EXT. DENSE FOREST. DAY

The sun is high in the sky as 5 friends trek through the trees. The woodland is quite dense and the path is very overgrown.

CARLY
Are you sure you know where you're going?

MIKE
Trust me, we'll be there soon. You said you wanted an adventure, you won't get that if we don't go deep in.

MADDIE
Ouch! What was that? Ewwww, this is horrible!

BRAD
Maddie, why did you come? You've done nothing but moan since we set off. If you don't like nature, why come camping?

CARLY
I know why she came....

CARLY looks towards Mike knowingly and then back to MADDIE.

MADDIE
Carly! Shhhhh!

CARLY
Haha, come on

CARLY takes MADDEEs arm and leads her through the undergrowth after MIKE. BRAD and DYLAN follow on behind. MIKE turns to his friends.

MIKE
We're almost there now, come on, keep up.

MIKE strolls on ahead

MADDIE
My feet are hurting so much, I wish we were there already.
CARLY
Why did you wear those shoes? You knew we were coming to the forest, why didn't you wear trainers or something?

MADDIE looks down at her feet. She's wearing open toed sandals with kitten heels, totally inappropriate for trekking through a forest.

MADDIE
These shoes are nice. Mike likes them. He told me so when I got them.

CARLY
Mike likes them? You're trekking through the forest in heels! That's hardly gonna impress him is it?

MADDIE shrugs and they both keep walking. Further back down the path DYLAN is muttering away to himself.

DYLAN
I don't know why we always have to do what Mike says. Go down here. Let's go in further. I want to go here. Why we just couldn't go to a normal campsite like everyone else I'll never know.

BRAD
What you muttering on about Dylan?

DYLAN
Nothing

BRAD shakes his head.

BRAD
Wait up guys!

CARLY
What's up Brad? You getting to old to keep up with us? Haha!

BRAD and DYLAN pick up the pace to catch the others up. MIKE continues to lead them through the forest smiling to himself as he hears the sound of MADDIE complaining behind him. As he comes through the clump of branches there's a clearing. It's only small and is surrounded by trees. MIKE stops and smiles.
MIKE
Perfect, just perfect.

EXT. CLEARING. DAY

CARLY comes through the trees into the clearing

CARLY
Oh wow! This is great Mike!

She slips her rucksack off and lets it fall to the ground,
BRAD and DYLAN comes to join them.

BRAD
Cool. This place is great. What d'you say Dylan?

DYLAN looks at the ground and kicks some stones about.

DYLAN
Alright, I s'pose. Bit stoney though

CARLY looks round the clearing

CARLY
Where's Maddie?

MIKE
What? She was with you, wasn't she?

CARLY
She was just behind me, I was sick to death of her moaning so I went on without her.

CARLY looks towards BRAD and DYLAN

CARLY
Did you guys not see her?

BRAD
She was sat on a log whinging to herself when we passed. She's probably still there.

MIKE
Don't worry, I'll go and find her.

CARLY
She'll like that. Haha!

MIKE walks back into the trees.
EXT. DENSE FOREST. DAY

MIKE
Maddie? Where are you? You ok?

He backtracks down the overgrown path and sees something just ahead of him.

MIKE
Maddie? Is that you?

MADDIE is sitting on a fallen log crying. She wipes away the tears as MIKE approaches.

MIKE
Are you ok? What's the matter?

MADDIE
Yes, fine.....Everyone left me, I didn't know where you were.

MIKE sits down beside MADDIE and puts his arm round her.

MIKE
Come on, we've found the perfect spot. It's just through them trees.

MIKE gets up and holds his hand out to MADDIE. She gives a little sigh, smiles and takes it. MIKE leads MADDIE through the trees and back to the clearing he found. As they're walking MIKE comments on MADDIE's shoes.

MIKE
What's with the shoes?

MADDIE looks down and turns her foot slightly to show off her shoes.

MADDIE
Aren't they nice?

MIKE
Errr.....yeah.....but they're not very practical are they?

MADDIE
They're ok.
EXT. CLEARING. DAY

MIKE and MADDIE come through the trees to join the others.

DYLAN
What's up Maddie? Did you break a nail?

DYLAN sniggers and MADDIE looks daggers at him. She mutters under her breath.

MADDIE
You jerk.

CARLY looks up from rummaging in her bag.

CARLY
Leave her alone Dylan

MIKE grabs his tent from the ground and starts to unpack it

MIKE
Right, let's get these tents up then we can go and explore, and get some fire wood.

Between them they have 3 tents. DYLAN has his own as he refuses to share with anyone else. MIKE and BRAD are sharing one, and MADDIE and CARLY are sharing the other. As CARLY unpacks the tent, MADDIE sits down and slips one of her shoes off. She starts to rub her foot.

MADDIE
My feet are killing me, I don't think I can stand any longer.

CARLY looks across at her.

CARLY
Is that your way of saying 'Carly you'll have to do the tent by yourself'?

MADDIE
Oh, that's nice of you to offer, thanks.

CARLY sighs and turns back to the tent. She doesn't look happy at all, but she knows that she's going to have to share a tent with MADDIE and really doesn't want her moody the whole time, so she doesn't say anything.

The guys seem to be doing well with their tents. DYLAN has finished his and is pacing around kicking stones about. MIKE is just securing the last of the guy ropes on theirs. BRAD comes over to the girls.
BRAD
You girls ok?

MADDIE
Yes, we're fine Brad.

BRAD looks at MADDIE just sitting there while CARLY's doing all the work

BRAD
Carly? Need any help?

CARLY looks over her shoulder to BRAD

CARLY
Yeah sure, some help would be great thanks.

CARLY lets BRAD take over and the tent is up in no time. MIKE comes over to them.

MIKE
Right, now they're all sorted, let's go and explore.

He rubs his hands together and looks over to DYLAN.

MIKE
Dylan, you coming?

DYLAN
Well, I'm not about to stay here by myself. I hope little princess Maddie there doesn't moan the whole time though.

MADDIE turns to look at DYLAN

MADDIE
Shut up, Dylan! I don't moan! And anyway, you'd moan if your feet hurt as much as mine do.

DYLAN laughs in disbelief

DYLAN
Your feet hurt?! I wonder why that could be? You don't think it could have something to do with those stupid shoes that are on your feet, do you?
MADDIE
What is the problem with my shoes?!

MIKE
They are a little inappropiate, don't ya think?

CARLY
Yeah Maddie, why don't you change them? You don't want to ruin them, do you?

MADDIE gives a big sigh, then she gets up and goes to her rucksack. She starts rummaging through it and brings out some flip flops, followed by some stillettos

BRAD
My god Maddie! You're in the woods, not going to the prom!

CARLY
Don't you have anything a little more.....erm......practical?

MADDIE holds up the flip flops

MADDIE
These are flat...

DYLAN starts laughing, he can't believe how stupid MADDIE is, MADDIE looks at him crossly

CARLY
Tell you what, why don't you borrow my spare trainers?

MIKE
That's a good idea

MADDIE looks horrified at the thought of wearing CARLY's scruffy trainers, but she reluctantly agrees.

MADDIE
I suppose I could.

MADDIE points to DYLAN accusingly

MADDIE
At least it'd shut him up!

DYLAN just laughs and shakes his head
BRAD
Will you two just stop winding each other up for 5 minutes.

MADDIE puts CARLY's trainers on, all with a disgusted look on her face, then they all pack their bags into their tents and head off into the woods.

EXT. CAMP. LATER IN DAY

The clearing is quiet, the only sounds are of animals in the woods round and about. Suddenly, the peaceful quiet is shattered by arguing and shouting. At first the sounds are in the distance, but they are being made by people coming towards the camp.

Dylan
\( O.S \)
You guys bring me here, into the middle of nowhere, and then have the cheek to have a go at me! It's bloody ridiculous!

MIKE
\( O.S \)
No one was having, we just asked you to help carry some wood for the fire, that's all.

Dylan storms through the trees into the clearing. He's very angry. He stops and turns towards the others.

Dylan
Yeah, it's funny how little miss princess there isn't expected to carry anything. Oh, sorry, I forgot, we can't have her breaking a nail!

Maddie
What? I'm carrying some. What's your problem?

Dylan
Maddie, you're carrying a twig!

Sure enough MADDIE has a small twig in her hand. As the others come into view they're all carrying handfuls of wood to make a fire. MIKE walks to the area in front of their tents and puts the wood down. The others follow and put their wood down as well. MADDIE brings her twig and delicately puts it on top of the pile. MIKE gives a little laugh.
BRAD
Let's crack open the beers, that should relax us all.

DYLAN
Beer? I'm getting my vodka out.

MIKE makes up the fire and gets it going. BRAD disappears into the tent to find the beers. CARLY brings some hot dogs and beans over to MIKE at the fire to be cooked. MADDIE sits down and changes back to her own shoes.

MIKE and CARLY finish the cooking and serve it out to everyone. CARLY passes a plate of food over to DYLAN who is supping vodka from the bottle. He's already finished half the bottle. No one really says much while they eat, they're all enjoying the quiet as they watch the sun go down. Everyone seems relaxed until DYLAN lets out a loud belch.

MADDIE
You are so disgusting! Did you really have to do that?

DYLAN gets up with the vodka bottle in one hand and staggers over to MADDIE, he's obviously drunk. He bends down and puts his face close to MADDIE's as though he's going to whisper something to her, then he lets out another belch right in her face. MADDIE pushes DYLAN away roughly. He staggers back and falls into CARLY's lap.

DYLAN
Ooops!

He turns to CARLY.

DYLAN
Hello babe, how you doing?

CARLY
Get off me Dylan.

She pushes him away

DYLAN
What is it with you guys? You're all so moody and boring. I'm off to find someone fun.

DYLAN walks off into the trees

CARLY
Shouldn't one of us go after him?
MADDIE
I say leave him, he's nothing but trouble

MIKE sits and stares in the direction that DYLAN left in.

MIKE
Maybe I should go after him, bring him back

BRAD
I wouldn't bother, you know what he's like, and he's so dunk I can't see him getting very far. He'll walk a few yards then turn around and come back.

EXT. DENSE FOREST. LATE EVENING

Deep in the trees, DYLAN is swearing and cursing at the branches that are getting in his way. He's drinking the vodka as he goes. He's been walking a while when he comes across another clearing.

EXT. 2ND CLEARING. NIGHT

DYLAN
Where have they gone? Who's stolen my tent? This is just bloody great this is, they've all buggered off and left me.

DYLAN flops down onto the ground and drinks the last couple of mouthfuls of the vodka. He lies back and looks up at the moon. He's convinced that all his friends have left him, he doesn't realise that he's actually in a different clearing. The empty vodka bottle drops from his hand as he closes his eyes and falls asleep.

EXT. CLEARING. NIGHT

Back at the camp everyone is getting worried about DYLAN

CARLY
He's not back yet and it's dark, maybe we should go and look for him?

MIKE
I reckon he's sleeping it off somewhere. It's too dangerous to go wandering into the forest now, and it's so dark there's no chance we'd find him. We'll have to hope he's ok and go and look for him in the morning if he hasn't returned.
BRAD
What's the betting he comes stumbling into camp when we're all sleeping and wakes us all up?

CARLY
Hmmm, maybe

The friends sit drinking and having a laugh before crawling into their tents for the night. They all shout goodnight to each other.

EXT. 2ND CLEARING. NIGHT

DYLAN is laid fast asleep, he's snoring loudly. The empty vodka bottle is laid at his side.

The sound of footsteps are heard approaching the camp. A branch breaks loudly.

DYLAN awakens from his drunken slumber. He sits up suddenly.

DYLAN
Where am I? Where is everyone?

He hears the sound of something approaching the clearing

DYLAN
Mike? Is that you? Brad?

The footsteps seem to be circling the clearing.

DYLAN
Come on guys, stop messing around, you've had your fun now.

Silence

DYLAN strains his eyes to try and see what's lurking in the trees ahead of him. It's too dark though and he can't see anything.

DYLAN
Hello? Is there anyone there?

He jumps suddenly as he sees a dark shape move behind a tree. DYLAN quickly gets to his feet. He's not sure what he's just seen but it certainly didn't look like one of his friends. He takes a step forward to try and make out what the shape is.

Suddenly he screams as he sees a hairy hand on the tree in front of him. He's not going to wait around to see what the hand belongs to, and turns and runs the opposite way into the trees
DYLAN is really panicking as he desperately tries to find his way back to the camp and his friends. As he runs through the trees he keeps turning round to check behind him, he's sure he can hear something following him. As he runs blindly through the forest, he doesn't notice the steep drop in front of him until it's too late. His foot slips and he starts sliding down the steep drop. He tries to grab at anything he can to stop himself falling but to no avail. He slides down the steep embankment and hits the bottom hard. He's stunned for a few seconds. He tries to get up but his foot hurts too much to take his weight. DYLAN looks around and listens intently for any sound that may indicate that whatever he saw is still following. He's no idea where he is and is to afraid to call for help in case he alerts the creature to where he is. He looks at his watch - 4am - he decides to stay quiet and wait where he is, he knows that the sun will be rising soon and then he can try and work out where he is and get back to the camp.

EXT. CAMP. EARLY MORNING

The camp begins to stir. The zip slowly opens on the boys tent and MADDIE sneaks out. She looks around to check that no one is about, then she slips on her heels and makes her way back to her tent. She opens the zip and slips inside.

INT. GIRLS TENT. EARLY MORNING

CARLY begins to stir

    CARLY
    Wh-what time is it?

MADDIE looks at her watch

    MADDIE
    It's a little after 6. It's still really early, you should go back to sleep.

    CARLY
    What are you doing up so early? Who's shirt is that?

MADDIE looks down at the shirt she's wearing, and then looks back to CARLY a glint in her eye. CARLY looks suprised.

    CARLY
    Noooo.....Is that Mikes?

MADDIE nods her head with a mischievous smile on her face
CARLY
So....you and Mike? Did you.....you know?

MADDIE nods her head.

MADDIE
But you must keep it quiet, we don't want everyone finding out.

CARLY
What about Brad?

MADDIE
What about Brad? He doesn't need to know anything.

CARLY
But wasn't he in the tent? Surely he already knows.

MADDIE
Brad knows nothing, he was fast asleep the whole time, and we, you know, kept it quiet.

MADDIE giggles while CARLY sits and looks at her with her mouth open.

MADDIE
Let's try and get another hour or 2 sleep, I'm pooped.

MADDIE slips her shoes off and climbs into her sleeping bag still wearing MIKE's shirt. CARLY is shocked and slightly jealous to think that MIKE and MADDIE spent the night together. She lies there staring at MADDIE for a bit, then she lets out a big sigh, turns onto her back and stares at the roof of the tent.

INT. GIRLS TENT. LATER IN MORNING

CARLY awakens with a start, she opens her eyes and suddenly sits up in bed.

MIKE
(O.S.)
Come on girls, time to rise and shine.

CARLY rubs her eyes and looks for her phone to check what time it is - 9.30am. She looks to the side of her to see MADDIE sleeping soundly.
CARLY
(quietly to herself)
Must've been a bad dream

MADDIE turns over and CARLY sees that she's wearing MIKE's shirt. A look of horror comes across CARLY's face as she realises that it wasn't a dream, MADDIE has in fact slept with MIKE.

EXT. CAMP. SAME TIME

Outside the tent BRAD is peering into DYLAN's tent.

BRAD
Dylan? You there mate?

Silence

BRAD unzips the tent properly and looks inside

INT. DYLAN'S TENT. SAME TIME

DYLAN's sleeping bag is empty

EXT. CAMP. SAME TIME

BRAD backs out of the tent and then turns to MIKE, who's standing outside the girls tent.

BRAD
There's no sign of Dylan in there. It looks like he didn't make it back last night.

MIKE looks a little concerned.

MIKE
We'll have to go and look for him, I hope he's ok.

MIKE turns back to the tent where the girls are.

MIKE
Come on you two, we need to go find Dylan.

CARLY's voice comes from inside the tent.

CARLY
(O.S.)
What you mean he didn't come back last night?
MIKE
His tent is empty

CARLY's head peers through the slightly open zip. She looks up at MIKE.

CARLY
He'll be ok, won't he?

MIKE
Hope so, we'd best go look for him though

CARLY
Ok, I'll wake Maddie up, then we can go.

CARLY disappears back inside the tent as MIKE walks over to where BRAD is sitting on a log.

EXT. BOTTOM OF RAVINE. MORNING

DYLAN once again tries to stand. His foot feels a little better but is still really sore. He looks around and tries to work out where he is.

DYLAN
Brad? Mike? Anyone?

Silence

DYLAN
(under his breath)
I hope that 'thing' has gone

Using trees to help him DYLAN limps along looking for the camp.

EXT. CAMP. MORNING

The friends are getting ready to set off and look for DYLAN.

MADDIE
Have you tried phoning him? If we phone him, we won't have to spend all day looking for him.

BRAD
I looked at my phone before, I've got no signal round here.

CARLY
Me neither.
MIKE
Yeah, I've been here before, no one can ever get a signal. That's why it's so nice, no one from the outside world can spoil it.

MIKE looks round at his friends.

MIKE
Right, how do you think we should do this? Should we all go together or are you guys happy to split up so we can cover more ground quicker.

BRAD and CARLY nod, MADDIE quickly goes to MIKE and grabs his arm. She gazes up at him.

MADDIE
I'll go with Mike

BRAD and CARLY look at each other

CARLY
Looks like it's me and you then Brad

BRAD
That's ok, I don't mind.

He smiles at her.

MIKE
Right, that's sorted then. If you guys go that way...

MIKE points to one side of the camp.

MIKE
...and we'll go this way.

MIKE looks at his watch.

MIKE
It's 10.30 now, we'll meet back here at 1 whether we've found him or not.

CARLY
Ok, hopefully we'll have found him. I mean, he can't be that far away, surely.

They set off in opposite directions with MIKE and MADDIE going one way, and BRAD and CARLY going the other.
EXT. FOREST. LATER IN MORNING

DYLAN is staggering through the forest. He keeps looking behind him, he's convinced that something is following him. He tries to move faster, but his injured foot won't allow him to. DYLAN is panicking more and more at every sound he hears around him.

EXT. FOREST. SAME TIME

In a different part of the forest, MIKE and MADDIE are looking for DYLAN.

MIKE
Dylan! Can you hear me?! Where are you?!

MADDIE
Mike, shall we stop for a bit?

MIKE
What? Why? We need to find Dylan, we can't do that if we stop.

MADDIE
But Mike, it's nice and quiet here. Just think.....here in the open air....wouldn't it be fun.

MADDIE runs her hands over MIKE's chest, and then over his shoulders and round his neck. She leans forwards to kiss him. MIKE pushes her away.

MIKE
Maddie? What you doing?

MADDIE looks annoyed and disappointed.

MADDIE
But, I just thought, you know, while we were alone....

MIKE steps away from her.

MIKE
We have to find Dylan, or have you forgotten about him?

MADDIE
Of course I haven't forgot about him! Come on Mike, an extra half hour isn't gonna make much difference.
MIKE
You are unbelievable! For all we know Dylan might be lying injured somewhere. He was right, you know, princess Maddie who only cares about herself.

MADDIE
What are you talking about? That's not true.

MIKE
Oh, forget it, we're meant to be looking for Dylan, the quicker we find him the quicker we can get back to camp.

MIKE walks off

MADDIE
Wait!....I can't go that fast.

MIKE looks round at MADDIE trying to make her way through the undergrowth

MIKE
Oh my god, I forgot about the shoes.

Once again we see that MADDIE is wearing her heels.

Something is in the forest watching everything that transpires between MADDIE and MIKE. It peers round the trees looking at everything intently. We can hear heavy breathing. As MIKE and MADDIE move on the creature follows them quietly.

EXT. FOREST. SAME TIME

In another part of the forest, CARLY and BRAD seem to be lost.

CARLY
Brad, do you actually know where we are, or where we're going?

BRAD
Haven't a clue. Do you?

CARLY
Erm...no, that's why I was asking you.

They both turn to look at each other.
BRAD
Come on, let's try this way.

BRAD leads the way through the trees. Suddenly they hear something coming crashing through the trees in front of them. CARLY grabs BRAD's arm.

CARLY
What's that?

BRAD
Shhhh....

All of a sudden DYLAN crashes through the trees, he's looking behind him and doesn't see CARLY and BRAD until it's too late. He half staggers, half runs straight into CARLY. They both let out a scream.

BRAD
What...the...

BRAD suddenly realises that it's DYLAN

BRAD
Dylan? What's wrong?

DYLAN is wide eyed and looks very scared.

DYLAN
Brad? Oh thank goodness it's you. Quick. We've gotta get outta here.

BRAD
What d'you mean? What's wrong?

DYLAN keeps looking over his shoulder, his eyes are scanning the trees all around them.

DYLAN
Something's in the forest. Something's been following me. It chased me.

CARLY
I can't see anything. Are you sure?

DYLAN
Of course I'm sure!

BRAD
Ok, ok. Well let's get back to camp then we can all talk about it and try and work out what's going on.
DYLAN
Yeah, fine. Let's just get outta here.

DYLAN pushes past CARLY and BRAD and limps on. He looks round him unsure where to go.

DYLAN
Which way is it? Where's the camp?

CARLY
Dylan, you're hurt, let's get you checked out first.

DYLAN
I'm fine. We just need to get outta here. Now which way is it?

BRAD
Well, we are a little lost.

DYLAN
What?!

BRAD
But I think it's this way.

BRAD points in the direction they've come from. DYLAN starts to limp that way as fast as he can. BRAD and CARLY look at each other. Both look concerned about DYLAN but they don't say anything. They go and catch him up and they all head back to camp.

EXT. CAMP. MIDDAY/EARLY AFTERNOON

MIKE and MADDIE come through the trees to the camp. They are both silent and they both look annoyed.

MADDIE
Where's the water?

MIKE
In the stream, where do you think?

MADDIE glares at MIKE and gives a big sigh. She goes over to the water bottle that's in front of MIKE's tent. Before she gets there MIKE grabs the bottle and quickly drinks the water.

MADDIE
Mike!!

MIKE looks at MADDIE slyly
MIKE
I told you, the water's in the stream.

MADDIE snatches the water bottle off MIKE and walks off in the direction of the stream.

A few minutes later BRAD, CARLY and DYLAN come into camp. DYLAN still looks very frightened and is constantly looking over his shoulder. MIKE looks up as he hears them approach.

MIKE
Dylan, where you been?

DYLAN just pushes past MIKE and goes towards his tent.

MIKE
What's up mate?

Silence from DYLAN. MIKE turns to CARLY and BRAD.

MIKE
What's going on? Is he ok?

BRAD shrugs his shoulders.

BRAD
I dunno, he's been talking like he's crazy or something, he's just not making any sense.

CARLY makes her way over to DYLAN who's walking round his tent whilst rubbing his hands together nervously. His eyes are still wide with fear. CARLY gently puts her hand on DYLAN's arm, he jumps and spins around to face her.

DYLAN
Oh, it's you. Are you crazy?! Why did you creep up on me like that?! I thought you were....that THING!

CARLY
Dylan, calm down, I didn't creep up on you. There's nothing out there.

DYLAN
Oh there is, and it's watching us, you mark my words, we have to get outta here.
CARLY
It's just your imagination. Let me have a look at your foot, it's obviously hurt.

DYLAN
Sod my foot! That's the least of our worries! That THING is out there!

CARLY looks round at BRAD and MIKE with a look of despair on her face.

MIKE
Tell you what, Dylan, you come sit down here, let Carly look at your foot, and you can tell us all about whatever it is you think you've seen.

DYLAN
I don't think! I know! It's out there, and it's watching us.

MIKE
Well come and tell us what it is.

DYLAN and MIKE stand in silence for a moment while holding eye contact with each other. DYLAN starts to limp over to the log and the remnants of the camp fire.

DYLAN
Ok, but then we all have to get outta here.

MIKE
Just tell us, ok?

DYLAN flops down in the log and lets out a sigh. The other come to join him as he starts to relay the details of what he saw the night before.

EXT. STREAM. AFTERNOON

MADDIE is at the stream. She's still really cross at MIKE's behaviour and is muttering away to herself. She starts to fill up the water bottle. She hears the sound of footsteps approaching behind her.

MADDIE
You'd better of come to apologise.

Silence
MADDIE
I'm waiting.

Sound of heavy breathing.

MADDIE
What? Now you're interested?

MADDIE goes to turn around as something grabs her. She attempts to scream but can't get any air as there's a claw like hand around her throat. The creature starts to drag MADDIE backwards towards the trees as she drifts into unconsciousness. MADDIE's legs are seen disappearing into the undergrowth.

EXT. CAMP. AFTERNOON

Back at the camp, DYLAN is finishing off telling his friends everything.

DYLAN
It's still out there.

MIKE
How much had you drunk before all this by the way?

DYLAN looks annoyed.

DYLAN
Are you trying to say I was drunk?!

BRAD
Well, it does seem a little far fetched.

CARLY
What do you think it was?

MIKE
Carly, are you serious? You don't believe him, surely?

DYLAN throws his hands in the air in exasperation.

DYLAN
It was real!

BRAD looks around.

BRAD
Where's Maddie?
CARLY
That's a point, I've not seen her since we got back.

MIKE
Ah, she's fine, she dragged her moody ass down to the stream for water.

BRAD
She moaning again?

MIKE
Of course.

CARLY
But, the streams only about 5 minutes away, when did she leave?

MIKE
Oh, a couple of minutes before you got back.

CARLY looks at her watch.

CARLY
We've been back ages, do you think she's ok?

DYLAN
It's that THING! It's got Maddie now! I told you we have to get outta here, before it's too late!

At that moment MADDIE walks into camp.

CARLY
Maddie!

CARLY runs over to her and puts her arms around her. MADDIE just stands there with no emotion at all.

CARLY
We were worried about you.

MADDIE just shrugs and walks away from her.

MIKE
Someone's quiet.

MADDIE just looks at him and smiles seductively.

CARLY
Maddie?
DYLAN
Maddie, we have to get outta here!

MADDIE turns towards DYLAN, she's unusually calm and collected.

MADDIE
But why? This place is lovely, why would we want to leave?

CARLY
Maddie?

MIKE
You've changed your tune, you hated it here before.

MADDIE
How could I hate it here, it's great.

CARLY
Maddie? You ok?

MADDIE
Yes, I'm good.

CARLY looks concerned and confused. She turns to MIKE.

CARLY
What's going on? Is it just me, or does she seem different?

MIKE
I dunno, but at least she's not moaning.

DYLAN
Guys! We have to get outta here! Have you forgot about that THING out there!

MADDIE
A thing?

CARLY
Yeah, Dylan thinks he saw something last night.

DYLAN
I don't think, I know!
BRAD
We were waiting for you and then I think we were gonna leave.

MADDIE
No, we can't leave.

DYLAN
You don't get it do you? That creature is out there! If we stay it'll get us!

MADDIE
No Dylan, we have to stay.

MADDIE is unusually calm, no one can quite understand what's going on. MADDIE looks around.

MADDIE
It'll be dark soon.

MIKE looks around.

MIKE
She's right, we should stay til morning.

DYLAN looks extremely worried.

DYLAN
What?! No! We can't stay, it's not safe!

BRAD
Even if there is something out there, there's 5 of us and only 1 of....IT.

MIKE
Well, there we are then.

CARLY
Maybe we should all stay together tonight just in case, you know, in one tent.

MIKE
Carly, there's nothing out there. You know that don't you?

CARLY
Well, yeah, but I'd just be happier if we were all together.
BRAD
It'll be a bit of a squeeze.

MIKE looks at CARLY, she looks a little worried.

MIKE
Well, it wouldn't hurt I s'pose.

MADDIE, who is stood slightly away from everyone else, glares at CARLY. It's obvious she's not happy with that idea at all.

DYLАН
You guys are all crazy! If you think I'm staying here another night you can think again, I'm outta here!

DYLАН gets up and limps over to his tent and starts to quickly pack his stuff away. MIKE walks over to him.

MIKE
Look, if there is something out there, don't you think it would be safer for us all to stay together.

DYLАН
Yeah, I agree, but we need to stay together and get outta here.

MIKE
We won't get back before it goes dark, it's just not a good idea to be wandering round any forest in the dark.

DYLАН grabs his bag.

DYLАН
Do what you want, but I'm off. I'd rather take my chances and try to get outta here, than sit around waiting for it to get me.

BRAD
Don't be going off on your own again, we wasted the whole day today cos of having to look for you.

DYLАН
Then come with me.
MADDIE
I say let him go.

DYLAN
You would!

MADDIE just shrugs like she can't be bothered and then looks away.

DYLAN
What, that it? You usually have more to say than that.

CARLY
Maddie, you ok?

MADDIE looks at her and nods.

CARLY
You're acting a little odd

MADDIE
You're imagining things.

DYLAN
Well good luck guys. I wish you'd come with me.

BRAD
Come on mate, don't go.

DYLAN looks round at everyone.

DYLAN
See ya.

He walks off into the dense forest.

CARLY
Do you think he'll be ok?

MIKE
I hope so.

MADDIE
Oh, he'll be fine.

CARLY
How can you be so sure?

MADDIE
Cos we all know there's nothing out there, he was drunk, that's all.
EXT. FOREST. NIGHT

As darkness engulfs the forest, DYLAN is still trying to find his way out of the forest. He hears the sound of a branch snapping behind him.

    DYLAN
    Oh not again
    (much louder)
    Who's there?

Silence

DYLAN looks around, he's not sure where to go, everything looks the same. He hears another noise behind him. He panicks and breaks into a run, but his foot is still sore and it prevents him from going very fast. He trips over some fallen branches and falls to the floor. He can hear the sound of heavy breathing now. He quickly tries to scramble to his feet. A bit further on he falls again. He's sat on the ground trying to work out which direction the sounds are coming from. Suddenly a hairy claw grabs his foot. DYLAN screams and frantically tries to pull his leg away. He can't get free of the creatures grip as it starts to drag him deeper into the trees. DYLAN tries to grab hold of anything he can, but the creature is just too strong.

After it's dragged DYLAN a few feet it lets go of him. DYLAN sits up and tries to see in the darkness. As he turns to get to his feet he comes face to face with the werewolf. DYLAN lets out a blood curdling scream.

EXT. CAMP. NIGHT

Back at the camp it's now dark and the others are deciding where they're all going to sleep.

    MADDIE
    Mike and I can share one tent, and you and Brad the other.

    CARLY
    I don't know, I think it'd be better if we all stayed together.

    MADDIE
    Oh don't be soft, you'll have Brad to look after you.

    MIKE
    You know, I agree with Carly.

MADDIE glares at MIKE, her eyes look quite evil.
MIKE
We'll be safer if we're all together.

CARLY
Do you think Dylan got home ok?

BRAD
I hope so.

MIKE
We'll find out tomorrow, remember it was his choice to go off on his own, we told him to stay.

MADDIE
Oh he'll be fine.

MIKE and BRAD go into the tent to start to make room for the girls. MADDIE turns to CARLY and speaks to her in hushed tones so that the boys can't hear.

MADDIE
He's not interested in you.

CARLY
Who isn't? What you on about?

MADDIE
Mike. As if I have to tell you. You're not having him.

CARLY
Maddie, what is your problem, you been acting strange all day?

MADDIE
Oh, I'm good. In fact, I've never been better.

CARLY
Well, I know about what happened before. I know he blew you off. He's fair game as far as I'm concerned.

CARLY goes to walk away, MADDIE grabs her arm to stop her.

CARLY
Oww! Maddie!

MADDIE's grips tightens on CARLY's arm. CARLY's frightened, she's never seen MADDIE behave like this before, she never realised she was so strong.
MADDIE
He's mine.

MADDIE stares at CARLY.

CARLY
Maddie you're hurting me.

MADDIE tightens her grips some more.

MADDIE
He's mine.

CARLY
(squealing slightly from the pain)
Ok, ok, whatever you say.

MADDIE releases her grips on CARLY's arm. CARLY rubs it while watching MADDIE. MIKE pokes his head out of the tent.

MIKE
Come on girls, let's get cosy, haha.

MADDIE
Coming Mike.

MADDIE turns to CARLY as they go into the tent.

MADDIE
Mine!

INT. TENT. NIGHT

Later on that night all is quiet in the camp and in the tent. MIKE wakes up, he looks around and sees CARLY asleep next to him. He looks to the other side and expects to see MADDIE, but she's not there. MIKE shakes his head and sits up. CARLY stirs next to him.

MIKE
Shhh, go back to sleep.

CARLY
Wha....

MIKE
It's ok, I'll be back in a minute.

CARLY turns over and drifts back to sleep as MIKE leaves the tent.
EXT. CAMP. NIGHT

MIKE looks round the campsite.

    MIKE
    Maddie?

No answer. MIKE heads off into the trees to find her.

INT. TENT. NIGHT

CARLY wakens with a start. She shakes BRAD who's next to her.

    CARLY
    (whispers)
    Brad.

BRAD moans.

There's a noise outside the tent and CARLY sees a shadow pass by. She shakes BRAD's shoulder again.

    CARLY
    Brad.

BRAD opens his eyes.

    BRAD
    What? I'm trying to sleep.

    CARLY
    There's something out there.

CARLY sees the shadow pass by again.

    BRAD
    Go back to sleep.

    CARLY
    Mike and Maddie are gone.

    BRAD
    Then it's probably them you've heard, go back to sleep.

BRAD turns over and closes his eyes again. CARLY lies in her sleeping bag cowering. She sees a hand slap down onto the tent. CARLY screams.

    CARLY
    Brad!

BRAD props himself up on his elbows.
BRAD
For gods sake Carly....

His voice drifts off as he hears a noise outside.

BRAD
Is it an animal?

BRAD starts to crawl towards the tent opening. CARLY grabs his arm, he turns to her.

CARLY
No...I don't think...

BRAD
It'll be ok, I'm just going to look.

BRAD turns back to the tent opening, suddenly something grabs him and pulls him outside. CARLY screams.

CARLY
Brad!!!

CARLY quickly crawls to the tent door and looks outside.

EXT. CAMP. NIGHT

A werewolf has hold of BRAD by the throat. BRAD is terrified as the creatures hot breath is felt on his face.

CARLY
No....it can't be..

She can't quite believe what she's seeing and is frozen with fear.

The creature begins to tighten it's grips on BRAD's throat and he frantically struggles for air. The werewolf raises it's other paw and slashes straight down BRAD's stomach. BRAD's body bucks wildly and CARLY sees all his intestines come spilling out of him.

CARLY screams, and the werewolf turns to look at her. She scrambles to her feet and bolts into the trees.

The werewolf releases BRAD's lifeless body and it falls to the floor. The werewolf follows CARLY into the trees.
EXT. FOREST. NIGHT

CARLY's running blindly, twigs and branches are scratching at her face as she tries to flee. Tears are streaming down her face. Something grabs her, she screams and tries to fight it off.

MIKE
Woah, Carly, it's me.

CARLY still tries to fight him off frantically.

MIKE
Carly, it's me Mike. Calm down. What's happened?

CARLY
Mike?

She stops fighting him and collapses into his arms. She's crying uncontrollably.

CARLY
Mike, oh Mike.

MIKE holds her and tries to comfort her.

MIKE
What's wrong?

CARLY looks up at him.

CARLY
It's Brad, he's dead. It killed him.

CARLY cries uncontrollably. MIKE has a look of disbelief, he can't quite work out what's happening.

MIKE
What's killed him? Was it a bear or something?

CARLY
No, it looked like...it looked like a werewolf!

MIKE
Oh come on. They're not real.

CARLY
Oh they're real ok. I watched as it killed Brad, it tore his body open.

CARLY grabs MIKE's hand and pulls it.
CARLY
We have to get out of here. It's still out there.

MIKE
We can't go.

CARLY
We have to.

MIKE
We've got to find Maddie first.

CARLY stops and looks at MIKE.

CARLY
Maddie. Well, where is she?

MIKE
I dunno, I've been looking for her.

A voice is heard in the distance, it's approaching them.

MADDIE
(O.S)
Mike? Hello?

MIKE
Maddie? We're here! Over here!!

CARLY
Shhh, you'll attract it.

MIKE looks at CARLY very confused.

MIKE
What? It's Maddie....Maddie! We're here!

CARLY is huddled against MIKE's shoulder, she's clutching his arm.

CARLY
But, how do you know?

MIKE
What?

CARLY
How do you know it's her?
MADDIE

(O.S)
Mike is that you?

MIKE
Of course it's her. Over here
Maddie!

MADDIE comes through the trees. The first thing she sees is
CARLY clutching hold of MIKE. She gives a very evil look
before smiling at MIKE.

MADDIE
There you are.

MIKE
Maddie, where have you been?

MADDIE
Little girls room. I came back to
camp and it was empty, what are
you all doing here?

CARLY
Brad's dead.

MADDIE
Don't be silly.

CARLY
I saw it! He was ripped apart by a
werewolf!

MADDIE
Werewolf? Mike, you hearing this?

MIKE
Yeah, I know.

MADDIE
Don't tell me you believe her?

MIKE
I dunno, somethings going on
though. Come on let's get back tgo
camp.

CARLY pulls on MIKE's arm to try to stop him from going.

CARLY
We can't go back there!

MIKE
It's safer than staying here.

They walks off in the direction of the camp. As they get
near, MIKE turns to the girls.

MIKE
You two stay here, I'll go and check it's safe.

CARLY
No! You can't!

MIKE
It'll be fine. Stay here.

MIKE walks carefully into camp. CARLY stands and watches, she's clutching hold of a tree. MADDIE is behind her, she looks very angry.

CARLY
Do you think he'll....

MADDIE grabs CARLY by the hair and yanks it back. CARLY squeals. MADDIE drags her through the trees by the hair. CARLY struggles.

CARLY
What's going on? Maddie? You're crazy!

MADDIE grins at CARLY. CARLY sees that she's different, her teeth look like that of an animal. MADDIE lets go of CARLY's hair, CARLY drops to the floor and MADDIE stands over her. CARLY tries to crawl backwards.

CARLY
Maddie?

MADDIE lets out a howl. CARLY stares at her in horror. She hears the sound of something coming through the trees. It's the werewolf. CARLY opens her mouth to scream but before any sound can come out MADDIE grabs her by the throat.

MADDIE
I told you he was mine.

CARLY's eyes dart between MADDIE and the werewolf that's approaching.

MADDIE
You just couldn't keep your hands off him.

MADDIE tightens her grip on CARLY's throat and then pulls her hand back sharply ripping CARLY's throat out. CARLY clutches at her throat for a few seconds. Her body is quickly lifeless as the werewolves start to feast on her.
EXT. CAMP. NIGHT

MIKE comes out of the tent and shakes his head. He shines his torch round the clearing, everything is eerily quiet.

MIKE
It's ok girls, there's nothing here.

Silence

MIKE
Maddie, Carly, the camps safe.

Silence

MIKE
(under his breath)
Where have they got to now?

MIKE walks back to the tree where he left the girls waiting. They are nowhere to be seen.

MIKE
Carly!

MIKE looks around for signs of her.

MIKE
Maddie!

MIKE notices some broken branches near where the girls had been, he shines his torch on the ground and sees what look like drag marks.

MIKE
What's going on here?

MIKE hears a noise coming towards him through the trees.

MIKE
Who's there?

MIKE's just about to run when MADDIE comes through the trees.

MIKE
Maddie? Where have you been?
Where's Carly?
Maddie puts her hand to Mike's face and gently strokes it.

Maddie
Oh, Mike, it's far better just the 2 of us anyway.

Mike pushes her hand away.

Mike
Not this again! Maddie, it was a one off, ok. I'm not interested. You're way to selfish for me, I'm sorry.

Maddie glares at Mike.

Mike
Come on, we need to find Carly before something happens to her.

Mike starts to walk off, but Maddie grabs his arm and grins. Her teeth are that of an animal.

Mike
Maddie?

Maddie
I didn't want it to be like this, but you've given me no choice.

Mike tries to pull away from Maddie's grips and in the process trips and falls backwards into a tree.

Mike
What?

Maddie
For thousands of years my kind have lived here, and I was fortunate to be chosen to join them.
MIKE
Your kind? What are you talking about? Where's Carly?

MADDIE gives an evil laugh

MADDIE
Carly is dead! She made a nice snack.

MIKE
Snack? What are you?

MADDIE
I am a lycanthrope!

MIKE
A what?

MADDIE looks down at MIKE

MADDIE
A werewolf.

MIKE
You're crazy more like.

MADDIE grabs MIKE by the throat.

MADDIE
Oh, I'm not crazy. I'm just hungry.

MIKE
Is that it then? You gonna eat me now?

MADDIE laughs again

MADDIE
No, you're far to important for me to eat.

MIKE looks scared and confused, he's looking around trying to find something to use a weapon against this creature.

MADDIE
You are going to be my mate. You will become like me. We will be immortal together.

MIKE
Not a chance.
MADDIE
Horton has been home to my colony for thousands of years, we will stay here, together.

MIKE
How many of you are there?

MADDIE
Enough! It's time.

As MADDIE raises her head to the moon and lets out a howl, MIKE grabs a large stick and brings it crashing against the side of her head. MADDIE releases her grip on his throat as she lets out a loud yelp. MIKE scrambles to his feet and runs, MADDIE tries to grab him and scrapes her claws down his back. MIKE doesn't slow down though, or turn back, he just runs.

As the sun rises in the sky, MIKE stumbles out into the road. He's exhausted and collapses at the side of the road. He thinks he's safe.

Something moves in the bushes on the other side of the road, MIKE doesn't notice it.

The wolf watches MIKE intently.

FADE OUT.

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