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Title	Zaton (Backwater)
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Format	Full-length feature film
Genre	Psychological thriller
Tagline	Don't scream, or you'll wake it up.
Target audience	16+
Logline	In an attempt to cure his six-year-old son's unknown mental disorder a retired psychiatrist moves to a secluded country house by the backwater. Soon the disorder gets out of hand and threatens the whole family.
Synopsis	<p>Vadim had been a brilliant children psychiatrist until he failed to cure a six-year-old from patient from a strange mental disorder, and the boy died. Vadim was forced to resign.</p> <p>When Vadim's own son Olya turns six, he starts manifesting the same strange symptoms. In order to treat their son Vadim and his wife Ira move to a secluded country house by the backwater.</p> <p>The family rents this house from a Boater who lives at an abandoned tourist camping sight nearby. As the local rumor has it, the Boater went mad after his little son drowned in the backwater years ago.</p> <p>To her surprise, Ira learns that the Boater's little son was her husband's last patient - the one Vadim had failed to cure. She realizes Vadim has brought their family here on purpose.</p> <p>Little Olya complains there is a 'stranger' living in the house with their family, and this 'stranger' scares him. Vadim thinks this is yet another manifestation of the mental disorder his son suffers from, until one night he sees the 'stranger' with his own eyes...</p> <p>Now it is up to Vadim to save his family from the unknown soul-consuming evil - or die trying.</p>
Visual Material	Prospective director's showreel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkuhXheW4gU&feature=youtu.be
Stage of Project	Screenplay (third draft)
Author's Notes	The script is written in Russian but can be translated into English by the author. The project was presented at the Russian Debut Film Market at the Kinotavr Film Festival in 2016.
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