

HER WORLD.

HER FAMILY.

HER SANITY.

NOTHING LASTS FOREVER.

CONSUMED

In this heart-stopping post-apocalyptic story, a cataclysmic earthquake traps a grieving married couple in the basement of a collapsed building.

But as the weary wife fights for their lives against a horde of parasitic monsters, she is unaware that her God-fearing husband has already decided her fate...



A dark, blue-tinted photograph of a large crowd of people walking down a street. The people are mostly shirtless or wearing minimal clothing, and their faces are not clearly visible. The street is lined with buildings, and the overall atmosphere is somber and historical. Overlaid on the center of the image is the title "THE STORY" in large, bold, red capital letters.

THE STORY

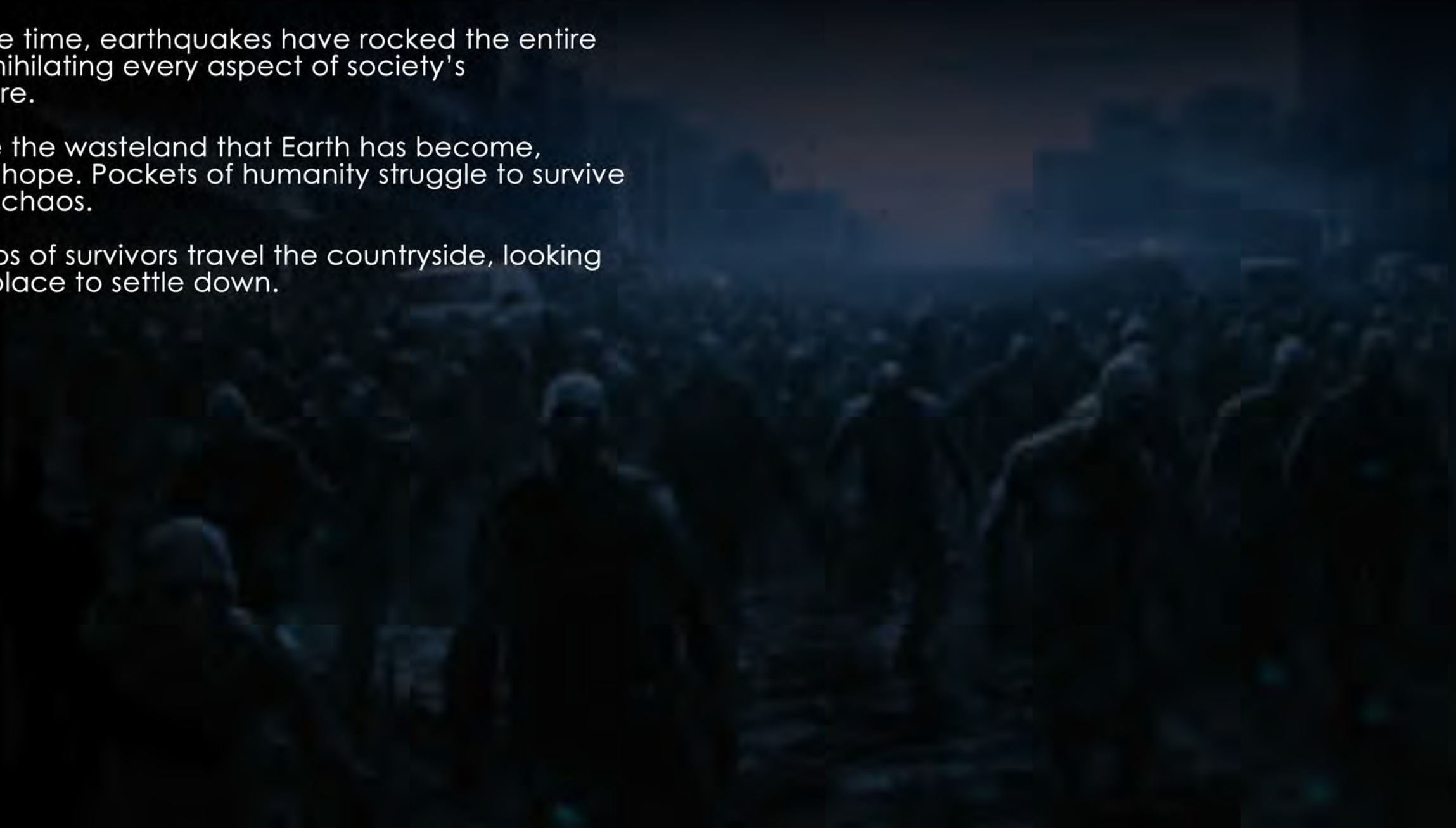
Civilization as we know it is no more.

Overtaken by an infestation of mutated parasites, most of the populace has become a horde of shambling corpses.

At the same time, earthquakes have rocked the entire planet, annihilating every aspect of society's infrastructure.

Yet despite the wasteland that Earth has become, there is still hope. Pockets of humanity struggle to survive amidst the chaos.

Small groups of survivors travel the countryside, looking for a safe place to settle down.



Married couple Parker and Caroline are members of one of these groups.

While out scavenging for supplies, a series of immense earthquakes traps them in a warehouse basement.

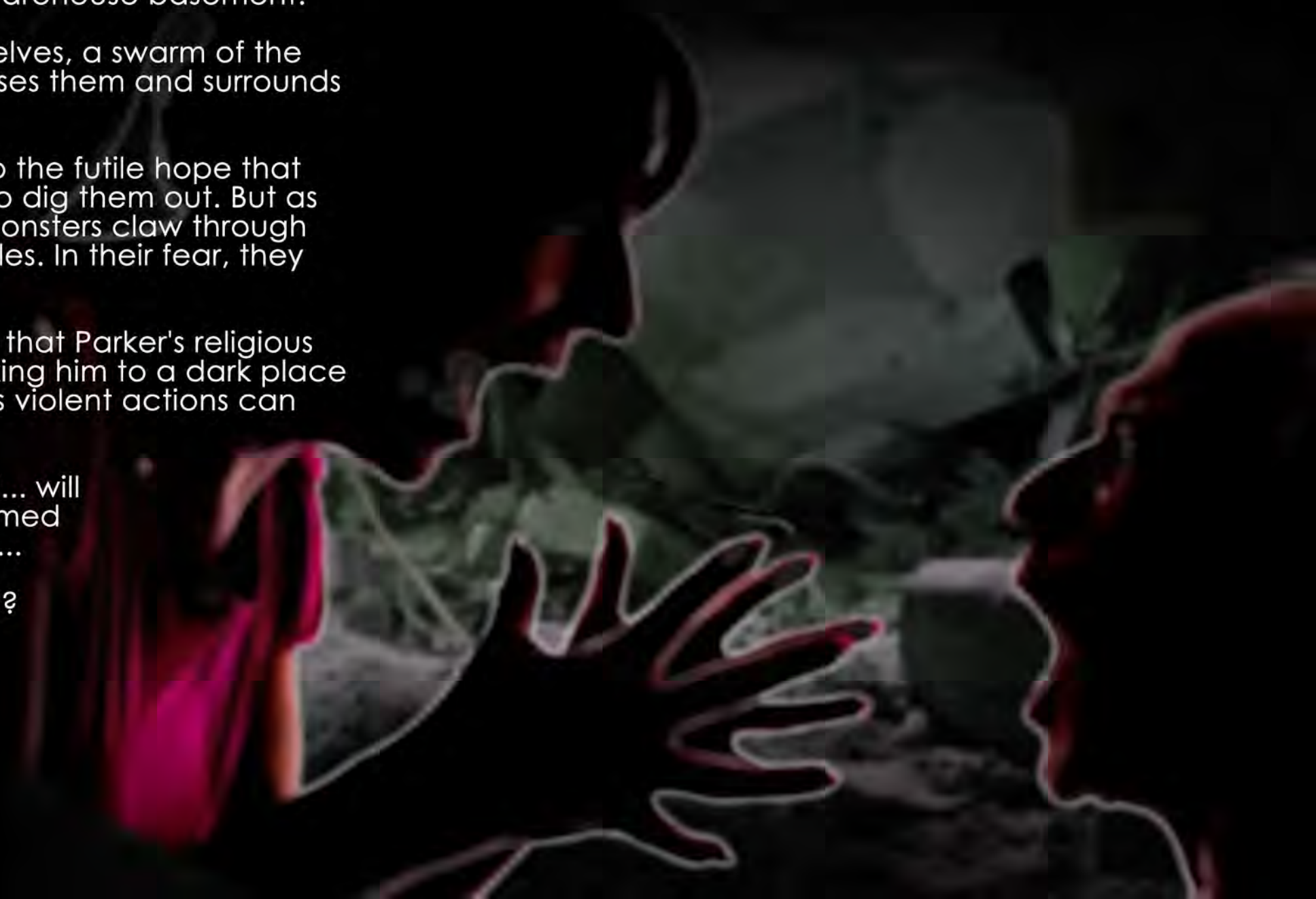
As they struggle to free themselves, a swarm of the undead parasite monsters senses them and surrounds their underground prison.

Caroline and Parker hold on to the futile hope that their friends will arrive in time to dig them out. But as the minutes tick by, and the monsters claw through the debris, their resolve crumbles. In their fear, they turn on each other.

But Caroline remains unaware that Parker's religious fervor has driven him mad, taking him to a dark place where he believes that only his violent actions can deliver her into salvation.

Terrified, entombed, shattered... will Parker and Caroline be consumed by the evils above their heads...

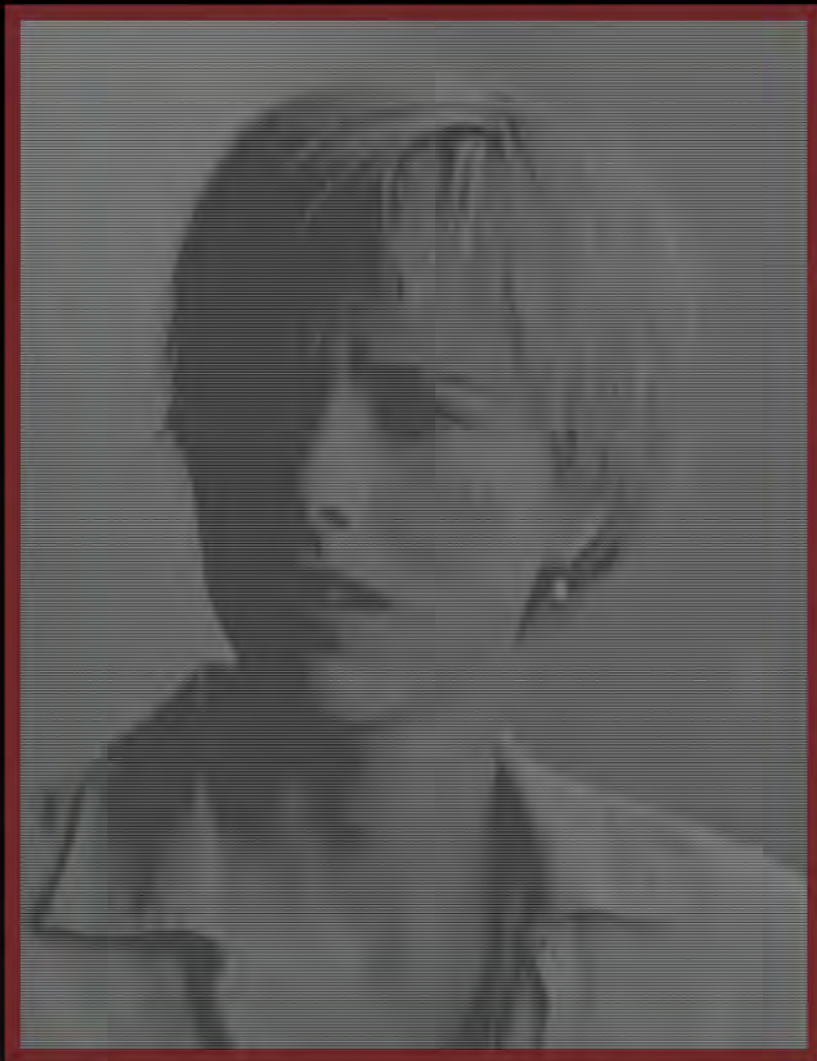
...or the evils inside their hearts?



THE CHARACTERS



CAROLINE



Once a respected nurse and a devoted mother, Caroline's world was destroyed when the Infestation ran rampant across the country.

In no time at all, her perfect suburban lifestyle was reduced to an exhaustingly never-ending scramble to stay ahead of the tidal wave of undead monsters pursuing her and her rag-tag group of survivors.

To make matters worse, the ugliness of everyday survival has forced her to face the harsh truth that her relationship with her husband Parker was never all that good. And since the Infestation, his descent into religion-fueled conspiracies has forced an almost irreparable wedge between them.

The only thing that has kept her going is her fierce maternal instinct to protect her teenage daughter Debbie. But even that small comfort is taken from her when Debbie becomes infected, and Parker took care of her in the only way possible: total cremation.

Shattered, Caroline has no reason to go on, until a member of the group reaches out to her...

...and unwittingly seals her fate...

PARKER



Parker ran a successful construction company before the Infestation destroyed society. Once he found himself on the run, he discovered how woefully unprepared he was for life in an apocalyptic wasteland. With no skills other than how to fill out a spreadsheet, he harbors intense jealousy for the more capable members of his group, particularly the charismatic Philip, the de facto leader.

This constant state of existential anxiety has affected his mental health. Although he was never particularly religious, Parker has fallen into a web of conspiracy theories that lead him to believe that the Infestation is God's punishment for all of mankind's wickedness. He regularly quotes from a tattered Bible, refusing to listen to any discussion that is contrary to his dogmatic views.

This mania has estranged him emotionally from his wife Caroline. They maintain a veneer of marital togetherness for the sake of their daughter Debbie, but with each passing day, the gulf between them grows wider.

When he suspects that Caroline's affections are being shared with someone else, Parker decides that the time has come to implement God's justice...

PHILIP



Never seen but always present via walkie talkie, Philip is the leader of Caroline's and Parker's ragtag group of survivors. He didn't want the job, but Philip realized early on that someone had to step up and coordinate their efforts, or they wouldn't make it.

Having lived a life lacking privilege, Philip's life has taken him all over the globe, hopping from career to career, providing him with a varied set of skills that enable him to thrive in this new world. Car maintenance, electrical work, gunsmithing, even cooking... Philip is more than capable of surviving on his own.

But he treats each member of the group as if they were his blood relatives. He makes sure that the hungry eat, the sick get tended to, and the exhausted get rest, all before he does.

So when he sees a distraught Caroline after suffering her worst tragedy, he offers her a shoulder to lean on, a comforting gesture that leads to more....

...and sets in motion the end of everything...

THE MONSTER



PARASITE STAGE



HOST STAGE

No one knows where the parasite came from.

Is it a creature that escaped from a hidden lab?

Is it an instrument of God's wrath?

Regardless of its origins, the parasite quickly and violently decimated the population of the planet.

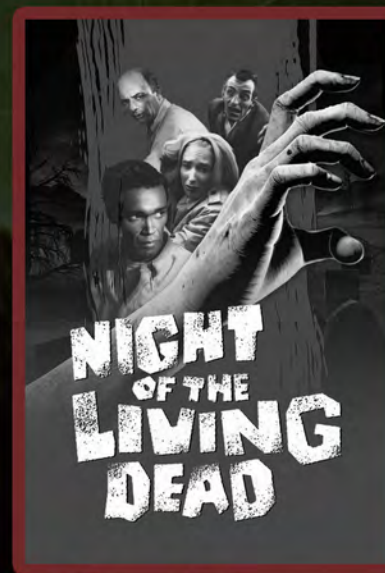
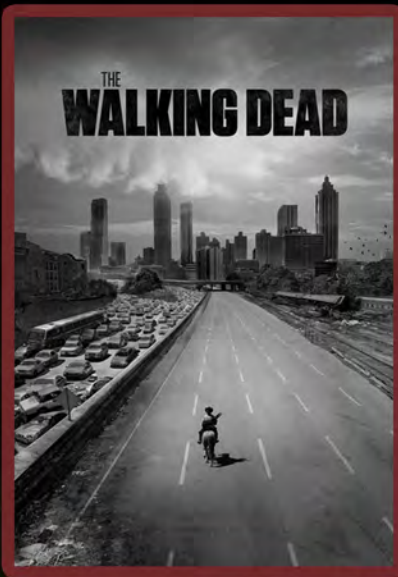
This hideous creature injects spores into a host body. In almost no time at all, the spores take hold in the brain. The parasite's growth breaks the back of the skull, pulling the facial skin so taut that the lips tear and peel back, exposing the teeth. Tentacles erupt from the eyesockets, becoming sense organs that detect sound.

As the parasite takes over the nervous system, the host body lurches and twitches as it moves. These nervous tremors cause the jaw to vibrate uncontrollably. The noise caused by the teeth constantly hitting together gives the now-dead host body its nickname: a "clacker".

The parasite can be killed by any violent method, such as gunshot or stabbing. But once it's dead, the organism must be burned. Otherwise it will dry out, and like a dessicated mushroom, release a cloud of infectious spores into the air.

And the cycle of infection will begin all over again...

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