

RIP: A Purga-Story

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A Feature Length  
Screenplay



**GENRE**

Dark comedy

**LOGLINE**

Derek, Dawn, and Jessie, a group of high school students, die in a car accident and are now faced with the task of navigating Purgatory while also trying to uncover a nefarious plot trying to get them sent to the Underworld

**BEAT SHEET PG. 1**

- Opening Image: Derek, Dawn, and Jessie are in their high school English class on the day they learn about Frank, preparing to give a presentation on *The Scarlet Letter*.
- Theme Image: While the three friends are giving their presentation, they discuss the subjectivity of what is considered "normal" and how it varies based on different groups. This is truly good or evil?
- Set-Up: The friends are sitting in a mall-sized after class. They make plans to go on a road trip to the best last year's book before graduating. They spend the rest of the day packing and leave that night.
- Catalyst: On their way, the friends are killed by a drunk driver and wake up in Purgatory. Damien, Adam, being through presentation, gives by Damien, reveals its connection to the leader of Purgatory, they learn that they are temporarily in Purgatory while they await their final judgment at the End of the Road.
- Break into Two: The car they died in is waiting outside. They all get in and start driving toward the location of the End of the Road. It is in the opposite side of Purgatory and must move quickly in order to make it there in one day. A large creature comes over them to restrain them from being they have.
- B Story: While trying to escape through Purgatory, the friends begin to see shadowy figures following them around as they try to figure out what they are trying to do.
- Funk and Giggle: The friends meet the first and people they've seen in Purgatory: Coby, Loretta, and Adam. They agree to try and join them in order to acquire more points that will hopefully help them get to the Abolish. However, Derek seems to be the only one gaining points while everyone else is losing them.
- Misadventure: After embarking upon an apartment building, Coby finally cracks and the rest of the group leaves that she accidentally killed him soon while drunk and that she is on her way to being sent to the Underworld.
- Bad Guys Close In: As Derek, Dawn, and Jessie see the innocent Loretta and Adam suddenly being proven to be the worst of their friends, they begin putting together that there is an evil plot being formulated by the leader of the Underworld for Damien to trick people into going sent to the Underworld. The three friends decide that they have to just survive as quickly as possible toward the End of the Road, where they hope that the leader of Purgatory, the Grand Survivor, will be able to help. They are drawn by the "shadowy

**BEAT SHEET PG. 2**

- figures" (Underworld that actually has not to be Damien's avatars from the Underworld). They are constantly, be hunted by light, but it does not ward them off forever.
- All is Lost: The three friends make it to the End of the Road, but they are stopped along the way. When they stop, they are misled people by Derek's Purgatory party that had been shown all over emergency presentation, but it is much bigger and much more complex. They try to make it through Derek's house, but they are drawn by long, wavy hallway and "purple glow" that are actually the Underworld. Dawn and Jessie repeat her mistakes they had made on the day, but to a much more severe degree. The basement full from the unrequited gestures of the crowd for an accident and the building opens within their finality - eventually, Derek, Dawn and Jessie succumb to their own, slowly being Derek by himself.
- Dark Night of the Soul: Derek eventually reaches the end of the house when Damien is waiting for him. He reveals to Derek that he had been secretly taking his scores each a high amount of points in order to save Derek and then offer him the "home in continued" position, assuming that he will be promoted to Grand Survivor after the his final, final, final.
  - Derek returns because he doesn't want to be without his friends. He escapes himself to being trapped by Damien in the Underworld.
  - Break into Three: Derek is being tortured in the Underworld. Damien is mocking him for the rapid down he made. Damien's final words revealed him, connecting it to him and making him for their death. Underworld is all around.
  - Final Image: As an attempt to get back toward Purgatory from the Underworld, Derek pulls out his last, remaining light. This causes Damien to panic. Derek was supposed to have a key to get to the Underworld because the Grand Survivor might see him as a warbler in the process and cause outrage. Damien tries to make it over Derek, but the Underworld, walking on to Damien's bad deeds, allows a narrow passage to Purgatory. This helps Derek, who is grateful. Damien reveals a part that leads to the darker depths of the Underworld. Derek was able to find his friends.
  - Final Image: Once Derek is reunited with Dawn and Jessie, the Grand Survivor does sudden descend to the Underworld to figure out what was happening. They all had about what Damien had been doing and are granted access to the Abolish where they can be together.

**INT. HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM - DAY**

**IT IS A QUIET, sunny day outside. The STUDENTS in the class are all sitting in groups of three or four around the classroom.**

**DEREK** - A tall, lanky 19-year-old, he appears nervous with his slight smile, but he has just only 10 minutes left with his friends. He is wearing a blue shirt with white stripes. He is wearing a blue shirt with white stripes. He is wearing a blue shirt with white stripes.

**JESSIE** - An 18-year-old with long, dark hair that's always pulled up, she has her eyes on a group of five students in the class.

There is a LAPTOP situated between all of them that is open to a presentation for the next class.

There's a group of three other STUDENTS at the front of the class giving their presentation.

**DAWN**  
You interrupted!  
I didn't expect which parts you're

Jessie nods hesitantly.

**DEREK**  
(whispering)  
or casual.

There is a small swarming of clapping from the rest of the class as the students finish their presentation.

Their TEACHER calls out from where he is standing in the back of the classroom.

**TEACHER**  
Derek, Dawn, Jessie - you guys are

Derek closes the laptop as the three friends all shuffle to the front of the classroom.

Dawn and Jessie stand awkwardly on either side of the board while Derek puts up their presentation on the computer.

Their teacher pulls out his pen and scribbles something down in it, unobscured.

Derek takes a deep breath as her anxiety becomes apparent on her face.

Jessie is looking at her nails, not paying attention.

Derek finally gets the presentation up. He turns to Dawn and gives her a big smile and a thumbs up.

Dawn gives her thumbs before beginning.

**DAWN**  
So, on this slide, we saw presentation on the first chapter of *Scarlet Letter*. It's the middle of the book, where Hester Prynne is being punished for having an affair with Dimmesdale. It's a really good book, so we should all read it. We should all read it. We should all read it.

She nods to Derek to change the slide. Derek looks to Jessie to say her part.

Jessie is clearly sign reading right off of the presentation and even then, she's doing a poor job of it.

**JESSIE**  
So, in the chapter I just read, we actually learned that Hester Prynne, she's a woman who had an affair with Dimmesdale. It's a really good book, so we should all read it.

Jessie takes a breath to say her, but Jessie herself on a loss for words. She looks to Dawn for help.

Dawn sighs and turns toward the class.

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So, in the beginning of the book, we're presented with this scary thing that Hester Prynne is doing. It's a really good book, so we should all read it. We should all read it. We should all read it.

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**DEREK** (COP'D)  
She reminds me of the wrongfull act she committed, representing torturing her, but is also a symbol of beauty. She represents something good that can come out of even the worst things.

Dawn crosses her arms and sighs, frustrated after having Derek talk over her. Once he is done, she goes to speak again, but Dawn has already gone on to the next slide. He cuts her off once again.

In chapters 1-11, things begin to change a little bit...