

STINK BUG

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FADE IN:

INT. MARKET PLACE NIGHT

The market is closed and dark. Some cardboard boxes are piled in front of some market stalls.

Paulina is sleeping on the floor, in the middle of the market. A sound suddenly wakes her up. She pushes her torso up with her hands on the floor. Paulina looks around.

PAULINA
(confused)
Where am I?

Paulina's eyes start getting used to the darkness of the place, she touches her head, her cheeks, and finally she looks at her hands, she then pinches herself in the arm as a way to prove she is not dreaming. She stands up.

PAULINA
(confused)
What is this place?

Paulina slowly walks down the hall trying not to trip with the cardboxes she finds on her way. After walking through some halls she sees a little light coming from beneath a metal curtain.

Paulina approaches the metal curtain, she tries to lift it but a chain with a padlock prevents her from opening it more than 10cm.

Paulina decides to look beneath the metal curtain to try to find out where she is.

INT. STREET NIGHT

The street is empty when a car passes by. It slowly parks outside the market. Bob comes out of it, he opens the trunk and connects his backpack to the hose, he takes it out of the trunk and puts it on.

Bob locks the car and walks to the entrance of the market, he takes the keys out of his right pocket and bends down to unlock the padlock of the metal curtain.

INT. MARKET PLACE NIGHT

Paulina sees the car headlights when the car parks outside, she sees the shoes of Bob as he prepares his backpack and when he bends down she uses her hands to move away like a crab. She stops a few meters away listening to the sound of Bob unlocking the padlock.

When Bob puts his hand beneath the metal curtain to pull it up, Paulina hides behind one of the market stalls.

Bob enters the market. He stops by the entrance looking

around. He takes the lantern that hangs from his belt. He turns it on, and walks at the end of the hall where the lighting controls are, he puts the lantern on his mouth and takes the keys out again, he puts them in front of the light and chooses the small one for opening the cage that secures the lights.

He turns the lights of the market on and turns off the lantern. He then presses a button on one of the backpack straps, he points the hose to the hall and starts spraying a grayish green like substance.

Paulina follows the moves of Bob behind his back. She keeps a three meter distance between them. Bob keeps spraying the substance in every hall. Suddenly Bob disappears from Paulina's sight, she gets scared and tries to run away but her feet don't respond.

Bob stands still at the end of the hall, Paulina sees him and desperately grabs her leg trying to unstick it from the ground.

Bob stares at Paulina the whole time like if she was an insect. He slowly walks towards her.

PAULINA
(scared with a
faltering)
I'm sorry, I don't know how I
got here, I was just trying to
find the way out.

Bob ignores her, he keeps walking. He stops in front of her looking down at her. Paulina looks back at him her eyes start crying.

Bob grabs Paulina by the neck with his free hand and lifts her until their eyes get at the same height. Paulina meanwhile tries desperately to escape, she scratches Bob's hands, she tries to kick him.

Bob takes the hose he is grabbing with the other hand to Paulina's mouth. He pushes the button and all the substance is poured on her mouth.

He lets her go. Paulina falls on his knees and starts coughing, she can't breathe, she is in panic, keeps looking at Bob with protruding eyes.

After a few more seconds she starts feeling weak, she lays down, staring at Bob. Bob is excited, he destroyed the bug, he takes his mask off and sprays the substance of the hose in his mouth. He gets bends down to look Paulina closer.

Paulina can't hang no longer, she starts closing her eyes while staring at Bob.

FADE OUT: