

Team 4:



Horror in Harrisville: The Living Harvest

Hollow

Logline:

On this dark All Hallows Eve, a small suburban town is met with its reckoning when a blood-crazed pumpkin monster seeks to create his own malevolent version of a jack-o-lantern...using your head.

Synopsis:

Making jack-o-lanterns is a classic American past-time, one that has been carried through generations of devoted fall enthusiasts in preparation for the spookiest time of year. It is a tradition, however, that has gone *unchecked*. During Halloween in a sleepy suburban town in the early 60s, penance is about to be paid. The Carver, an earthly supernatural gourd entity, is seeking vengeance on those who have made the fatal flaw of carving his children pumpkins for All Hallow's Eve.

The steps are simple: carve, cut, chop, hollow. But, when it's all over, will your own head end up as part of this grisly Halloween display?

Twist of the Knife - Paranormal Investigators Queue

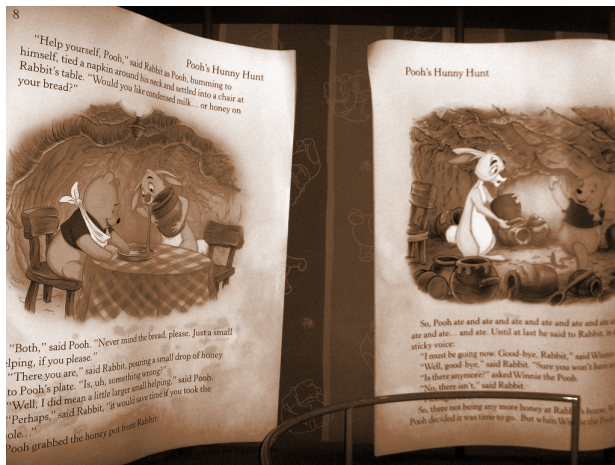
The Carver's Tale

As a father to all pumpkins, The Carver is no stranger to nursery rhymes. As an ancient deity, it is also no surprise that The Carver has one of his own. Any supernatural being leaves traces, and these traces can be read by anyone with the proper equipment. You have done your research on The Carver, readying yourself for the diety's return to life on this All Hallow's Eve. Through your discoveries, you've invented the tool needed to decipher the marks The Carver leaves behind: a UV flashlight of your own creation. Use it to uncover The Carver's rhyme before he slaughters you in due time.

1



3



2



¹ Interactive UV Flashlight - Team 04

² Flashlight Pick-Up -

<https://www.cgtrader.com/3d-models/architectural/other/booth-stand-kiosk-with-roof-01>

³ Queue Story Pages - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/23879054@N00/3450686956>

Beat 1 - The Neighborhood Cul-De-Sac

Twilight In Suburbia

As night approaches, house lights flicker on and the neighborhood comes alive with Halloween spirit. You can see just how much the people here enjoy the holiday with the display of paper streamers, cardboard cutouts, and lawn decorations at every house. Proudly placed on the porches of each house are uniquely carved pumpkins, glowing brightly with a warm light from the candles inside. It is clear that this is one of the community's favorite ways to celebrate the season. Making your way through the cul-de-sac, an eager trick-or-treater jumps out to frighten you in an act of childish mischief. You set off towards a house whose collection of jack-o-lanterns is the most impressive you've encountered yet. Hopefully, the candy selection is the same.

Twist of the Knife: The Carver's mark is located on the side of a house.

Jack-o-lanterns shine bright this night

But this town is in for a nasty fright...



⁴ *Neighborhood Scarecrows* - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/271553052526170163/>

⁵ *Suburban House w/ Halloween Lights* - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/466122630195046966/>

⁶ *Jack-o-Lanterns Decorating a Yard Tree* - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/40462096626275884/>

Beat 2 - The Dining Room

Time To Carve...a Pumpkin?

A cozy, 60s household greets you as you step into the last house on the cul-de-sac. Its interior is decked out with cheery looking pumpkins and sly looking black cats. The family that inhabits the house is sitting in the dining room, clearly in the middle of carving their pumpkins to make more jack-o-lanterns. A light flickers wildly above the table where they sit. The antennae TV, playing a classic horror film, warbles in and out due to some sort of electrical malfunction. There is something abnormal happening here. The family members are tense, frozen in their seats. Their faces, covered in Halloween masks, give nothing away. As you walk by the head of the table, the father figure of the home springs out of his chair, pumpkin scoop raised threateningly to ward you off. What has him so on edge?

Twist of the Knife: The mark is at the end of the hall that leads to the bedroom.

The Carver comes, his ire strong

And festive smiles will be turning long...

7



8



9



10



⁷ *Halloween Masks* - <https://www.vintag.es/2021/10/kids-jack-o-lanterns.html>

⁸ *50s/60s Dining Room* - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/970596157181477672/>

⁹ *Classic Halloween Decorations* - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/970596157181198685/>

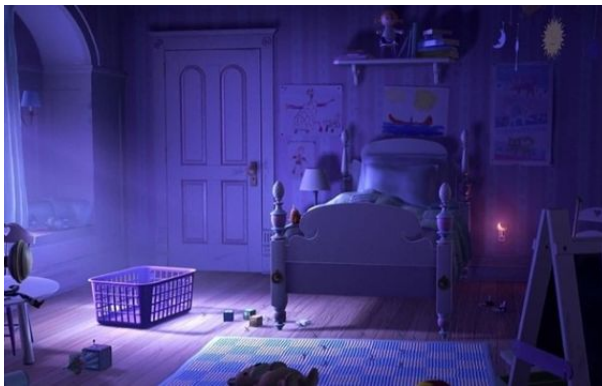
¹⁰ *TV Set* - <https://damagenoted.tumblr.com/post/77462338999/olaf-martins>

Beat 3 - The Children's Bedroom

Bleeding Stumps

After cautiously making your way down the hall, to the children's bedroom, a hallway door opens with a *WHAM*, and in the dim alcove of the opened closet, you see a humanlike creature with the head of a pumpkin and a knife gleaming in his right hand. It's The Carver, and as you watch, he disappears back into the darkness of the cupboard. You move into the bedroom, only to see the bodies of two young boys, who lay bleeding. One of them is strewn across the top bunk with his head ripped off, the stump of his neck leaking thick trails of blood on the sheets and down the stepladder. His head is nowhere to be seen. The other child, who's head unfortunately remains, gasps for air on the carpet by a chest of toys, racecar-in-hand, as he struggles to breath around a hacked neck wound.

11



12



13



¹¹ *Lighting* - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/309411436870889783/>, Boo's Bedroom (*Monster's Inc.*, 2001)

¹² *Bunk Bed and Toys* -

<https://www.alamy.com/stock-photo-colorful-play-tent-in-childrens-blue-nineties-bedroom-with-metal-bunk-93016136.html?imageid=B76C865C-BAE4-4E4E-8A8F-F0CED06AF2EA&p=76984&pn=1&searchId=9c7149cb1608f0ce0b14e625151dee82&searchtype=0>

¹³ *Headless Doll* - <https://www.etsy.com/listing/1512409869/vintage-headless-doll-body-old-worn>

Beat 4 - The Backyard

Diving Into the Dead of Night

Outside, night has fully fallen, the darkness yawning over the suburbs. Once you're out through the garage and have made it to the fenced confines of the backyard, you use the footpath to walk past an empty above-ground pool, the water of which was drained for the year. There are signs of a skirmish around you: lawn chairs are flipped upside down; a vegetable garden is stomped-on; and swings sit twisted and broken. Suddenly, you see a bloody hand grasp at the rim of the pool, and a teenage girl uses it to hoist herself up. She frantically looks around, blood sprayed across her glasses. Upon seeing you, she lets out an ear-piercing shriek before jumping back to crouch inside the pool once more. Never one to ignore the sounds of fear, The Carver emerges from the sliding door of the house, ready to finish her off.

Twist of the Knife: The Carver's mark is located on the wall outside of the diner.

His children cry their pain filled woes

Vengeance calls him to its murderous throes...

14



15



16



¹⁴ *60's Backyard* - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/christianmontone/4895899463>

¹⁵ *Sliding Door* -

<https://www.wayfair.com/home-improvement/pdp/larson-brisa-36w-x-795h-white-retractable-screen-patio-door-lrsn1000.html>

¹⁶ *Above-Ground Pool* -

https://clickamericana.com/topics/home-garden/vintage-above-ground-pools-like-these-made-swimming-summer-water-fun-affordable?utm_source=pinterest&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=grow-social-pro

Beat 5 - The Diner

I'll Take It To-Go

A diner is just a few streets over, and things aren't looking good as fresh blood paints the side of its exterior wall red. A large sign reading *Runaround Sue's* flickers as you slip inside its back door and into the kitchen. Here, you are met with further horror. A bloody corpse of a headless worker is pinned to the wall with a butcher's knife. Walking into the Front of House brings the sight of customers strewn across the tables and booths, dead in their seats. A stray line cook bolts up from where he was hiding inside of a booth. His head is still intact, but his face carries strange, triangular knife wounds focused around his eyes, which have been plucked from his skull. He reaches a blind hand up to his face, realizing what has been done, and screams in terror, "*The Carver!*"

17



18



19



¹⁷ 60s Diner Sign - Team 04

¹⁸ Diner Kitchen -

<https://picryl.com/media/potomac-electric-power-co-commercial-kitchens-restaurants-and-lighting-neptune-278155>

¹⁹ Diner FOH - http://www.historic-village-diner.com/photo_gallery.htm

Beat 6 - Squad Car at the Edge of Town

A New Episode of Law and Horror

Just ahead at the perimeter of the woods, red and blue lights bounce off the trees in a sporadic rhythm. As you walk, you see the culprit: a squad car which has the corpse of an officer dangling from the driver's side window. An up close and personal look bares the morbid handiwork of The Carver in its totality. The man's eyes, nose, and mouth have all been sloppily cut to resemble a hellishly twisted mockery of a jack-o-lantern. As you make to escape the scene, another officer springs up from where he has been cowering behind the vehicle. A part of his mouth is already partially carved. Before his mangled lips can utter a sound, The Carver lunges out through the gate of a nearby fence, his knife in one hand and the head of another officer in the other.

Twist of the Knife: The mark of the Carver is on two oaks behind the car.

The screams of the damned fill the air

There is no possible escape to spare...

20



21



22



²⁰ *Red and Blue Lights With Trees -*

<https://www.ctinsider.com/shoreline/article/storm-downs-trees-guilford-closing-roads-tree-18560861.php>

²¹ *Squad Car -* <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/970596157181224256/>

²² *Fencing -*

<https://www.homedepot.com/p/Weatherables-Largo-6-ft-H-x-6-ft-W-White-Vinyl-Privacy-Fence-Panel-Kit-PWPR-PANEL-6X6/300680156?epik=dj0yJnU9bE5WSGd0TzlvSVRpMFIBbU5jeHRUdnZTS0N1VGxUbHcmcD0wJm49dUN6UTIONTFxLU9vVvk5pY0NwQkY5ZyZ0PUFBQUFBR1IMX2JJ>

Beat 7 - Town Fair

Step on Up! (To the Chopping Block)

The town center lies ahead, and a Halloween bash is in full swing. String lights, hay bales, and the smell of sweet confections speak to a happy festival, but the bodies of The Carver's victims that litter the ground hint otherwise. The basin for bobbing for apples resembles an executioner's block as bodies lay slumped and headless over its rim. A tent lies ahead, and as you part the first flap, a maze of canvas begins. Carnival lights strobe and your emergence into each new area reveals another attraction turned deadly as more corpses appear, some lacking their heads and some jack-o-lanterned. The Carver pops up from behind the game counters and peaks around the edges of fabric. He is taunting you in the world's most horrifying game of cat and mouse.

Twist of the Knife: The mark is painted on part of a tent's canvas.

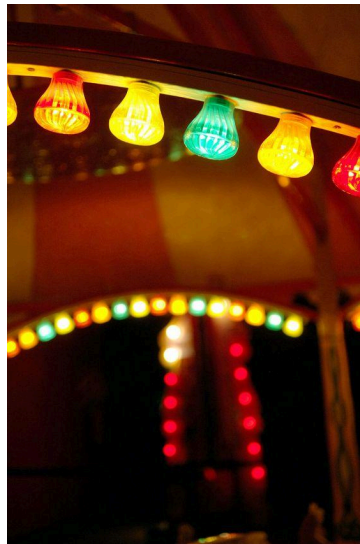
The slice of his knife's edge is true

*The only head intact belongs to **you**...*

24



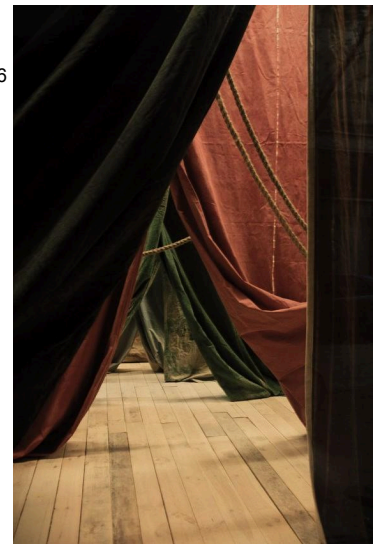
25



23



26



²³ *Game Stand* - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/985231161486117/>

²⁴ *Pumpkin Archway* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HS7MKiq0uAI>

²⁵ *Carnival Lights* - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/266627240418857268/>

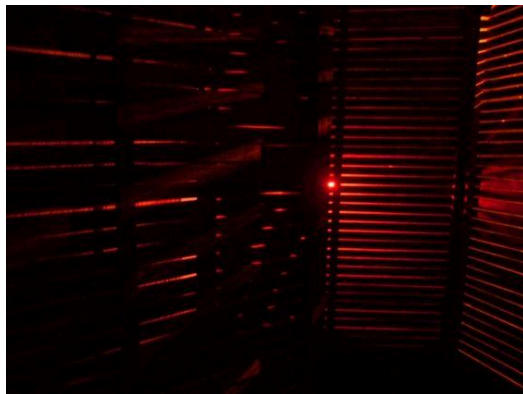
²⁶ *Tent Canvas* - <https://www.produzentengalerie.com/artists/ulla-von-brandenburg/>

Beat 8 - The Tool Shed

The Carver Carves His Carvings

You leave behind the dizzying lights and sights of the town fair for the safety of a tool shed on the edge of town. As you walk inside, something warm drips onto your head - *blood*, dripping from the serrated edges of various tools hazardously hanging from the ceiling. The walls, also sprayed with crimson, resemble a macabre Jackson Pollock painting. Just as the horror of the bloody shed reaches an extreme, you turn the corner to see The Carver. His broad back is to you where he leans over a tool bench. Sensing your entrance, he straightens and whirls to face you, knife raised, and his form moves to reveal the several severed heads he has been meticulously hollowing. The bench's surface is covered in a gooey mess of brain matter and skull fragments, and you quickly walk out to escape the sickening stench of bodily decay.

27



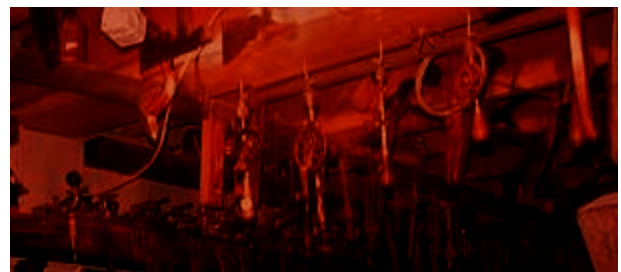
28



29



30



²⁷ *Shed Lighting* - <https://www.hauntrepreneurs.com/gallery/kandy-halloween-gallery/>

²⁸ *Shed Exterior* - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/970596157181476819/>

²⁹ *Tool Bench* - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/970596157181224121/>

³⁰ *Hanging Tools* - <https://fitsnews.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/tool-shed.jpg>

Beat 9 - Corn Maze

The Carver's Bloody Gaze

Now on a mission to escape suburbia, you cut through the corn maze on the outskirts of town, and the musky smell of harvest dust meets your nose. Figures of scarecrows and yellowing corn stalks line the maze's path. Being a creature of the field, The Carver has rallied the scarecrows to do his bidding - they lunge at you as you pass, hoping to catch you in their deadly hold. The moon above you is bright and full, the perfect icon of All Hallow's Eve, and it illuminates your journey through the thicket. However, even hidden amongst the corn, you aren't safe from The Carver's sights. Now over a story tall and towering over the field in his eldritch form, he surveys the area with red glowing eyes, searching for you, his final victims. A sound can be heard, low and sinister. It is his *breathing*. It rumbles through you as his bloodlust grows.

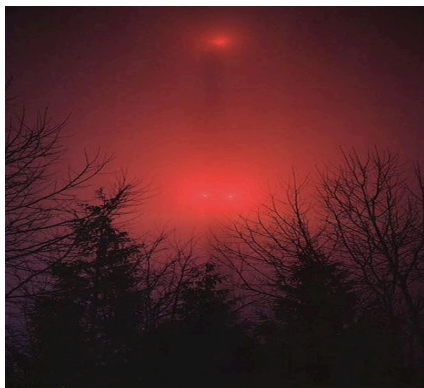
31



32



33



34



³¹ *Moonlight Over the Corn Field* - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/65302263330126443/>

³² *Inside Corn Maze* - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/297870962870722145/>

³³ *Red Searchlights* - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/29062360088021613/>

³⁴ *Maze Facade* - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/418694096618637180/>

Beat 10 - The Woods

A Suffocating Silence

The dangerous confines of the corn maze make way to the vast expanse of the woods. Here, there is no sign of The Carver. Instead, there is only a suffocating silence. There is nothing to be heard except for the distant caw of a crow and the whistling of the wind as it ghosts across your skin. It is a silence that leaves room only for anticipation. The earthy smell of autumn wafts in the night air and twigs snap to your left and right from behind. It sounds like something large is moving in the underbrush, but there is nothing to be found except for towering oaks and an inky, terrifying darkness. It is pierced only by the tiniest bit of moonlight and the eyes of a Great Horned Owl peering down from a branch. The Carver has not abandoned his chase. You are being herded.

Twist of the Knife: The Carver's mark is on the face of a boulder.

The Carver awaits his last kill

And your guilty blood is about to spill

35



36



37



³⁵ Owl Eyes - <https://centerofthewest.org/2016/07/10/hard-hide-owl-part-1/>

³⁶ Dim Moonlight - <https://medium.com/@danmctiernan/dancing-in-the-dark-b7ea61cbb9d3>

³⁷ Woods at Night - <https://www.deviantart.com/glaceyandy/art/The-Woods-at-Night-502817961>

Beat 11 - The Grove

It All Comes to a Head

The thick darkness of the woods makes way into a warmly illuminated grove of trees. The light is far from welcoming however, as the source of the glow is in fact from the candles placed inside the jack-o-lanterned heads of the townspeople. They are perched in the limbs of the trees in a gory arrangement of pumpkinesque carnage. Their faces, frozen in eternal suffering, may light your way, but offer no reassurance of your own safety as your feet continue forward. Whispers of promised vengeance caress your ears, while gnarled branches arch towards you and dead leaves crunch underfoot. Your initial escape into the woods has proven futile, as you have fallen right into a trap. In all of his unholy glory, The Carver appears before you, ready to take your life, and your head, as his own.

38



39



40



³⁸ *Pumpkins in Trees* - <https://pin.it/5SgObwy1n>

³⁹ *Warm Glow of Jack-o-lantern* -

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/ba/Lit_Jack-o'-lantern_glowing_menacingly.jpg

⁴⁰ *Gnarled Trees* - <https://www.traquair.co.uk/the-history-of-traquair-no-1/>