

I HEAR MY HEART BEATS LIKE THUNDER.

THE SOUND OF MY PULSE IS HARDER, LOUDER, THAN MY FOOTFALLS IN THE BRIAR.

RUN, MAX. NEVER STOP RUNNING.

IN THE DARKNESS, I CAN SEE THE ERASERS RIPPING THROUGH THE LOAM.

HALF-HUMAN, HALF-MONSTER, ALL BLOOD-THIRSTY, THEY'RE ON THE HUNT.

KEEP RUNNING, MAX. LEAVE THE SCHOOL BEHIND...



CLAWS AS SHARP AS SPLINTERED BONE, THEIR VOICES HOARSE AND EAGER--I CAN SMELL THE BLOOD ON THEIR BREATH, ALMOST TASTE THE VENOM ON THEIR TONGUES AS THEY GET CLOSER.



UNTIL--

I TOUCH THE PLACE WHERE MY LUCK RUNS OUT.



EVERY SENSE TELLS ME I'M ABOUT TO DIE.

I'M FALLING--

AND THEN--



I FLY.





ONE MORE  
DAY, MAX.

YOU'RE NOT  
DEAD YET.

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