## MONSTROUS

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FADE IN:

INT. SCIENCE LAB - DAY

A beaker, test tubes and lab equipment clutter a desk. GARY (21), an ingenious science student mixes together a red colored liquid in a beaker.

ROSS (21), Gary's anxious friend sits at another table nervously watching the door.

ROSS

How much longer is that going to take?

Gary is engrossed in his work.

ROSS (CONT'D)

Gary.

GARY

Just two more drops of mercury... and once it mixes with the hydrofluoric acid it will produce a reaction of-

ROSS

Gary!

Gary finally looks up from his work.

GARY

What?

ROSS

We need to go. We're not supposed to be here.

Gary returns to his work.

GARY

Just one more minute.

Some rustling is heard from outside.

ROSS

Let's go!

GARY

The reaction is almost ready!

Ross grabs Gary and the fluid from the beaker spills onto Gary's hand. He yells in pain. Ross scrambles to hide the supplies on the table.

Ross pulls Gary down and they crouch down as someone passes by the room outside.

ROSS

Your experiments are going to be the death of us.

Gary looks at his hand in pain. Ross slowly opens the door and peeks outside and then motions with his hand.

ROSS (CONT'D)

Let's qo.

Gary and Ross slip out of the door. We move in to the beaker. The colored liquid still resides inside it.

Some rustling is heard outside. Gary suddenly bursts into the room and searches for the beaker. He locates it and downs it in a single gulp.

He winces and cries out in agony but quickly places the beaker down and sprints out of the room.

INT. GARY'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Gary lays in his bed. He tosses and turns as he tries to get to sleep. It's no use.

Gary suddenly rips at his hair and cries out in pain. He is drenched in sweat and his eyes are bloodshot.

INT. SCIENCE BUILDING - NEXT AFTERNOON

The school bell rings.

INT. SCIENCE LAB - NIGHT

Ross sits alone at the table finishing up an assignment. He packs up his backpack and prepares to leave.

He looks up to see a figure standing in the doorway. Gary slowly enters the room.

ROSS

Where have you been?

Gary's eyes are bloodshot.

GARY

There is something wrong with me. That mixture got into my system.

Ross grows nervous.

GARY (CONT'D)

It's changed me. It's like I'm a different person. The thoughts I possess aren't mine. I don't know what I'm turning into. And I don't like it. I'm really scared Ross. Because I'm not in control anymore and I want to stop but I can't. I just can't help it.

Ross is visibly terrified.

ROSS

Just relax Gary. We'll figure this out.

GARY

But we won't. I'm infected.

ROSS

Stop. Just stop Gary.

GARY

(Yells)

I cant!

Ross tries to run but Gary grabs him and wrestles him to the floor. Gary grabs Ross's neck and strangles him.

ROSS

(Losing breath)

...Stop.

Gary's eyes are a dark shade of crimson. He continues to throttle Ross until he takes his last breath.

Gary lets Ross's lifeless body hit the floor. He stands over his friend's dead body, surveying his work.

We pull out of the room and through the doorway as Gary tosses back his head and emits a monstrous roar.

He is now fully a monster, no trace of humanity left.

FADE OUT.