples find themselves at a roadside diner, when one by one, each of the patrons begin to disappear under mysterious circumstances. Well, the best thing to do is split up and look for them, of course. Starring James Duvall and Jason Lively.

**FLOWERVALE STREET** (Warner Bros., 8/14/26) A family in the 80s start to notice bizarre happenings in their neighborhood. Written & directed by David Robert Mitchell (*It Follows*) and starring Anne Hathaway and Ewan McGregor. And we believe it's pronounced "there's something strange in the neighborhood" and there's a phone number you can call.

# MADNESS

**mad·ness** | \ 'madnəs \ n. the quality or state of being mad

**CARRIE** (Amazon/MGM, 2026)

A sheltered girl with telekinetic powers is bullied, leading to a horrific, bloody incident due to her domineering mother's influence. Created by Mike Flanagan, based on the Stephen King novel.

**TEENAGE SEX & DEATH AT CAMP MIASMA** (Mubi, 2026)

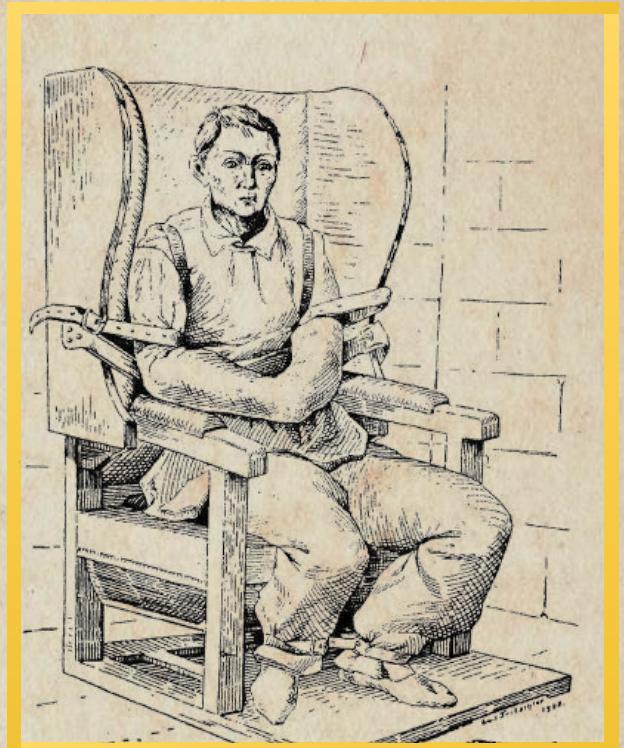
A queer filmmaker is hired to direct a new installment of a slasher franchise. The director fixates on the prospect of casting the 'final girl' from the original movie, and the two women descend into a frenzy of psycho sexual mania.

**RABBIT TRAP**

(Magnolia Pictures, 10/9/25)

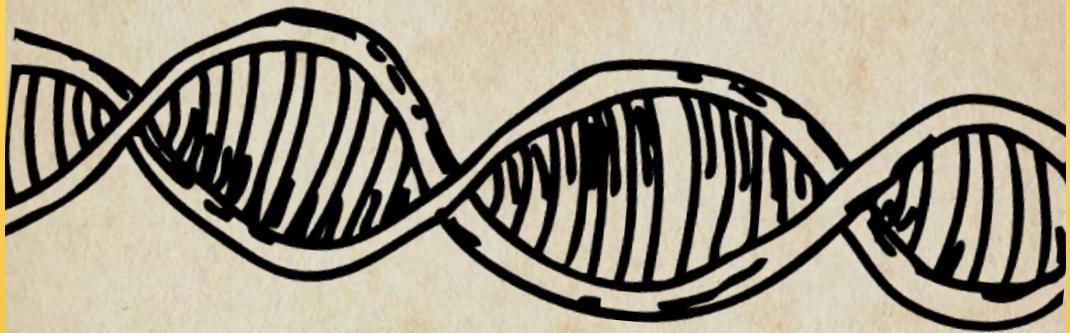
Married couple Daphne and Darcy Davenport are two musicians who moved from London to a cottage in Wales to complete their new album. By accident they record a mystical sound never heard before and gradually disconnect from reality.

**DIE, MY LOVE** (Mubi, 11/7/25) In a remote forgotten rural area, a mother (Jennifer Lawrence) struggles to maintain her sanity as she battles with psychosis.



# INFECTION

**in-fec-tion** | \in-'fek-shən \ n. the state produced by the establishment of one or more pathogenic agents in or on the body of a suitable host



## **COLD STORAGE**

(Samuel Goldwyn Films, 2026)

When a mutating, highly contagious fungus escapes a sealed facility, two young employees - joined by a grizzled bioterror operative (Liam Neeson) - must survive the wildest night shift ever to save humanity from extinction. This is why we hold the mushrooms on our pizza. Written by David Koepp, and starring Vanessa Redgrave and Joe Keery.

## **LICE** (Action Park Media, 2026)

A parasitic outbreak hits a Long Island high school in the 1980s, leading to military quarantine. Students infected with an unbearable itch fight each other for survival (presumably with wooden tongue depressors and combs). Starring Justin Long and Emile Hirsch.

## **28 YEARS LATER: THE BONE**

**TEMPLE** (Sony, 1/16/26)

A messenger on a bicycle awakens from a coma to discover that the world has been invaded by zombies following the outbreak of a virus. Directed by Nia DaCosta and starring Ralph Fiennes, Emma Laird, and Jack O'Connell.

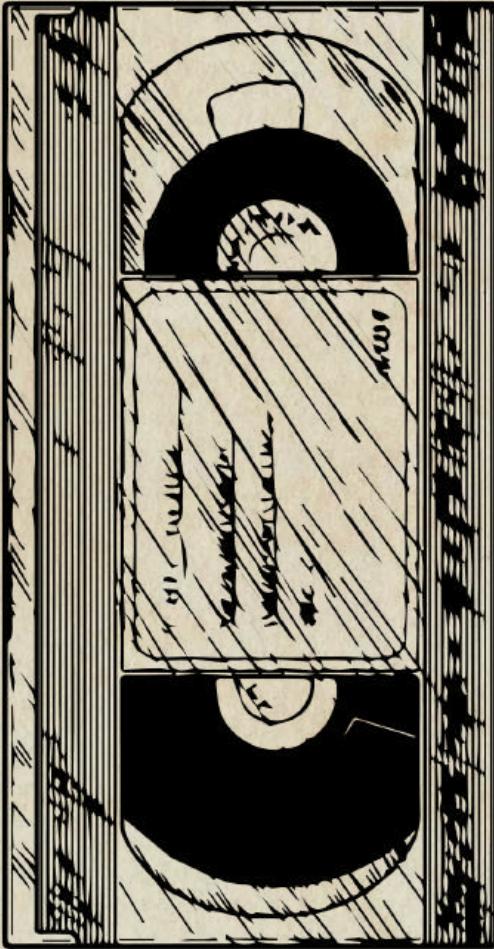
## **ALPHA** (Mubi, 2026)

Alpha, 13, is a troubled teenager who lives alone with her mother. Their world comes crashing down the day she comes home from school with a tattoo on her arm, which may be infected with a mysterious disease that turns flesh into marble. Directed by Julia Ducournau (*Titane*, *Raw*)

# WTF

**wtf** | dʌbəl.juː / /tē/ /'ɛf/ abbr. an abbreviation used especially to express or describe outraged surprise, recklessness, confusion, or bemusement

**SCARED SH\*TLESS** (Blue Fox Entertainment, 10/3/25) A plumber and his germophobic son are forced to get their hands dirty to save the residents of an apartment building when a genetically engineered, blood-thirsty creature escapes into the plumbing system. Starring Keith David, Steven Ogg, and Mark McKinney.



**MINNIE'S MIDNIGHT MASSACRE** (Mad Gene Media, 2026) Minnie as a killer targeting those who bullied her as a teenager.

**V/H/S HALLOWEEN** (Shudder, 10/3/25)  
The fan-favorite horror anthology series returns, with all-new chapters from the minds behind REC, "Bite Size Halloween," "Your Pretty Face is Going to Hell," and more. Fingers crossed for more Raatma. ALL HAIL RAATMA!

**SCARY MOVIE 6** (Paramount Pictures, 6/12/26)  
The horror spoof franchise returns, along with stars Anna Faris and Regina King, and creators Keenan Ivory Wayans and Marlon Wayans. We expect to see a tag team match between M3GAN & Annabelle with Pennywise & Art the Clown!





## MEANWHILE...

### Family

9/26/25 GABBY AND GRANDMA GO ON A CRAZY ROAD TRIP IN *GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE: THE MOVIE*  
10/17/25 THESE ANIMALS AREN'T ON A BUS, PLANE OR CAR, THEY'RE *PETS ON A TRAIN*  
11/7/25 A MOUSE HITS HIGH SPEEDS AND NEW RECORDS IN *GRAND PRIX OF EUROPE*

### Sci-Fi /Fantasy

10/10/25 GO BERSERK WITH THE SWORD AND SORCERY GORE-FEST *DEATHSTALKER*  
10/10/25 RESPAWN YOUR PLAYER AND LIGHT CYCLE FOR A NEW LEVEL IN *TRON: ARES*  
10/31/25 GET CAUGHT UP IN A CORPORATE ALIEN CONSPIRACY WITH *BUGONIA*

### COMIC BOOKS (AND MANGA!)

10/12/25 GIFTED RUNNERS TAKE ON NEW RIVALS IN *100 METERS*  
10/17/25 A PRIEST AND HIS PRODIGY TEAM UP IN *EXCORCISM CHRONICLES: THE BEGINNING*  
10/24/25 DENJI FINDS A NEW LOVE INTEREST IN *CHAINSAW MAN: THE MOVIE*

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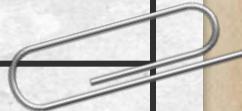




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