CO'A FALLS

a new serial by

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LOGLINE

SAM HIGH is a college student who returns home to Co'a Falls, Idaho for childhood friend **JOSH**'s funeral and begins to suspect murder when Josh comes back as a ghost to dispel the town rumor of his apparent suicide.

OVERVIEW

FORMAT: A one-hour drama serial with elements of dark comedy.

TONE: The atmosphere resembles that of TWIN PEAKS, with supernatural elements similar to THE HAUNTING OF HILL HOUSE. Comedy is a bit like WHAT WE DO IN THE SHADOWS, but a bit darker.

SETTING: Co'a Falls, a fictionalized version of Idaho Falls, Idaho. A small town surrounded by a deep evergreen forest. The type of town where people talk and secrets are hidden in plain sight. A majority of businesses are owned by the Lockwoods, a family that made their wealth when the town was a logging headquarters. Snake River runs directly through town and divides it into two sections: the have and the have-nots. This is due to the fact that when Co'a Falls was a logging town the east side housed all the workers. When the industry died down, the worker houses were converted into low-income housing and rich families like the Lockwoods began new developments on the west side.

SYNOPSIS

EPISODE 1: "We Meet Again"

SAM HIGH is a college freshman who returns to his small hometown of Co'a Falls for the funeral of **JOSH KA'UHANE**, a childhood friend he fell out of contact with after moving to college. Though the official story is that Josh committed suicide, Sam grows suspicious when he notices **JACKIE BENNET**, Josh's ex-girlfriend, lurking outside Josh's funeral from a distance. Sam follows Jackie from the funeral and sees her turn into a property owned by the prestigious Lockwood family. Sam suspects that **DEAN LOCKWOOD** is connected to Josh's death, as he would bully Josh and Sam throughout their school years. Sam begins investigating but accidentally gets Dean's attention when a camera catches him poking around Lockwood facilities near Ija Gulch, a popular party spot for teenagers and the site of Josh's death. Dean sends a threatening message to Sam warning him to back off and Sam's mother **MOLLY** is fired from her job at the Lockwood Furniture Factory. Distraught with his mother's new financial problems and feeling survival guilt for leaving Sam in the clutches of Dean, Sam takes a bottle of alcohol from his deceased father **ERIC**'s liquor cabinet and drives to the outskirts of town to hide. On the way, Sam decides to start drinking and reaches for the bottle. A red figure appears in the road, causing Sam to swerve off into the forest. After surveying the damage, Sam notices a semi-truck with its lights off tucked away behind the next bend and comes to the conclusion that if he didn't swerve off the road he would've ran straight into it. Josh appears to Sam as a ghost and tells him that the story of suicide is false and that he needs Sam's help to find out the real cause of his death. He's wearing a red hoodie, and there is a brief flashback to Sam and Josh playing "heroes and villains" as kids. Josh wears a red supervillain cape, Sam dons a blue superhero costume. The phrase "we meet again" is heard in both timelines, as Sam and Josh team up to investigate Josh's death and connect with Sam's deceased father.

THE TOWN

HISTORICAL CONTEXT: Co'a Falls is located in the Shoshone region of Idaho and has a rich history of local Native American tribes and settlements. There is folklore specific to the area and several landmarks are still referred to by their original Shoshoni names. Though there are not many native residents anymore, the cultural presence of the Shoshone remains strong and everyone in town seems to respect it (even the ones who seem like they wouldn't.)

SUPERNATURAL ELEMENTS: All supernatural encounters that take place in the areas around Co'a Falls are rooted in Shoshone folklore. Specifically, the legend of the Ija or "Issa," a guardian angel-type figure is the inspiration for Josh's return and subsequent role in Sam's life.

THE CAST

LOGAN LERMAN
as SAM HIGH

KEKOA KEKUMANO
as JOSH KA'UHANE

LUCAS HEDGES
as DEAN LOCKWOOD

SYDNEY SWEENEY
as JACKIE BENNET