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EXT. FOREST PARK - DAY

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SIDES - My Abandonment
ROLE: James
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JAMES talks to CAROLINE about the hidden camp.

JAMES
I'm James. What is your name?

CAROLINE
Caroline. Why did you chase us?

JAMES
We need to know what's going on here.

CAROLINE
You needed a dog to figure that out?

JAMES
We couldn't have found you otherwise.

The ranger checks out the camp, snapping photos. James takes his own notes.

JAMES (CONT'D)
You guys are pretty well set up. How long have you been here?

CAROLINE
A long time.

JAMES
Can you tell me who you live with?

CAROLINE
My dad.

JAMES
It's only the two of you?

CAROLINE
Yes.

JAMES
Can you show me where you sleep?

Caroline brings him to the entrance of the shelter and shows him.

CAROLINE
My sleeping bag here. Dad's there.

James and the ranger wait for Caroline. She gathers her journal, some books, and clothes, stuffing them into her pack.

CAROLINE
When am I coming back?

JAMES
I don't think you will be.

CAROLINE
Will somebody bring my encyclopedias?

JAMES
We'll see if we can have somebody come back for those.

James realizes what he's just said and how untrue it is.

JAMES (CONT'D)
Actually, pick two letters, take your two favorite letters for now.

Caroline emerges from their dwelling with her pack and two volumes of the encyclopedia.

JAMES (CONT'D)
Does your dad have any weapons here? Or places where you've seen him hide things?

Caroline tries to decipher what James is asking.

CAROLINE
He has tools.

JAMES
What kind?

CAROLINE
Knives, saws, a shovel.

JAMES
OK. Does your dad ever drink or take pills that make him act strange?

She shakes her head no. James puts his note pad away.

CAROLINE
Where's my dad?

JAMES
He's on his way to our office to answer some questions. And we need to ask you some too. You'll see him soon, but you're going to have to be a little patient. I know this is hard.

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