

The Skinwalker

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The dark trees loomed ahead over the rocky path, a scream coming from behind the group of teenagers. Another non-human sounding scream coming from the heart of a field close by. "I don't like the sound of whatever that is guys..."

Onyekachi, the leader of the group exclaimed with an anxious tone in her voice. Lachlan, the only boy in the group, laughed.

"Oh, calm down its probably just a cow! You wee scaredy cat."

As the group continued along the path a toe-curling scream was heard from behind them. The crack of fallen branches being stepped on ringing in the ears of the teens.

Onyekachi jumped back unexpectedly, knocking over her younger sibling, Lena. "What the hell- why did you do that?!" Lena shouted, as they stood up and brushed the dirt off their clothes. Lena angrily glared at their sister, awaiting a response from her; "A-another person! Over there! Tall, in the shadows!!" Onyekachi half screamed and half whispered, shaking uncontrollably.

Just as she said that, the so called "person" came into view for the other two, the group stood frozen in the middle of the path. A shared anxiety radiating from all of them. "Onye... that

doesn't look like a person-!" Lena whispered, grabbing onto both their sister and her boyfriend's arms.

"It looks like a woman-" Lachlan whispered, anxiously.

"When I say mangoes, run." Lena said, the other two nodding, agreeing to that.

The 'human looking' thing turned round and stared straight at them, its face looking mushed up and distorted. "What the hell is that thing-!" Lachlan shouted, panicking.

"I don't know but I'm sure it likes MANGOES." Lena shouted and started running away, trying to drag Lachlan and Onye behind them.

As the thing started sprinting behind them on all fours, going from looking like a distorted human woman to an all-black creature with a white mask on. Lena had to let go of the other two's arms and keep running on their own, hoping that they would keep on going without their assistance.

Not being able to look back Lena went to a standstill when they arrived at where the camp was supposed to be... There was no campsite, only the tallest hill in the entirety of the Bathgate hills. As Lena slowly turned to face the creature, they crumbled to the ground; They could see the bodies of their sister and her

boyfriend in the huge hands of the creature, then... It all went black.