

That Other Night, the Wolf's Night

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Transcript

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There was snow on the ground, there was snow in the trees, there was sun in the trees, it was 10 or 15. A Pygmy Owl turned up and was sitting in the treetop.

When we came there the wolf was sleeping and he was in a small forest, between the field and a small river, which hadn't frozen completely.

The wolf started to wake up again and the people disappeared one by one, but one had to stay behind.

It was starting to get dark and very quiet. You don't want light to disturb the wolf.

Like a big room where we were – we had the trees above us and the branches of the trees and the trunks besides us.

Sitting there, one single person and a big wolf and the wolf that is starting to wake up.

A very powerful animal, very good health, very big teeth.

It looked quite helpless in this situation. The wolf was peaceful, and I was peaceful, no controversies between us.

It is not cozy of course – they smell large predators, they stink, you could say.

It was not at all focusing on me the animal, it seemed to be in its own world.

That's a big wolf and I am alone in the dark and I know what the wolf could be capable of. Especially, when it started to rise on all four legs.

I was standing beside the wolf and then trying to push it – I had to get to the wolf and try and push it, away from the river and back close to the trees, trying to keep my distance.

I tried to keep my face as far away from the wolf's face, so if the wolf did bite me, it would not bite me on the face. As it started to walk in bigger circles, I decided now the wolf seems to be recovered enough, so I could leave the area. I wasn't afraid of the wolf but there was some adrenaline.

In the end, the wolf did not seem to care about me. It was not staring at me. As I saw it getting further and further away, I turned to the other direction. The flashlight had a very restricted angle of view.

I didn't get the last glimpse of the wolf.

I thought it was best just to leave it alone.