

119 EXT. DALE'S PROPERTY - DAY 119

The teens pull into a gravel driveway which leads up to a cabin. The lights are on inside. Caroline knocks. The door is answered by DALE, a middle-age woman in Carharts.

CAROLINE
I need some help.

Dale looks over to Colin, who she recognizes as a local kid.

DALE
They friends of yours?

Colin shrugs and shakes his head. Dale gestures for them to
bring Will in.
START SCENE 1

120 INT. DALE'S CABIN - DAY 120

The cabin's insides are worn and dated, but cosy. Will is laid onto a couch. Colin and his friend back their way to the door. Caroline barely notices.

DALE
Tell me what happened.

CAROLINE
His leg's hurt. He was lost for three days. He fell somehow.

DALE
He's gotta get to a hospital.

CAROLINE
Can anyone from here help?

DALE
They'll treat him even if you don't have money.

CAROLINE
He doesn't like people to ask lots of questions.

DALE
His leg is messed up bad. What kind of trouble are you in?

CAROLINE
We're not in trouble. Can we just take care of it ourselves?

DALE
I trust you, but there's other people here that might not. If your Dad's in some kinda trouble, I need you to tell me 'cuz folks here are not lookin' to get mixed up in somethin'. If someone's lookin' for you guys, you gotta tell me.

Dale looks Caroline in the eye. Caroline shakes her head no.

END

START SCENE 2

137 EXT. DALE'S PROPERTY - DAY

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Caroline and Dale are at the trunk of Dale's car unloading groceries. Caroline carries one of the bags to the porch. Caroline has something she wants to say to Dale. Finally, she just blurts it out as she pulls out a some folded cash from her pocket.

CAROLINE

This is what I've got left. We want to stay.

She shows Dale the money in her hand. Dale pushes the money back to Caroline.

DALE

You're welcome to stay down there til your dad gets better. If you guys were to be here for a long time, it costs something to stay on -- for propane, water, things like that.

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CAROLINE

So is this enough?

DALE

I don't need to take your money right now.

CAROLINE

We want to stay a long time.

Caroline tries again. Dale takes a symbolic few bills.

DALE

I can take this as a deposit.

(assuring her)

I'm not gonna rent the place out from under you. Take a deep breath. You can stay.

END

Caroline leans into the trunk to get another grocery bag. Dale is stuffing some of the cans she bought into a canvas bag. When the bag is full, she ties it shut and rolls it into a forest patterned tarp.

CAROLINE

What's that for?

DALE

I leave this out for someone who lives up in the peninsula. I haven't seen him in years, but I know he gets the food. When I come back to check, the bag's always empty. I know he appreciates it.

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