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Lipko Park

An original television Series Bible, Pilot Script and Episode 2 Treatment by James Dunnison



Lipko Park is a six-part television murder mystery. It tells the story of a 36-year-old named JOE and his relationship with his mentally ill, bedridden father, MAX LIPKO. Max was charged with the gruesome murder of Joe's maternal grandfather in 1985, but was eventually exonerated due to lack of evidence.

The case went cold.

Now, 35 years later, Joe has been burdened with Max's care. Max is holed up in a rented hospital bed in Joe's spare room, paralyzed from the waist down. Joe is struggling with both the medical bills and the emotional drain of Max's belligerent, manipulative personality. Joe decides to investigate the cold case himself, secretly intending to prove that his father *did* commit the murder and to get his dad out of his life once and for all.

With themes of landscape as metaphor, class struggle, doing the right thing versus doing the lawful thing, identity, and family as both a blessing and a curse, *Lipko Park* is part *True Detective*, part *The Night Of* and part something very personal.

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