

RECLAIMER

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FADE IN:

1 EXT. ROWBOAT, COASTLINE - DAWN

1

LILY and EVY are in a small rowboat, Lily rowing them towards the nearby shore.

Lily steps out of the boat into the shallow water and pulls it further up onto the mud before Evy stands up and gets out.

Evy stumbles on the pebbles and falls to her knees.

LILY
You okay?

Lily helps Evy back up.

EVY
I'm just tired.

LILY
We'll rest soon.

Evy looks across the mainland. Lily turns back to the boat, pushing it back into the sea.

EVY
What are you doing?

Lily keeps pushing.

LILY
Getting rid of the boat so they
won't know where we went ashore.

EVY
That's our only way home!

LILY
The island isn't our home anymore.

EVY
This is insane, I get it if you have
cold feet but-

The boat goes adrift.

LILY
That's not it.

EVY
Then wh-

A distant METALLIC GROAN interrupts Evy.

LILY
Later. We need to be quiet.

They walk up and over the seawall.

2 EXT. TREELINE - LATER

2

Evy walks up to a crumbling wooden jetty and stops, one foot hovering over the platform.

LILY
Careful on that, it's old.

EVY
I'm not blind.

LILY
Sorry, I forgot.

Lily walks between the trees followed by Evy who gets her hair caught on a branch.

Lily turns around and smiles as she watches Evy untangle herself.

Lily holds a few branches out of the way.

3 EXT. FOREST SHELTER - MORNING

3

Evy and Lily are sitting in front of a makeshift shelter.

Evy is drinking from a canteen while Lily is keeping an eye on their surroundings.

EVY
Do you think the machines built this?

LILY
I think it was other survivors.

EVY
Adam said that-

LILY
Exactly. Adam said.

EVY
Everyone back home said that the machines killed everyone on the mainland...

LILY

Of course they did! That's what Adam said and no one can ever question him because he is our mighty and flawless leader!

(beat)

But what do they know? They haven't been back to the mainland since they reached the island.

EVY

You've never been here before!

You just hate Adam. He's not that bad you know.

LILY

Not to you.

EVY

Why would you even accept his proposal if you hate him so much?

LILY

I didn't have a choice.

EVY

How could you not have a choice?

Why would you make me come here?

LILY

I'm your older sister, I have to protect you.

EVY

By stranding me on the mainland with a bunch of killer machines?

LILY

It's safer here, trust me.

A METTALIC SCREECH makes Lily jump into a crouch with a hand on her knife belt.

LILY (cont'd)

We need to move.

EVY

But-

LILY

Now.

Lily walks off and when she doesn't see, Evy slips an ENGAGEMENT RING from her pocket and drops it on the ground.

4 EXT. COASTLINE - NOON

4

ADAM and NEIL are pulling a small rowboat up on the beach.
Neil stumbles in the mud.

NEIL
Shit, dammit.

Adam stops pulling the boat and stretches his back.

NEIL (cont'd)
Is this really worth it?

ADAM
What kind of leader doesn't try to
save his people?

NEIL
I'm just worried it's too late.

ADAM
Abandoning two people, won't
inspire hope in our community.

NEIL
We didn't look for David when he
didn't get back from fishing, but
Lily and her sister ran away, and
you were going to marry Lily tod-

ADAM
Are you suggesting I'm playing
favourites?

NEIL
No! Not at all. I just-

ADAM
This is a different situation.
David was taken by the sea. Lily
and Evy ran away, unprepared for
the dangers. Do you understand?

NEIL
Yes, thank you sir.

ADAM
Good. Remember this when you are
in charge.

Let's get back to it.

They both go back to pulling the boat.

- 5 EXT. FOREST, TRAMPOLINE - LATER 5
- Adam walks quietly first while Neil struggles to follow in his footsteps
- Neil's sleeve gets caught on a branch. He tries to wrench it free as quietly as possible but the branch SNAPS.
- Adam immediately turns around towards Neil, gives him a look and keeps walking. A low METALLIC HUM fills the silence.
- 6 EXT. OLD BARN - EARLY AFTERNOON 6
- Lily and Evy leave the tree line and come upon an old barn. Lily sets off but Evy reaches out and grabs her arm.
- LILY
I'm just going to see if it's a good place to rest.
- Evy NODS and lets go. Lily walks toward the barn.
- She moves towards the barn and slowly enters.
- Lily looks back outside and motions to Evy to join her.
- 7 INT. OLD BARN - CONTINUOUS 7
- Evy enters and stands uncomfortably in the middle of the room while Lily inspects a wooden slat.
- EVY
Do we have to stay here?
- LILY
It's just for a short while. Would you rather rest in the woods again?
- EVY
No, but-
- LILY
I know it's not perfect, but it's better than nothing, right?
- You need to rest. I'll keep watch, don't worry.
- 8 EXT. FOREST SHELTER - LATER 8
- Adam kneels at the shelter, picking up the RING Evy dropped.

ADAM
We can't be far behind.

Adam stands up and starts walking again but Neil doesn't follow. Neil stares at the shelter.

NEIL
Why would they waste time building
a shelter?

ADAM
You'll have to ask them.

NEIL
Maybe there's other survivors who-

ADAM
There aren't.

Adam starts walking.

NEIL
You're right. I'm sorry Adam.

Neil looks at another shelter in the near distance.

9 EXT. FOREST PATH - MOMENTS LATER

9

Adam and Neil are walking down the path. Adam looks at the ground, following tracks.

Neil looks at their surrounding area. Suddenly he stops.

NEIL
Did you see that?

Adam turns around towards him.

NEIL (cont'd)
Something moved, I swear-

ADAM
A machine?

NEIL
No.

Adam NODS and turns back and keeps walking. Neil stares off between the trees for a moment before following.

NEIL (cont'd)
Maybe there are still people here?

ADAM
There aren't. It was an animal, or
if we're unlucky, a machine.

NEIL

What if it was a person? You taught me tracking yourself, this path looks well-used. And the shelters-

Adam abruptly stops and turns around facing Neil.

ADAM

Don't you dare question me about the mainland. You weren't here when we fled.

Neil takes an uneasy step back.

ADAM (cont'd)

You weren't here to see everyone you knew and cared for being ripped to shreds by border security drones. You were never told by a cold robotic voice to leave your home or die.

Adam takes a step closer to Neil who in turn takes a step backwards until his back hits a tree.

ADAM (cont'd)

There's only wildlife and machines left here.

NEIL

Yes, of course, Sir. Sorry, Sir.

Adam starts walking again.

ADAM

And not another word about those shelters.

Neil hesitates a moment and stares after Adam before he starts following him again.

10 INT. OLD BARN - NIGHT

10

Lily is asleep with Evy in her arms.

NEIL (O.S.)

UGH, I stepped in animal shit.

Lily JUMPS she hears the muffled voice from outside. Evy wakes up and Lily immediately covers her mouth.

ADAM (O.S.)

Keep it down.

Lily stares at the wall where the voices came from. Lily is shaking.

Evy removes Lily's hand from her mouth.

EVY
We should go out to them.

LILY
No! We can't.

ADAM (O.S.)
Wait here. I'll have a look
inside.

LILY
Hide, and don't move until I come
back for you.

EVY
What?

Lily moves towards the door. A shadow moves outside. Lily
looks back at Evy for a moment.

11 EXT. OLD BARN - CONTINUOUS

11

Adam reaches the barn door when it CRASHES open and Lily
runs out, shoving Adam on her way past.

ADAM
Get her!

Neil takes off after Lily.

Adam is about to follow but stops and turns to see Evy
standing in the doorway.

12 EXT. FOREST - CONTINUOUS

12

Lily runs. Jumping over rocks and pushing through thickets.
Neil tries to keep up with her.

NEIL
Lily! Stop!

Neil struggles past some branches pulling at his clothes.

NEIL (cont'd)
You don't need to run!

Lily hides behind the roots of a fallen tree. Neil has lost
her. He looks around, catching his breath.

NEIL (cont'd)
I know why you came here.

Lily peeks out from her hiding place.

NEIL (cont'd)

Lily?

He takes off again, away from Lily who remains in place. She stands up and quietly moves back where she came from.

13 EXT. FOREST - MOMENTS LATER

13

Lily is near the barn when she hears Adam SHOUTING for her.

ADAM (O.S.)

Lily! It's time to come back now!

Lily hunches down and moves towards him but keeps in the trees.

ADAM

It's ok that you got cold feet.

Lily turns to move away, she looks at Evy and hesitates.

ADAM (cont'd)

I won't punish you.

Lily moves, away from Adam, not looking back.

ADAM (cont'd)

I can just marry Evy instead, but
I think we'd both miss you.

Lily stops, near tears. She looks between Evy and the forest.

She removes her KNIFE from her sheathe, hides it down the back of her trousers and covers it with her top. She drops the sheath on the ground.

LILY

I'm here.

As Lily steps out from the trees Evy tries to break free.

ADAM

Stay.

Adam walks up behind Lily who stares at him. He ties her arms behind her back, standing close as he speaks.

ADAM (cont'd)

I knew you would come back to me.

Adam takes a step back and places a hand on Lily's shoulder. He looks off into the forest.

ADAM (cont'd)

Neil!

(MORE)

ADAM (cont'd)

Sit

Adam stares off into the woods and takes a few steps closer, a watchful eye still on Lily and Evy.

ADAM (cont'd)

Neil!

He waits.

ADAM (cont'd)

Neil!

A distant METAL CREAK is heard.

ADAM (cont'd)

(sotto)

Dammit.

Get up, we're leaving.

The girls stand up.

EVY

What about Neil?

ADAM

He's not coming back.

EVY

What? Why?

ADAM

The mainland isn't safe.

14 EXT. COASTLINE, REEDS - DAWN

14

Lily walks first, then Evy with Adam's hand on her shoulder.

A METTALLIC GRINDING noise echoes around them and Adam looks around.

As they walk Lily moves her arm and removes the pocket knife from her trousers, using it to start cutting at the rope.

15 EXT. COASTLINE - DAWN

15

They walk to the seawall. Adam stops, the boat is gone.

ADAM

(sotto)

Shit.

He looks around, trying to spot the boat. When he faces away, Lily frees her hands and swings the KNIFE at Adam.

Adam immediately takes a step back slaps the knife out of Lily's hand, it tumbles down into the water.

EVY

Lily!

Lily and Adam stare at each other for a moment.

Lily lunges for him with a closed fist and tackles him.

EVY (cont'd)

Stop!

Adam rolls on top of Lily and grabs her throat, pushing her to the ground.

ADAM

I'm only trying to protect you!

Lily struggles, trying to get his hands away from her neck.

ADAM (cont'd)

Why would you hurt me like this?

You know I love you.

Adam grunts and looses his grip on Lily and grabs his groin in pain. Evy stands behind him, having kicked him.

Adam begins to move towards Evy.

Lily has fallen to her knees and coughs before grabbing a STONE and forcing herself back up.

Lily once again lunges for Adam and HITS him on the head with he rock and he falls over, tumbling down to the edge of the water.

Lily and Evy stare at his body, softly writhing and eyes rolling.

Neither of them move towards him.

EVY

He's still alive.

Beat.

LILY

Come on, Let's go.

EVY

But-

LILY

Let the tide take him.

Lily turns around and starts walking back, Evy hesitates a moment before following.

A METAL GRINDING is heard, shortly followed by a low METAL HUM.

FADE OUT: