

BLACK FOREST WITCH

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EXT-BLACK FOREST-NIGHT

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The dark, mysterious forest right after sundown (in what we nowadays call Germany).

Eternal stillness in the space between the trees. TILT DOWN to mossy rocks in the middle of a stream. Nature at peace - or so it seems ...

... SPLASH! BARE AND DIRTY FEET landing in the stream. Heavy breathing. THREE KIDS are on the run.

An 18-year old ALEMANNI GIRL and TWO FRANCONIAN BOYS. The boys' clothes are worn-down and way too large. The girl carries a glowing stick and leads the way.

Deep MOANING AND SCRIETCHING follows close behind.

The girl keeps murmuring.

GIRL

Make us fast, make us strong.
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NEW ANGLE - THE TREES BEHIND

Tree tops move to the left and right. There's a MONSTER in the woods and it's out to get them.

BACK TO THE KIDS

A clearing in front of them. They can see the night sky and, in the distance, the glowing lights of civilization. The girl slows down.

BOY 1

He's coming closer. Why are we stopping, Lotte?

The second boy falls to the ground. He catches his breath. His eyes filled with tears.

BOY 2

I don't wanna die.

Lotte puts the staff down. It's covered in runes.

BOY 1

Don't worry, brother. Home isn't far away. Can't you see it?

LOTTE

Go without me. I'll delay him.

BOY 2

By the Gods. Lotte! What are you doing? We can't go without you. We need you.

LOTTE

I'm buying you more time. Now beat it!

The first boy helps his brother to get up, but he's not convinced.

His gaze pierces right through Lotte's soul.

BOY 1

This isn't about us, is it? It's about getting even.

The other boy is in shock.

LOTTE

Yes. Yes, it is. It's about getting even. It's about payback. And let me tell you, he will pay for what he has done. He is going to pay, for all eternity and beyond. They are all going to pay.

BOY 1

Come on, it's too late. Lotte can't be saved.

Lotte moves the staff from the right to the left hand. It illuminates her determined face.

DEEP FOOT STEPS shake the ground. Moving closer. The leaves RUSTLE.

Lotte stands tall. Unflinching. Finally, for the first time in her life, she's ready to fight, ready to kill.

END TEASER