

# **Nimrods**

**Pitch Deck**

**Historic  
Irreverent  
Horror Satire**

**By Caleb  
Dillon**





# LOGLINE

STRUGGLING TO LIVE UP TO HIS FAMILY LEGACY,  
THE SON OF A NOTORIOUS VAMPIRE HUNTER  
TRAVELS TO COLONIAL AMERICA IN ORDER TO  
MAKE A NAME FOR HIMSELF.







NIMROD; NOUN

1. A SKILLFUL HUNTER

2. AN INEPT PERSON; IDIOT

## HISTORY...

As the American colonies were being settled, cases of tuberculosis spiked, and the so-called Great Vampire Epidemic went viral across the continent. People carried out “vampire burials,” which involved putting a stake through the corpse, covering the body in garlic, and burning their remains.

## ...REIMAGINED

Our show takes this further, imagining vampires prowling the early American colonies, wolves in sheep's clothing. Since anyone could be a vampire, the show is formatted like a murder mystery, but tone-wise more like *Our Flag Means Death*.

# FORMAT

NIMRODS IS A HALF-HOUR, SERIALIZED,  
SUPERNATURAL HORROR SATIRE ABOUT  
COLONIAL VAMPIRE HUNTERS.

Francis is a man with a plan, hellbent on stopping the unchecked rise of vampirism in America. Each episode presents the hunters with new problems, often vampires or supernatural predators. This monster of the week engine is propelled by Francis' need to prove himself.

As the hunters travel colony to colony, historical events are reimaged with vampires in mind - were they smuggling vampires in those crates at the Boston Tea Party? What was Paul Revere running from? The vampires have an agenda of their own and with a few vampires in Congress, they can shape the laws to suit their unique needs.

This found family will have to learn to work together, and team dynamics work against them, especially in the first season when our hunters are getting to know each other.



## Premise



## Style



## Tone





Eager to make a name for himself, Francis heads to America, where he is ridiculed by locals, undermined by authorities, and far from home. Francis' season-long problem is one of confidence.

Over time, Francis is transformed from a pampered dilettante to a man no longer living in the long shadow cast by his father; the lesson he must learn is that a man's accomplishments are measured not by his deeds but by the friends that surround him.



**Francis Spencer**





**Lena**

When Lena's husband died, she took over the family forge. Her work occupies much of her time. When her younger sister Primrose is infected, she accompanies the hunters both to protect Primrose and in hopes of finding a cure for her sister's affliction. Lena is cold to Francis, not wanting to get close to anyone. As the season continues, her heart warms to him with hints of future love.

Primrose has no interest in learning the forge. A natural beauty with aims to attract a suitor until... one fateful night she is bitten and turned into a vampire. Scared for her life, she flees. Primrose finds herself without her sister for the first time. Over the season, Lena will learn Primrose is all grown up, and Prim will learn to appreciate Lena, who gave up her childhood to be a mother.



**Primrose**





## Hunts Them and Kills Them

Both a name and vocation, Hunts Them and Kills Them is a Tuscarora scout whose tribe was slaughtered by feral vampires six-months ago. Now, her heart is set on revenge.

She is Two-Spirits, which means although female she occupies a male role... a hunter. Over the season, Hunts Them and Kills Them wrestles with her anger and internal demons and will make peace with the death of her tribe.

Malakas is a tribal bush hunter. He struggles to ask others for help, even when it puts his life in danger. Part bodyguard, part mentor, Malakas begrudgingly accompanies Francis to America, having sworn an oath to protect the Spencer line, and in Francis' case, he has his work cut out for him. Over the season, Malakas will learn that not all strength can be measured in battle. .



## Malakas

**Malakas**





**Emmeline**

The proprietor of a local tavern, Emmeline is a vampire, but she prefers to keep a low profile. She only kills when necessary, preferring to live with humans rather than fight them, and she offers safe harbor to Primrose and teaches her how to survive.

A French missionary who has accumulated a depth of occult knowledge from his travels, now on a pilgrimage to expand his research. More scholar than warrior, he helps guide the hunters through research, folklore, and advice. Antoine acts as a surrogate father, offering encouragement. Antoine finds in Francis the son he never had and has second thoughts about the life he has chosen.

**Antoine**





## Rogue's Gallery



### Ignatius Spencer

Fifth-generation vampire hunter and head of the Lodge of Nimrods, Ignatius is dying of tuberculosis and is willing to make a deal to extend his life. He is deeply disappointed in his son, Francis.



### Silas Gest

Governor of Rogue's Harbor, Silas worked with Ignatius to smuggle Samara to America and helps to hide her presence in America, working against the hunters.



### Elizabeth Báthory

She made a deal with Ignatius to flee to America, in exchange for sharing her gift of immortal life. Elizabeth intends to turn America into her personal game preserve .

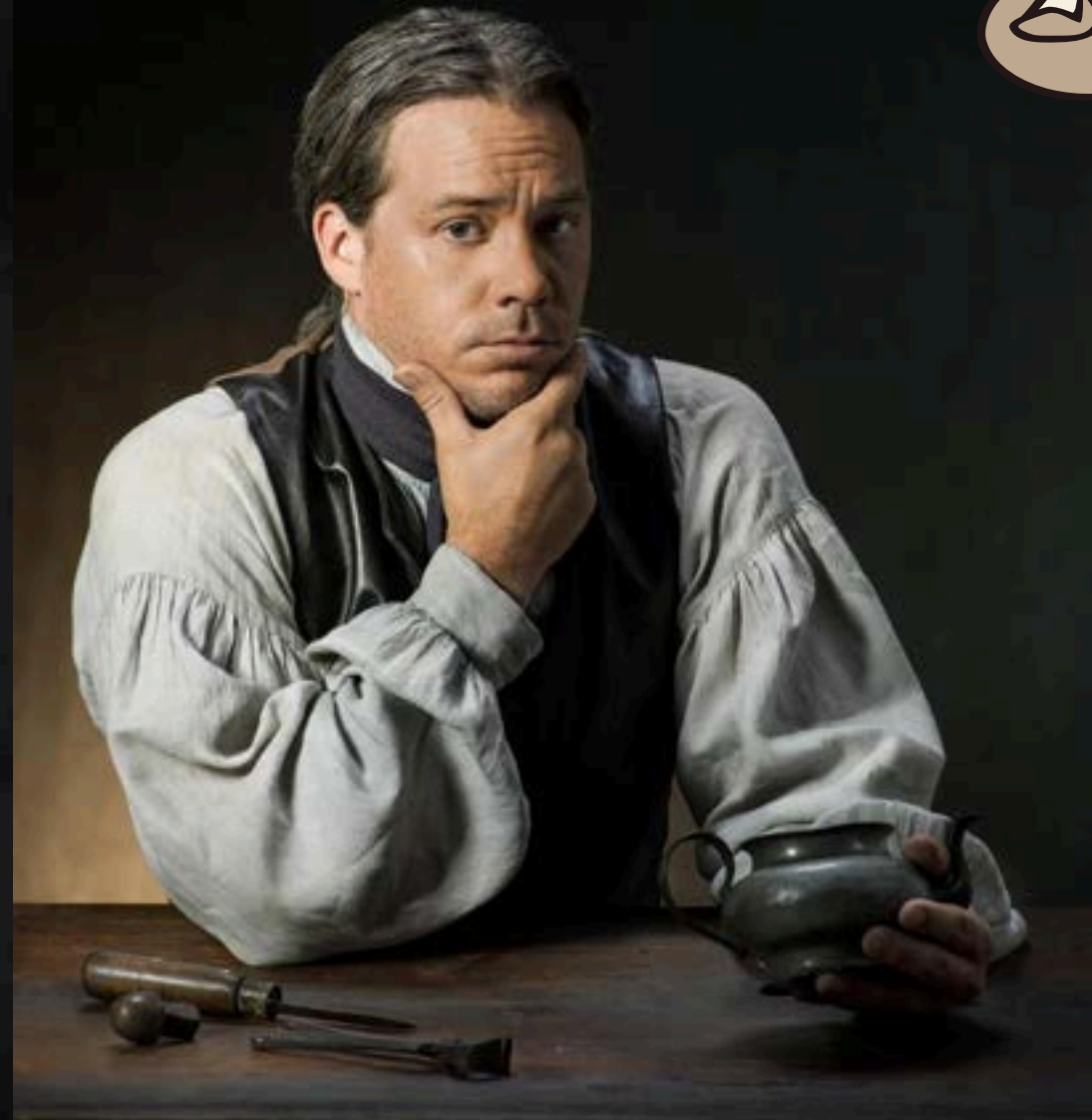


## Guest Stars



### Ben Franklin

An inventor and notorious ladies' man, Ben wants to join the hunters' fraternity, but his raging... libido often put them in precarious situations



### Paul Revere

Famous silversmith, Paul enlists the hunters help against a supernatural predator prowling the countryside... vampiric wolves!



### Sam Adams

A brewer still trying to perfect his world-famous recipe, Sam has the world's first mobile bar-cart and travels from town to town, offering libations.



# **The Pilot** *(...script available)*

**FRANCIS SPENCER is the worst vampire hunter in all of England and a disappointment to his father IGNATIUS, master of their lodge, the Benevolent, Protective Order of Nimrods. This fraternal brotherhood exists to eradicate the threat of vampires in Europe. Ignatius is getting older, and sickly.**

Tired of living in his father's shadow, Francis travels to America to find his footing on new ground. Accompanying him is MALAKAS, a tribal warrior and possibly the best vampire hunter in history. No sooner have they arrived than a body is discovered, drained of blood. There is a vampire in their midst, and it could be anyone! The hunters investigate and soon realize there is a survivor from the attack...Primrose, younger sister to the blacksmith Lena. Worse, Primrose is slowly turning into a vampire!

**If the hunters can discover the vampire that bit Primrose and slay her before sunrise, it may arrest Primrose's transformation. But if they fail, she's doomed. Now against the clock...**

...Francis recruits a local priest and Tuscora scout to aid their search. But the town's mayor is in league with the vampire and rallies the people against the hunters, accusing Francis and Malakas of being vampires! They not only have to find the vampire to save Primrose but now must prove their innocence as well!

The hunters soon discover it was the local school marm and kill her at sunrise, but sadly Primrose has already turned and fled the village. Lena joins the hunters to protect her sister and their journey begins.





# EPISODE CONCEPTS

## Ep. 2 **Sister, Sister**

Lena gets a crash course in Vampires and puts her skills to the test when confronting a nest of ghouls. Primrose adjusts to the pros and cons of her new un-life.

## Ep. 3 **Van Whosing?**

The Hunters recruit locals to join the lodge and find the candidates lacking, including one Agatha Van Helsing, whom challenges Francis for control of the American lodge through a sort of hunter's decathlon.

## Ep. 4 **All Sales are Final**

The hunters meet Fabian Black, a local grifter shaking down bereaved families of vampire survivors for profit. When he accidentally unleashes an ancient vampire, they team up to stop it.

## Ep. 5 **Coming to America**

Emmeline takes Primrose shopping and reveals how she and Samara came to America. The Hunters are hired to protect Ben Franklin, whom Samara is targeting for his seat in Congress.

## Ep. 6 **Rival Affections**

The Hunters meet Csatár János, a Balkan Dhampir, or half-vampire. He is charming, rogueish and tries to woo Lena. He has been tracking Samara across Europe, and attempts to take over the hunt from Francis.

## Ep. 7 **Vamp Bites Dog**

Primrose find herself ousted by a gaggle of young witches in Salem. Meanwhile Paul Revere teams up with the Hunters to kill a pack of mongrels - half vampire, half wolves.

## Ep. 8 **Second Thoughts**

Hunts Them and Kills Them puts everyone at risk when she encounters Samara at a party. Meanwhile, Antoine meets Emmeline and reveals second thoughts about the life he has chosen.

## Ep. 9 **One Nation, Under Samara**

The Hunters rush to cut off a new shipment of vampires and confront Samara at Rogue's Harbor. Primrose and Emmeline's bond is threatened when Primrose chooses Lena over her mentor. Francis finds his courage.



# SEASON ONE

## "NATION OF DARKNESS"

The hunters investigate the rise of vampires in America, squaring off against a millennia-old vampire from the Middle East. Together, they work to establish the first Vampire Hunter's Lodge in America.

As Francis emerges from his father's shadow, he slowly learns that not all vampires are the monsters he's always been led to believe. Francis' arc is about forging his own path.

At the conclusion of the season, the hunters kill Samara, our season one "big bad".

# SEASON TWO

## "FIRST BLOOD"

Months later, the lodge is up and running when a rival lodge, the Cainanites, descendants of the biblical brothers, set up shop nearby and compete for business.

Ignatius comes to America, presumably to survey the state of things. In a supernatural display, Ignatius kills off most of the hunters and burns the lodge down, revealing himself as now a vampire. Before they can kill him, Ignatius flees.

Ignatius knows all the vampire hunting tricks and will be a formidable foe. To defeat his father, Francis teams up with The Cainanites. Together they fight Ignatius. At the season finale, Francis kills Ignatius and in his dying breath, Ignatius tells Francis he's proud of him.

# SEASON THREE

## "FAMILY TITHES"

Humans and Vampires meet for peace talks and sign a treaty with Primrose.

Francis returns to England to settle his father's affairs. Lena is now pregnant with Francis' child but stubborn as ever. Hunts Them and Kills Them finds herself a stranger in a strange world.

In England, a new order of Nosferatu has arisen, calling themselves The Red Death, using rats as carriers for vampirism; a vampire plague spreads.

In America, Malakas faces a sect of African vampire hunters called The Pride that threatens to undo the fragile peace between hunters and vampires. And their leader is his long-lost brother.



# WHY NOW?

*With the recent and resounding success of historical parodies like Our Flag Means Death and The Great, there is a clear love for contemporary satire set against a historical backdrop... just you know, with vampires.*





# STYLE / TONE







A NATION OF DARKNESS



# AWARDS (FOR PILOT)

## Finalist in...

- Finalist, [ISA TV Pilot Pitch Challenge 2023](#)
- Quarter Finalist, [Creative Screenwriting TV Pilot Competition 2023](#)
- Second Rounder, [ISA Fast Track Fellowship 2023](#)
- Quarterfinalist, [The Script Lab - TSL Free Screenplay Contest 2023](#)
- Second Rounder, [Launch Pad Pilot Competition 10th Annual](#)
- Semifinalist, [Filmmatic - Inroads Fellowship Season 6](#)
- Quarterfinalist, [Los Angeles International Screenplay Awards Winter 2022-23](#)
- Semifinalist, [Table Read My Screenplay Competition Spring 2023](#)
- Quarterfinalist, [Big Apple Film Festival Screenplay Competition Spring 2023](#)



# CREATED BY...

## CALEB DILLON

A lover of colonial history, Caleb spent much of his youth engaged in re-enactments. Caleb seeks to tell stories that highlight the humanity in all of us, from monsters to tyrants. Nimrods is exactly that type of story.

As a writer, Caleb's work has been recognized by such prestigious organizations as the Academy Nicholls Fellowship, Screencraft, and the International Screenwriters Association.

If you are interested in reading more of my work, check out my [personal website here](#).

You can also read the [pilot of NIMRODS here](#).





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