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EXT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE - DAY

Fog blankets one of America's largest coal mines. A coal train disappears into the **mist**.

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reads: INDIAN FEATHER MINE

BACK TO SCENE

INT./EXT. MINE ELEVATOR - DAY

Warning lights flash as a mining elevator **rumbles** up the **shaft** toward the light.

As the elevator breaks the surface, a COAL MINER in a trance slides open the door and rolls out a CARRIER of black coal.

The Coal Miner listens to the President of the United States' impassioned speech on America's alternative energy future over an iPhone.

PRESIDENT (V.O.)

Today we **is** on the precipice of an existential threat to our very existence. Over the next week I will sign an Executive order to change the direction of our energy future...

EXT. US POSTAL TRUCK - NIGHT (MOVING)

Holiday season **is** upon us as a **US Postal truck** braves the **onslaught of a winter** storm, making its rounds along a forest lined New Hampshire country road.

INT./EXT. MAINE/COTTAGE - NIGHT

A small package **is** delivered to the house of EPA inspector, Katt Johnson (28). Inside she opens a package containing an unusual gift. **Several lumps of COAL.**

INT. MAINE/COTTAGE - NIGHT

On a cold winter's night, a **blizzard breaks against** Katt's small cottage.

Lights flicker as Katt chucks lumps of coal into a coal burning stove. A cloud of **embers** escape and **swirl** toward the ceiling.

A snow storm breaks on a cold winter's night outside the New Hampshire home of EPA inspector, **KAT JOHNSON (28)**. Bedroom lights flicker as Kat chucks lumps of coal into a coal burning heater. ~~A cloud of embers escape and swirl toward the ceiling.~~

INT. MAINE/COTTAGE/BEDROOM - NIGHT

In pajamas, Katt pulls up the covers as winds howl outside.

INT. MAINE/COTTAGE/BEDROOM - LATER

As Katt dreams, the red glow from the coal burning stove warms the cozy dwelling. **Embers crackle** and **drift** across the room. Her dog snarls at them then **abruptly** curls **silently** at Katt's feet.

INT. MAINE/COTTAGE/BEDROOM (DREAM SEQUENCE)

Strange dark images haunt her dreams.

INT. MAINE/COTTAGE/LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

While sleepwalking, Katt **books an airline reservation.**

EXT. PENNSYLVANIA - SUNRISE

Flying over the Pennsylvania countryside oil derricks and open pit mines **pepper** the landscape

EXT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE - MORNING

A morning **frost blankets** the ground outside North America's deepest coal mine, Pennsylvania's 'Indian Feather Mine', on what was once **Iroquois tribal land.**

EXT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE - MORNING (MOVING)

Protesters **chant** as a car drives through the gates carrying the short, round, newly appointed Head of the EPA, Ira Wycot (40's), and his **young model wife, Jean Wycot (24).**

EXT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/CONTROL BUNGALOW - MORNING

In front of the mining operation's CONTROL BUNGALOW, Ira steps out of his car, surprised at finding five other EPA inspectors bundled up outside in the morning chill.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/CONTROL BUNGALOW - MORNING

Inside the bungalow, a cozy coal burning heater warms Operations Manager Ted Bailey (50's), Lead Mine Foreman Carl Taylor (39), miner Trig Mast (30's), and miner Len Leathwood (20's), as they sit around playing poker and laughing about the bonehead inspectors freezing outside. They're waiting for 'Big Bill' Carter (50's) CEO of CONSOL Energy and owner of the 'Indian Feather Mine' to show up for EPA's unannounced facility inspection.

EXT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/CONTROL BUNGALOW - MORNING

Jean's patience quickly runs out when the car heater fails. She motions her husband Ira over to the car, grabs his cell and punches in the number for the mining office displayed on the side of the bungalow. Ted Bailey answers. She tells him they have five minutes to get their ass out here and conduct the inspection or they're driving off and shutting down the mine.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/CONTROL BUNGALOW - MORNING

Ted scrambles to contact Bill Carter but his message goes directly to voicemail.

Ted sends out Carl to prep the inspectors. He instructs Carl, on Bill's orders to start the inspection down shaft #7, a 5100 feet exploratory mine system, recently closed because of safety concerns.

EXT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE ELEVATOR - MORNING

Before the people cram into shaft #7 elevator, safety gear (gloves, helmet, jackets, pants, goggles) is handed out to the inspectors and mining crew while inspection equipment (ropes, breathing equipment, picks, gas meters, flash lights, flares, maps) is stashed into the elevator as Carl conducts a safety lecture.

EXT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE ELEVATOR - MORNING

The safety lecture designed to scare the inspectors talks of the dangers of deep earth mining,

EXT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE ELEVATOR - MORNING

Halfway through the safety lecture, 'Big Bill' shows up, pissed off.

INT./EXT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE ELEVATOR - MORNING

Katt steps onto the elevator platform and glances down between the slats into the darkness. For a moment, she ~~is~~ imagines, she sees a glow. Others, tentatively crowd aboard behind her.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE ELEVATOR - MORNING

The Elevator SHUDDERS down the shaft for 10 minutes; one of the EPA inspectors becomes violently sick from motion sickness and vertigo.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE ELEVATOR - DAY

Elevator jolts to a stop, three feet short of the bottom. A loud crack like thunder from below and the elevator drops the last three feet, jarring everyone.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE ELEVATOR - DAY

Carl motions for miner Trig Masters (30's) to take a GAS LEVEL READING. He sweeps a small device from top to bottom of the tunnel; the Methane and Carbon Monoxide indicator lights are green. Trig nods as he pulls the safety gate open and motions for everyone to step out. "Watch your step." The roof of the tunnel is only five feet tall at this point (the height of tunnel depends on thickness of coal vein which varies from 4 to 10 feet

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE ELEVATOR - DAY

EPA inspector, Jim Tannenbaum (50's) clings to the railing and refuses to exit. Bill tells Carl to drag him out. Carl ignores the command, steps out of the elevator, closes the safety gate and punches a button starting the elevator's ascent.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Claustrophobic darkness and 120 F degree dry heat envelope the inspectors as everyone goes silent and begins to sweat. Helmet lights automatically switch on in the darkness. Carl flips a switch and phalanx of lights on both sides of the tunnel come alive. Carl pulls out a map of the layout of the mining complex.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Ira Wyatt complains about the heat. Bill Carter shows no sympathy.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Carl gives another short lecture on mining protocol.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

As people mill around listening to Carl, air suddenly rushes down the elevator shaft.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Carl realizes what's happening and yells for everyone to stand clear as Jim's death screams reach them. Carl grabs Katt and drags her to the ground sheltering her with his body as the elevator crashes and explodes before them.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

On impact debris flies everywhere and Jim dies (#1 death - falls to his death). The force of the impact scatters everyone like blown leaves across the tunnel floor. Choking dust fills the tunnel, threatening the survivors. Carl turns on the breathing equipment and hands out breathing masks attached to the oxygen equipment until the air clears.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Communication is out with the surface and tunnel lights flicker out. Carl sets forth their options. Wait here for a rescue team or hike two miles down the tunnel to a second elevator shaft. With the relatively cool draft coming down the shaft, Carl favors waiting. Big Bill wants to hike out. Bill's plan would have them on the surface within an hour.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Carl tells everyone over Bill's objections that it's his job to make safety decisions. Big Bill threatens Carl's job and rallies the scared inspectors to mutiny.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Carl and Bill come to blows and when Bill is knocked down he pulls a gun and it accidentally discharges into the wall behind Carl. A 'rock burst' tears up the arm of EPA inspector, Stan Bemis (30's).

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

An ominous noise moves OUT THERE in the darkness, raising the group's fears and forcing Big Bill to back down.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

A flare plunges down the shaft and signals the rescue team's discovery of the accident. Carl motions for Trig to signal back with the flare. Big Bill puts away his gun.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

At topside, a crane has been moved into place above the shaft and a new elevator platform is brought into place.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

The President on the campaign trail in a nearby city is informed of the tragic accident. He makes plans to fly to the accident scene.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

To help breathe, a few of the remaining survivors protect their lungs from the toxic clouds by breathing mostly through damp rags held to their mouth. They mill around waiting for rescue.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Carl immediately implements safety protocol with water rationing because of heat dehydration and the complaints start.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Trig stands among the elevator debris and relays what he sees above. Light in the shaft fades as a second elevator platform descends down the shaft with its familiar rattling hum. Excitement and hope grows.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Eerie noises and shimmering lights down the tunnel frighten some of the survivors.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

While waiting for the elevator, Carl tells a story he heard as a kid, an Iroquois legend about a evil spirit, TAR, and how it would come in your dreams to cause death. He laughs at the end, at the superstitious beliefs of the past and explains scientifically what could be causing the noise and lights.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

From Trig's POV we see a faint glow ascending the shaft. Trig nervously asks if this Tar legend has a physical form.

EXT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE ELEVATOR

At topside the ground around the shaft collapses outward, toward the crane.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Wind rushes down the elevator shaft again and soon screams from above reach survivors This time without being told, everyone scrambles away from the elevator shaft. Standing inside the shaft, Trig trips in the debris trying to escape as the elevator shaft collapses bringing down bodies, timbers, the crane, earth and rock, burying Trig and blocking any rescue attempt from above. (death of 10 rescue crew - fall to their death) (#2 death - crushed under debris).

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Lights cut out, along the tunnel, leaving everyone in darkness except for their helmet lights. Panicky coughs and screams augment the growing terror as some survivors believe something other than a natural disaster is occurring.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Helmet lights cut through the dust as survivors huddle in fear. Minutes pass and finally a string of lights down the tunnel light up and we can see. A head count reveals 12 survivors. Trig didn't make it.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Carl tries to calm escalating fears with the help of Katt.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

There's no doubt they can't stay there as a piercing sound from a gas detector tells Carl the area around the shaft is un-breathable. A few people collapse from the toxic gases.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Carl and others drag the unconscious deeper into the tunnel, away from the toxic dust.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

They must keep them off the ground until they regain consciousness because the ground air is un-breathable.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

With the mine shaft blocked and the extreme temperature there is no argument on their next option. They must make their way to the alternate mine shaft. According to the map, it should be about 2 miles away, less than an hour's hike. The injured are put aboard an electric tunnel cart and the group stumbles forward like asphyxiated zombies, gasping and coughing down the tunnel. A section of tunnel lights from the wall is taken, coiled in a bundle, hooked to the electric cart battery, and placed on the hood. With this, a bright beam illuminates the tunnel ahead in a kaleidoscope mosaic of shifting shadows.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Female miner, Len Leatherwood, cautiously walks ahead sweeping a gas meter from floor to ceiling, measuring the toxic gas dangers as the survivors labor to move forward.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Curious at the sound of trickling water, Katt drifts over to the tunnel wall and puts a hand up to it. Moist! She moves to Carl, to ask what it means.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

An eerie sound of running water grows louder as the survivors advance into the darkness.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

As Len takes a step, the ground collapses beneath her and she plunges into a giant sinkhole (#3 death - disappears into a bottomless chasm), The ground continues to collapse toward the remaining survivors and disappear into the chasm. Carl slams the mining cart into reverse, leaps off and races off to intercept Katt.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Katt seems oblivious to what's occurring. Carl hauls Katt over his shoulder and scrambles away from the collapsing tunnel floor.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

In seconds, a dark steamy abyss swallows up earth between the survivors and a possible path to rescue.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Exploratory fracking has caused the water table above to leak into the coal veins creating the potential for unstable underground sinkholes.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

At topside, the President visits the site and gives a speech about how America has to transition to safe clean renewable energy to prevent disasters like this from occurring in the future. Ted tries to present a gift of a vial of coal but the President rejects it.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Hot moist air rising from the chasm causes the temperature and humidity to spike. Life lies on the other side of the chasm, death patiently waits where they stand.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

In fear and despair, survivors spread out to explore the extent of the chasm. Several flares **are** tossed in and across this gaping hole that represents certain death. The chasm stretches from wall to wall across the tunnel and extends for thirty feet down the tunnel. No chance of jumping across. The survivors gather back at the edge in despair.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Carl unpacks ropes, a hammer and a bag of mining spikes. He pounds a spike into the moist wall of the tunnel at the edge of the chasm and secures the rope around his torso and a section of rope to the spike. He dangles his weight from it. It holds. With the bag of spikes around his neck he scrambles out along the tunnel wall attempting to bridge the chasm. As he progresses, the spikes **start** slipping, each coming out faster than the previous one. **U**rgently, he pounds a spike and transfers his weight to it before the previous one works loose and falls. **S**uddenly, the spike he's on breaks free and gashes his leg, **O**th_{er} spikes rapidly fail until the only the original spike remains. Katt sees it **is** coming free. She grabs the end of the rope and thinking fast ties it to the mining cart. Katt reverses the electric cart and pulls the injured Carl to safety.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Katt tends to his bleeding leg and asks Carl what's the top speed of the electric cart. 35 miles an hour. Katt tells of her scholarship in college as a long jump. **T**ying a rope to her torso she accelerates the cart toward a row of flares at the chasm's edge and like a catapult she hurls herself airborne as the vehicle slams into the cliff wall on the other side. She lands in a heap, safely on the other side.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Securing the rope ends, the survivors battle against the **deadly** rising heat, as they **are** hauled across the abyss.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

A dehydrated and injured Stan hears the enticing sound of running water and with a flare in his hand, he trudges down the tunnel to where it ends. Before him a pool of life giving water sits. In careless excitement, Stan fills his protective GLOVED hands and greedily drinks. Scalding fire burns his lungs and brings forth an agonizing scream before he stumbles with a loud splash into a deadly caldron of scalding water. His injured arm prevents an easy escape. Screams die as his comrades arrive in time to see Stan's floating carcass disappear beneath the deadly waters (#4 death - scalded alive).

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Their path to survival, again appears to vanish. Survivors gather silently at the water's edge. The map reveals a clear unobstructed path where the reality now shows a deadly obstacle confronting them. As Carl studies the map, the survivors spread out and explore this cavern. Narrow crawl spaces lead off the tunnel.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Miners Chris Hartwick (30's) and Steve Man (20's) explore a passageway. A hacking cough consumes them as they gasp to fill their lungs with breathable air in the toxic environment. They crawl deeper into one promising claustrophobic passageway; it narrows to a belly flat coffin size crawl space which suddenly collapses.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Suffocating, Chris screams as Steve tries to pull him out. He can't free him. As the roof continues to collapse, Steve cuts the rope connecting them and screams to be pulled out. Outside we hear Chris' death screams (#5 death - trapped, suffocated and crushed).

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Fear grips everyone, constricting every breath. Afraid to explore, survivors collapse in the intolerable humid heat, waiting for death. Carl examination of the map suggests the water may be only 20 meters across. He puts a gloved hand in the water and counts to twenty. Properly insulated a person might be able to make it to the other side without 3rd degree burns.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Carl rapidly wades into the scalding water and swims with his head above water. Ten meters out the roof meets the water line and he abandons the swim and scrambles back to land. Katt drags his steaming body out. Survivors blame Carl for leading them into this situation.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

On close examination the map suggests this flooded area is a dip in the tunnel floor and that it rises again just beyond the submerged section.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Miner, Sharon Brand (30's), volunteers to swim to the other side. She swam in college. Perhaps a person could make the other side if they protected their face by wrapping it in rags.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

She submerges where the roof's edge and makes it across with a rope tied to her torso. On the other side, she tosses a flare onto dry land.. She scrambles out, steam pouring off her. She jerks the scalding rags off her face. and yanks the line twice, to signal she's made it.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Equipment and people are RAPIDLY dragged across by rope. All except Ira who refuses. Ira doesn't swim and if this is the escape they can send back a rescue team.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

On the other side, Big Bill grabs a flare and moves up the tunnel. Ahead, the tunnel ends at a cave-in leading to where the second elevator shaft would be. A shadowy silhouette moves toward him. A garbled noise frightens Big Bill who stumbles backward. He grabs his gun and pumps several bullets into the thing (#6 death - rescue miner - murdered out of fear). Katt runs past Bill's flare and discovers the dead rescue miner, with a bullet right through his breathing mask. She also discover the collapsed second rescue shaft. Katt and Bill argue. He drops the flare in his hand because it starts SPARKING from pockets of methane drifting their direction.

Gasping for breath, they stumble back to the pool and collapse.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Carl grabs a gas level meter from a water-proof storage bag to take a reading. Carbon Monoxide and Methane levels are rising dangerously. The distant abandoned flare starts flares into a fireball. Carl grabs the burning flare at his feet and tosses it in the water. A massive explosion in the distance as a large methane cloud catches fire and starts moving across the ceiling toward the survivors.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

The cave's ceiling is on fire, burning methane taking away the life giving oxygen and rapidly rising the temperature. Everyone scrambles back across the pool to where Ira waits.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

On the other side, exhausted, burned and frightened many collapse into a toxic sleep.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Katt and Carl link up in a nightmare. They stand before a giant cavern with an odd mineral formation.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

In the grips of his own nightmare, Wes Alderson (20's) rises in a trance, grabs a mining pick and steps over to a sleeping Sharon and impales it into the back of her head (#7 death - murdered in her sleep). He turns on Big Bill who unable to sleep draws his gun and pumps two rounds into Wes (#8 death - murdered in a helpless trance). Carl wakes and confronts Bill about the killings. Bill levels his gun on Carl and pulls the trigger. CLICK! No bullets. He immediately drops the gun and pulls a razor sharp hunting knife and motions to the dead body of Sharon.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

At that moment, the water in the pool starts to recede. Fingers of fire crackle and sweep across the water's surface. The fire spreads as the water recedes.

Soon the cave will catch fire just like the other side and they will all be burned alive.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Carl and Katt urge everyone to spread out and look for a particular formation of minerals he'd seen in his dreams.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Katt and Ira spot the odd mineral formation. Ira screams for everyone to follow him. He heads into the tunnel on all fours behind him is Jean. Before she can enter the passageway, Big Bill shoves her aside and rushes into the tunnel. Carl and Katt follow Jean while Steve crawls in last urging everyone forward.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

At the head of the line, Fat Ira is stuck. Wedged tight, he can't get through nor go back. Everyone shoves forward as a firestorm swarms through the cave they just left. A wave of fire moves into the passageway. At the back of the chain of survivors, Steve (#9 death - burned alive) ignites. In Steve's unnerving death screams, Big Bill takes out his knife and starts carving away at Ira (#10 death - carved up while still alive). Blood splatters everywhere as Big Bill throws body parts behind him to make room to push past Ira.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Big Bill squeezes past Ira's body and comes to a dead end. Screams from those behind pressure Big Bill to use his knife to claw through the blockage until the tunnel widens. Everyone crawls past IRA's horrified dead face.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

The passage opens into an expansive cavern. Big Bill notices the cooler air and hears sounds moving about. The remaining people scramble into the cavern.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

A cave-in temporarily cuts Jean and Big Bill off from Carl and Katt. Jean and Big Bill explore ahead.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Emboldened at the idea that they may soon reach the surface. Jean screams accusations of murder at Big Bill for murdering her husband and threatens to sue his company. Jean stumbles forward in the ankle deep water of a shallow stream.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Jean suddenly disappears to her waist into a sinkhole of tar (#11 death - drowning in tar pit). She screams for Big Bill to pull her free. Bill grins and tells her no person no lawsuit.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Deeper in the cavern bats swarm. Somewhere there's an exit. The look on Big Bill's face shows a man who has crossed over the edge into insanity.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Big Bill backtracks along the stream and hears footsteps approaching fast. He hides behind an outcropping of rocks as Carl and Katt run by being attracted by the dying screams of Jean.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Carl and Katt sees an APPARITION ahead and stops. They come to an abrupt halt, just before the tar pit. Big Bill comes up from behind and with a rock bashes Carl's head. Carl drops unconscious. The look of the insane shines in Big Bill's eyes as he pulls out his knife to finish off Carl.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Katt jumps on Bill's back, fingernails digging into his face.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Bill reaches around and drags Katt off and grips his knife to her throat.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

A GHOSTLY PRESENCE moves over the collapsed body of Carl. Carl rises in a trance staggers toward Katt's screams. Carl takes a step forward. Bill draws blood from Katt's neck.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

Carl collapses like a rag doll. Not sure what has happened, Bill knocks Katt out with the butt of his knife and stalks toward the unconscious Carl, knife ready.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

A glow from Carl rises and swarms over Bill who takes a swipe with his knife. The swirling glow coalesces around Bill, holding him fast. Bill's eyes go wide as he uses his own knife to slit his own throat. Bill explodes into a fire ball (#12 death - held fast, murdered by his own hands and vaporized).

EXT. FOREST - DAY

Carl and Katt awake outside in the cool forest. Unsure. In the distance, noises of civilization. They stagger down to the highway.

EXT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE - DAY

Carl and Katt enter the mining camp and are interviewed.

INT. WHITE HOUSE - DAY

Over dinner Carl gives Katt a small vial of coal as a remembrance and asks her out on a REAL date.

INT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE/MINE - DAY

President sees the headlines about what happened with his EPA team. The President invites Katt and Carl to the white house after a report by Katt recommends the closer of the coal mine.

INT. WHITE HOUSE - DAY

Katt gives a vial of coal to the President as a memento.

INT. WHITE HOUSE - DAY

Everyone enjoys a Presidential meal before Katt and Carl leave.

INT. WHITE HOUSE - DAY

That night the President takes this into his bedroom and places on the bed stand.

INT. WHITE HOUSE - DAY

President sweats and tosses wildly as dreams convince him of the benefits of coal. In the morning, under duress the President grabs the vial of coal and puts it in his pocket.

EXT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE - DAY

A speech to the nation reverses course and talks about a new direction in America's energy independence with coal as the pillar of the administration's new energy policy.

EXT. INDIAN FEATHER MINE - DAY

Hundreds of Coal Boxcar containers being filled with coal moves out from the mine down train tracks.

FADE OUT.

THE END