OLYMPIC COLLEGE / SENIOR THESIS SHORT

LIGHTER

A gritty dark comedy thriller

LOOSELY BASED ON A TRUE STORY



NATHANIEL ONSTAGE / 2018

THE STORY

After getting pizza downtown, Noah and Hannah are followed by a guy who's convinced Noah stole his lighter. What starts out ridiculous turns terrifying when he presses a gun against Noah's chest. They get away, but Noah can't seem to leave what happened behind.

SHOOT WINDOW	REGION	STATUS
JAN 21-26, 2027	KITSAP COUNTY, WA	IN PRE-PRODUCTION

WHY I'M MAKING IT

I first told this story onstage the same week it happened to me. I've told it dozens of times since, mostly leaning into how ridiculous it was. The humor was easier to talk about than the fear. Making Lighter lets me show the part I kept leaving out.

WHERE THE HELP GOES

01 CREW FOOD & DRINKS
Five shooting days. Bagged lunches and a hot meal each day, plus water and snacks.

02 LOCATIONS & SAFETY
Location arrangements, permissions, and safety needs for the nighttime scenes.

03 PROPS & SUPPLIES
Wardrobe, set dressing, makeup, printing, and the small things that add up.

04 FINISHING THE FILM
Sound, post-production, and costs involved in getting the finished film ready to show.

If you're able to help financially, donate supplies, or connect me with somebody who can, I'd love to talk. Sharing the film with someone who might be interested helps, too.

LET'S TALK ABOUT LIGHTER

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