

DON'T STARVE: KILLER FROG

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EXT. WOODS - DAY

KYLE carries a crappy spear as he rushes and stumbles through the trees. He's in a full-out panic run and makes no attempt at being stealthy. Finally, he bursts through the tree line into a small clearing.

JEFFEREY and ETHAN look up from their camp. A fire pit and various other roughly constructed things litter the area.

A rustle can be heard from the trees. Kyle spins around and backs toward the camp, pointing his spear at the woods.

KYLE

Look out, it moves fast!

Jefferey and Ethan quickly grab makeshift weapons and join Kyle in defensive positions.

JEFFEREY

What is it??

After a second, a small frog hops out from behind a tree.

Beat.

ETHAN

Is it the frog?

KYLE

It's the frog.

Jefferey and Ethan lower their weapons in frustration. Kyle stays focused on the frog.

KYLE

What are you doing? The three of us can probably take it.

ETHAN

Yep. Hilarious. Did you find food?

KYLE

Guys, I'm not joking! I mean, I guess I can see how it looks less than threatening now... but where I was, there were all these ponds, and... frogs. Everywhere. They rushed me. Most of them gave up, but this guy followed me all the way back to camp, didn't ya?

The frog stares.

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ETHAN

Did. You. Get. Food?

KYLE

Well I got some, but I was running for my life for several hours. I got hungry. All I have left is a few seeds.

Kyle holds up some seeds. Jefferey grabs and eats them in less than a second.

KYLE

Hey!

JEFFEREY

(mouth full)

Sorry...

ETHAN

Well, great. Now it's almost dark, and we have some seeds and berries I hid from Jefferey. We're feeding three people here.

KYLE

OK, you guys have NO IDEA what's out there!

(turning Ethan's head)

Don't look away from that frog. That frog wants to kill you. Just like everything else in those woods!

ETHAN

You know what really wants to kill us? Hunger. Thirst. The cold.

KYLE

Yeah, and pig-human hybrids that are tromping around right outside our camp! You guys don't know - you haven't even left this clearing since we randomly woke up here! Which, lest we forget, is still super weird!

(to Jefferey)

Eyes on the frog!

JEFFEREY

You saw pig people?

They stare at Kyle with a mix of irritation and concern. Mostly the first one.

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KYLE

...No. It was just an example. Of something ridiculous, yet possible. But, there were bees! And they were huge! They looked like flying hamsters!

ETHAN

Really, you're backing down from pig people, but not hamster bees?

KYLE

I haven't even **gotten** to the crazy stuff, man! There are robots, and big spiders, and one-eyed birds, and that shadow monster behind you!

Ethan glances at the empty space behind him.

KYLE

OK, forget that last one, but most of the other things are probably real!

JEFFEREY

How about the trees? Should we be worried about them, too?

KYLE

Actually, I saw one walking around. So yeah. If you haven't started cutting them down yet, I wouldn't recommend it.

ETHAN

What, so now we can't get firewood either?

KYLE

All I know is that if one of those things sees you, it's gonna be pissed.

ETHAN

OK, Kyle? I'm not gonna say you're crazy, because you're holding a spear, but Jefferey and I have been here all day, and we haven't seen any of that stuff. So- hey, are you listening?

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KYLE

Yeah, sorry. The frog...

ETHAN

What I know for sure is that if we don't find something to eat, we're screwed. Right now, our biggest real problem is a food shortage. So that's what we need to focus on. Not hallucinated forest monsters.

KYLE

Right... well, you say that. But Jefferey's dead.

ETHAN

What?

Jefferey is laying on the ground next to the frog.

ETHAN

(more annoyed than concerned)
Jefferey!

He goes over to investigate.

KYLE

Frog got him. I said to watch the frog.

ETHAN

Frogs can't kill people!

KYLE

Lots of normal frogs can kill people! You have to try to eat them first, but he probably did.

You know what? I'm tired of arguing. You're the one who's gonna have "Killed By Frog" on his tombstone. At least you would if I made you one, which I won't.

Ethan is dead.

KYLE

Yeah, see? There you go. I'm better off alone anyway.

Kyle proudly holds up the previously hidden seeds.

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KYLE

No food shortage now, is there?

His excitement quickly passes as he looks at the seeds and contemplates the true meaning of "food shortage."

Jefferey appears next to him as a ghost.

GHOST JEFFEREY

Can I have those?

KYLE

Go away, Jefferey.

END.