

Pumas - Legends Of The Ice Mountains

2x60'/1x90'/1x60'

EPIODIC BREAKDOWN

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1. Birth

This film tells the dramatic story of Solitaria, a puma mother with four cubs. The place is Torres del Paine, a mountain massif in Patagonia, deep in the south of Chile. It is an intimate family portrait: moving, sad, joyful. We follow Solitaria through the difficulties of early motherhood, as she develops techniques to outsmart the guanacos, her preferred prey, to be able and feed her young that depend on her. But ultimately, tragedy strikes...

2. Rebirth

This is the story of Cazadora, a young female puma and the only survivor of her mother Solitaria's four cubs. Cazadora has survived all alone in the Torres del Paine mountains of Patagonia. But she still has a lot to learn – how to hunt successfully, and how to avoid conflicts with other pumas. Eventually, Cazadora makes her old family territory her home again. And she is carrying on her mother's heritage, as she gives birth to four cubs as well.