Beyond the Mountain

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# EXT. FOREST - DAY

A deer grazes on the foliage of a damp and misty forest. The sky is overcast and a light fog carpets the forest floor around him.

GAW, a very large Neanderthal, is stalking the deer, preparing to make his move. He snaps a small branch and the deer becomes alert.

The deer scans the forest and then begins to graze again.

Gaw lunges forward out from the brush.

GAW:

Hah!

The deer bolts.

Gaw chases after the deer, he throws his spear and just misses. He whistles out, pursuing the prey.

MOGE, an adolescent Neanderthal, hesitates and then jumps out from behind a tree.

MOGE:

Hah!

The deer quickly reacts and changes directions.

Moge throws his spear at the fleeing animal and misses. He pursues the prey, whistling out.

HATA, the Alpha Male, is alerted when he hears the whistles and then spots the deer. He carefully times his attack and leaps out at the prey.

HATA:

Hah!

The deer stumbles to make a sharp turn.

Hata whistles back to the others and chases after the animal.

The three have surrounded the deer, jabbing with their spears, working the prey to exhaustion.

Moge finds himself with a good opening to attack. He hesitates and clumsily thrusts his spear towards the animal, tripping and falling to the ground.

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The deer takes advantage of the opening and charges at a defenseless Moge.

Gaw knocks Moge to the side and gets in the way of the deer. The charging deer gores Gaw in the thigh with his antlers .

Hata hurls his spear at the deer.

#### EXT. CAMP - DAY

CAMA, an excited young mother, enters the camp carrying a massive bundle of various fruits, vegetables, a large handful of squished berries along with her newly born baby.

She drops the food in a pile and sits down by the fire and attempts to feed her baby.

She scans the forest looking for the hunters.

## EXT. FOREST - DAY

The hunters are hauling the spoils of the hunt back to the camp as fast as they can.

#### EXT. CAMP - DAY

Cama notices the baby won't eat.

CAMA: Maka doe lat.

She looks up at a cloudless sky and prays to the sun.

CAMA: Toh meh maka.

HATA: (OS)

Mogah!

Hata saunters into the camp with his spear slung over his shoulders, followed by Gaw and Moge.

Moge struggles with his last few steps, beads of sweat are all over his face. He drops the animal to the ground.

Hata and Moge immediately prepare the animal for dinner. Gaw limps past them, using his spear as a walking stick. Cama greets them.

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#### CAMA:

# Mogah!

Cama notices Gaw's wound and pokes at it.

Gaw squeals in pain and slaps her arm away. He hobbles over to the fire and frantically builds it up.

Cama hurries over and inspects the deer, she can't stop herself from drooling.

# EXT. VANTAGE POINT - DAY

OKA, a spidery looking neanderthal woman from a far away tribe is crouched in a tree, watching a large plume of smoke rise in the distance. She smells the meat cooking on the fire.

She jumps out of the tree and heads towards the smoke.

# EXT. CAMP - DUSK

The group is laughing as they indulge themselves on the spoils of their hunt.

Gaw is standing in front of the them, imitating Moge jumping out at the deer.

GAW:

Hah!

Cama and Hata laugh even harder at Moge.

Moge puts his head down and focus's on sharpening his spear.

Gaw taps Cama and gets her attention. He reenacts Moge's attempt to attack the deer.

GAW: Het la Moge teh. Taw go la.

Gaw gestures down to his wounded leg.

Cama gasps and slaps Moge.

CAMA: Gaw taw go la!?

Moge absorbs the slap. He moves to a different spot by the fire and turns his back towards the group.

Gaw sticks out his chest and imitates Hata. He pretends to throw the spear that finished the hunt and struts around fire.

# EXT. FOREST - DUSK

Oka is hiding behind a large tree, watching Gaw strut around.

She sniffs the air and smells the meat cooking on the fire. Drool runs down her chin and she wipes it with her arm.

She studies them and then enters the camp.

# EXT. FOREST - DUSK

Cama and Hata are laughing at Gaw strutting around the fire, parading his battle wound.

Cama spits out a glob of chewed up herbs into her hand and beckons Gaw to come over to her.

# CAMA:

Mek ta.

Gaw shakes his head and smacks his leg like his wound doesn't bother him, he walks over to Moge and scruffs up his hair.

Cama growls at Gaw and stares him down.

Hata and Gaw both become silent.

Gaw looks over to Hata and then trudges over to Cama.

Cama applies the glob onto Gaws wound.

Gaw whines each time she touches his leg.

# HATA:

Maka toh ley.

They all laugh.

OKA: (OS)

Taedem!

They spot Oka approaching them.

Hata and Moge quickly get up and point their spears at her.

Gaw drops his unfinished meal on the ground and picks up a spear and joins in.

Hata, Moge and Gaw start trying to intimidate Oka.

Oka strolls right by them, unconcerned with their threats. She sits down by the fire and picks up Gaw's piece of meat.

Gaw growls and brings his spear right up to Oka's throat.

Oka stares at Gaw. She takes a bite.

Gaw roars and pulls his spear back ready to thrust.

Hata puts his arm in front of Gaw. He grunts and shakes his head.

Gaw whines and puts his weapon down. He sits across from Oka and stares her down while she eats.

The baby starts crying and Cama tries to soothe her child by rocking it but has no luck.

Oka studies Cama struggling with her baby. She takes one last bite and drops the meat in the dirt. She approaches Cama and reaches out for the baby.

Cama takes a step back and clutches her baby a little tighter.

Oka reaches out to hold the child and beckons Cama.

Cama takes a another step back and looks to a confused Hata. She hesitates and slowly brings the child forward for Oka to see.

Oka places her hand on the infant and chants.

# OKA: (chanting)

To Cama's delight, the baby stops crying.

Oka reaches out to grab the infant.

Cama hesitates for a moment and reluctantly decides to let Oka see the baby.

Oka takes the baby places the it on the ground in a patch of sun and starts to chant and perform rituals.

The group exchange confused looks as they watch the mystic perform her rituals.

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Gaw eventually loses interest and hobbles around, searching for his lost piece of meat. He finds it laying in the dirt and, without brushing it off, he bites into it.

Hata sits down and watches Oka.

Moge sits down beside him and treats his spear in the fire.

#### EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

In the shadows of the forest, large human like creatures silently circle around the lit up camp. Watching and waiting.

A dark figure lurks towards the camp.

## EXT. CAMP - NIGHT

Oka, leaning over the infant, chants and waves smoke from a small burning bundle of herbs.

OKA: Yem lee maka yem.

Cama picks up a bundle of herbs and smells it.

Oka takes the bundle from Cama. She lights it in the fire and blows out the small flame and then hands it back to Cama.

Cama takes part in the chanting with Oka and waves the smoke around.

OKA AND CAMA: (together) Yem lee maka yem.

Oka takes off her necklace and puts it over Cama's head.

Cama touches the necklace and smiles. She continues chanting to her baby.

Moge is gaurding the fire, the only one of the three still awake. He bobs his head, falling in and out of sleep, fighting to stay awake.

He jolts awake from an unusual scent wafting in from the dark forest. He gets up sniffing the air.

He looks to Cama and Oka who are too engaged with the child to notice. He whispers out to Cama.

#### MOGE:

Cama!

Looking back to the forest, Moge tries again to pinpoint the scent.

Oka walks over to Hata. She catches the scent and picks up a piece of burning wood. She hands it to him and points to a spot in the forest and returns back to chanting with Cama.

Moge takes a moment and then sneaks toward the dark forest, torch in hand, using the fire to light his way.

## EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Moge stops and crouches down at the edge of the camp, scanning the darkness.

He sits and waits, moments pass but he finds nothing more than the scent.

# EXT. CAMP - NIGHT

Oka watches Moge from the corner of her eye and quietly stops chanting. A small grin creeps across her face. She starts chanting quietly and grows louder.

## EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Moge gets up and turns to head back to camp.

A bush to his side begins to rustle.

He turns and slowly lifts his torch to light the area. He catches a quick glimpse of the deer being dragged into the darkness.

Moge stumbles backwards and sprints back to the camp.

# EXT. CAMP - NIGHT

Moge runs back into the camp shouting. His shouts interrupt Cama and Oka and wake Hata and Gaw.

MOGE: Hata toh mehnea! Hata toh mehnea!

Moge grabs Hata by the arm and frantically points to where the deer laid. He leads Hata and Gaw over to where he saw the animal get dragged away. Gaw see's the blood stained patch of soil where the animal rested. He gets down on his knees and smells the dirt. He glares at Moge and growls.

Moge points out to the forest.

MOGE:

Wagabu!

Gaw and Hata exchange a look of confusion, they both sniff the air but find no scent.

Gaw shakes his head and grunts. He trudges back to the campfire and lays down. Hata turns away to lay back down.

Moge grabs Hata and turns him around. He points over to Oka.

### MOGE:

Oka mehn!

Oka gives Moge a blank stare and shrugs. She continues with her chants and ignores Moge.

Hata stares intensly at Moge, he pushes him to the side with one arm an lays back down by the fire.

Cama picks up her baby and huddles up against Hata. She tries to feed her child one more time but has no luck.

Moge whines at Oka. He sits down beside the fire and stares into the dark forest.

# EXT. CAMP - NIGHT - LATER

Hata and Cama are huddled together sleeping with their child by the fire.

Moge and Gaw are also asleep, resting their bodies against each other.

Oka is asleep on the ground alone. She rolls around and kicks her legs like she's running. She jolts awake breathing heavily.

She sits up and looks around and spots Cama and Hata asleep with their child. She looks down and rubs her belly.

Oka quietly crawls over to Cama and looms over top of them. She studies them for a moment and slowly reaches down to pick up the child.

Before she can grab a hold of the child, a loud heavy roar peirces through the forest.

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Oka backs off.

The group springs up and scans the forest. Hata catches the the strange scent. He grabs his spear and continues to track the scent.

Moge and Gaw quickly grab their spears and they track the scent surrounding them.

Oka laughs and greets the creatures.

OKA: Taedem!

The creatures in the forest start shouting at the camp.

Oka starts to chant and smudge the air around the camp with herbs.

Cama kneels close to the fire protecting her baby.

Hata retaliates through posturing and shouting. He holds his spear up in the air and growls at the the creatures.

Gaw and Moge both join in, shouting as loud as they can in an effort to scare off the invading creatures.

Oka kneels down beside Cama.

# OKA:

Wagabu.

Cama gives her a confused stare.

Oka chuckles.

OKA:

Wagabu!

Cama looks out into the forest. She hides her baby under her furs.

The creatures quiet down and stop their shouting.

The three hunters strut around the camp, tracking the scent.

A rock flies into the camp and strikes Gaw in the head.

Gaw goes into a frenzied rage and screams at the forest. He jumps up and down and jabs his spear in the air and into the ground.

Hata and Moge shout and give even bigger postures and imitated attacks.

The creatures smash rocks together and shout at the camp again. They start throwing their rocks at the hunters from all directions.

The three hunters huddle up together and try to deflect the rocks.

Cama knocks a rock away and runs over to the campfire. He picks up a torch and throws it out into the forest.

The hunters join in throwing torches in all directions.

The bombardment of flaming torches scatter around the perimeter of the camp, lighting it up.

The shouts and rock clacking stop, there's no movement. Just the sounds of the burning embers surrounding the camp.

Cama lets out a short scream.

Hata quickly turns to see find Cama.

# CAMA:

Eh bul!

Cama is finally feeding her baby.

He drops his spear and runs over to Cama. He embraces her and puts his head against hers. They hold each other for a moment.

Oka scuttles over to Cama and excitedly gestures for the baby.

Cama smiles at Oka and hands her the baby.

Oka lifts the baby up into the air and chants to the moon.

# OKA: Maka meahana Luna!

The fire on the torches sizzle out and darkness floods around the camp again.

A creature lets out a loud menacing roar and they start clacking their rocks again. The group snaps back to attention.

While the group is distracted, Oka picks up a small torch and runs into the forest with the child.

Cama turns and searches for her baby but Oka is gone.

# CAMA:

Hata!

Hata turns. He spots Cama freaking out, the baby is missing.

# HATA:

Inna?!

Oka runs through the forest with her torch in had, clutching the baby tightly against her chest.

Hata picks up a torch and chases after her.

Gaw, Moge and Cama grab torches and follow behind him.

# EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Hata sprints as fast as he can after Oka.

The group follows behind Hata until the light from his torch disappears in the distance.

The group slows down and they start tracking his footprints.

# EXT. STREAM - NIGHT

Hata runs full speed, he closes in on the faint light from Oka's torch.

The light from Oka's torch dissapears.

Hata approaches the spot where the light went out and finds the torch floating in a small stream. He picks up the piece of wood and sniffs it.

#### HATA:

AH!

He hurls the piece of wood into the stream and scans the area for a scent.

The creatures clack their rocks together as they get closer to Hata.

He finds one of Oka's footprints in the mud and starts tracking her.

Gaw searches for Hata's scent as Moge tracks Hata's footprints.

Rain begins to drizzle down onto the forest.

Cama looks up to a clearing in the tree's and spots a large moon being consumed by the clouds.

Gaw catch's Oka's scent and points.

GAW:

0ka!

The trio chase after Oka.

## EXT. STREAM - NIGHT

Hata scrambles to find shelter from the rain but his torch is put out.

He stares at his unlit torch, a shout snaps him to attention.

He kneels down and listens to the shouting and clacking slowly get louder.

Hata musters his courage and focus's on tracking Oka again. He crawls forward.

# INT. CAVE ENTRANCE - NIGHT

The group follows Oka to a small cavern and they quickly hurry in.

Gaw slowly breathes life back into the flame of his torch.

The light fills the room and unveils numerous Neanderthal bones scattered along the walls.

Cama picks up a skull and studies it. She turns the skull around and reveals its face.

Moge shrieks.

The shriek echo's through the cave. The three fall silent and wait to find out if anything heard them.

Gaw elbows Moge.

GAW:

Eht′oo!

Moge points to the bones.

MOGE:

Crong'ah!

Cama grabs the torch away from Gaw and takes a few steps deeper into the cave. She listens to the faint sounds of her baby crying and sneaks down a dark tunnel.

Gaw and Moge follow behind her.

INT. CAVERN - NIGHT

Oka slices her hand with a sharp rock. Using the blood from her hand, she paints symbols on the infants body and face.

The baby cries.

Oka mumbles a quiet chant as she paints the same symbols onto her face.

#### INT. TUNNEL - NIGHT

The three of them shimmy their way through the shrinking tunnel until they come up to a small opening.

The babies cries intensify.

Cama hands the torch back to Gaw and squeezes through the tight opening.

Gaw passes the torch through to Cama and they attempt to squeeze through but they're both too large to pass.

Gaw whines and pokes his head through the opening.

#### INT. CAVERN - NIGHT

Cama jumps down from the small opening and lifts her torch up to reveal a large cavern. She sneaks through the cavern and finds her baby laying on the rock floor.

She runs over and carefully picks up her child and cradles it.

The baby stops crying.

# CAMA:

Tiem Mahta.

She scans the cavern.

From the darkness, Oka watches Cama take the child. She lets out a low growl and picks up a small bone shank.

Cama heads back to the tunnel.

# INT. TUNNEL - NIGHT

Gaw reaches through the opening and takes the child from Cama. He passes it to Moge and reaches through again to help Cama climb back up.

#### INT. CAVERN - NIGHT

Cama grabs Gaw's arm and hoists herself up to the opening.

Before Cama gets up to the opening, Oka lunges from the darkness and attacks Cama.

GAW:

0ka!

Cama quickly spins around and kicks Oka in the face.

Oka stumbles off to the side. Blood now dripping from her nose, she spins back around and squares off with Cama.

# INT. TUNNEL - NIGHT

Gaw frantically searches for a way through the opening. He squeezes his head through to see what's going on.

# INT. CAVERN - NIGHT

Oka lunges at Cama again.

Cama swings her spear and hits Oka.

Oka falls to the ground and her knife skids across the floor.

Cama leaps forward and thrusts her spear at Oka.

Oka rolls to the side and dodges the attack, Cama's spear breaks on the rock floor.

Oka kicks Cama in the chest.

Cama stumbles backwards and knocks her head against the rock floor. She momentarily blacks out.

Cama slowly regains consciousness and slowly attempts to get up.

Oka pounces on top of Cama and wraps her hands around her neck and squeezes.

Cama tries to pull Oka's hands away from her neck, but Oka is overpowering. She flails herself around in an attempt to free herself.

Oka rams Cama's head against the floor.

Cama shoves her hand into Oka's face but Oka easily moves herself out of reach.

Oka squeezes harder. Shes stares blankly into Cama's eyes awaiting her last breath.

Cama reaches out, searching the floor for anything she can use to her advantage. She finds the bone knife and thrusts it into Oka's neck and kicks her off.

Oka crawls away, blood pouring through her fingers as she clutches onto her neck. She collapses to the ground dead.

Cama sits up, her head is spinning. She regains her strength and stumbles over to Oka's body. She stares down at the lifeless body and drops Oka's necklace on the floor.

Cama hurries over to the tunnel, she grabs Gaw's hand and hoists herself up.

# EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Hata, crouched low to the ground with and sweat pouring down his face, listens as the clacking slowly dissipates into the distance and eventually stops. All he hears now are crickets and other nocturnal forest creatures.

He slowly follows Oka's trail, keeping as low to the ground as possible.

Suddenly, the forest ambiance stops.

Hata scans the forest but finds nothing. He whimpers as the silence envelopes him.

He hears a rustling and turns to see nothing but darkness. His chest heaving with each breath.

A branch breaks and falls from a tree. It thuds into the ground.

Hata instantly crouches to the ground. He holds his breath as he stares out into the darkness.

# EXT. CAVE - NIGHT

The group emerges from the cave and scan the forest. They walk into the forest, away from the cave, using their torches to lead the way.

# EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Hata spots the light from the torches and he pops up.

A creature roars and charges at him, trampling any branch or bush in its way.

Hata turns and sprints toward the light.

The creature gains on Hata.

Hata trips on a log. He scrambles to get back on his feet.

The creature swipes at him but just misses, snagging only a bit of fur from His coat.

Hata speeds up and meets up with the group.

# HATA:

Gaw, Echta!

Gaw tosses him a spear as he emerges from the darkness.

Hata catches it and whirls around and lets out a ferocious roar as he thrusts it into the creature.

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