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FADE IN:

Black screen with white words reading:

This short film will entail the raw and graphic reality that South China tigers and other endangered species face in the cruel and uncaring world that we live in today.

EXT. SOUTH CHINA - FOREST - AFTERNOON

Views of trees and all the different species of animals thriving within them. A tiger roars continuously. The South China tigress playfully tussles with her tiger cub(male). Regardless of the tigress size advantage, the tigress cub continues to charge at her but is knocked to the ground every time. The tigress cub takes a few steps back.

TIGRESS CUB

That's it. Time for the secret technique.

The tigress cub gathers speed, charging at the tigress. He jumps in the air.

TIGRESS CUB

The tigers flying swoop!

The tigress catches him with her two paws.

TIGRESS

Tigers clutch and bath technique.

She brings him down to the ground, still grasping him with her paws as she licks him clean with her tongue.

TIGRESS CUB

Aw, no fair.

The tigress cub tries to break free but realizes that it's useless.

TIGRESS CUB

Okay. I give up, mother. Your technique is unbeatable.

The tigress lets go of him. They face each other, bowing their heads.

TIGRESS

Son, one day you will have technique greater than mine.

TIGRESS CUB

How can you be so sure, mother?

TIGRESS

It lies in your blood. And as you get older, it will reveal itself more and more. And that is when you take your on journey.

The tigress cub smiles, he stands proudly.

TIGRESS CUB

Well you just wait, I will be stronger than you.

The tigress smirks, slapping her paw on top of his head.

TIGRESS

It's time that I head out to hunt.

TIGRESS CUB

I'll be hunting with you?

The tigress smiles, nudging his head.

TIGRESS

Soon you will. But now is not.

The tigress cub sadly holds his head down.

TIGRESS

I have a more important task for you. I want you to stay in the cave and guard our territory.

The tigress cub bows.

TIGRESS CUB

Yes, ma'am.

TIGRESS

And if anyone approaches-

The tigress cub gives a ferocious roar. The tigress nods, beginning to walk away.

TIGRESS

I'm counting on you to be firm and strong. Now let me see you go into the cave before I leave.

The tigress cub bows.

TIGRESS CUB

Yes, ma'am.

She watches him enter the darkness of the cave as she disappears in a nestle of bushes.

Black screen with white words that reads:

The forest you are about to see is a big part of the reason why there are so little tigers. Their natural gift of camouflage is rendered useless due to the cut down trees, leaving their presence known to their prey. There is only a small portion of forest left for these South China tigers and other endangered species. This forces the tigers to expand into territory closer to villages just so they can find food which unfortunately becomes a little boy or girl from that village. Their habitat has been cut down because of the selfish will of mankind to continuously build on wealth while carelessly sacrificing wildlife.

FOREST - NIGHT

Very few species are sounding throughout the forest. An adult sized wild boar appears, scaring off the birds hunting for food as It sniffs around the muddy parts of the land. It comes across some earthworms and other insects, eating them.

The tigress is noticed immediately, some of the animals are sounding off warnings in the area. The tigress stealthily pounces towards the wild boar. The flock of birds flap off into the air, The wild boar quickly looks up and makes a run for it at the sight of the tigress. The tigress dashes after it, she tackles it down, grasping its neck with her teeth. The wild boar loudly squeals, squirming wildly. The tigress deepens her teeth in the wild boars neck as life steadily begins leaving it.

No longer alive, The tigress lets go of the wild boar as it plops to the ground. The tigress smirks.

She senses the presence of someone else as a shot is fired from that direction. struck by the bullet, the tigress roars loudly, echoing widely across the forest.

INT. CAVE - NIGHT

The tigress cub lies as leep. The tigress's roar echoes in the cave as the tigress cub jumps up.

TIGRESS CUB Mother? Hold on, I'm com...

Then he realizes.

TIGRESS CUB

She wanted me to guard the cave. I can't let her down, I want to show her how brave I am.

He sighs.

TIGRESS CUB

Please be okay.

EXT. FOREST

The tigress looks around as a gang of poachers surround her.

TIGRESS

(Angrily)

I know who you people are. Your the ones that killed my cubs father!!

The poachers position themselves, aiming their rifles at the tigress. They load their guns. The tigress growls, viciously showing her teeth.

TIGRESS

Looks like I have no choice.

She glances at the poachers around her. A gunshot is fired from behind, striking her leg. She turns in that direction with a fierce look.

TIGRESS

Your first.

She sprints at the poacher. The poacher tries to get clear aim but the tiger is moving in too fast. Now in fear, the poacher drops his rifle, runs for his life. She immediately catches up to poacher.

POACHER 1

No. No!!!

The poacher screams as the tigress malls him, latching on to his neck, killing him instantly. A male voice is heard saying:

MALE VOICE

Shoot it!! Shoot it!!

The poachers shoot simultaneously at the tigress. One bullet grazing her back, the other penetrating her side. She grimaces as blood begins to flow out of her mouth.

She turns towards the other poachers, standing over the one she killed.

TIGRESS

I may be on the verge of dying.

She begins to fall over.

TIGRESS

(faintly)

But I won't die with silence.

She hits the ground. Appearing motionless to the poachers, they slowly approach the tigress. They stand over the tigress. One of the poachers pokes the tigress with his rifle.

POACHER 2

This one took a while.

He smirks.

POACHER 2

But it's worth the pay.

The tigress opens her eyes, jumping on poacher 2. He let out a quick scream before the tigress locks her teeth around his throat, also killing him. The remaining poachers fire away, multiple bullets hitting her in the back along with her legs.

The bloodied tigress turned to face them, putting fear in some of the poachers. The poacher leader steps up, staring staring face to face with the tigress.

POACHER LEADER

There's no need to tremble.

He aims his rifle at the tigress head. He loads up. The tigress loudly roars, coming at him with all she has left. The poacher leader fires one shot, piercing the tiger right between the eyes as she instantly falls dead with her eyes open.

POACHER LEADER

Nothing more than dead gold now. load it up.

The other poachers smile as they all lift the tiger, carrying it to a jeep that lies behind a large vast of bushes. The tiger is placed in the back trunk. The poachers get in the jeep. It cranks up as they drive off.

INT. CAVE - MORNING

The tigress cub lies as leep as his stomach moans, echoing in the cave. He slowly opens his eyes.

TIGRESS CUB

Oh. Mother?

But he is the only one in the cave.

He sees the light at the cave opening. The tigress cub sprints, shooting out the opening of the cave.

TIGRESS CUB

Mother you...

Looks around only to see she is not there.

TIGRESS CUB

Where could she be? She never takes this long to return.

Doubt hovers his face.

TIGRESS CUB

Could she have....

He shakes his head.

TIGRESS CUB

She promised she would return.

His stomach growls again.

TIGRESS CUB

I know I am suppose to be protecting the cave but I have to find me something to eat.

He begins walking away from the area.

TIGRESS CUB

Hunting for food couldn't be that hard.

He disappears into a nestle of bushes.

The scene freezes as white lettering appears that reads:

This South China Tiger will go on to die like many other tigers. Due to the traps set for them, the poisoned waters, and the rifles aimed to shoot... And kill. All is branched to the greedy mankind. The essence of the tiger is sacrificed for the continuous flow of profit. The worlds one true evil. But we, the people of this worlds society have the power to stop this. Have the passion of a tiger and take action.

FADE OUT:

The End