

WORKING TITLE: **The Beckoning**

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**LOGLINE:**

*On an endless night, **6 complete strangers** get stuck on a bus, surrounded by nothing but darkness. The bus they're in, is incapable of moving. There's no connection, the radio doesn't work, and the light of the day never comes...*

The Beckoning is a twenty min **cosmic-horror short film**, that invites reflection about our existence, death, and the imperfections of human nature, associated with the scientific discovery of the Böotes Void. An inexplicable extension of empty space in our galaxy, with no mass or density. An abomination.

**CHARACTERS:**

- **Essie**, an university student who lost the love of her life too soo.
- **The Driver**, a middle-age conservative, racist man who works too much instead of being with his family.
- **Business-Woman**, who's work-aholic, dedicated her life only to her career and appearances, determined to climb the ladder, but is always unfulfilled.
- **The Punk girl**, an absent minded artist, driven by superstition. Lives in her own fantasy world instead of reality.
- **Homeless**. A nihilistic anarchist, who does not care about the world and only wants to have fun.
- **The Kid**. Who ran away from home. He is social, and the symbol of innocence and it's unsustainable existence

We all have our own idea on how the afterlife would be: Would it be heaven, hell, a dream or a nightmare. But what if there's nothing! What if we end up stuck, in an endless void? Forever.

What if we're imperfect beings, and in the end our reward is simply darkness.

The same we all know that we have inside.

**WRITER STATEMENT:**

The Beckoning came from the need to experiment different types of Horror, and explore a subgenre slightly different from Cosmic Horror.

The question is: Is the nihilistic sense of nothingness, able to scare us?

This is a horror short that invites reflection about our existence, death, and the imperfections of human nature. Shot almost entirely inside a bus.

*"We live in a Universe that encompasses billions of galaxies, and then we have this... I could say, abnormality! (...) this is the Böotes Void." (page 2 on the screenplay)*

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