

# SIDE 1

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JAMIE  
- It's fine.

Alex sits silently.

ALEX  
The way those alerts were coming in  
... Maybe this was a bad idea.

JAMIE  
Now you're concerned?

Jamie throws bag into the canoe, takes a deep breath, and lets it out.

JAMIE  
Look, we are here now. Let's just  
... get through this.

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EXT. CAVE ENTRANCE - EVENING 22

Jamie and Alex BREATHE HARD while pulling their canoe up onto the bank of the river. Jamie stands, removing a laminated map from her pocket, examining it.

Alex stares at the large, intricate cave formation as she rubs her blistered hands.

ALEX  
Wow. That's unbelievable.

JAMIE  
The next campsite is in there, I think.

Jamie puts away the map and grabs her bag.

JAMIE  
It'll be dark soon. We should get a fire going.

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INT. CAVE MOUTH - MOMENTS LATER 23

Jamie tops a small rise in the mouth of the cave, pauses, and looks at the map. Alex reaches the top of the ledge as well.

**START** → ALEX  
You know, you don't need to hide it.

JAMIE  
What?

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ALEX

This morning. When you were gone.  
You were smoking.

JAMIE

I took, like, two quick drags.

ALEX

I'd rather you not hide it.

Jamie turns and continues down the path. Alex follows.

JAMIE

Well, I knew you would be upset.

ALEX

It's important you feel you can be  
honest with me.

JAMIE

I don't want to fight about it.

ALEX

I don't either. This is a  
discussion -

Alex stumbles on a rock.

JAMIE

(reaching out)  
Watch out.

Shrugging off Jamie.

ALEX

I'm fine. It's just a little rocky.

JAMIE

(pause)  
Well, it *is* a cave.

Jamie shrugs and starts to walk again. Alex doesn't follow.

ALEX

... Ok.

Jamie stops and turns back to Alex.

JAMIE

What?

ALEX

I don't like being spoken to as if  
I'm an idiot.

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JAMIE

What?

ALEX

I know it's a cave.

JAMIE

I was just saying it's a cave. I don't know how you can be upset by that.

ALEX

It's the way you said it.

JAMIE

(sotto)

I knew this was a bad idea.

ALEX

All I am asking is for you to try!

Jamie rolls her eyes and starts to walk away.

ALEX

If you won't tell me what you want then I can't -

JAMIE

What I want?!

(pause)

I want my life back!

ALEX

What does that mean?

JAMIE

(turning back to Alex)

I can't remember the last time I did anything I wanted.

ALEX

What do you think this is supposed to be?

JAMIE

You think this is what I want? Being trapped for a week with the last person that I...

The words ECHO through the cavern.

ALEX

The last person that what?

Jamie doesn't respond.

ALEX

What Jamie?!

JAMIE

My whole life is for someone else. I live in the city because it's where you are more comfortable. I stay at a fucking job I hate, that I'm extremely overqualified for, so there is a house and retirement...

ALEX

Where is this coming from?! We always talk about -

JAMIE

- You talk. You talk and I listen. And after Cici...

(pause)

I don't know anymore. I just...

ALEX

Don't you do that. Don't you use Cici as a -

JAMIE

- You wanted kids. I wanted you, and now ...

ALEX

Screw you, Jamie! You think this doesn't affect me, too?! Like I'm not in agony over the whole thing?!

Jamie looks at her.

ALEX

I feel so, so ... sad. And angry.

(pause)

And guilty.

(pause)

But I can't even talk to you about it because you just shut down!

Jamie drops her head, staring at her feet. Alex stares at her in silence.

JAMIE

Look, I think we both know this is just postponing the inevitable.

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