

Last Night in Sturgis

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Logline

A man with a troubled childhood grows into adulthood and goes on a murder spree but is caught at a Bike Rally in South Dakota.

Character Description

Salas is a detective at the Fort Wayne Police Department. He gets sexually involved with Angelina under a false name but makes the mistake of going to her apartment to have sex with her after some sexual encounters in hotel rooms. He is assigned to investigate the series of murders happening in the area. He is not liked by his boss, and the feeling is mutual.

Angelina is Dan Davis's wife. She is sexually involved with Salas and gets caught in the act by her husband.

Dan Davis is Angelina's husband. He gets into a fight with Salas when he catches him with his wife. He ends up in a hospital after the brawl with Salas.

Albert is a school janitor who is also a biker. He attends the bike rally in Sturgis and is plagued by the trauma of his abusive childhood. He is responsible for the murders Salas is investigating and sees his father in every person he murders.

Kevin is a wealthy, short man that strives to get people's attention with his gears. He isn't popular in high school and begins earning money at an early age. He saves his friend's

business from collapsing, but the same friend is sexually involved with his girlfriend. He is Matt's uncle.

Matt is a former wrestler. He drops from wrestling due to injury and works for Kevin. He is overpaid to be Kevin's trainer in weightlifting and self-defense. He is Jericho's friend.

Jessica is an aspiring model who is involved with a boyfriend that lives with her. She goes to Sturgis to serve as a waitress, but her boyfriend is against it. She follows other pretty girls to Sturgis for the same job and meets Matt. He saves her from getting raped.

Three-Act Summary

Act One

- Salas notices Angelina, as everyone else did when she walks into Walgreens. He forgets his reason for being at the store when he sees her full lips and full figure in a dress meant to be big but snug against her body. He introduces himself as Brad when she tells him her name. They engage in sex some minutes later and continue to do so for several days.
- Salas is content with meeting in hotels, but he is wary of how much it costs him. However, he isn't willing to expose his identity. Salas receives a text from Angelina of an address to meet her, something unusual for them. He locates the address before the agreed time and scouts the surroundings before meeting Angelina in the second-floor apartment. They get right to business once Angelina is free.
- They are about to get in the act when they hear footsteps on the stairs. Salas asks if she has a boyfriend, and she tells him she is married. The husband can't believe what he sees and stops Salas from leaving despite his pleas. They get in a fight, and he gets knocked out. However, Angelina has called the police while the brawl is going on. Salas leaves the apartment and meets his colleagues on their way to the apartment.

- Albert is on his way to Sturgis for the Bike Rally held there annually. He enjoys riding bikes and times his annual vacation to coincide with the bike rally, even though it considerably affects his finances. He hopes to have a better time than he did the previous year when there was a low turn-out. He recalls his first time in Sturgis and how he falls in love with bikes and dreams of becoming a biker.
- He recalls his father's encounter with a reserved biker. He yells at the biker but ends up in a trash can. The biker is polite to him and his mother, sorry that they have to put up with his father. Albert is happy that someone put his father in his place, and he decides to do the same.
- Kevin prepares to attend the bike rally in Sturgis. He had attended before, with a Ducati, but he got no attention from anyone. Someone even insulted him because of his outfit. This time, he has a custom-fitted RV, the latest Harley bike, and a golf cart. He goes to Skip, his friend's bar, to get some alcoholic beverage supplies. He didn't see his girlfriend there. He will call Skip later.
- He hits the road with his nephew, Matt, and they meet his friend, Jericho, on their way to the bike rally.

Act Two

- Albert reaches Fort Wayne and decides to stop for a bite. He hoped he would be in Omaha by now, but the journey isn't going as planned. He sees an RV with a family descending from it. The father leaves and offers no support to his wife as she descends the RV stairs. Next comes a little boy who falls on his butt after just the first step. The father yells at the boy while his mother helps him up.
- They go into the Subway, Albert on their tail. He goes into the restroom and comes out to notice that the father has returned to the RV, leaving the mother and child to come to the vehicle by themselves. Albert decides to follow the man to their camp, putting him where he belongs.
- He tails the RV to their campground and pays with his credit card. He is reserving his cash for Sturgis. He makes his tent and watches as the man yells at his son again for

storing a chair poorly. He punishes the boy by depriving him of a swim and making him sit on the damaged chair.

- At midnight, the man comes out of his RV to have a smoke. He soon goes towards the shower house, and Albert follows him. The man relieves himself and exits the port-a-potty. Albert hits the man below his jaw with an ice pick. He stuffs the man's dead body into the holding tank.
- Matt and Kevin meet up with Jericho, and they continue their journey to Sturgis. Before long, they reach there amidst a host of bikes that are part of the rally. They soon settle in.
- RJ leaves prison and is reunited with Deuce. He hops on his bike, beside Deuce and they make for Sturgis. He has only a few things on his mind, freedom, food, and the touch of a woman.
- Jessica and three other girls leave their homes and head to Sturgis to serve as waitresses. Their managers tell them they can earn up to \$10,000 in a week. They reach a station and go into a store, where they are met with gazes from bikers. Some make passes at them, but they decline. They make it to Sturgis and settle in, ready to start their work.
- Salas is invited into his boss's office in the Police Department. He knows the report has gotten to the station about his encounter with Dan Davis, but he denies every accusation. Captain Green, his boss, assigns him to investigate the missing person situation at the campground. He also gets a rookie partner.
- Salas and his partner reach the campground, realizing that the missing person issue has become a murder situation. They rule out the deceased's wife as a suspect but have no leads to further the investigation.
- Albert's journey to Omaha was faster than he thought. He decides to stop at Sioux Falls and spend the night before continuing his journey. He checks a campground and notices a couple in an RV. The man yells at the woman, and he doesn't like that. He walks around the side of the RV and notices the woman sporting a blue eye. He is sorry for her.

He goes to the shower house and ponders how to put the husband in his place. He pulls off his blood-soaked, but now dry, shirt and throws it in the trash can.

- In the night, the husband is smoking a cigarette when Albert approaches him. He rudely asks what he wants, and Albert tricks him into looking at something besides the RV. He plunges his ice pick into the man's skull from beneath his mandible. He rolls the body in a carpet and pulls him to the rear of the RV.
- Salas is frustrated. There is no new information and no lead for his investigation. He prepares a report for the following day when his partner informs him of another murder in Sioux Falls, similar to theirs. He assigned his partner to dig up every unsolved murder in the recent past that bears similarity to theirs. He decides his weekend is over and leaves for investigation.
- Albert reaches Sturgis, checks into the campground, and notices an RV. It is owned by a loud, short man whose laughter he detests. It sounds like his father's. He sees two younger men, Matt and Jericho, with him, and he orders them around. He decides he will have to take care of the short man. However, two men came and put their tent next to the RV. The men are sons as far as he can tell.
- He watches as RJ is making some repairs on his bike. He thinks about going to help, which may help him get into a bike gang, but Kevin, the loud, short man, beats him to it. He watches as he invites RJ and Deuce into his RV. They have a beer and talk. He deduces he will have to kill Kevin in his RV bathroom. When RJ and Deuce leave his RV, he wants to go on and kill Kevin but cautions himself as Matt and Jericho may return soon.
- Albert is awake before others. His night was restless, and he peed himself during the night. He watches the men in Sons get on their bikes and leave. Later, the three men in the RV wake and come out, one after the other. Matt and Jericho rehashed their story of rescuing a girl from a rapist the previous night, and they will find them. That evening, Kevin gathers people and shares food and drinks while giving ladies necklaces to show him their boobs as he takes pictures of them.

Act Three

- Kevin leaves the RV that night and heads to the concert. Albert follows him everywhere he goes in the camp but finds no chance to have him alone. He pays for a zipline descent, even though he is afraid of heights. However, he misses getting Kevin on the other side among the many people.
- Salas is in his office, pouring over a computer when his partner informs of a list of similar murders. He lists the details of the murders, and they notice the killer is going after short people. They also deduce there is a correlation between the murders and bikes. A call to one of the deceased's wives informs them that their answer may be in South Dakota.
- Salas' partner digs up receipts and credit card use evidence linking campgrounds, bikes, and the dates of murder and their location. He comes up with a good result, and they visit a home that seems as though no one lives there, at least recently. They see pictures of mother and son, from which the father has been cut out. They find a woman's dead body with no bloodstain, bullet, or stab wounds. The toilet is filled with feces, and their journey to the basement tells them the occupant of that house is a bodybuilder.
- They find the dead woman's name and where she lives with her son, Albert. They take Ted, Albert's father, as a suspect because he comes around once in a while. They believe he must have raped or beaten her when he came.
- RJ saves Kevin by hitting Albert behind the head with a pistol while the latter goes for a pee. RJ informs him that Albert has been trying to kill him. People come around to witness what is happening, and Kevin takes responsibility for knocking Albert out to save RJ from trouble. The police inform Kevin that Albert is wanted for several murders, and he will not be charged.