

TORA BORA

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LOGLINE

Ex-GI Jack Forester, returns back to Afghanistan to avenge his two friends killed by Afghans. Instead, he finds friendship and love in Afghanistan.

PITCH

Its summer 2008.Ex-GI Jack Forester, gets back in Afghanistan to take revenge for his two best friends against Akram Shah and other murderers of his friends.

While he was in a cave in Tora Bora, suddenly, an explosion has occurred which left two badly hurt survivors, Jack and the a Taliban fighter Salaam Khan.

Jack has lost his sight while Salaam Khan has two foot rod through his leg.

Though they were sworn enemies, now they must help each other to survive.

Later on, Jack falls in love with an Afghan girl,Rita Roy, who comes from an Afghan-Hindu family. Rita was a victim of Afghan Mujahideen freedom fighters, they sprayed acid on her face, injuring her deeply. However, there is no way for Jack to know of the burns on Rita's face as he is blind. Jack falls in love with Rita Roy because of who she is, not what she looks like.

BEAT SHEET

ACT I

TREASURE AND REVENGE

Opening Image - Page 1 - Gordo asks Jack to return to Afghanistan.

Its July 2008. Jack, home in New Mexico, answers phone coming from Afghanistan, his friend Gordo Sorano tells Jack that he (Gordo) has a reliable map of treasure cave in Tora Bora Mountains.

Gordo asks Jack to return to Afghanistan and help him to find the treasure. Jack already wanted to go back to Afghanistan so he can find Akram Shah and other Taliban that murdered his two best friends . Now He has two goals in Afghanistan, treasure and revenge.

Set-up page 1-10 - Jack is back in Tora Bora Afghanistan

In two weeks, he is back in Afghanistan to chase the treasure and avenge Akram Shah and other Taliban who murdered his two friends.

Through rugged hills in oppressive heat, two Taliban follow Jack, Gordo , an Afghan translator, Mubeen and Jack's dog Boomer, Jack and Gordo are not aware they have been followed by Salaam and Jangul, Taliban operatives. Jack , Gordo and Mubeen and Boomer, crawl into a cave, Taliban, Jangul and Salaam follow them .

Theme Stated - page 5 - Forgiveness

The theme is stated in a portion of the dialog between Gordo and Jack on page 5:

GORDO

Your such an asshole Jack. Love your enemy. Avenge yourself and get even with those who hate you.

JACK

Cut the crap, this is Afghanistan. Afghan goat fuckers get your money then shoot you in the back. Could you love this kind of enemy ?

Catalyst page 12 - Explosion

Inside the cave, Gordo fires at Jangul that hits a small Taliban ammunition storage behind Jangul inside the cave, fire triggers an explosion. The explosion kills Gordo, Mubeen and Jangul, Jack is blinded and Salaam has two foot rod through his leg.

Jack and Salaam are sworn enemies, but they need to help each other to survive.

Debate: page 12 to 25 - Work together with an enemy to survive or not ?

Jack is now blind, his best friend dead, stuck in cave behind enemy lines with just his rifle and dog Boomer.

Jack is in a war with himself, when he leaves the cave injured, blind and lonely, he knows that death is at hand, enemy close, he will be slaughtered, asks Boomer to point his gun for him in a moment of futility he has no other way out.

Work together with an enemy is not an option.

Soon it becomes clear that they must work together or die.

Jack knows there are many things that will kill him in the Tora Bora mountains. He is on an unauthorized mission so no helicopter is coming. He is going to die out soon in these hills so far from home.

On the other side of the rock face, Salaam Khan knows that if the rock on his leg is removed by a miracle, and the metal pipe is removed from his leg or loosened when walking he will die from bleeding or by a snake bite.

Salaam has resolved himself to a horrible death. He can't have family or Taliban help him because there is no other survivor inside the dark cave to get a message out. Jack finally makes the right decision works through the rocks with Boomer's help to see what he can do for Salaam. Jack removes the rock from salaam's leg. Salaam allows Jack to fix his leg. Anticipating the pain of a hot metal rod rammed through his leg took great trust to accept that Jack would not just kill him.

Jack and Salaam determine a way to work together, each dependent on the other, no room for mistrust or both men will die.

Jack realized that he lost the map with his friend Gordo together. No friend, no hope for a treasure.

ACT II FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE

Break into II: page 25. New journey begins.

The journey begins. Jack and, Salaam walk out the cave with difficulty. Boomer helps them. They stumble onto main trail. Jack walks with a stick to find his way, Salaam walks on gun as crutch, the trail is very rough, Boomer walks out front to sniff for mines. the journey is difficult and slow.

Salaam and Jack meet two farmers, Taher and Aziz. They

(Farmers) have two donkeys. They trade Jack's rifle for one donkey. Jack helps Salaam up onto Donkey, Boomer leads the way, they walk down trail out of valley.

Finally, they arrive at Salaam's poor house.

B Story; page 30 - The love story.

Jack meets an Afghan-Hindu young nurse named, Rita Roy. Salaam takes Jack to Rita's house for treatment of both their injuries.

Rita Roy comes from an Hindu-Afghan minority family. Her parents were killed by Mujahideen. A Mujahid Freedom Fighter, sprayed acid in Rita Roy's face, injuring her deeply with physical and emotional scars.

Later the rest of her family were killed in Jalal Abad by Taliban. Rita Roy escaped from the Taliban and has been waiting for six months in the small village for a human smuggler to help her go to Pakistan.

Jack can not see Rita Roy's scars because he is blind. Jack falls in love with Rita Roy because of who she is, not what she looks like.

Fun and Games: page 25 to 55- Discovering a new world with an Afghan family and a new journey to Pakistan together.

Jack explores and discovers a new world with an Afghan family of humor, kindness and joy of living.

To escape from Akram Shah and bad Taliban, They start another journey, this is longer and much more difficult as they go to Pakistan together.

Madina joins them, she is Salaam's fiancée and tries to talk him into marrying her now, not waiting any longer.

Rita has grown fond of Jack, but distrusts him because he is American with shallow thoughts and no moral compass.

Rita is kind and Jack responds, we know she is hiding something, a bad secret is never to be spoken of. Jack can feel that her fear pulls her away from him.

Rita's face was scared by a man that a religious tribunal has now forced her to marry because with such scars no other man would want her.

Jack can see better and hopes to see Rita soon so he can romance the kind woman that cares for him.

Akram Shah and his men are closing in fast. Salaam and his fiancée Madina collect two children from the village and two donkeys, but are not able to get many explosives or much ammunition.

Without a intervention from God, Jack, Salaam, Rita Roy and Medina will be overrun quickly. Salaam, Jack and teenagers Yasmin and Abdullah will all be beheaded when they are caught. Rita, Madina and Yasmin will be buried up to their necks and stones thrown at their heads until they are dead.

The unforgiving mountain gets steeper and there is no way out except for a cable from an old mine that a child knows to be very old and unreliable.

They had escape down the cable to freedom, a ride and they will be in Pakistan, contact the American embassy and will be able to head to freedom and the American Dream.

Midpoint: page 55 - Arrival to the border.

The caravan passes through the frontier of Afghanistan and Pakistan. They are inside the territory of Pakistan close to the US embassy, but Akram Shah and the jihad Martyrs close in.

The Bad Guys Close In: page 55 to 75 - Akram Shah's men close in.

Akram Shah's men find Jack, Salaam and others and arrest them.

By a Pakistani Army Helicopter they are transported to Kashmir high in the mountains of the Indian and Pakistani border.

All is Lost : page 75 - Separation and Torture

Akram Shah separates, Jack and Salaam from women and kids.

Ben Qaatel, an Al Qaeda leader, and Akram Shah's men, torture Jack and Salaam in order to get the treasure's map from them.

Boomer is able to get in and help them all escape.

As they try and make good their getaway they are followed by Al-Qaeda leader, Ben Qaatel's men.

After a scaramouch, Salaam kills Ben Qaatel using a suicide vest that Ben Qaatel carries in his truck for Afghan teenagers to use as suicide bombers.

Dark Night of the Soul: page 75 to 85 - Akram Shah orders to kill them all.

Akram Shah's jihad warriors wait for Salaam to come back to the hiding place. When Salaam arrives they arrest him as well as the others they already have taken.

When Akram Shah is informed that Salaam has killed Ben Qaatel, he is furious and rages against Salaam. Akram Shah orders to kill them all.

**ACT III
SURVIVAL IN INDIA**

Break Into III: page 85- Attack to the Indian Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Kashmir.

Al-Qaeda and Taliban with the help of Pakistani Military Officers plan to attack an Indian Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)camp in Kashmir.

Bad guys force our heroes to wear, small backpacks full of explosives and accompany a group of Taliban suicide bombers to be exploded together at the door of (CRPF).

Next day, Al Qaeda, Pakistani ISI agents and Taliban, attack, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) .

Our heroes are saved at a last minute by an anti Taliban Afghan, an intelligence operator of Hamid Karzai's Government. They get refuge at(CRPF)camp.

The Finale: page 85 to 110 - Marriage in Agra, India.

Our B story champion, Rita Roy takes the A story survivors,Jack,Salaam and others to the beautiful city of Agra in Uttar Pradesh, India, where her rich uncle lives. Joy, happiness, treatment of injuries and a big marriage event of Jack and Ria Roy, with Hindi music, chanting and dancing while fireworks make the marriage night magic and unforgettable.

After a visit of the prestigious mosque of Taj Mahal in Agra, Our heroes receive their US visas.

Final Image, Last page. La Jolla beach, San Diego.

Opposite of Opening Image, proving, visually, that a change has occurred within the character. Jack's mom and everybody is in La Jolla, San Diego staying at five star hotel with a big balcony watching the raging waves that attack the rocky coast at sunset. Salaam sits next to Jack.

Jack imagines that Gordo is next to him.

Marcus Jack, remembers Gordo's last advice:

GORDO(VO)

You're such an asshole Jack. Love your enemy. Avenge yourself and get even with those who hate you.

JACK
(whispers)
How an Afghan and a Ex-GI became
"brothers"

Jack answers phone coming from Afghanistan, his old friend Alfredo tells Jack that he (Alfredo) found the map of treasure cave in Tora Bora Mountains that has been lost after the Explosion. (To be continued in Tora Bora 2)

THE END
