

**THE TIME FORWARD PROJECT**

**Pilot Script**

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EXT. NOOKSACK RIVER GORGE-WASHINGTON- DAY- OCTOBER (2030)

We see a forested trail encompassed by towering pine trees and fauna for the Northwest. Some of the smaller trees and bushes have turned autumn colors. Light trickles in from above.

At one area of the trail, the air shimmers and we hear a loud hum. Our Time Guardian, Kristen appears. She immediately pulls out her pistol from her holster and spins around.

The air is still shimmering and humming. As she turns back in the direction from which she landed, we see Cameron appear right behind her.

Before Kristen can spin back around, Cameron swings down with a hard chop to her gun hand, knocking the pistol from her grasp. It goes flying into a nearby bush.

Kristen spins into him, landing a solid elbow into his chest, knocking him backward. The hand to hand combat is intense, as Kristen is much faster than Cameron, and is just as strong.

She easily avoids most of his blows while dispensing punishment that is quickly reducing Cameron's effectiveness and stamina.

He manages to get in a lucky blow to the side of Kristen's head that sends her tumbling to the ground. Rather than pressing the advantage, Cameron quickly scans the area and takes off in a dead run down the trail.

It takes Kristen a few moments to shake off the effects from the blow. She jumps to her feet and gives pursuit. It is obvious that Kristen is faster than Cameron, faster than a normal human should be; but he has a good head start.

We SWITCH BACK to Cameron's POV. We can hear the sound of nearby river rapids getting louder as Cameron runs.

Suddenly, as he rounds a corner of the trail, he comes upon a river gorge. He barely stops himself from plunging into the canyon. We can see the river two hundred feet down.

Cameron looks around frantically, realizing he's trapped. He disappears into the brush as he steps behind a large pine tree next to the trail.

A few seconds later, Kristen flies around the corner. She tries to stop herself from going over the gorge by sliding feet first into the ground, but even her quick reactions can't save her.

She slides over the rim of the canyon, wildly clawing at the earth, disappearing from our view.

Cameron rushes to the edge and looks down. From his POV, we see Kristen hanging from a protruding limb about five feet down. She is holding on with one hand.

The limb creaks and bends, but does not break off. Cameron drops to his stomach and leans over the edge, holding onto a small tree on the lip of the gorge.

We can see the river rapids way below Kristen.

Cameron  
I'll help you up if you promise  
not to try to kill me anymore.

Kristen rips off her visor and snarls at Cameron.

Kristen  
You!

Before Cameron can reply, we hear and see the limb being physically torn from the canyon side by Kristen's weight. He quickly swings his feet over the ledge while grasping the tree trunk with both arms and hands.

Kristen pulls herself up high enough to grab Cameron's ankle just as the tree limb rips away from the side and tumbles down the gorge. Cameron secures himself with one arm around the trunk and reaches down to Kristen.

Cameron  
(Shouting)  
Come on! You can do this!

Kristen reaches up and their hands lock on each other's wrists. She quickly scrambles up and over Cameron and is

standing over him before he can react. Kristen stomps on his arm, pinning him as she glares down at him.

After a moment, we see a change of heart in her expression as she reaches down to hoist him back to safety. Cameron staggers away from the river, coming to a stop near a large tree.

He collapses, leaning back and adjusting his backpack to one side. Kristen squats down by a tree on the opposite side of the trail. She reaches up and unzips the leather helmet from her neckline and removes it, letting out her hair.

They are both out of breath.

Cameron

I've never seen anyone move that fast before.

Kristen

Vitamins. I can't believe it's you... of all the rotten luck.

Cameron

What's that supposed to mean?

Kristen

(Looking around)

Nothing. Just a change of plans. That's all.

Cameron

You're from the future.

Kristen

(Stopping to stare at him)

How much do you know?

Cameron

Enough. I know about the Final Stroke and how you're not allowed to tell anyone in the past where you're from.

Kristen

(Surprised)

Do you now?

Cameron

I know you're trying to save the world.

Kristen

If you know about the Final Stroke, you know Kants shouldn't have been able to tell you any of this.

Cameron

He figured out a way through hypnosis. He had his sessions recorded and gave them to me.

Kristen

That sneaky bastard. How did he give you the time transponder? There's no way to surgically remove it.

Cameron

He made a clone of it in the future and turned it on just before he injected it into me.

Kristen

So, we transported you, the living host, and not Kants. He was a genius right up to the moment he got himself killed.

Cameron

I don't think that was in his plans. From what I could tell I believe he was going to trade places with me and stay in my time period.

Kristen

But why? I don't understand.

Cameron

The Final Stroke. I don't have it.

Kristen  
That circumvents our living  
mandate. No one from the past must  
know what we're doing.

Cameron  
I think with him using the Bio-EMP  
device and you disappearing out of  
a secure jail room, you can  
reasonably say we know.

Kristen stands up and offers a hand to Cameron. He takes  
it as she pulls him up.

Kristen  
What's in the backpack?

Cameron  
I don't know.

Kristen  
What?

Cameron  
I told myself not to look until I  
got back to my time period.

Kristen  
Told yourself?

Cameron  
In the future, I sent myself a  
message from the past.

Kristen  
You've been to the future already?

Cameron  
Yes. Why? Isn't that supposed to  
happen?

Kristen  
How long did your jump last?

Cameron

Not long and I seem to jump twice,  
actually. That's not supposed to  
happen, is it?

Kristen  
Hmph... Those are phantom jumps.  
That only happens when  
transponders get out of alignment.

Cameron  
Is that bad?

Kristen  
Can be. So you've already altered  
time. I need to find my gun.

Kristen starts to walk back down the trail. Cameron quickly  
catches up.

Cameron  
I can help you.

Kristen  
I don't think so.

Cameron  
Think about it.

Kristen  
What's to think about? The answer  
is no.

Cameron  
Where are we?

Kristen  
Don't you mean "when" are we?

Cameron  
I guess I meant both.

Kristen  
I'm not sure about the where, but  
the year is 2020.

They arrive back at the scene of their initial fight.  
Kristen begins to search for her gun.

Cameron  
Why are you here?

Kristen  
That's classified.

She finds her gun and points it at Cameron.

Kristen  
(Detached)  
My orders were to terminate you.

Cameron  
(Fearfully but with anger)  
You mean kill me.

Kristen  
You've already made a mess of  
things.

Cameron  
I guess murdering a defenseless person is not a  
crime in the future.

Kristen  
(Conflicted)  
Arrrgh! You've changed everything. I have to  
think this through. Crap.

Kristen holsters her gun. It seems to disappear into her  
uniform.

Cameron  
Look. I want to help. I've been to the future.  
I've seen what happens to our planet.

Cameron shows her the burn scars on the tops of his hands.

Cameron  
Acid rain did this. I was only outside for a few  
seconds and it almost killed me. I know what's  
at stake here. I have some technical skills that  
might be useful to you.

Kristen  
Doubtful, but you're here. Our first task is to  
figure out where we are.

Cameron points in the direction they just came from.

Cameron

Well, we know where that trail leads to. I guess  
we should try the other way.

Kristen grunts her agreement and heads down the trail, away  
from the river.

FADE OUT