

Logline:

Depressed, suicidal and tormented by his peers, Marcus Hobson reluctantly enters into a pact with a demon and finds revenge to be other than sweet.

Synopsis:

With black horn-rimmed glasses, a penchant for reading and small stature, 14-year-old Marcus Hobson seems the epitome of a geek. Because his classmates torment him, Marcus avoids school, spending most of his time hiding out in the town library. During one of his infrequent days in class, Marcus meets Lisa, a new girl in school who moves to town to tend her ailing grandparents. Marcus and Lisa become instant friends and the months they spend together pass quickly. Marcus' contentment comes to an abrupt end when Lisa's grandmother dies and, after the funeral, she leaves town to return home with her father.

Feeling angry and abandoned, Marcus makes his way to a creek in the woods that is rumored to be haunted. Choosing a secluded spot beneath a tree, he swallows a bottle of sleeping pills and stares resignedly into the waters of the creek. As he lay dying, a black mist rises from the water, coalescing into an animalistic shape that offers him the choice of death or the power to take revenge against his tormentors. Reluctantly, Marcus accepts the bargain and bonds with the demon. The specter demands blood and finds it in a group of teenagers lounging around the local baseball field. Fueled by Marcus' rage and pain, the creature attacks and slaughters the students. One of Marcus' bullies, Troy Gilbert, escapes the massacre and tells the sheriff he was attacked by a monster. He also tells him that he saw Marcus 'floating' inside the creature. Although the Sheriff is skeptical, he questions Marcus and his father as a matter of routine. Satisfied Marcus was not involved; the Sheriff suspects the deaths were caused by a bear or large cat though a large, bloody hoof-print at the scene suggests something else.

While attempting to ambush Marcus in the woods, Troy Gilbert and Randy Moakley - the last of the bullies - are killed. Although the deaths satisfy Marcus' desire for revenge the demon is restless and still thirsts for blood. Marcus wants no more killing and avoids the creek where the demon lives. Desperate and weak, the creature confronts Marcus in his bedroom, threatening to kill him if he doesn't bring it more sacrifices.

Lisa's grandfather passes and Lisa returns to town briefly for his funeral. She contacts Marcus who, still hurt and angry, lures her to the creek as a sacrifice for the demon. Her terrified pleas cause Marcus' anger to evaporate as he remembers the days they spent together. As he softens, the monster weakens but racks his body with pain and fire to force his cooperation. Recalling that he and the creature are one, Marcus takes his own life to stop the demon and protect Lisa.