

Screenplay
TORMENT OF CONSCIENCE

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FADE IN:

EXT. THE FOREST. DAY

A man 45 years old named Jack.

He hides behind a bush.

looks nervous. He holds a shotgun as he tries to shoot one of 2 wolves which are drinking from the river.

He keeps looking at both wolves as they walk by the river. He starts to focus on the MALE wolf.

He triggers the shotgun.

The FEMALE wolf falls down on the floor.

THE MALE wolf runs to his female. He sniffs her body then he tries to bush it softly.

Jack still looks at them with shocked look in his face. He directs his gun towards the other wolf.

Some noise comes from a small bush by the river. Jack tries to shoot the MALE wolf.

Suddenly, three wolves puppies appear from the small bush which is by the river.

Jack holds his fires.

He look at them as they run to their mother who is lying on the ground DEAD.

He SIGHS.

The MALE wolf sits next to his DEAD wife.

Their puppies try to wake their mother to play with them. Jack looks down, then he moves away from the area and heads back home.

EXT. JACK FARM. LATE AFTERNOON

He walks towards his house inside the farm. The door of his house opens and two little kids (Lena 5 years old and Alex 3 years old) get out of the house.

Jack leans down on his knees and hugs his kids. Lena looks at her father as he hugs her.

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LENA

how was your day daddy? Jack looks at her, he smiles.

JACK

It was fine... how was yours?

LENA

But you seem sad. didn't you catch anything today daddy? He SIGHS.

JACK

Hopefully tomorrow.

LENA

Okay.. My day was good. Suddenly they hears a wolf's howling comes from far place. Jack hears it.

JACK

you have to get into the house. He takes his two kids and enter the house.

INT. JACK'S HOUSE. NIGHT

Jack sits on a chair and drinks a cup of tea.

His wife Andrea 40 years old, cleans the dishes.

A wolf's HOWLING starts again.

Jack hears it. He looks at his wife.

JACK

Do you hear that sound? as she cleans.

ANDREA

What sounds?

JACK

the wolf howling?

ANDREA

Wolf's howling? No I don't hear that at all. Jack stands up and walks towards the window.

JACK

I can hear it. It is coming from far place but I still can hear it.

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JACK (cont'd)
His wife leaves the dishes. She
feels worried and walks to him.

ANDREA
You know my hearing is not as good
as yours. I am afraid the group of
wolves started to come to our farm
again? Jack looks outside through
the window's glass.

JACK
Today I killed a wolf. And I assume
that her male is outside looking
for revenge.

ANDREA
Aww! She had a husband. I hope they
didn't have kids. She looks at Jack
while he is looking outside. Then
she puts her hand on his shoulder.

INT. BEDROOM. MIDNIGHT

Both Jack and Andrea on bed.

Andrea is sleeping but Jack is awake.

He is facing up. Staring at the ceiling.

He still hears wolf's howling.

He rolls around on his side.

then he looks at the clock.

It is 2:05 am. He SIGHS.

Then he sits up and cover his ears by his both hands as the
howling gets stronger.

INT. JACK'S HOUSE/LIVING ROOM. NEXT MORNING

Jack prepare the table for breakfast.

He puts four plates on the table, one after the other.
Andrea comes over.

ANDREA
Good morning sweetheart! Then she
kisses him on the mouth.

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JACK
Good morning!

ANDREA
How was your night? He SIGHS.

JACK
It was tiring.

ANDREA
I saw you awake at three in the morning.

JACK
I kept hearing that wolf voice. He was howling all the night. I looked at you you were deep sleeping then i checked on the kids and they were sleeping too. It seemed to me that i was the only one who could hear it. He sits on one of the chairs around the table. Andrea massages his both shoulders. Then she calls the kids.

ANDREA
LENA and ALEX it is breakfast time. Then she leaves to look after some eggs which are cooking. both kids come over. each take a chair.

LENA
Good morning! Then she starts to take a piece of bread and breaks it into two pieces. Then she gives Alex the other one. Alex puts it on the table then he puts his head on the table as well as he holds the piece of bread.

JACK
Good morning!.. what is wrong Alex?

ALEX
I didn't sleep well last night.

JACK
Why what happened?

ALEX
There was some noise.

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JACK
What kind of noise?

ALEX
Wolf's voice.

JACK
Hah!.. see see sweetheart. I wasn't
imaging this. The wolf was near our
house last night.

ALEX
Why was he here?

JACK
I think he is angry and sad. Andrea
looks at Jack and tries to stop him
from telling Alex about the wolf by
using body language. She puts her
hand on her mouth. then points on
Alex. Jack gets it.

JACK
maybe he was just lost.

EXT. IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE. AFTERNOON

Jack cleans the floor by a broom.

He looks at the end of the fence.

He sees a big bush.

Then he sees a big wolf's head.

He get shocked.

He stops cleaning then he looks again. But nothing there. He
pulls out a small gun from his packet and walks towards the
bush.

Then he stops closely to it.

He directs his gun towards the bush.

Then the bush starts shaking.

Looks like something will jumps out of it on Jack.

He fires his gun.

Then he hears Alex screaming.

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He runs fast and looks under the bush.

He sees Alex slightly injured. He hugs Alex.

JACK

I am sorry my son, I am sorry I
didn't know that you were playing
behind the bush.

ALEX

(while crying)
What is wrong with you daddy?

JACK

I am sorry.

Then he takes him to the house.

Andrea gets out of the house and she looks SCARED.

ANDREA

What did happen?

ALEX

My dad shoot me by his gun.

JACK

It was by mistake.

Andrea looks at him, she is angry.

she sees Jack still holding the gun in his hand.

ANDREA

Please go and get rid of that
goddamn Gun!

she takes Alex and enters the house.

Jack stars at the gun in his hand. Then he throws it on the
ground.

he looks around him, seeing the sky turns into DARKER color.
Andrea opens the door and calls him.

ANDREA

Get in the the house what if he is
really outside.

Jack looks at her, then he runs inside the house.

INT. JACK'S HOUSE. NIGHT

Jack is in bed, his body temperature is very HIGH.

A wit small tow is on his forehead.

Andrea picks up his head and helps him drinking some water.
then she puts his head back on the pillow.

Lena comes to the room.

LENA
Is daddy okay?

As she covers Jack's body with some blankets.

ANDREA
yeas dear, yes he will be fine. How
is Alex?

LENA
He is sleeping.

ANDREA
Did he finish his dinner?

LENA
Almost.

ANDREA
Did you finish yours?

LENA
I did.

ANDREA
You can go to your room sweetie
now.. I will come for you soon.

Then Lena leaves to her room.

then Andrea leaves as well, she closes the door after her.

We sees Jack breathing hardly.

His face is suffering.

The wolf's howling starts again.

Jack opens his eyes.

He looks around the room from his bed.

He sees no body.

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JACK
ANDREA!

He looks around the room again.

Then his eyes stop on looking at the window, it is dark outside.

Suddenly he sees big wolf's eyes behind the window.

BIGGER than normal size.

He gets shock then he tries hardly to leave his bed.

He falls down the bed as he tries to move.

JACK
ANDREA! Where are you?

He struggles to stand up and to reach the door's handle.

Then he opens the door.

He goes to the kids room, he opens the door.

He sees no body.

He leaves to the living room.

INT. JACK'S HOUSE/LIVING ROOM. NIGHT

He looks around the living room.

JACK
ANDREA? LENA? ALEX? WHERE ARE YOU
GUYS?

He hears kids LAUGHTER.

He looks around again.

JACK
Lena? Alex? Is that you guys?

The door which leads to outside the door opens by itself.

Jack gets shock, then he walks towards it and closes it again.

Suddenly he hears Andrea's voice calling.

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ANDREA

(v.o)

come outside sweetie.. we are waiting for you!

JACK

What? What are you doing outside?

He opens the door again.

He hears kids laughter again. he steps outside the house, it is windy and it makes Jack feel dizzier.

JACK

Why are you outside? It is dark and windy?

LENA

(v.o)

We are behind the bush daddy.

ALEX

Do you remember the bush daddy? You shot me while I was playing behind it this morning daddy, remember?

JACK

It was by mistake honey!

ANDREA

(v.o)

Dinner is ready honey!

Jack walks towards the bush.

He hears his kids chatting behind the bush but he can't understand what they are saying.

JACK

Sweetie, please take the kids and get back home. I don't think it is safe to have dinner outside at this time.

The bush shacks.

Jack stars at the bush.

JACK

Are you coming?

He hears THICK laughter comes from the bush.

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JACK

Who is there? Who is with you? Is anyone trying to hurt you?

ANDREA

the food is getting cold, hurry up!

Jack gets closer to the bush then the bush starts to shake stronger.

He stops. Suddenly and big wolf appears from behind the push then he stops in front of Jack.

Jack is in a big shock. He falls on his knees.

JACK

She wasn't the aim!

The wolf keeps looking at Jack eyes.

Jacks feels strong pain in his body.

He falls down on the floor and his head is before the wolf's feet.

JACK

Please forgive me!

INT. JACK'S HOUSE. NEXT MORNING

Andrea gets up while her two kids are still sleeping on the bed.

She leaves the bed and cover them before she gets out the room.

She goes to checks on Jack.

She opens his room's door.

INT. JACK'S ROOM. MORNING

She enters the room. and looks at his bed.

ANDREA

Jack?.. where are you honey?

she leaves the room.

INT. JACK'S HOUSE/LIVING ROOM. NIGHT

She enters the living room.

ANDREA
Jack are you hear?

She notices the opened door. She walks to the door and steps outside the house.

EXT. IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE. DAY

she sees a laying body from a distance. she walks towards it slowly.

She get close to the body then she stops.

ANDREA
Jack?

She sees Jacks head is blown off and a gun in his right hand.

She gets shocked.

she falls on her knees and holds Jack's shoulders.

ANDREA
(crying)
No no no, Jack what have you done?

the kids come over. both stand behind her.

Andrea puts her head on Jack's back as she cries.

The two kids get closer to the body. Lena cries and hugs her mother. Alex sits next to the body tries to hold back his crying.

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