

ALIEN INVADERS

INT. MINIVAN - LATE AFTERNOON

HELEN MILLS (40), sporting a frazzled mom face, turns onto a cactus lined street marked with a sign: "ROSWELL'S ANNUAL ALIEN FESTIVAL", while her sons SHANE (13) and JOSH (7) bicker in the backseat.

SHANE

You can't pitch. You don't even know how to throw a knuckleball.

JOSH

Can so. You hold it like this.

Josh demonstrates by curling his right hand and fingers.

SHANE

Actually, you're supposed to put your index finger here.

Shane moves Josh's finger to show him the right position, but suddenly bends it back causing Josh to SCREAM in pain. Annoyed, Helen yells back at Shane.

HELEN

Can I trust you to take care of your brother or do I have to come with you?

She stops the van at the gates of the Fairgrounds where swarms of people enter. Shane quickly opens the door.

HELEN

WAIT!

Shane freezes. She hands him some money.

HELEN

You're in charge of Josh's money.

Josh TSKS in protest. Shane smiles at him wickedly as they get out of the van.

As soon as the van is gone, Shane pushes Josh away.

SHANE

That's where I want you tonight.
Don't crowd me.

A rough looking boy, BILLY (13) approaches Shane, they high-five one another.

BILLY

Hey! Shanerino!

Billy notices Josh standing a few feet away.

BILLY

What's he doing here?

SHANE

My mom made me bring him. But he
won't bother us.
(toward Josh)
Will ya shrimp?

Shane and Billy enter the gates and sprint toward a big tent marked, "ARCADE". Josh drags behind them.

INT. ARCADE TENT - LATER

The sound of video games fills the make-shift arcade.

Shane aggressively plays a game called "ALIEN INVADERS" while Billy cheers him on.

Next to them, Josh calmly plays the same game. He shoots his laser at a spaceship while he tries to deflect incoming lasers with his shield.

Shane's game ends. His spaceship lights up "GAME OVER" then flashes "YOU LOSE". He angrily kicks the machine.

Billy glances at Josh's screen, the spaceship lights up "GAME OVER" then flashes "YOU WIN - HIGH SCORE!!".

BILLY

Whoa. Shane, your brother just got high score.

Shane looks over in disbelief. He glares at Josh and pulls back his fist. Josh cowers. Shane's fist whizzes past Josh's face as he punches an Alien doll that hangs next to him. Shane and Billy laugh and walk away.

Josh quietly enters his initials for the high score.

EXT. GAME BOOTH - LATER

Alien dolls hang over two pyramids of milk bottles. Billy holds a baseball, winds up and throws. He misses.

SHANE

Ha ha! You stink! I'll show you how it's done.

Shane hands the nerdy looking BOOTH GUY (35), two dollars and gets three baseballs in return.

Shane pulls the ball to his chest, looks over at the bottles, winds up and throws. He misses the bottles and almost hits the booth guy, who has to duck.

Billy laughs as Shane throws two more times with no success. Out of balls, Shane reaches deep into his pockets and pulls out his last two dollars.

JOSH

Hey! You spent all my money?!
I didn't get to throw!

SHANE

Fine! Bet you can't do any better!

Shane slaps the two dollars down and the booth guy gives Josh three baseballs.

No fancy wind up, Josh just throws. He knocks them all down. Shane's face begins to redden. Billy watches in amazement as Josh repeats this two more times.

BOOTH GUY

The little man got three in row!
You get your choice of any prize.

Josh gazes at the hanging treasures. He points to a large blue Alien doll. The booth guy pulls it down.

BOOTH GUY

Good choice kid.

JOSH

Hey, what's that?

He points to an alien mask that was hidden behind the blue doll.

BOOTH GUY

Oh yeah. That's the last one I got.
It's a beauty. Even has built in gamma
protectors in the eyes.

The booth guy takes it down. Josh studies the awesome mask. The guy places three more balls in front of Josh.

BOOTH GUY

You also get a free turn.

Shane grabs the balls, Josh doesn't seem to care.

SHANE

I'm throwing again!

While Josh stands in front of the booth admiring his mask, Shane winds up and throws the ball.

Josh looks up. A blinding light appears behind Shane's head accompanied by a high pitched sound. Everyone SCREAMS and covers their eyes and ears. He thinks fast and puts the mask on.

Through the eyes of the mask he sees that the light is actually a spaceship and its shooting lasers. He scrambles as the lasers hit the ground around his feet.

Billy and Shane run into the booth to hide but Josh jumps on the counter, reaches up between the hanging alien dolls and grabs a shield and a laser gun.

He skillfully deflects the incoming lasers with his shield. At the same time he shoots back at the ship.

The boys and the booth guy cower under the counter. They look up and watch Josh in awe.

He hits the ship with multiple shots and suddenly, it goes silent. It then lights up with the words "GAME OVER" then flashes "YOU WIN".

Shane, Billy and the booth guy stand up and cheer. Shane puts his arm around Josh.

SHANE

You're alright Josh. You're
alright Josh. You're alright. . .

Josh takes off his mask. His vision is blurred. He
tries to focus and sees Shane leaning over him.

SHANE

He's awake! You okay Josh?

Josh struggles to sit up, Shane helps him out. He has a
huge welt under his eye and looks groggy.

JOSH

What happened?

BILLY

(laughing)
Your brother nailed you with the
baseball!

SHANE

Shut up! It was an accident!

BILLY

Ahh. You're just mad cus your little
brother is better than you.

SHANE

Yeah, he's pretty cool.

JOSH

You mean it?

Shane smiles, helps Josh stand and dusts him off. He
reaches down, picks up Josh's mask and hands it to him.

JOSH

You know, mom is gonna kill you.

SHANE

Yeah, I know.

JOSH

I think we should blame Billy.

Shane tussles Josh's hair as they walk toward the exit.