

ENCOUNTER IN THE WOODS

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Characters:

Lauren, 18  
Walker, 25+

Synopsis:

Lauren is lost in the woods when she encounters a stranger, who seems a bit creepy.

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EXT. FORREST - DAY

Lauren comes to a clearing in the dense forrest. She finds a log to sit on and takes a drink from her bottle of water. She is startled at the sound of a branch breaking.

LAUREN  
Who's there?

She hears another sound and turns quickly the other way.

LAUREN (CONT'D)  
Is someone there?

She stands up and begins to walk away from where the sound came.

Suddenly a man walks into her path as she almost runs into him. His name is WALKER, a bit creepy.

LAUREN (CONT'D)  
Oh my God!

WALKER  
Sorry. I didn't mean to scare you.  
What are you doing out here?

LAUREN  
I was ...looking for the ranger.  
He's helping to find my boyfriend.

WALKER  
Did you lose your boyfriend?

LAUREN  
Yes. We got separated on the trail.

WALKER  
Did you lose the ranger, too?

LAUREN  
No. He's around.  
(she shouts)  
Ranger! I'm over here!

WALKER  
The woods are pretty thick. Sound  
doesn't travel too good.

LAUREN  
That's okay. I'm supposed to meet  
him back at the trail head, anyway.

She turns to walk back in the direction she came.

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WALKER

(Pointing)

The trail is that way. It's about a 3 hour hike. You know the sun is going down. You wouldn't make the trail before dark.

LAUREN

I'm sure I'll run into the ranger before then.

WALKER

Okay.

(pause)

Look, my cabin is just over that ridge, if you like, we can go there and I can give the Ranger's station a call.

LAUREN

No, that's alright. I'll just ...I'll just...

WALKER

What? Wonder around in the dark and hope you find the ranger?

(beat)

There's no moon tonight. Besides, there's a pack of wolves that hunt this area all the time.

LAUREN

You have a phone at your cabin?

WALKER

No. I have a radio. A very big radio. It's my only link to the outside world. I can get a hold of the ranger for you.

LAUREN

Okay. You lead the way.

WALKER

Don't lag behind.

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