

## **ELIJAH AND THE ROCK CREATURE**

### **Log Line**

Sometimes the answers are written in the stars.

### **Short Synopsis:**

A grieving boy and his mother embark on a trip to see the stars at the largest dark sky preserve in the world. Unable to contain his excitement, 10-year-old Elijah wanders away from his mother and loses his way in the vast wilderness of Wood Buffalo National Park. As he struggles to find his way back, Elijah encounters an extraordinary creature in a similar circumstance. The unlikely pair forms a bond and together learns that sometimes following your heart is the best way to find your way home.

### **Long Synopsis:**

A grieving 9-year-old boy who has recently lost his father and is struggling to connect with his mother is surprised by an unlikely present from his vagabond uncle, a telescope and a trip to the largest Dark Sky Preserve in the world in the world. Unable to contain his excitement, the boy ignores his mother's advice and wanders away from their remote campsite to set up his new telescope. Frightened by a strange presence accompanied by flashes of light the boy panics and bolts across the rocks, quickly losing his way in the vast wilderness of Wood Buffalo Park.

Before long the boys mother returns to the campsite after fetching water to realize that her son is no longer there. At the remote self-register campground, out of cell range, there is no staff, or other campers to turn to for help. The boy's mother takes matters into her own hands, by tearing down an area contour map and heading into the bush to find her son. Only before to long, she also becomes lost.

As the boy struggles to find his own way back, he realizes he is being followed and soon encounters an extraordinary creature from the other side of the universe, who seems to be in a similar circumstance – also lost. The unlikely pair form a bond, realizing that they are not so different in their wish to connect with their mother's, and to find a way home. Together they cross a formidable landscape, but its not until the boy learns that the creature has the ability to follow him inside of his own thoughts making his memories a physical space that they begin to realize they already have the answers to getting home. As the boy and creature journey through physical memories in the boy's memory palace, they discover how to find the creature's home across the vastness of space.