

The Secret Stake Society Chronicles Pitch

SHOW TITLE:

The Secret Stake Society Chronicles (also known as TSSS)

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/TotallyTSSS/>

GENRES:

Fantasy, Supernatural, Horror, Drama

NUTSHELL:

A Buffy the Vampire Slayer meets Vampire Diaries meets Mean Girls meets The Lost Boys.

FORMAT:

8 x 30' Serialized.

CREATOR:

Robert J. Butler (IG: @darthvtx / FB: @rjbdirector)

BACKGROUND & KEY CREDITS:

Robert J. Butler started creating original content in 2018 and was inspired by a Star Wars film contest to create his first short film called "Vader: A Fan Film." He learned many valuable writing, producing, filming, and distribution lessons including promoting projects through film festivals. In late 2020, he wrote, directed and produced his first short film called "Real. Again." about two girls from a small TX town looking to escape for a better life but face consequences from their decisions. This was his first budgeted (\$10k) cast and crew production and won Best Women's Issues Film from the London Indie Festival and Best LGBTQ Short at the Rotterdam Independent Festival. His short was officially selected/semi-finalists in more than six other festivals in 2021.

KEY COLLABORATOR:

Natali Jones is the 1st AD and Associate Producer for TSSS. She has tv/film background in acting and crew positions of over 20 productions including several large budget films such as "I am Legend."

LOGLINE:

A popular 1980s high school girl, secretly struggling with her mental health, seeks a cure by creating a day-dream world, but finds herself threatened by classmates turned Vampires in the world she created.

TAGLINE:

Dreams give FRIGHT but reality BITES!

STORYLINE:

Macy James is a down to earth Junior who attends Cambridge Prep (CPrep) All Girls High School nestled in an affluent Dallas area suburb in the 80's. She's a classic all-American girl who enjoys art, sports (volleyball) and all things horror

and occult. But with all the good in her life, Macy secretly struggles with her mental well being.

Her therapist encourages Macy to sleep, taking naps and daydreaming to help self medicate and plants in her mind a way to manifest her struggle into something she would love to fight -- monsters.

While dreaming, her classmates turn into something more sinister and frightening -- Vampires. Macy's best friend, Bri is an energetic and intelligent freshman who helps Macy both in her dreams and in the real world.

There's a mysterious new girl, Sonya Asrid, at CPrep who has everybody talking. But Sonya has a secret - she's a Vampire. Well, at least in a Vampire in Macy's dreams. When bodies start turning up all over CPrep, Macy fears the worst. Does her dreams that are helping her cope with life actually turning into reality?

Both Macy and Bri know something is not right. Together, they discover the ultimate weapon hidden in the school basement - the Secret Stakes, well actually, old smelly cross swords made of some hard wood and weird metal. They decide to form The Secret Stake Society to fight the threat to their school.

Bri urges Macy to confront Sonya and she knows she should, so what's stopping her? Is it Sonya and her intimidating school gang called The Lost Girls? She may resist Sonya's bite, but can she resist her powerful charms?

STORYLINE CONTINUED:

As Macy slips into a daydream -- Her and Bri start snooping around when they find the grave site of none other than their Headmistress -- the scary Akeldama Bronwen. This foreboding principle seems to have a firm grip over the school and gives the distinct impression she leads Sonya and The Lost Girls in all types of nocturnal behavior.

Macy and Bri confront Bronwen, Sonya and The Lost Girls at the cemetery and battle for what they believe is Macy's mental health. If she dies in her dream she will die in the real world. The stakes could never be higher. Seemingly outnumbered, the Vampires circle Macy and Bri, but without warning, a Vampire classmate is vanquished, not by Macy or Bri, but by Amelia Spark -- known around school as "Sissy", a loner who for some reason can see the Lost Girls as Vampires both in Macy's dreams and in the real world.

Macy and Bri immediately induct Sissy into the Society and one by one they kill off each Vampire. Macy using her Secret Stake Swords, Bri using her Holy Crossbow and Sissy with her Blessed Shotgun leaving only Bronwen left. With a snap of her long spike tipped fingers, Macy wakes out of her dream resetting everything back to normal in the real world as her sister, Clair barks for her to get ready for school.

But Macy is not back at High School but at a nursing home, much, much older and by her side is Bri, also much older. Macy looks at Bri, herself and the picture of her and her classmates from High School. In the corner of the room, deep in the closet, are her Secret Stakes.

PHOTOS:

Poster



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Cast at WeebCon 2021



Cast at Retro Expo 2021



CHARACTERS

Macy James - Quirky, pretty blonde junior at Cambridge Prep All Girls School (CPrep), popular in school but tends to keep to her closes friends, loves everything supernatural related and volleyball.

Bri Zurie - Energetic pixie, supernatural bookworm and best friend to Macy.

Sonya Asrid - mysterious new girl in CPrep who has everybody talking.

Akeldama Bronwen - Headmistress of CPrep and Queen of the undead.

The Lost Girls (Amberjill, Godiva, Gelda) - the Mean Girls of CPrep who have an unnerving feeling about them to all their classmates except to Sonya, whom they seem to follow.

Amelia Spark “Sissy” - Loner at Cambridge Prep that can seen her teen classmates as Vampires even when Macy is awake.

Clair James - younger sister to Macy who knows about Macy's dreams.

PRODUCTION:

We have produced a short film to introduce the characters and the world they live. This was funded by Robert J. Butler and a successful Kickstarter campaign to create the "Cold Open" scene. We plan to launch the next Kickstarter Campaign to help fund the pilot episode or position the show concept to attract executive producers and studios to partner in production.

SHORT FILM URL: <https://youtu.be/Gizc3djLQrE>

CAST & CREW (TX based):

CAST:

Macy James - Karli Gabrel - IG: @kgabrel08

Bri Zurie - Lexi Graves - IG: @lexigravesofficial

Headmistress Akeldama Bronwen - Alisha Griffin - IG: @alisha.griffin_stagram

Sonya Asrid - Cassidy Aurora Gordon - IG: @cassidyauroragordon

Amelia Spark "Sissy" - Alice Wren - IG: @alicewren_

Clair James - Eve Katherine Quarm

The Lost Girls - Amberjill - Morgan Raine - IG: @modelmorganraine

The Lost Girls - Godiva - Marie Taylor - IG: @psychedelicseduction

The Lost Girls - Gelda - Makayla Goos @makaylalyng

CREW:

Writer/Director/Producer - Robert J. Butler - IG: [@darthvtx](#)

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