

EXT. BATTLEFIELD - DAY

A field with broken shields and the scattered bodies of knights.

A lone Saxon Knight flees into the forrest pursued by a Viking Berserker. As he frantically runs he stumbles and panics checking behind him. As he flees he comes across a clearing and - -

EXT. A CAVE - CONTINUOUS.

He hides in the cave mouth.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

Show the viking using his hunting and tracking skills.

EXT. CAVE - DAY

The viking appears before the knight.

VIKING BERSERKER

There is no hiding, little man. come  
face me with honour.

The knight leaves the cave and grips his sword tight

KNIGHT

come then Pagan.

They fight.

The viking smirks and without another word they clash blades. the viking using his size and strength to overpower the knight. the knight nearing death desperately lunges at the viking slashing his stomach. the viking presses on and finishes the fight. the knight is defeated but the vikings injury takes its toll.

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)

So this is it.

(beat)

I fought all of my life for the  
people, for the gods, I wish I had  
another chance but the Aesir call me  
to Odin's hall, to Valhalla.

(beat)

or so I thought.

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

2022.

SAM CARTER (22, well built) wakes up. He climbs out of bed and reaches for his dressing gown.

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)  
This is me. no Valhalla just life  
anew. It took me some time to adapt to  
life in this world, learning to walk,  
to speak.

He heads for the ensuite bathroom.

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

He brushes his teeth in front of the mirror.

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)  
After a while I learned that I hadn't  
moved into another world but over a  
thousand years into the future. how  
did I discover this?

Images of industrial machinery, cars and computers

WE PULL BACK - -

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)  
Technology. this world has things that  
would be called magic in the life I  
once knew and I decided to learn all I  
could about them.

- - to reveal a TELEVISION SCREEN

SAMS MUM (O.S)  
(shouts)  
Sam, Breakfast is ready.

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)  
That's me, this new life also came  
with a new body, name and even a  
family.

INT. HALL - DAY

Sam heads downstairs and greets his brother in the hall.

SAM  
 (cheerful)  
 Morning.

JACK  
 (yawns)  
 Yeah, morning

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)  
 That's Jack, my brother, out of everything granted to me in this new life he is the thing I am most grateful for. After so long in a world of kill or be killed the ferocity that was once vital for survival is now causing a rift between me and my family and though I try to suppress it my aggressive nature still remains.

FLASHBACK. INT. HOUSE - NIGHT

A young Sam and Jack are playing a board game together. In the next room their parents are arguing.

SAMS MUM (B.G)  
 How could you. We've been together all these years. And the kids. Look at them - you'd throw everything away? And for what? Some tart?

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)  
 It's been haunting me since I was young. In this new society it is considered unacceptable to solve one's problems by beating them to death. When I was younger this fact caused a divide in my family and I haven't seen my father since. Sure they had their own share of problems already but I definitely didn't help.

SAMS DAD (B.G)  
 Come on we both know that if it weren't for me this family would be living in a one room council flat, with you working minimum wage and the kids begging for scraps.

SAMS MUM (B.G)  
 How dare you after all we've been through, you'd toss me aside for some

back alley whore.

Sam's Dad slaps his Mum across the cheek. Seeing this a young Sam rushes into the room and leaps onto his dad, and begins pummelling him.

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)

After the whole mess was over he left and although she stayed, my mother never looked at me the same. not once. ever since that day I hold back, suppress and shackle my true nature for fear of losing her as well.

Sams Dad slams the door and leaves as his mum breaks into tears. Sam looking worn out and defeated slumps in the corner as his brother hugs him.

JACK

You protected mommy.

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)

It might be because he was just a child but he never stopped loving me and the only way I can repay his trust is by ensuring I don't cause any more harm to this family.

EXT. STREET - DAY

Sam Leaves his house to go to work, as he travels the streets he sees hard working people struggle with their daily life and a group of thugs lurking in an alleyway.

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)

After learning all I could about technology I became qualified for a job as a technician. I work everyday and I work hard. With my dad out of the picture the responsibility of providing for the family lies with me. my mum tried for a while but we all have our limits. so now I work like everyone else. well, almost everyone else.

Seeing Sam looking at them one of the thugs decides to confront him.

THUG BOSS

Hey, you see something interesting  
over here?

Sam continues walking paying the thug no mind. Another blocks  
his path.

THUG 1

Don't you know it's rude to ignore  
someone when they're talking to you.

SAM

Was there something you needed from  
me?

Sam turns and glares at the thug boss with murderous eyes.

THUG BOSS

(Nervous)

Nah I thought you were someone else.

Sam continues on his way as the thugs argue amongst  
themselves.

THUG 1

what, why did you let him go? That  
could've been fun.

INT. HOUSE - DAY

Sam arrives home to see his Mum and brother Jack sat at the  
table with woeful looks on their faces.

SAMS MUM

Go on then ask him.

she gestures to Sam.

JACK

(Nervously)

Sam... I...er...

Sam takes off his coat and walks into the room taking a seat  
opposite jack.

SAM

Breathe for a second.

Jack takes in a big deep breath.

(continued)

Now say what you want to say.

JACK  
I want to go to university

SAM  
(cheerful)  
That's great. isn't it?

SAMS MUM  
Its going to cost over forty thousand  
pounds.

Sams eyes dart between the two as Jack lowers his head.

SAM  
don't the government pay for stuff  
like that?

SAMS MUM  
They'll cover most of it but he will  
still need a lot of money to live on  
while he's there.

SAM  
Ah I get it now.

Jack glances up at his brother averting his eyes after a short moment.

SAM (CONTINUED)  
In that case I propose some  
conditions.

Jack raises his head eyes now beaming with anticipation.

SAM (CONTINUED)  
Firstly you need to pass your exams  
and with top grades at that.  
(Beat)  
and secondly.  
(beat)  
You need mum's permission.

Sams Mum looks at him with grateful eyes before looking back towards a nervous Jack.

SAMS MUM  
(happy)  
Okay then.

JACK

Yeah?

The family leap to their feet and have a group hug laughing and cheering with joy.

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)

I hoped this feeling would last forever.

(beat)

But reality is cruel.

INT. HOSPITAL - NIGHT

Jack lies beaten, bruised and bloody on a hospital bed with machines keeping him alive. Sam and his Mum both watch on as Sam comforts his Mother who is holding Jacks exam results that he has aced. a police detective enters.

DETECTIVE

Mr Carter?

Sam leaves his Mum to talk to the detective.

DETECTIVE (CONTINUED)

These are the men we suspect of attacking your brother, we just want to know if you've ever seen them before or if there was any other motive behind the attack?

SAM

No.

(beat)

Nothing that comes to mind.

Sam looks through the cctv screenshots and immediately recognises the thugs from his street and begins shaking with rage.

DETECTIVE

Mr Carter are you okay?

Sam Nods

DETECTIVE (CONTINUED)

If you'd like we can do this later but for now here is my card get in touch if you remember anything else.

SAM

Yes I will and thank you again.

The detective leaves and Sam looks at his comatose brother and hugs his Mum.

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)

I wanted nothing more than a good life for my family. I held back. I got soft. No longer.

INT. TECHNICIAN'S OFFICE - NIGHT

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)

I know the perpetrators, now I just need to find them. once upon a time I'd have tracked them down on foot looking for clues and footprints but here and now all I need is access to the right camera.

The screen is filled with the cctv footage across the area sam clicks on one of the screens and finds his targets and disables the camera so that the action he's about to take is undiscovered.

EXT. ALLEYWAY - NIGHT

Sam walks down the street from his morning. It is now all but empty with only street lamps to light his way. as he walks he reaches into his rucksack and pulls out a hammer from amongst his tools for work.

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)

I naively assumed that in a world that had come so far the petty cruelty of man had subsided.

(beat)

They Proved me wrong.

Sam spots the thugs and approaches them with the hammer hidden.

THUG BOSS

Look what we have here.

THUG 1

I'm pretty sure he saw us and still walked into the alley.

The thugs laugh.



SAM

Two days ago my brother was beaten and left for dead.

(Beat)

you wouldn't happen to know anything would you?

The thugs go quiet and the leader steps forward.

THUG BOSS

So he was your brother? That's interesting.

(beat)

Sam? right? he kept calling your name but you were nowhere to be found.

SAM

Why?

(Beat)

Why did you attack him?

THUG BOSS

He was running around with a big thick envelope, we thought it would be money but it was worthless.

The thugs all laugh. Sam sighs and then smirks

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)

All this time I was so worried about holding back and yet scum like this still ruin the world of man.

(Beat)

I was once a berserker.

Sam pulls the hammer out and hits each of the thugs before they can react the thug boss quivers on the floor But sam drops the hammer and begins to pummel him with fists.

VIKING BERSERKER (V.O.)

No more holding back.

Sam stands over the thug boss who is cowering in fear and covered in blood. He pulls out his phone.

SAM

Hello, yes I need an ambulance for three people and also the police. I was just attacked. No I'm not hurt but one of the people who attacked me his leg is broken. Yes thank you.

Sam hangs up and picks up the hammer. He begins walking towards the tug who tries to get away. Sirens drown out the sound of the thugs screams.

SEETHE - SCENE 9 NIGHT, INT, HOSPITAL - 2022

Sam walks In to see Jack. His mother sitting next to Jack spots the bloody fist standing up and walking over she hugs him.

SAMS MUM

(whispered)

I'm glad you're back.

(beat)

But its always been like this, you protecting us, even when you were young. I'm just sorry I didn't say thank you sooner.

She smiles at him and he hugs her.

(Title Card: SEETHE)