

Hypnopompia

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1 INT. LETTERMAN LOBBY - NIGHT 1

A young woman sits at a table, her head on a book laying on the table. Other books and papers are strewn about.

She wakes with a start. She looks around and finds herself entirely alone. The time on her phone reads 3am.

She begins to pack up her belongings, shoving books and papers into a backpack. The books and papers are about the occult. The one she fell asleep on is open to a page with a terrifying face.

As if she hears a noise, she looks up suddenly. She sees something in the shadows, but is unsure if it is really there.

YOUNG WOMAN
Hello? Is anyone there?

No response. The young woman stares, waiting to see movement. She quickly zips up her bag and rushes towards the stairs.

2 INT. LETTERMAN STAIRS - NIGHT 2

The young woman rounds the corner, by the stairs. She sees it at the end of the dark hallway. She backs up, keeping it in her sight. Suddenly, she takes off running up the stairs. She runs down the Robert Bell stairs.

3 INT. ROBERT BELL STAIRS - NIGHT 3

She barrels down the stairs, out the double doors, and out the main doors into the moonlight.

4 EXT. ROBERT BELL - NIGHT 4

She stops and catches her breath, bending over from pain in her side. She stands up and looks up at the moon. Calmed a bit, she straightens the bag on her back.

She looks across the street to see the it in the shadow of a tree. Panicked, she takes off running once more.

5 EXT. MCKINLEY - NIGHT 5

As she runs, she glances behind her. She doesn't see anything. She pushes herself to go faster.

6 EXT. HOME - NIGHT

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She reaches her front door and fumbles with the keys.

YOUNG WOMAN
Shit...shit...shit

Suddenly, the front door opens and there stands her roommate.

ROOMMATE
Having trouble--?

YOUNG WOMAN
Move!

ROOMMATE
Wha--

She shoves past him into the house and slams the door. She turns the lock in a panic. Sliding down the door, she breathes hard, head in hands.

ROOMMATE
What's going on?

Beat.

ROOMMATE
Are you okay?

The she takes a deep breath and looks up at her roommate.

YOUNG WOMAN
I-I was being chased..I don't know--

ROOMMATE
Chased? By who?

YOUNG WOMAN
I don't know what it was. I was studying on campus and next thing I know, it's 3am and this-this *thing* was in the shadows, just staring. It followed me.

She gets up and goes to the window and peers through the blinds.

ROOMMATE

Shit, are you okay? Did it follow you here? Do you want to call the cops?

YOUNG WOMAN

I don't see it. Are all the doors locked?

ROOMMATE

Uh, yeah I think so.

YOUNG WOMAN

Can you check?

Silence. She turns towards her roommate only to see it in his place. She screams and pulls at the door.

7 INT. LETTERMAN LOBBY - NIGHT

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The young woman wakes up in the Letterman lobby, same spot as before. Confused and still breathing heavy from fear, she looks around to see she is alone. She looks down at her books and papers and picks up one. She reads a line. "Hypnopompia is the state directly before waking, where one might experience hallucinations and false awakenings."

Cut to Black.