PARALYSED

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INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

We open on a closed eyelid, the eye beneath flicking backwards and forwards in the middle of REM sleep. Suddenly the eyelid opens revealing a look of sheer terror.

CUT TO BLACK.

INT. CONSULTING ROOM - DAY

MATT, a teenage boy with short blonde hair is sitting on a chair opposite from his DOCTOR who is sat behind a desk busily typing away, behind her is a window. The sky is grey, it starts to rain causing a light PATTERING sound to fill the room. In Matts hands are drawings of supernatural beings, the one on top is a drawing of a man completely coloured in with biro. At the top it is labelled: The Shadow Man. He looks down at them and rubs his face with his hands.

DOCTOR
So, what can I help you with today?

Matt looks up at the doctor and starts to nervously fidget with his hands.

MATT
(Sheepishly)
I've been having these vision recently late at night -

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

MATT (V.O)
When they start I cannot move.

Matt lays on his bed completely still, the only things that move are his eyes. They move rapidly from side to side as he is trying to get a glimpse of what is going on around him. His body starts to shake as he attempts to break free from the paralysis.

INT. CONSULTING ROOM - DAY

MATT
It normally starts with the light outside my room turning red. This is the sign that they are coming.

The DOCTOR looks at him confused, her eyebrows facing downwards inbetween her eyes.
DOCTOR
Who's coming?

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

The door to the bedroom is slightly open only letting in a slither of light. This light is a dark red. A shadow slowly starts to form as if someone is standing on the other side of the door blocking the light from entering the room. The door starts to open by itself filling the room with light, no one is on the other side.

INT. CONSULTING ROOM - DAY

MATT
The Shadow People.

The Doctor starts to laugh but stops when she sees the serious look on Matts face, he is staring right into her eyes.

MATT (CONT’D)
The spider is first.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Matt is laying on his bed, the door wide open filling room with red light

DOCOTR (V.O)
Is the spider one of the shadow people?

MATT (V.O)
No, it's one of their minions.

At the bottom of the bed a spider crawls onto his leg, it slowly creeps up his body until it reaches his chest. Matt's eyes widden as he looks down onto his chest and notices it perched there. He struggles even more, his body moving left to right trying to break out of the paralysis. This annoys the spider which continues to crawl until it is ontop of his face. It stays there for a couple of seconds and then disappears.

INT. CONSULTING ROOM - DAY

DOCOTR
So, what happens next?
MATT
She comes to visit me.

DOCTOR
And who is she?

MATT
Annabelle.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Everything goes QUIET, suddenly there is a loud BOOM and ANNABELLE appears. She is dressed in a ripped white nightie, her dark hair falls down front of her face covering the majority of it. The part that we can see is ripped up and bloodied, bits of skin slowly falling off. A split second later she is gone. Matt looks around once again trying to figure out where she may have gone.

DOCTOR (V.O)
Is she one of their minions too?

Annabelle appears once again with a loud BOOM, this time her hair is parted so you can see one of her eyes, it is completely red. A split second later she is gone.

MATT (V.O)
Yes.

It goes silent once again, Annabelle appears with a loud BOOM this time she is right infront of Matt peering down over him, she looks at him moving left and right to get a good view and then disappears.

INT. CONSULTING ROOM - DAY

Matt looks nervously at his hands

MATT
Whereever she is...

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

A Shadowy figure appears at the doorway casting a shadow into the room which engulfs Matt.

MATT (V.O)
... They are not far behind.

It disjointedly walks forward to the point where it is standing over Matt's bed.
Behind him another shadowy figure enters the room, this time it creeps over to the side of his bed. A final begins to walk into the doorway.

INT. CONSULTING ROOM - DAY

DOCTOR
You said there were minions, so is there a leader?

Matt skims through the drawings in his hands, there is one of the spider, Annabelle and the two shadow people. He reaches the final drawing, it is the same as the drawing of the shadow people except this time it is wearing a trenchcoat and a hat. At the top it is labelled - The Hat Man

MATT
Yes.

He holds the picture up and then hands it to the doctor

DOCTOR
The Hat Man?

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

A tall shadow man wearing a trench coat and hat enters the room, he points at both of the shadow men and then points at the door telling them to leave. They both exit and then the hat man starts slowly walking towards Matt. Matt tries harder than ever before to break free of the paralysis and just as the hat man is right over him he disappears.

Matt suddenly sits up screaming at the top of his lungs, his sister and father come running in

ANNIE
Are you ok?

Matt doesn't talk he just continues to shake whilst being held.

INT. CONSULTING ROOM - DAY

Matt and The Doctor stare at each other for a few seconds

DOCTOR
Right, so what you are experiencing is called Sleep Paralysis.
(MORE)
DOCTOR (CONT’D)
It's nothing to worry about, what you are seeing is just a hallucination.

Matt looks angry, he looks down at his pictures and then back up to the doctor

MATT
No, they are real! I know it

DOCTOR
They are just figments of your imagination, it's nothing to worry about it.

INT. DOCTORS BEDROOM - NIGHT

The DOCTOR gets in to bed and lays down on her side, she shuts her eyes and then a few seconds later they open widely. Outside the door the light turns a dark red.

THE END