Interception

Hi, my name is Joel. I play for the best high school football team (St Thomas Aquinas). I am their quarterback and currently hold the high school record for throwing an 80 yard touchdown. I have a girlfriend and her name is Nancy. Tomorrow we are going to homecoming together for the 3rd year in a row. Tomorrow is also our very big senior game.

I am very excited to play in this game because they are in 2nd place and we have already beaten them once before. I'm going to my girlfriend's house to pick her up, and I see things looking at me but I'm probably tripping. I picked her up to go to the drive-in movie theater to watch the shining. We figured we would do something since there is only a few days before halloween. While we watch it I start to just randomly see things looking at me and surrounding me.

I got a little spooked and said a quiet prayer but then I thought it was just my imagination. After the movie I brought her home and dropped her off. Then I proceeded to go to bed early for the big day tomorrow. I woke up at 10:30, and left the house by 11. I leave the house after breakfast to go to the school to get some workouts and practice with the boys and coaches before the big game later.

I go home at 1:30 from training to get a good lunch. After lunch I tried to spend some time with the family for a while since I have some time before the game. I leave the house at 3:00 to go to Nancy's place to hang out with her for a little bit before the game and homecoming.

On the way I think I haven't seen those things since last night, I must have been really tripping for sure. I got to her house at 3:30. Some of her family was there to watch the game and I talked to them. I played basketball with her little sister and caught the dogs. Me and Nancy managed to watch some of the show love island together before I had to leave.

I said bye to Nancy and everybody else to go to the field early so I left at 4:50. I like to go to the field earlier so I can mentally prepare myself for the big game that is going to happen very soon. It's 5:30 and everybody is all hyped up and cheering, some of the players talk to their families before this because it's one of our last games before playoffs and we're doing it to represent us seniors.

Before the coach calls up the seniors I see my family in the stands, I wave hello and then I see Nancy. I waved and then blew her a kiss. It was dark on the field, so they had to turn the pitch lights on. They call every senior up one by one while everybody is yelling because they appreciate us. At the end of the day I'm actually glad that I stuck with sports and noticed that school isn't really that bad at all.

The game starts with the kick off, we get it and already start rushing towards the endzone getting stopped shortly after getting the ball. At this point I'm in a state of hyperfocus throwing touchdowns left and right. They're also catching back up every time we make a mistake which is what I would expect if they were in second place.

In the fourth quarter we were down by 4 points, coach subs me in because we're in the offense and he pulls me aside and says " Joel its a good day to play football kid, everybody watching and you could really be the star here Joel. Everybody here believes in you, when you look at that crowd I want you to think that they are everything on this earth. If you imagine that

and you believe in them as much as they believe in you, you could really win us this whole game. Now come on kid you got this, get out there and win us that ball game¨.

I say to the coach yes sir I do believe and I will definitely win this ball game for us sir. I go on to the field and feel a cool breeze come upon me. I look into the crowd as everybody's cheering, amongst them I found Nancy. I looked at her and knew I was gonna make us win this ball game.

I yell ¨ready ready set hut¨ and the center huts the ball to me. I back up with the ball looking for any open receivers. I saw someone open and then I threw the ball. The ball looked like it had wings flying in the air as everybody was watching. As I watch it fly, in my peripheral vision I see that figure again. It's emerging onto the field, dodging through the players. Can nobody see it, what is going on?

The cryptic figure moved hastily and is now by the end zone and it goes and intercepts the ball. The field turns pitch black in a matter of seconds. Two spot lights turn on and it's me in the figure. Everybody else on the field is not moving and the crowd is as quiet as a mouse. The figure just stares at me and then I ask it ¨ What are you and why are you here¨ the figure doesn't say anything as it just stares into my soul. It finally moves, sprinting at me I start to yell and try to move, what I cant.

It's getting closer and closer. I close my eyes and pray to be safe, I open my eyes and I see Nancy standing there in her beautiful homecoming dress. I say to Nancy ¨Nancy what is going on, something was just trying to get me, why are you out on the field¨. She doesn't say a word and just walks to me and hugs me.

She finally says something and says im here for you because I love you Joel and nothing will ever separate us. She leans in for a kiss and we kiss. I close my eyes while kissing her and

when I open them I see the figure kissing me and I feel my heart pulsing until there is nothing left at all. Paramedics rushed on the field to see if I was alright.

They go to feel for a pulse and there is nothing, they start to do CPR and take off my pads and start to do it by my heart and where they did it they realised there was no heart there at all. My girlfriend and family came running onto the field crying and asking what was going on, why wasn't I waking up. My girlfriend was sobbing on my lifeless body and saying you did it, we scored the game winning touchdown and won.

I see the cryptic figure under a spotlight and my eyes open somewhere in me and it's not me who is alive somehow, it is him who has taken over my body.