

THE BASEMENT - Part 1

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The film opens with DEREK going for a bike ride in the park. He stops at an intersection to cross the street. The light turns red, and DEREK gets ready to cross the street. However, a car runs the red light, and DEREK is run over.

We film DEREK lying with his bike in front of a car.

Cut to ALEX getting beat up by some bullies in an alley. One of them pulls out a knife and stabs him. He dies.

Cut to PHIL lying in a hospital bed - sick. He dies of cancer.

Cut to JUDE's room. JUDE plays the emo kid and kills himself, by jumping off his roof/hanging himself/whatever.

The scene cuts to everyone being teleported to a basement.

DEREK:

Shit, what happened?

PHIL:

Where the hell am I? Who the hell are you?

JUDE:

What the fuck is going on?

ALEX is going psycho thrashing at the air, because he thinks he's still being attacked.

DEREK:

Alright everyone just calm down -

JUDE (Pulls out a cell phone):

I'm calling the cops.

PHIL:

How the hell did I end up here anywhere

Screen Caption - 2 hours later.

Everyone is just sitting on the ground in a circle.

ALEX:

You sure that phone of yours doesn't work?

JUDE:

No signal.

DEREK:

I don't see a door around here either. How did we get here?

PHIL:

Let's try and think logically. What was the last thing we remember happening before we got here?

DEREK:

I was riding my bike, but I...I...I

PHIL:

You what?

DEREK:

I was run over...a...car...?!?!?!?

ALEX (laughing):

What!?!?

DEREK:

A car...it ran me over...

PHIL:

That isn't funny...what's your name anyway.

DEREK:

Derek.

PHIL:

Okay, seriously, lets just tell each other our names, and what we're before we came here. We're in this together for now. My name is Phil, I-

JUDE:

You what.

PHIL:

I had just gotten back from The hospital. I had cancer, The doctors said there was nothing to do to help me -

ALEX:

Fuck you man. That isn't funny.

PHIL:

The doctors said that I would be more comfortable at my own home, surrounded by family. They said I was going to die anyway... I...there's no more pain...

JUDE:

Name is Jude...I was in my room...watching TV.

ALEX:

This isn't fucking funny. What is this a joke? Are we on camera right now or something? This a TV show. I will sooo fucking sue for this -

DEREK:

What's the last thing you remember?

ALEX:

I'm not playing along with this -

DEREK:
Just tell us.

ALEX:
Fine. I was going for a jog in the park...

DEREK:
And?

ALEX:
I was jumped. Two guys...masks...they wanted my wallet...struggle...knife

DEREK:
And?

ALEX:
I was...stabbed...

From the shadows PYDOPE emerges

PYDOPE (very merrily):
My name is Pydope. I came here last month actually. I died from a drug over dose.

PHIL, ALEX, JUDE, DEREK, all jump in surprise and twirl around to face PYDOPE.

ALEX:
Who the fuck are you!?

PYDOPE:
I told you my name -

ALEX:
No, but who the fuck are you?

PYDOPE:
I'm just like you all...

DEREK:
You weren't here when we all woke up!?

PYDOPE:
Oh, but I was...I was just watching you. It s always fun to watch the newbies on their first day...

ALEX:
WHAT The FUCK IS THIS YOUR IDEA OF A JOKE?

ALEX lunges forward and punches PYDOPE in The face. But ALEX immediately drops to the floor screaming in pain - holding his injured hand.

ALEX:
Shit - that felt like punching a brick wall!

PYDOPE:

Good thing I had my force field on or that would have hurt.

PHIL:

What is this????

PYDOPE:

Well let's review. The last thing everyone remembers before coming here is dying. Except for you (pointing at JUDE).

JUDE:

Yeah, so -

PYDOPE:

The ones who always lie usually are the ones who committed suicide.

JUDE:

What the fuck are you -

PYDOPE:

Congratulations - your suicide was successful it seems.

PHIL:

So this is your sick idea of a joke. (pulls out a cell phone) You are so going to jail.

PYDOPE:

Someone already tried that. No signal. Oh by the way. Did all of you notice that you have a cell phone in your right pants pocket? Hmmm

Everyone checks their pockets to find they have a cell phone.

DEREK:

But I don't even own one of these. This isn't mine!?

PYDOPE:

We can use those to communicate with each other, but not to contact the outside world -

JUDE:

We're not playing your game.

A loud buzzing sound fills the room like from an alarm clock. Everyone turns around to see a computer monitor on a table in the middle of the room. A voice comes out from the monitor. There are also five light sabers on the table beside the monitor.

A voice starts talking.

PYDOPE:

So it begins. 20 more points...just 20 more points...

MONOCHROME:

You are all fucked. Dead. DEAD. DEAD. Well I decided to give you a second chance. Your lives belong to me now. I choose what you do with them. A life for a life. You're going to do something for me -

ALEX:
Fuck this shit.

MONOCHROME:
Never interrupt me when I am speaking. Oh, how rude of me. My name is Monochrome.

ALEX falls to the ground screaming, clutching his head.

DEREK:
Alex!?

ALEX:
My head - get out of my head!

MONOCHROME:
As I was saying before I was so rudely interrupted. Your lives belong to me now. You have to earn your freedom. (Arthur's face appears on the monitor's screen.) See this guy? He's a Zoroastrian.

JUDE:
I'm leaving.

PYDOPE:
Look around. Do you see any doors?

MONOCHROME:
Don't interrupt me.

JUDE starts choking.

MONOCHROME:
Now this guy you see a picture of. Looks like anyone you see walking down a street. Just your ordinary flesh bag of a human. Well he's not. And he's not supposed to be here either. So you're going to kill him for me.

DEREK:
This is a dream...

PYDOPE walks up to the table with monitor, grabs the light sabers and throws them to everyone.

PYDOPE:
Take these - you'll need them.

ALEX:
Why do we need these toys?

PYDOPE:
Just be careful where you point those things.

DEREK:

Wait did that thing say we have to kill someone!?

MONOCHROME:

Yup. Happy hunting.

Everyone is teleported to a park near a high school.

ALEX:

We're outside... Hey I live around here.

DEREK:

So do I...

PHIL:

Me... me too.

JUDE:

That's my school over there...

PYDOPE:

Yeah, Monochrome usually chooses people who are familiar with the hunting arena...

ALEX:

Fuck this shit. Let's leave. (Points to PYDOPE). You...you are so going to jail asshole. I just know you had something to do with this -

PYDOPE:

Shut up and look for the target. Monochrome wouldn't have teleported us here unless the target was near by...

DEREK:

Isn't that him there?

ARTHUR appears walking by.

ALEX:

I'm outta here.

ALEX tries leaving but starts choking.

PYDOPE:

Idiot, you're not going anywhere until the hunt is over.

PYDOPE turns on his light saber. Everyone freaks out.

JUDE:

Holy shit.

PHIL:

Cool, I love star wars.

DEREK:

Impossible...

ALEX:

It's a trick.

ARTHUR stops walking. And just stares at everyone.

PYDOPE:

Strange, they usually run. Fine, I'll finish this myself. All I need is 20 more points and I'm free.

DEREK:

Uh guys... You might wanna look around.

All of a sudden 5 more Arthurs appear.

PYDOPE:

Shit. A replicator! Turn on your weapons.

The Arthurs pull out laser guns and start shooting.

PYDOPE starts killing the Arthurs with his light saber, but more Arthurs just keep appearing. Eventually, DEREK and PHIL turn on their weapons and start attacking.

PHIL:

Holy shit, this is cool.

DEREK:

What The hell is going on!?!?!?

JUDE just fights with his fists.

Meanwhile, ALEX makes a run for it. A couple is walking in the park. ALEX starts yelling for help, but the couple ignores him.

PYDOPE:

Idiot, they can't see us. No one can.

PHIL loses his arm - gets it shot off. He falls to the ground screaming, but doesn't die.

Eventually all the Arthurs are killed and everyone is teleported back to the basement.

PHIL:

My arm is back!?!?!?

PYDOPE:

You can be cut up in pieces, but as long as you are still alive at the end of the hunt - monochrome will repair you...

ALEX:

This place again!?!?!?

DEREK:

What just happened?

JUDE:

Beats the shit out of me.

The loud buzzing returns. The voice starts speaking again.

MONOCHROME:

Time for the scoring. Pydope 25 points total.

PYDOPE:

15 to go.

MONOCHROME:

Derek - 1 point for 1 kill. Phil 1 point for one kill. Jude - next time use the fucking sword - the fact that you're still alive is a surprise - ½ points.

ALEX:

Get us the hell out of here!

MONOCHROME:

Alex - 0 points.

PYDOPE:

Oh well, nice knowing you...

ALEX:

What?

ALEX starts choking.

MONOCHROME:

You didn't do anything. You need points if you wanna stay alive...

ALEX chokes to death.

DEREK:

Holy shit. Alex.

PHIL:

But, he was just standing there...

JUDE:

How?

DEREK starts trying to give ALEX first aid but he's already dead.

MONOCHROME:

I told you - your lives are mine. Period.

DEREK:

You fucking maniac. You can't just kill people like that!

MONOCHROME:

Didn't you just kill someone a few minutes ago? Phil - you enjoyed yourself - you said it was cool.

PHIL:

I...I...oh ...my ...God...

PYDOPE:

I think they might need some motivation. Monochrome - display what happens if you get 50 points.

MONOCHROME:

- 1) You will be freed.
- 2) Your memories of the hunt will be erased.
- 3) You will be able to bring back one person from your memories.

DEREK:

This is a game!?!?!?

MONOCHROME:

Oh no, it is very real. This is your second chance at life. Don't blow it. I'll call you back here in a week. You can go for now.

Everyone is teleported out of the room.

DEREK wakes up in his bed.

DEREK:

A dream!? Yeah...a dream.

DEREK's mother walks into his room yelling.

MOTHER:

Where were you young man? You had us worried sick. We were looking for you for hours!!!

DEREK:

Mom!?

MOTHER:

The police called. Something about a car accident. You have a lot of explaining to do young man.

MONOCHROME:

Tell no one.

DEREK's mother doesn't hear the voice.

DEREK just screams.