

An aerial photograph of a two-lane asphalt road that curves through a dense, lush green forest. The road is flanked by thick trees and foliage. The lighting suggests a late afternoon or early morning setting, with soft shadows. The road leads the viewer's eye from the bottom center towards the top right of the frame.

CRY OF THE WILD

A MODERN DAY HORROR STORY

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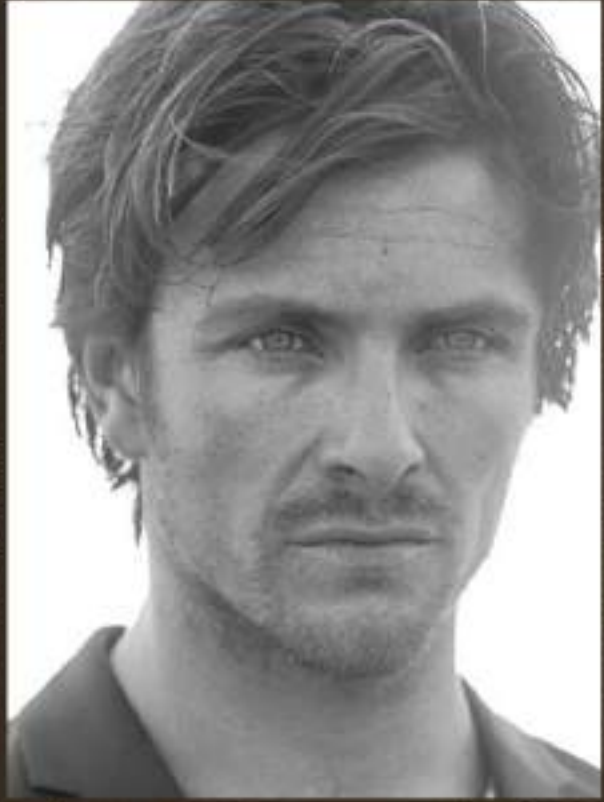
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A misty forest scene with tall, thin trees and a path leading into the distance. The trees are mostly bare, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The ground is covered in fallen leaves and pine needles. The overall atmosphere is quiet and somewhat mysterious.

Seven tight friends, privileged Los Angeles millennials with a Burning Man tribal bond, escape the anarchy of the BLM/ANTIFA riots. Added to their mix is Sam, an outsider and the latest boyfriend of Reagan, a hot Instagrammer with a big following and an insatiable sexual appetite.

The group's alpha leader Ted, has rented a luxurious AirBnB home in an off-season, ski resort town where they hunker down for a weekend of drug-fueled adventures. A chance for the Tribe to rekindle the Burn in nature's wilderness.

Isolated in the forest, their phone service and wifi failing, their conflicts and insecurities rise to the surface as an apex predator appears on scene and challenges everything they thought they knew about their ability to rule over Nature. Only through burying their differences and rising above their pettiness, will some of them find a path to survival.



SAM

SAM (33) He's a Brit with a strong personality and biting sarcasm. A man of morals and boundaries. Former actor, jack of all trades, presently inbetween jobs.



REEGAN

REEGAN (24), a beautiful Harley Quinn wannabe. Constantly undersexed and attention starved, she's a Gen-Z TikTok, Instagramer with 600k + followers and a dozen sponsors, she types her latest post as if it's a life pearl straight from Socrates.



TED

TED (36,) a narcissist, Ted's got an exaggerated sense of self-importance, the alpha male of the gang. He's an easy, spontaneous joker with endless trust-fund cash to spread around. Everyone wants a piece of him; his drugs, his stories, his 24 hour party life. A VR developer.



JOEY

JOEY (26) gorgeous, confident, opinionated and smart as a whip. A Candace Owens type. An independant conservative journalist.



ROCCO

ROCCO (31) A ten-year veteran of Burning Man Jesus. Humorous. Theatrical. Owns a recording studio, sometime musician, funded solely by his trust fund. Ted's wingman for off-beat adventures.



NIKI

NIKI (33). Biting sarcasm, smart but lonely. She's the peace keeper of the group and everyone's emotional dumpster. She runs the door at Chateau Marmont. All of LA kisses her ass.



DAISY

DAISY (26), an edgy, Gen-Z stress-head, hustling business personality. A Vegan ANTIFA vlogger. Comes from a wealthy family. Attends graduate school, studying environmental science and climate change.



HARPER

HARPER (27), Daisy's video editor and sometime boyfriend. He's a fast-talking, tech know-it-all. The kind of guy who would survive a couple episodes of Jeopardy. Harper aspires to be a vegan chef, anything to be with Daisy, who financially supports him.



LULU

A Shitzu puppy. Belongs to Reegan. Annoyingly cute.



TUBBS

BOBBY TUBBS (38), a Richard Jewell type. By-the-book and eager to make his mark in the community. In the absence of official police, this “Rent-a-Cop” is hired to keep watch on the empty properties off-season.



Reegan's rare Shelby GT 1967 Mustang. Vintage; refitted leather seats and steering wheel. The ultimate convertible.



Daisy's 2020 DarkStar Mercedes Sprinter. Loaded with every option. The ultimate camper van and perfect for rugged environments.



Ted's Range Rover Overfinch - Manhattan edition. An aftermarket luxury SUV. Pleated, bespoke leather seats and a massive moonroof. Dealer plates. Cherry-wood features. Over the top opulence.



Tubbs' Polaris Razor-D4, Turbo. Military grade all-terrain UTV. Perfect for on and off-road mountain patrol.



THE FOREST

A mountainous valley built around a ski resort. In the off-season, it attracts hikers, occasional Airbnbbers and spiritual types; including shamans, psychonauts and Sasquatch hunters.



PINE MOUNTAIN CLUB

A private community of large lodges, second homes of affluent Los Angelinos. A ski-in ski-out community in the busy winter. In the deserted summer fire alert signs are on high. RED. With one road in and one road out, this place is a tinderbox prone to wildfires seen throughout the States. Most notably the 2018 “Camp Fire” which killed 84 in California’s most deadly wildfire in Paradise.



THE MOUNTAIN AIRBNB HOUSE

A massive, multi-level home perched on a hillside with wings off either side, ringed by an elevated, wraparound deck overlooking the forest. It's very Ralph Lauren country style; super homey with 30 foot high ceilings, massive support beams, antler chandelier, a big stone fireplace centered in an open living/dining room beside a chef's kitchen. Sweeping mountain views through the floor to ceiling windows.



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THE MOUNTAIN AIRBNB HOUSE INTERIOR

Master suites and staircase.



BLM/ ANTIFA

“Black Lives Matter”, “Defund the police”. Summer of 2020 was littered with these slogans, you couldn’t escape them. In America’s big cities, civil protests spilled into riotous carnage and violence. News outlets rolled constantly on the riots, as masked agitators threw petrol bombs and police lines advancing upon them. It was war. Buildings, stores and cars burn as other places were looted.



BURNING MAN COMMUNITY / VR

“No more “Burning Man cancelled,” no more “couldn’t get a ticket,” it’s always and whenever now”. *Playa 4* is a full VR metaverse rendering of the now-famous Burning Man festival. Ted, it’s developer, is showing off the beta version as the bear strikes.



Daisy, tripping on mushrooms, walks off into the forest, snapping pictures of nature's magic. Everything's intensely colorful. Then a Grizzly CUB appears, size of a medium sized dog, watching. Adorable. She sits up[...] The cub nears. Starts sniffing her. Insane cuteness that'll garner millions of likes later.



THE GRIZZLY

“The ground starts to rumble. Great splashes along the shoreline. Getting louder. Daisy looks up as trees and brush part. A massive creature; fur, claws, teeth smashes through in a blur, coming at her like a freight train. A massive Grizzly, 1600 pounds of anger, charging from the trees, fast as shit, barreling right at her”.



The destruction of the Mustang and the Range Rover.



The Grizzly's attempt to get into the house.



THE MODERN HOUSE

In the distance, a modern house with a master bedroom on the upper half. Walls mostly of glass.