

QUEBEXIT Synopsis

SHORT SYNOPSIS:

When a transnational pipeline leads to a successful third Québec referendum, a small road at the Québec-New Brunswick border becomes a lightning rod of conflict between the new Québec military, the Canadian Armed Forces, and two indigenous women who traverse the border frequently.

LONG SYNOPSIS:

After a transnational pipeline leads to a successful third Québec referendum, the newly formed Québec Armed Forces makes their presence felt at the new Québec-Canadian borders.

At a small road between Québec and New Brunswick, Lt. Hassan and his section of Québec troops stop Susan and Meetos, two Cree women, as they pass into New Brunswick for Susan's journalism work. Meetos, Susan's sister, is upset by the military being on traditional Mi'kmaq land and pushes for Susan to start covering *this* story.

Hours later, a small section of Canadian Armed Forces led by 2nd Lt. Sauvé arrives, demanding that Hassan's soldiers back down as Québec cannot *really* be separating. Hassan refuses leading to animosity between the two sides. Things escalate when Sauvé sets up a second Canadian checkpoint on the other side of Hassan prompting Hassan to stop allowing in individuals who cannot furnish a Québec ID. With the Canadians now not allowing rejected Québec visitors back into New Brunswick (and a French foreign national stuck between the two border checkpoints), Meetos forces Susan to come back and film the chaos and military presence at the border. With tensions escalating, a weapon's misfire launches both sides into a hot war.

Susan's footage of gunfire blows up on the news cycle, though is attributed to Krystal Vallée, a YouTube journalist who 'borrowed' it and is now on the scene. With the Canadians holding onto a Québec prisoner of war, Hassan manages to use Krystal Vallée as a distraction to steal the prisoner and the Canadian LAV1 tank. Sauvé, embarrassed, leads her troops after Hassan deeper into New Brunswick. With the border now empty, Meetos and some Mi'kmaq land defenders set up their own blockade to protect traditional lands from the proposed pipeline construction.

With some Québec soldiers distracted by the fact they haven't been paid, Sauvé and her team gain the upper hand through an ambush. With nowhere to turn, Hassan destroys a Canadian flag, almost leading to his execution at the hands of Sauvé. All of which is prevented by the presence of the United Nations and the world's eyes on this new Canadian civil war and Meetos' blockade.

With both Québec and Canada, trying to save face, Hassan and Sauvé discover the limits of their patriotism as Québec and Canadian politicians now get involved, trying to appease Meetos and the land defenders while projecting a calm face to the world. When a press conference reveals a Canadian-Québec truce (sovereignty for a pipeline) that pleases no one, Meetos disrupts it leaving Hassan and Sauvé confused about their loyalties.

When Hassan and Sauvé are later ordered to take the blockade, they decide to join forces with the land defenders. Except the land defenders and Meetos tell them to fuck off.

So the three un-unified groups are left together/apart on a tiny road as the rest of the Canadian/Québec military tries to crush them in order to clear the blockade for the pipeline.