

Cthulhu's Witnesses

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EXT. PARKING LOT, DAY

The rear door of an SUV is open. EVAN, 30s, dressed in a white short sleeve dress shirt

EVAN
Everybody got everything?

PAUL
Yep.

SARAH
I'm good.

Evan closes the rear door. On the door is a silver Cthulhu emblem (similar to the Christian fish symbol).

EXT. SHOPPING ROW, DAY

Evan, SARAH, 20s, and PAUL, 20s, walk down a sidewalk along a row of shops. They all were some variant of a white, short sleeve dress shirt, tie and name tag. In their hands are stacks of flyers and copies of the "Necronomicon".

EVAN (V.O.)
Yes, the rejection is hard but I
feel that we are making a
difference.

EXT. PARK BENCH, DAY

Evan sits on a bench.

EVAN
Most people are completely unaware
of Cthulhu and that is a shame
because it's going to make so much
of a difference to them when he
comes.

EXT. SHOPPING ROW, DAY

Evan, Sarah and Paul hand out pamphlets and flyers to people who pass by. Some people accept the material. Others ignore them.

SARAH
Have you heard the news about
Cthulhu?

PAUL
Have you heard the news bout
Cthulhu? His coming is soon.

EVAN
Have you accepted Cthulhu as your
lord and ultimate damnation?

EXT. PARK BENCH, DAY

EVAN
This is Cthulhu.

Evan holds up a copy of "The Keep" (a corollary to the Jehovah Witness "Watch Tower" publication). On the cover is a picture of Cthulhu, a creature with a large bulbous head and tentacles where his mouth should be (much like a squid), claws and wings.

EVAN (CONT'D)
Currently he lays not dead but
dreaming deep under the sea. One
day, soon we think, he will rise
and devour the souls of some and
enslave the rest. Only those who
have chosen to serve him will be
spared the worst. That's why we
serve him and spread the word.
Even then, madness is inescapable.

EXT. SHOPPING ROW, DAY

Paul shows RANDOM JOE a copy of "The Keep".

RANDOM JOE
Dude, why does his head look like a
squid?

EXT. PARK BENCH, DAY

Paul sits on the park bench.

PAUL
I used to always have this sense of
despair and what really brought me
down was not knowing why. Now that
I have found Cthulhu, I can relax.
There is a reason for my despair.
We're all doomed.

EXT. PARK BENCH, DAY

EVAN

There are some people we meet that
are more difficult than most.

EXT. SHOPPING ROW, DAY

Evan is holding up his copy of the "Necronomicon" while
engaged with THE ATHEIST.

THE ATHEIST

Prove to me beyond a reasonable a
doubt the existence of Cthulhu.

EXT. PARK BENCH, DAY

EVAN

Atheists...

Evan shakes his head.

EXT. SHOPPING ROW, DAY

EVAN

Look. It is all explained here in
the Necronomicon. You can also go
to answersinnecronomicon.com.

THE ATHEIST

Evidence, man. Where's the
evidence. Just because your book
says that your book is true doesn't
automatically mean your book is
true.

EXT. PARK BENCH, DAY

EVAN

Their torment will be the most
horrific.

EXT. SHOPPING ROW, DAY

Sarah tries to hand pamphlets to people. Everyone avoids
her.

EXT. PARK BENCH, DAY

Sarah sits on the park bench.

SARAH

I know we are misunderstood, but,
really, I mean aside from conjuring
dark spirits and conducting ritual
sacrifices, we're just like
everyone else.

EXT. SHOPPING ROW, DAY

Sarah starts to chase down a passerby.

SARAH

Accept Cthulhu into your heart and
experience only minor damnation.

EXT. PARK BENCH, DAY

Sarah sits on the park bench.

SARAH

We're normal. Just like you.

EXT. PARK BENCH, DAY

PAUL

I'm still pretty new and I'm still making mistakes here and
there. For instance, unlike most religions we don't have a
ton of dietary taboos...

INT. RESTAURANT, DAY

Evan, Sarah and Paul sit at a table with menus open. A WAITER
stands before them with pen and pad in hand.

EVAN

I'll have the lasagna.

WAITER

Alright.

SARAH

Yes, I'll have the linguini with
Alfredo sauce.

WAITER

OK.

EXT. PARK BENCH, DAY

PAUL

But we do have one.

INT. RESTAURANT, DAY

PAUL

I'll have the calamari.

Evan and Sarah whip their heads around to glare at Paul.

EVAN AND SARAH

What!!!

EXT. PARK BENCH, DAY

PAUL

Yeah. Learning something new every day.

EXT. SHOPPING ROW, DAY

Evan shows three FEMALE COLLEGE STUDENTS a copy of "The Keep. Each of the students has copy in her hand.

EXT. PARK BENCH, DAY

Evan, Sara and Paul sit on the bench.

EVAN

For some reason women more than men seem to be drawn to Cthulhu.

EXT. SHOPPING ROW, DAY

FEMALE COLLEGE STUDENT 1

Are those ...

FEMALE COLLEGE STUDENT 2

...tentacles?

EXT. PARK BENCH, DAY

PAUL

Do you think it could be the...

Paul makes a gesture with his hand to indicate tentacles coming from his mouth.

EXT. SHOPPING ROW, DAY

EVAN

Yes. Those are, in fact,
tentacles.

Female college student caresses Cthulhu's face on the pamphlet cover.

FEMALE COLLEGE STUDENT 3

Oooooo...tentacles.

Female college students 1 and 2 look at 3 as if she just grew a second head.

EXT. PARK BENCH, DAY

Evan shrugs. Sarah looks away.

EXT. PARKING LOT, DAY

Evan, Sarah and Paul return to the SUV.

EVAN

I think this has been a productive
day.

SARAH

Yes, it was.

EVAN

We reached more souls today. Souls
that are now ready to be devoured.