

Film title

Once Upon a Time in a Forest

Tagline

Short synopsis

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Long synopsis

Once Upon a Time in a Forest, a title referencing the great westerns of our time, is the polar opposite of the genre itself. This fragile environmental documentary from Finland follows a group of young activists who take on the industrial giants who are systematically destroying the forest and threatening the environment. The film stylistically portrays the harmony of the forest, which takes on an almost spiritual quality. The beautiful compositions and alternating film formats are elegantly interwoven with rhythmic editing, bringing forth the tranquility and wisdom of nature, whose importance is often forgotten in these chaotic times. Crystal clear lakes, ancient trees and diverse animals. The film is an empathetic ode to the environment and those who strive to protect it. Director Virpi Suutari constructs an almost fairytale-like narrative teaming with both fluidity and grace - the depiction of nature is warm, hopeful and full with remarkable imagery. Surrender and allow yourself to be carried away.

Technical information and credits

Original title: Havumetsän lapset
English title: Once Upon a Time in a Forest
Year: 2024
Country: Finland
Language: FIN
Subtitles: CZ
Running time: 94 min
Dostupnost: 12+

DVD / Blu-ray: DCP, mp4
Genre: Documentary
Directed by: Virpi Suutari
Written by: Virpi Suutari
Edited by: Jussi Rautaniemi
Cinematography: Jani Kumpulainen, Teemu Liakka
Sound by: Olli Huhtanen, Sami Sarhamaa



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