OutFields

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EXT. THE FIELD - NIGHT

SUPER: 1992 New Town Country Road, The Field.

The field is silent. Breeze blowing the grasses with a cool WHEEZ.

Flashlight cuts through the grasses.

A man (39s) with a serious face walks around, a shotgun behind him.

MAN

Found anything?

Silence. No response.

MAN (CONT'D)

Joe!

He looks around, the grasses too tall to let him see.

JOE (20s) with a shotgun in hand bursts through the grasses startling the man.

The man takes a deep breath.

MAN (CONT'D)

That's not how you hold it.

Joe properly holds the gun, raises the barrel pointing the man.

MAN (CONT'D)

Take your finger off the trigger!

Joe obeys.

The man continues walking around.

JOE

We have been here for -

MAN

Shh... The beast can be anywhere.

The man looks around with his torch.

JOE

The grasses are too tall.

MAN

So?

JOE

If we cut it we might find the missing -

A quick rustle in the leaves. They both look around, back each other - looking in opposite direction.

JOE (CONT'D)

(Whispers)

Raise the barrel.

Joe raises his gun.

JOE (CONT'D)

Finger on the trigger.

Joe places his hand on the trigger.

He moves slowly forward towards a part of the grasses moving like something was slowly pushing it forward.

Behind Joe, the grasses cover him away from the man.

A loud scream from the man erupts multiple gunshot - BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG!

Joe turns around. Points the gun at the wall of grasses.

CLOSE-UP on Joe.

We hear the grasses slowly open. A beastly hiss and a crackling howl.

Joe's eyes widen in fear. He shivers.

SAME - LATER

Flickering flashlight cuts through the tall grasses. Heavy breathing. Joe runs. Falls.

The flashlight drops. It rolls, casting light upward.

He cannot stand. Looks up in fear as a disfigured shadow covers him.

Joe reaches for his shotgun behind him, shakes.

JOE No God please!

Before he can place his finger on the trigger a sudden PULL from below, his body brutally yanked underground.

The grass sways. Then still. Resistant to breeze.

FADE TO BLACK.

TITLE CARD: OUTFIELDS

INT. PAMELA GROVERS HIGH SCHOOL - ZARA'S CLASSROOM - DAY

Super: Present day.

ZARA (17) has a headphone on, she scribbles on a book.

ROGAN (7) sitting in the same class but at the back of the classroom listening attentively to the teacher, MISS HALLAND (25) just like the remaining students.

Rogan coughs.

Mrs. Halland has written an calculative assignment on magnetic force on the board. And she's explaining a concept on the topic.

Mrs. Halland's eyes scans the class as she teaches. First on Rogan, who she smiles at in admiration and then Zara.

The scribbling sound very audible.

MRS. HALLAND

Zara!

Zara continues scribbling. Someone throws a paper at her.

She glares at the person and then at Mrs. Halland.

Zara takes off the headphone.

MRS. HALLAND (CONT'D) This is not acceptable in my class Zara.

ZARA

I know it's not.

MRS. HALLAND

It's not, Why do it then?

ZARA

I'm just feeling sick.

MRS. HALLAND

Sorry, the class will be over soon.

ZARA

Miss Halland, can we just leave?

MRS. HALLAND

No, you go with the rest of class.

ZARA

My brother might be having a flu. Even worse. I want to take him to my dad's clinic as soon as possible.

MRS. HALLAND

Okay, go.

Zara looks back at Rogan. Winks at him with smile on her face.

Zara leaves the class with her things. Rogan follows her. Rogan gives Mrs. Halland a piece of paper.

MRS. HALLAND (CONT'D)

Have a nice day, Rogan.

She looks at the paper, Rogan had done the calculation on the board and wrote a remark: I know it's correct.

Mrs. Halland smiles.

INT. PAMELA GROVERS HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - DAY

Zara slams her locker door close and walks down the hallway with Rogan.

ZARA

Roggie, what do you want to eat?

ROGAN

(Mouths)

Food.

ZARA

No, snack.

Rogan shakes his head, Nothing.

ZARA (CONT'D)

Are you okay?

Rogan nods, Yes.

Zara takes a deep breath and they continue walking.

INT. ZARA'S HOME - KITCHEN - DAY

A kettle is hissing from high heat on an electric heater.

An eviction notice paper on the kitchen counter.

JAMIMA, (35) rushes into the kitchen laughing and turns off the heater.

Her eyes stop on the eviction notice paper and her smile quenches.

An old woman, TARRY enters the kitchen chuckling.

TARRY

You have no idea how terrible your shit smelled.

Tarry laughs. Stops laughing after feeling Jamima's silence.

TARRY (CONT'D)

Are you okay baby?

JAMIMA fold the paper.

JAMIMA

Yes Mama, I'm okay, I'm just... I'm thinking of how to fix the heater.

TARRY

The heater just boiled the water.

JAMIMA

It's tea, not water.

TARRY

Tea is made with water.

JAMIMA

Yes ma'am.

TARRY

Devon will fix it.

Tarry goes quiet. Stares at Jamima who cannot hide her sadness.

TARRY (CONT'D)

Can't he?

JAMIMA

He can.

Tarry steps forward. Holds Jamima's hand.

TARRY

I don't come to your house to gossip alone, cherry. I come to know what's up with you.

JAMIMA

I'm fine, are YOU fine?

Jamima forces a smile on her face.

Tarry looks at the folded paper in Jamima's hand.

TARRY

Give me that.

Jamima hesitates, about to hand the paper over to Tarry, Rogan steps in.

TARRY (CONT'D)

Hmm big man Rogan, school boy.

Rogan hugs Tarry. She strokes his head.

TARRY (CONT'D)

Are you good?

She holds his face. He nods, yes.

TARRY (CONT'D)

Where's Zee?

ZARA (O.C.)

It's granny when I hear granny!

Zara enters the kitchen and hugs Tarry.

TARRY

My love, how was studies.

ZARA

Fine.

Jamima drops the folded paper in a bin.

JAMIMA

You came quiet early today.

Zara seems uninterested in answering the question.

ZARA

Hi mom.

(Then)

Grandma, I'll go take a bath. Please urge Rogan to do the same!

Zara leaves the kitchen. Jamima looks sad.

Tarry turns to Jamima - she quickly smiles.

TARRY

Tea for four now.

Tarry leaves the kitchen with Rogan.

Jamima stares at the air in silence.

EXT. ROAD - DAY

DEVON (41) muscular and fit, drives through the road in his car. One hand on the steering, the other with a phone over his ear.

DEVON

Halland, just a month more and I promise you'll get the payment.

HALLAND

How?

Devon furrows.

DEVON

What do you mean (Takes a deep breath)
I need this for my wife and children, I am planning to get my son treated.

HALLAND

He burnt the house not me, Devon. I also have a family to attend to. Sorry.

The call ends.

Devon stops his car and clenches his fists, biting his bottom lip.

His phone rings. A soft ringing tone.

Devon picks the call.

DEVON

Hello?

MAN(ON PHONE)

Hello Mr. Devon Clark, this is New Fields Housing. Can you hear me?

DEVON

Yes.

MAN

We have secured the house you requested and it has undergone cleanup. All we need now is your visit to the place.

Devon smiles.

DEVON

Okay, thank you. Thank you so much.

MAN

Contact us for more information.

DEVON

Thank you.

MAN

Have a nice day.

The call ends.

Devon smiles, shouts:

DEVON

Yes!

He places his head on the steering. It horns and it makes him jolt back to sitting position.

A breathy smile and he starts the cara and drives off.

INT. ZARA'S HOME - ZARA'S ROOM - NOON

Zara sits on her bed. Two girls around her age. Kelly and iris both stand in front of her posing in nice dresses.

KELLY

Why don't you wear these dresses Zee.

IRIS

I just love this dress. How much did your mom buy it again?

ZARA

I bought this one myself.

IRIS

You mean you dad gave you the money.

ZARA

Girl, get the hell out of that dress, you might get lost in it.

IRIS

You don't have to be so mean.

KELLY

You have lots of dresses like this - you could've worn this and Julius would have been wowed.

JAMIMA

Julius? Who's Julius?

Zara ignores Jamima.

IRIS

Zara used to scribble his name on her desk.

ZARA

It was Julius Baker, the legend.

KELLY

Zara is kinda gay. She wears trousers to parties when she has an unexplored mine of dresses.

Jamima folds her hands.

JAMIMA

Round up girls, it's almost dark. Snap-snap.

Jamima and Zara's eyes meet, Jamima's face saying: I will still send you friend home no matter what.

Jamima walks off.

INT. ZARA'S HOME - LIVINGROOM - NOON

Zara and her friends walk across the room and Zara opens the door.

Rogan sits in the floor in front of a table. Holding a pen over a book and gradually swirling the pen around.

KELLY

Thanks for the dress.

IRIS

I still want the yellow one.

ZARA

Leave my house.

IRIS

(Holding bust)

Seriously, my bust fits just right in it.

Iris spots Rogan staring at them.

She smiles awkwardly and waves at him.

IRIS (CONT'D)

Byyeee.

Iris and Kelly leave. Zara closes the door.

She looks at Devon who's just staring at the paper.

Zara sits on a couch. Knees over her chest.

ZARA

You were looking bad today, mind telling me?

Rogan looks at Zara and then back at the paper. Uninterested.

ZARA (CONT'D)

Write me a whole book of your thoughts and I'll read them like it were your last.

Rogan writes on his book and shows her: Shakespeare?

ZARA (CONT'D)

No, I'm flattered, bonjour.

Rogan drops the book and continues swirling his pen over it.

Zara looks around in silence, away from Rogan.

Rogan glares at her. Glares. Glares.

Zara looks at him. Smiles.

She looks away and he continues Glaring at her. His stare becoming predatory.

The hair on zara's arm raises and she looks at Rogan in shock.

She places her hand on her chest. Breathes.

ZARA (CONT'D)

What in the world... Why are you

looking...

Rogan, I can still hold your ears of you don't -

Rogan writes something and drops the pen on the book like he was forced to. He doesn't show Zara.

Zara rises, approaches and sees what he wrote on a new page: In the fire I saw something.

Zara furrows.

ZARA (CONT'D)

(Whispers)

What? What was that?

Zara raises the pen and stretches her hand to give him.

The door opens, Devon steps in, Rogan carries the book and slides it under a couch.

ZARA (CONT'D)

Daddy!

Zara rushes towards him and gives him a hug.

ZARA (CONT'D)

How was work today?

DEVON

Fine... Fine.

Devon and Zara stare at Rogan. Rogan slowly rises, walks towards Devon and hugs him.

Devon carries Rogan.

DEVON (CONT'D)

How are you my boy?

Rogan forces a smile. Smiles with lips tucked in.

JAMIMA (O.C.)

Love.

Jamima approaches Rogan, hugs and kisses him on the cheek.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

Welcome home.

Jamima rubs Rogan's shoulder.

DEVON

Lemme talk to your mummy for a second.

Devon keeps Rogan on his feet. He holds Jamima's hand and they both leave for $-\$

INT. ZARA'S HOME - DEVON AND JAMIMA'S BEDROOM - NOON

Jamima sits on the bed.

JAMIMA

What is it?

DEVON

...We got the house.

Jamima smiles, rises and hugs Devon.

JAMIMA

That's so good to hear.

She leans back.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

You are tense.

Devon looks at her. Their eyes dart over each other's.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

We'll have to tell them eventually.

DEVON

We shouldn't even stay here any longer.

JAMIMA

We might as well tell them as soon as today.

DEVON

Jamima.

JAMIMA

Hmm?

DEVON

I don't want her to find out about the town. We wouldn't be going there if we had another choice.

JAMIMA

Okay.

INT. ZARA'S HOME - LIVINGROOM - NIGHT

Zara, Jamima, Rogan and Zara all in the living room. Zara looks in silence.

ZARA

Wait, What do you mean we're leaving?

DEVON

It's our own place we will stay permanently there and we won't be moving from place to place.

ZARA

And you didn't tell us, now you do when it's late dad.

JAMIMA

There's nothing you would've done.

Zara looks at Jamima in annoyance.

ZARA

I would have told you that Rogan is struggling to adapt to my school he's been in for a year. And then he'd have to go to a different place and a different school lord knows where. This can affect him.

Jamima and Devon both stare at eachother.

DEVON

Big boy, go to your room. Mummy will be there in a snappy.

Rogan obeys.

DEVON (CONT'D)

Zara, we thought of every possible way to keep us here, buying a house at New Town was the best idea.

ZARA

I know what's happening, you guys. An eviction notice in the trash. What else is there? I'm not a kid.

JAMIMA

Zara -

ZARA

It's fine. Just... don't lie to us.

JAMIMA

I know you are worried about leaving your friends. But everything will be okay.

ZARA

I wasn't talking about my friends, mom. I was talking about Rogan.

JAMIMA

So you want to tell me that you've been taking to us like your mates all because of Rogan?

Zara stares at Jamima. Tears in her eyes.

Zara leaves for her room.

Devon and Jamima both glance at eachother. Pity in their eyes.

BEGINNING OF MONTAGE -

- Zara writes in her class room, looks behind her. Rogan at the corner of the class string Into thin air. She looks sad.

- In the night Zara draws a girl standing in a field.
- Zara and Rogan both walk down the hallway of their school.
 END OF MONTAGE.

EXT. PAMELA GROVERS HIGH SCHOOL - DAY

Jamima waits for Zara and Rogan as they both left the school building.

Kelly and Iris both rush out of the building.

KELLY

Zee!

They both hug Zara.

IRIS

Oh! I've never felt this warm hugging you.

Zara smiles, holds her tears.

IRIS (CONT'D) (CONT'D)

I'm already missing your dresses.

ZARA

Don't start.

Kelly hugs her again. Tears in her eyes.

KELLY

God, I wasn't expecting this.

ZARA

Me too.

IRIS

Don't cry.

Iris is already in tears, blinks repeatedly. She wipes Zara's tears and Zara wipes her's.

IRIS (CONT'D)

We can still talk on phone, like it's no different from seeing eachother. Right? Iris knows it's different.

KELLY

Fool yourself Iris.

They all burst into a short laughter.

Zara looks to her Jamima who admires Zara and her friends. Jamima looks away.

ZARA

Joy killer.

KELLY

Don't say that.

IRIS

Okay then...

Iris pats Zara's shoulder.

IRIS (CONT'D)

...Peace.

Zara walks away.

KELLY

Adios Rogan!

Iris waves at Rogan. Rogan smiles with on side of his lips.

Zara and Rogan enter the car. Jamima is about to enter the car -

MRS. HALLAND

Jamima! Jamima!

Mrs. Halland approaches Jamima.

JAMIMA

Hey, Mrs. Halland

MRS. HALLAND

I'm so sorry about what happened. I talked heavens into my husband but he wouldn't listen. I'm so sorry ma'am.

JAMIMA

No problem.

MRS. HALLAND

Your son Rogan... He's a really brilliant boy. He does things, calculations was above his grade. He did this...

Mrs Halland takes out a finely folded sheet of paper and hands it over to Jamima. Jamima opens it.

MRS. HALLAND (CONT'D)

That's a very hard equation on electromagnetic force and he did it after just a class. What I'm saying is this boy needs to be in a GOOD school. One better than here even. He's a brilliant boy.

JAMIMA

Thanks Mrs. Halland.

MRS. HALLAND

Can I get a hug?

JAMIMA

Yes.

They both hug eachother.

Jamima enters the car and starts it.

Mrs Halland waves at Rogan, he waves back.

MRS. HALLAND

Keep up the good work Zee.

Jamima drives off.

EXT.COUNTRY ROAD - DAY

Devon drives his car. Jemima sitting opposite him.

Zara has her headphone on looking out the window. Quiet.

Rogan plays 8-bit pixel art video game featuring a car - just like the color of Devon's car.

Devon controls the car along a road and along the road there's a green field beside it. The car crashes with another car.

Game over.

Rogan raises his head and sees a massive, perfectly green field.

Grasses are short, uniform. No fence. A vast emptiness.

DEVON

(seeing the field) Let's stretch our legs.

EXT. THE FIELD - DAY

The family gets out of the car. The wind is soft. silence. No birds.

The sun is to set over the field.

JAMIMA

Never seen such beautiful view before.

They wander into the field.

Zara closes her eyes and inhales. She furrows and opens her eyes. Looks around.

Rogan tugs Jamima's sleeve.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

What, baby?

He points back at the car.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

You'll play your video game in the car. Okay? Sometimes you keep tech and embrace nature.

Zara walks deeper, eyes scanning the field. She stops. Blinks. Looks around.

Rogan stares at Zara. She sits in the field.

Jamima approaches Zara. Sits beside her.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

I feel like sleeping here.

ZARA

Yeah, It's... Airy.

Zara faces her palm to one direction.

ZARA (CONT'D)

That's weird... the breeze is coming from the west, but the grass is leaning opposite.

Jamima chuckles.

JAMIMA

Wind's wind Zara. What is that electro-what?

ZARA

Nevermind.

Silence.

Devon has Rogan sitting on his shoulder as he runs around.

Jamima looks at them and then at Zara.

JAMIMA

This move... it's a really hard choice for your father.

ZARA opens her mouth to say something but doesn't.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

Tell me... Please.

ZARA

It's just so hard, mummy. It happened before. Now again - Having friends back at home felt pointless until I had them. Now everything starts from the beginning. Worse for Rogan.

JAMIMA

Twenty kids can't play with one another for twenty years, love. You'll meet new people. Make new friends. Maybe we can bake somethings on some saturdays.

Zara smiles.

ZARA

Really?

JAMIMA

Honey bread, chocolate cakes, pan cakes. Which other?

ZARA

... Red velvet.

JAMIMA

Exactly.

DEVON

Let's hit the road!

JAMIMA

Not to far from New Town.

JAMIMA walks back to the car. DEVON follows with ROGAN.

ZARA stays. For a beat too long.

Then closes her eyes. Deep breathe. She hears a low mechanical hum and gradually opens her eyes. She looks back and the car is gone.

EXT. DEVON'S CAR - MOMENTS LATER

Everyone's back inside. ROGAN plays his game.

The car drives off.

INT. DEVON'S CAR - MOVING - DAY

Devon's wrist watch ticks, ticks, ticks. A minute past.

JAMIMA glances in the rearview mirror.

JAMIMA

Zara?

No answer. She looks again. No Zara.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

Zara!? Zara is not here!

Devon slams the brakes.

EXT. COUNTRY ROAD - DAY

They jump out. Panic.

DEVON

Let's go back, let's go back.

They get back into the car.

EXT. THE FIELD - DAY

They drive back to the field

They run through the grasses. Jamima calls:

JAMIMA

Zara!

DEVON remains in the car. Nothing. No footprints. No sound.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

(screaming)

ZARA!

ROGAN steps out of the car. Stands still. Watching the grasses sway.

JAMIMA(CONT'D) (CONT'D)

Rogan, when did you last see her?

Rogan points toward the center of the field. His hand shakes.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

Call the police Devon.

Devon takes out his phone from his pocket.

His phone is dead.

DEVON

It's dead.

Jamima takes her phone from the car. It's also dead.

DEVON (CONT'D)

We have to go get police. Now.

They rush back into the car.

As the car leaves the edge of the field... all grass stops moving. Completely.

Silence.

Then it moves again and a car passes by WHOOFV!

EXT. ROAD TO NEW TOWN - SUNSET

Devon's car moves fast. The mood is heavy.

They pass a "WELCOME TO NEW TOWN" poster, faded and crooked.

No one speaks. Worry etched in their faces.

Rogan looking through the window behind the car.

INT. NEW TOWN POLICE STATION - NIGHT

Devon and Jamima sit with Rogan at the front desk. An older, calm POLICE CHIEF (60s) hears their report.

POLICE CHIEF

You forgot her?

JAMIMA

No we thought she came with us.

POLICE CHIEF

Where exactly did she go missing?

JAMIMA

At a field. Right off County Road.

The Chief's face subtly tightens. He turns to a younger officer at the back.

POLICE CHIEF

Officer Levi. You're taking this

OFFICER LEVI (35) nods, grabs his jacket without hesitation.

Jamima notices the police chief's tense expression.

OFFICER LEVI

Ma'am, sir I'll take my team. You should stay here.

Devon holds Jamima's hand.

DEVON

Wait here okay?

JAMIMA

I'm going. Rogan will stay here, I have to go.

DEVON

We're both going.

EXT. THE FIELD - NIGHT

FLASHLIGHTS sweep across the waving grass. POLICE DOGS bark. Officers comb the area in rows. Officers shout Zara's name.

OFFICER LEVI

Zara!

No answer. Just the sound of grass.

JAMIMA refuses to stop. DEVON follows her, worried.

After hours, Levi softly pulls Jamima aside.

OFFICER LEVI (CONT'D)

(soft)

Ma'am, We have to call it for tonight.

JAMIMA

No. Please, just a bit more.

Devon steps in.

DEVON

(gently)

Jamima... we'll be back. They'll keep searching.

Levi nods at his team to pack up.

LEVI

The search will continue tomorrow.

JAMIMA

Is that even right? What do you mean tomorrow?

LEVI

I'm sorry.

Levi walks off.

Jamima drops to her knees, in tears. Devon holds her.

DEVON

Let's go back. The search will continue. I'll make sure of that. You and Rogan need rest.

JAMIMA

But, she's out here, somewhere.

DEVON

Exactly, we'll find her. Be positive.
(Then)

Come on.

They both approach the car.

Devon looks back into the field in worry.

INT. POLICE STATION - SAME TIME

Rogan sits across from the Police Chief.

The Chief looks through some files.

He raises his eyes to see Rogan.

The Chief watches him in silence.

POLICE CHIEF

You haven't said a word.

Rogan doesn't react.

POLICE CHIEF (CONT'D)

Not worried about your... sister? Cousin?

Rogan nods yes.

POLICE CHIEF (CONT'D)

Then why do you look like you don't care?

Rogan stands, walks to the desk. He grabs the Chief's pen and writes:

"That's what I intend to ask you."

The Chief chuckles. Nervously.

Rogan writes again:

"Many people have been missing here. Saw the piles of files."

POLICE CHIEF (CONT'D) (CONT'D)

Back to your seat, kid. That's nothing but paperwork.

Rogan goes back to his seat.

INT. DEVON'S CAR - RETURNING FROM THE FIELD - NIGHT

Devon drives. Jamima stares out the window.

JAMIMA

This is so... I can't even — I just wanted good for her.

DEVON

You did your best.

JAMIMA

She always thought I didn't understand her. Now...

DEVON

It's okay Jamima.

JAMIMA

(quietly)

If not for the fire... none of this would've happened.

DEVON is silent. His hands tighten on the wheel. Guilt.

INT. ZARA'S NEW HOME - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

They enter the quiet, dusty home. Rogan is asleep in Jamima's arms.

She gently lowers him onto a couch. Devon stands awkwardly nearby.

DEVON

When it happened... I swear, I didn't know what came over me. First Rogan was crying, and the next thing... the house was in flames.

Silence.

Devon turns to Jamima. He frowns.

JAMIMA

You don't have to prove anything, Devon. It's not your fault Zara is...

DEVON

I'm not proving anything.

JAMIMA

You want me to believe something just came into you and you burned our house?

DEVON

If you didn't believe me, you wouldn't have agreed that... Roger did it.

JAMIMA

Roger didn't.

They both stare at eachother. Silence.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

Let's talk about the matter on ground...

DEVON

I could've lied. Not tell you what really happened and said it was him. We'd never be having this conversation.

JAMIMA

Your guilt made you say it.
 (Softer, watching Rogan)
You were angry. At me. At
everything.

DEVON

I just... I wanted to fix it all-

JAMIMA

You made it worse.

Devon stares at her. Then turns and walks out.

Jamima sits still, her hand stroking Rogan's head. Her tears are silent.

Rogan opens his eyes.

EXT. NEW TOWN POLICE STATION - NIGHT

Devon pulls up in front of the station, parks, and walks inside.

INT. NEW TOWN POLICE STATION - CONTINUOUS

Devon steps up to the front desk where Officer Levi sits.

Devon Officer, the search has to go again. We can't wait. Something might have happened to her.

Levi and two other officers exchange glances. Devon notices it.

DEVON

You can just sit here and do nothing!
(Then)
What's going on?

LEVI

We're working on it. I promise.

DEVON

I want to see the Chief.

LEVI

He's not here. He Left earlier.

Devon glares, frustrated. He walks out.

EXT. POLICE STATION PARKING LOT - CONTINUOUS

Devon sits in his car, exhales in frustration. Leans back in the seat.

INT. NEW HOUSE - DINING ROOM - DAY

JAMIMA arranges a flower vase on the dining table.

The house is still barely furnished.

VOICE OVER - ZARA (echo) "The breeze is blowing left... but the grass is facing right."

Jamima pauses. furrows her eye brows. picks up her phone and dials Devon. No answer. She drops the phone.

INT./EXT. FEMI'S VEHICLE - CONTINUOUS

A neat a neat SUV glides through the road.

In it is FEMI (late 30s), sharp-eyed, back of his right hand scarred from a BURN.

He pulls up his car to a strange sight: large stones arranged across the road.

Femi steps out of the vehicle after grabbing a gun from under the seat.

He begins moving stones from the road.

From the trees: four ARMED MEN emerge. Hunting guns in hand. One is their LEADER.

LEADER

Kneel. Nice and slow.

Femi kneels, calm.

FEMI

What do you want?

LEADER

What do you think?

He gestures. Two goons search Femi's vehicle.

FEMI

If you rob me, things won't turn out nice for you.

LEADER

Close that gutter up and take out everything you got!

Suddenly Femi fires! Hits the LEADER in the leg, then the one next to the leader in the thigh.

He turns, fire the third one at his car, fires again—CLICK. Out of bullets.

The last man opens fire wildly.

Femi rushes towards his car for cover, dives across the hood, tackles the last man, and pummels him. PUNCH! PUNCH! PUNCH! PUNCH! PUNCH! Face bloodied.

He stands. Calm.

FEMI

I'll have this.

He grabs their guns. Their all in pain.

Femi opens his car trunk. Inside, something partially exposed, a high-tech device with a cube shape.

He throws in the guns, slams the trunk, and drives off, leaving the injured men behind.

INT. NEW HOUSE - BEDROOM - NIGHT

Jamima sits on one end of the bed.

Rogan asleep between her and Devon, who enters quietly and sits down.

DEVON

They said tomorrow.

Silence. Breathes.

JAMIMA

we can't just sit and do nothing.

DEVON

I know.

Silence.

JAMIMA

Your uncle was mayor.

DEVON

So?

He looks over his shoulder. Waits for her to speak.

JAMIMA

He can help us.

DEVON

The police can, Jamima.

JAMIMA

They've done nothing, He can do better.

DEVON

How sure are you?

(Then)

Jamima... this is the last place I'd ever choose to live in again. He's one of the reasons.

JAMIMA

I can't sit here without thinking of everything that could've gone wrong. It's either your feelings, or Zara.

DEVON

That man killed -

He stops. Breathes.

DEVON (CONT'D)

I'll think of something else.

He stands to leave. Jamima rushes to block him.

JAMIMA

You're not walking out of this again.

DEVON

Jamima, please.

JAMIMA

I don't know how you feel, but right now, we can't afford to protect your feelings.

(Softer)

You're here. Face it. For her.

She takes his hand.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

Please.

DEVON nods slowly, torn.

DEVON

Okay... okay.

They hug.

EXT. ROAD OUTSIDE THE HOUSE - NIGHT

Devon gets into the car and drives off.

EXT. DIRT ROAD OUTSIDE A LONELY HOUSE - NIGHT

DEVON's car slows and pulls over some distance from a weathered farmhouse.

DEVON (V.O.)

You will never see my footsteps in this place. Never! Else I might f*cking shoot you in your sleep!

Devon drives forward. Pulls up in front of the house. Kills the engine.

He steps out, walks to the door, hesitates... then knocks.

DEVON

Hello?

WOMAN (O.S.)

Who is it?

DEVON

I'm looking for Marcus Thomson!

WOMAN (O.S.)

Who - Who are you?

DEVON

I'm...

The door FLIES open. SHACK-SHACK! A SHOTGUN COCKS. ELIZABETH "LIZZY" (50s, sharp, ex-military vibe) stands firm, shotgun raised.

LIZZY

What do you want?

DEVON

(hands raised)

I just came to ask him about something.

LIZZY

What?

VOICE (O.S.)

Lizzy! Was that my gun? I told you, you're not licensed—you can't use that!

The POLICE CHIEF - MARCUS THOMSON appears behind her.

MARCUS

Why are you here? Did you follow me?

DEVON

(stunned)

Uncle?

Marcus blinks. Recognition.

MARCUS

Dev?

INT. MARCUS' HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

A simple, dimly-lit room. Faded floral furniture. Family photos that haven't moved in a decade.

One of the photos; an image of the man and Joe from the first scene with unarguably younger Devon in his early 20s in the picture. All smiling.

Devon sits stiffly on the couch. Marcus slouches opposite.

Lizzy arrives with two mugs of coffee. Sets them down without ceremony.

LIZZY

To calm your hearts.

She walks off.

MARCUS

You look... I didn't know you'd be back.

DEVON

Voila, I guess.

Beat.

MARCUS

You're still mad, I take it.

DEVON

I didn't come to talk about that.

MARCUS

Your daughter. Why did you think I could help.

DEVON

You are the mayor.

MARCUS

- Was... There's nothing I can do son.

DEVON

What do you mean? Just a search party is what we need.

MARCUS

Half of a search team went missing trying to look for just one missing person.

(quietly)

I wish I could explain this better.

Devon stares at Marcus in anger and disappointment.

Devon rises and is about to leave.

MARCUS (CONT'D)

- Exactly what happened to Joe. Same as the search party and... We have tried.

Devon turns to him.

DEVON

Nothing you say will make me believe your lies.

Devon rises and leaves the house.

Lizzy approaches Marcus. Massages his shoulder.

LIZZY

He has a daughter.

Marcus looks into thin air.

MARCUS

And a son.

LIZZY

They can't go back there.

MARCUS

I wish it were that easy to do.

EXT. MARCUS' HOUSE - NIGHT

Devon gets into the car and drives off.

MATCH CUT TO:

EXT. COUNTY ROAD - NIGHT

Femi speeds down the lonely stretch of road.

In the distance, a figure emerges from the field. Female, same height and build as Zara. Naked, dirty, staggering.

Femi drives and looks at the field dash of the green grasses. He looks.

Femi faces front, spots her too late.

SCREECH! The brakes scream.

THUD!

The girl is hit. She flies off the hood, lands hard.

Femi sits in shock-wide-eyed.

INT. NEW HOUSE - BEDROOM - NIGHT

JAMIMA paces slowly, restless. Her eyes are tired, but her mind races. She stops. Her phone rings.

She picks up immediately.

JAMIMA

Hello?

OFFICER LEVI (V.O.) Jamima, this is Officer Levi.

JAMIMA

Yes?

OFFICER LEVI (V.O.)
I think we found your daughter.

CUT TO BLACK.

TITLE CARD: OUTFIELDS

INT. NEW TOWN HOSPITAL - RECEPTION - NIGHT

Devon and Jamima hurry into the hospital with Rogan and approach the receptionist.

DEVON

Hello, were looking for an officer, officer Levi. He's -

JAMIMA

Officer, is she okay?

Jamima steps towards officer Levi who approaches them.

LEVI

It's is not of certain it's her. Come with me please.

INT. NEW TOWN HOSPITAL - HALLWAY - NIGHT

Devon and Jamima with Rogan follow Levi down the hallway.

Levi opens the door to the room with the door labelled "Morgue"

Jamima pauses on her track.

JAMIMA

(Whispers)

No, Devon. This can't be possible.

Devon looks into the morgue where A DOCTOR, officer Levi and Femi wait by.

Femi stands speechless.

Devon swallows.

DEVON

Look, stay with Rogan here. Let me check and I'll be back okay?

JAMIMA

It's okay. I'll come. I'll come.

Devon holds Rogan's shoulder.

DEVON

Big guy, wait here. We'll be right out. One minutes.

INT. MORGUE - NIGHT

Cold silence.

Devon enters, holding Jamima, whose breath is shallow, hands shaking. Tears already forming.

They step in.

Levi nods and gently closes the door behind them.

Femi bits his bottom lip in hopes that it won't be their child.

Devon approaches the body on the tray. He hesitates. Then lifts the sheet.

A deep, ragged breath - the girl gasps jolting awake.

Jamima stumbles back with a scream.

But it isn't Zara.

Jamima collapses into Devon's chest.

The girl breathes sharply almost as if she's been underwater for hours.

INT. NEW TOWN HOSPITAL - HALLWAY - LATER

Devon and Jamima both stand opposite from officer Levi. Talking to him.

Rogan stands and watches them.

Rogan steps out of a ward. Ward 12.

LEVI

He was driving through country road and he didn't see her coming.

Femi approaches them.

FEMI

Hello, I'm Femi.

He gives Devon and Jamima handshakes.

Rogan enters Ward 12.

INT. NEW TOWN HOSPITAL - WARD 12 - NIGHT

Rogan closes the door behind him and stares at the girl that Femi hit. "ANA"

BEEP... BEEP... The monitor beeps gently.

Rogan takes a few steps towards her. Stops when her hand moves.

He moves closer and looks at her.

He goes to the other side of the bed and looks. Places his hand on her's.

INT. NEW TOWN HOSPITAL - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Femi stands with Jamima, Devon and Levi.

FEMI

I'm so sorry for what happened. It must have been... Sorry.

DEVON

Thanks.

JAMIMA

Where did you hit her?

FEMI

Few miles towards New Town. I never expected a hospital to be my first stop moving in here.

JAMIMA

You're moving in here?

FEMI

Yes.

Femi turns to Levi.

FEMI (CONT'D)

Officer, have you found anything? Her parents.

LEVI

Nothing yet.

FEMI

I'll be going by now. I'll see to it that she's okay till her parents are informed.

Femi and Levi both shake hands. Before she could leave -

JAMIMA

Where's Rogan?

They all look around.

Jamima walks down the hallway way in hurry. Worry in her expression. Devon, Levi and Femi follows.

INT. NEW TOWN HOSPITAL - WARD 12 - NIGHT

Rogan's hand is still on Ana's. He holds it tight till her hears -

JAMIMA

Rogan!

Jamima enters the room with the men and Rogan's hands are already dropped.

Ana opens her eyes gradually, a shuddering breathe through her lips.

Jamima approaches Rogan and holds his hand.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

What are you doing here? Don't walk places with mummy or daddy.

She holds him close.

Officer Levi and Femi both approach the girl. Her eyes slightly opened.

LEVI

She's awake? I thought the doctor said -

Levi looks at the girl in intrigue.

FEMI

I'll call the doctor.

Femi hurries out of the ward.

ANA

(Whispers)

Kireth... iL... Kireth.

JAMIMA

Is she okay?

ANA

Kireth...

She's too weak to speak. Levi leans closer to hear.

LEVI

She's saying something.

ANA

Kireth...

Rogan watches, moves closer to Jamima.

LEVI

I'm listening.

ANA

Kireth... Is coming.

Suddenly she screams:

ANA (CONT'D)

He's coming!

She screams and jerks. The monitor starts to flatline.

Levi holds her.

LEVI

Call the doctor! She's flat-lining!

Ana tried to leave the bed.

ANA

Un! Un! Un!

(Then, stretchedscream)

Un!!!

Her scream stops abruptly like light turned off and her body collapses ack on the bed.

Femi steps in with the doctor. The monitor had flat-lined completely.

EXT. NEW HOUSE - LIVINGROOM - NIGHT

Femi drives in his car with Jamima. Rogan asleep at the back. Femi pulls up his car in front of the house.

Jamima leans back on the seat.

JAMIMA

What do we do now?

DEVON

I'll see what I can do.

Devon opens his door and slides out of the car. Opens the back door and carries Devon.

They enter the house.

INT. NEW HOUSE - BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

Devon enters the bedroom and keeps on the bed Devon.

He sits on the bed and looks at Rogan.

DEVON(O.S.)

Rogan? Are you okay?

CUT TO:

INT. OLD HOUSE - NIGHT [FLASHBACK]

CLOSE-UP on Devon. Kneeling in front of Rogan.

DEVON

Rogan? Are you okay?

Devon's hands tremble.

END OF FLASHBACK.

CUT BACK TO:

SAME - CONTINUOUS

Devon's hands tremble over his thighs.

JAMIMA(O.C.)

How did it go?

Jamima stands at the door post.

Devon grasps two hands together.

DEVON

I uh... I met him.

Jamima waits.

DEVON (CONT'D)

He said that there were cases like this in new town that are still unsolved.

JAMIMA

So, they're not going to do anything?

Devon takes a deep breath.

DEVON

It's all my fault isn't it?

Jamima stays silent.

DEVON (CONT'D)

If I hadn't... If...

Devon presses his hands together as if it could hold back the tears that well up in his eyes.

Jamima approaches him, sits beside him and places her hand on his.

JAMIMA

It's okay.

She hugs him.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

I didn't mean what I said. I'm sorry.

They lean back.

DEVON

I'll be back.

Devin rises.

Jamima let's him leave no questions asked.

INT. COUNTRY ROAD - NIGHT

Devon drives his car on high speed through the road.

He stops his car by the grass field and slides out. A flashlight in hand.

He steps into the field and a low HUM follows his entrance. He stops.

Devon scans around with his the flashlight.

DEVON

Zara!

A WIDE-SHOT from a far distance inside the field watches Devon.

DEVON (CONT'D)

Zara!

Devon takes more steps in looking around. A tiny bean in this vast land. He continues searching desperate.

The WIDE-SHOT ZOOMS-IN on Devon slow and intentional.

Devon turns to the direction of this movement and it stops.

Devon searches desperately. Later he pauses breathing in frustration. He kneels, tears escape his eyes.

He wipes his tears, rises and steps to his car.

EXT. FEMI'S HOUSE - DAY

Femi's SUV stands outside his house.

We hear the clanking of plates.

Fela Ransom Kuti's "Lady" plays.

INT. FEMI'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

Femi fries eggs while dancing and humming to this song.

He turns off the gas and pours the egg into a plate of avocados and bread.

He makes coffee. Still dancing to the song he exits and goes to the --

INT. FEMI'S HOUSE - LIVINGROOM - DAY

He sits on a couch, keeps his food and coffee on a table and draws it closer to him.

Before he can start eating - KNOCK-KNOCK! At the door. He pauses.

EXT. FEMI'S HOUSE - DAY

Officer Levi knocks at the door.

LEVI

Femi! Officer Levi!

The song from inside the house stops and the door opens. Femi.

FEMI

Officer.

They both shake hands.

FEMI (CONT'D)

Reason for the visit?

LEVI

You're needed at the station for questioning.

FEMI

Is that so?

Femi opens his door wider.

FEMI (CONT'D)

Can I eat my food before I go? The eggs will stink if they get cold. Come in please. You can join me if you want.

Levi enters.

INT. FEMI'S HOUSE - LIVINGROOM - DAY

Levi closes the door behind him and Femi heads to the kitchen.

FEMI

What do you want? Rice? Exactly what is on the table?

LEVI

I'm full thanks.

FEMI

Coffee?

LEVI

Yes please.

Levi sits on a couch looking around. There's enough stuff in the room.

Femi approaches Levi with a cup of coffee. Gives it to him.

FEMI

So, do you have a wife?

Femi sips coffee.

LEVI

That's not exactly what we need for the case.

FEMI

I knew that you needed coffee. And New Town is a very small place to reject potential friends.

(Then)

So, do you have a wife?

Femi bites his bread.

LEVI

No.

FEMI

Babe?

LEVI

Husband.

Femi's eyes widen dramatically.

FEMI

A good looking dude for a good looking dude?

LEVI

Yes.

Levi sips coffee.

INT. CLARK HOUSE - ROGAN'S BEDROOM - DAY

Rogan sits on the floor behind a table writing in his tidy rooms. Bed made. Books arranged. No posters. No toys.

He pauses. Remembers:

ZARA(V.O.)

That's weird... the breeze is coming from the west, but the grass is leaning opposite.

Rogan lays out a folded paper on the table.

He draws carefully the breeze blowing west with lines and arrows showing the direction of the wind, and the grass leaning east.

He draws a dividing line in-between the wind and the grass. Then labelled the dividing line with a question mark.

He stares at it, intensely focused.

He hears a knock at the door.

JAMIMA(O.S.)

Rogan? Are you awake?

He fold the paper and waits.

Jamima opens the door.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

Studying?

Rogan nods, yes.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

What?

Jamima approaches him and he takes the paper off the table.

Jamima pauses for a second and sits beside him.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

Daddy went to find her.

She holds him closer to her.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

You don't worry, okay? We'll find her.

Rogan takes a paper and writes:

"New school?"

Jamima caresses his head for a short while.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

I wanted to know if you're ready to resume early. Guess you are. Hm?

Rogan nods, yes.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

Let's eat first then I'll take you to write the entrance exams.

She rises, gestures for him to take her hand.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

Come on.

He holds her hand and they both leave the room.

INT. CLARK HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

Jamima serves food into a second plate. Covers the pot.

She takes the two plates of food into the --

INT. CLARK HOUSE - LIVINGROOM - DAY

There Rogan sits and waits. Her phone to his ear.

Jamima keeps the plates on a table and bends, her hands on her knees.

On the phone is Mrs. Halland speaking:

MRS. HALLAND(ON PHONE)

Hello?

Jamima bends, hands on her knees.

JAMIMA

(Whispers)

Talk... Talk to her.

He doesn't, hands her the phone. Jamima takes the phone and places it on her ear.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

Hello, Mrs. Halland.

MRS. HALLAND

Hello, Jamima. How are you doing?

JAMIMA

I'm good.

MRS. HALLAND

Rogan? Zara?

Jamima faces Rogan and looks away again.

JAMIMA

Fine. They're all fine.

MRS. HALLAND

I saw your call.

JAMIMA

Oh, yes. That. Uh... I wanted to ask you if you knew the meaning of "Un" the word "Un" Like from another language or something.

Roger writes something on paper.

MRS. HALLAND

I don't know that word - even if I could tell you, lots of languages have that sound.

JAMIMA

It's like a word.

MRS. HALLAND

I'll check and get back to you, okay?

JAMIMA

Okay, thanks. Bye.

The calls ends.

Jamima keeps her phone on the table in front of Rogan and pauses when she sees what Rogan wrote on a book:

"Un = No."

Underbreath:

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

Oh.

She looks at Rogan.

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

That's... It sounds right. Good brainstorming love.

Jamima returns to the kitchen.

EXT. NEW TOWN POLICE STATION - DAY

Devon pulls up his car in front of the police station.

INT. NEW TOWN POLICE STATION - MARCUS' OFFICE - DAY

Femi sits opposite from Marcus. Levi standing and writing down notes.

MARCUS

Did you meet a group of hunters on your way here?

Femi pauses.

FEMI

No. Why? What happened?

MARCUS

Nevermind. What is your reason for visiting here?

FEMI

Came to cool off my head, get some breeze.

MARCUS

Have you been here before?

FEMI

No, I found it on the net thought this would be the best place to stay.

MARCUS

On the net?

FEMI

New town has a relatively low population and dense forestry.

Marcus stares at his files for a short while.

MARCUS

All for now.

Devon barges into the office. An officer rushing towards him to stop him.

Marcus gestures for the officer to let him.

DEVON

What are you doing about my daughter?

MARCUS

We would try hoping it's not like the other cases.

DEVON

This isn't try.

Devon gestures to the policemen men standing around.

MARCUS

Devon listen to me.

DEVON

- Are you finding Zara or not?

They both stare at eachother.

Lizzy enters the office. A basket full of fruits in hand. Pauses to scan the room.

LIZZY

(To Devon)

Your uncle is near death. Take it easy on him.

She keeps the basket on the table.

LIZZY (CONT'D)

(To Marcus)

Eat them all.

She stands behind Marcus.

Levi furrows. Uncle?

LIZZY (CONT'D)

There are files stacked up. Years of unsolved cases. Trying to solve any of the cases of people missing, we only made it worse.

DEVON

So what? You want me to sit down and do what?

LIZZY

Where's the journal Marcus.

Marcus gestures to his desk drawer.

Lizzy opens it and takes out a journal.

LIZZY (CONT'D)

I wrote everything I knew about the disappearances. I wrote down every possibility...

She hands the journal over to him.

MARCUS

I don't know your kids, but I know what it feels like to lose one. I was as desperate as you are.

Devon glares at Marcus.

DEVON

I'm not desperate. I'm determined.

Devon leaves the office. Lizzy follows him.

EXT. NEW TOWN POLICE STATION - DAY

Devon stumps towards his car, opens the door, enters and BANGS! it close.

Lizzy exits the office and approaches his car. Arms on the window.

LIZZY

Heading to country road?

EXT. NEW TOWN HIGH - DAY

Jamima and Rogan both walk towards New Town High. They stop in front of it.

JAMIMA

What do you say huh?

Rogan does the nice gesture \(\begin{aligned} \text{with his hand.} \end{aligned} \)

JAMIMA (CONT'D)

Nice to know.

They both walk towards the building.

INT. NEW TOWN HIGH - PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - DAY

Rogan sits in the office ticking answers to questions on an test paper.

On the tidy desk is a small desk name plate with the name "Prof. Analisse Burk."

The door behind him opens and the PROFESSOR ANALISSE (57) enters.

ANALISSE

Hey young man, no that's not yours.

She takes the test script from him and looks at it. Furrows. Glances at Rogan and then the script.

She keeps the script and circles to her seat. She takes out a different script and hands it to him.

ANALISSE (CONT'D)

This one. Your mom will come to pick you by two. So you'll get the chance to see your class and meet new friends.

Rogan just writes. Analisse glances at him as she looks through her documents.

Rogan looks at the wall clock. 11'O clock. Continues writing, finishes and ands the paper over to her.

Analisse looks through the script. She smiles.

ANALISSE (CONT'D)

Okay, wonderful.

Analisse rises and suddenly BAMS! Back on her seat like she was pushed and her head falls onto the desk.

EXT. NEW TOWN HIGH - DAY

Rogan walks out of the school building and strides down the road.

CUT TO BLACK.

EXT. COUNTRY ROAD - DAY

Rogan walks down the country road. Towards the grass fields.

He stops in front of the field. His eyes scanning the field.

The WIDE-SHOT of Rogan from inside the grass field. Watches. Breathing with the breeze.

It moves towards him with steady speed.

Devon looks behind him at the opposite side of the road.

EXT. COUNTRY ROAD - SAME

Devon rides his car through the road. Angry. Lizzy sits beside him.

LIZZY

This place was home to many, tourists used to visit.

Lizzy looks at Devon and then the road.

LIZZY (CONT'D)

Because they read about the past of New Town.

Lizzy chuckles. Devon doesn't speak.

LIZZY (CONT'D)

How could a man swallowing outskirt have history to be told?

Lizzy looks at Devon again.

LIZZY (CONT'D)

I lost my daughter years ago... How old is your daughter?

DEVON

Seventeen.

CUT TO:

EXT. COUNTRY ROAD - DAY

Devon walks further on the road. Takes one step into the field.

The wide shot lowers to the grass level and closes in on Devon.

Devon takes out his leg. He then walks in.

He feels the breeze and watches the grasses.

He hears a snarl and jolts and sees something.

CLOSE-UP on Devon as he raises his gaze to the sky. A growl.

CUT BACK TO:

SAME

Devon still drives.

LIZZY

Amy was older. She said that she wanted to go on a picnic with her friends and but... Perdu à jamais.

Devon drives slower.

DEVON

You tried looking for her?

LIZZY

Yes. Then we never knew it would worsen if we tried.

DEVON

I'd rather be disappear with my child than keep thinking what wrong could have possibly happened to them.

LIZZY

You have a son.

Devon goes quiet. He looks distance away and squints his eyes.

LIZZY (CONT'D)

That's a child.

Devon drives faster.

DEVON

That's my son!

Rogan takes steps back. His eyes open widely.

Devon pulls up his car near, dashes out of his car.

Rogan breathes hard. Devon rushes towards him and grabs him about of the grass field.

DEVON (CONT'D)

Rogan! What are you doing here?

Rogan hyperventilates.

LIZZY

Let him breath, let him breath.

Rogan continues hyperventilating, eyes wide open.

CUT TO BLACK.

TITLE CARD: OUTFIELDS