

SHADOWS OF THE PAST

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EXT.DESOLATE COUNTRY ROAD - MORNING

An expensive car sits, on the silent road.

INT. CAR - MORNING

Male's eyes are focused down at his phone, with the phone screen revealing ALEX'S face, mid 20's staring back at him.

EXT. SIDE OF ROAD- MORNING (CONTINUOUS)

Car tears off onto the road, leaving trail of dust.

EXT.TOWN - DAY (HOURS LATER)

Location establishing showing people, buildings, dogs and cars

EXT. RESIDENTIAL STREET - DAY (CONTINUOUS)

Alex is walking, looking around enjoying the scenery. He walks across when FRITZSON, a happy go lucky man shouts from his porch to him

FRITZSON

Hey Alex! Beautiful day!

ALEX

Beautiful indeed Fritzson!

Fritzson walks up to Alex

Fritzson

Here, I really appreciate you
helping our family during a time of
need

Fritzson then takes out cash and hands it to Alex, Alex sticking his hand up in refusal.

Alex

No..no, you keep that and make sure
your family is ok during the
holidays ok? No need to pay me back

Fritzson

God bless you, have a good one!

Alex continues walking down sidewalk, answers a phone call

Alex

Hey my love, Happy anniversary

VALERIE (O.S)

Happy anniversary! Just got started with the food now I am waiting on the wine and your arrival sir!

Alex

Of course, on the way to grab it right now then heading to you.

Valerie (O.S)

Yes! Just to let you know, I love the man you are becoming. Was a wild boy when we first met

Alex

Ahh you mean the man you were quick to pursue?

Valerie

And you evolved to such a loving man with morals, well sometimes (chuckles)
Love you forever, better be home by 7:30.

Alex

Love you forever and a thousand!

Alex hangs up the phone, checks his watch (5:10pm) as he walks towards liquor store.

Alex (V.O)

A while back, I walked away from death, from a corrupted environment.

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(CONT'D)
 Wanted to experience the other side
 of life I never could.

INT.-LIQUOR STORE-DAY(CONTINUOUS)

Enters liquor store

Alex(V.O)
 I thought I left it all behind.

Turns head at CLERK, a mid 30's male, while walking.

Alex
 Hey what's up?

CLERK
 Hey Alex, just another day!

Alex walks in aisle, finds the section, opens glass door and
 grabs bottle from the bottom row, just as he does the
 entrance door to store opens, at first just showing shoes.

Alex turning towards the door and making a serious face.

ASSASSIN'S, a late 20's male with sunglasses staring at Alex.
 Alex starts to speak.

Alex
 ...What is this?

ASSASSIN
 Hello, Alex. Its been a while.

Alex starts looking around noticing PEOPLE

Alex
 Not here

Shot shows Assassin standing looking towards clerk while
 camera pans to show clerk's scared face, then pans back to
 Assassin. He chuckles to himself.

Assassin
 You always were a man of morals,
 catch you outside slick

He silently leaves the store and Alex takes a deep exhale, starts walking to register. Clerk rings him up then gives him a concerned look

Clerk

You know him?!

Alex looks slightly embarrassed and proceeds

Alex

Just and old friend...

Grabs brown paper bag with bottle in it and walks out the store.

EXT. LIQUOR STORE/DAY (CONTINUOUS)

Alex walks out, looks both ways then checks his watch. He heads down into an alleyway.

EXT. ALLEYWAY/DAY (CONTINUOUS)

As he's walking he hears a whisper through the air which makes him turn around. He sees no one then turns back and sees the assassin.

Assassin

Did you really think you can turn
your back on the family?!

He pulls a knife out, Alex starts taking steps back.

Alex

So they sent you?

Assassin starts smiling

Assassin

Precisely

Assassin lunges towards Alex, attempting to stab him. Alex grabs his arm and pushes him. Alex then quickly puts the wine bottle to the side and gets ready to fight. Assassin swings again and this time Alex dodges the swing, punches him in the face and punches his arm, sending the knife away. Assassin tries to go for a kick and Alex blocks his leg. Assassin swings again and Alex grabs arm, puts Assassin in a headlock.

Alex

Ready to calm down?

Alex releases and Assassin swings behind him towards Alex with his left arm, misses while simultaneously grabbing a gun from his holster with his right hand, smoothly. They stare each other down.

Assassin

You know what was gonna happen and there is no escape, now walk.

Waves gun forward to move up, Alex begins to walk

Alex

Shit the way you hold that gun, there's always an escape.

EXT.MAIN STREET/DAY(MOMENTS LATER)

Alex and assassin continue their journey, alex checks his watch (5:30pm)and looks up thinking of a plan.

Alex

So, how did you find me? No one up there in the mountains have the skills to do so.

Alex begins to smile

Alex

Still sleeping/eating/showering together? Waking up every morning to get sent to life threatening missions? I sure missed it, wish to be back to that magical paradise.

Assassin

Something like that, I'm the only one that could track you down, know you too well.

Alex makes a sarcastic face, assassin begins to speak

Assassin

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(CONT'D)

And I see your quick to disrespect us now especially since you decided to leave.

Alex

Had to, we were trained to be a destructive weapon. After a while you start to questioning things you know?

Assassin

You were one of the best we've had.

Alex

Yeah but is this all I want to be? No way, couldn't live like that anymore.

Assassin

So Alex runs away because he's scared?

Alex

Scared? Yeah right, don't forget I saved you in Brazil.

Assassin

Good story, you didn't deserve to wear this.

Assassin shows ring of their clan they get during initiation.

Alex

Oh that beauty?

Alex Chuckles

Alex

I ran away to chase a better life, the life we talked about when we were younger. Don't forget you could've made it out as well.

Assassin

I just understood the code, you didn't.

Alex takes a deep breath

Alex

Forget the code, I rather live life as a free man with morals.

Assassin starts getting upset, voice tone gets mad

Assassin

And yet in the end, you betrayed
and left us. Your so called
brothers, where was your morality
then? Knowing what the consequence
were... what's the difference
between the life we live and yours?

Alex

How long have you been dealing with
that abuse? You enjoy watching your
brothers fight and die? I rather
live life with freedom than to ever
be dictated by a sadistic leader
surrounded by death and despair.

Alex and assassin stare each other down, Alex continues.

Alex

And whenever your ready, you can
live that life as well. You know
being up there in that hopeless
place isn't something you want.

Assassin waves gun forward.

Assassin

You don't know what I want, now
move.

Alex turns around and continues walking

Alex

I think I'm the only one on this
planet that knows what you want.

While Alex walks Assassin just stares off in the distance and
takes a deep breath, thinking before continuing following.

EXT.TIME LAPSE OF SUN GETTING LOWER

EXT.SECLUDED FOREST/SUNSET/30MINS LATER

Time lapse of Alex and the assassin are walking through a
dense secluded forest, assassin following a few steps behind.

Alex

How far are we going?

Assassin

Almost there, keep going

EXT. SECLUDED FOREST - MOMENTS LATER

Alex and assassin finally get to their destination

Assassin

Alright, this is enough. Drop the bottle and turn around.

Alex slowly puts the bottle down looking intensely at the assassin.

Alex

This is it heh? Do what they say and back to regular life?

Assassin takes a deep breath

Assassin

What's with the whining? You knew this was coming Alex.

Alex

I did, and I still don't regret leaving. This feels right to you?

Assassin cracks a smile

Assassin

You and your morality, its what made you weak

Alex

Changing your life for the better is weak?! What's holding you back from doing the same?

Assassin

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(CONT'D)

Not sure there is changing for the better, especially after what we've done. Do people like us successfully do that?

Alex looks from ground to Assassin quick and they lock eyes

Alex

Brother...that's fear. Fear and control is what programmed us to not look into other routes.

Alex takes out the picture of him and his wife

Alex

You see that? She's my wife, and today is our anniversary.

Assassin looks shocked

Alex

Yeah, this is wine I was getting for our dinner tonight. It can happen for you too.

Alex starts taking steps closer

Alex

You just have to want it for yourself, we talked about this all the time. Don't you ever get curious to what's on the other side?

Assassin starts lowering his guard while looking away, in an instance, Alex GRABS the gun and aims it at assassin.

Alex

Would you look at that, crazy how fast the situation changes heh?

Assassin looking worried and shocked, feeling defeated.

Alex

I had the opportunity to do this many times during the walk. You dare to call me weak, did you forget who I am?!

Assassin starts breathing heavy while Alex gets louder.

Alex

I'm the one man no one could
defeat, a force that everyone
feared, the god of death!

Dramatic thunder sound in the background while Assassin looks terrified.

Alex

They sent you knowing how fast
I'd be able to take you out, you
were set up to die! But I won't
because...because your my brother.

Alex throws the gun back into the assassins lap

Alex

You're the first person I connected
to and cared for. You're the one that
inspired me to be a better person,
I won't follow their rules anymore.
Do what you need to do so you don't
get hunted down.

Alex turns around slowly, taking a few deep breaths. The assassin grabs the gun quick and stands on his feet, looking like he can't believe the chain of events. He takes a deep breath, visibly shaken, Assassin points gun to Alex

Alex

Only upside to this is that I
wouldn't want it to be anyone else
but you, my best friend.

Alex looks at his watch (6:30pm) then looks down at the photo of him and his wife and whispers to himself.

Alex

Forgive me baby.

Assassin looks down hesitantly then gets back to a serious face and aims the gun, takes a deep breath while a single tear falls from left eye. He then pulls trigger.

SCREEN GOES BLACK

EXT. AT PIER/SUNSET MOMENTS LATER

Assassin's car driving to a pier, comes out and calls a number, the person answers.

Phone Caller
Is it done?

Assassin:
No it is not, but I am.

Phone Caller:
Hmmm..I hope you understand the consequences.

Assassin:
Yeah, but I'll take my chances.

Assassin hangs up he phone call, looks in the distance and throws the phone. He goes back into his car, drops his ring and drives off in the distance.

EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD/ SUNSET MOMENTS LATER

Alex's car is moving towards the camera, parks, alex hops out with the bottle of wine and flowers. he goes up to the door and checks the time, 7:29pm.

Alex smiles and opens the door

Alex
Baby, I'm home!

BLACK SCREEN

WHITE TITLE "SHADOWS OF THE PAST" FADES IN THEN FADES OUT