

HARVESTED (VERSION ONE)

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INT. NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT

LENNY is leaning drunkenly up against the bar in a crowded nightclub. He is talking to a small beautiful Chinese WOMAN. She has one of her hands down his pants stroking his firm penis. She subtly winks at the BARTENDER hovering behind the bar.

LENNY

Another one.

The woman diverts Lenny's attention while the bartender pours a shot of whiskey. But before he places it on the bar, he quickly doses it with a small amount of liquid from a vial he takes from his pocket.

WOMAN

You are a big man Lenny. Hey?
Really big.

LENNY

Well, I don't want to brag but...

WOMAN

Real sexy, you being all hard like
that.

LENNY

You like?

WOMAN

I like.

Lenny swigs down the whiskey shot.

LENNY

Well, come with me.

LENNY

Bartender, the bill please?

The bartender slips a piece of paper in front of Lenny. With alcohol clouded eyes, Lenny peers at the bill. He takes out his wallet and starts to take out some cash. The bartender shakes his head.

BARTENDER

Credit card only.

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LENNY

Really? That's different. I thought that they only took cash here.

The bartender shakes his head.

BARTENDER

No cash. Credit card only.

LENNY

Okay, okay man. Keep your shirt on. Here.

Lenny hands over his card and the bartender swipes it through the payment machine. A slip of paper prints out. The bartender hands a pen and the paper to Lenny.

BARTENDER

You sign here.

LENNY

Okay, man.

Lenny signs. The bartender hands back Lenny's card and slips the signed receipt into a draw. Lenny turns to the woman.

LENNY

All done love, let's go.

He and the woman stagger outside.

EXT. NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT

The woman whistles up a taxi and they stumble drunkenly into the backseat. The taxi drives away.

INT. CHEAP HOSPITAL ROOM - NIGHT

The scene is completely black. There is the sound of labored wheezing as if a machine is pumping air through a breathing tube.

There is the scratch of a person's head as it slightly moves against a cheap cotton pillowcase.

We become aware of a continuous beep of a monitoring alarm as it becomes louder and louder.

The wheezing of the machine skips and skips again as if it is faulty.

There is the muffled clank of a metal tray being dropped on to the floor outside of the room, and a MAN swears in Chinese.

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MAN(OS)
(Chinese)
Dickhead!

NURSE (OS)
(Chinese)
Pick that up!

MAN(OS)
Sorry. So sorry miss.

There is the scraping sound of metal against a concrete floor. Then the clacking sound of a trolley with one wonky wheel being pushed away. Indistinct quiet voices and muffled sobbing can be heard from outside the room.

The door swishes open and the slight thud of a nurse's footsteps are heard moving around the room.

There is the tapping on a keypad and the beeping stops and sounds of an intravenous bag being replaced, then more tapping on a keypad.

The breathing tube being adjusted causes the machine to wheeze even harder.

The sounds dull and fade away except for the old woman's sobbing.

INT. CHEAP HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

Lenny is laying on a hospital bed in a hospital gown. His hands are by his sides strapped to the bed frame. A breathing tube is lodged in his mouth. He blinks his eyes open. They slowly adjust to the stark light in the room. His eyes burn. He tries to lift his hand to rub his eyes but when he realizes that he cannot move them he starts to panic. He jerks at his bonds but they don't budge. That is when he realizes that he has a breathing tube in his mouth. He jerks his head trying to dislodge it but all he does is cause it to malfunction causing fast high pitched beeps to emanate from the machine.

He starts to protest and swear but all his words come out garbled.

LENNY
Ugh! Help! Help! Help me! Untie me!
(beat)
Where the hell am I? Fuck! What is
this place? Where the hell am I?
(beat)
Help, help me please!

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The nurse rushes into the room and hits a button to turn off the machines alarm.

She moves to Lenny and tries to restrain him.

NURSE

(Chinese)

Stop! Stop that! You'll break the machine.

LENNY

Where the hell am I? Get me out of here! Help me! Help!

The nurse yells to someone out side the room.

NURSE

(Chinese)

Get the Doctor in here! QUICK!

LENNY

What are you saying? I can't understand you. Help me! Just help me please!

A DOCTOR comes in to the room. He helps the nurse restrain Lenny.

DOCTOR

(Chinese)

Another Midazolam Nurse, quick!

(beat)

Just settle down, okay? We will soon have you back to sleep.

(beat)

Hurry nurse.

The nurse lets go and quickly replaces the I.V.

LENNY

No! What are you doing?

Lenny realizes that they are changing the drip and that he could again become unconscious.

LENNY

NO! No!

(Whispers)

No.

The nurse turns up the drip rate and Lenny's eyes start to slowly blink until they close and he falls asleep.

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NURSE
(Chinese)
(beat)
Are we removing the ventilator,
Doctor?

The Doctor nods.

DOCTOR
(Chinese)
Yes, nurse. Prepare a tray please.

NURSE
(Chinese)
Yes Doctor.

INT. CHEAP HOSPITAL ROOM - AFTERNOON

Lenny slowly opens up his eyes. He peers around the room taking note of the discolored paint on the walls and the shabby curtain half pulled around his bed.

He looks up to see a cockroach in the corner of the room. The roach rubs its feelers together then scurries across the wall to a large crack. It slips inside.

Lenny can hear muffled voices speaking Indonesian, coming from the corridor.

LENNY
(croaks)
Hello?

He clears his throat.

LENNY
Hello? Is anyone there?
(beat)
Can anyone hear me?

He takes another look around the room. The sparse furniture is old and shabby. There is a grease mark on one wall and he listens to and tries to understand the indistinct chatter that comes through the thin walls.

LENNY
Where the hell am I?

The Doctor enters the room. He picks up the chart from the end of the bed, looks at his watch and scribbles on the chart.

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LENNY

Oh, thank God! Can you tell me
where I am? Am I in some kind of
hospital?

The Doctor ignores his questions and proceeds to come to the
bed and check Lenny's eyes and then listens to his chest.

LENNY

What are you doing? Am I sick?
(beat)
Did I...did I get sick or
somethin'?

The Doctor checks Lenny's pulse.

LENNY

ANSWER ME, DAMN YOU!

The Doctor finishes his tests then proceeds to scribble more
onto the chart. He turns to leave.

LENNY

TALK TO ME! WHAT IS FUCKING WRONG
WITH ME?

Lenny tries to swing his legs out of the bed but he soon
realizes that he cannot move his legs. He has no feeling in
the lower half of his body.

LENNY

Oh no! Doctor? DOCTOR? What's wrong
with me?

Lenny swallows.

LENNY

Am I paralyzed? Did I have an
accident?
(beat)
Oh God, NO!

The Doctor leaves.

LENNY

DOCTOR! DOCTOR? AM I PARALYZED?
WILL I BE ABLE TO WALK AGAIN?

Lenny breaks down crying.

INT. CHEAP HOSPITAL ROOM - EARLY MORNING

The loud bang of his hospital room door startles Lenny awake.

LENNY

Huh?

The nurse enters Lenny's room carrying a tray that contains a dry piece of toast and a glass of brown tinged water.

She slides the tray onto a make-shift hospital bed table and swings it over in front of Lenny. He realizes that his hands are now unrestrained. He rubs his arms where the restraints had made marks on his wrists.

He looks at it in disgust.

LENNY

Is that it?

As the nurse turns to leave, he grabs her arm and holds her back.

LENNY

Talk to me please? Why am I here?
What's wrong with me? Why can't I
feel my legs?

The nurse shakes her head.

LENNY

What? You don't know or you don't
understand me?

The nurse pulls her arm out of his grasp and shakes her head again.

Lenny yells at her as she leaves the room.

LENNY

FUCKING ANSWER ME!

Lenny pushes the bed table away and the food and water go flying across the room.

He breaks down, sobbing.

INT. CHEAP HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

The prick of a needle in Lenny's arm wakes him up.

LENNY

Ouch!

DOCTOR

This will bring the sensation back into your legs and by tomorrow you will walk.

LENNY

So you can speak English! Doctor, are my legs fine?

The Doctor nods.

DOCTOR

Your legs are fine. As I said, tomorrow you will be able to walk and you will be discharged.

Lenny grins.

LENNY

Thank god!

(beat)

Doctor? What happened to me? Why am I in here? How long have I been in here and, where is here?

DOCTOR

You have been here six weeks. Unconscious for most of it, so you would heal faster. Where? You are in a clinic, the transplant clinic.

Lenny looks confused.

LENNY

I've been here for six weeks, in a transplant clinic? What...what did I have transplanted?

DOCTOR

Nothing, you were not a recipient, you were a donor.

Lenny is totally shocked.

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LENNY

Me? A donor? I never agreed to be a donor?

DOCTOR

Yes you did, we have the form you signed. All legal. Full consent, all legal.

LENNY

I didn't sign a form. I'm just here on holiday.

DOCTOR

Well you did. Your memory maybe not good. It will return.

The Doctor walks out of the room.

Lenny tries to sit up in bed.

LENNY

BUT I DIDN'T SIGN ANYTHING? HOW CAN IT BE LEGAL IF I DIDN'T AGREE TO BECOME A DONOR? THIS IS WRONG, ALL WRONG!

(BEAT)

YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG, ALL WRONG! DO YOU HEAR ME! IT'S WRONG!

Lenny slumps back onto the bed. He mumbles to himself.

LENNY

I didn't sign anything. I didn't agree to be a donor. What the hell did they steal from me?

He slowly sinks back into unconsciousness.

INT. CHEAP HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

Lenny tries to sit up but fails.

LENNY

OH FUCK! IT WAS THE RECEIPT! I SIGNED THE BLOODY RECEIPT! THEY USED MY SIGNATURE FROM THE RECEIPT!

He lies back uncomfortably on the pillow. He again starts to fall asleep.

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LENNY

(murmurs)

The receipt. It was the fucking receipt.

INT. CHEAP HOSPITAL ROOM - EARLY MORNING

The nurse is adjusting the I.V beside Lenny's bed. Lenny winces as the feeling of torturous pins and needles start to affect his legs.

LENNY

Shit, that fucking hurts.

The Doctor enters the room.

LENNY

ABOUT FUCKING TIME THAT YOU CAME BACK! WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU DONE TO ME? I DIDN'T AGREE TO ANY OF THIS!

DOCTOR

Yes, you did. We have a signed form. You just don't remember.

LENNY

I DIDN'T SIGN ANY FUCKING FORM! IT'S A FORGERY! SOMEONE FORGED MY SIGNATURE!

(beat)

I DIDN'T AGREE TO ANY OF THIS! AS SOON AS I'M OUT OF HERE I'M GOING TO THE FUCKING POLICE! I'M GOING TO GO TO MY FUCKING EMBASSY! WE'LL SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THIS! THIS IS FUCKING INCREDIBLE! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

DOCTOR

Do what you need to do but you will find that it was perfectly legal. We have your consent. These procedures happen all the time in this country. Your money has been deposited into your bank account. In this country all perfectly legal practices.

LENNY

IT'S NOT FUCKING LEGAL!

(beat)

IT'S NOT!

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(beat)
It's not.
(beat)
By the way?

The Doctor pauses at the door.

LENNY
What did you take from me?
(beat)
A kidney?

DOCTOR
No, we removed your penis and made
you into a woman.

LENNY
YOU WHAT?

In shock he looks down at his groin, then flicks up the
sheet which whites out the scene.

LENNY
OH FUCK! IT'S...IT'S GONE. OH FUCK!
IT'S BEEN HARVESTED!

Lenny bellows an agonizing scream.

FADE OUT