

SENTIENT

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INT. NORTHER NIGERIA - CAVE - MORNING *

A low glowing light reveals a teenage girl, MARY. She regains consciousness. *

SUPER: NORTHERN NIGERIA, 2015 *

Mary is still helpless. Beside her, is another girl about her age, AISHA. Both of them have sought protection inside the cave. *

AISHA hands her a blanket. Mary wraps herself.

AISHA *

Welcome.

MARY

How long have I being here?

AISHA *

Two days. Are you a Christian?

Mary nods her head.

MARY

Where are they rest of us?

AISHA *

Sold off for marriage or dead.

A howling wind from outside startles them. *

EXT. BOKO HARAM'S CAMP - DAY (FLASHBACK)

A REV. SISTER is shot and killed in front of a group of kidnapped FEMALE STUDENTS. *

Some INFLUENTIAL MEN pays the SECT LEADER a huge some of money. The students are distributed amongst the influential men except for Mary. *

The leader orders she should be taken to his tent. *

INT. TENT - DAY (FLASHBACK)

The SECOND IN COMMAND, tries to molest Mary. The sect leader enters. He is furious with him. The leader brings out his gun. Mary takes cover. He shoots at him. The second in command's body slumps onto the ground. *

INT. CAVE - NIGHT (BACK TO SCENE) *

Mary feels a sudden headache. Aisha provides her with a local herb mixture. Mary drinks it. *

MARY

How did I get here? - I need to
reunite with my family.

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Mary reaches for s a trinket that has the picture of her
family featuring her Dad and the Mum dressed as local
farmers.

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AISHA

Is that your family?

Mary nods. AISHA rubs hands on her waist and brings out a
talisman. She then wears it on her neck.

AISHA (CONT'D)

This brought us here. My mother's
gift to us on our birthdays.

Mary is bewildered.

MARY

What is that? And who is us?

AISHA

It's a luck charm for my brother
and I. I also pray to reconcile
with him.

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MARY

Why are we here?

AISHA gazes at the entrance to the cave.

EXT. BOKO HARAM'S CAMP - DAY (FLASHBACK)

The sky glows intensely red. A brawl ensues among the sect
members. Gradually the extremists start acting unusual. They
quickly begin to convulse.

An eerie metallic sound follows and possession is completed.
Their bodies fall to the ground. Blood runs from the eyes,
nose, mouth and ears.

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