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1. LOGLINE

An Ex-NFL superstar struggles to reconnect with his daughter as she blossoms into her own adult life. But, after receiving devastating news about his mental health, he must now find a way to reach his daughter in the Sonoran desert at a nefarious yoga retreat.

2. SETTING

Present day Sonoran Desert, Arizona/ Mexico border.

Upscale house

Football Hall of Fame – Canton, Ohio

Football field

Gas station

Yoga Retreat – Tents / auditorium

Ranger Station

3. SYNOPSIS

Teddy Vance, a beloved NFL superstar is one of the few privileged athletes to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. But, while he stands in front of reporters to deliver his acceptance speech, it is clear that something is not quite right. It is here that we learn about Teddy's mental state and that he is suffering from CTE and a hemorrhage in his brain. To make matters worse, his only daughter, Brittany, is entangled within a nefarious yoga cult propped up as a competition in the Sonoran Desert. Teddy, mentally, is in slow state of decline . But that won't stop him from seeking out his daughter in hopes to rectify their deteriorated relationship.

4. SUMMARY

Teddy Vance receives life changing news from medical professionals with a diagnosis of stage 4 CTE. After his HOF induction, he vows to reconnect with his adult daughter before his memory is lost forever. What starts out as a simple quest for forgiveness turns into an excruciating journey of redemption. Once Teddy plunges himself into the Sonoran desert, he relies on his athleticism and muscle memory to survive the harsh conditions of the desolate landscape. Meanwhile, Brittany, Teddy's daughter, embarks on her own adventure in a yoga competition and is unaware of her father's attempt to reach her. Brittany stands out from her fellow yogi participants much to the delight of Addesh, the yoga instructor and camp coordinator.

As Teddy forges through the vast terrain, word of his attempts to reach his daughter spread through the camp. Addesh then decides to use the newfound information of Teddy's mental health to his advantage. Brittany continues to excel, while also building relationships with other competitors and camp "councilors" alike. But, as the competition proceeds, Brittany comes to the realization that this *competition* might not be as organic as she has once thought. When Brittany decides that she no longer wants to be a part of the field, Addesh and his followers make it abundantly clear to Brittany that she is not free to leave.

Once Teddy arrives at the so-called retreat, his mental health is in full decline. Not only that, his presence is not met with the overwhelming joy that he had hoped. Brittany initially rejects her father and reluctantly sides with Addesh and his crew to birth a new union. Teddy, rejected, defeated and confused, proceeds to let his daughter live her own life and agrees to no longer bother Brittany. In his few moments of clarity, Teddy realizes that his daughter is in mortal danger and pledges his life to saving hers. He returns to the camp, with unwavering ambition. Impressed by her father's persistence, Brittany confides in her father and tells him that she wants to leave the desert and go home. But, doing so is not as simple as one would think. In fear of losing his personal "cash cow," Addesh tests the loyalty of his followers while ensuring Brittany remains a part of crew. When everything comes to a head, Teddy reveals to Addesh that he is willing to die for his daughter, and asks him if he is willing to do the same. In the end, Brittany and Teddy reconcile and leave the desert. They spend the small amount of time that Teddy has left together.

5. CHARACTERS

Teddy Vance: (protagonist) HOF football player suffering for aggressive CTE. Beloved by fans, hated by his own kin. Teddy struggles with his own perception of reality as he treks through the desert in search of his daughter.

Brittany Vance: (protagonist) Daughter of Teddy Vance. Yoga coinsurer. Strong, independent and longing for connection with her absent father.

Addesh : (antagonist) Yoga guru and instructor of the retreat. A seemingly harmless yogi but his ill intentions come to light as Teddy Vance intrudes on his sanctum.

Ernesto: Teddy's butler and only reliable friend to speak of. He acts as Teddy's moral compass and companion. Ernesto is the driving force behind Teddy's decision to reconcile with Brittany before he is too mentally impaired to do so.

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