

EXT. BUSH DAY

Saskia waits impatiently. Giving up, she turns to leave but Eli is standing right behind her. She jumps.

SASKIA

Eli! You scared the daylights out of me.

Eli stares at her, his eyes cold.

ELI

You better have good reason for bringing me all the way out here.

SASKIA

I do. It's about the necklace.

ELI

I don't care about the necklace... or the ritual. Just tell me about the antidote.

Saskia reels, shocked,. How could he possibly know. She'd been so careful.

SASKIA

(innocently)
What antidote?

ELI

Do you think I'm an idiot?

(beat)

I know.

(beat)

I have put up with your games because they suit my needs, but be careful Saskia, be very careful.

Saskia shivers involuntarily. Eli is dangerous and unpredictable. The vial in her pocket feels larger than life. She grips it.

SASKIA

I was going to tell you. Promise. I have not been able to get it. Ryan and Josh guard it around the clock.

Eli steps up, menacing, right into Saskia's face.

ELI

Get it.

He steps back looking at her, then smiles.

ELI (CONT'D)

You have your ways.

(beat)

to be honest, I'm surprised you haven't got your sneaky little hands on it by now.

(beat)

And Saskia?

SASKIA

What?

Eli's face hardens.

ELI

Get over your soft spot for Josh.
It'll only get in the way.

Saskia, for the second time in as many minutes reels. Eli smiles satisfied.

ELI (CONT'D)

Knowledge is power, Saskia, and I know all and I know you.

SASKIA

(head down)

Yes Eli.

Eli turns and disappears into the bush. Saskia fingers tighten around the vial as she withdraws it from her pocket and turns it over. She smiles mischievously.

SASKIA (CONT'D)

Not all, Eli, you don't know it all.

She pockets the vial and disappears into the bush in the opposite direction of Eli.