



# THE HOOK

A Horror Short  
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# LOGLINE

A young van-life couple's peaceful mountain getaway is disturbed by news of an escaped serial killer with a terrifying prosthetic.



# SCRIPT SYNOPSIS

A young van-life couple on a peaceful mountain getaway hear a radio report about the “Hooked Killer” escaping from the state prison. LAURA recounts to PETER the old urban legend about the couple on a date who have a close call with an escaped hooked killer. Laura is afraid, but Peter laughs off her fears until he has to walk down to the gas station at the bottom of the hill for a propane tank. When he arrives at the station, the STORE OWNER pulls a gun on him, thinking he might be Snyder, the killer. Back in the van, Laura hears scratching sounds outside the van. She sees a figure and swings open a door, knocking the figure (who turns out to be Peter) to the ground. Later, the two go to sleep, Laura still angry at Peter’s ill-timed joke. Laura wakes to find Peter – and the toilet paper roll – gone. She goes back to sleep, but wakes when she hears bumping against the van. Believing the sound to be Peter again, she steps out of the van and sees Peter’s disemboweled body hanging from a tree. Laura leaps back into the van and speeds to the gas station. She is greeted there by SNYDER, but before she sees the store owner’s body, Snyder retrieves his hook from the van door and attacks Laura. Soon after, he drives away in the van.



# KEY CHARACTERS

LAURA



Perky, sarcastic van-life influencer.  
Pragmatic and realistic.

PETER



Laura's boyfriend. A self-confident  
prankster. Cocky and dismissive.





# FILM TONE

- Tense
- Scary
- Gruesome





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