

WOLF'S HOWL

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EXT. 5 MILES OUTSIDE CHERNOBYL - DAY

A deer rushes past, DR. PATRICK JENSON, 43, greying hair, looks older than he is, steps back. He watches the deer disappear into the forest.

The crunching of snow under his feet, echos through the silent forest.

He adjusts his bag and walks toward a shack.

INT. SHACK - DAY

There is an overturned chair and table next to a brick fireplace. Dr. Jenson walks over and taps the small statue of a dog. A screen slides out of the bricks, folds up and illuminates his face.

COMPUTER
Authorization code.

JENSON
Omega Alpha Theta

COMPUTER
Welcome Dr. Jenson. Please place
your hand on the screen.

Dr. Jenson shakes the snow off his head and pulls off his glove. He places his hand on the screen. A red light scans his handprint. A faint chime and a green light appear.

COMPUTER (CONT'D)
Authorization Confirmed. Stand
clear of doors.

The Shack's open door slams shut as the ground rumbles. The fireplace slides to the left and a large thick steel door slowly opens. Dr. Jenson walks through and it closes.

INT. MEDICAL FACILITY ENTRANCE HALL - DAY

Dr. Jenson walks down the hall to another set of doors. He pulls out and scans his ID badge. The door opens.

INT. MEDICAL FACILITY MAIN HALL - DAY

Dr. Jenson walks past the windows of various labs, some filled with workers. Some with animal cages (mice and rats).

VITSIN (O.S.) (RUSSIAN ACCENT)
Dr. Jenson.

Dr. Jenson turns and looks at DR. DARYA VITSIN, 37, Russian, looks like she could outrun a cheetah, dressed in a lab coat and slacks.

VITSIN (CONT'D)
I wasn't expecting you today.

Dr. Jenson smiles and pulls off his beanie cap.

JENSON
Dr. Vitsin, how many times have I said just call me Patrick.

VITSIN
About as many times as I've asked you to call me Darya.

They both laugh and Dr. Vitsin follows Dr. Jenson towards his office and lab.

JENSON
Honestly, I couldn't relax. I feel like we are so close to cracking the compound.

Dr. Jenson places his hand on a screen next to a large door.

COMPUTER
Authorization Confirmed.

The door hisses as it unlocks and opens. Dr. Jenson walks in and Dr. Vitsin follows.

INT. JENSON'S LAB/OFFICE - DAY

The lights flicker on, illuminating files cabinets, a desk and two chairs, a lab table filled with vials and equipment. There are small squeaks coming from three plexiglass cages.

This room has no window to the hallway, only the door.

Dr. Jenson places his bag on the desk, takes off his coat and other glove. He hangs his coat on the coat rack and puts on a lab coat.

VITSIN
How about we make a deal? I won't complain about over time, but you need to take a few days off.

Dr. Jenson taps his watch. A large holographic display appears showing files and numbers.

JENSON

How about, if this works, I will
treat you to a wonderful -

He taps on the hologram. A file opens showing the health statistics of three mice. Their heart rates are shown.

JENSON (CONT'D)

- meal at this great little
restaurant in Kyiv.

Dr. Vitsin shakes her head and turns to walk away.

VITSIN

Fine. There is no auguring with you
is there? Just don't take too long.
I'm sending everyone on a three day
vacation starting tonight. That
includes you, Patr-

Red lights start to flash and a siren sounds.

SECURITY SYSTEM

WARNING! WARNING! HIGH LEVELS OF
RADIATION DETECTED. WARNING!
WARNING! FOLLOW PROCEDURE NINE.

Dr. Vitsin runs over to the filing cabinet and yanks open a drawer. She pulls out two masks and a geiger counter. Dr. Jenson is focused on mouse HG3127, its heart rate is spiking on the screen. He runs over to the cages.

The mouse HG3127 emits a green glow. Dr. Jenson reaches for the cage as two fully suited agents burst through door carrying a large metal box. They push both Dr. Jenson and Dr. Vitsin out of the way and place the cage into the box, slamming down the lid.

SECURITY SYSTEM (CONT'D)

CONTAMINATION DETAINED. RADIATION
LEVELS BACK TO NORMAL.

The flashing lights and sirens turn off. Dr. Jenson reaches for the box but SUIT GUY ONE pushes him back. SUIT GUY TWO turns to Dr. Vitsin.

SUIT GUY TWO

Ma'am. The radiation has been
contained, and will be disposed
immediately.

Dr. Jenson grabs at the box again.

JENSON
Give that back! I need to find out
what went wrong.

SUIT GUY ONE
Stay back. Any further action and I
will arrest you.

Dr. Vitsin motions for the suited guys to leave. She reaches
for Dr. Jenson's arm. He yanks it away from her.

JENSON
That's my life's work. It could have
been the key to saving humanity
against nuclear war.

VITSIN
Patrick. You know the rules. At the
first sign of radiation we have to
dispose of it. Please, don't be
like this.

Dr. Jenson glares at Dr. Vitsin. He points to the door.

JENSON
Get Out.

VITSIN
Patrick. Le-

JENSON
I said Get Out.

Dr. Vitsin sighs and walks after the suited guys, letting the
door close behind her.

Dr. Jenson walks over and looks at mouse GD2917.

JENSON (CONT'D)
Don't take this personal, but I
need to do this. You will be the
key to saving Humanity.

INT. JENSON'S LAB/OFFICE - DAY

The wrist watch beeps.

Dr. Jenson glances down at the time. 2300. He rubs his eyes
and stretches. He looks down at the syringe and glances at
mouse GD2917.

JENSON

Today, little buddy. Today you have been granted a pardon.

Dr. Jenson snatches up the blue liquid filled syringe and plunges it into his veins. He slowly pushes down on the plunger, injecting himself.

JENSON (CONT'D)

See? That wasn't so bad. One more step to the futur-

He falls over in convolutions. Foam spurts from his mouth.

SECURITY SYSTEM

FACILITY IS STARTING LOCKDOWN. YOU HAVE 5 MINUTES TO LEAVE BEFORE COMPLETE LOCKDOWN.

Dr. Jenson's body stops moving, nothing can be heard but the last two mice and the Security System.

SECURITY SYSTEM (CONT'D)

LOCKDOWN IS COMPLETE. LAB DESTRUCTION WILL BE ACHIEVED IN TWLEVE, ELEVEN, TEN...

A orange glow illuminates Dr. Jenson's body momentarily, it fades. His eyes open and he stands up. He walks over to a computer, grabs a keyboard and types quickly.

SECURITY SYSTEM (CONT'D)

DESTRUCTION TERMINATED. ALL LOCKDOWN SYSTEMS RESET.

Dr. Jenson fills his bag with the remaining blue liquid vials and walks out of the lab.

END OPENING SCENE.