

"TAM OF THE FOREST"

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FADE IN:

EXT. MOUNTAINSIDE FOREST - ESTABLISHING SHOT - DUSK

Night slowly falls on a remote forest.

CUT TO:

EXT. MOUNTAINSIDE FOREST - DUSK

TAM, 3, gray wolf, and RICHARD, 4, gray wolf, tear chunks of meat out of a dead deer, and nibble on it.

BEAVERS sprint through the forest, looking for food, but the wolves are not paying attention.

They pull another lump of meat out of the deer's body, and munch on it. Richard jerks a loaf of meat out of the deer's body, and inhales it.

Tam opens her mouth, and grabs AN OTTER with her mouth. She chews the otter to death before consuming it.

Richard HOWLS, causing the remaining otters to sprint toward a bush, and hide behind it.

Tam and Richard sprint toward the edge of the river, and drink out of the river as if they were extremely parched.

RACOONS weave their way through the forest, only to be chased by a MALE FOX.

FOOTSTEPS can be heard in the background, but no one notices.

A FEMALE FOX walks up to the river bank, and licks water straight out of the river.

A BEAVER pops out of nowhere, climbs a tree, and eats leaves straight off a branch.

The FOOTSTEPS grow louder and louder.

A FLASHLIGHT'S GLOW interrupts the darkness of the forest, revealing THE HUNTER'S SHADOW.

The glow enables The Beaver to climb down the tree, and slip into an underground hole before anyone can hunt it down.

The Hunter creeps further into the forest, with his shadow growing larger and larger as he closes in on Tam and Richard.

Tam and Richard continue sipping water straight from the river.

The Hunter walks up to Tam and Richard, takes out a dart, and points it at Richard.

He takes a deep breath, and fires the dart.

The dart strikes Richard's rear body.

Richard HOWLS. He and Tam run through the forest, and disappear through a bush.

The dart can be seen sticks out of Richard's lower body.

CUT TO:

EXT. DESERTED FIELD - NIGHT (CONTINUOUS)

Tam and Richard weave their way through the bush, and charge toward JANET, 10, brunette, dressed in a white shirt and black jeans, as she picks grass off a bush.

Richard stares directly at Janet, but the dart immobilizes him just as he opens his mouth.

Janet SCREAMS in horror. She closes her eyes, sits on the grass, and kneels her head in between her legs.

The Beavers run past Janet before disappearing into an underground hole.

A FEMALE DEER strolls through the field before disappearing back into the forest.

Tam rubs her head against Richard's, comforting him as his body becomes tranquilized. He blinks before turning his head, and glancing at Tam.

Janet lifts her head up, and sees Tam and Richard embracing each other. She gets up, and walks slowly toward Richard.

She stops, and FREEZES. She takes three deep breaths to calm herself down.

A FLASHLIGHT'S GLOW briefly appears before fading into the forest, enabling Janet to see the dart piercing Richard's lower body.

Janet walks up to Richard's body, and leans forward. She reaches for the dart, and grabs a hold of it.

Tam GRUNTS, causing Janet to GASP, and let go of the dart.

Janet steps back, and FREEZES as if she's going to be hunted herself.

She closes her eyes, and takes two deep breaths.

Janet reopens her eyes, steps up to Richard, and grabs a hold of the dart with her right hand.

Janet pulls on it, but the dart won't come out.

She lets go before putting both hands on the dart. She pulls on it.

Janet GROANS as she tugs on the dart.

CLOSE UP - RICHARD'S LOWER BODY

The dart is slowly wrenched out of Richard's body.

BACK TO SCENE

Richard turns his head, and watches Janet pull the dart out of his body.

CLOSE UP - RICHARD'S LOWER BODY

The dart POPS out of Richard's body.

BACK TO SCENE

Janet grabs a hold of the dart.

Tam GROWLS, and stares straight at Janet as if she is about to attack her.

She takes two steps, and opens her mouth, and takes two more steps before stopping just short of Janet. Janet SCREAMS in horror, causing her to drop the dart.

Richard stands up, and HOWLS. He ambles toward Janet, opens his mouth, but does not attack her.

Janet pets both Tam and Richard, calming herself down.

Richard and Tam SIGH, and rub their heads against Janet as if they are family dogs.

Richard and Tam GRUNT at each other, run away from Janet, and wrestle with one another as if nothing was wrong with Richard.

Janet grows worried, and runs toward Richard and Tam.

She accidentally trips on Richard's tail, causing her to fall face first onto the grass. Richard gets up, and charges toward Janet as she picks herself up.

Tam gets in Richard's face as he opens his mouth, preventing him from attacking Janet. She GROWLS at him, inadvertently causing Janet to FREEZE in terror.

Janet closes her eyes, and takes several deep breaths to soothe herself, only to be blurred by a FLASHLIGHT'S GLOW.

The FLASHLIGHT'S GLOW disappears just as quickly.

Janet walks toward Tam, and pets her. Tam HOWLS, allowing Janet to rest her head on Tam's body.

FOOTSTEPS can be heard in the background, but no one is paying attention.

Richard runs toward the bush, only to turn around just before reaching it. He scuttles toward Tam and Janet.

Janet stands up, and pets Richard. She walks with Tam and Richard toward the bush.

The FOOTSTEPS grow louder and louder, forcing Janet to run as fast as her legs can carry her. Tam and Richard follow behind her.

The Hunter makes his way through the bush, and stops.

Janet looks to her left, and stops. Tam and Richard stop, and pace around her.

The Hunter reaches into his backpack, takes out two spare batteries, and opens his flashlight. He takes the old batteries out, puts the new ones in, and closes the flashlight.

He turns the flashlight on, and points it directly at Tam.

She and Richard can be seen surrounding Janet as if they were protecting her.

Janet pets Tam and Richard as they pace around her.

The Hunter stops, and sets his backpack on the ground. He holds his flashlight with one hand, using the other to open the backpack, and reach into it.

The FLASHLIGHT'S GLOW briefly fades, allowing Tam and Richard to tranquilize themselves to sleep. Janet paces around the wolves as if she's their owner.

The Hunter takes out three darts and a net. He abandons his backpack, holds his flashlight and net in one hand, and the darts in another.

He walks toward Janet, Tam, and Richard. Janet lays down, and wraps her arms around Tam and Richard. She soothes Tam and Richard to sleep, before falling asleep herself.

The Hunter walks up to Richard, Tam, and Janet, who are fast asleep. He points his flashlight at them, but no one wakes up.

He aims a dart at Tam, but a MALE FOX gets in the way. The dart strikes The Fox, immobilizing it instantly.

The Hunter takes another dart, and throws it straight at Tam, but the dart hits the grass just short of striking Tam.

Janet opens her eyes, and watches The Hunter grab his net, and aim it at Tam. The net touches Tam, waking her up. She GROWLS, startling Janet and The Hunter.

The Hunter runs up to Tam, and swings his net at her, HITTING her. He aims another dart at Tam, but the flashlight goes dark before he even fires it.

He drops the flashlight.

Janet picks up the flashlight, and throws it at The Hunter, knocking the dart out of his hand as he aims directly at Richard.

He reaches to the ground, grabs the dart, and throws it at Richard, only to strike the grass once more.

The Hunter takes his net, and swings it at Janet. Janet squats, escaping the net.

She rises up, and glares right at the hunter.

Tam races toward Janet, protecting her from The Hunter.

A FEMALE DEER sees The Hunter, with his net in hand, and charges at him. She knocks the net out of his hand, breaking it on impact, before knocking him to the ground.

Richard darts toward The Hunter as he gets himself back up.

Richard opens his mouth, and attacks The Hunter. He YELPS in horror to deter Richard, but to no avail.

Janet looks away, and pets Tam. Tam rubs her head against Janet.

FADE OUT.