

EXT. HILL OVERLOOKING THE TOWN - SUNSET

Laura stands on a hill overlooking the small town of Crescent. Just last night, the people of this sleepy community were awoken by a bright light and unrecognizable sound that everyone has yet to comprehend. David, another citizen of the town, approaches Laura and stands next to her.

DAVID

Mind if I join you?

Laura is startled. She collects herself and smiles.

LAURA

Oh, of course not. I didn't hear you. Sorry, I'm still a little jumpy.

DAVID

Yeah, I've been getting that a lot today.

LAURA

Yeah.

DAVID

How are the kids doing?

LAURA

They're fine. They went over to their dad's.

Laura and David search for words as they look at the horizon.

LAURA (CONT'D)

What happened last night?

DAVID

I'm not sure how to answer that. I know what other people are saying, but I don't know what to say when I'm asked.

LAURA

What are other people saying?

DAVID

Well, I've heard a lot of interesting stories. Betty thinks it was a meteor. Henry swears it was just a thunderstorm. Fred however thinks it's a government conspiracy theory. But he also spends a lot of time wasted in his truck listening to talk radio.

Laura smiles, but her face quickly melds back into one of concern. David notices this and searches for the words.

LAURA

I...just...something isn't right, David. Something feels different, I feel cold, I feel like I'm being watched. I can't explain it.

DAVID

I think we all just got a little spooked. We're all just on edge.

LAURA

You can't feel it? Don't tell me you think everything is just fine.

DAVID

I don't know what I think Laura. Is there a different feel in the air, yes, that's for sure. But, maybe Henry was right and a weather front just moved through.

LAURA

But that light and that noise, that God awful noise. I can't get it out of my head.

DAVID

I don't know. I just don't know.

Laura collects herself, trying to find a new tact to take, to get her point across.

LAURA

This morning when I woke up, my clock was three hours behind. When I went into Emily's room, her hair was all crazy, like static electricity. And do you hear that?

David looks around but doesn't hear anything.

DAVID

No.

LAURA

Exactly. There's no noise, no wind, no birds, nothing. Now some people are going to think it's the weather and others are going to think it's the government. But, what if it's something else.

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LAURA (CONT'D)

We need to figure out what is happening so we can warn everyone.

DAVID

Warn them against what? If something happens we'll just call the county sheriff's office.

LAURA

What if that's after it's too late?

Laura looks at him with all the seriousness in the world. David takes a deep breath and looks out over the town again.

DAVID

I just don't know what you want me to do about it? I run my family's furniture store, I'm not some NASA scientist. I heard something last night, that's it, I don't know anything else.

LAURA

Stop it. We both know you are the smartest man in this town. You're here because you have to be, not because you want to be. Your dad died too young and your here running the business. Don't let your regret cloud your judgment. This town needs you.

DAVID lets this sink in, he looks at the ground for a few seconds.

DAVID

It will be dark soon, if something is going on it'll happen again tonight. We need to round up a few people we can trust to execute some kind of watch guard plan.

LAURA

Ok, we can do that.

DAVID

Then let's go.