

Whispers in the Dark Midpoint Point

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INT. THE MAD ENGINEER'S LAB - NIGHT

MATHIJA has many BLOODY GHOUL PARTS across and on his BODY, and even a LARGE, GHOUL CLAW lodged halfway in the side of his TORSO. He rushes inside the ESTABLISHMENT and spots a GHOUL roaming in front of a METAL DOOR. The ghoul looks at Mathija's DIRECTION and prepares to SCREAM, but Mathija quickly grabs the large claw lodged in his body and uses it to decapitate the ghoul.

Mathija nearly collapses, but he lands on his knee, while holding on to the SMALL HOLE in his torso. He briefly looks at the hole and slowly shakes his HEAD, with a DISSAPOINTED LOOK on his FACE. He limps to the metal door and leans his ear on it. He hears VAUGE SOUNDS of PEOPLE ARGUING, along with sounds of SPLASHING LIQUID and GLASS.

Mathija places his FINGERTIPS in the CREVICES of the door, with his other hand firmly on his "CUTTING ARM" WEAPON. However, Mathija's KNEES monetarily collapse and the DARKNESS slowly envelopes his eyes.

MATHIJA

No! No...

Transition to Mathija's "Hallucinatory Nightmare"

Mathija, his body NOT VISIBLE, hovers over a DARK MEADOW with SKELETAL CARCASSES littered around. Mathija spots THE MAD ENGINEER walking up to a carcass with a CROSSGUARD SWORD on top of it, causing Mathija's VISION to QUIVER. The Mad Engineer kneels near the carcass and places his hand on it.

Transition to the Carcass's Internal Organs/Body Cavities

A BLACK PARASITE swims through the body, producing MURKY BLOOD and INFECTING the LIVING CELLS. The Black Parasite reaches the HEART and BITES into it, turning the heart from a SCARLET RED to an ABYSSAL BLACK.

Transition back to the DARK MEADOWS

GREY FLESH begins to form on top of the carcass's skeleton. The GHOUL slowly rises up, grabbing its CROSSGUARD SWORD.

The grey flesh fully covers its face, revealing the REANIMATED CORPSE to be a familiar CREATURE, THE BARON.

The Baron looks at Mathija's direction and suddenly ENLARGES. The Baron opens it LARGE, GHOULISH MOUTH, preparing to consume the helpless Mathija. All Mathija hears are his HEARTBEATS as the reanimated corpse's mouth comes closer to him.

Suddenly, everything is DARK again.

INT. THE MAD ENGINEER'S LAB - HEAD SCIENTIST'S WORKSTATION
- NIGHT

Mathija lays on top of a STEEL TABLE. He struggles to move his sore body and can also see through his PERIPHERAL VISION. He sees MISLAV, with a COWERING SCIENTIST #1 behind him, defeating GHOULS and OTHER SCIENTISTS.

Mathija spots the HEAD SCIENTIST, wielding a SHARP KNIFE, sneaking up on Mislav and Scientist #1. Mathija musters enough strength to leap off the table and CHARGE into the Head Scientist, forcing him to fall to the ground. Before the Head Scientist reaches for something on the TABLE behind him, Scientist #1 quickly grabs a LARGE TEST TUBE and slams it on top of the Head Scientist's head, knocking him out.

Mathija turns his attention to Scientist #1 and TIGHTLY GRIPS his NECK. Scientist #1 tries to pry off Mathija's HANDS, which only tightens the grip. Scientist #1 gives up and holds his GOLDEN PENDANT close.

MISLAV

Brother, what are you doing! He's helping us!

MATHIJA

Nonsense! He's also working with them! With The Engineer! With... with The Baron!

MISLAV

You're not making any sense!

Mislav places his hands on Mathija and tries to hold him back, but Mathija shoves Mislav away.

SCIENTIST #1
Please listen to your friend! I...
I'm not with them anymore!

Mathija's EYES widen, his TEETH gritting. He sees Scientist #1 clutching a pendant, and forcefully removes Scientist #1's hands off it. The LID of the pendant breaks off, revealing a CRACKED GLASS PIECE. Behind the glass is a PICTURE of a FAMILY: Scientist #1 and TWO YOUNG BOYS.

Mathija holds the pendant and looks at the picture. He momentarily sees Scientist #1 as his FATHER FIGURE, SCREKO, and the two young boys as Mislav, and HIMSELF. Mathija is SILENT, his quivering hands still holding the pendant.

A HAND situates itself on Mathija's shoulders. Mathija turns around and sees Mislav.

MISLAV
Are you willing to calm down now,
brother?

Mathija briefly looks into Mislav in the eyes, slowly nodding his head. He turns back to Scientist #1 and gives him back the now BROKEN pendent.

MATHIJA
I'm deeply sorry. I just have many
things in my mind.

SCIENTIST #1
It's okay. We all do.

The room becomes SILENT momentarily until Scientist #1 reaches for a STACK OF FOLDERS on a DESK. He holds out the folders to Mathija.

MATHIJA
What are these supposed to be?

SCIENTIST #1
Data. Related to the ghouls and
the black parasites. I'm sure your
group can find some use for them.

Mathija takes the folders from Scientist #1.

MATHIJA
Thank you.

Suddenly, one of the lab's LARGE MONITORS begin to FLASH and produce HARSH NOISES. Mathija, Mislav, and Scientist #1 look towards the monitor's direction, their faces filled with SURPRISE.

The monitor shows THE DIVINE GUARDIAN's HEADQUARTERS, half of it engulfed in SHADOWS AND FLAMES. Some DIVINE GUARDIAN SOLDIERS are MAULED and EATEN by the GHOULS.

MISLAV

What... what's going on?!

SCIENTIST #1

No... they started their plan early!

MISLAV

What plan?!

The trio see a GHOUL ARMY RAMMING into the gates of the Divine Guardian's headquarters. The man in front of the army being... The Baron. Mislav covers half of his FACE with his HAND, frantically shaking his HEAD. Mathija clenches his FISTS tightly, tight enough to force the inside of his RIGHT FIST to BLEED.

Mathija raises his fists and slams them on the monitor's controls, causing the SCREEN to crack and turn BLACK.

MISLAV

I know what you're planning,
brother. And it's not a good idea.
Let's just think this through
first before you hurt yourself.

Mathija, without saying a word, bolts through the METAL DOORS, nearly breaking them off their HINGES.

MISLAV (CONT.)

Brother! Come back!

Everything around Mathija becomes WHITE NOISE, all that can be heard is his FEET STOMPING through the FLOOR, SWEAT leaving his FOREHEAD, and his HARSH, RAPID, BREATHING.

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