

Scarlet Reign

Short Film Trilogy Lookbook
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Tag Line

She weighs death and judgement.

Log Line

A woman has the power to heal, but she must decide who to heal and why.

The Pitch

Scarlet can heal people and is able to see when they are close to death. With the power to see when death comes, Scarlet also knows the fate that awaits when that person dies. Meeting death angels when she was sixteen Scarlet is aware that everyone does not get the same greeting into eternity. Scarlet spends her days chasing Death that leads to hell. It is Scarlet's mission to save as many lives as possible and to tell them about what they just escaped and to turn from their evil ways through repentance and giving their life to Christ. One day as Scarlet chases Death she realizes that he is going after her estranged younger-sister Jade. Jade is the rebellious child. She plays the victim and never takes responsibility for her actions. Scarlet healed her once when Jade was a teenager, because she was stabbed after starting a fight. Jade has an extensive list of misdeeds and currently has a target on her back, because of blackmail. Jade never bought into the whole God and Jesus story, because losing her mom at ten years old was enough for her not to believe in God. Scarlet confronts her sister. She tells her to repent and that she's about to die. Jade shrugs Scarlet off by mocking her beliefs and unwilling does not repent. After Jade does not listen to Scarlet, Jade is shot in the head by a sniper and Death takes her to hell instantly. This is the first part of the trilogy. In a flashback we see Scarlet and Jade's mom Renee die from cancer and this is where Scarlet meets the death angels that lead to Heaven and they give Scarlet the power to heal.

In the next part it's revealed about all the corruption behind Jade's blackmail and why she was killed, because she uncovered the truth of a scheme that had lots of powerful leaders and executives connected to theft of innocent people's money. Scarlet tries to find the truth, but her tracks always come to an end, due to the police covering up evidence. Scarlet continues to follow Death. As she follows Death one day it is revealed that the new death angel for hell is Jade. Scarlet, overwhelmed even more by grief, comes up with a plan to tap into the full potential of her powers. We will see more backstory into Scarlet and Jade's upbringing and see their relationship with their mother Renee.

The concluding chapter of the trilogy Scarlet tries to unearth the truth surrounding Jade's death. Scarlet chases Jade to prevent more people from going to hell as she continues to learn about resurrection. It is revealed in the final chapter that as Renee went to heaven, she forgot that she had two daughters, and we learn that Jade's fate at that moment was sealed. While practicing resurrecting the dead, Scarlet discovers her power to heal allows her to move at any speed to heal, which could have been handy when her sister was killed. Scarlet refers to scripture to learn more and to tap into faith. One day while Scarlet is driving Jade appears in the middle of the highway. There is a huge accident and Jade moves fast taking souls to hell. Scarlet moves swiftly trying to heal as many as possible. She finds five people who didn't make it and were taken to hell by Jade. Feeling defeated Scarlet stands in faith and resurrects all five lost souls. With realizing what she can do, Scarlet goes to the cemetery and commands Jade to come forth. Jade breaks free from the grave and turns her life over to Christ. She and Scarlet team up to solve Jade's murder. Back in time as Renee passes she remembers both her daughters.

Synopsis (Film One)

Scarlet, around 35, stands in her sister Jade's, around 29, work office. Death stands in the corner, preparing a dark portal to take Jade to hell. Scarlet is there to warn Jade of her impending doom. Jade scoffs at Scarlet and is then shot in the head and Death to hell takes Jade's screeching soul into her dark eternity. Scarlet is distraught. After making her way back to her apartment the same night as her sister's death, Scarlet looks at a picture of her, Jade and their mother Renee when they were younger, and she reflects on the night she got her powers. In a flashback we see ten-year-old Jade asleep on the sofa of the room and sixteen-year-old Scarlet laying by her mother's bedside. Renee draws her last breath and a light fills the room and two angels appear to receive Renee into Heaven. Scarlet wakes up and sees them along with her mother and at first panics. Scarlet runs over to the light and then she's calm, she's filled with overwhelming joy and peace like she's never felt. The angels realize that Scarlet can see them, and they bestow her with a gift to heal and they warn Scarlet that everyone does not receive the same welcome into eternity. The light fades and Scarlet realizes the meaning of their words. In the present day, Scarlet wakes up to the sun shining in her face. She makes coffee and then a knock on her door. It's detectives Doster and Wesley, who Scarlet knows by helping with the police force. They question Scarlet about Jade and if she had any known enemies. Scarlet tells the detectives that Jade always made enemies easily. In a flashback we see the first time Scarlet had to heal Jade for starting a fight with a girl named Amber. Amber stabs Jade in the stomach and Death to hell is there about to receive Jade, but Scarlet heals Jade first. Scarlet tells the detectives that instead of being grateful for being alive, Jade retaliated against Amber by setting her car on fire. The detectives when was the last time Scarlet saw or spoke to Jade before the day of her death. Scarlet recounts and we flashback 3 weeks earlier. We see Scarlet tracking Death to hell. She follows Death to a house and it's a couple arguing. The wife pulls out a gun and shoots her husband. Scarlet breaks in the house as Death to hell opens his portal, but Scarlet heals the man first and tells them both about their fate if they don't change. Death to hell disappears and Scarlet runs after him. She loses sight of him until she hears in a distance an accident that occurs. Around the corner and man was hit by a car and passerby's all run to his aid. The woman who hit him is distraught. Scarlet runs over and sees Death to hell with his portal open. Scarlet heals the man. Death screeches and moves along. Scarlet asks a minister that's among the crowd to witness to the man and anyone who was lost in the crowd. Scarlet runs after Death. Scarlet looks back to the crowd and sees her sister Jade walking across the road chatting with a co-worker as she heads to work. The story now goes with Jade. Jade is excited about a possible promotion.

After her troubled past Jade tried to become productive in the workplace and was an excellent employee. At the meeting Jade is passed over for a younger less experienced employee and she's hurt and dumbfounded but was told the decision was unanimous and it crushed her even more. In her office Jade tries to work and her retiring supervisor, Sue, comes in to wish Jade good luck on the vote and to let her know that as an outgoing board member of the company that Sue gave Jade her vote. Jade thanks Sue and Sue leaves. Then Jade realized that the CEO of the company said the decision was unanimous. Jade goes to the IT guy, Thomas, she's been flirting with to get him to retain information. That evening after work Jade goes to her car and Scarlet enters. They have a pleasant conversation for the first time in years. Scarlet tells Jade to be careful and that she's praying for her. Jade laughs and Scarlet leaves. Jade goes back to her office and Thomas tells her he's found something. She goes to Thomas' office and he shows her emails of all the votes and that she won but was looked over because she didn't have a relative on the board but then Thomas shows Jade something else. Thomas found evidence of an insurance scheme embedded in the records to where the company had been making millions. Jade takes the information and blackmails the CEO and the Chair of the Board to be made partner of the firm.

We come back to the beginning of the film. Scarlet is chasing Death to hell and she realizes Death is after Jade again. Scarlet pleads with Jade and Jade is killed. We see the sniper on the roof collect his things and lets the Chairman of the board know the deed was done. Scarlet leaves the scene. The police arrive, and we see detective Doster remove evidence from Jade's office of the scheme. Doster calls the CEO and lets him know she got the information. The CEO is with Thomas the IT guy and he tells Thomas to wipe Jade's computer.

Characters

Scarlet – 35-year-old woman who has piercing blue eyes and red hair; has the ability to heal.

Jade - 29-year-old woman. Scarlet's younger sister who is killed due to blackmail.

Renee – Scarlet and Jade's mother. She dies of cancer.

Death to Hell – A fallen angel who takes unsaved souls to hell.

Sue – Jade's retiring supervisor. The closest thing to a mother figure.

Thomas - IT guy for the company Jade works for.

Derek – Co-worker of Jade's who gets promoted over her.

Doster – A corrupt detective.

Wesley – A detective for the local police. An honest guy.

CEO – Jade's boss and corrupt leader.

Chairman of the Board – The mastermind behind Jade's death.

Producer's Statement

A prayer through faith can allow us to witness a miracle and tap into the supernatural. This is the story of Scarlet. She has faith she can do the impossible and she believes without a shadow of a doubt that God is real, and the power given by Christ is for her to operate in.

The story of Scarlet follows the modern-day superhero genre, but Scarlet doesn't consider herself a hero she's just trying to tell the people the good news before it's too late. This is also a story about family and two sisters who grew apart but will come back together united as a force to be reckoned with for good on earth.

Theme & Tone

The theme and tone for this trilogy will be dark and suspenseful until the final chapter, which will feel more hopeful after Jade's return. Still would like for the films to have a very realistic feel like *Jessica Jones* and/or *Supernatural*.



Locations



Filmmaker's Bio

Sheena Vaught is a filmmaker from southeastern North Carolina. Growing up and having a passion for film and storytelling, Sheena earned a Film Studies degree from the University of North Carolina Wilmington, where she learned much about the history of cinema, production and film criticism.

Sheena's first film that she wrote, directed and composed was an experimental film entitled *Water* (2010). Sheena went on to direct two documentaries, *Colestine* (2011) and *God In My Fingers*, the latter still being a works-in-progress, screened at the Cucalorus Film Festival as well as the Cultural Spirit Online Film Festival.

Having her heart set on narrative directing, Sheena pursued a career as a script supervisor, working on feature films such as *Frat Brothers* (2013), *The Perfect Summer* (2013) & *Adrenaline* (2015) to name a few. As a script supervisor Sheena was able to learn firsthand about film directing and is now writing and producing more short films to market herself as a viable director. Her first narrative project, titled *The Fervent*, completed filming in June 2016. Sheena is currently in development for her newest project *Scarlet Reign*, set to film in 2018.