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Trapped Below: Tham Luang Cave Rescue

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FADE UP FROM BLACK TO: CS OF DARK CAVE CUT TO: CS OF WATER DRIPPING OFF A CAVE ROCK	DARK... FRIGID... AND INCREDIDLY CRAMPED. THE ONLY THING YOU CAN SEE IN FRONT OF YOU IS PITCH-BLACK
CUT TO: MS OF ROCK ON CAVE	DARKNESS. YOU FEEL ROCK ALL AROUND YOU, TO WHAT YOU CAN
CUT TO: LS OF TALL CAVE WALLS	ONLY ASSUME MUST BE A CAVE.
CUT TO: LEFT PAN OF CAVE WALLS	YOU KNOW YOU'RE MORE THAN A MILE AWAY FROM CIVILIZATION, AND
CUT TO: NIGHTTIME OUTSIDE OF CAVE	AS THE TIME PASSES, THE TEMPERATURE DROPS, AS WELL AS
CUT TO: CS RAIN FLOODING INTO CAVE	OXYGEN LEVELS. THE WORST PART? A FLASH FLOOD HAS FILLED ALMOST BUT ALL OF THE CAVE TUNNELS WITH
CUT TO: MS OF CAVE ENTRANCE BLOCKED	WATER. THERE'S NO WAY OUT. AND HOPE IS FADING FAST.

CUT TO: MS, VOLUNTEERS RUNNING
CUT TO: RESCUERS PLANNING IN TENT
CAMP

CUT TO: PICTURE, BOYS SOCCER
TEAM

CUT TO: MS, THAM LUANG CAVE

FADE TO: MS, SOCCER FIELD

CUT TO: PICTURE, SOCCER TEAM

CUT TO: PICTURE, WILD BOARS
JERSEY

CUT TO: SOCCER TEAM RIDING BIKES

CUT TO: MS, STREET IN THAI TOWN

CUT TO: AERIAL, SUN SETTING OVER
TOWN

THIS IS THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF
THE GLOBAL EFFORT MADE TO
RESCUE A THAI BOYS SOCCER TEAM
FROM IMPENDING DOOM. THIS IS THE
THAM LUANG CAVE RESCUE.

ON JUNE 23, 2018, A GROUP OF 12 BOYS
OF A THAI SOCCER TEAM, AGES 11 TO
16, SET OUT TO EXPLORE MOUNTAINS
AFTER PRACTICE. THE TEAM, CALLED
THE WILD BOARS, PART WAYS WITH
THE HEAD COACH THAT SATURDAY
AFTERNOON. THEY RIDE THEIR BIKES,
WITH THEIR ASSISTANT COACH, TO
THE THAM LUANG CAVE.

THEY EXPECT TO BE BACK TO THEIR
NEARBY VILLAGE LATER IN THE DAY.
HOWEVER, AFTER SEVERAL HOURS
PASS, THEIR PARENTS BEGIN TO
WORRY ABOUT THEM.

CUT TO: CS, PHONE GETTING CALLS

CUT TO: MS, COACH OPENING HIS PHONE

CUT TO: CS, DIALING TEAM MEMBERS

CUT TO: SUPER OF BOYS SOCCER TEAM WITH NAMES UNDER, ONE BOY HIGHLIGHTED

CUT TO: MS, ENTRANCE OF THAM LUANG CAVE

CUT TO: COACH DRIVING CAR TO CAVE

CUT TO: COACH APPROACHING CAVE

CUT TO: AERIAL, RAIN POURING OVER TOWN

CUT TO: WS, RAIN POURING OVER THAI TOWN, PEOPLE RUNNING FROM RAIN

THEY CALL THE HEAD COACH OF THE TEAM, WHO HAS JUST OPENED HIS PHONE TO NUMEROUS CALLS. THE COACH CALLS EACH PLAYER AND THE ASSISTANT, BUT NO ONE ANSWERS. HE FINALLY GETS A CALL BACK FROM THE ONLY PLAYER WHO WAS PICKED UP FROM PRACTICE. HE TELLS THE COACH THE TEAMS PLANNED TO VISIT THE MOUNTANOUS CAVE SYSTEM.

THE COACH HEADS STRAIGHT FOR THE BOYS BUT MAKES A HORRIFYING DISCOVERY WHEN HE ARRIVES AT THE CAVE.

HEAVY RAIN FLOODS THE CAVES TUNNELS. THE MONSOON SEASON, WHICH NORMALLY BEGINS IN MAY IN THAILAND, HAD BEGUN LATE.

CUT TO: CS, POLICE SIREN BLARING
CUT TO: THAI POLICE OFFICERS
ARRIVING TO SCENE

CUT TO: CS, BIKES AND SHOES LEFT
BY BOYS

CUT TO: CS, CAVE ENTRANCE FILLING
WITH WATER

CUT TO: SUPER MONTAGE, THAI NEWS
OUTLETS REPORTING ON STORY

CUT TO: NAVY SEALS AND DIVERS
ARRIVING TO CAVE

CUT TO: LS, CAMPS SET UP NEAR CAVE

CUT TO: CS, PLANS OF RESCUE ON A
BOARD DRAWN OUT

CUT TO: SLOW ZOOM
ON PICTURE, VERNON UNSWORTH

POLICE OFFICIERS ARE CALLED TO
THE SCENE, WHERE THEY FIND OTHER
BELONGINGS OF THE BOYS LEFT
BEHIND. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT
THE TEAM IS INSIDE THE FLOODED
CAVE.

THEIR DISAPPEARANCE MAKES
NATIONAL NEWS, AND BRINGS THAI
NAVY SEALS, ALONG WITH SPECIAL
DIVERS, TO HELP THE SEARCH
EFFORT.

A CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM IS SET
UP IN THE CHIANG REI REGION,
WHERE THE SEALS AND DIVERS TRY
TO MAKE A PLAN.

BY A STROKE OF LUCK, A MAN BY
THE NAME OF VERNON UNSWORTH
LIVES IN THE AREA NEAR THE CAVE.

CUT TO: CS, MAN DRAWING LINES ON
CAVE MAP

HE IS AN EXPERIENCED BRITISH CAVE
DIVER WHO HAS VALUABLE
KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE CAVE
SYSTEM.

CUT TO: MS, MAN CALLING ON HIS
PHONE

WITH HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE CAVE
COMES HIS PERSONAL CONNECTIONS

CUT TO: SUPER, PICTURE OF DIVERS
WITH NAMES UNDER

TO OTHER DIVERS. HE CALLS UPON
RICK STANTON AND JOHN

CUT TO: SUPER, BRITISH CAVE RESCUE
COUNCIL LOGO

VALANTHEN FOR HELP. STANTON
AND VOLANTHEN ARE TWO EXPERT

CUT TO: PICTURE OF DIVERS
UNDERWATER

BRITISH CAVE DIVERS, WHO ARE
APART OF THE BRITISH CAVE RESCUE
COUNCIL.

CUT TO: DIVERS AT THE SCENE OF
CAVE ARRIVING

THEY ARE SAID TO BE THE BEST IN
THE WORLD, WHICH SOON BECOMES
APPARENT IS NEEDED ONCE THEY
ARRIVE TO THE CAVE AND ASSESS
THE SITUATION.

CUT TO: MONTAGE OF PICTURES OF
DIVERS EXPEDITIONS

CUT TO: LS, CAVE SYSTEM FROM SIDE

CUT TO: CS, SHARP ROCK NEAR CAVE

CUT TO: SUPER, 3D GRAPHIC OF CAVE
TUNNELS, SHOWING LENGTH

CUT TO: AERIAL, MOUNTAIN RANGE
ABOVE IT

CUT TO: PICTURE OF INSIDE OF CAVE
CUT TO: CS, SINKHOLES

THOUGH THE TWO EXPERT DIVERS
HAVE MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE, THEY CONFESS THAT
THE RESCUE LOOKS TO BE THE
HARDEST DIVE THEY'LL HAVE TO DO
IN THEIR LIFE.

THAM LUANG CAVE IS THE FOURTH
LONGEST CAVE IN THAILAND,
SPANNING SIX POINT TWO MILES
LONG. IT LIES BENEATH THE DOI
NANG NON MOUNTAIN RANGE, THAT
FALLS BETWEEN THE BORDER OF
THAILAND AND MYANMAR.

THE CAVE ALSO HAS SINKHOLES,
NARROW PASSAGES, AND WINDING
TUNNELS.

CUT TO: MS, RAIN FLOODING INSIDE

CUT TO: CS, CAMERA UNDERWATER,
NO VISIBILITY

CUT TO: MS, HUNDREDS OF
VOLUNTEERS WALKING AROUND
CAMP

CUT TO: MS, VOLUNTEERS COOKING
FOR RESCUE TEAM

CUT TO: MS, NAVY SEALS MARCHING

CUT TO: MS, PUMP BEING CARRIED BY
SEALS

CUT TO: MS, DIVERS PUTTING ON
GEAR

CUT TO: MS, FAMILIES SITTING IN
TENT PRAYING

CUT TO: MS, DIVERS ENTERING CAVE

CUT TO: MS, DIVERS STARTING TO
SWIM

ADD THE COMPLEXITY OF THE CAVE
WITH THE HEAVY DOWNPOUR OF
RAIN FLOODING IT, AND YOU'VE GOT
THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO.

MEANWHILE, EVERY DAY, FOR THE
PAST WEEK, LOCAL VOLUNTEERS,
NAVY SEALS, AND U.S. MILITARY
PERSONAL DO THE BEST THEY CAN
TO HELP.

NAVY SEALS CREATE A LONG DRAIN
PUMP TO DRAIN THE CAVE OF WATER
AS THE DIVING EXPERTS GET READY
TO ENTER. THE FAMILIES OF THE
BOYS HAVE SET CAMP NEAR THE
SITE, PRAYING DAILY FOR THEIR
RETURN.

STANTON AND VOLANTHEN ENTER
THE CAVE WITH OTHER
INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS.

CUT TO: CS, LONG WIRES

CUT TO: CS, CAMERA UNDERWATER,
LOW VISIBILITY

CUT TO: CS, STRONG WATER
CURRENTS

CUT TO: MS, DIVERS LEAVING CAVE

CUT TO: MS, VOLUNTEERS WAITING
NEAR CAMPS

CUT TO: CS, FAMILY MEMBER CRYING

CUT TO: CS, FOOD AT CAVE CAMP SITE

CUT TO: MS, WATER RISING IN CAVE

CUT TO: MS, DIVERS, AND SEALS
TALKING IN CAMP

CUT TO: GO PRO FOOTAGE, FIRST
FINDING THE BOYS

THEY PLACE LONG WIRE GUIDELINES
THROUGHOUT THE JOURNEY. THEY
FACE STRONG CURRENTS FROM THE
RAIN, AND THE LOW VISIBILITY IN THE
TUNNELS, WHICH TEMPORARILY
PAUSED THE SEARCH.

IT'S AT THIS POINT THAT THE
OUTCOME FEELS BLEAK. SURELY THE
BOYS, WHO AT THIS POINT HAVE
BEEN STUCK WITHOUT FOOD OR
WATER FOR TEN DAYS, CAN'T STILL
BE ALIVE. THAT'S TO SAY IF THEY'VE
FOUND A SPOT ABOVE THE RISING
WATER TO TAKE SHELTER.

VOLANTHEN HAD EXPECTED THIS,
HOPING TO RECOVER THE TEAMS
BODIES TO THEIR FAMILIES. WHAT HE
HADN'T BEEN EXPECTING WAS TO
FIND ALL 13 OF THEM STILL WELL
AND ALIVE.

CUT TO: GO PRO FOOTAGE, BOYS ON ELEVATED ROCK

CUT TO: GO PRO FOOTAGE, DIVERS COMING FOR AIR, TALKING TO BOYS

CUT TO: MS, FAMILY CELEBRATING AT CAMP

CUT TO: MS, DIVERS DISCUSSING AT CAMP TABLE

CUT TO: MS, CAMP SITE WHERE VOLUNTEERS GATHER

CUT TO: RAIN FALLING ON CAMPSITE

BUT ON JULY 2, VOLANTHEN AND STANTON FOUND THEM ON AN ELEVATED ROCK NEARLY TWO POINT FIVE MILES FROM THE CAVES MOUTH. THE DIVERS REASSURE THEM THAT MORE RESCUERS ARE ON THEIR WAY.

THE COMMUNITY IS AMAZED THAT THEY'RE ALL ALIVE. THOUGH THE TEAM WAS IN GOOD SPIRITS, THE CELEBRATION MUST BE CUT SHORT, BECAUSE NOW THE REAL CHALLENGE AWAITS.

AS IT STANDS, NO CAVE RESCUE LIKE THIS HAS EVER BEEN DONE. THEY ARE THIN AND WEAK FROM DAYS OF NO FOOD, HAVING LOST ALMOST FOUR POUNDS SINCE THEY'VE ENTERED.

CUT TO: GO PRO FOOTAGE, CAVE COMPLETELY SUBMERGED IN WATER

THE BOYS ALSO DON'T KNOW HOW TO SWIM, MAKING A REGULAR DIVING MISSION NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE.

CUT TO: GRAPHIC, DOTS SPANNING OVER MULTIPLE COUNTRIES

EXPERTS FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD HAVE NOW SHOWED OUT TO BRAINSTORM A PLAN.

CUT TO: MS, DIVER WRITING DOWN IDEA

SEVERAL IDEAS, LIKE WAITING OUT

CUT TO: CS, CRUMPLED PAPER THROWN INTO A TRASH CAN

THE MONSOON SEASON, TEACHING THEM TO DIVE, OR DRILLING A HOLE, WERE ALL THROWN OUT.

CUT TO: SLOW ZOOM, PICTURE OF RICHARD, SUPER OF HIS NAME UNDER

JUST WHEN ALL HOPE TO SAVE THEM SEEMS LOST, RICHARD HARRIS APPEARS. A DIVER AND

CUT TO: CS, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AT CAMP

ANESTHESIOLOGIST, HE COMES UP WITH AN IDEA TO INJECT THE BOYS WITH ANAESTHETIA TO KNOCK THE BOY'S UNCONSCIOUS.

CUT TO: SLOW ZOOM, PICTURE OF BOYS TEAM

THIS ENSURES THAT BOYS DON'T PANIC UNDERWATER. EXPERTS AGREE, ALTHOUGH A HUGE RISK, THAT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY OUT FOR THEM.

CUT TO: MS, DIVERS ENTERING CAVE MOUTH
CUT TO: CS, SUPPLIES GIVEN TO BOYS

ON THE DAY OF THE FIRST RESCUE, THE BOYS ARE GIVEN A WETSUIT, BUOANCY JACKET, AND POSITIVE PRESSURE FULL FACE MASK.

CUT TO: SLOW ZOOM, PICTURE OF FIRST TWO BOYS HIGHLIGHTED

ONCE DRUGGED UNCONSCIOUS, THE FIRST TWO BOYS ARE TETHERED TO A DIVER AND LEAD THROUGH THE DARKNESS UNDERWATER. DIVERS COULD ONLY FEEL AROUND THEM WITH THEIR HANDS, OR WHEN THEIR HEAD HIT THE TOP OF THE CAVE.

CUT TO: GO PRO FOOTAGE, LOW VISIBILTY IN WATER

CUT TO: CS, CAVE GROUND AND SILT MOVED BY DIVERS

CUT TO: LS, STRETCHER SYSTEM
CUT TO: CS, LONG WIRES

CUT TO: MS, VOLUNTEERS MOVING
BOYS OVER HILLS

CUT TO: MS, FIRST BOYS LEAVE THE
CAVE
CUT TO: MS, AMBULANCE LEAVING
CAMP TO HOSPITAL

CUT TO: MS, REST OF BOYS LEAVE
CAVE

CUT TO: MS, MEDICAL DOCTORS
CHECKING VITALS

CUT TO: MS, FAMILIES HUGGING BOYS

CUT TO: CS, MESSAGES ON WATER
NOTE PAD

DURING THE DRY DANGEROUS PARTS
OF THE CAVE, DIVERS AND HELPERS
PUSH THE BOYS ON A DRAG
STRETCHER OVER 200 METERS OF
ROCKS AND SAND HILLS.

FINALLY, THE FIRST TWO BOYS MAKE
IT OUT OF THE CAVE AND ARE
RUSHED TO A NEARBY HOSPITAL.

ON JULY 10, THE LAST FOUR BOYS
AND THEIR COACH ARE RESCUED,
AND ALL APPEAR TO BE IN GOOD
CONDITION.

FAMILIES, WHO HAD BEEN
COMMUNICATING WITH THE BOYS
VIA A WATERPROOF PAD DURING THE
RESCUE, REUNITED WITH THEIR
LOVED ONES.

CUT TO: SLOW ZOOM ON PICTURE OF NAVY SEAL, SUPER OF NAME UNDERNEATH

UNFORTUNATELY, THE MISSION DOES NOT COME WITHOUT TRAJEDY. A FORMER NAVY SEAL OFFICIER NAMED SUMAN KUNAN, HAD DIED DUE TO LOSS OF OXYGEN DURING ONE OF THE TRIPS.

CUT TO: MS, STATUE OF NAVY SEAL

THE CHIANG REI PROVINCE COMMEMORATED HIM WITH A STATUE OF HIM MADE IN HIS HONOR.

CUT TO: MONTAGE, SUPER OF GLOBAL NEWS OUTLETS REPORTING

THOSE AROUND THE WORLD, WHO HAD BEEN GLUED TO THEIR TV DURING THE ENTIRE STORY, PRAISED THE COMMUNITY'S EFFORT. THE EFFORT INVOLVED AS MANY AS 10,000 PEOPLE, INCLUDING NEARLY 2,000 SOLDIERS, 900 POLICE OFFICIERS, AND MORE THAN 100 DIVERS.

CUT TO: AERIAL, HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS AT CAMP HELPING

CUT TO: MS, POLICE OFFICERS
CUT TO: MS, NAVY SEALS WITH SOLDIERS

CUT TO: MS, DIVERS TAKING OFF GEAR

CUT TO: SLOW ZOOM, PICTURE OF ASSISTANT COACH, SUPER OF NAME UNDERNEATH

CUT TO: SUPER, PICTURE OF WHOLE TEAM AND COACH RESCUED

CUT TO: SLOW AERIAL, THAM LUANG CAVE SYSTEM

CUT TO: SLOW ZOOM, PICTURE OF BRITISH DIVERS SMILING WITH RESCUED TEAM

FADE TO BLACK

AND AS FOR THE ASSISTANT COACH, RATHER THAN BEING PUT ON TRIAL FOR NEGLIGENCE, HE HAD BEEN HAILED A HERO FOR BEING A CALM VOICE THAT HELPED THE BOYS BEAT DESPAIR IN THE DARKNESS.

THE THAM LUANG CAVE RESCUE IS AN INCREDIBLE STORY OF BRAVERY AND COMPASSION. IT IS AN EXAMPLE OF NOT ONLY DETERMINATION BY EVERYONE'S PART, BUT THE UNBREAKABLE HUMAN SPIRIT.

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