

START

INT. BIVOUAC - NIGHT

Lamb hands Ellie a cup of stew and looks at Ellie's compass.

LAMB

We're adjacent to the latitude of magnetic north. The spinning could be from magnetites.

Ellie pulls her compass back and closes it.

LAMB (CONT'D)

Magnetite can be found here also.

Pointing to Parker's forehead, who smiles.

LAMB (CONT'D)

Not long ago people used to justify all kinds of stuff mistakenly due to magnetism. Monsters, myths, signs from the gods.

PARKER

Monsters?

DAN

Shoot, now I know monsters! Jersey Devil, Old Ned, the Devil's Triangle.

COATES

Blood Falls in the Antarctic.

PARKER

(Laughing nervously)
That's not real.

LAMB

Most anomalies won't escape a clean scientific method. Blood Falls was the overflow of Iron Oxide turning saltwater blood red. Even in science, nature finds ways to humble just about anyone. She has no compassion.

END

The fire crackles. Dan leans forward all of a sudden.

INT. RESEARCH OUTPOST - MAIN BUILDING - REC ROOM - FOGGY NIGHT

START

- from over by the fire comes Lamb's quivering voice. She shivers from the cold.

LAMB
(Softly)
Gigantopithecus.

BOOKER
What?

LAMB
(Slowly, coming out)
Gigantopithecus. Ape. A great ape.
Pre-historic animals that went
extinct. At least we thought -

JR
This ain't no damn science
presentation, Dr., this thing has
killed two of us, and if Coates
hasn't completely lost his marbles -

ELLIE
- We're in for a world of horrible.

Ellie holds up the giant tooth Lamb found.

LAMB
That was lodged inside Parker.

Coates turns his head away.

Ellie squeezes the tooth in her fist.

LAMB (CONT'D)
20,000 years of primal evolution.
Migration across the Bering Land
Bridge during the Pleistocene era.
The last Ice Age.

ELLIE
There is a 20,000-year-old monster
out there?

LAMB
A 20,000-year-old Gigantopithecus
is improbable, but there may be
subsequent generations connected to
the one stalking us.
(Slightly excited)
(MORE)

LAMB (CONT'D)

Could be the most significant find of the millennium. I've waited my entire scientific life for this.

BOOKER

A Prehistoric hunter that survived the Ice Age.

ELLIE

Are there more?

LAMB

It's a good question.

The room takes a breath. Coates stands ready to go outside.

ELLIE

Coates, we need to stick together. If it is this ape, it'll take all of us together to kill it.

JR

KILL IT?!? Are YOU out of your mind?!? We are finding my father and heading back to Texas. That's an order.

Just then, a KNOCKING sound from the forest.

COATES

Too late for orders.

Lamb stands up, shakily.

END