

Camp Kandalore

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EXT. ABANDONED CAMPSITE - DAY

Close up on THEO (20s, disheveled, dreamy-eyed) staring up at something off-screen. In the background, among blurry dilapidated structures and overgrown vegetation, we see JAKE (30s, rugged, tense) walking into frame, his mouth moving but no sound is heard.

Jake walks toward Theo as muffled sounds slowly begin to emerge, as if rising from underwater.

JAKE
(muffled, growing clearer)
Theo! ... Theo! ... THEO!

Jake walks up to Theo, coming into focus.

JAKE (CONT'D)
(sarcastically, then
quieter and intense)
Earth to Theo! You gonna help scout
for our dinner, or should I leave
breadcrumbs for you to follow?

Theo blinks, startled out of his reverie.

THEO
(stuttering slightly)
S-sorry, Jake. I was just... have
we b-been here before? It feels
familiar...

JAKE
(gently)
Yeah, Theo. We've been through here
a few times.
(Looks up at the camp
building)
But..
(Looks at Theo)
I think we have time for another
tour.

Jake walks into the campsite

THEO
(suddenly recognising)
Jake... Is this Camp Kandalore? Mom
used to s-send us here, right?

JAKE
It's seen better days, huh?

THEO
(frowning, remembering
more)
The last time we were here... Shit..
(suddenly tense)
Did... did you l-lock me into the
meat freezer?

JAKE
Huh.. You remembered.. you were
like a little meat-sicle when they
let you out..
(forcing a lighter tone)
But hey, at least you got out of
kitchen duty that day, right?

Jake heads into the building through an open door.

INT. ABANDONED CAMPSITE BUILDING - DAY

THEO
Jake! That w-wasn't funny man! I
was like.. What? 8 years old?

JAKE
Come on, this way.. If we're lucky
the old playboy is still hidden
here somewhere.

THEO
Jake? Jake, hold up! I'm s-serious!

Theo follows him into the building, Jake is just about to
move further into the building through another door.

THEO (CONT'D)
Did you know, the lights turned off
by themselves while I was in there?

JAKE
The lights? I..eh..
(looks away, then back
with a forced smirk)
Does that mean you're still scared
of the dark?

Jake continues further into the building

THEO
Are you k-kidding? Jake?! I was
trapped in that pitch-black hell
with only d-dead animals as
company.

JAKE
Shit! Theo! I think I remember
where I hid it! Come on!

Theo follows after him

THEO
Wait! Jake! Can we t-turn back?
Jake? W-where'd you go?

JAKE
(Sound coming from the end
of a the next room)
This way! Come on freezer boy!

THEO
(voice shaking)
That isn't f-funny! J-Jake?

JAKE (O.S.)
(voice echoing, distant)
Haha.. Come on.. What's the matter
Freezer Boy? Getting cold feet?

Theo stumbles forward, his breathing becoming more rapid.

THEO
(panic rising)
S-seriously, Jake! W-where are you?

JAKE (O.S.)
(even more distant,
laughing)
Over here! Or maybe over there!
Hahaha.. Come on, stay with me!

Theo spins around, trying to locate the source of Jake's
voice.

THEO
Jake s-stop! Can we just leave?
Please?

JAKE
Nearly there, this way!

Theo starts running down a hallway.

THEO
Please! F-for fucks sake! I'm
leaving Jake! How d-do I get out?!

JAKE! ANSWER ME YOU ASSHOLE!

Theo runs frantically down the hallway, stumbles, but catches himself as he pivots and runs through a doorway. It's pitch black in front of him.

THEO (CONT'D)
 Jake.. P-please.. Are you.

WHAM! The door slams behind him.

THEO (CONT'D)
 (guttural scream)
 AAARGH! FUCK FUCK! NO! LET ME OUT!
 JAAAKE!

Violent sounds of thrashing and banging against the door.

JAKE (O.S.)
 Theo!? I'm coming!

THEO
 (panicked, words tumbling
 out)
 OOOPEN! PLEASE! THEY'RE IN HERE!
 GET ME OUT!

JAKE (O.S.)
 I'm here, I'm here! Calm down..
 Deep breaths.. How do I get this
 fucking do..

The cacophony of Theo's panic attack continue

THEO
 YOU D-DID THI...

The door opens with Jake standing in the door frame.

JAKE
 Calm down, I'm here buddy.. Theo?
 Theo? I'm here, where are you?

He opens the door wider letting more light in, revealing an empty room.

JAKE (CONT'D)
 Theo? Theo?!

CUT TO BLACK SCREEN

JAKE (CONT'D)
 T-THEO!?

THE END