

EXT. DESERT - DAY

The sun glares unforgivingly over the vast, desolate, landscape.

An eagle screeches, soaring over the hazy sand littered with tumbleweeds and cleanly picked bones.

A GIRL stumbles into view, practically dragging herself, her right leg trails behind her, twisted unnaturally. She's covered in blood. It drips from her broken, dried lips, congealing in the sand beneath her. Her eyes so swollen they're hardly open.

She collapses, dehydrated, exhausted, a long line of blood and disturbed sand can be seen behind her, she's walked far.

The shadows of vultures provide her brief respite from the heat.

She's coughing, struggling to breathe.

She gazes across the desert, the horizon vertical from her view, she can't see much, but there's not much to be seen.

She closes her eyes.

EXT. DESERT - LATER

An older man rides through the desert, supplies strapped to the horses back.

He rides alongside a trail of blood.

OLD MAN

Think we solved our mystery, Wolf.

WOLF gives no response.

The man dismounts and crouches down next to the girl. He flips her on her back and waits.

OLD MAN (CONT'D)

Still breathing...

CUT TO BLACK.

EXT. DESERT - MAGIC HOUR

The girl begins to stir. She opens what she can of her eyes. She seems confused.

OLD MAN
Thought you'd be dead by now?

She jolts, only now noticing the man sitting across from her. In front of him is a camping stove atop a small fire.

She quickly moves to stand, only to fall back to the ground, tangled in a blanket.

OLD MAN (CONT'D)
Stop that, jeez. You're injured kid.

The girl side eyes him, but stops struggling. She's noticed she's not been tied up and her wounds have been tended.

The man passes over a small metal bowl of beans.

OLD MAN (CONT'D)
Get your strength back.

She hesitantly takes it from his hands, but begins eating ravenously. He passes over a cup of water to go along with it.

He calmly eats his own meal.

OLD MAN (CONT'D)
So, what happened?

The girl doesn't respond at first, chugging down water.

GIRL
What's it to ya?

OLD MAN
A guy saves your life and he can't know why he had to?

GIRL
Who said ya had to?!

The old man sighs, clearly fed up.

BILL
Name's Bill.

He offers, clearly expecting *something* in return.

The girl glares at him.

BILL (CONT'D)
Fine.

Bill collects his dishware and walks off to rinse it. The girl watches him. Eventually, he lies down next to Wolf, who loyally remains, and falls asleep.

The girl looks around. No town in sight. Just them.

She looks down at her own body, she knows she's in no state to go back out there on her own.

She tentatively falls asleep too.

FADE TO BLACK.