

The Sheep in the Baðstofa - Production Bible

v5.0

Complete 12-Minute Icelandic Horror Film Production Guide

VERSION 5.0 COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATION

- Restored all elements from v3 prompt engineering excellence
- Integrated complete pacing architecture with rhythm patterns
- Added Runway-specific technical specifications for each shot
- Expanded fallback systems with 3-tier alternatives
- Clarified narrative beats (no fish, rifle at trawler, etc.)
- Specified children's whispers throughout
- Created comprehensive character generation guides
- Established shot bundling and composite planning
- Reinforced industrial presence tracking (11+ appearances)
- Completed mathematical breakdown progression

SECTION I: UNCOMPROMISABLE CORE

The Twenty Absolute Elements (NEVER CHANGE)

1. **Three-Layer Reality remains forever unresolved**
(Physical/Psychological/Supernatural)
2. **Five family members become five sheep, Magnus counts six**
3. **Only Magnus speaks dialogue** (except Sigrid's lullaby and final "Mamma?")
4. **Shot 51 (Headdress on sheep) held for 10 seconds** - THE iconic image
5. **Never show transformation happening** - only before/after
6. ****Begin cosmic (5000ft), compress to domestic**

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I just paused you. For v5, do what you were going to do, but think as deeply as you can, with our goal in mind, take your time and create the best final you can expanding on v4 and including what we had spoken about. Be thorough and ultra detailed where appropriate and think about it in the wider context and narrow context. Think a lot

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VERSION 5.0: THE COMPLETE SYNTHESIS

This final bible integrates every element developed through our extensive process: the meticulous prompt engineering from v3, the narrative refinements from v4, the uncompromisable core elements, and all production wisdom gained. This document serves as both creative mandate and technical blueprint, ensuring that every frame serves the central paradox: the impossibility of knowing truth when reality itself becomes unreliable.

SECTION I: THE UNCOMPROMISABLE CORE

The Twenty Absolute Elements That Define the Film

- 1. The Three-Layer Reality remains forever unresolved**
 - Physical: Hákarl poisoning, starvation, hypothermia
 - Psychological: Trauma, dissociation, shared madness
 - Supernatural: Tilberi ritual, divine punishment, transformation
 - Each layer must have equal evidence, never privileging one interpretation
- 2. Five family members → Five sheep → Count of six**
 - This mathematical impossibility IS the horror
 - Reality's rules have broken
 - Magnus's confusion mirrors our own
- 3. Only Magnus has substantial dialogue**
 - 12 lines maximum
 - Sigrid sings "Krummi svaf í klettagjá" (once)
 - Children may whisper (sparingly)
 - Final "Mamma?" from sheep
 - This represents women's historical voicelessness
- 4. Shot 51: The Headdress on Sheep**
 - Hold for 10 full seconds
 - No cuts, no camera movement
 - This single image must carry the entire film's horror
 - The faldbúningur perfectly placed on sheep's head
- 5. The Action Blindspot Principle**
 - Never show transformation occurring
 - Never show violence impact (only aftermath)

- Never show ritual succeeding (only environmental response)
- AI limitations become artistic strength
- 6. **Scale Journey: Cosmic → Domestic → Personal → Cosmic**
 - Begin at 5000 feet (gods abandoning)
 - Compress to 12-foot baðstofa
 - Enter personal space (inches from faces)
 - Return to 5000 feet (complete abandonment)
- 7. **Industrial Destruction Throughout**
 - Trawler appears/heard in 11+ scenes minimum
 - Must show British destroying traditional fishing
 - Coal rope in ram's wool
 - Modern contamination of ancient
- 8. **Magnus returns with NO FISH**
 - Only dead seal found
 - Complete failure as provider
 - This triggers violence and sending Guðrún out
- 9. **The Ram's Triple Nature**
 - Magnus's missing ram (V-notched ear)
 - Supernatural forystufé (impossible qualities)
 - Hallucination from poison
 - All three simultaneously true
- 10. **Failed Tilberi Ritual**
 - Wrong materials used (shark cartilage not human rib)
 - Performed twice (Guðrún fails, Sigrid "succeeds")
 - Explains transformation incompleteness
- 11. **Mathematical Breakdown Progression**
 - Wall notches counted wrong
 - Family members miscounted
 - Two fish cannot divide into five
 - Final six for five impossibility
- 12. **The Web of Surveillance**
 - Sigrid watches everyone
 - Guðrún watches Magnus fearfully
 - Magnus watches for betrayal
 - Children watch without understanding
- 13. **Visual Motifs Must Appear**
 - Cross patterns (7 times minimum)
 - V-notches (3 times, connected)
 - Black in white (corruption)
 - Mirrors/doubling (5 times)
- 14. **The Incest Subplot**
 - Shown only through positioning
 - Sigrid always maximum distance
 - Only her sheep retreats
 - Her ritual is escape attempt
- 15. **Specific Timing Markers**

- "Day 13 - 77 days too early"
- September → November progression
- 3 hours December daylight only
- 16. The Wind-Stop Moment**
 - During ram encounter
 - Exactly 4 seconds
 - Complete silence
 - Snow freezes mid-air
- 17. Voice Transformation**
 - Sheep bleat becomes child's "Mamma?"
 - Must happen on screen
 - Then immediate cut to black
- 18. Aurora Opening**
 - Dying green ribbons
 - Gods/nature abandoning
 - Sets cosmic indifference
- 19. Specific Icelandic Elements**
 - Hákarl not generic meat
 - Tilberi not generic witchcraft
 - Forystufé not generic sheep
 - Baðstofa not generic cabin
- 20. The Ending's Cosmic Return**
 - Camera rises through smoke hole
 - House becomes speck
 - Complete abandonment confirmed
 - Silence over final 6 seconds

Core Narrative Truth

A starving family in 1870s Westfjords, destroyed by British industrial fishing, turns to forbidden folk magic using poisoned materials. The resulting transformation—whether real, hallucinated, or supernatural—can never be known. The horror is this impossibility of knowing.

SECTION II: COMPLETE SHOT-BY-SHOT PRODUCTION GUIDE

Production Metrics

- **Total Shots:** 85
- **Runtime:** 720 seconds (12 minutes exactly)
- **Average Shot Length:** 8.5 seconds
- **Pacing Strategy:** Slow opening → Quick violence → Extended revelation

Environment Preset System

BAÐSTOFA-DARK: "Dark 12x16ft turf house interior, single whale oil lamp left creating 3ft golden pool, deep shadows, 6ft beamed ceiling, frost on walls, earth floor"

BAÐSTOFA-DAWN: "Grey dawn through smoke hole, 12x16ft turf house, no lamp, blue shadows, frost melting, condensation dripping"

BEACH-STORM: "Black volcanic sand, 40mph snow horizontal, grey-green sea, ice chunks grinding shore, trawler visible"

BLIZZARD-NIGHT: "Complete whiteout, 3ft visibility, snow static in air, no ground/sky distinction"

COSMIC-AERIAL: "5000ft altitude, dying aurora, grey clouds below, 60% ice coverage visible through gaps"

PROLOGUE: COSMIC ABANDONMENT (0:00-0:55)

Pacing: Slow, contemplative, 10-12 second average shots **Rhythm Pattern:** Wide establishing → Slow descent → Text → Detail

SHOT_0 - AURORA DEATH ★★★

Runtime: 12 seconds

BASE ENVIRONMENT: COSMIC-AERIAL

ADD SPECIFICS: "Dying green aurora ribbons dissolving like watercolor, slow descent beginning"

CAMERA: Aerial wide, imperceptible drift down

LIGHTING: Aurora at 557.7nm wavelength, fading

NEGATIVE: No modern aircraft, no bright aurora, no ground detail yet

TECHNICAL: 24mm equivalent, deep focus

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

CAMERA MOVEMENT: Slow drift down 0.5 intensity

FALLBACK 1: "High aerial over frozen fjord, dim green glow in clouds"

FALLBACK 2: "Mountain peaks through clouds at dawn"

EMERGENCY: Stock footage aurora with color correction

Purpose: Establish divine abandonment **Sound:** High-altitude wind only **Industrial:** None - pure nature departing

SHOT_1 - TEXT CARD ★

Runtime: 3 seconds

PROMPT: "Black screen, white Helvetica: 'Day 13 - 77 days too early'"

RUNWAY MODE: Not needed - title card

FALLBACK: "They will eat poison or starve"

Purpose: State the impossible timeline

SHOT_2 - SHARK MEAT CLOSE-UP ★★★★★

Runtime: 6 seconds

Difficulty: High - needs specific toxic appearance

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BADSTOFA-DARK

ADD SPECIFICS: "Extreme close-up grey-pink meat, crystalline ammonia deposits, dripping"

CAMERA: Macro lens equivalent, shallow DOF

LIGHTING: Single lamp from left, harsh shadows

ATMOSPHERE: Visible drip forming and falling

NEGATIVE: No fresh meat appearance, no appetizing colors

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

CAMERA MOVEMENT: Static with slight focus pull

SUBJECT POSITION: Center frame, filling 80%

FALLBACK 1: "Hanging meat with white crystals, dark background"

FALLBACK 2: "Close-up preserved meat, unappetizing"

EMERGENCY: Any hanging meat, color correct to grey

Three Layers: Poison (physical), temptation (psychological), offering (supernatural)

SHOT_2b - EMPTY CROSS RACK ★★

Runtime: 4 seconds

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BADSTOFA-DARK

ADD SPECIFICS: "Empty wooden rack in cross formation, cobwebs, dust motes in light beam"

CAMERA: Medium shot, eye level

NEGATIVE: No fish, no food, nothing hanging

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

MOTION INTENSITY: 0.5 (dust motes only)

Motif: Cross pattern #1 - emptiness from industrial depletion

SHOT_2c - COUNTING FAILURE ★★

Runtime: 4 seconds

PROMPT: "Extreme close-up weathered finger on carved wall notches, trembling, losing count"

CAMERA: Macro, handheld slight shake

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Finger movement 2.0 intensity

FALLBACK: "Hand touching marked wall"

Mathematical Breakdown: Setup #1

SHOT_3 - FAMILY UNDER POISON ★★★

Runtime: 7 seconds

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BADSTOFA-DARK

ADD SPECIFICS: "Five faces looking up - bearded man, headdressed woman, braided teen, boy, small girl"

CAMERA: Low angle looking up

LIGHTING: Rembrandt from below

NEGATIVE: No smiling, no eye contact between them

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

CAMERA MOVEMENT: Slight push in 1.0

COMPOSITE PLAN: May need to generate faces separately

FALLBACK 1: "Family group looking upward, hungry"

FALLBACK 2: "Five people in dark room"

Surveillance Note: Only time all watch same thing **Sound:** Stomach growl at 5 seconds, distant trawler horn

SHOT_4 - LULLABY PROTECTION ★★★

Runtime: 9 seconds

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BADSTOFA-DARK

ADD SPECIFICS: "Teenage blonde girl singing to small girl with doll on sleeping platform"

CAMERA: Medium shot, slight high angle

CHARACTER POSITIONS: Sigrid left, Lilja right, protective posture

NEGATIVE: No modern clothing, no happiness

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Gentle rocking 1.5 intensity

Dialogue: SIGRID: "Krummi svaf í klettagjá, krunkaði um ýr..." **Purpose:** Establish protector role, introduce raven song

ACT I: MORNING DESPERATION (0:55-3:45)

Pacing: Building tension, 6-8 second average **Rhythm Pattern:** Detail → Reaction → Wide → Detail

SHOT_5 - FJORD WITH TRAWLER ★★☆☆

Runtime: 10 seconds

BASE ENVIRONMENT: COSMIC-AERIAL (lower altitude)

ADD SPECIFICS: "British steam trawler with black smoke, frozen fjord, tiny house below"

CAMERA: Aerial 2000 feet

INDUSTRIAL ELEMENT: Trawler visible

NEGATIVE: No modern vessels, no clear weather

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

CAMERA: Slow push toward house 1.0

FALLBACK: "Frozen fjord with ship in distance"

Industrial Presence: #1 - Introduction **Sound:** Trawler horn building 70-90Hz

SHOT_6 - HOUSE APPROACH ★★☆☆

Runtime: 8 seconds

PROMPT: "Aerial descending to snow-covered turf house, sheep tracks circling building"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

CAMERA: Descending 2.0 intensity

Foreshadowing: Sheep tracks preview transformation

SHOT_6b - REFLECTION DISTORTION ★★☆☆

Runtime: 3 seconds

PROMPT: "Frozen window interior, man's face reflected wrong - too many features"

CAMERA: Close-up, static

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Breath fogging 1.0

COMPOSITE: May need face added separately

FALLBACK: "Distorted reflection in ice"

Motif: Mirror/doubling #1 **Three Layers:** All present in distortion

SHOT_7 - SIGRID'S WITNESS ★★

Runtime: 6 seconds

CHARACTER: SIGRID-STANDARD

ADD: "Eyes tracking left to right, never blinking"

CAMERA: Extreme close-up eyes

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Eye movement only 1.5

FALLBACK: "Teen girl watching intently"

Surveillance Web: Sigrid observing mother

SHOT_7b - WINDOW CROSS ★★

Runtime: 3 seconds

PROMPT: "Frost on window forming natural cross pattern, dim light through"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

FALLBACK: "Icy window with pattern"

Motif: Cross #2 **Industrial:** Faint trawler horn audible

SHOT_8 - FAMILY HIERARCHY TABLE ★★★★★

Runtime: 11 seconds **Difficulty:** Complex positioning needed

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BADSTOFA-DARK

ADD SPECIFICS: "Five at table - Magnus head, Guðrún right, Sigrid far, children between"

CAMERA: Wide shot, eye level

SURVEILLANCE WEB: "Each looking different direction - no eye contact"

NEGATIVE: No food on table, no warmth, no connection

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

CAMERA: Static with slight drift right 0.5

COMPOSITE PLAN: Generate individuals, composite positions

FALLBACK 1: "Family at table in dark room"

FALLBACK 2: "Five people seated, shadows"

EMERGENCY: Individual shots edited together

Purpose: Establish power dynamics **Sound:** House settling, trawler horn continues

SHOT_8b - MAGNÚS COUNTING FAMILY ★★☆☆

Runtime: 5 seconds

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-STANDARD

ADD: "Finger pointing at each family member, confusion building"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Hand gesture 2.5

Dialogue: MAGNÚS: "Einn, tveir... þrír... fjórir... fimm... já, fimm" **Mathematical Breakdown:** Setup #2

SHOT_9 - SECRET BREAD ★★☆☆

Runtime: 6 seconds

PROMPT: "Through wooden slats, woman's hands hiding bread in apron, head turning checking"

CAMERA: POV through obstruction

SURVEILLANCE: Guðrún hiding, Sigrid visible watching

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Furtive movement 2.0

FALLBACK: "Hands concealing something"

SHOT_9b - CROSSED FIREWOOD ★

Runtime: 3 seconds

PROMPT: "Two birch logs crossed on hearth, dying embers, frost on stones"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

Motif: Cross #3, Doubling (two pieces = two deaths coming)

SHOT_10 - TRACKING MOTHER ★★☆☆

Runtime: 5 seconds

CHARACTER: SIGRID-FEARFUL

CAMERA: Extreme close-up eyes moving

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Eye tracking 1.5

Surveillance: Sigrid's constant awareness

SHOT_10b - BLACK THREAD REPAIR ★★☆☆

Runtime: 6 seconds

PROMPT: "Hands sewing with black thread through white fabric, dark line forming"

CAMERA: Close-up, overhead angle

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Sewing action 2.0

Motif: Black in white #1 - corruption entering

SHOT_11 - MAGNÚS AT WALL ★★☆☆

Runtime: 10 seconds

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-STANDARD

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BAÐSTOFA-DARK

ADD: "At wooden wall with V-notches, counting, losing track, frustration"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Agitated gestures 2.5

Dialogue: MAGNÚS: "September... October... November... still missing. My best ram." **Motif:** V-notch #1 **Industrial:** Trawler horn as he says "missing"

SHOT_11b - SHADOW PROPHECY ★★☆☆

Runtime: 5 seconds **Difficulty:** Complex shadow work

PROMPT: "Children's hands making shadow puppets - sheep eaten by wolf"

CAMERA: Close on wall

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Hand movements 3.0

COMPOSITE: May need shadows added

FALLBACK: "Shadow play on wall"

SHOT_11c - RIB BONE CROSS ★★☆☆

Runtime: 6 seconds

PROMPT: "Boy and girl arranging white rib bones in cross on floor"

CHARACTERS: JÓN and LILJA

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Careful placement 1.5

Whispered Dialogue:

- JÓN: "Like this?"
- LILJA: "Like Mamma does" **Motif:** Cross #4 - innocent mimicry

SHOT_12 - JÓN'S SICKNESS ★★☆☆

Runtime: 5 seconds

CHARACTER: JÓN-STANDARD

ADD: "Through blanket gap, coughing blood into hands"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Coughing action 2.5

COMPOSITE: Blood may need adding

SHOT_12b - MAGNÚS'S HYPOCRISY ★★☆☆

Runtime: 6 seconds

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-STANDARD

ADD: "Back turned, eating hidden food, looking over shoulder"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Furtive eating 2.0

Purpose: Establish hypocrisy before accusations

SHOT_12c - WRONG SHADOWS ★★☆☆

Runtime: 4 seconds **Difficulty:** Shadow count mismatch

PROMPT: "Family at table but six shadows on wall not five"

CAMERA: Wide showing wall

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

COMPOSITE PLAN: Add extra shadow in post

FALLBACK 1: "Strange shadows on wall"

FALLBACK 2: "Family with dark shadows"

EMERGENCY: Describe in sound/dialogue

Motif: Doubling #2 - mathematical impossibility

SHOT_13 - SIGRID'S SACRIFICE ★★☆☆

Runtime: 10 seconds

CHARACTERS: SIGRID and LILJA

ACTION: "Breaking bread, giving larger piece to small girl"

CAMERA: Medium two-shot

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Gentle exchange 1.5

NO DIALOGUE - gesture only **Surveillance:** Protective positioning

SHOT_13b - DOLL BURIAL ★★☆☆

Runtime: 6 seconds

CHARACTER: LILJA-STANDARD

ACTION: "Burying cloth doll in turf wall like grave"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Careful burial 1.5

Whispered: LILJA: "Sleep forever?"

SHOT_13c - FAILED RITUAL ★★☆☆

Runtime: 7 seconds

CHARACTER: GUÐRÚN-STANDARD

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BAÐSTOFA-DARK

ADD: "Kneeling at table with cross pattern materials, waiting, nothing happening"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Still except trembling 0.5

NO DIALOGUE - silent failure **Purpose:** Shows ritual attempted before

SHOT_14 - RITUAL CONSTRUCTION ★★☆☆

Runtime: 10 seconds **Difficulty:** Precise arrangement needed

PROMPT: "Overhead woman's hands arranging white cartilage cross with wool and blood"

CAMERA: Direct overhead

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Careful placement 1.5

INDUSTRIAL: Trawler horn interrupts, hands pause

Motif: Cross #5 - desperate magic

SHOT_14b - CARTILAGE HARVEST ★★☆☆

Runtime: 4 seconds

PROMPT: "Hand cutting cartilage from hanging shark meat"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Cutting action 2.0

Connection: Poison source becomes ritual material

SHOT_14c - BLOOD ADDITION ★★☆☆

Runtime: 4 seconds

PROMPT: "Finger pricked, blood dropping on wool, spreading"

CAMERA: Extreme close-up

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Blood spreading 1.0

SHOT_15 - SIGRID MEMORIZING ★★☆☆

Runtime: 6 seconds

CHARACTER: SIGRID-STANDARD

ADD: "Looking down, eyes moving as memorizing, lips moving silently"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Subtle eye movement 1.0

NO DIALOGUE - silent learning **Surveillance:** Learning through watching

SHOT_16 - EMERGENCY CONCEALMENT ★★☆☆

Runtime: 8 seconds **Difficulty:** Multiple actions

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BADSTOFA-DARK

CHARACTERS: All except children

ACTION: "Women covering table as Magnus enters, Sigrid retreating to corner"

SURVEILLANCE: "Sigrid arms crossed over chest, maximum distance from Magnus"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

CAMERA: Wide, slight Dutch angle

MOTION: Frantic concealment 3.0

COMPOSITE: May need multiple takes

Incest Subplot: Physical retreat from Magnus **Industrial:** Trawler horn through door

BOAT SEQUENCE: INDUSTRIAL CONFRONTATION (3:45-5:15)

Pacing: Quicker cuts, 5-7 seconds average **Rhythm Pattern:** Medium → Quick cuts → Wide → Medium

SHOT_17 - MAGNÚS'S FURY ★★☆☆

Runtime: 6 seconds

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-DETERIORATING

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BADSTOFA-DARK

ADD: "In doorway, fists clenched, snow behind"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Trembling rage 1.5

Industrial: Trawler horn prominent

SHOT_18 - DRAGGING DEFEAT ★★★★★

Runtime: 12 seconds

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BEACH-STORM

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-DETERIORATING

ADD: "Dragging boat alone, Ægishjálmur symbol cracked on prow"

CAMERA: Wide tracking shot

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

CAMERA MOVEMENT: Lateral track 2.0

INDUSTRIAL: Trawler visible on horizon

FALLBACK: "Man dragging boat on black sand"

SHOT_18b - TRAWLER NET IN LINES ★★★★★

Runtime: 4 seconds

PROMPT: "Hands pulling fishing lines with industrial net tangled in"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Pulling action 2.5

Industrial: Direct contamination

SHOT_19 - WITNESSED INDIFFERENCE ★★★★★

Runtime: 10 seconds **Difficulty:** Split composition

PROMPT: "Split screen - Left: Trawler wheelhouse yellow light. Right: small boat in storm"

CAMERA: Static split

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

COMPOSITE PLAN: Generate separately, split in post

FALLBACK 1: "Trawler and small boat in storm"

FALLBACK 2: "Ship passing fishing boat"

EMERGENCY: Just trawler or just boat

Industrial: Warm modernity vs cold tradition

SHOT_19b - LINES SEVERED ★★★★★

Runtime: 10 seconds

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BEACH-STORM

ACTION: "Trawler crushing through fishing lines, ropes snapping"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Violent severing 4.0

FALLBACK: "Boat in rough seas"

SHOT_19c - UNDERWATER EMPTINESS ★★★

Runtime: 6 seconds

PROMPT: "Underwater murk, empty severed net drifting, no fish anywhere"

CAMERA: Underwater wide

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

INDUSTRIAL: Oil slick rainbow above

Truth Revealed: Nothing to catch **Three Layers:** Empty sea/futile effort/abandoned waters

SHOT_20 - RIFLE AT TRAWLER ★★★

Runtime: 8 seconds

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-DETERIORATING

ACTION: "In boat aiming rifle AT trawler, hesitating, raising to sky"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Aim then raise 2.5

Clarification: Shows he wants to shoot trawler but can't

SHOT_21 - MUZZLE FLASH ★★

Runtime: 2 seconds

PROMPT: "Rifle muzzle flash orange against grey sky"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Flash and smoke 3.0

SHOT_22 - CALLING OLD GODS ★★★★★

Runtime: 10 seconds

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-DETERIORATING

ACTION: "Arms raised to sky, screaming at clouds"

CAMERA: Low angle heroic

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Desperate gestures 3.5

Dialogue: MAGNÚS: "You take everything! EVERYTHING! Take me instead!"

SHOT_23 - BROKEN ROWING ★★★★★

Runtime: 10 seconds

PROMPT: "Overhead shot boat spinning with one oar, other broken floating"

CAMERA: Aerial overhead

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Spinning boat 2.0

Motif: Doubling #3 - two becomes one

SHOT_24 - SEAL BUTCHERING ★★★★★

Runtime: 10 seconds

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-DETERIORATING

ACTION: "Cutting dead seal, carving V-notch in flipper"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Cutting action 2.5

INDUSTRIAL: Plastic debris visible

Motif: V-notch #2 **Clarification:** Seal already dead, not caught

SHOT_25 - NÍDSTÖNG CURSE ★★☆☆

Runtime: 5 seconds

PROMPT: "Wooden pole with seal skull facing ocean, snow accumulating"

CAMERA: Medium shot

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

INDUSTRIAL: Trawler horn mocking

SHOT_31b - RAM COLLAR ★★☆☆

Runtime: 4 seconds

PROMPT: "Empty leather collar with bell on peg, bell moving slightly"

CAMERA: Close-up

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Subtle bell movement 0.5

Visual Proof: Missing ram

VIOLENCE SEQUENCE: DOMESTIC EXPLOSION (5:15-6:45)

Pacing: Varied - quick violence (2 sec) to extended dread (12 sec) **Rhythm Pattern:** Still → Sudden → Still → Building

SHOT_26 - PATHETIC CATCH ★★☆☆

Runtime: 6 seconds

PROMPT: "Overhead table - seal flipper with V-notch, NO FISH, blood pooling"

CAMERA: Direct overhead

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

Clarification: NO FISH AT ALL **Motif:** Complete failure

SHOT_27 - COLLECTIVE JUDGMENT ★★★★★

Runtime: 11 seconds

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BADSTOFA-DARK

ALL CHARACTERS at table

CAMERA: Wide locked shot

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Only breathing 0.5

INDUSTRIAL: Trawler horn continues

SHOT_27b - RATIONING FAILURE ★★★★★

Runtime: 5 seconds

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-DETERIORATING

ACTION: "Trying to divide nothing into five portions"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Frustrated gestures 3.0

Dialogue: MAGNÚS: "Five... no, two... five into two..." **Mathematical Breakdown:** #3

SHOT_28 - DISCOVERY ★★★★★

Runtime: 6 seconds

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS close-up

ACTION: "Eyes finding bread crumb, rage building"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Eye focus shift 1.0

Dialogue: MAGNÚS: "You hide food from me?"

SHOT_28b - ACCUSATION ★★★★★

Runtime: 6 seconds

CHARACTERS: MAGNÚS pointing at GUÐRÚN

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Accusatory gesture 3.0

Dialogue: MAGNÚS: "You sit here doing NOTHING while we starve!"

SHOT_29 - LAMP VIOLENCE ★★

Runtime: 2 seconds

PROMPT: "Whale oil lamp swinging violently, oil spilling, shadows chaos"

CAMERA: Close-up

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Violent swing 5.0

Action Blindspot: Only aftermath shown

SHOT_30 - PROTECTION INSTINCT ★★★

Runtime: 2 seconds

CHARACTERS: SIGRID, JÓN, LILJA

ACTION: "Sigrid pulling children to wall, shielding"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Quick protective movement 4.0

Whispered: JÓN: "Hide" LILJA: "Where's Mamma?"

SHOT_31 - COMPLEX TOUCH ★★★★★

Runtime: 12 seconds **Difficulty:** Most complex emotional beat

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-DETERIORATING

ACTION: "Hand toward Lilja tender, pulls blanket up, then toward Sigrid different intent, pulls back"

CAMERA: Close on hands

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Complex gesture sequence 2.0

COMPOSITE PLAN: May need multiple takes edited

FALLBACK 1: "Hand moving between tender and threatening"

FALLBACK 2: "Man's hand pulling back into fist"

EMERGENCY: Just fist clenching

Incest Subplot: Predatory attention to Sigrid

SHOT_31c - THREE-LAYER ANCHOR ★★★★★

Runtime: 5 seconds **Difficulty:** KEY INTERPRETATION SHOT

PROMPT: "Triptych - LEFT: bloody hand. CENTER: hand shadow as hoof. RIGHT: blood cross pattern"

CAMERA: Three panels

RUNWAY MODE: Not needed - composite work

COMPOSITE PLAN: Generate three separate images

FALLBACK 1: "Three quick cuts instead of triptych"

FALLBACK 2: "Hand with ambiguous shadow"

EMERGENCY: "Just bloody hand with strange shadow"

Purpose: TEACHES THREE-LAYER READING

SHOT_32 - SENDING TO DEATH ★★☆☆

Runtime: 10 seconds

CHARACTER: GUÐRÚN-STANDARD

ACTION: "Taking lamp, oil low, turning to door"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Resigned movement 1.5

Dialogue: MAGNÚS: "Find seaweed. Don't return empty." **NO RESPONSE** - Guðrún silent

SHOT_33 - WITNESS ★★☆☆

Runtime: 5 seconds

CHARACTER: SIGRID at window

ACTION: "Watching mother leave, then checking father's position"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Eye movement 1.5

Motif: Cross in window ice

NIGHT JOURNEY: THRESHOLD CROSSING (6:45-8:15)

Pacing: Extended holds, 10-12 seconds average **Rhythm Pattern:** Wide → Still → Encounter → Following

SHOT_34 - LIGHT IN VOID ★★☆☆

Runtime: 10 seconds

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BLIZZARD-NIGHT

ADD: "Single lamp creating golden sphere in darkness"

CAMERA: Wide establishing

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

CAMERA MOVEMENT: Slow push 1.0

Sound: Low humming begins

SHOT_34b - PHYSICAL LAYER ★★

Runtime: 4 seconds

PROMPT: "Empty bowl with scratch marks from fingernails"

CAMERA: Extreme close-up

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

Three Layers: Physical - starvation

SHOT_34c - PSYCHOLOGICAL LAYER ★★★

Runtime: 4 seconds

CHARACTER: SIGRID-FEARFUL

ACTION: "Frozen listening to something not there"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Only eyes moving 1.0

Three Layers: Psychological - breaking

SHOT_34d - SUPERNATURAL LAYER ★★★★★

Runtime: 4 seconds

PROMPT: "Wall shadow forming impossible ram horn spirals"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

COMPOSITE: May need shadow work

FALLBACK: "Strange shadows on wall"

Three Layers: Supernatural - physics breaking

SHOT_35 - SIGRID'S RITUAL ★★★★★

Runtime: 10 seconds

CHARACTER: SIGRID hands only

ACTION: "Arranging elaborate cross pattern, pricking finger"

CAMERA: Overhead

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Careful ritual 1.5

NO DIALOGUE - desperate silence

SHOT_36 - INVOCATION ★★☆☆

Runtime: 6 seconds

CHARACTER: SIGRID mouth close-up

ACTION: "Lips moving silently over ritual"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Subtle mouth movement 1.0

NO DIALOGUE - silent invocation

SHOT_36b - BLOOD SEAL ★★☆☆

Runtime: 3 seconds

PROMPT: "Blood drop on wool, spreading in spiral"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Spreading 1.5

Motif: Blood spiral matches horn shadow

SHOT_37 - WOMAN WAITING ★★☆☆

Runtime: 10 seconds

CHARACTER: GUÐRÚN in blizzard

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BLIZZARD-NIGHT

ACTION: "Standing completely still with lamp"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Only snow moving 0.5

Sound: Breathing synchronizing

SHOT_37b - THE AWE MOMENT ★★★★★★

Runtime: 15 seconds - HOLD ENTIRE TIME **Difficulty:** THE REVELATION SHOT

PROMPT: "Massive ram emerging from blizzard, white wool dreadlocks, snow melting before touching it, steam rising forming hand shapes, eyes like inner fire"

CAMERA: Medium shot, absolutely static

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

CAMERA MOVEMENT: None - 0.0

INDUSTRIAL: Trawler horn stops

FALLBACK 1: "Large sheep in snowstorm, strange eyes"

FALLBACK 2: "Animal shape in blizzard"

EMERGENCY: "Shadow in snow"

NO CUTS - HOLD FOR FULL DURATION

SHOT_38 - RAM RECOGNITION ★★★★★

Runtime: 12 seconds

PROMPT: "Close-up ram head, seaweed in wool, coal rope visible"

CAMERA: Slow push in

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

CAMERA MOVEMENT: Push 1.0

INDUSTRIAL: Coal rope contamination

SHOT_38c - SILENT EXCHANGE ★★★★★

Runtime: 10 seconds **Difficulty:** Wind stop effect

CHARACTERS: GUÐRÚN and RAM

ACTION: "Facing each other, wind stops 4 seconds"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Complete stillness 0.0 during stop

COMPOSITE: May need freeze frame

FALLBACK: "Woman and ram in snow"

Sound: NO SOUND for 4 seconds

SHOT_38d - IMPOSSIBLE PROOF ★★★★★

Runtime: 2 seconds

PROMPT: "Human tooth in ram's wool, yellowed"

CAMERA: Extreme close-up

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Slight focus pull 1.0

Cut immediately after recognition

SHOT_39 - EAR MARK ★★

Runtime: 3 seconds

PROMPT: "Ram's ear with V-shaped notch"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

Motif: V-notch #3 - identity confirmed

SHOT_40 - INDUSTRIAL TRACE ★★★

Runtime: 3 seconds

PROMPT: "Coal-black rope in white wool"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

Motif: Black in white #2 **Industrial:** Modern contaminating ancient

SHOT_41 - FOLLOWING INTO VOID ★★★

Runtime: 10 seconds

CHARACTERS: GUÐRÚN following RAM

ACTION: "Walking into darkness, lamp shrinking"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

CAMERA: Wide static

MOTION: Walking away 2.0

POISON FEAST: FORCED CONSUMPTION (8:15-9:15)

Pacing: Regular 6-8 seconds **Rhythm Pattern:** Wide → Close → Reaction → Wide

SHOT_42 - EATING POISON ★★★★★

Runtime: 12 seconds

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BAÐSTOFA-DARK

ALL CHARACTERS at table (except Guðrún)

ACTION: "Forcing down grey shark meat"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Difficult eating 2.0

Dialogue: MAGNÚS: "Eat! Every piece!" **Industrial:** Trawler horn mocking

SHOT_43 - CHILD POISONED ★★☆☆

Runtime: 6 seconds

CHARACTER: LILJA close-up eyes

ACTION: "Pupils fully dilated"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

COMPOSITE: May need pupil work

Motif: Black in white #3 **Whispered:** LILJA: "My stomach..."

SHOT_44 - BOY REJECTING ★★☆☆

Runtime: 6 seconds

CHARACTER: JÓN

ACTION: "Turning from table, hand on mouth"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Rejection 3.0

Whispered: JÓN: "I'm cold"

SHOT_45 - SIGRID'S KNOWING ★★☆☆

Runtime: 6 seconds

CHARACTER: SIGRID

ACTION: "Looking at empty table, understanding"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Subtle nod 1.0

NO DIALOGUE - knows what she's done

SHOT_45b - SHADOWS MULTIPLYING ★★★★★

Runtime: 4 seconds

PROMPT: "Four people but six shadows on wall"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

COMPOSITE: Add shadows in post

FALLBACK: "Multiple shadows"

Motif: Doubling #4

MORNING REVELATION: THE TRANSFORMED (9:15-12:00)

Pacing: Extended horror holds, 10-15 seconds **Rhythm Pattern:** Wide → Close → Closer → Recognition → Wide

SHOT_46 - SHAPES IN DARKNESS ★★☆☆

Runtime: 10 seconds

BASE ENVIRONMENT: BADSTOFA-DAWN

ADD: "White shapes on sleeping platforms, wrong proportions"

CAMERA: Wide establishing

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Breathing shapes 0.5

Sound: Multiple breathing, synchronized

SHOT_47 - MAGNÚS WAKING ★★☆☆

Runtime: 8 seconds

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-BROKEN

ADD: "Confused, shark meat beside him"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Disoriented waking 2.0

Dialogue: MAGNÚS: "Guðrún? Where... where is..."

SHOT_48 - LIGHTING DISCOVERY ★★☆☆

Runtime: 10 seconds

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-BROKEN with taper

ACTION: "Moving through space revealing white wool"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Searching movement 2.5

INDUSTRIAL: Trawler horn outside

SHOT_49a - LAST HUMAN ★★

Runtime: 4 seconds

CHARACTER: SIGRID sleeping

PROMPT: "Peaceful sleeping face, blonde braids"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

SHOT_49b - FIRST SHEEP ★★★

Runtime: 4 seconds

PROMPT: "Sheep face in exact same position as previous"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

Direct transformation comparison

SHOT_49c - HAND TO HOOF ★★★★★

Runtime: 4 seconds

PROMPT: "Split screen - child hand with doll, sheep hoof with doll"

COMPOSITE PLAN: Two separate shots

FALLBACK: Two quick cuts

Motif: Doubling #5

SHOT_50 - THE FAMILY TRANSFORMED ★★★★★

Runtime: 15 seconds - HOLD ENTIRE TIME **Difficulty:** THE REVELATION

PROMPT: "Five sheep on sleeping platforms, ram with torn sweater, ewe with headdress, lamb near doll, maybe fingers in wool shadow"

CAMERA: Wide static

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Only breathing 0.5

COMPOSITE PLAN: Generate three versions for ambiguity

FALLBACK 1: "Sheep on beds with clothing"

FALLBACK 2: "White shapes with human items"

EMERGENCY: "Ambiguous white forms"

SHOT_51 - THE HEADDRESS ★★★★★

Runtime: 10 seconds - HOLD ENTIRE TIME **THE ICONIC IMAGE**

PROMPT: "White headdress on sheep head between ears"

CAMERA: Close-up static

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: None 0.0

NO CUTS, NO MOVEMENT

SHOT_52 - LAMB BEHAVIOR ★★☆☆

Runtime: 4 seconds

PROMPT: "Lamb sucking its hoof like thumb"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Sucking action 1.5

SHOT_53 - MAGNÚS APPROACHING ★★★★★

Runtime: 10 seconds

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-BROKEN

ACTION: "Stumbling toward sheep, reaching"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Desperate approach 2.5

Dialogue: MAGNÚS: "Guðrún! JÓN! Answer me!"

SHOT_53a - SWEATER RECOGNITION ★★★★★

Runtime: 6 seconds

ACTION: "Hand touching torn sweater on sheep"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Freezing recognition 1.0

Dialogue: MAGNÚS: "Jón? No... this isn't..."

SHOT_53b - HEADDRESS REVELATION ★★★★★

Runtime: 6 seconds

ACTION: "Headdress visible in taper light"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video

Dialogue: MAGNÚS: "Guðrún... what did..."

SHOT_53c - DOLL DISCOVERY ★★☆☆

Runtime: 6 seconds

ACTION: "Lamb with doll, Magnus collapsing"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video

MOTION: Knees buckling 3.0

SHOT_54 - SHEEP RETREATING ★★★★★

Runtime: 10 seconds

ACTION: "One sheep backing away from Magnus"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Fearful retreat 2.0

Incest Subplot: Only Sigrid-sheep retreats

SHOT_55 - INDUSTRIAL WITNESS ★★★★★

Runtime: 12 seconds

PROMPT: "Five sheep, doorway showing trawler passing"

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

INDUSTRIAL: Complete indifference

SHOT_56 - MAGNÚS BROKEN ★★☆☆

Runtime: 12 seconds

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-BROKEN crying

ACTION: "Trying to hum lullaby"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Trembling 1.5

Dialogue: MAGNÚS: "Krummi svaf í..."

SHOT_57 - THE IMPOSSIBLE VOICE ★★★★★★

Runtime: 10 seconds **Difficulty:** MOST DIFFICULT SHOT

PROMPT: "Sheep mouth opening, pink tongue"

CAMERA: Extreme close-up

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Mouth opening 2.0

SOUND: Bleat becomes "Mamma?"

FALLBACK 1: "Sheep with human eyes"

FALLBACK 2: "Black screen with voice"

EMERGENCY: "Magnus reacting to voice"

SHOT_58 - THE BROKEN COUNT ★★★★★

Runtime: 15 seconds

CHARACTER: MAGNÚS-BROKEN

ACTION: "Pointing at sheep counting, then own hands"

RUNWAY MODE: Image-to-Video Gen-3

MOTION: Confused gestures 2.5

Dialogue: MAGNÚS: "Einn... tveir... þrír... fjórir... fimm... sex?" **Mathematical Breakdown:** Complete

SHOT_58b - COSMIC ABANDONMENT ★★★★★

Runtime: 12 seconds

CAMERA: Rising through smoke hole to sky

RUNWAY MODE: Text-to-Video Gen-3

CAMERA MOVEMENT: Steady rise 2.0

Sound: Fading to complete silence

SECTION III: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Character Generation Guide for Runway

MAGNÚS - Three Required Shots

1. FACE CLOSE-UP:

"55-year-old Icelandic fisherman against bright green screen, head and shoulders, thick grey unkempt beard with ice crystals, deep-set blue eyes with crow's feet, weathered windburned face, looking straight at camera, neutral expression, flat even lighting, no shadows on green screen, 4K resolution"

2. UPPER BODY:

"Same man against green screen, waist up, 3/4 turn showing brown homespun wool sweater with visible mending, hands visible with dirt under nails, same beard and weathering, documentary style lighting"

3. FULL BODY:

"Same man against green screen, full body T-pose, brown wool sweater and trousers, work boots, then profile view, consistent character features, no motion blur"

GUÐRÚN - Three Required Shots

1. FACE CLOSE-UP:

"35-year-old Icelandic woman against green screen, white curved faldbúningur headdress with black band, pale face with sharp cheekbones, vertical worry lines, neutral expression"

2. UPPER BODY:

"Same woman against green screen, showing brown wool dress with leather apron, hands chapped from cold, headdress visible"

3. FULL BODY:

"Same woman against green screen, full traditional outfit, T-pose then profile"

[Similar specifications for SIGRID, JÓN, and LILJA]

Pacing Architecture

Overall Rhythm Map

0:00-0:55 - PROLOGUE: Slow cosmic (10-12 sec/shot)

0:55-3:45 - ACT I: Building tension (6-8 sec/shot)

3:45-5:15 - BOAT: Quick cuts (5-7 sec/shot)

5:15-6:45 - VIOLENCE: Varied (2-12 sec/shot)

6:45-8:15 - JOURNEY: Extended holds (10-12 sec/shot)

8:15-9:15 - POISON: Regular (6-8 sec/shot)

9:15-12:00 - REVELATION: Extended horror (10-15 sec/shot)

Scene Rhythm Patterns

PATTERN A (Suspense): Wide → Detail → Reaction → Wide

PATTERN B (Horror): Close → Closer → Extreme → Pull back

PATTERN C (Action): Medium → Quick cuts → Medium → Still

Sound Frequency Architecture

- 20-40Hz: Foundation rumble (house settling)
- 70-90Hz: Trawler horn (11+ appearances)
- 200-800Hz: Breathing (human vs sheep)
- 1000-3000Hz: Wind through gaps
- 3000-5000Hz: Children's whispers
- Silence: Strategic for impact

Industrial Presence Tracker

Shot	Visual	Audio	Debris	Purpose
3	-	Horn	-	First intrusion
5	Trawler	Horn	-	Establish threat
8	-	Horn	-	Background presence
11	-	Horn	-	During "missing"
14	-	Horn	-	Interrupts ritual
16	-	Horn	-	Through door
17	-	Horn	-	Triggers rage
18	Trawler	-	-	Direct confrontation
19	Trawler	-	Net	Contamination
24	-	-	Plastic	Environmental damage
25	-	Horn	-	Mocking curse
27	-	Horn	-	During shame
40	-	-	Coal rope	In supernatural
42	-	Horn	-	During poison
48	-	Horn	-	During discovery
55	Trawler	Horn	-	Final indifference

SECTION IV: PROMPT ENGINEERING MASTERY

Base Prompt Templates

Template A: Interior Shots

[SHOT TYPE] in dark 12x16ft turf house interior, single whale oil lamp creating 3ft golden light pool left of center, deep shadows beyond, 6ft ceiling with exposed beams, frost on turf walls, [SPECIFIC ACTION/SUBJECT], [CAMERA ANGLE], breath visible in cold air, [NEGATIVE PROMPTS]

Template B: Exterior Shots

[SHOT TYPE] on black volcanic sand beach Westfjords Iceland, heavy 40mph horizontal snowfall, grey-green North Atlantic, [SPECIFIC ACTION/SUBJECT], [CAMERA ANGLE], British trawler visible on horizon, [NEGATIVE PROMPTS]

Template C: Character Shots

[CHARACTER AGE/GENDER] Icelandic person with [SPECIFIC FEATURES], wearing [PERIOD CLOTHING], [ACTION/EXPRESSION], against [BACKGROUND], [LIGHTING DESCRIPTION], [NEGATIVE PROMPTS]

Power Words by Category

Lighting

- USE: "Rembrandt lighting," "chiaroscuro," "rim lighting," "2000K color temperature"
- AVOID: "moody," "atmospheric," "dark," "ominous"

Texture

- USE: "rough-hewn," "weathered," "crystalline," "matted," "frosted"
- AVOID: "old," "dirty," "worn," "ancient"

Atmosphere

- USE: "breath vapor visible," "ice crystals in air," "dust motes in light beam"
- AVOID: "creepy," "mysterious," "haunting," "eerie"

Negative Prompts by Shot Type

All Interior Shots

"no modern furniture, no electric lights, no metal fixtures, no wallpaper, no wooden floors, no glass windows, no smiling, no eye contact with camera"

All Character Shots

"no modern clothing, no zippers, no buttons, no synthetic fabrics, no lopapeysa sweaters, no contemporary hairstyles, no makeup, no clean appearance"

All Exterior Shots

"no trees, no vegetation, no colorful buildings, no power lines, no modern boats, no clear weather, no blue sky"

Fallback Strategy Hierarchy

Level 1: Simplified Composition

Remove 50% of details, maintain core subject

Level 2: Component Generation

Generate elements separately for compositing

Level 3: Metaphorical Substitution

Suggest rather than show explicitly

Level 4: Emergency Replacement

Different shot maintaining narrative function

SECTION V: TRACKING SYSTEMS

Visual Motif Progression Grid

Motif	Shot	Form	Meaning	Connection
CROSS				
#1	2b	Empty rack	Abandonment	Starvation
#2	7b	Window frost	Natural formation	Foreshadowing
#3	9b	Firewood	Dying warmth	Two deaths
#4	11c	Children's bones	Innocent mimicry	Learning ritual
#5	14	Ritual proper	Desperate magic	Failed attempt
#6	35	Sigrid's elaborate	Youth's attempt	"Success"
#7	33	Window reflection	Final cross	Transformation
V-NOTCH				
#1	2c	Wall marks	Can't count	Missing ram
#2	24	Seal flipper	Marking failure	Taking control
#3	39	Ram's ear	Recognition	Ram returns
BLACK IN WHITE				
#1	10b	Thread in fabric	Corruption enters	Decay beginning
#2	40	Coal in wool	Industrial contamination	Modern in ancient
#3	43	Dilated pupils	Poison taking over	Loss of self

Mathematical Breakdown Progression

- 1. **Shot 2c:** Can't count wall notches correctly
- 2. **Shot 8b:** Counts family, gets confused

3. **Shot 27b:** Cannot divide 0 fish into 5
4. **Shot 58:** Counts 5 sheep as 6
5. **Shot 58:** Own fingers don't add up

The Web of Surveillance Map

SIGRID → Everyone (protector/observer)

↳ Guðrún (learning ritual)

↳ Magnús (tracking danger)

↳ Jón (protective watching)

↳ Lilja (maternal observation)

GUÐRÚN → Magnús (fearful monitoring)

↳ Never direct eye contact

MAGNÚS → All (suspicious observation)

↳ Food hoarding

↳ Disobedience

↳ Betrayal signs

CHILDREN → Adults (innocent observation)

↳ Without understanding

↳ Mimicking behaviors

ALL → Shark meat (united only in hunger)

SECTION VI: EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS

Runtime Management

If exceeding 12 minutes, cut in this order:

KEEP ESSENTIAL (Cannot cut):

- 0, 2, 8, 31, 31c, 37b, 50, 51, 57, 58

KEEP IF POSSIBLE:

- 14, 19c, 34b-d, 38c, 54

CAN CUT (if necessary):

- 2c, 6b, 9b, 11b, 12c, 18b, 27b, 45b

Impossible Shot Alternatives

Shot 57 (Voice Transformation)

1. **Ideal:** Sheep mouth with child voice
2. **Fallback 1:** Sheep with human recognition in eyes
3. **Fallback 2:** Black screen with voice only
4. **Emergency:** Magnus reacting to off-screen voice

Shot 31c (Three-Layer Reality)

1. **Ideal:** Triptych in single frame
2. **Fallback 1:** Three rapid cuts
3. **Fallback 2:** Hand with ambiguous shadow
4. **Emergency:** Just hand with blood

Shot 50 (Family as Sheep)

1. **Ideal:** Perfect ambiguity with maybe-fingers
2. **Fallback 1:** Sheep with human positioning
3. **Fallback 2:** White shapes with clothing
4. **Emergency:** Ambiguous forms in shadow

Composite Planning Guide

Shots Requiring Multiple Generations

Shot 8: Generate individuals → composite positions

Shot 31c: Three hand positions → triptych assembly

Shot 49c: Two halves → split screen

Shot 50: Sheep → clothing → shadows → composite

Shot 12c/45b: Family → add extra shadows

Shot Bundling for Efficiency

BUNDLE A (Table scenes): Use same base for 8, 27, 42

BUNDLE B (Sleeping platforms): Use same base for 49a-c, 50-54

BUNDLE C (Sigrid watching): Use same base for 7, 10, 15, 45

BUNDLE D (Magnus positions): Use same base for deterioration

SECTION VII: CULTURAL & HISTORICAL REFERENCE

Pronunciation Guide

Baðstofa: BATH-sto-fa (communal room)

Hákarl: HOW-kartl (fermented shark)

Magnús: MAG-noos

Guðrún: GUTH-roon

Sigrid: SEE-grid

Forystufé: FOR-is-tu-fyeh (leader sheep)

Tilberi: TIL-ber-ee (milk demon)

Níðstöng: NEETH-stung (curse pole)

Fylgja: FIL-gya (guardian spirit)

Period Authenticity Checklist

- ✓ 1870s-1890s NOT 1900s
- ✓ Westfjords specifically (not generic Iceland)
- ✓ No potatoes (not common until 1900s)
- ✓ Vadmál wool (not modern fabrics)
- ✓ Whale oil lamps (not kerosene)
- ✓ No lopapeysa sweaters (not until 1940s)
- ✓ British trawlers (steam, not diesel)
- ✓ Danish colonial administration
- ✓ Vistarband recently ended (1894)

Essential Story Elements Checklist

- Aurora dying (cosmic abandonment)
- Magnus returns with NO FISH (only seal)
- Rifle aimed AT trawler then raised
- Hidden food discovered
- Guðrún sent to certain death
- Ritual performed twice (fails then "succeeds")
- Poison eaten (forced)
- Wind stops for 4 seconds
- Family as sheep discovered
- Headdress on sheep (10 second hold)
- Voice transformation

- Counting breaks (5→6)
- Return to cosmic scale

Folklore Authenticity

TILBERI: Made from human rib + widow's wool (they use shark cartilage)

FORYSTUFÉ: Leader sheep with supernatural abilities

FYLGJUR: Guardian spirits in animal form

HAMSKIPTI: Shape-shifting during extreme conditions

MORGUNDRENGUR: Morning confusion state

SJÁVARGALINN: Sea-madness from hákarl

NÍÐSTÖNG: Curse pole with animal skull

SECTION VIII: THE DEEPER TRUTH

What This Film Is Really About

Surface: A family's transformation into sheep **Deeper:** The impossibility of knowing reality when survival strips away certainty **Deepest:** Sometimes becoming an animal is preferable to remaining human in an abusive system

The Three Readings That Must Remain Equal

PHYSICAL: They died. Magnus finds bodies covered in wool for warmth. Hákarl poisoning causes him to hallucinate sheep.

PSYCHOLOGICAL: Shared starvation psychosis. The family experiences collective dissociation. They believe they're transforming.

SUPERNATURAL: The tilberi ritual worked wrong. Using shark cartilage instead of human rib created incomplete transformation. They literally became sheep.

Why The Ambiguity Matters

The horror is not the sheep. The horror is not knowing if there are sheep. The horror is that both answers are simultaneously true.

This paradox IS the film.

The Industrial Meta-Commentary

The British trawler represents modernity destroying tradition. But more than that - it represents a new kind of supernatural force. The industrial is the new magic, transforming everything it touches into something unrecognizable. The coal rope in the ram's wool isn't just contamination - it's the mark of a new god that transforms through indifference rather than intention.

The Mathematics of Madness

Five becomes six because reality's rules have broken. This isn't just confusion - it's the moment when human systems of understanding (counting, naming, recognizing) fail completely. Magnus cannot count because counting requires stable reality. When transformation is possible, mathematics becomes impossible.

The Incest Subject As Core Horror

Sigrid's fear of Magnus drives her to perform the ritual. Her transformation into sheep is both escape and tragedy - she gains the agency to refuse him (only her sheep retreats) but loses her humanity to do so. This is the film's darkest truth: sometimes the supernatural offers the only escape from human horror.

FINAL PRODUCTION MANDATES

The Image That Defines Everything

Shot 51: The white headdress on the sheep's head, held for 10 seconds, is the entire film distilled. It must be perfect. This shot alone should haunt viewers forever.

The Moment

Retry
I

Continue

Edit

The Moment That Breaks Reality

Shot 57: When the sheep's bleat becomes "Mamma?" - this is where all three realities collapse into impossibility. The audio transformation must be gradual: bleat → almost words → clear child voice → cut to black.

The Shots That Cannot Fail

1. **Shot 0:** Aurora dying - establishes cosmic abandonment
2. **Shot 31c:** Three-layer hand - teaches interpretation
3. **Shot 37b:** Ram emergence - 15-second hold of the impossible
4. **Shot 50:** Family as sheep - the revelation
5. **Shot 51:** Headdress - the iconic image
6. **Shot 57:** Voice transformation - reality breaks
7. **Shot 58:** Counting to six - mathematics fails

The Silence That Speaks

The film must trust silence. No musical score. Environmental sound and strategic silence only. The 4-second wind stop (Shot 38c) should feel wrong. The final fade to silence (Shot 58b) should feel like abandonment.

PRODUCTION WISDOM & FINAL NOTES

Understanding the Runway Pipeline

When to Use Each Mode

Text-to-Video Gen-3:

- Establishing shots
- Environmental scenes
- Simple movements
- When you need full control

Image-to-Video Gen-3:

- Character close-ups
- When you have perfect still frame
- Complex facial expressions
- Precise positioning needed

Motion Intensity Guidelines:

- 0.0-1.0: Breathing, subtle movement
- 1.0-2.5: Walking, gesturing
- 2.5-4.0: Emotional outbursts
- 4.0-5.0: Violence, panic

The Psychology of Each Act

Prologue (0:00-0:55): Establishing Dread

- Audience learns they're abandoned
- Beauty becomes threatening
- Poison established as only option

Act I (0:55-3:45): Building Pressure

- Surveillance web established
- Everyone hiding something
- Industrial world destroying traditional

Boat Sequence (3:45-5:15): Masculine Failure

- Traditional methods useless
- Violence achieves nothing
- Complete emasculation

Violence (5:15-6:45): Domestic Explosion

- Shame becomes rage
- Women silenced/sent away
- Children witness everything

Night Journey (6:45-8:15): Crossing Over

- Reality laws suspend
- Ritual "works" wrong
- Point of no return

Poison Feast (8:15-9:15): The Choice

- Poison over starvation
- Children follow parents
- Last human meal

Revelation (9:15-12:00): Reality Breaks

- Recognition without understanding
- Mathematics fail
- Abandonment complete

Critical Creative Decisions Explained

Why Only Magnus Speaks

- Represents patriarchal voice monopoly
- Women's historical voicelessness
- Makes transformation into speechless animals pointed
- Forces visual storytelling

Why No Fish

- Complete failure as provider
- Justifies sending Guðrún out
- Strengthens shame→violence arc
- Makes seal flipper more pathetic

Why 77 Days Too Early

- Specific timeline creates urgency
- Shows they know the danger
- Makes choice deliberate
- More impact than vague "too early"

Why Sigrid's Ritual "Works"

- Her desperation greater (escaping abuse)
- Youth's power in folklore
- Blood sacrifice makes difference
- Ambiguous if it works or coincidence

Why Industrial Throughout

- Modern horror replacing ancient
- Witness to transformation
- Continues indifferent to tragedy
- New god of mechanical indifference

Prompt Engineering Mastery Tips

Building Complex Scenes

1. Start with environment base
2. Add primary subject
3. Add secondary elements
4. Specify lighting direction
5. Add atmosphere/particles
6. Include negative prompts
7. Have 3 fallback levels ready

Managing AI Limitations

- Never ask for transformation mid-shot
- Avoid complex emotional expressions
- Don't request specific eye contact
- Keep hand gestures simple
- Use compositing for complexity

Achieving Consistency

- Use exact character anchors
- Maintain lighting direction
- Keep camera angles logical
- Use shot bundling
- Generate multiple takes

The Lullaby's Journey

"Krummi svaf í klettagjá" (The raven sleeps in the cliff)

1. **Opening:** Dark instrumental, minor key, establishing dread
2. **Shot 4:** Sigrid sings protectively - comfort in darkness
3. **Shot 56:** Magnus tries to hum, can't remember - humanity slipping
4. **Shot 57:** Becomes bleat - transformation complete
5. **Credits:** Bell version, funeral pace - memorial

The raven (death messenger) sleeping becomes the family sleeping as sheep. The lullaby transforms with them.

Visual Motif Deeper Meanings

Crosses

- Failed faith (Christianity can't help)
- Crossroads (impossible choices)
- Crucifixion (family sacrificed)
- Intersection (realities meeting)

V-Notches

- Ownership marks (who belongs to whom)
- Counting failures (reality breaking)
- Violence/cutting (marking territory)
- Recognition (knowing through wounds)

Black in White

- Corruption entering purity

- Industrial in natural
- Poison in sustenance
- Death in life

Mirrors/Doubles

- Reality reflecting wrong
- What should be isn't
- Five becoming six
- Human becoming animal

The Children's Whispers Map

These sparse whispers are the only times children speak:

Shot 11c (Playing with bones):

- JÓN: "Like this?"
- LILJA: "Like Mamma does"

Shot 13b (Burying doll):

- LILJA: "Sleep forever?"

Shot 30 (During violence):

- JÓN: "Hide"
- LILJA: "Where's Mamma?"

Shot 43 (After eating poison):

- LILJA: "My stomach..."
- JÓN: "I'm cold"

Each whisper marks a step toward transformation.

Technical Excellence Requirements

Every Shot Must Have

1. Base environment (from presets)
2. Specific additions
3. Character positions
4. Camera specifications
5. Lighting direction
6. Negative prompts

7. Runway mode specified
8. Fallback options
9. Composite plan if needed
10. Purpose in three-layer reality

Color Grading Notes

- Overall: Desaturated except lamp light
- Lamp light: 2000K warm amber
- Daylight: 5600K but dim, grey
- Blood: Only saturated red
- Final: Fade to complete grey

Aspect Ratio Decisions

- Consider 1.66:1 for claustrophobia
- Or 2.39:1 for epic scope
- Consistent throughout
- No ratio changes

The Incest Subplot Tracking

Must be shown only through:

Positioning:

- Shot 8: Sigrid furthest from Magnus
- Shot 16: Immediate retreat to corner
- Shot 31: Hand toward her different than toward Lilja
- Shot 33: Checking his position after mother leaves

Behavior:

- Arms crossed over chest
- Dress pulled tight
- Using furniture as barrier
- Never making eye contact

Resolution:

- Shot 54: Only her sheep retreats
- She escaped but at ultimate cost

Industrial Presence Final Count

Visual Appearances: 6 times

- Shot 5, 18, 19, 19b, 24, 55

Audio (Horn): 11+ times

- Shot 3, 8, 11, 14, 16, 17, 25, 27, 42, 48, 55

Debris/Contamination: 4 times

- Shot 18b (net), 24 (plastic), 40 (coal rope), 19c (oil)

Total: 21+ industrial intrusions

Emergency Story Preservation

If everything else fails, these beats **MUST** survive:

1. Family starving, poison only option
2. Magnus fails completely, attacks family
3. Woman disappears following ram
4. Family found as sheep
5. Cannot count them correctly
6. Child's voice from sheep

This preserves core horror even if details lost.

The Final Assembly

Editorial Rhythm

- Don't cut during held shots
- Let discomfort build
- Trust silence
- No musical score
- Environmental sound only

The Three Viewings

Audiences should experience:

1. **First viewing:** Confusion, horror, questions
2. **Second viewing:** Seeing the clues, connections
3. **Third viewing:** All three realities simultaneously

Success Metrics

The film succeeds if:

- Audiences argue about what happened
- The headdress image haunts them
- They count five but feel six
- They question their own perception
- They understand survival horror

Final Technical Checklist

Before production:

- All 85 shots have primary and fallback prompts
- Character generation sheets completed
- Environment presets tested
- Industrial presence mapped
- Three-layer reality preserved throughout
- Mathematical progression tracked
- Surveillance web established
- All motifs appear required times
- Pacing architecture followed
- Cultural authenticity verified

The Ultimate Truth

This film exists in the space between knowing and not knowing. Every technical decision, every prompt, every cut serves this central paradox. We are creating a document of uncertainty, a testament to the impossibility of truth when reality itself becomes unreliable.

The horror is not transformation. The horror is not madness. The horror is not death.

The horror is that we cannot know which it is.

And in that not-knowing, we find the truest terror of all: that reality itself might be just another story we tell ourselves to survive.

CONCLUSION: THE COMPLETE VISION

"The Sheep in the Baðstofa" is a film about the moment when all systems of understanding fail. When industrial progress destroys traditional life. When patriarchal violence meets feminine magic. When starvation strips away humanity. When poison becomes sustenance. When mathematics break. When God abandons. When transformation might be salvation.

Every prompt in this bible serves this vision. Every technical decision reinforces the central impossibility. Every creative choice deepens the ambiguity.

This is not just a horror film. It is a philosophical proposition rendered in imagery: that there are states of existence where truth becomes meaningless, where survival costs more than death, where becoming an animal might be the most human choice of all.

The film must leave audiences with Magnus's burden: something impossible happened, reality is broken, and they will never know the truth.

That not-knowing is the gift we give them. That not-knowing is the curse we leave them with. That not-knowing is the film.

END OF PRODUCTION BIBLE v5.0

Total Shots: 85

Runtime: 12 minutes exactly

Dialogue Lines: 12 (Magnus) + 1 lullaby + 6 whispers + 1 "Mamma?"

Industrial Appearances: 21+ minimum

Three-Layer Reality: Preserved throughout

Mathematical Breakdown: Complete

Cosmic Frame: Established and returned

The Horror: Not knowing

This is the definitive guide. Every element has been considered, every detail serves the whole, every prompt aims toward the singular goal: creating twelve minutes of absolute ambiguity that will haunt viewers long after the screen goes dark.

The sheep are real. The sheep are not real. Both are true. Neither are true.

This is "The Sheep in the Baðstofa."

In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost

Í nafni föður, sonar og heilags anda

But they have abandoned us to the sheep.

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