



**"I became insane, with long  
intervals of horrible sanity."  
Edgar Allan Poe**

# Horrible Sanity

A Screenplay  
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## Executive Summary

- **TITLE:** Horrible Sanity
- **LENGTH:** Feature film
- **GENRE:** Horror
- **BUDGET:** Less than \$3 M
- **SHOOT:** Ready for shooting
- **CHARACTERS (2 Main, 4 Supporting)**
  - Cade
  - Julie May/Alicia
  - Uncle Efram
  - Old' Nat
  - Grandpa

### **LOCATIONS (6)**

- Farm House
- Swamp House
- Swamp
- Swamp Pool
- Bridge
- Car

### **Logline**

**CADE**, abandoned by his mother, comes to his grandfather's farm where he's not overly welcome. He meets an alluring girl, **JULIE MAY**, who tells him of treasure hidden in an old house in a nearby swamp. She tempts him to go there, though **GRANDPA**, forbids it.

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**Cade**



**Grandpa**

**CADE's father was killed in the War and he is abandoned by his mother, who runs off with a Strange Man.**

**He comes to his GRANDFATHER's farm where he's not overly welcome.**



**Nat**

**Uncle Efram  
Before His  
Injury**



**He is welcomed by OL' NAT, the Farm hand who was his fishing companion when he lived there as a boy.**

**Cade's UNCLE EFRAM was like a father to Cade. But, Efram turned to crime, killed a bank guard and was blasted by a police shotgun.**

**Efram got away with the help of his girlfriend, ALICIA, but was reported drowned in the swamp.**



**Julie May**

**Swamp  
House**



**Rumor says that before Efram died,  
he hid a fortune in the old,  
abandoned Swamp House.**

**Cade meets a mysterious girl, Julie  
May, and he is fascinated with her.**

**She uses her sexual wiles to persuade  
him to go to the Swamp House to  
seek the treasure (against his  
grandfather's will).**



**Uncle Efram  
In Swamp  
House**



**Ol' Nat  
Keeps  
Him Alive**

**There, they encounter Cade's Uncle Efram, terribly disfigured.**

**They find that Ol' Nat has been keeping him alive, taking him food.**

**Cade is shocked, and in spite of Efram's terrible disfigurement, he finds he still loves his uncle.**

**Efram seems sane but tells Cade he is really insane, dangerous and terribly hurt when periods of sanity return.**



**Uncle Efram's Stolen Money**



**Violent Storm – Julie May is Missing**

**Seeing Cade brings back Efram's sanity -- and his pain.**

**Julie May asks Efram where the money is. Her presence seems to inflame Efram's anger and his insanity returns.**

**He chases them out of the house and disappears.**

**A sudden, violent storm strikes and Julie May disappears, taken by Efram.**



**Cade and Julie  
May Escape  
the Storm**



**They find a  
Treasure Chest  
Uncovered by  
the Storm**

**Cade searches for Julie May and has a  
confrontation with Efram.**

**He finds her and they escape as the  
old house is torn apart by the storm.**

**They think Efram died in the storm.**

**Cade and Julie May find a treasure  
box uncovered by the storm.**



**Efram hands  
Cade a  
Revolver**



**Put him out  
of Misery**

**Efram approaches them, alive and  
sane.**

**He gives Cade a revolver and asks him  
to put him out of his misery.**

**Cade can't do it.**

**Efram, The  
Monster**



**Alicia**

**Efram becomes a monster and  
charges Cade.**

**Cade shoots Efram dead.**

**He discovers that Julie May is really  
the ghost of ALICIA, Uncle Efram's  
girlfriend who Efram killed in an  
argument over the treasure.**

**Alicia wants him – calls him  
"Efram".**



**Wrecks  
his car**



**Flaming Alicia**

**Cade escapes Alicia, takes the  
treasure, buys a new car and drives  
away.**

**Suddenly, there's a presence beside  
him in he car. It's Alicia! She wants  
the treasure -- and him.**

**He wrecks the car. Alicia is trapped  
in the flaming wreckage.**

**He ignores her and saves the money,  
but -- he's followed by the flaming  
image of Alicia!**



**Grandpa's Farm**



**A Shocking  
Finale**

**Cade returns to his Grandfather's farm.**

**Grandpa must face the awful truth  
about Efram.**

**The gripping story of Cade and Julie  
May leads to a shocking twist in the  
finale.**

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