

THE ABANDONED - SCRIPT SAMPLE

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COLD OPEN

OVER BLACKNESS

SNORTS and SNIFFS can be heard from a Pig.

A plastic bag RUFFLES.

A shard of glass SCRAPES against the floor.

FADE IN:

EXT. MOTORWAY - DUSK

A healthy looking PIG shuffles down a car filled, deserted motorway. There are some over-turned, as well as others smashed into the barriers.

The Pig sniffs around a toppled car. The glass from the windows are all over the floor, with droplets of blood.

The Pig sticks its head through the side door and pulls out a plastic bag full of mouldy goodness.

A CROSSHAIR from a rifle, aims directly at the Pig from a distance. A MAN controls his breathing, keeping his hands steady.

This is EDWARD, 30, rugged, unstable, visibly malnourished, with stained and torn apart clothes and a rucksack. A strap attached to the rifle hangs over one shoulder.

Edward peers down his sight and COCKS the rifle.

BANG! -- The bullet PENETRATES the car, inches from the Pig's head.

The Pig SQUEALS as it flees down the motorway.

Edward lowers the rifle and chases after it.

He hops onto a bonnet. The rifle and its strap spins around his body into his hands.

Edward takes a knee and steadies his arms. He closes one eye, looking down the sight with the other and takes a slow intake of breath.

BANG! -- Edward misses. The shot echoes into silence, while the Pig vanishes into the distance.

Edward slides off the car.

WHACK! -- Edward kicks the tyre. He falls to the floor, gripping his foot.

Edward looks up at the sky, catching his breath. It becomes apparent how vast this decrepit world is.

END OF COLD OPEN