

PRAIRIE SCENARIO

PART 1

EXT. DESERTED GRASSY PLANE - DAY - **THE PRESENT**

A man, DAYLEN GORDON (20's), runs frantically towards us from seemingly nowhere.

Daylen's not alone. A woman, MAGNOLIA "MAGGIE" ANDERSON (20's), runs the opposite direction. The land stretches forever.

Daylen stops. In a frenzy, he reaches down and grabs a 3-ft metal stake and a sledge hammer from the ground. He nails the stake into the hard soil.

Maggie follows suit 1/4 a mile in the other direction. She delivers the final blow to her stake and picks up a handful of iron horseshoes from the ground.

They play the worst game of horseshoes in their lives. They're too scared for accuracy but keep trying.

Suddenly - off in the unknown distance we hear:

MEGAPHONE (O.S.)

STOP!

Maggie and Daylen look for the voice.

Each of them grab their arms like a bee sting. They wobble for an instant and fall over.

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PART 2

EXT. DESERTED GRASSY PLANE - DAY - **THE PRESENT**
(MOMENTS BEFORE THE OPENING SEQUENCE)

Maggie and Daylen sleep on the ground. There's no sign of human life anywhere.

Daylen wakes up and sits up. He is disoriented and scared. He looks around to get his bearings. He sees a red cooler and Maggie lying near him.

He crawls over towards Maggie and nervously wakes her up. She is also disoriented and scared.

DAYLEN
Hello?

Maggie can't decide whether or not this is a dream.

DAYLEN (CONT'D)
Where the hell are we?

Maggie collects herself.

DAYLEN (CONT'D)
Who are you?

MAGGIE
Maggie.

DAYLEN
I'm Daylen.

Maggie looks around and sees a piece of paper near the cooler. She picks up the paper, reads it, and hops up.

Daylen is startled and stands up too.

MAGGIE
Run.

Maggie hands Daylen the piece of paper.

DAYLEN
Run?

Daylen reads the paper. They make eye contact.

MAGGIE
RUN!

They run.

MOMENTS LATER

They're hammering the metal stakes in the ground.

MEGAPHONE (O.S.)

STOP!

The two grab their arms and wobble.

A Masked Figure enters from camera right dragging a home-made stretcher. **A LARGE CAMERA hangs from the Figure's side.**

Maggie and Daylen fall over.

The Figure reaches Maggie's unconscious body and lowers the stretcher. He rolls her on and drags her away.