In THE PACT (opening theatrically today and also on VOD from IFC Films), Casper Van Dien plays Bill Creek, a small-town police officer embroiled in a supernatural mystery. It’s the latest authority-figure role for the actor, who plays a similar part in the upcoming SHIVER and served as an executive producer on STARSHIP TROOPERS: INVASION, the latest sequel to the sci-fi epic in which he starred—and he discussed all three roles with Fango.

THE PACT (written and directed by Nicholas McCarthy, based on his well-received short of the same title) stars DEATH VALLEY’s Caity Lotz as a young woman who returns to her childhood home following her mother’s death. As she tries to solve the mystery of her sister’s disappearance in the same house, she enlists Creek’s help in confronting the house’s horrible history. In Julian Richards’ SHIVER, Van Dien’s Detective Delgado becomes involved in the case of a serial killer (played by WOLF CREEK’s John Jarratt) and his latest potential victim (Danielle Harris), while INVASION (coming August 28 from Sony Pictures Home Entertainment) is the first animated feature in the STARSHIP TROOPERS franchise, for which Van Dien played heroic Johnny Rico in the first and third movies.

FANGORIA: Can you tell us a little bit about THE PACT’s Bill Creek?

CASPER VAN DIEN: He’s a cop who’s had some life experience, and is kind of a rougher-edged guy. He maybe sees salvation in helping this girl played by Caity Lotz, and it’s about the struggle that goes on with actually stepping up and being there to help someone. He’s had his own struggles in his life, at least with what I’ve put into this character. Some if it was already written, and some of it came from my own imagination and the things I’ve been through in my life. This character has wrestled with alcohol, and I’ve had my own battles with that in the past, and with relationships, and I’ve had struggles with that too. And then dealing with children—there’s a line where he says to this girl that she reminds him of his daughter, and I could totally relate to that, being a father of four daughters and one son, and knowing what it’s like to got through that.

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