

OUR GIRL

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INT. BELIZE ARMY BARRACKS OFFICE. DAY 8 - 0930

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James stands to attention. The Brigadier is sitting behind a desk staring up at him.

JAMES

Sir...

BRIGADIER

When you are taking a bollocking
Captain James, you accept,
apologise and move on.

JAMES

Sir.

BRIGADIER

The after action reports do not
make good reading.

JAMES

Mea culpa.

The Brigadier stares at him and shakes his head.

JAMES (CONT'D)

Genuinely sir. You're absolutely
right to give me a bollocking, I
let you down, I let the guys
down...

BRIGADIER

You let yourself down, Charles.

JAMES

Sir.

BRIGADIER

But... at the end of the day this
is just a warning shot across your
bow. Relax and take a seat.

JAMES

Sir.

James sits.

BRIGADIER

I'm amazed that this...

(referring to his notes)

...Captain Azizi, was able to pull
the wool over your eyes quite so
easily

JAMES

I was naïve.

(CONTINUED)

BRIGADIER
Naive at best.

James nods.

BRIGADIER (CONT'D)
You got lucky. One Cat A and no
deaths.

JAMES
One special forces fatally, sir.

BRIGADIER
The finding of the board of inquiry
does not link Captain Elvis Harte's
death to your piss poor judgement
over Captain Azizi... so put that
behind you.

JAMES
Sir.

There is a knock at the door.

BRIGADIER
(calls)
Come in.

The door opens and Georgie steps inside.

GEORGIE
Sir?

BRIGADIER
Thank you, Lane. Come in.

Georgie comes and stands beside James. She looks a little
puzzled.

BRIGADIER (CONT'D)
Why do you think I asked to see
you, Lane?

GEORGIE
Sir?

BRIGADIER
(reading)
'Corporal Lane was emotionally
involved with Captain Harte...'

He looks up at her as if for an explanation.

GEORGIE
Who's saying that, sir?

The Brigadier looks from her to James. Georgie flashes James
an angry look.

(CONTINUED)

JAMES

Slightly taken out of context...

BRIGADIER

What, it's not true?

GEORGIE

(butting in, looking at
James)

Elvis' death was nothing to do with
our emotional involvement.

BRIGADIER

Elvis' death meant you were no
longer in a fit state to administer
medical assistance.

Georgie takes this in.

BRIGADIER (CONT'D)

When you're on duty, we don't want
'lines blurred' between our troops.
Rarely ends well.

Georgie and James keep eyes on the Brigadier.

GEORGIE

(barely containing her
anger)

Will that be all, sir?

The Brigadier notices Georgie's eyes filling.

BRIGADIER

Dismissed Lane.

GEORGIE

Thank you sir.

Georgie turns and goes. James watches her leave and shut the
door after her, managing a little look back in his direction.

BRIGADIER

You knew they were emotionally
involved... and you didn't call it
in.

JAMES

Sorry sir.

BRIGADIER

I need you as commanding officer to
call everything in. Maybe if you
are too emotionally involved with
this section it's you that needs to
be moving on.

(CONTINUED)

JAMES

I won't let you down, sir.

BRIGADIER

Again.

JAMES

Again sir.

BRIGADIER

You won't Charles.

(beat)

Lane's actions after the explosion were understandable given the circumstances. As I say we're not linking the events at the FOB with the incident and death in Kabul.

JAMES

He was my best friend sir.

BRIGADIER

We're aware of that and I suspect that is one of the reasons you're not being disciplined.

JAMES

Sir.

BRIGADIER

It's on your record.

JAMES

Sir.

The Brigadier gets up and moves to a rudimentary coffee machine and smells the coffee.

BRIGADIER

I thought South America was famed for it's coffee.

The Brigadier pours a coffee. James is still a bit shaken.

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6 **EXT. POOL. DAY 8 - 1030**

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Georgie arrives pool-side. She looks a tad out of sorts and sits on a chair.

Rab, Monk and Brains are watching her.

Kingy on another sun bed playing a game on his phone.

GEORGIE

What?

MONK

Well you normally go 'morning'.

GEORGIE

Morning.

BRAINS

You alright, Georgie?

(CONTINUED)

GEORGIE

Yes, of course I am. Think I've
still got a bit of jet lag. Sorry
guys.

Rab turns and looks at Maisie on a sun bed.

RAB

It's amazing isn't it, Maisie...
that all this was jungle.

Maisie looks up at him and half shakes her head before
looking away.

MONK

(whispers to Rab)
She alright?

RAB

(whispers back)
Think she might have jet lag too.

MONK

(calling to Georgie)
So, Georgie... seriously... one of
us gets bitten by a crocodile, what
would you say?

GEORGIE

I'd say 'that's not a crocodile,
that's an alligator.'

BRAINS

As you die, Monk.

MONK

Crocodiles, alligators... all the
same shiz.

GEORGIE

I have all the medical kit needed
to survive in the jungle. A
plaster.

MONK

My mum right...

BRAINS

Here we go!

RAB

Monk's got a story about his mum,
Maize.

She gives him a glare.

GEORGIE

Yeah go on, Monk.

(CONTINUED)

MONK

Well whenever any of us kids was ill right, my Mum'd go, "early night, aspirin and a poo." And she was right, that cured everything.

BRAINS

And what did your mum do again?

MONK

She was a doctor.

They stare for a beat.

MONK (CONT'D)

Nah, dinner lady, only pissing about.

BRAINS

Oh really... thought you meant it.

RAB

(to Maisie)

I always wanted to be a doctor but I never had the patients.

They all groan sit down and chill.

MONK

You alright Sergeant King?

KINGY

(with a wry smile)

Just wondering why I am doomed to spend the rest of my life with you half wits.

GEORGIE

This is one of those places that if it wasn't populated would be taken over by the jungle within like five years.

BRAINS

That's true that. There was an abandoned city that got... well...

RAB

Abandoned?

BRAINS

And within a few years you couldn't see a building... the trees had taken over.

MAISIE

What, here in Belize?

(CONTINUED)

BRAINS

No it was somewhere like...

MONK

Detroit! Saw it on the telly.

BRAINS

No it wasn't Detroit you plank it
was somewhere... jungly.

RAB

Phnom Penh.

They all stare at him.

MAISIE

(under her breath)

Johnny know all.

Rab stares at her puzzled. He turns to Monk and mouths 'jet
lag.'

Georgie looks up as James arrives. They all start to brace
up.

JAMES

Relax guys, it's your day off.

MONK

You out with us tonight, boss?

JAMES

I would rather take my eye out with
a cocktail stick.

MONK

As it happens, I've done that.

James tries to smile at Georgie. Georgie doesn't respond.

Cut to titles.

INT. BAR. NIGHT 8 - 2200

Monk, Kingy, Rab, Georgie, Maisie and Brains are spruced up
for the night and sit at a table with a jug of beer.

It is a fairly dark and basic bar.

KINGY

(finishing his drink)

Well, it's lager but not as we know
it.

GEORGIE

Would it be rude to ask for a red
wine.

(CONTINUED)

KINGY

Would you like me to get you the
wine list?

GEORGIE

Serious?

KINGY

Nope. Taking the piss. One more
beer each and then we're back to
barracks.

MONK

Get up the ramp teh, Brains.

BRAINS

(to Kingy)

One more jug then is it, Kingy?

KINGY

Yep.

MAISIE

I'll help you, Brains.

(CONTINUED)

Brains stands up and heads up to the bar with Maisie. The young busty barmaid moves to him. Brains smitten.

BRAINS

Hi love, how are you?

WAITRESS

Beer?

BRAINS

Don't suppose you've ever been to Liverpool? Where the Beatles came from.

WAITRESS

Beer?

BRAINS

Lovely.

She starts to fill a jug of the local draft beer.

MAISIE

(whispers)

You're trying too hard, Brains.

The barmaid looks up at Brains. Brains smiles.

BRAINS

It's a nice beer that. Quite refreshing.

Maisie laughs.

MAISIE

I'm going to the loo.

Maisie heads through the door to the toilets passing a group of locals who look at her somewhat disapprovingly.

The barmaid puts the jug of beer on the counter for Brains.

(CONTINUED)

He smiles at her, clearly besotted. She stares back blankly.

BRAINS

Any clubs round here?

She flashes a look to the group of men the other side of the bar that Maisie had to pass. They are staring at Brains. Brains doesn't notice and heads back to his table with the beer.

He puts the red wine in front of Georgie.

BRAINS (CONT'D)

Shit! I think the barmaid just tried to pull me.

MONK

Where's her labrador and white stick?

BRAINS

They'll be up your arse in a minute.

Kingy is looking at the group of men the other side of the bar. He sees Maisie emerging from the loo's and walking past them.

MAISIE

(calling to the barmaid)

You need to sort your khazi out, love. Couldn't use it, it was that ripe.

One of the men growls something to her.

MAISIE (CONT'D)

(not understanding him)

Yeah mate, whatever. Just don't be expecting me to give you five stars on trip advisor.

LOCAL MAN

You go, now! Out.

MAISIE

Ummm, don't think so. We're having a beer.

He makes a move towards her, a couple of his guys hold him back but in the melee a couple of glasses are knocked off a table.

Our guys are all up to look after Maisie, Kingy at the front.

KINGY

It's alright, no harm done.

(CONTINUED)

He grabs Maisie and pulls her behind him and to the others. Kingy tries to smile, placatory. They stare back angry.

One takes out a large knife and pretends to draw it across his throat looking towards Kingy.

KINGY (CONT'D)

Right guys, we're extracting.

They look at Kingy. They can tell he absolutely means it.

KINGY (CONT'D)

Move. Now.

Kingy walks towards the exit door, slowly and carefully. They all glare every inch of the way.

He opens the door. He calls them out one at a time. They obey, military precision.

KINGY (CONT'D)

Lane out. Brains out. Kalil out.

Monk out. Richards out.

As the last man left, Kingy turns to the menacingly assembled mass.

KINGY (CONT'D)

Thank you for a memorable evening.

He leaves.

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EXT. BAR. NIGHT 8 - 2210

7A

Our guys are hurrying towards their waiting vehicle.

MAISIE

Very sensitive about their toilets.

KINGY

Get to the vehicle before anyone speaks.

GEORGIE

British army in tactical withdrawal.

They all hurry into the vehicle.

8

INT. OFFICERS QUARTERS. BARRACKS. NIGHT 8 - 2230

8

James and Kingy are lying in their beds.

KINGY

I've seen it get naughty in Colchester...

(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

KINGY (CONT'D)

been in a mass brawl in
Aldershot... Was in Cyprus when the
2 Para kicked off but this was...
different gravy boss.

JAMES

Good judgement to extract, Kingy.
Thank you.

Kingy flashes him a look.

KINGY

Not sure I had too many other
options, boss.

James half nods but is clearly still shaken by the brigadier.

9 INT. 2 SECTION QUARTERS. BARRACKS. NIGHT 8 - 2230

9

The guys all lie in bed. Georgie and Maisie the other side of a sheet set up as a demarcation.

Rab is on his phone, Googling.

MONK

You using your hot spot, Rab?

RAB

Yes. And no... you can't share it.

MONK

Wad.

RAB

(reading)

Shitting hell.

BRAINS

What?

RAB

This used to be British Honduras.

MONK

What during the empire and that?

RAB

Commonwealth I think... but it's all a bit confusing. Anyway, it's Belize now and there's been some scuffles up by the border with Guatemala.

GEORGIE

Always the same... people fighting over a scrap of land that's no use to man nor beast.

MAISIE

World War 3 nearly just started up over the state of their shitter.

RAB

Got the feeling they didn't much like us from the off.

BRAINS

Apart from the barmaid.

MONK

You're a sucker for a pair of boobs, eh Brains.

BRAINS

If only.

(CONTINUED)

RAB

(reading)

Oh! And it's banged out with drugs
round here.

GEORGIE

(with a sigh)

Excellent.

MONK

Drugs and alligators. A winning
combo!

GEORGIE

Right guys, heads down now...
parade at 0600 for jungle exercise.

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Georgie flicks off the light. Blackout.

10 **EXT. JUNGLE. DAY 9 - 0535** 10

Dawn sun breaking over the canopy. Exotic birds fly about the trees. The noise of the jungle.

11 **EXT. PARADE GROUND. BARRACKS. DAY 9 - 0600** 11

2 section have gathered on the parade ground. Kingy brings them to attention as James and Captain Roger Martinez stride towards them.

JAMES
As you were guys.

They relax.

JAMES (CONT'D)
(introducing)
This is Roger, Belizean Special
Forces. Expert in jungle warfare.
Served with SAS.

ROGER
Good morning guys.

ALL
Sir.

JAMES
Did you all read the program and
casualty extraction plan?

ALL
Sir.

JAMES
Monk...

Monk almost winces.

JAMES (CONT'D)
Unconscious casualty?

MONK
The medic would assess for further
danger to ourselves, carry out the
CABC.

Monk looks at Georgie.

JAMES
Carry on, Lane.

(CONTINUED)

GEORGIE
Catastrophic bleed, airway,
breathing, circulation.

She glares at him somewhat defiantly.

JAMES
(flashing a look to Roger)
I said they were good.

ROGER
The jungle is a hostile and
unforgiving environment. Yes, this
is an exercise, but as with all
exercises there must always be a
plan.

JAMES
We're dividing into two teams. Each
will be given grid references of
where their casualty is. You
collect your casualty, put it on a
stretcher and return to your RV
Point as quickly and as safely as
you can.

ROGER
Time is life. The longer you take
the more chance this casualty has
of dying.

Monk has his hand up.

MONK
Is it a real casualty, boss?

JAMES
Obviously not. Dummy.

MONK
I was only asking.

JAMES
It is a dummy. Dummy.

The guys enjoy the moment.

JAMES (CONT'D)
Lane, Kalil and Kingy... alpha
team.
(handing Georgie a note)
Loc-Stat of your casualty. Mistat
attached to patient. Carry out the
appropriate treatment, call it in
and evacuate... mindful not to
worsen casualty's condition...

(CONTINUED)

ROGER
For example, spinal injuries.

Georgie reads the exercise instruction that contains the location status.

ROGER (CONT'D)
Location status included.

Georgie nods.

JAMES
Brains, Monk, Richards and myself... bravo team.

ROGER
All checked your kit?

ALL
Sir.

ROGER
Then check it again with me watching.

JAMES
You forget anything in the jungle and you are kiboshed. Right, bravo team, on me. Alpha team on Roger. He won't be accompanying you because this is a medic led exercise.

MAISIE
We haven't got a medic in bravo, boss.

JAMES
I've completed my team medic course every time I've deployed on operations in Afghan. And that'll be five more than you Richards. Let's move.

BRAINS
Is it like a race, boss?

JAMES
It's a jungle casualty extraction... at speed. Were you not listening, Brains?

ROGER
And the most important thing is... you all make it to RV Point in one piece.

(CONTINUED)

JAMES

With your casualty intact and on
your stretcher.

They separate into their groups to double check their kit and
kaboodle. Each will have a map table where they can study and
check grid references and routes.

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references and routes etc.

We follow alpha team - Georgie, Kingy and Rab to their table.
Roger is straight over.

ROGER

Empty your kit out.

RAB

All of it, sir?

ROGER

Quite hard for me to inspect it if
it's at the bottom of your kit bag.

He walks away, Rab staring after him.

RAB

Fair enough.

We see Roger arrive at bravo team table. He sees Monk taking
out his kit.

ROGER

(picking up a pair of
headphones)
Unnecessary.

MONK

Thought there might be a moment for
some 'choons', sir.

Roger glares at him and pockets the headphones.

ROGER

You need 100 per cent concentration
on this exercise or you could die.

They all take this in. He walks around to James who has
unpacked his kit. It was clearly immaculately folded. He
looks at everything and nods.

ROGER (CONT'D)

(tapping the tracker)
Checked the battery?

JAMES

At maximum.

(CONTINUED)

Roger taps the small firearm always strapped to James' thigh.

ROGER

Checked?

JAMES

And double checked.

(CONTINUED)

Roger nods and walks around to Brains who seems equally organised.

BRAINS

Will we need leech socks, sir?

ROGER

Have you got some?

BRAINS

No sir.

ROGER

Then I guess you don't.

MAISIE

Is it jungle like... elephants and that?

ROGER

Have you seen The Jungle Book?

MAISIE

Yeah.

ROGER

Just like that... including the songs.

He walks back to alpha with a little smile to James.

12

INT. TRUCK. DAY 9 - 0800

12

Roger is driving the truck to the edge of the jungle. James up front, 2 section behind.

Rab is sitting opposite Maisie. He tries to smile.

RAB

Good luck, Maize.

MAISIE

Don't patronise me.

Monk laughs. Rab looks puzzled.

RAB

Yeah alright Monk.

MONK

I'm on Maisie's team, mate.

RAB

What?

(CONTINUED)

MONK
Jungle exercise. You Georgie and
Kinky v the rest.

KINGY
You getting all competitive, Monk.

GEORGIE
I am. We're gonna win.

MAISIE
Go girl!

BRAINS
Kinky...

KINGY
Shoot.

BRAINS
Do you think there's no chance of
nipping back to that bar at any
stage?

KINGY
No chance.

MAISIE
You in love, Brains?

BRAINS
I'd run away and live in a hut in
the jungle with her for eternity...
if she let me.

They all laugh. The truck comes to a stop.

13 **EXT. JUNGLE'S EDGE. DAY 9 - 0815**

13

Roger is addressing the two teams who stand separately. A
large river between them and the jungle.

ROGER
Right, alpha team.

GEORGIE
Sir.

ROGER
(pointing across the
river)
You are entering the jungle over
there.

RAB
Over the river?

(CONTINUED)

ROGER

Indeed.

RAB

What about my boots?

ROGER

I wouldn't advise you take them
off... piranha's love toes.

Rab half smiles and then suddenly realises he is being
serious.

ROGER (CONT'D)

On your casualty you will find the
grid reference of the RV point. I
will be there waiting for you.
Prepare to move... move.

Georgie, Kingy and Rab start to wade into the river. The
others watch them go.

ROGER (CONT'D)

Right bravo team, back in the
truck.

They all look puzzled.

ROGER (CONT'D)

You are obviously entering the
jungle from a different point.
Let's move.

BRAINS

Isn't that giving them a head
start?

JAMES

Then we'll just have to tab it,
won't we Brains.

They all start to get back into the truck but no one can take
their eyes off alpha team wading through the water towards
their jungle entry point.

13A **EXT. RIVER. DAY 9 - 0820**

13A

We see Georgie, Kingy and Rab making their way through the
water.

RAB

Was he serious about the piranhas?

KINGY

Think so.

(CONTINUED)

RAB
Can they bite through boots?

GEORGIE
Rab, calm down. He was joking.

RAB
(looking down)
What else is in here then?

GEORGIE
Alligators.

RAB
Ha ha.

KINGY
Google where piranha's live, Rab.

RAB
I've got trench foot already.

GEORGIE
I can feel my toe nail varnish
peeling off.

KINGY
Ditto.

RAB
(slightly panicked)
I bet this is a mosquito's paradise
at night.

KINGY
Where do you think they go during
the day, Rab?

RAB
I suppose they sleep... yeah?

Kingy shakes his head.

RAB (CONT'D)
What?

KINGY
They're flying about waiting for
some mug with wet boots to enter
the jungle. Once you start
steaming... you'll hear a buzzing
noise and then... bosh.

GEORGIE
You've put your repellent on, yeah
Rab?

(CONTINUED)

Rab half nods and tries to look brave. Then he starts hurrying.

RAB
How long will it take for our clothes to dry?

GEORGIE
The heat of jungle... not long.

RAB
Shouldn't get wet then let your clothes dry on your body... my mother says that's a bladder infection waiting to happen.

They emerge from the other side of the river and start to enter the jungle.

We hold on them as they disappear inside the jungle and under the canopy.

13B **INT. TRUCK. DAY 9 - 0830**

13B

Bravo team are heading towards their entry point.

14 **EXT. JUNGLE.**

14

Alpha team are walking further and further into the jungle.

RAB
I'm leaking buckets already.

KINGY
It's gonna get hot and sticky, Kalil.

GEORGIE
Fallen tree ahead.

KINGY
We can't go under it, we can't go over it... oh no, we're going to have to go round it.

RAB
My mum used to read me that book. Loved it, Sergeant King.

GEORGIE
We can go over it, Kingy. They must have known this was here... we don't really want to go off this track... we can all get over that, surely.

(CONTINUED)

They size it up.

15 **EXT. JUNGLE'S EDGE. DAY 9 - 0900**

15

The truck has pulled up and bravo team, James, Maisie, Monk and Brains are looking along another track.

ROGER
(leaning out of the open window)
I'll see you at the RV point, Captain James. I'm just going back to base to pick up the Brigadier... he wants to be there to congratulate the victors.

This hits with James.

JAMES
What's our ETA would you say, Roger?

ROGER
Two hours to casualty and depending on the diagnosis after assessment, three hours to the RV point.

Roger beams and starts to pull away.

JAMES
(checking his watch)
Right guys, do me a favour... let's win this.

MAISIE
You not after impressing the Brigadier, are you boss?

JAMES
I'll be feeding you to the alligators if you slow us up, Richards. On me guys.

They start to head up a track. As we watch them disappear.

MONK
(as they disappear)
Did you hear about the posh bloke at Glastonbury and this crocodile had escaped from the local zoo and eats him... and these hoolies walking past see him when there's only his head left in the croc's mouth and go 'look at that flash bastard in his Lacoste sleeping bag'.

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MAISIE (V.O.)
Is that true, Monk?

They laugh.

JAMES (V.O.)
I've actually been to Glastonbury.

This makes them laugh even more.

16 **EXT. JUNGLE. ALPHA TEAM. DAY 9 - 0900**

16

Kingy is making a footing for Rab. Georgie is preparing the rope.

KINGY
Right Rab, you top marked on the
assault course... we get you to the
top of this trunk...

GEORGIE
With the rope.

KINGY
One end of. Make sure it's safe to
jump down then secure the rope to a
tree. We get the medic to the top
of the truck and you help lower her
down. I'll then use the rope to get
myself up and over. All clear?

GEORGIE
Isn't this 'medic led'?

KINGY
This was your suggestion, Lane.

GEORGIE
Very happy to take the credit when
we get back to the RV point.

RAB
Will we get a cup or something?

KINGY
You'll get a hand shake from the
Brig if you're lucky. Right, come
on Rab, little less rabbit...

GEORGIE
And a little more hopping... over
that thing.

Rab uses Kingy's cupped hands as a foot hold and leaps onto
the top of the fallen trunk.

(CONTINUED)

RAB
(from the top of fallen
tree trunk, turning to
the others)
"I'm top of the world, ma".

KINGY
I'm not your ma, Kalil. Safe to
jump down?

Rab checks all is safe and jumps down. Beat. Rab screams.

KINGY (CONT'D)
Kalil?!

GEORGIE
(panicked)
Rab, are you okay?

RAB (V.O.)
(unsure)
Of course I am, I'm only fucking
about.

Kingy looks furious.

KINGY
When I get over, you are getting a
kick up the arse.

17 **EXT. JUNGLE. ALPHA TEAM. DAY 9 - 0905**

17

Rab the other side of the trunk, is staring at the severed
head of a wild boar. Someone has cut it off and left it on
the path. This has clearly freaked out Rab and the reason he
screamed.

KINGY (V.O.)
What you doing now, Kalil?

We see Rab thinking quickly. Not wanting the others to freak
out, he picks up the head and lobs it as far as he can into
the thicket.

RAB
Securing the rope to the tree,
Sergeant.

Rab moves quickly and starts securing his end of the rope
around a tree.

RAB (CONT'D)
Sense of humour not allowed in the
army, Sergeant?

KINGY (V.O.)
No.

(CONTINUED)

Rab looks around, shaken.

RAB
Do you think anybody's been round
these parts?

GEORGIE (V.O.)
What are you talking about, Rab?

RAB
(looking around anxiously)
You know... do people... live round
here?

KINGY (V.O.)
Secure the rope and stop talking
shit, Kalil.

18 **EXT. JUNGLE. ALPHA TEAM. DAY 9 - 0906**

18

Kingy and Georgie watch as Rab shakes the rope from his side.

RAB (V.O.)
Rope secured, guys.

Kingy pulls on the rope.

KINGY
It better be or I'm hanging you
with it later.

(CONTINUED)

He hands the rope to Georgie and makes a cupping with his hands for Georgie's initial hoist up, then she'll use the rope to pull herself up.

GEORGIE
Thanks Kingy.

She gets up and then uses the rope to get her to the top of the trunk.

KINGY
Be careful jumping down, Lane.

RAB (V.O.)
I'll catch you, Georgie.

KINGY
Get her down safely, Kalil.

RAB (V.O.)
Or what, you'll hang me twice?

Georgie jumps down the other side.

GEORGIE (V.O.)
Down and safe, Kingy.

Kingy starts to pull himself up onto the top of the tree trunk.

19 **EXT. JUNGLE. ALPHA TEAM. DAY 9 - 0910**

19

Georgie and Rab watch as Kingy jumps down. He glares at Rab.

RAB
Shall I untie the rope and... we
can crack on?

Kingy stares as Rab does just this, but as he does we see him looking nervously into the thicket.

He sees blood on his hands and quickly wipes them on his trousers.

20 **EXT. JUNGLE. BRAVO TEAM. DAY 9 - 1100**

20

James, Maisie, Brains and Monk are walking with purpose along their track.

They hear a very loud jungle animal screech from inside the trees. This makes them all start.

JAMES
Animal's live in the jungle. Can't
be news to you surely.

(CONTINUED)

They all look about anxiously.

MONK
What sort of animals, boss?

JAMES
Man eating ones.

MAISIE
I'm alright then.

21

EXT. JUNGLE. ALPHA TEAM. DAY 9 - 1100

21

Georgie is leading them on as the track fizzles out. They are now very much just in jungle.

RAB

Path's run out.

GEORGIE

We've got the grid reference of the casualty. We forge on.

RAB

But what about... all that shit in the way?

KINGY

This is where we take out our military issue machete's and hack our way through.

RAB

Excellent.

GEORGIE

Your enthusiasm is commendable, Rab.

RAB

When that Roger bloke handed these out I thought... get in!

KINGY

Kalil, that is a lethal weapon you are swinging around like a ten year old with a lasso.

RAB

Sorry.

GEORGIE

What's a lasso?

KINGY

Cowboys and Indians.

RAB

Bit rude.

Kingy moves to the thicket and starts to hack.

KINGY

Right you two, machete's away. One person hacking at a time. We'll take turns. Other two following.

They move forward as Kingy hacks.

(CONTINUED)

Rab and Georgie watch him as he does so.

RAB
You should never stand still in the
jungle.

GEORGIE
Go on.

RAB
Panthers.

He points up in the trees.

RAB (CONT'D)
You can never see them 'cos they
blend in with the... bark.

GEORGIE
Bark?

RAB
Tree.

GEORGIE
I know what bark is... just don't
see how a panther looks like bark.

RAB
You're sucking the life out of my
story.

GEORGIE
Is it a joke?

RAB
No! It's fact! I Googled it!

Georgie gives him a withering look.

RAB (CONT'D)
Anyway...

Georgie laughs.

RAB (CONT'D)
Panthers sit up in trees and when
something... or someone... stands
still below them... they pounce.

They both look up into the tree line. Both suddenly spooking
themselves and start to move about animatedly. Kingy turns
and looks at them.

KINGY
What the hell are you two doing?

They both focus up.

22

EXT. JUNGLE. BRAVO TEAM. DAY 9 - 1115

22

James is studying the coordinates and checking his compass.

JAMES

By my reckoning chaps... we are
very close.

They forge on and push their way through thicket and start to
wade through a boggy/swampy area.

MONK

Oh mate, that's me with wet socks.

BRAINS

My jungle boots aren't massively
water proof, gotta be said.

MAISIE

Mine are fine!

They give her a look.

MONK

You probably got the Doris boots.

JAMES

Guys, focus up. Casualty
approximately 200 metres ahead.

They push on and see ahead a dummy, lying against the stump
of a tree.

James tabs the last 100 metres.

MONK

(nodding to the dummy)
I don't think he's going anywhere.

James arrives at casualty, assesses the situation.

JAMES

No further danger, guys on me.

They approach. James reads the casualty card and carries out
his CABC's.

JAMES (CONT'D)

(reading)
Deep laceration to upper left arm.
We tourniquet and dress wound. I'll
inform charlie one zero of our
progress.

James gets on the radio as the others approach the dummy.

(CONTINUED)

JAMES (CONT'D)
Maisie, Monk... dress wound. Cat
tourniquet, blast bandage.

They jump on that.

JAMES (CONT'D)
(into radio)
Hello Charlie one zero, this is
bravo fire team, have now located
and treated casualty. Over.

ROGER (V.O.)
(through radio)
Charlie one zero, roger your last,
over.

JAMES
(into radio)
Bravo fire team, please confirm we
are the first call sign to recover
casualty, over.

ROGER (V.O.)
(through radio)
Charlie one zero, I can confirm you
are the first call sign to collect
casualty. You've got 53 minutes to
beat a group of Royal Engineers
time from last month. You've got no
chance. Out.

James hangs up, clearly delighted to be first but frustrated
not to be beating the Royal Engineers. He checks his watch.

JAMES
You hear that guys, currently in
the lead. And we've got 52
minutes... let's move fast with our
casualty.

MAISIE
Let's hope alpha's casualty has a
well mashed spine.

BRAINS
Nice.

JAMES
Get the stretcher out Brains and
let's move.

Brains starts to assemble the stretcher. James checking his
watch.

JAMES (CONT'D)
We're going to do this!

23

EXT. JUNGLE. ALPHA TEAM. DAY 9 - 1130

23

Georgie, Kingy and Rab are hacking their way through the thicket.

(CONTINUED)

GEORGIE

That's the boss's team already on
their way to the RV with their
casualty. Let's get a move on.

They arrive at a bit more of a clearing and are suddenly able
to start tabbing it towards their casualty.

24 **EXT. JUNGLE. BRAVO TEAM. DAY 9 - 1140**

24

The four of them are carrying the stretcher with dummy and
running at a fair pace.

JAMES

All okay guys?

ALL

Boss.

JAMES

Hold up a sec guys...

They all stop. James is looking at an overgrown path that
would get them to their destination quicker.

He looks at the compass and the map.

JAMES (CONT'D)

Right fella's on me. I think we can
gain some time if we take this
route. We're getting to the
Brigadier first, beating the Royal
Engineers time and the beers are on
me.

BRAINS

We could go back to that bar, boss.
The barmaid...

MONK

She so fucking didn't Brains.

BRAINS

What?

MONK

Fancy you.

They head off down the path less travelled.

25 **EXT. JUNGLE. ALPHA TEAM. DAY 9 - 1200**

25

Georgie, Kingy and Rab are putting a neck brace on the dummy.

(CONTINUED)

RAB

Can't believe we get a bloody neck injury. This is going to slow us down a bit.

KINGY

No it's not.

Georgie flashes him a look.

KINGY (CONT'D)

Let's be honest, he's not gonna feel a thing even if we drop him.

GEORGIE

Her.

RAB

Is it a lady?

GEORGIE

(grabbing the moulded
breasts on the dummy)

What d'you think these are, Rab?

RAB

Let's get her back safely and Brains can marry her.

KINGY

He's in love with the barmaid.

GEORGIE

Ahhhh bless. I think it's nice...

RAB

The barmaid doesn't seem to even know though.

KINGY

Not sure you're the one to take the piss when it comes to affairs of the heart, Rab.

RAB

What's that supposed to mean?

Georgie and Kingy exchange a glance and smirk. Rab looks puzzled.

RAB (CONT'D)

What?

GEORGIE

If we see some nice flowers on the way to the RV point, you should pick some for her Rab.

(CONTINUED)

RAB

Who?

Kingie and Georgie laugh.

RAB (CONT'D)

I don't think she's got over her
jet lag yet.

(beat)

Are there flowers on the way back?

GEORGIE

(back on task)

Check the neck brace and keeping
the patient as still as possible...
let's get her on the stretcher.

They all focus again.

26 **EXT. JUNGLE. BRAVO TEAM. DAY 9 - 1215**

26

James is leading Maisie, Brains and Monk down the path less
travelled at speed as they carry the stretcher.

They look exhausted, sweating and fatigued. James is pushing
them a little too hard.

MONK

These fucking leeches.

JAMES

Leave them, we'll burn them off at
the RV point.

MONK

(alarmed)

Burn them off, boss?!

JAMES

Exactly.

MONK

That sounds a bit... alarming.

BRAINS

Not with a blow torch, you
doughnut.

MONK

Just 'cos Rab's not here don't make
out you're the clever clogs now.

BRAINS

In the kingdom of the blind, the
one eyed man is god.

Brains smirks. Monk stares at him.

(CONTINUED)

MONK
One eyed God?

MAISIE
Cyclops.

JAMES
What the hell are you lot
chuntering about?

MONK
Do you know what, boss... I haven't
got a Scooby-do. I thought it was a
simple conversation about burning
leeches and then... it all went
weird.

BRAINS
You burn them off with a cigarette
end, Monk.

MONK
You don't even smoke!

(CONTINUED)

BRAINS

Do you reckon my barmaid smokes?

MONK

Only if you don't oil her properly.

BRAINS

Don't diss my bae, Monk.

Monk and Maisie laugh. Brains looks at bit pleased he's elicited a laugh.

James ups the pace.

MAISIE

Can we take five for a drink,
bossman?

JAMES

Let's forge on a bit further.

The foliage is getting thicker and thicker as the path less travelled becomes narrow and narrower and starts to peter out.

Leaves and branches slap against their sweating faces as they run.

We see James as he hurries, his face fixed and determined.

He stands on a small clump of leaves, not seeing it was hiding a lethal wild boar trap.

In a nanosecond sharpened branches stab right through James' thigh as they would have done through the boar's neck.

James screams in absolute agony and drops to the floor.

The others stare in horror.

27

EXT. JUNGLE. ALPHA TEAM. DAY 9 - 1217

27

Georgie, Kingy and Rab have their patient on the stretcher and look up alarmed as they hear James' agonising screams echo around the jungle.

RAB

What the hell was that?

GEORGIE

We need to get over to them.

(CONTINUED)

RAB
Was that the boss?

Kingy has got out the radio and is trying to get hold of them.

KINGY
(into radio)
Zero alpha to bravo fire team,
over.

Silence.

Georgie and Rab are looking at him.

KINGY (CONT'D)
(into radio)
Zero alpha to bravo fire team,
over.

Kingy looks up at Georgie and Rab.

KINGY (CONT'D)
Their comms are down... they must
be under a canopy.

They hear another scream.

GEORGIE
Let's head towards the screams.
They're close... they must be.

RAB
What shall we do about... her.

He points to the dummy on the stretcher. They stare at him somewhat incredulous.

KINGY
Right, let's tab it as best we can
but... staying safe, guys.

They hear another cry.

RAB
That is the boss, isn't it.

They don't answer and Kingy leads them towards the screams.

James is on the floor writhing in agony.

MAISIE
Get on the comms Monk, now!

BRAINS
Stay calm boss.

They all try to be professional but are spooked by this.

MONK
What the shitting hell is it?

BRAINS
Some kind of man trap.

They look about in fear.

29 **EXT. JUNGLE. ALPHA TEAM. DAY 9 - 1218**

29

Kingy is leading Georgie and Rab along a path. They stop and listen. Silence.

RAB
It sounded like...

Rab points in a direction.

KINGY
Wait. Listen.

GEORGIE
Sound travels differently in the
jungle, Rab.

Rab nods. They all stand motionless. They hear another yell of seeming agony.

Kingy points down the path less travelled on. Georgie nods. They head off the slightly more beaten track and along the less travelled on path, as James did.

30 **EXT. JUNGLE. BRAVO TEAM. DAY 9 - 1225**

30

Maisie and Brains are attending James as he screams. Monk is trying to get the radio to work.

MAISIE
Keep still boss.

BRAINS
How you doing, Monk?

MONK
Comms down.

James screams and writhes,

(CONTINUED)

MAISIE

Boss... boss... keep still... we
can't pull these bastards out
till... the medic gets here.

BRAINS

(to Monk)

Anything?

MONK

Fuck fucking all.

They all look anxious.

31 **EXT. JUNGLE. ALPHA TEAM. DAY 9 - 1250**

31

We hear James' screams and see Georgie, Kingy and Rab are
hurrying towards them.

They are running down the path less travelled, push through
the foliage and suddenly arrive at James, Monk, Brains and
Maisie.

Georgie is straight away on James. She starts to cut away at
his trousers to see the damage to his leg.

Two lethal looking spears of wood have penetrated James' leg
and come out the other side. There is significant
haemorrhage.

GEORGIE

Keep as still as you can, boss.

MAISIE

I didn't pull them out 'cos...
well, I wasn't sure.

GEORGIE

Well done, Richards.

Georgie rips the tourniquet from the dummy on the stretcher
and starts to apply it to the top of James' leg.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

Once I've secured the tourniquet I
can try and remove these spears.

RAB

You called it in, Monk?

MONK

Comms still down.

GEORGIE

Keep trying.

Georgie takes out her shot of morphine.

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GEORGIE (CONT'D)
Administering pain relief. Stay
calm boss.

She injects him.

Georgie tries to remove the first stick. It is stuck fast.
She looks up at Kingy.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)
It's gone through the bone. Can't
risk removing it.

KINGY
We need to evacuate him to the RV
point.

GEORGIE
No mate, we need to med-evac him
out of here.
(looking back along the
path less travelled)
No way are we going to be able to
get him back along there.

KINGY
They got their stretcher down here.

GEORGIE
Yep. Lucky the patient was a dummy.
I can't risk the branches smashing
against him and breaking these
spears.

KINGY
(nodding)
We could try and clear a path...

GEORGIE
Quickest and simplest solution, you
lead the guys back to the RV point
and scramble a med-evac. You've got
our grid reference. I'll stay here
with the patient, you lead the
others back.

Kingy muses on this.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)
From a medical point of view,
that's my advice.

KINGY
Should I stay with you?

GEORGIE
(shaking her head)
Unnecessary.
(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

We stay here, you get the others
back. Let's get him out of here and
to the hospital before nightfall.

KINGY

(nodding)

On it.

GEORGIE

He's had my only pain relief, so
that should keep him stable for a
few hours. Let's move.

KINGY

(addressing everyone)

Right guys, on me.

Everyone focuses on Kingy.

KINGY (CONT'D)

We're tabbing it to the RV point,
leaving the patient and the medic
here. Prepare to move...

GEORGIE

(looking up from James)

Hydrate first guys, not too much...
200ml will see you there.

They all drink and prepare to move.

32

EXT. JUNGLE. KINGY'S TEAM. DAY 9 - 1500

32

Kingy is tabbing it through the jungle towards the RV point.
Monk, Maisie, Brains and Rab running behind.

They are all hot, sweaty but totally focused.

Kingy runs them along a path and in the distance we see the
huts of the RV point.

KINGY

Well done guys. Two hundred metres
ahead.

33

EXT. RV POINT. DAY 9 - 1502

33

We see Roger and the Brigadier step out of the temporary
comms tent and start to applaud.

As Kingy and the guys get closer, Roger and the Brigadier see
there is no stretcher and slow their clapping.

As they get nearer still it is all too apparent that
something has gone seriously wrong.

34

EXT. JUNGLE. GEORGIE & JAMES. DAY 9 - 1515

34

Georgie has raised James' leg and is mopping sweat off his brow. She picks up a bottle of water and holds it to his mouth.

He takes the bottle and drinks.

JAMES

I need some more pain relief.

GEORGIE

They shouldn't be long now.

JAMES

I'm burning up. I'm not sure whether it's the leg or... jungle.

GEORGIE

You're running a temperature. To be expected with the fracture.

JAMES

They shouldn't be long.

Georgie looks at her watch and nods.

JAMES (CONT'D)

Thank you.

Georgie half nods but says nothing.

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JAMES (CONT'D)

Are you okay, Lane?

GEORGIE

Shouldn't I be the one asking you that?

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James looks at her. They hear a noise. They freeze and look in the direction it came from.

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JAMES

(whispers)

Could be a wild boar... we're obviously on their run.

They then hear voices.

GEORGIE

Our guys?

They listen. James shakes his head.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

(whispers anxious)

What?

(CONTINUED)

She hears to raised and angry voices getting nearer, clearly coming down the path less travelled.

JAMES

Move.

Georgie looks at him.

JAMES (CONT'D)

Move Lane, now.

Georgie gets behind him, grabs his shoulders and drags him into the tress and hidden from the path. She leaves him there and goes back for the stretcher and the dummy so there is no sign of them on the path.

The move is agony for James but he manages not to cry out.

From their slightly hidden position they can see from their POV the group of four men, heavily armed.

They speak in local creole as they walk past James and Georgie.

We see James and Georgie cowering, the situation has suddenly escalated to critical. The men are menacing and clearly very aggressive.

34A EXT. JUNGLE. DAY 9 - 1515

34A

We see the rescue team now led by Roger heading towards the path less travelled.

34B EXT. JUNGLE. DAY 9 - 1520

34B

We see the four bandits heading their way.

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36 **EXT. RIVER'S EDGE. DAY 9 - 1525**

36

We see a young local lad of about 16, Ezra, mooring his small boat and heading into the jungle.

Close on Ezra as he takes out a large hunting knife and starts to make his way along the path less travelled on from the river.

We follow him as he makes his way towards what we discover is his wild boar trap.

He sees it has been activated. He is clearly an expert hunter and sees the blood on the ground and drag marks.

He starts to follow the trail, his hunting knife ready to make the kill.

He follows it through the tree line and to James.

The two of them stare at each other.

Georgie has come round the back behind Ezra and holds a knife to his neck.

GEORGIE
Drop the knife.

Ezra drops the knife onto the ground and swings around.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)
It's alright, we're not going to hurt you.

EZRA
Boar. I was hunting... boar.

They nod.

GEORGIE
You speak English.

Ezra nods.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)
He stood on the trap and...

Ezra nods.

EZRA
Do not pull. They are...

(CONTINUED)

He tries to indicate that the hardened sticks are barbed.

JAMES

He's trying to say they are barbed
and if we pull them out...

EZRA

Yes.

GEORGIE

We are just waiting to be rescued.

Ezra nods and looks around, clearly anxious.

EZRA

You can't wait here.

JAMES

We need to wait for our men.

EZRA

Bandits. Bandits here. They see
you... they kill you.

JAMES

We don't want any trouble.

GEORGIE

We just need to get him to a
hospital.

EZRA

They see you, they kill you.

GEORGIE

What sort of bandits are they?

EZRA

(looking around as if not
wanting to be over heard)
Drugs. They kill you.

James and Georgie nod, clearly now the situation has
escalated.

36A

EXT. JUNGLE. DAY 9 - 1525

36A

We see Roger leading the rescue team. They hear something up
ahead.

Roger holds his hand aloft so his team not to stop and freeze.
Roger signals by pointing to his eyes and ahead that he
thinks he saw/heard something.

He then hears distinct voices speaking in creole. He signals
for his men to beat a hasty retreat.

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ROGER
Move, move! Now!

As they scamper back the way they came and disappear, the bandits appear and realise someone is running away.

They fire into the thicket. After several rounds their seemingly leader holds up his hand for them to cease firing.

They mutter angrily in creole.

36B **EXT. RIVER'S EDGE. DAY 9 - 1526**

36B

Georgie, James and Ezra have heard the gunshots. Ezra realises he's got to move them.

EZRA
We must move now... come.

James and Georgie look at him and half shake their heads.

EZRA (CONT'D)
The bandits will kill you... they kill anyone.

GEORGIE
But we need to wait here... we have no comms so if we move...

JAMES
I've got the tracker.

EZRA
I take you to my village. You get help from there.

A final gun shot echoes around the jungle.

JAMES
(looking up at Georgie)
We need to move, Lane.

(CONTINUED)

GEORGIE

They'll be sending help to the grid
reference here.

JAMES

And if they find our dead bodies?

EZRA

We need to move.

Georgie and James both nod. Georgie and Ezra grab hold of
James and start to help manoeuvre him towards the rivers
edge.

Just as they get to the rivers edge they hear another gun
shot. They all exchange looks.

EZRA (CONT'D)

Let's go.

Georgie and James register this and they head on.

37

EXT. JUNGLE. ROGER'S TEAM. DAY 9 - 1527

37

Roger's team are laying low. Dug in. Hidden. All now quiet.

ROGER

(quietly to Kingy)
Drugs runners.

KINGY

(whispers to Roger)
Have they gone?

Roger half nods. He thinks they have moved on.

KINGY (CONT'D)

They just fired... they didn't know
who we were.

ROGER

They wouldn't care. They have
slaughtered entire villages...

KINGY

Why?

ROGER

They say it's business.

Kingy looks at him and shakes his head.

ROGER (CONT'D)

There livelihood is worth millions.

Roger breaks cover to check the coast is clear.

38 **EXT. RIVER'S EDGE. DAY 9 - 1535**

38

Georgie and Ezra get James into the boat. The movement has been agony for James.

Georgie and Ezra get in the boat and Ezra picks up the paddle and they move away.

39 **EXT. BOAT. RIVER. DAY 9 - 1545**

39

Ezra is paddling the boat, Georgie is attending James. She turns and looks at Ezra who is clearly petrified and looking into the jungle to see if he can spot any bandits.

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GEORGIE

Are you okay?

EZRA

Anyone they suspect of talking to
the authorities is killed.
Sometimes they take one person from
a village and kill them as a
warning.

GEORGIE

But... why?

EZRA

They don't want anyone getting in
their way.

GEORGIE

And the police... or army...?

Ezra shakes his head.

EZRA

They are corrupt or as frightened
as we are. They let the drugs
through the Guatemala border, along
the rivers to the sea.

GEORGIE

And across the world.

Ezra nods.

EZRA

If they saw me talking to you...

Ezra pulls his finger across his throat indicating they would
kill him.

JAMES

Why didn't you just leave us?

EZRA

They killed my father.

Georgie nods.

EZRA (CONT'D)

They're not... good people.

GEORGIE

You shouldn't have to...

(CONTINUED)

EZRA
Be frightened? We all are. And you
should be.

GEORGIE
They would kill us just because
we're army?

EZRA
Tortured and killed. They hate army
most.

They carry on their journey towards Ezra's village.

40

EXT. JUNGLE. PATH LESS TRAVELLED. DAY 9 - 1700

40

Roger and his guys are hacking back all foliage as they go to
make extraction easier.

Roger is through and heading towards the grid reference of
where he is expecting to find them.

There is no one there. The others arrive and clearly
panicked.

Roger follows the drag marks and to the stretcher and dummy.

Kingy follows him around and sees that the place is deserted.

Kingy stares at Roger.

KINGY
What the fuck do we do?

ROGER
Scout around this area, if there's
no sign we head back to the RV
point before dark.

KINGY
We're not leaving them out here
alone.

ROGER
They clearly had to move.

KINGY
Or were forcibly moved. We stay
here till we find them.

ROGER
We'd be endangering everyone
staying in the jungle at night.
(MORE)

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ROGER (CONT'D)

We go to the RV point and wherever they are, James will set off his tracker and we rescue them from there.

KINGY

How do you know he's got his tracker?

ROGER

Why do you think I made you all double check your kit?

Kingy half nods. Roger scouts around and down towards the water's edge.

40A **EXT. RIVER. DAY 9 - 1705**

40A

Long shot of Georgie travelling on the boat.

41 **EXT. RIVER'S EDGE. DAY 9 - 1706**

41

Roger has followed James' drag marks down to the river and the marks of Ezra's boat that had been moored.

ROGER

(he sees Kingy
approaching)

I think they got away by boat. We now go back to the RV point.

KINGY

Should we...?

ROGER

This area is extremely dangerous. The people that work this river would have no qualms about slaying us all.

Kingy takes this in.

42 **EXT. VILLAGE. DUSK 9 - 1900**

42

Dusk. A small rural village in the jungle. A couple of ladies are cooking on an open fire. A few dogs lie about. Chickens in cages. Children sitting around.

They look up as they see Ezra and Georgie helping James into a longhouse.

43 **INT. LONGHOUSE. VILLAGE. DUSK 9 - 1901**

43

The place is empty. They sit James on a makeshift bed.

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EZRA

Wait here.

GEORGIE

Are we safe?

Ezra half nods.

EZRA

Stay here, stay quiet.

Ezra heads out. Georgie takes out some water and hands it to James.

GEORGIE

What do you think?

JAMES

Here will be as safe as anywhere.

Georgie nods. She sees James taking out his tracker.

JAMES (CONT'D)

I activate this now, they'll be here at first light.

GEORGIE

First light? Won't they just... come now?

JAMES

They can't move in the jungle at night. First light will be fine.

James activates his tracker and sticks it under his bed.

Georgie takes out a thermometer and sticks it under his tongue.

JAMES (CONT'D)

(mumbled with thermometer under tongue)

You need to do that again?

GEORGIE

Just want to stop you talking.

JAMES

I'm glad you haven't lost your sense of humour.

Georgie looks at him.

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They turn as they hear voices outside the longhouse. The door is slightly ajar and they see Ezra rowing with his mother in creole.

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Ezra and his mother are having a heated argument in creole. She points into the longhouse and waves her arms about clearly annoyed. Ezra tries to placate her before she hobbles back to the fire, her heel clearly injured.

Ezra heads into the long house and we see he is holding blankets. He puts them on the two makeshift beds.

EZRA

How is he?

GEORGIE

He's running a temperature, I'm worried about fever. And his leg is...

He nods.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

Do you have any medicines? Pain relief?

Ezra half shakes his head.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

We need to get him to a hospital.

Ezra nods his head, understanding.

EZRA

Tomorrow... I take you down river to a town.

GEORGIE

We have to wait here to be rescued by our men.

Ezra suddenly looks alarmed.

EZRA

You can't bring people here! Army mustn't come here.

JAMES

No, no, of course not. We'll move down river.

Georgie half nods. Ezra looks at them now suspicious.

GEORGIE

Was that your mother... outside?

Ezra nods.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

Does she...

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EZRA
She will be fine.

GEORGIE
Should we talk to her... explain...

EZRA
She does not speak English.

James and Georgie nod.

EZRA (CONT'D)
I get food for you.

GEORGIE
Water would be great. Do you have
water?

Ezra half nods and heads out.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)
What do you think, boss?

JAMES
We need to get out of here asap.

Georgie nods.

JAMES (CONT'D)
What a clusterfuck.

GEORGIE
If the guys are here at first
light...

James nods.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)
If we're seen... there will be
repercussions here won't there?

He doesn't answer but checks his watch. He sees outside is
getting dark.

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JAMES
How long before my leg gets
infected?

GEORGIE
We'll get you to a hospital.

JAMES
How long, Lane?

GEORGIE
We should be alright until
tomorrow.

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James nods. Ezra's mother comes in with two bowls of food. She hands one to Georgie and one to James. Ezra stands at the doorway as his mother starts to hobble out.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)
Please thank your mother for us.

EZRA
(in creole)
They say thank you mama.

She turns and half nods, her face emotionless.

GEORGIE
What's the matter with her heel?

Ezra shakes his head.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)
Tell her I'm a medic... I can look at it.

EZRA
(in creole)
She's a doctor mama... she can look at your heel.

She shakes her head but Ezra leads her by the arm and back to Georgie.

44

EXT. RV POINT. DUSK 9 - 1915

44

Dusk. Kingy is outside with Roger as they look out into the darkening jungle.

KINGY
I just wish we could do something now.

ROGER
First light.

KINGY
It's frustrating. We know roughly where they are from the tracker...

ROGER
We can't access any of the villages along the river in the dark.

KINGY
Could we take a vessel and...

ROGER
People would die if we tried to get them now. Understand that Sergeant because that is real.

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Kingy half nods. They look out. Silence.

45 INT. RV POINT. HUT. DUSK 9 - 1930

45

We see Rab, Maisie, Brains and Monk on makeshift hammocks bedding down for the night.

RAB

Anybody other than Georgie and the boss, I'd be worried.

MAISIE

(snaps)

You saying you're not worried?!

RAB

(placatory)

Maisie...

MONK

(gently)

Just... leave it you two, yeah?

RAB

(puzzled)

Us two? Just a minute... all I'm being is nice. It's her.

Maisie glares at him.

RAB (CONT'D)

What am I supposed to have done, Maisie?

MONK

Leave it, Rab. Sort your hammock out and try and get some shut eye.

BRAINS

Early start tomorrow.

MAISIE

What the fuck's happening to them?

BRAINS

They've been forced to move and are laying low in this village waiting for us.

The others half nod. This is the only narrative they can believe in at the moment.

46 **INT. LONGHOUSE. VILLAGE. DUSK 9** 46

Georgie is sitting on a bed next to Ezra's mum who has her foot up on Georgie's lap as Georgie is working away on her heel.

Ezra watches, James is lying down, eyes shut in agony.

 GEORGIE
How long has your mother had
this... this bad heel?

 EZRA
One year. Maybe more.

 GEORGIE
 (gently explaining)
What's happened... your mother has
stood on something... maybe a tiny
stone or a little piece of glass.
That's imbedded in her heel and the
skin has grown over it. She might
not have even noticed at the time
but now... when ever she puts any
weight on her heel, it is agony for
her.

Ezra nods.

 EZRA
Can you help?

 GEORGIE
Yes.

Ezra nods. Georgie smiles at the woman.

 GEORGIE (CONT'D)
You tell your mum, I'm going to
make her better.

 EZRA
 (in creole)
She can fix it.

Ezra's mum nods.

 GEORGIE
Can you get me a bowl of clean
water.

Ezra nods and heads out.

47 **EXT. VILLAGE. DUSK 9** 47

Ezra is pouring water into a bowl. He looks up and sees two older men coming back into the village.

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He looks anxious and hurries back to the long house.

48 **INT. LONGHOUSE. VILLAGE. DUSK 9**

48

Georgie with her medical tweezers is extracting something from Ezra's mother's heel. James watches, Ezra is by the door, looking out clearly nervous.

They hear raised men's voices. Ezra heads outside. Georgie and James flash a look to each other. Concerned.

JAMES
How is she, Lane?

GEORGIE
(only looking at the heel)
You going to put in your 'after
action' report how I allowed myself
to get emotionally involved?

James stares at her.

JAMES
I tried to give an honest
account...

GEORGIE
You need to be questioning
yourself, not me.

James looks at Georgie and half nods

GEORGIE (CONT'D)
(holding a small shard of
glass aloft to Ezra's
mum, with a smile)
This is the guilty bastard.

JAMES
You think I don't question myself?

GEORGIE
(to Ezra's mum)
Now I dress the little cut and in a
day or two...

JAMES
All I do is question myself and
what role I played in...

He stops talking. Georgie looks at him.

JAMES (CONT'D)
(with a grim
thoughtfulness)
I question myself.

(CONTINUED)

GEORGIE

(gently)

Have you asked yourself if Elvis'
death is down to you?

Georgie is dressing Ezra's mother's heel.

JAMES

I know Afghan was my fault. I was
naïve and took my eye off the ball.

Georgie half nods.

JAMES (CONT'D)

I ask myself... what could I have
done differently.

(half beat)

And the answer is... 'one hell of a
lot'.

James half shakes his head. Georgie is looking at him.

JAMES (CONT'D)

I trusted Azizi... that doesn't
make me a good soldier. You can't
be a good soldier if your judgement
is quite so...

GEORGIE

(quietly)

It's such a stupid... expression.
I'm 'emotionally involved' with
everyone I work with.

(CONTINUED)

JAMES

We know when it crosses a line
though, don't we?

She looks at him.

GEORGIE

Like you and Molly?

JAMES

And you and Elvis.

(beat)

I have feelings for you, of course.

GEORGIE

You have feelings for all the guys.

He looks at her. Georgie looks a little puzzled.

JAMES

Elvis has bonded us. Me and you,
Georgie.

Georgie stares hard at him trying to work out what he means.

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They hear raised voices from outside. Suddenly one of the men arrive in the doorway and look in.

Ezra's mum stands and walks towards them. For the first time in a long time, she walks without a pronounced limp.

The man stares, not a flicker across his angry face.

Ezra's mum takes his arm and steers him outside.

Georgie and James stare at the doorway. Then to each other.

GEORGIE

We need to get out of here.

James nods. Georgie turns and sees a small doorway leading out of the back of the long house.

49 **EXT. REAR OF LONGHOUSE. DUSK 9** 49

Georgie and James emerge through the small back door. They look about in the darkness for a beat.

Georgie starts to steer him into the black of the jungle.

50 **EXT. JUNGLE. DUSK 9** 50

Georgie is assisting James along a darkening path.

GEORGIE

Let's move in and rest.

Georgie sits James down. He is in agony but trying to be stoic.

JAMES

I need to get these sticks out.
Every time I move they're cutting
into my bone.

GEORGIE

I can't risk removing them...
you'll bleed out.

Georgie looks at James in the fading light.

JAMES

I'm sorry, Georgie.

She starts to examine his leg and sees the wounds are bleeding.

JAMES (CONT'D)

How's it looking?

(CONTINUED)

GEORGIE

Yeah.

JAMES

Yeah?

GEORGIE

Yeah fine.

(beat)

I'll be pleased to get you to the hospital.

Georgie looks around. She spots an area a few metres away that looks like a good place to dig in.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

(gesturing)

Let's move over there.

She grabs his shoulders and starts to drag him back. James is in more pain than he's ever been in, in his life.

51 **INT. RV POINT. HUT. DUSK 9**

51

Maisie, Brains, Rab and Monk are all in the hammocks. A light from outside illuminates them a little. No one is asleep.

Maisie gets up and looks out of the window.

RAB

Is Kingy still outside?

She turns back and shakes her head.

MONK

He won't be asleep.

BRAINS

Not a chance.

Maisie moves back to her hammock. Rab smiles at her as she passes him. She doesn't respond.

52 **INT. COMMS HUT. RV POINT. DUSK 9**

52

Kingy and Roger are studying the maps. The Brigadier watches them intently.

ROGER

The tracker was set off here... and continues to send intermittent signals.

KINGY

Is that as close as we can pin point?

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ROGER

At the moment. Once we're able to access the 3D satellite imagery, we should be able to track them to within 250 metres.

KINGY

But all along the river here...

ROGER

A collection of small villages. They could be anywhere along that strip.

KINGY

When's first light?

ROGER

0536.

Kingy looks at his watch and then at the Brigadier. The Brigadier nods.

53

EXT. JUNGLE. GEORGIE & JAMES. NIGHT 9 - 2240

53

Georgie has dragged him back a few feet and has dug in. She strikes a match.

GEORGIE

Rest. If you can.

JAMES

You try and rest too, Georgie.

GEORGIE

How's the pain?

JAMES

Just... every time I move.

Georgie waits for the match to burn out. She is about to strike another when they hear a noise.

James stops her striking the match and they remain as still as possible.

The noises of movement get closer and closer.

They see under occasional glimpses of moonlight through the canopy, the figure of a man carrying a rifle. It is the man from the village and long house who is clearly stalking them.

He walks right past them, missing them by inches, literally.

Frozen in fear they watch him with their eyes.

He turns and starts to head back to the village in a fury.

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JAMES (CONT'D)
It's not safe here.

GEORGIE
We wait for light and move on as
best we can.

James nods.

54 **EXT. R.V. POINT. NIGHT 9 - 2245**

54

Kingy is back outside, looking out into the black, black
jungle. He hears noises of wild animals.

We see the concerned faces of Maisie, Rab, Brains and Monk at
the window of their hut.

55 **EXT. JUNGLE. GEORGIE & JAMES. NIGHT 9 - 2245**

55

Georgie and James hear shouts and screams coming from the
direction of the village.

James and Georgie are anxious as they hear women and children
screaming, clearly petrified.

Georgie stands to see if she can see anything. We hear Ezra
scream to his mother. We hear her screams. We hear a gunshot.
More screams.

Georgie turns and looks at James.

JAMES
(quietly, sadly)
There's nothing we can do.

She half nods and sits back down beside him.

They hear more screams and after a beat they see smoke rising
from the village.

They look at each other.

End of Episode 7