

THE PRAYER WHEEL

A FILM BY RICHARD WESTON




STORY



THE PRAYER WHEEL is a feature-length western thriller.

When a young man named DANTON wakes up from a coma with no memory of his past, he is forced to go on the run with a mysterious PREACHER as he is chased down by the law.

A silhouette of a Native American man on a horse, holding a bow and arrow, against a sunset background. The man is facing right, and the horse is also facing right. The background is a warm, orange-hued sky with some clouds. The overall mood is dramatic and historical.

As their journey goes on, DANTON begins to remember his childhood and the love of his life SUSIE, an Apache girl who was stolen from her tribe and raised by the Frontier Colonel HARRISON after a massacre.

Meanwhile, tensions are high amongst the Army, the Apache tribes and in the town of Redvale, where the Marshal JOSEY MALICK hopes to pin disorder on DANTON's head as mysterious killings plague the region...

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PROOF OF CONCEPT TRAILER

THEMES

LOVE

FAITH

BETRAYAL

VENGEANCE

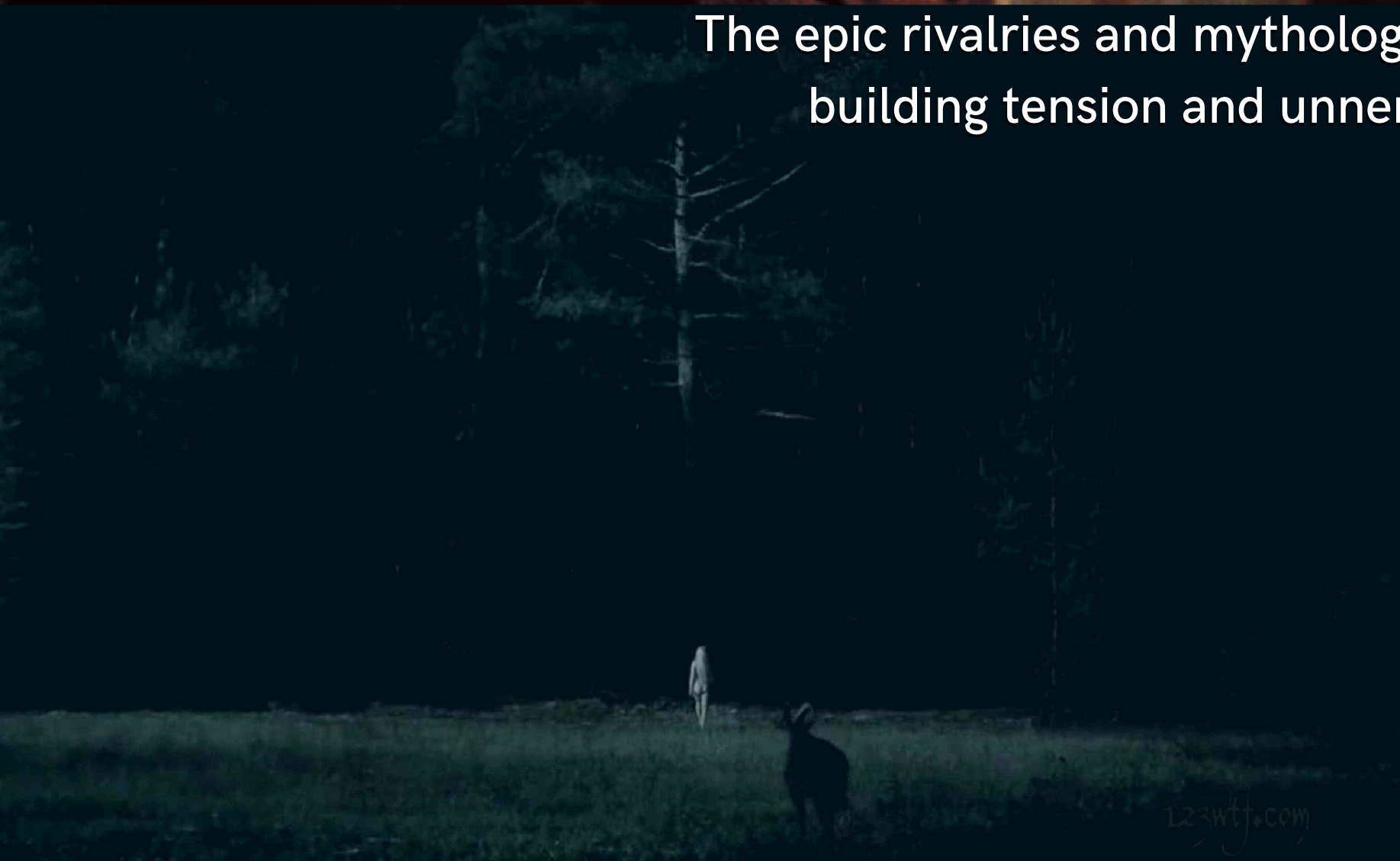




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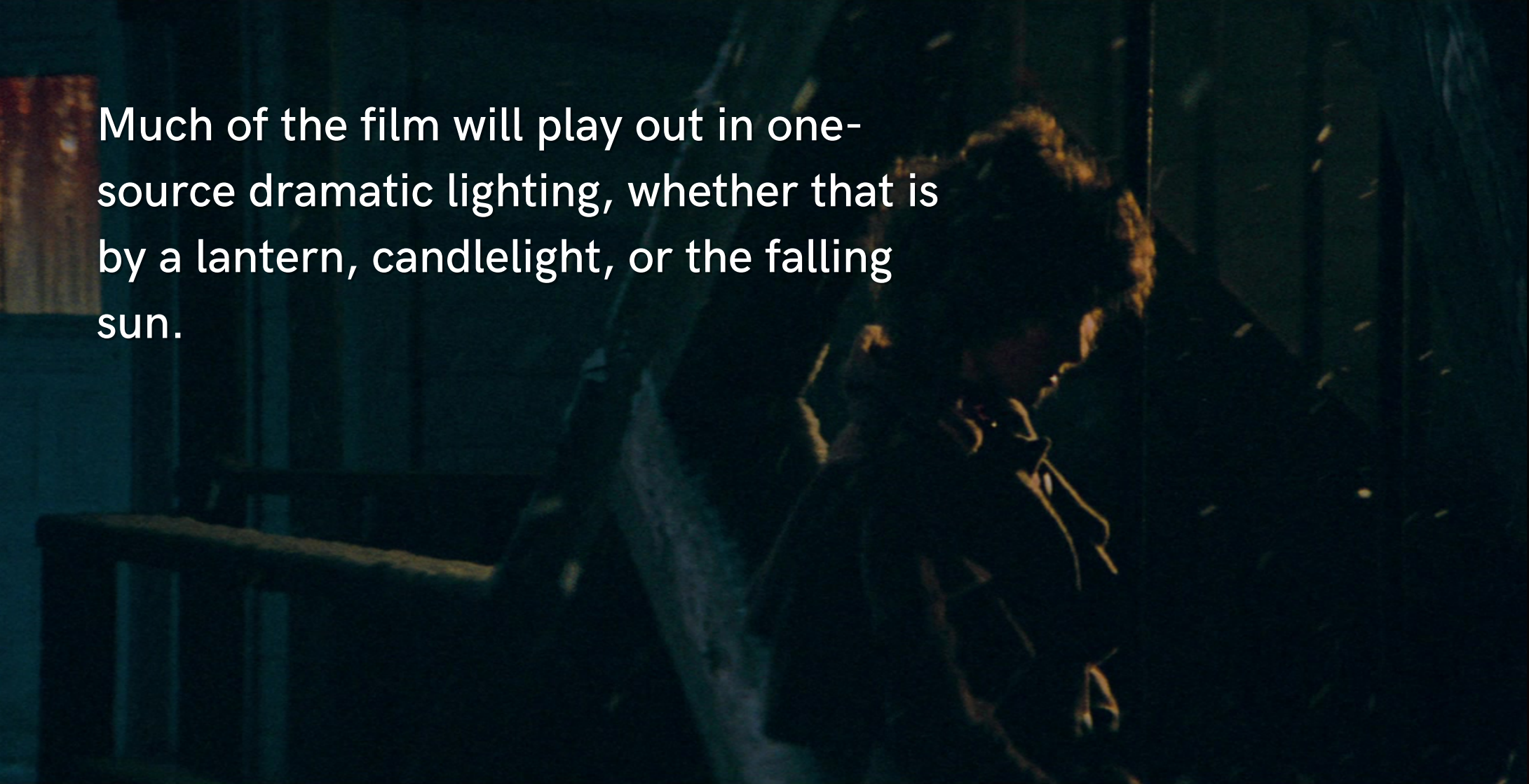
The epic rivalries and mythology of UNFORGIVEN, coupled with the building tension and unnerving heartbeat of THE WITCH.



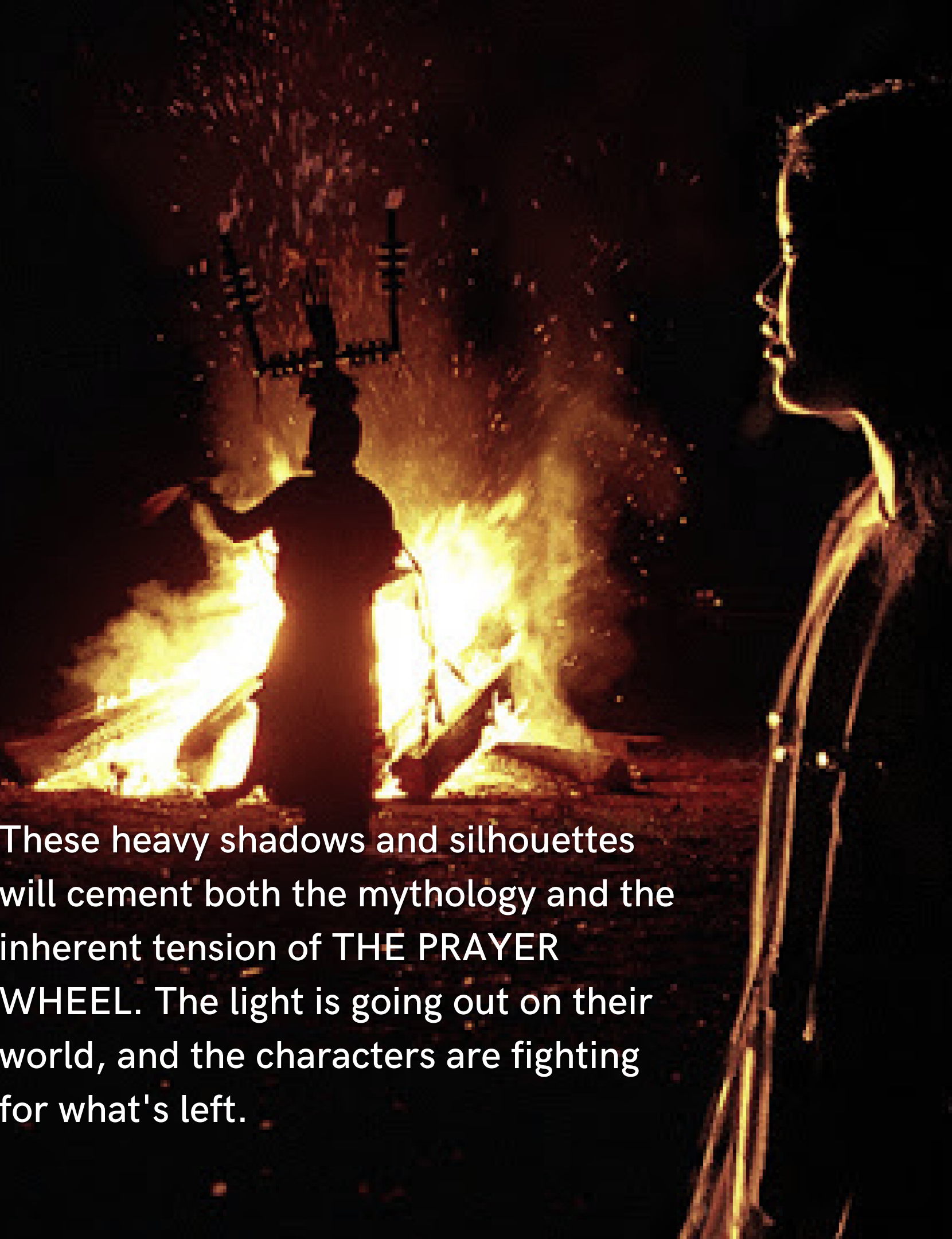
"Stand here and look out at dimming sweetness. A fire
burning silently in the distance, and then gone in a flash
of lilac and a drunken breath of grey and a sleeping black
and a loose horse running straight ahead. Crunching
chestnuts under its free hooves, sucking in dips and troughs
along ways with nodding head and muscles of fire."

- SUSIE

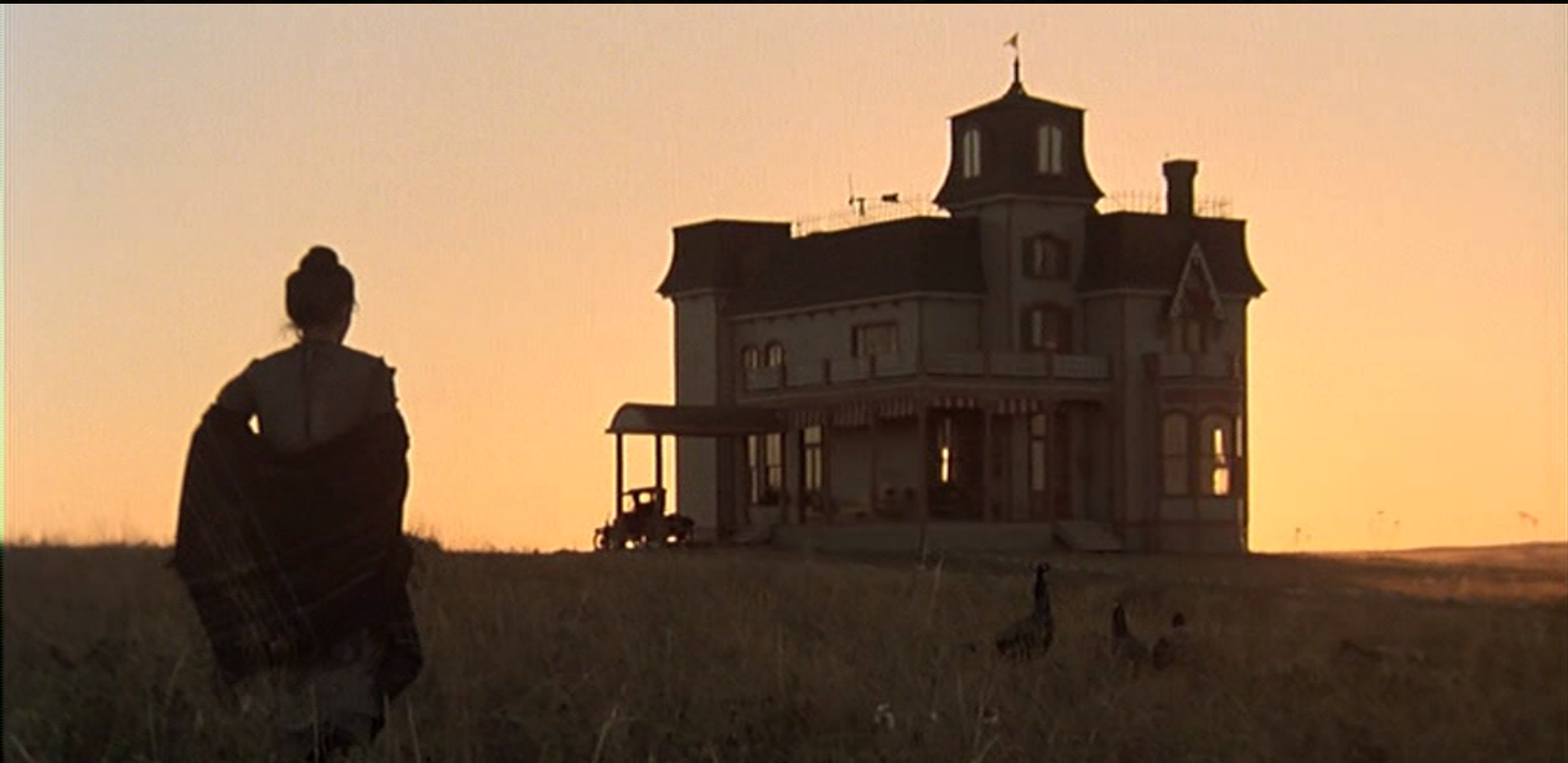




Much of the film will play out in one-source dramatic lighting, whether that is by a lantern, candlelight, or the falling sun.



These heavy shadows and silhouettes will cement both the mythology and the inherent tension of THE PRAYER WHEEL. The light is going out on their world, and the characters are fighting for what's left.

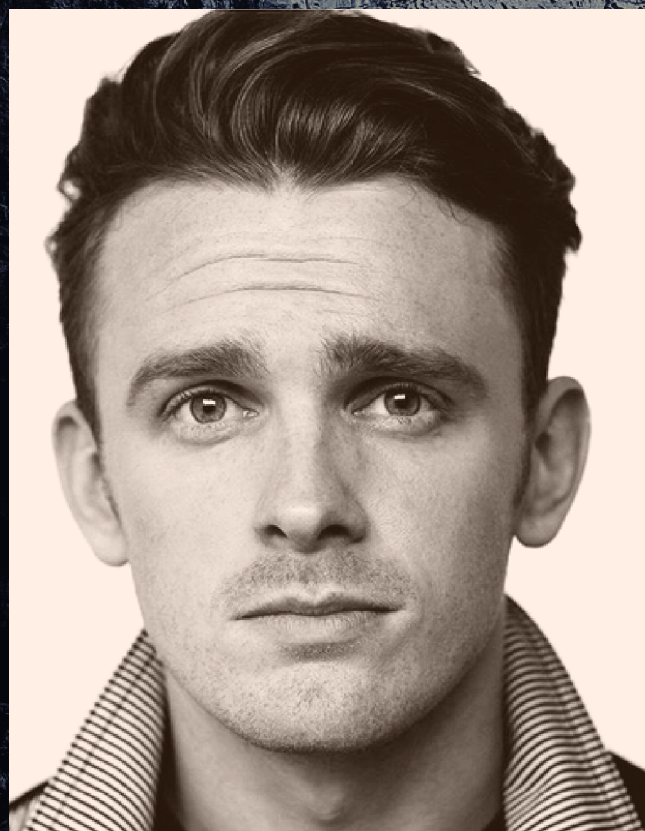




SID PHOENIX DANTON

Sid played Siegfried Sassoon in *The Burying Party* (winning Best Actor at the New York Film Awards) before appearing as Billy in the sci-fi abduction film, *Dark Encounter*. Prior to both, he appeared in *Florence Foster Jenkins*, directed by Stephen Frears.

As Danton's painful childhood memories return, as do his brighter memories of SUSIE and his mother, KATE. His search for his family will stop at nothing and no one.



LEWIS REEVES MASON

Lewis most recently played the main antagonist David in Michaela Cole's sensational *I May Destroy You* on HBO, and the leading man in *Lola* which is available through Showtime.

Mason blames the authorities for the death of his wife. As an act of rebellion, he looks to devote his time to helping the PREACHER and DANTON escape. When he learns of the bounty on Danton's head, it becomes unclear whether they can trust him...



LORNA NICKSON BROWN

LILY

Lorna most recently starred as Janis Carter in HBO's *Lucy, the Human Chimp* and won Best Actor at the Liverpool Underground Film Festival for *Cold Blow Lane*. She is a member of the BFI Network.

As the town falls deeper and deeper into crime and darkness, Lily must make the ultimate decision whether to kill the Marshal JOSEY MALICK, and save the town from an all out war from all sides.



RICHARD WESTON

WRITER/DIRECTOR

Behind the highly acclaimed *The Burying Party* (Prime Video) and *Nocturne* (Shorts TV), Richard was the winner of Best Director at the Los Angeles Movie Awards. His vision for THE PRAYER WHEEL has been one of many years planning, inspired by a lifelong study of the western genre.

**WESTON LEADS THE WAY. IT FINDS HIM DESERVING OF
RECOGNITION THROUGHOUT EVERY FACET OF THE MOVIE.**

FILM THREAT

**WESTON HAS ENABLED SUCH A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN
PERFECT AND BRUTAL REALITY**

UK FILM REVIEW

CREW



BAGS SIMMONS
ARMOURER

A qualified armourer and weapons expert, Bags has provided guidance and training for feature films, and programs on *ITV* and the *BBC*.



KEITH THOMPSON
PRODUCER

A highly experienced award-winning producer, working for both independent companies and *ITV*. Expertise includes location management and public relations.



NEIL PERRIAM
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

A founder of *Citadel Pictures* and award-winning executive producer, providing expertise in both business management and health and safety.