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Pond Life

Logline Precocious sisters add historical fantasy to adult madness yet save their lonely young mom from a crazed and violent end in an idyllic but ultimately murderous summer retreat.

Exotic ROSE, 29 and daughters, FLEUR, 14 and POPPY 5, move into the isolated old mill house helped by Uncle ROB, 33.

Initially they revel in the outdoors, the cool pond, feral cats and anthropomorphic buck hare despite the summer heat. All seems well as they begin renovations helped by the MAHLENS; lustful GLENN, veterinary wife ANGELA; adult sons innocent DAMON and charming EDDIE.

But the literary, sensuous Rose pines for male company. She alienates Angela by flirting outrageously with her men. A dead cat is found, springs to life. Poppy claims responsibility.

Odd everyday behaviour and events support Poppy's talk of fairies and the infamous Miller legend. The 19th Century Millers legend revealed in a diary echoes silently in parallel, a B story.

Rose's frustration grows, experiences increasingly intense sexual experiences at the kitchen sink. Fleur plagued by hormones and pubescent dreams grows lustful. Poppy revels in tales of fairies and embarrassing declarations. Glenn narrowly avoids disaster, the men hunger for the pretty girls.

A dead cat dissection, another resurrection, Angela's eye lost, Glenn mauled.

Rose loses control, desperately seduces Damon, Eddie. Glenn overlooked, seethes in frustration.

Rose despairs, calls, begs Rob for help. JOE, Rose's estranged abusive husband, intercepts, arrives, and wreaks havoc. The nightmare intensifies, the buck hare presides.

Drunk, the jealous men fight over the girls, Joe is badly beaten, bitten. Angela intervenes, is badly hurt, left mute.

Joe's claims revenge, Damon wheelchair bound. Critically ill, Rob visits brother Joe, is mocked as Joe barely cheats death from a feral cat infection.

Rose is threatened by the manic Glenn. Eddie usurps Damon, challenges Glenn, they fight bitterly. Damon hides. Rose aghast, searches at midnight, finds a human hand, a dead body. Rose is viciously attacked, raped, found by the girls, voiceless.

Lady detective MACY investigates. Glenn and Eddie missing. Damon, seemingly mad hides. Two severed left hands the primary clues.

Madman Glenn attacks Rose, dies ingloriously as she protects her honour. Poppy calls the police.

Joe returns to the mill, Rob intervenes. They fight, Joe leaves Rob dying in the pond. Joe claims Fleur and Rose. Poppy calls Macy, alerts Rose to Rob's predicament. Damon rescues Rob.

Macy and the police attend. Rob sacrifices himself to expose Joe and finally rid the girls of Joe.

Joe, the buck hare die in a shock hail of bullets in the pond. Macy livid. Damon hides.

Rose, pregnant, embraces family life with Rob. Fleur grows up and Poppy still believes in fairies.



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Angela survives, her tongue cancer diagnosed. Damon lurks somewhere.

Macy has bodies, motives, dead perpetrators, the Millers tale dismissed and a shooting to explain.