

Poika Ja Ilves

(translation unknown – “The Boy and the Lynx”?; UK = “Tommy and the Wildcat”)

Finland : 1998 : dir. Raimo O Niemi & Ville Suhonen : Wildcat : ? min

prod: : scr: Raimo O Niemi & Ville Suhonen : dir.ph.: Kari Sohlberg

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Konsta Hietanen; Antti Virmavirta; Kristiina Halttu; Jarmo Makinen; Vaiski the Lynx

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Variety International Film Guide 2000 review:

“An interesting film aiming for family audiences is Raimo O Niemi and Ville Sunonen’s **"TOMMY AND THE WILD-CAT"** ("Poika Ja Ilves"). A 12-year old boy moves with his father to live near an Arctic wildlife park. The boy befriends a captive lynx, whom he sets free, because the park has decided to sell the lynx abroad. The local reindeer herders fear the predator and set up a mob to capture it. Cue lots of running through the snow and close shaves.

This should appeal to a large audience, with its universal animal-protecting theme embellished by enough suspense and chases to push the entertainment buttons. The beautiful shots of Arctic nature and wildlife should make this acceptable fare for parents as well.”

– Antti Selkokari

[no listing in "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001"]

No further information currently available. The boy himself is unidentified. Jay North starred in a very similar situation in **"ZEBRA IN THE KITCHEN"**, releasing a wildcat from a zoo.

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