

WE'RE ALL VERY TIRED

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EXT. PUBLIC PARK - BRASOV, ROMANIA - NIGHT (FLASHBACK)

A retired forester, GABRIEL BOLAN (70s, weathered), walks quietly through a city park. He glances around to make sure he's alone.

Once he realizes no one's nearby, Gabriel kicks up some dirt on the ground, looks around again, then kneels down. He uses his hands to dig a small hole, then plants a few seeds in it, and covers the seeds back up with dirt.

He opens a water bottle and pours water out onto the spot.

EXT. OLD SUMMER CAMP - RURAL OREGON - DAY (PRESENT DAY)

A wiry, energetic woman, MEREDITH PEREZ (30s), emerges from the camp's cafeteria building. She wears a brown t-shirt and matching brown loose-fitting pants.

She approaches a group of about a dozen people getting off of a school bus.

MEREDITH

Welcome, welcome to mushroom camp!

The group glances around at each other, unsure.

MEREDITH (CONT'D)

It's a silly name, but...

(notices skepticism)

Okay, fine, we don't need to use the name ever again. It's gone!

It's done!

Meredith LAUGHS.

MEREDITH (CONT'D)

It's such a beautiful day!

A tired-looking woman, BRENDA CHO (late 30s), raises her hand. Meredith nods to her.

BRENDA

I thought this was more of a...
class?

Meredith gazes around, lost in thought. After a beat, she returns to her focus.

MEREDITH

Welcome, welcome, I'm so glad you all are here.

(beat)

(MORE)

MEREDITH (CONT'D)

That's how I should've started,
right?

Again, Meredith LAUGHS.

EXT. SIDEWALK IN KANSAS CITY - DAY (FLASHBACK)

Brenda, the woman from the previous scene, pushes a stroller with two toddlers in it -- SAMMY and MARY ANN.

SAMMY

Too hot, too hot!

BRENDA

It's nice to spend a little time
outside.

MARY ANN

I want inside!

Mary Ann kicks off her shoe and Brenda SIGHS. She stops the stroller and picks up the shoe. Brenda doesn't give the shoe back to Mary Ann.

MARY ANN (CONT'D)

I want my shoe!

BRENDA

We're done with shoes for now.

As Brenda stands back up, she glances at a telephone pole in front of her. There's a flyer that reads: MAKE YOUR OWN INCOME, BECOME A MOREL MUSHROOM HUNTER

SAMMY

When do we home?

BRENDA

Later. We like walking.

She takes a photo of the flyer with her phone, then continues pushing the stroller down the sidewalk.

INT. CAMP CAFETERIA - DAY (PRESENT DAY)

The group that got off of the bus now sits at small tables in a large cafeteria, eating a lunch of quinoa and fresh vegetables. There's a dish of grilled matsutake mushrooms in the middle of each table.

At one table, Gabriel, the forester, uses his fork to slice off a piece of a mushroom. He takes a bite and is pleasantly surprised.

GABRIEL
 (Romanian accent)
 Matsutake.
 (dreamily)
 I haven't had in many years.

Across from him, RAH REDDY (20s, skeptical) pokes at the mushrooms.

RAH
 Huh?

GABRIEL
 Matsutake -- it grows in the
 forests over here. Big in Japan,
 big with mushroom people.

RAH
 Cool.

Rah's girlfriend, JOSIE SANDWEG (20s, preppy and out of place), picks a mushroom up with her fork to examine it, but doesn't try it.

JOSIE
 Where's that accent from?

GABRIEL
 Romania.

RAH
 Ha, vampires!

GABRIEL
 (chuckles)
 And inspiring mountains!

Gabriel takes a huge bite of his lunch. He really enjoys it.

RAH
 (to Gabriel)
 Do you know what's going on here?
 Like what this place is about?

JOSIE
 Rah, we just got here.

GABRIEL
 (smiles)
 It's about lunch!