

LUCAS

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FADE IN:

INT. ROBERT MORTON LAB - NIGHT

SUPER: "San Francisco, California"

ROBERT MORTON,(40),a senior scientist is working in his lab with two assistants on creating a creature that can destroy only some people of the human race.He is working with two other scientists, FRANK(30) and CHERISE(25).

ROBERT MORTON

What is this thing?Where did you find it?

FRANK

Cherise and I were driving to the Golden Gate bridge this afternoon when we saw a flash in the sky.We thought that its a UFO but we did not see it and as we reached the spot where it came,we saw this cocoon.So we picked it up and brought it with us to the lab to examine it and give it birth.

CHERISE

(examining it)

It will hatch within three hours and become a child.It is carnivorous and there is no telling how many people it can kill if it escapes from the lab.However the beauty of it is that it has a soul and a conscience.

ROBERT MORTON

Okay!That's great!Let's name this creature Lucas.We will take the necessary steps to make sure that Lucas is confined to this lab and does not escape.Cherise,keep an eye on Lucas tonight and we'll see you tomorrow morning.Good night!

CHERISE

Good night, sir.

FRANK

Good night!

CUT TO:

INT. ROBERT MORTON LAB - DAY

The creature LUCAS hatched some hours ago. Cherise has watched Lucas the whole night but starts to doze off. Lucas is half man and half wolf and hates being caged in a laboratory. He looks like a child even though he is just some hours old.

CHERISE

(to herself)

Oh God! I'm so sleepy. I think I'll take a short nap and then I will study Lucas for some more insight into alien behaviour.

While Cherise falls asleep, Lucas observes his surroundings and tries to look for a way to escape the lab. He sniffs in his cell and makes a noise accidentally causing Cherise to wake up. Cherise wakes up startled and looks at Lucas and thinks that he is hungry.

CHERISE

There, there Lucas are you bored? Oh, I'm silly because you are obviously hungry and thirsty. I'll just give you breakfast and some water. Just a minute!

As Cherise goes into Lucas' cell with his breakfast, Lucas GROWLS at her and before she can do anything, Lucas bites her leg and runs out of the cell and opens the main door of the lab and escapes. Cherise is in pain so she can't run after him.

CHERISE

(phoning Robert)

Hi Robert, its an emergency. Come here quickly. Lucas has escaped.

ROBERT MORTON

Oh Jesus! I'm coming! Call Frank too and tell him to come as quickly as possible.

CHERISE

Alright! I will sir and I'll call Frank immediately.

Robert and Frank rush to the lab quickly only to find that Cherise has been bitten by Lucas.

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ROBERT MORTON
Cherise, are you alright? Oh
God, that's a nasty cut but I'll
take care of it. How did Lucas
escape?

Robert puts medicine and a bandage on her wound and tells her to relax. Cherise describes to him how Lucas escaped from the laboratory.

CHERISE
I had dozed off and when I awoke I
took some food and water for Lucas
and he bit me on my leg, darted out
of the cell and ran out of the lab.

ROBERT MORTON
We have a really big problem. Lucas
is like a wild child and can harm
several people and if provoked can
kill them too. We have to prevent
him from hurting people and causing
diseases to human beings. We have to
bring him back to the lab and
contain him.

FRANK
Yes Sir, lets search for
him.

CHERISE
Yes Sir, lets search for
him.

ROBERT MORTON
Okay! Lets go.

CUT TO:

EXT. ROBERT MORTON LAB - DAY

ROBERT MORTON
Guys, Lucas could be anywhere by
now. How can we find him? We don't
have a way of tracing him.

CHERISE
He will head to a forest. Since he
is half animal he is bound to go
there.

ROBERT MORTON
That's just great. There are many
forests in San Francisco. How will
we pinpoint which forest he might
be in?

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CHERISE

I think we will have to think like him. A major worry is that he will become a cocoon again soon in a few hours and then when he hatches he will be fully grown.

FRANK

Oh that's right. There is no telling how many people he can kill or how many female wolves he can sleep with. My God, our problems our only just beginning.

ROBERT MORTON

Yes fellows, that's right. It's really a very grave situation. Cherise is absolutely right. We do have to start thinking like him and we have to think very carefully which forest he could be in now and what are his next set of actions. We will also need some weapons. Lets go to my place to get them.

Robert, Frank and Cherise drive to Robert's home to collect the weapons.

CUT TO:

INT. ROBERT MORTON'S HOME - DAY

Robert and his colleagues enter his home. Robert's wife MELISSA MORTON, (33), is in the hall and gets startled when she sees the three of them there.

MELISSA

Oh God, Robert! You're back so early, what's the matter? Is everything alright?

ROBERT MORTON

Sorry dear, I didn't mean to startle you but there is an emergency situation as we speak and we have come for the rifles. We'll take it and leave and I'll tell you about it later. Bye!

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MELISSA
 Alright!Bye dear!

FRANK
 Sorry to intrude mam.

CHERISE
 Sorry to intrude mam.

They collect the weapons and leave Robert's home.

CUT TO:

EXT. MUIR WOODS - DAY

Lucas has come to Muir Woods.He sneaked in when the forest guard went to the loo.His body has formed a cocoon again and when he hatches he'll be an adult.The cocoon will hatch any time now.ROSCOE,(22),the forest guard is on duty and is doing his rounds.

ROSCOE
 (while walking comes to
 the cocoon and talks)
 Holy mackerel!What the devil is
 this?I have never seen anything
 like this.Where did this come from?

He moves closer to the giant cocoon.

ROSCOE(CONT'D)
 (talking to the cocoon)
 Are you alive or not?

The cocoon suddenly hatches and Lucas flies out of it and attacks Roscoe by biting his throat to death.Roscoe bleeds to death and Lucas takes his body and digs a grave in the forest and covers it with mud and leaves.He HOWLS and then runs deep into the forest.He is an adult now.

CUT TO:

EXT. MUIR WOODS - NIGHT

A married couple, HENRY(40) and MARTHA(35) are enjoying a long walk in the forest.They are vacationing in San Francisco and are visiting Muir Woods.They live in Louisville,U.S.A.Henry is a lawyer and Martha is a chartered accountant.It's a full moon night.

HENRY
 It's a beautiful night dear.Muir
 Woods is really breathtaking.What
 do you think Martha?

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MARTHA

Yes honey, it is lovely and Muir is a nice forest. I love the sound of the birds, don't you? It gives a serene feeling. I'm so glad we came here.

HENRY

Yes dear, the birds sounds give a warm, peaceful feeling. I'm also glad we came to this forest. Well lets go back to the main gate because it's quite late and the forest will close soon. We are deep in it. Lets head back.

MARTHA

Okay dear!

Suddenly there is a sound of a wolf HOWLING. It gets stronger as the couple come near it.

MARTHA (CONT'D)

Henry, that's the cry of a wolf.

HENRY

Martha, just relax. We'll take a different route back to the entrance.

It's Lucas again who is hungry and has smelled his prey. He quickly and surprisingly darts right in front of the couple.

HENRY AND MARTHA

(horrified at seeing Lucas)

Oh God! No!

Lucas ferociously bites both of them in the neck, killing them instantly and takes their bodies and buries them too in mud and leaves. He HOWLS and disappears into the forest.

CUT TO:

INT. ROBERT MORTON'S CAR - DAY

The team of Robert Morton, Frank and Cherise decide to head to Muir Woods thinking that Lucas is there. They have their weapons with them.

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ROBERT MORTON

(getting into his car)

Hop in guys! Lucas loves nature and so his instinct would take him to Muir Woods. I think he might be there and if he is then I pray that he hasn't killed anyone. However I have no clue what has transpired there.

CHERISE

Robert, Lucas will kill for food or if he feels threatened. We just have to hope for the best. If he has killed a person or several people then we have to kill him and end this mission as quickly as possible. How long till we reach there?

ROBERT MORTON

It's less than an hour's drive to Muir Woods. We are on the Golden Gate Bridge now and we'll reach Muir soon. Lets hope for the best folks.

FRANK

Yes Sir! I am keeping my fingers crossed.

CHERISE

Me too!

In less than an hour they arrive at Muir Woods. It's open to the public at this time. They take their weapons inside Muir Woods with them. The security guards stop them at the entrance and question them.

CUT TO:

EXT. MUIR WOODS - DAY

Robert Morton flashes his badge at TONY, (20), the security guard.

ROBERT MORTON

Howdy! We have reason to believe that a predatory species is in Muir Woods and we have to destroy it immediately. Is everything alright here? Or have you or any of your

(MORE)

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ROBERT MORTON (cont'd)
colleagues seen anything unusual or
horrific?

TONY

A predatory species in our woods. Oh
God, I have no idea. However, one of
our fellow guards, Roscoe, didn't
come to work today. I have been
trying to contact him but I'm not
getting a response. Sir, who are you
with?

ROBERT MORTON

We are with A.L.F., that's Alien
Life Force and our creature escaped
our lab and looks like it came
here. It was top secret but now you
know about it. We have to go and
destroy it and we would appreciate
your cooperation too. I bet that our
creature must be here and has
killed your fellow guard. It must be
stopped otherwise it will go on a
killing spree, killing several
people.

TONY

Okay sir, you have our
cooperation. Can you describe it?

ROBERT MORTON

Yes, its half man and half
wolf. Its name is Lucas.

TONY

(to the other officers)
Okay! Come on boys, it's code
red. Should we close the forest?

ROBERT MORTON

No! We haven't got time for that now
because every second is precious.

TONY

Okay! This way folks!

The team of Robert Morton, Tony and the other security guards
search for Lucas in Muir Woods.

TONY

Where do you think he can be?

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CHERISE

He should be somewhere deep in the forest. Take us there.

TONY

Yes mam, it's this route. Just come with me everyone.

ROBERT MORTON

Okay Tony!

CHERISE

Alright!

FRANK

Yes Tony!

Robert Morton's team and Tony's team reach the deep part of the forest. They look for Lucas' footprints and are ready to shoot him if he crosses their path.

ROBERT MORTON

We are lucky folks because here are Lucas' footprints. He is half man and half wolf.

TONY

Okay sir! I see the footprints.

ROBERT MORTON

The footprints will lead us to Lucas. However be very careful because he is extremely intelligent and very dangerous.

TONY

Robert, Roscoe's body must be buried here somewhere close by.

ROBERT MORTON

Yes Tony! We'll dig it up after we have destroyed Lucas. Everyone be extremely careful now because Lucas can smell his prey from a great distance.

TONY

We will be careful sir!

Suddenly from somewhere Lucas leaps at Robert Morton. Robert Morton, his team and the security guards FIRE at him.

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ROBERT MORTON
Go to hell Lucas!Die!

Robert Morton FIRES some shots at him and so does the entire team.Lucas HOWLS in pain and after several minutes breathes his last,winces and dies.Robert checks Lucas' pulse but there isn't a pulse.

ROBERT MORTON(CONT'D)
Well folks,it's
over.Congratulations everybody!Call
the police,Cherise.

CHERISE
Yes Sir,i will.

The police come to Muir Woods within minutes and take away Lucas' dead body and are told that there is a forest guard that's buried in it.His name is Roscoe.The police are able to dig and find his body.They also follow Lucas' footprints and uncover the bodies of the married couple Henry and Martha too.

SERGEANT MAHONEY
Good work Robert!I only hope that
you had called us sooner.Lives
could have been saved.

ROBERT MORTON
Thanks Sergeant!This mission was
top secret so that's why I did not
call you guys earlier.

SERGEANT MAHONEY
I understand Sir!Anyway great work
to all of you and this horrible
ordeal is over now for good.Goodbye
and peace to you.

ROBERT MORTON
Goodbye Sergeant!Peace to you
too.Have a good one.

CHERISE
Goodbye officer!

FRANK
Goodbye and thank you.

TONY
Bye!

CUT TO:

INT. ROBERT MORTON'S HOME - AFTERNOON

Robert Morton comes home and is greeted by his wife Melissa Morton.

ROBERT MORTON

Hi honey! I'm sorry about the other day when we had startled you but there was an emergency.

MELISSA

What was the emergency?

ROBERT MORTON

A species which is half man and half wolf escaped from the lab and we chased it to Muir Woods and killed it there. So now the emergency is over and we can relax.

MELISSA

That's great! Happy to have you back home. Well done!

They kiss, hug each other and have lunch.

THE END