

# A V A T A R

## **CLIP 1**

Q What is your reaction to Parker's attitude?

Q Could this situation really happen today? SEE BELOW! Is this our responsibility? Should we get involved?

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The Dongria Kondh tribe from eastern India today appealed to film director James Cameron to help them stop controversial mining company Vedanta from opening a bauxite mine on their sacred land as they believe that he will understand their plight better than most.

Like the Na'vi tribe in Cameron's blockbuster Avatar, who are desperately trying to stop humans from mining under their sacred 'home tree' in Pandora, the Dongria Kondh are trying to stop Vedanta from opening its mine on the mountain they worship.

Vedanta Mining Company plan to construct an open-cast mine on Niyamgiri mountain in Orissa state which activists believe will destroy the area's ecosystem and threaten the future of the 8,000-strong Dongria Kondh tribe, who depend on the hills for their crops and water and who believe the mountain and surrounding forest to be a sacred place.

Stephen Corry, director of the charity Survival, which campaigns on behalf of indigenous people, said: " The mine will destroy the forests on which the Dongria Kondh depend and wreck the lives of thousands of other Kondh tribal people living in the area."

## **CLIP 2**

Q Jake agrees to this betrayal in return for the use of his legs back - what would you do if faced with a similar situation?

Q Do you think everyone has a price?

## **CLIP 3**

Q Compare/contrast Biblical anointing (Aaron, David, Jesus after his baptism etc)

## **CLIP 4**

Q What do you think should happen to Jake? What does he deserve?

Q Have you been betrayed, how did you feel about it?