

The Devil's Point: Treatment

Written by Robin Johnston
January 2021

Logline

A young journalist is determined to investigate his girlfriend's disappearance during her hike through a reportedly haunted Scottish mountain pass.

Characters

Pierce - A tenacious young journalist who is not convinced by the official story about his girlfriend Sam's disappearance.

Charlie - A jaded private investigator hired by Pierce to help him investigate Sam's disappearance.

Angus - A rough and experienced ex-gamekeeper who was part of the original Police search for Sam.

Doctor Forbes - A vet who was also part of the original Police search and agrees to help again.

Sam - Pierce's girlfriend who has recently vanished during her hike into the Scottish Highlands.

Synopsis

Sam appears on a video recorded on her mobile phone of strange howling sounds heard on the pass during her hike to the pass. A video recorded just before her disappearance.

Charlie and **Pierce** discuss the video and the case. Charlie agrees to help Pierce investigate Sam's disappearance.

The two meet **Doctor Forbes** and his dog Dougie at their hotel and Forbes drives them to the bothy near the Devil's Point pass, to where Sam started her journey. Forbes tells them that **Angus**, their guide, will arrive the next day to take them up into the pass.

That night in the bothy Pierce can hear sounds outside and has a dream of someone else sitting inside with them, wearing camouflage, and holding a hunting rifle.

The next day Angus arrives with the same hunting rifle. Pierce is understandably disturbed and immediately suspicious of Angus.

After Doctor Forbes returns home Angus leads them up into The Devil's Point pass, towards the Diabhal Cairn where the only body from Sam's group was found.

The Cairn has a noticeable space underneath which is almost large enough to be a tunnel. Pierce finds the phrase 'The Hunt Begins Here' written in Scots Gaelic just above it.

Something seems to have been dragged inside this 'tunnel'. Pierce finds something else in there, a moonstone pendant, which might well be Sam's. They wonder why this was not found by the recent Police investigation.

Pierce also finds the number '1927' scratched on the Cairn stone. With no more clues they decide to stay there that night.

During the night Pierce can hear noises coming from deep underground, and when he goes to investigate, he sees a face staring at him from underneath the cairn.

Waking up Angus finds Pierce standing outside in just his underwear, staring at the Cairn in a trance.

Trying to snap Peirce out of it, Angus hears screaming. Charlie is being dragged into the space under the Cairn. As Pierce stands there in a trance, Angus decides not to help Charlie.

He watches Charlie by taken away by creatures only glimpsed through his rifle's night scope. Then Charlie is gone.

In the morning Peirce asks where Charlie is, having remembered nothing from the night before. They find the underneath of the Cairn has been blocked with earth and try to dig their way through without success.

Unable to receive a signal on their mobiles, and unsure of what to do next they decide to hike back to the bothy and call the police.

On the way back up the track they hear the strange howls again.

An unnerved Angus is convinced they are being hunted and runs after a strange glowing shape he sees in the trees, leaving Pierce on his own.

Angus realises he has been chasing a deer through the trees and that he is completely lost. There is no sign of Pierce.

Pierce decides to keep going on his, and when he reaches the Bothy again is confronted by a creature pretending to be Sam. Pierce is saved from it by Angus.

Thinking the police will not believe their story now, they decide to explore the cairn again.

On the way they both witness strangely glowing creatures walking through the trees up into the glen. They seem to be engaging in a moon worship ritual around the cairn.

They only seem to appear when the moon comes out. They catch a glimpse of Charlie between the creatures. When they call out to Charlie they disappear.

When the creatures vanish, the cairn itself seems to glow in the dark, reflecting the pools of moonlight that haunt the pass.

They decide to stay put and try to gain access to the cairn. Pierce crawls inside the tunnel and finds an open space inside. After lowering Pierce inside, Angus cuts the rope and Pierce falls into darkness.

When Pierce wakes up, bashed, and bruised from his fall he finds himself in a huge tunnel. Exploring he finds numerous garments and backpacks littering the tunnels, including an incredibly old one saying '1927'.

Eventually he finds one with Sam's initials and her mobile phone still inside it. He opens it and views the last video she recorded.

She is inside the same tunnel and knows that something coming to get her. Her last words are a scream. Pierce also sees Angus in one of her videos, he had led them up there the first time!

As Pierce explores further, he encounters a huge lake of water that seems to glow like moonlight. He encounters a creature that emerges from the lake, just like the ones at the Cairn.

The creature recognises the moonstone pendant, and Pierce realises this creature might be Sam. He is horrified to see more creatures emerge from the subterranean lake and tries to escape back up the tunnels.

When he sees what looks like light outside, he tries to reach it. Outside he sees Angus and realises he is underneath the cairn.

He tries to call to Angus as the creature's approach. Angus admits he led them up there, and so he could hunt these creatures for profit.

Angus refuses to help, and Pierce is dragged back inside just like Charlie. Before he is taken, Pierce warns Angus that there are hundreds of creatures living in the underground lake.

Left alone in the pass Angus is confronted by hordes of the moon creatures, who only become visible in direct moonlight.

When Angus tries to fend them off with his rifle, they encircle him on a small hill. There is no hope for escaping, and Angus turns the rifle on himself.

A short while later, during the day, Dr Forbes returns to the Bothy.

Doctor Forbes is disturbed to find an unresponsive Angus sitting alone inside, just where Pierce had seen him a few days earlier.

Angus insists that the other two had remained on the pass to continue the hunt for Sam, and that they had released Angus from his employment to guide them.

An unconvinced and worried Dr Forbes agrees to take Angus home. During the journey Angus attacks them when Dougie attacks him. Forbes 4x4 crashes.

The crashed car and the dead dog are found by the Police. While they are searching the woods, Angus watches them approach, as hundreds of the moon creatures appear in the woods behind him.

THE END