## THE SERPENT (ЗМЕЙ)

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## Original script

## DAY 1

Music. Beautiful fairy melody. Waltz. Slender fingers touch the piano keys. Whirling dress. Floor-Length. Made of peach silk. Man behind the piano is DAMIAN. He is smiling. Face of dancing person is hide. Incomprehensible height and age. All that you can see is dark hair and peach silk. She is dancing waltz. The doorbell is ringing. Damian stops playing. The doorbell repeats. Damian looks around. The picture gets dark and fades away.

Damian… wakes up. Understands that it is a real doorbell. Looks at the watch standing on the bedside table. It’s 10:20 a.m. Cries “Damn it!!!” Jumps out of the bed. The hair is tousled. He is wearing a t-skirt and pajama pants. Put on a morning gown and goes to open the door. VICTOR breezed in his house.

VICTOR

Dam!! You ain’t ready yet, are you? We are fucking late! Taxi is waiting!

DAMIAN

Yep, I know old chap! I overslept.

He goes to the bedroom an start putting on clothes. Victor goes to the kitchen, opens the fridge and takes a cola

VICTOR

You are sleepyhead!

Damian has put on a jeans already. Puts on a sweater

DAMIAN

Such as I am, bro!

VICTOR

You ain’t really happy, are you?

Damian puts on shoes

DAMIAN

No, I’m OK. Let’s go! We are “fucking late”!

He smiles. Puts on the coat. Puts on the glasses. Takes his suitcase. They come out and Damian starts closing the door)

DAMIAN

Oh, shit!

VICTOR

What’s up?

DAMIAN

Wait a second!

Breezes into the flat, takes a book from the bedside table, runs out and closes a door

VICTOR

What is it?

Damian demonstrates a book. It is written “Pavel P. Bazhov. Tales of Ural” on the cover.

DAMIAN

Book with the legends of that places where we are headed. By the way where is Alex?

VICTOR

In Heathrow. He has called two times already.

DAMIAN

Gawd! What’s with him? I thought he was too busy to screw around with stewardesses. And ain’t noticed our absence!

They are laughing. Damian puts the suitcase in the trunk. They get in a taxi. Taxi goes to Heathrow. Damian looks at the window, starts hamming a melody from his dream

VICTOR

By the way when will be a reception on the occasion of your new book? I think PATRICK will organize something great. Ritz!

Victor looks at the Damian. Damian stares at the window. Victor waves his hand in front of Damian’s face

VICTOR

Damian! Hey! what’s going on? What’s the melody?

DAMIAN

The same niteflix…

VICTOR

Something new?

DAMIAN

No… the same melody… and a dress… Hair! She has the dark hair!

VICTOR

Elis, maybe?

DAMIAN

Don’t know…I don’t see her face. And for what?

VICTOR

Maybe for a new love? “The most eligible bachelor of England” turns into a happy family man? (chuckled)

DAMIAN

(winced painfully)

Don’t, Victor…

VICTOR

Sorry, Dam, I did bad.

DAMIAN

I’m sorry too... Don’t worry. What are you saying?

VICTOR

I said Patrick must be organizing a chi-chi party!

DAMIAN

Betcha, he will! As I know Patrick…

Damian’s phone is ringing.

DAMIAN

Holy cats! Talk of the devil….

He smiles, answers the phone.

Hi, Patrick! How are you?

Patrick is in his office, look at the street

PATRICK

Hi, Dam, tomcat! I’m fine! Are you in Heathrow? Wanna tell you “Good flight!” And keep away from Russian girls! I’m jealous!

DAMIAN

Don’t worry, PATRICK! Only you in my heart!

PATRICK

Why ain’t you a gay, babe? By the by blue is the new black this season! Ha-ha! Still no? OK, get a kick out of this trip! But not forget about the new book! Terms, you know!

DAMIAN

Won’t forget, I promise, Patrick! Thanks!

PATRICK

Bye-bye, sweetie!

The taxi drives up to the Heathrow. Damian and Victor take their suitcases out of the trunk, pay off the driver and run to the airport. Run through the airport to the check-in counter. They are the last passengers. ALEX stands leaning on the counter and chatting to the girl. Damian and Victor are little out of breath. Give their passports

ALEX

They are two muddlers I told you before, babe!

DAMIAN

You are in your usual style, Al!

Shakes his hand, hugs

Hello, buddy!

ALEX

By the way check-in is over. But for me…

GIRL BEHIND THE COUNTER

Oh! You are Damian Carlton, ain’t you? Oh, my! Nice to meet you!

She blushes a red and flaps eyelashes

VICTOR

(smiles, ironically to Alex)

No offence man, not you is our hero!And if I were you I wouldn’t hold my breath!

Winks the girl. All of them is laughing

GIRL

Would you mind to give me your autograph, please?

She hands a pen and a paper to Damian.

ALEX

Only if it’s not a premarital agreement!

Everybody laughs. Damian undersigns the paper and hands it back. Girl confusedly picks up the paper.

GIRL

Good luck! Have a safe flight!

The airplane takes off. On its way to Ekaterinburg.

INT.KOLTSOVO AIRPORT. ARRIVAL AREA. Counter. RUSSIAN WOMAN with a stern look. In uniform.

WOMAN

Ваши паспорта, пожалуйста! (Your passports, please!)Цель поездки? (What is the purpose of your visit?)

Alex hands his passport.

ALEX

Туризм. Изучение местных легенд. Думаю, Вы одна из них! (Tourism. Studying of local legends. And I’m sure you are one of them!)

Alex smiles. Woman raises an eyebrow.

WOMAN

А Ваши друзья? (What’s about your friends?)

Alex hands Victor’s and Damian’s passports.

ALEX

Они не понимают по-русски. (they don’t speak Russian)

Alex lowers his voice conspiratorially and jokes:

Представляете, как я с ними мучаюсь? (Would you guess how I suffer with them!)

He smiles. Looks at the woman. She smiles sourly. Alex takes in that his jokes don’t work.

ОК.Это Дэмиан Карлтон, журналист. Писатель. Не читали? (Ok. This is DAMIAN Carlton. Journalist, writer. Have you read?)

WOMAN

Простите, нет. Есть вещи, подлежащие декларации?(Sorry,no. Have you anything to declare?)

ALEX

Wondrous, Dam! I have found the girl who doesn’t know you!

Dam smiles and nudges him. Alex- to woman:

Нет, таких вещей нет, но если мы возьмем с собой Вас…(No, we have no things to declare. But if we take you with us… )

Woman gives the beady eye and stamps passports.

WOMAN

Проходите! (You may pass on!)

They pass on the counter

VICTOR

Really hard nut to crack! And woman in the uniform… mmm… Poor Alex! Big nothing! The second bummer today! Sack up, dude! Ural is not your trend!

ALEX

The night is still young!

Everybody laughs. Come out of the airport. Take a taxi. Driver is an elderly man wearing in a sweater and kepi. He rolls a cigarette with tobacco and tobacco paper)

DAMIAN

Hotel, please!

BORIS (the driver)

О! Иностранцы! Нечасто в наших краях… По-русски не говорите, что ли, совсем? (O! Foreigners! Rarely for our town. Do you speak Russian?)

ALEX

Повезло тебе, папаша! Я говорю! В гостиницу! Какая тут самая хорошая? (You are a lucky man, guv! I speak Russian. Hotel, please! What’s the best in your town?)

BORIS

Гостиница- это я понял, сынок! Чай не совсем в лесу живем! (Hotel. I got it, sonny! Not born yesterday)My name is BORIS! This is my car! London is the capital of Great Britain!

Damian and Victor stare puzzled at him. Alex laughs

ALEX

Молодец, папаша! Самые главные фразы!(Good job, daddy! The main phrases!)

BORIS

А то! Сами-то откуда будете?(You bet! Where are you from?)

ALEX

Как раз из Capital of Great Britain!(You wouldn’t believe but actually from the capital of Great Britain!)

BORIS

О как! Попал! А ты где ж так разговаривать научился?(Oh, my! Shot in the dark! You speak Russian very well. How did you get it?)

АLEX

Родители русские. Иммигрировали в Лондон (My parents are Russian. We had immigrated to England when I was a teenager)

BORIS

Ты, значит, переводчиком у них? (You are an interpreter for them, ain’t you?)

АLEX

Другом. Переводчиком по совместительству (I’m a friend for them. And interpreter. Sometimes)

ВORIS

А чего в глухомань-то нашу забрались? (What are you doing there in our by-place?)

АLEX

Полоза баринам подавай! (Gentlemen want to meet with Poloz!)

ВORIS

О,как! Ну и ну! (hah! Well! Well!)

A silence fell between them. Damian looks out at the road. Alex relates to Victor what they told about with Boris. Then the beautiful landscapes are appeared. Mountains, river, forest. Panoramic view. Background music. Taxi drives into POLEVSKOY. Boris slowed down a car in front of the Hotel. It’s a five-storeyed Soviet-type building called “URAL”

ВORIS

А вот мы и приехали. Понадоблюсь- вот карточка моя!(Ok.Here we are! We got over the hotel. This is my contact card if you need me one day)

He hands it to ALEX. Victor takes one. Damian gets out of the car silently

АLEX

Спасибо. И вам не хворать! Кстати, где здесь можно машину арендовать? (Thanks! Good luck, guv! By the way where can we rent a car?)

BORIS

Так давайте довезу! Здесь недалеко! Обратно уже на своей машине и доберетесь! (Let me to drop you off! It’s no far from here! And you’ll come back by your car!)

ALEX

Спасибо! Давайте! (Thanks a lot! It would be great!)

Get in the taxi again. Drive to the hire point. Approximately 5 min from the Hotel.

BORIS

Вот и приехали! Обратную дорогу найдете? (Here we are! Will you be able to find a way back?)

ALEX

Да, спасибо Вам! (Yep, sure! Have a good day!)

BORIS

Ну, бывайте! Удачи в поиске Полоза! (Well, peace out! Good luck with the Poloz!)

Waves his hand, Goes away. Аlex, Damian and Victor come into the hire point. Rent an off-road vehicle.

ALEX

А навигатор есть? (Do you have a navigator?)

SALESMAN

Вот самый навороченный! (Yep, sure! This is the most featured!)

DAMIAN

Ask him to set it on a Kosoy Brod! We will start with it!

ALEX

Отлично, спасибо! Установите на Косой Брод, пожалуйста! (Great, thanks! We take it! Set it on a Kosoy Brod, please!)

Salesman sets it. Damian pays off for the car, fixes up a navigator in the car. They get into the car and drive to the hotel. The car pulls in. Alex, Damian and Victor pick up their suitcases and come in the Hotel.

INT. HOTEL. A cozy lounge. The guard sits at the entrance and reads a newspaper. Guys walk to the reception. Pretty girl with long blond hair

GIRL

Здравствуйте! Добро пожаловать! (Good afternoon! Welcome to our hotel!)

ALEX

Здравствуйте, барышня! (Hello, young lady!)

Takes off a sunglasses. Dazzling smiles. Girl blushes

GIRL

Чем я могу вам помочь? (How can I help you?)

АLEX

Мне бы помог расслабляющий массаж, бутылка виски и…(You can help me with relaxing massage, whiskey and…)

(examines a girl)

Вы. В моем номере. (with your own person in my room!)

GIRL

(blushes a deep red)

Простите?(I’m sorry?)

АLEX

Номера свободные у вас есть? (Do you have a free rooms for us?)

GIRL

Да, конечно… Ваши паспорта? (Yes, sure. Give me your passports, please!)

Alex hands their passports.

АLEX

Так к тебе или ко мне? (in my room or in your?)

Guard turns his face and looks at them.

GIRL

Ммм… Эээ…(uh-uh…..aaaa…..)

VICTOR

Stop to embarrass an innocent creature!

АLEX

Innocent you think…I wanna check!

Alex smiles to the girl, takes a passports. Girl puts her phone number in the Alex’s passport. Alex smiles and winks to the girl.

ALEX

See you!

DAMIAN

May I congratulate you, buddy? There you go!

VICTOR

The first for this day! Hit that thing!

Аlex is between Damian and Victor, hugs their shoulders

АLEX

The end is not yet! Who said Ural ain’t my trend?

They laugh. Go to the lift

АLEX

I wanna found out a local kicks! I don’t wanna waste my time! Come along?

DAMIAN

I want to have a rest tonight, sorry, dad!

VICTOR

I’m holding my hand! (Count me out!)

АLEX

Ok, guys! But I’m not rest tonight. I gonna get a kick out of this girl!

He looks back and stare at the girl

VICTOR

Don’t tell us you are unhappy, fella!

They laugh. Lift opens

ALEX

Let’s observe our mansion?

Come in the lift. Doors close. Victor looks at the floor, Damian – at the ceiling. Alex looks at the mirror. Prims. Damian nudges Victor. Nods at Alex. Damian and Victor smile. Doors open.

VICTOR

Not abundantly…

АLEX

What did you expect? Ritz?

Come over to their doors. Open it.

DAMIAN

See you!

VICTOR

Good night! (to ALEX) Have fun, Mr. Dick!!!

АLEX

See you later, alligators!

DAMIAN and VICTOR

After while, crocodile!

Doors are closed.

NEXT FRAME. EXT. ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL. NIGHT. Shades. Hand in the black gloves makes hard reset of the navigator and sets another way. You can’t see his face and figure.

## DAY 2

EXT. PANORAMA VIEW OF THE MOUNTAINS, FORESTS. BEAUTIFUL. SUNRISE.

INT. KATERINA’S HOUSE. ANYA’s ROOM. NOT RICH FURNISHINGS. BIG PORTRAITS PHOTOS OF ANYA AND KATERINA ON THE WALL. ANYA was awakened by her father’s cries. Huddles up and covers herself with a blanket. NIKOLAY and KATERINA are in the next room. Nikolay is drunk. Katerina tries to calm him down and take him in. The sound of slapping and Katerina’s holler. Anya stands still under the blanket. Finally quiet becomes. Nikolay dozed off. Katerina comes into the daughter’s room. Approaches her bed. Sits down and turns back the blanket gently. Anya scares at the first moment but then looks at mom and smiles. Katerina kisses ANYA on the forehead and turns away confusedly. There are tears in her eyes.

ANYA

Мама, а папа все время будет в таком плохом настроении?(Mum, will daddy always be in a bad mood?)

КATERINA

Нет, что ты… Просто сейчас тяжелое время… И… И скоро все пройдет. Давай собирайся. Пора идти! (Of course not, my dear! Now is very hard time for him… and… the time goes by… and everything will be ok! Well, dear! Let’s prepare! We have to go!)

Katerina stands up, go to the wardrobe to take out a clothes for Anya. Wipes away a tear.

АNYA

Мамочка! Ты плачешь?(Mummy, are you crying?)

KATERINA

Нет, солнышко! Просто… я умывалась. И мыло попало в глаза…(No, baby! I… just… wash up my face… and it’s a soap in my eye!)

She gives a clothes away to Anya

Тебе помочь или сама справишься?(Do you wanna me to help you or you can do it yourself?)

АNYA

Я сама! Я уже большая!(Yourself! I’m a big girl!)

KATERINA

Конечно, большая! Большая молодец!(Of course you are a big girl! That’s my big girl!)

Katerina goes to the mirror. Looks at it. Smooth her hair. Rubs a face a little bit. Tries to make something to hide a signs of tears. Powders her face. Especially a check with a slap. Turns to the daughter.

KATERINA

Ну, ты готова?(Are you ready?)

Squats in front of her and sets a dress straight. Gives her a flick on the nose

Пойдем?(Let’s go?)

Background music. Katerina and Anna come out of their house and lock the door. Katerina keeps Anya’s hand.

EXT. STREET. COUNTRY TIPE. PERIPHERY OF POLEVSKOY. Katerina and Anya Go down the street. Say “Hello” to acquaintances. Come to the bookshop. Katerina unlocks the door with the key. Changes “Closed” to “Open”.

INT. BOOKS SHOP. Katerina switches on a radio. The continue of the background music comes from the radio. Katerina takes off her coat. Shows around the shop. Anya sits behind the table and starts to paint. The tinkler is ringing. Damian, Victor And Alex come in. Katerina turns and goes to them.

KATERINA

Я могу вам помочь?(Can I help you?)

АLEX

Мы ищем что-то о уральских легендах. Научные статьи. Еще лучше - путеводители и места из легенд.(We are looking for the Ural’s legends. Science articles… even better is guides and places from the legends)

КATERINA

Как интересно…(so interesting….)

VICTOR

Do you speak English?

КATERINA

A little bit…

АLEX

Вы нам поможете? (Can you help us?)

KATERINA

Ну, как говорится, чем смогу - помогу. Моя бабушка жила здесь всю жизнь. И я живу тут с детства. Она много что мне рассказывала. Сказания, легенды… (As they say –I’ll do what I can. My grandmother lived there all her life. I have been living there since I was born. She related me so many stories. Legends, sagas…)

Alex translates to his friends.

DAMIAN

What do you know about this place? Could you tell us?

КATERINA

Yes, sure!

АLEX

Great! Позвольте пригласить Вас на ужин! Есть ли здесь приличный ресторан для таких прекрасных леди? (Let me take you out for a dinner! Is there a nice place for such a beautiful ladies?)

КATERINA

Да, через дорогу есть приличный бар.(Yes! There is a cozy bar across the road)

ALEX

О, прекрасно! А позволите узнать Ваше имя? (That’s great! Let me know your name.)

KATERINA

Katerina. Kate

DAMIAN

(absently)

Good! See you!

Turn to go away. A few seconds looks at Anya. She looks up and smiles at him. Damian smiles and pulls Anya’s hair.

VICTOR

Thanks a lot! I’m Victor!

ALEX

Алекс. Тогда в семь! Не опаздывайте! Хотя вас я готов ждать хоть целую вечность!(I’m Alex! So… Deal!! At seven in this cozy bar! Don’t be late! But I’m ready to wait for you for ages!!)

Victor smiles,takes Alex’s arm and makes him go out. Katerina shakes her head, smiles and follows them with her eyes. Then she turns round and walks over to Anya and comes across a Damian’s book. Takes it and stares at it with a puzzled look.

ANYA

Мама! Дядя!(Mummy! That sir!)

KATERINA

Да, дядя! Надо же, я даже не узнала(Yes, that sir! Think of it! I haven’t recognized him… Hmmm… )

Shrugs her shoulders and puts it back.

The picture is changing gently from the shop to the bar. It became dark.

INT. BAR. EVENING. A nice music sounds in the bar. People eat, talk to each other. Sounds of covers are heard. VICTORIA meets men near the door, tells her name and shows them down to the VIP-zone where Katerina and Anya sit.

INT. VIP-ZONE. TWO BIG SOFAS. TABLE BETWEEN THEM. Victoria goes away and come back with cocktails, beer and juice. Anya eats an ice-cream. Licks her fingers. Katerina smiles at her and shakes her head reproachfully. Anya looks at mom slyly and takes a napkin.

Guys sit down. Damian are gloomy. Alex talks to Anya, Victor smiles to Victoria. Victoria sits down between Victor and Katerina. Damian, Alex and Anya are in front of them.

ALEX

Предлагаю перейти на «ты»! Let us to be on first-name basics!

VICTOR

Seconded!

ALEX

Катенька! У тебя такая очаровательная семья! Расскажи нам? (Katenjka! You have such a pretty family! Tell us about it!)

Further Alex translates Katerina’s answers to Damian and VICTOR and their questions to Katerina.

KATERINA

Кстати, Victoria, моя сестра.(By the way Victoria is my sister!)

Victoria makes a bow and smiles. Especially to Victor.

Мы живем здесь с детства. Дочку мою вы уже знаете. (We have been living there since we were born. And this is my daughter. You’ve met her yet.)

VICTOR

(addresses to ANYA)

What’s your name, peerless creature?

Anya doesn’t understand. Looks at mom

KATERINA

Дядя Виктор спросил твое имя! (Uncle Victor asked your name!)

ANYA

Аnya!

VICTOR

How is it in Russian - «Nice to meet you?»

KATERINA

Priyatno poznakomitjsya.

VICTOR

Priyatno poznakomitjsya!

He shakes ANYA’s hand. Everybody smile

ALEX

Катенька, а ты замужем? (Katenjka, are you married?)

KATERINA

Да…(Yes, I am…)

Alex clasps his hand to his heart jocosely:

О, ты разбила мне сердце! (Oohh! You broke my heart!! )

VICTOR

(reproachfully)

ALEX…(turns to VICTORIA) Victoria! What’s about you? Are you married?

ALEX

Ouh -la-la!!

VICTORIA

(smiles puzzlingly)

Not quite!

VICTOR

What does it mean? Does it mean I have a chance?

VICTORIA

(Smiles playfully)

Everything is possible…

VICTOR

Point taken!

ALEX

Are we hindering you, guys?

All of them laugh except Damian.

DAMIAN

(with displeasure)

Let’s speak about the legends? I wanna get down to my book!

Everybody is surprised at his sharpness. Alex tries smoothing over the awkwardness.

ALEX

Yes, Damian is a man like that. Very serious. Takes the bull by the horns!

KATERINA

At first I want to say sorry about my English! My grandma had narrated so many stories. The Ural is very rich in the legends. Are you interesting in the legends of this area or in the legends….how is it…in all legends of the Ural?

DAMIAN

All that you know. I’ll choose what I need by myself!

VICTORIA

Кэт, ты же знаешь эти места!(Kate, after all you know this places!)(Addresses to everybody): Grandma had shown her all places from the legend. I have never interested in, but Kate always has gone with her. She can show you!

KATERINA

Ну я не знаю…Это может быть неудобно…(I don’t know…It must be uncomfortable…)

She looks over those present.

VICTORIA

Uncomfortable is than your kid remembers your neighbor!

All laughs and smiles

DAMIAN

Why didn’t you tell me that you knew this places very well? Can you show me tomorrow?

VICTOR

Damian, it must be uncomfortable…

Damian looks at him with a puzzled look. He doesn’t make out what’s uncomfortable. He doesn’t have a problem with it, doesn’t see a problem.

ALEX

As I think pretty Victoria educated us what is a real uncomfortable!

Everybody smiles.

VICTOR

Kate, you have a daughter… Are you sure it’s a comfortable? Probably you won’t be able…

KATERINA

Я… подумаю! (I… I’ll think about it!)

Victor looks at her during three-four seconds.

VICTORIA

(Stands up)

I’ll bring a cocktails!

VICTOR

I help you!

Stands up and comes out with Victoria

ALEX

А мне надо немного освежиться. Не хочется, конечно, оставлять прекрасных дам в обществе этого хама… (I have to freshen myself up. I don’t wanna leave such a dainty persons with this cad…)

Alex nods at Damian and smiles slyly. Katerina smiles back

Но нужда… (But I need…)

Alex pulls face and shrugs his shoulders.

Скоро вернусь! Не скучайте! (But I’ll be back soon! Don’t be bored!)

He winks, stands up and goes away. Walks through the bar and makes his way to a WC. Victor stands near bar counter an helps Victoria to set the cocktails on a tray. Follows Alex with his eyes. Sees over Victoria’s shoulder that Alex nods to somebody and walks over to the WC. Looks at him with a strained attention. Vitoria notices his glance and looks back. But doesn’t see anything strange.

VICTORIA

Something is wrong?

VICTOR

No, everything is OK! Sorry, I need to walk…(nods to the WC) I’ll be back in a moment!! Don’t go away without me!!

Victoria nods. Victor rubs her chin tenderly, smiles and goes to the WC. Comes in and finds out that all of the cabins are empty. Alex is not here. Surprised a little bit

CUT TO VIP-ZONE. Damian feels a discomfort. Anya stares at him. He stares back absently. She smiles. He smiles back and pulls her hair. Anya grins and starts to dangle her legs. Victoria and Victor come in. Set cocktails on the table.

VICTOR

Alex is not here?

KATERINA

Нет, он сказал, что ему необходимо освежиться…(No. He said he had to freshen himself up!)

Victoria translates. Victor is surprised a little bit.

VICTORIA

Ну что, ты решила? Давай, это будет интересно! Хоть отвлечешься немного!( Did you make up? Come on! It will be interesting! I think you need to get away)

Alex comes in.

ALEX

Well, Did I miss anything?

VICTORIA

I try to persuade Kate to show you that places!

Alex looks at Katerina

KATERINA

А Aня? И если вы не против…( But what’s about Anya? I can’t leave her alone. And if you are not against it)

VICTORIA

За Аней я присмотрю. Не волнуйся! Соглашайся!(I look after her! Don’t worry! Agree! I dare you!)

VICTOR

Think it over! It must be dangerous!

KATERINA

Нет, не опасно, если знать дорогу.(No, it’s not a dangerous if you know this places!)Я согласна(I agree)

DAMIAN

Great! And I’ll pay you for it, of course!

KATERINA

Ну что Вы, не стоит, мне совсем не трудно…(It’s not necessary! It’s not difficult to me!)

DAMIAN

(coldly):

I don’t wanna owe you! I’ll pay for your work!

Katerina is embarrassed. Alex saws the air that everything is OK.

VICTOR

If nobody is against it I’ll help Victoria with Ann.

VICTORIA

It will be nice!

ALEX

You won’t go with us, will you?

VICTOR

No. So many people go. I’ll wait you here.

ALEX

Ok, Suit yourself! Well, What’s plan?

KATERINA

Kак я поняла, вас интересуют сказы Бажова.(If I get you right, you are interested in the Bazhov’s Tales especially)

Kate looks at Damian. Alex translates. Damian nods

Думаю, нам понадобиться три дня. В первый мы можем посмотреть близлежащие места.Потом добраться до базы и переночевать там. Потом отправиться дальше в горы. Дальше можем либо вернуться на базу, либо взять палатки. Переночевать в лесу. И потом вернуться домой. Конечно, многое мы не посмотрим. Но…( I think it will take 3 days. On the first day we can see a nearby sights. Then get over the touristic base and spend the night. Then set off to the mountains again. And after that come back to the base or take a tents or sleepings and spend a night in the mountains. It’s up to you. And on the third day come back home. Of course, we won’t be able to see all of sights… but… )

DAMIAN

(interrupts)

It will take three days?! Can we manage in one or two days?

KATERINA

…МММ… Тогда вы не увидите всех возможных мест поблизости. Ну вам решать.(Uh-Uh… but in this case you won’t see all nearby sights… But it’s up to you!)

DAMIAN

(Sleeks his hair with displeasure)

Ok. Let it be a three… Could we start with a Kosoy Brod and tales of Poloz?

KATERINA

Да, конечно! Это недалеко! (Yes, if you want so. It is not far from here!)

ALEX

Let’s drink to the success of our enterprise?

Alex picks his glass up. Everybody “Cheers”!!!

ANYA

Уряяяяяя! (laughs)

EXT. STREET. NIGHT. All of them come out of the bar. See off. Victor, Alex and Damian take one way, Katerina, Victoria and Anya - another. Wave goodbye. Anya is between Katerina and Victoria. Takes their hands. Victoria smiles dreamily.

KATERINA

Похоже, кто-то влюбился!(it looks like somebody is up to her ears in love!)

VICTORIA

Ну он неплох, очень даже!(He is very attractive!)

KATERINA

Да, очень даже!(Yes, very!)

VICTORIA

Что скажешь об Алексе?(What can you tell about Alex?)

KATERINA

Очень мил и обаятелен. Но совсем не мой тип. Любимец женщин!(He is very nice and handsome. Women’s favorite!)

VICTORIA

О, да! Даже не сомневаюсь в наличии у него двух постоянных пассий и еще шестерых временных! Но он и правда очень обаятелен! А Дэмиан?(Oh,yes! Without doubts! I have no doubt he has two permanent flames and flirts with a six transient. But he is handsome, yep! What’s about Damian?)

KATERINA

Мне он не понравился. Сноб. И слишком угрюм! (I don’t like him! He is snob. And so gloomy)

VICTORIA

(laughs)

Один слишком обаятелен, второй чересчур угрюм. Тебе не угодишь, сестричка! Но Victor уже «забит»! (Asshole, I would say. But one of them is too handsome another one is too gloomy…You are hard to please, dear sister! But VICTOR is already off the market!! I call dibs on him!)

KATERINA

Не претендую! (For Heaven’s sake!!I flush him!!)

Girls laugh. Moves away from the camera.

CUT TO SOME ROOM. Man sits in the chair. Smokes, drinks whiskey. Prepares a gun. Checks and charges it. You can’t see his face or body.

## DAY 3

INT. HOTEL. MORNING. Alex calls for Damian. DAMIAN’S ROOM.

ALEX

Well, buddy! It’s a big day, yeah? Are you ready?

DAMIAN

Yep! But I don’t like the idea she goes with us!

ALEX

Oh, shoot, Dam! This was you who asked her to come with us!! And it takes us all life to find this sighs! And I don’t like this armpit, you know it!!

DAMIAN

You are nuts without tea-parties, chicks and pussycats! Can’t live a day without it!

Damian smiles ironically. Sets the scarf straight.

Yeah, I abso-fucking-lutely know it!

ALEX

What’s wrong with her?

DAMIAN

(screws up)

Haven’t the faintest! But she puts me out! Let’s go?

They come out, lock the door, walk over to the lift.

ALEX

She is quite pretty and not a talking machine! But a simple-minded on my taste…

DAMIAN

Can’t explain! Annoys and that’s that!

Come into lift

ALEX

Keep your patience a little bit! All for the Art! (laughs)

DAMIAN

Victor’s, I bet, at the bar already?

Come out of the lift, go to exit

ALEX

Yipes! Like a tomcat!

DAMIAN

You’re telling me!!

ALEX

But anyway he likes something here! Lucky sod!

DAMIAN

Rather somebody!

Leave the hotel and walk over to the bar

ALEX

In this case you’ll have to see a lot of Kate! Poor sod!! (roars with laughter)

DAMIAN

(screws up)

Lay off me, Alex!! And I always can run away! Let’s get it over with as fast as we can!

ALEX

Well said!

Taps Damian on the shoulder. Damian smiles at him. The other wait for them near the bar.

EXT. NEAR THE BAR. ALL THERE. MEN JEEP. Katerina sees Anya off. Anya doesn’t want to let her off. She presses herself to Katerina’s legs and keeps her strongly. Victor puts the rucksacks down their car. There are a black gloves on his hands. Then he goes to Damian and Alex, shakes their hands and starts to talk to them. They are in the background. Anya, Victoria and Katerina are in the front.

ANYA

Мама, я боюсь! (I’m afraid, mummy!)

KATERINA

Чего, детка? (Of what, dear?)

ANYA

Что ты уедешь и не вернешься! (That you will go away and won’t come back!)

KATERINA

Анечка, ну что ты! Я же тебя не брошу! (Anechka, my darling! I will never forsake you!!)

VICTORIA

Ань! Мама приедет через три дня! Побудешь со мной и дядей Виктором! (Anya! Your mom will come back in three days! You will be with me and uncle Victor!)

Anya frowns and looks sullenly at Victor

ANYA

Мне не нравится дядя (I don’t like him!)

VICTORIA

Он хороший! Очень! Обещаю! (He is very nice! Very! I promise you!)

ANYA

Мама! Не уезжай! (Mom! Don’t leave there!)(starts to cry) Ты не вернешься! (You will not come back!)

Katerina squats and strokes Anya’s head. Anya rubs a tears on her face.

KATERINA

Ну что ты! Конечно, вернусь!(Sh-sh! Come on! I’ll come back without fail!!)

ANYA

Обещаешь? (Do you promise?)

KATERINA

Обещаю, котенок! А теперь не плачь и будь умницей! (Of course I promise, my kitty! And now please don’t cry and be a good girl!!)

Hugs daughter, kisses her and gives her a flick on the nose. Stands up. Turns to the men.

KATERINA

We can go! Are you ready?

ALEX

Yes, sir!! Ever ready!!

Alex and Damian get in a car. Katerina sees Victoria and Victor off. Kisses their goodbye.

ALEX

Please, don’t be so asshole, Dam! She does us a good turn!

DAMIAN

I’ll pay her for it!!

ALEX

Here we go… Damn it! Dam! You won’t see her soon. Be patient! She has nothing to blame! And she has a boundless patience! But it will be curtains for it if you are such a bastard! And if she leaves us in the middle of the Ural…

Alex look at Damian reproachful. Katerina gets in the car.

DAMIAN

(under his breath)

I’ll try…

ALEX

Hey, my steerswoman! Показывай дорогу! (Show us the way!)

KATERINA

Yes, captain! Пока едем прямо. У вас настроен навигатор? (Now drive straight! Have you set a navigator yet?)

ALEX

Да, вчера настроили в пункте проката! (Yep, yesterday in a hire point!)

KATERINA

Чудесно! Тогда поехали! (Great! So, let’s drive!)

Alex drives on the road and turns on a navigator. Victoria и Victor wave their hand. Then take Anya’s hands and go to the bar

View of the road, then camera shows the car. Next frame to Alex, Kate and Damian. Katerina lays out the map and shows a Damian.

KATERINA

Я отметила маршрут. Алекс, ты читаешь по картам? (I marked a route. Alex, can you read maps?)

ALEX

Обижаешь! (You offend me!)

He makes an offended face. Katerina blushes.

KATERINA

Sorry!

ALEX

Ты бы видела свое лицо, Кать! Да все в порядке! (Oh,Kate! I wish you could see your face right now! Everything’s OK!)

KATERINA

Но все же, если будешь не уверен, спрашивай! На карте я отметила места стоянок. Для каждого своя легенда!(OK. But if you are not sure, ask me. I marked parking places. There is a legend for each of this places)

ALEX

Да ты просто молодец! (Well done, Kate! More power to you!)

KATERINA

Да мне не трудно…Я начну? (It’s not difficult…I start to narrate, yeah?)

DAMIAN

It’s a high time!

ALEX

Это он сказал «Спасибо!» Извини, сейчас трудный период, написание новой книги, творческая натура… (He said “Thank you! Very much!” I fill sorry for him. It’s a hard time, a new book… creative search…)

Alex makes a face with a “big eyes” to Damian

DAMIAN

Uh-uh… Thanks! Would you mind to start?!

Damian smiles stiffly to Katerina. Alex shakes his head and prepares to translate Katerina’s narrative. Damian takes off a notebook and prepares to make notes.

KATERINA

So… Poloz. Говорят, что когда-то, в давние времена, в пустыне жил змей Полоз… (They say that once upon a time Poloz - serpent lived in a Big Desert)

Katerina’s speech turns into animation movie about Poloz

Чешуя у него была из золота…Змей был огромен, очень длинный… Однажды решил он опоясать собой всю Землю! И пополз. То направление выбрал неверное- на Север. Полз он, полз…И стало ему холодно. Решил Полоз по полярным льдам ползти дальше, но не тут-то было. Лед не выдержал и треснул. Полоз упал в Северный Ледовитый океан. И замерз. Коченеть стал, а потом и окаменел. Кровь стала нефтью, чешуя – золотом, органы - самоцветами. А скелет - Уральскими горами. Так и назвали Полоза - Каменный Пояс. Теперь появляется Полоз только там, где есть золото. Видят его люди, примечают, где он пропадает. Там и золото зарыто. Терпеть не может мошенничества и темных дел. Встреча с ним бывает очень опасна. Не любит огонь, а там, где он появляется, распространяется голубоватое свечение. Нужно быть очень осторожным с ним.(He has a scale of gold. Poloz was enormous and very long! One day he decided to gird all world. And he crept along. But he chose a wrong direction – to the North. He crept and crept. And felt cold. But he decided to go ahead and cross Polar ice, but nothing of the sort. Ice didn’t bear and cracked. Poloz fell down to the Arctic Ocean. And had frozen to death. Became numb and turned to stone. His blood turned into the mineral oil, scale – into the gold, organs- into the semi-precious stone. And the skeleton turned into the Ural mountains! So they called Poloz “The Stone Belt” Now Poloz appears where there is a gold-bed merely. Some people showed him, noticed that place where he disappeared and found a gold there. But meeting with him might be very dangerous. If you have a sin or make a monkey business Poloz can kill you. He can’t stand a fraud or two-faced people. He doesn’t like a fire. And there is a light-blue luminescence where he appears. You must be very careful with him. That’s it) (Camera on Kate) Вот такая легенда! Давайте еще одну расскажу? (There is one of the legends about our Poloz! Let me tell you another one?) (Damian nods) В давние времена на одной из гор стоял Золотой дворец…(In a bygone ages there was a Golden Palace in the one of the mountains. Poloz lived there…)

Katerina’s speech becomes inaudible by degrees. Camera on the bar

INT. BAR. VIP-ZONE. Anya draws. Victor sits near her and observes. Victoria brings a coffee and sits near him.

VICTORIA

You are so pensive…Do you regret that didn’t set off with them?

VICTOR

No. I just don’t feel right!

VICTORIA

Why?

VICTOR

(sharply)

I don’t know! Just don’t feel right!

VICTORIA

You are so nervous…What happened?

VICTOR

Nothing! Everything is alright! I just don’t like this trip. Three days are too long!

VICTORIA

Believe me, three days are nothing for studying this places! And Kate knows everything there! I don’t understand what is bothering you! I have a sense this trip troubles you!

VICTOR

I said everything is OK! But this this trip changes all plans!

VICTORIA

What’s plan?

Victor thinks the answer over.

VICTOR

Plan of the book appearance! Damian has terms!

Victoria rumples his hair.

VICTORIA

Your friend is a genius writer! Не will have time to finish it in time! But he will have whole information he need about this legends and places!

Victor is aware that behaves himself strangely.

VICTOR

Ok, Sorry for being rude with you! I don’t know what’s wrong with me! Sorry!

Victor puts his hands up, in a gest “surrender to you”.

I’ll never do it again, I promise!

VICTORIA

OK! But if you worry let me call Katerina and figure out how they are!

Victoria takes out the phone, dials Katerina’s number. Camera on the car. Katerina concludes a tales.

KATERINA

Братья стали копать на том месте и тотчас наткнулись на золотые жилы. И поняли, что повстречался им сам великий Полоз - змея подземельная. Раз в сто лет выходит он из недр Урал - горы и испытывает людей на доброту. Кто испытание выдержит - тем Великий Полоз разбогатеть помогает!» (Brother started digging at that place and came across the golden lodes at once! And made out that had met Poloz, the underground serpent. Once a hundred years he comes out of the bowels of the Ural and puts human to the test. Human who can pass the test gets a gold from Poloz and grows rich)

The phone rings. Katerina answers

KATERINA

Алло? (Hello?)

VICTORIA

Кэт, все в порядке? (Ket, is everything alright?)

KATERINA

Да, мы уже съехали с дороги к первой остановке, судя по грунту. НО тут такой туман… я не вижу знаков… (Yes, we are on our way to the first stop. And we are not on the road already. Judging by the soil and the trees. But it’s a thick fog and I can’t see a signs…)

VICTORIA

Ничего необычного? (Nothing unusual?)

KATERINA

Нет, все в порядке. У Алекса карты и навигатор. Что-то случилось? Аня? (No as I can judge… Alex has a map and the navigator. What happened? Anya?)

VICTORIA

Нет-нет. С ней все в порядке. (No-no, she is OK!)

KATERINA

Тебя что-то беспокоит? (What do you worry about?)

VICTORIA

Нет, ничего. Просто немного повздорили с красавчиком! (Nothing, but we has squabbled with a dreamboat!)

KATERINA

С Виктором? (With Victor?)

Alex stares at the rear-view mirror

VICTORIA

Да. Он проявил все лучшие мужские черты! (Yes, he has shown all the best men features!)

KATERINA

В смысле? (What does it mean?)

VICTORIA

Говорит, что поездка слишком длинная, нервничает, говорит, что Дэмиан не уложится в сроки! Кстати, как он там? (He says this trip is too long. Feels nervous that DAMIAN won’t manage in his terms with a book. By the way, how is he?)

KATERINA

(with a sarcasm)

Как всегда «мил» (He is such a dear as always!)

Alex smiles. He understood who Kate had told about

VICTORIA

Ладно, Кэт. Просто хотела узнать, как вы там! И успокоить красавчика! Но все равно, будь осторожна, хорошо? (Well Kate, I just wanna know how you are! And reassure a dreamboat! But anyway be careful, OK?)

KATERINA

Хорошо. Постараюсь! Не волнуйся. Привет Виктору и поцелуй Анечку! (Deal! I’ll try. Don’t worry! My phone runs down. I’ll charge it when we get a base! And call you back! Bye! Say “Hello” to Victor and kiss Anechka!)

VICTORIA

Обязательно. Пока! Береги себя! (Be sure! Take care! Bye!)

Victoria puts down. Stares at the phone a few seconds. Then comes back to Victor and Anya)

VICTOR

All right?

VICTORIA

Yep, sure!

VICTOR

I’m sorry for making you scare! I really don’t know what has come over me!

VICTORIA

OK! (Addresses to Anya) Ну-с, что вы тут с Виктором нарисовали? Мама целует тебя! (Well, what did you draw with VICTOR? Very nice!! It’s my girl!!! Mom kisses you!)

Victoria kisses Anya’s nose. Anya smiles blissfully

CUT TO THE CAR. Katerina puts down the phone and stares thoughtfully at the window. Figures out they drive on for a long time. And it’s a thick fog that must be dangerous.

KATERINA

Aлекс, мне кажется, мы заблудились! И такой туман... Давай остановимся! (Alex, I think we got lost. And this fog…It must be dangerous! Let’s slow down!)

ALEX

Да, давайте передохнем! (Yes, I agree. Let’s have a rest!)

Car comes down unexpectedly. Alex tries to brake. The car cuts into a tree. Blow. They are shaken.

KATERINA

Все живы? Damian, Alex? (Are you alright? Alive?)

ALEX

Like that… Sorry! Did you strike strongly?

DAMIAN

What was it?

ALEX

I think we have to get out and find out…

They get out of the car. Thick fog. Katerina shivers and embraces her shoulders

KATERINA

Алекс, что происходит? Где мы? (Alex, what’s going on? Where are we?)

ALEX

Не знаю. Похоже, мы скатились в овраг и врезались в дерево! (Haven’t the faintest! It looks as if we rolled down in the ravine and cut into a tree!)

Alex tries to observe a damage

Дальше не поедем… похоже, поврежден радиатор…(We can’t drive then. Radiator is damaged!)

KATERINA

Да…плохо дело….Придется идти пешком…(That’s bad… We have to go on foot!)

Alex opens a boot, takes out a rucksacks. Hangs up one of them on his shoulders. Extends another to Damian and Kate. They put it on. Alex explains Damian what’s going on.

ALEX

We have to…

DAMIAN

I can’t see a damn thing! My take on it we can wait till the fog is over in our car!

ALEX

Did you hear it?

KATERINA

What?!

They listen. The light laugh is heard. Alex puts his finger to his lips.

ALEX

Sh-sh!!!! Do you hear it?

Laugh repeats. Something appears for a moment in a fog.

DAMIAN

What was it?

KATERINA

Кто это? (Who is that?)

ALEX

Кто здесь? Подождите! Who are you? Wait!!

Alex runs away in the fog. Katerina и Damian stiffen with astonishment.

KATERINA

ALEX?!

Alex’s voice is heard from afar.

ALEX

Run after me! Бегите за мной! Кажется, тут поблизости населенная местность! I think there is a country place here!

DAMIAN

Alex, where are you?

Kate and Damian run after Alex. But fog hides Alex from them. Damian runs in advance. Comes across a knot.

DAMIAN

O, dammit!!

KATERINA

Damian, where are you?

Grasps him by the hand

Hey, I thought you got lost like Alex! Let’s keep our hands!

DAMIAN

What?

Katerina raises their hands.

KATERINA

Keep our hands! Together! I don't want to lose you in this fog!

Damian nods

KATERINA

Where is Alex? I can’t see him in this fog!

DAMIAN

Have no idea! (cries) ALEX!

KATERINA

АЛЕКС, где ты? (Alex, where are you!)

It doesn’t work. Alex doesn’t answer. Katerina turns to Damian and stares at him fearfully

KATERINA

I speak English very bad! We have to… ammmm…

DAMIAN

What??

Katerina strains all her vocabulary.

KATERINA

We have to find a way… from… out of here…

Gets into her pocket and takes out her phone. It runs down

KATERINA

Вот черт! (Damn it!) Your phone?

Damian gets into his pocket

DAMIAN

Out of the network coverage! I told you we had to remain in our car!

KATERINA

You were right, but now we… I doubt we will find it! We have to go at… how it? Random?

DAMIAN

Dammit!

KATERINA

Have to go at dammit!

Damian looks at her rarely

KATERINA

Пойдем пешком… By foot

DAMIAN

(corrects her with irritation)

On foot!

KATERINA

Oh, God! What’s the difference? Let’s go!

DAMIAN

Your English is awful!

Katerina flares up

KATERINA

I… I didn’t say it’s great at all! But where is Alex? It looks like he run this way!

DAMIAN

Do you propose to run in the fog and seek him?

KATERINA

Do you propose to leave him there? We have to hold together!

DAMIAN

OK, let’s find him! ALEX!

KATERINA

ALEX! Отзовись! (Answer us!)

Go on a few minutes. Suddenly Katerina notices that somebody sits under the tree.

KATERINA

Come here! I think I found him!

Run closely and stop dead. Stare at Alex. Horror-stricken. He is pale, bluish, cheek-bones became sharp. His fading eyes stare at one point motionlessly. Horror is on his face.

KATERINA

Боже! БОЖЕ! (God! GOD!!!)

DAMIAN

What’s the hell?!

He wants to come closely but hears a light laugh. Damian stops dead. The blue mist is rising. Laugh repeats louder

DAMIAN

What is it? Why is it blue? Who is laughing?

KATERINA

I… don’t… know….

DAMIAN

The Blue Crone’s well?

KATERINA

What is it?

DAMIAN

It’s your tale! About Sinyushka!

KATERINA

Синюшкин колодец? (Sinyushka’s Well?) Don’t talk nonsense! It’s just a legend!

DAMIAN

Did something like that happen in the past?

KATERINA

Старожилы (Old-timers) … aaammm… Old people, who lives there since they were born told me they saw a blue fog before …(Fog thickens) Damn it! Let’s go out of here!

Katerina pulls Damian by the hand. Move away quickly.

DAMIAN

Is it dangerous?

KATERINA

I don’t know! DON’T KNOW!

The fog follows them. They come to run. Damian looks back constantly. It seems to him that old woman pulls her hands to them. Hands are very long and made out of a fog. Runs faster. Falls down. Laugh is heard. Katerina gets him up. Dodge, change a directions. The fog fails to keep up little by little.

DAMIAN

What’s plan?

KATERINA

Can you climb on a tree?

DAMIAN

Could you think it over?

KATERINA

Do you think of it maybe?

Damian looks back on the fog. Works out they don’t have another way

DAMIAN

OK, I can!

Katerina runs to more suitable tree

KATERINA

Come here! There are a thick branches! And we can climb on it!

They start clambering. Makes herself comfortable.Damian settles down.

DAMIAN

Excellent! Fucking grungy!

KATERINA

Sh-sh!!!!

Katerina peers at the darkness. The fog clears away a little bit

We have to spent night here!

DAMIAN

I hope it won’t repeat!

KATERINA

So am I!

They make themselves more comfortable. Observe closely at the forest. Can see nothing.

KATERINA

It seems we run away. But it’s nonsense! I can’t believe!

DAMIAN

You have to! I saw it too!

Damian peers at the forest. He fancied he saw something. Peers at the forest again. Nothing more. Breaths. Tries to calm down.

KATERINA

What can we do with Alex?

DAMIAN

Do you suggest to come back for him?

KATERINA

Not, of course!… It looked like somebody drink his soul out of his body!

DAMIAN

Dreadful sight!

KATERINA

I agree. So, we will spend the night here!

DAMIAN

(with displeasure)

Wondrous!

KATERINA

(with irritation)

You can go down and sleep under the tree!

Damian looks at her with a killing glance. Peers at darkness. The fog clears nearly. Notices somebody looks at them from the heart of the forest, tries to find them and then moves away.

DAMIAN

It seems she didn’t notice us! Tell me about that fog!

KATERINA

You know I bad speak English! I can tell you but I’m not sure you’ll understand something. Did you read a Bazov’s tale called “Sinyushka’s Well”? (Damian nods) then you know that old woman Sinyushka guards her gold… and you have to win her to get it. But it’s very difficult! She… how is it… attracts you in her Well and kills. And the blue mist is very dangerous. You can get lost in it. And die. But it’s only a legend, really! Yes, sometimes the mist appears here. But nobody knows why. We could get away! And it’s for better. Now we have to try to sleep! Please!

Damian shrugs his shoulders and turns away from her. Katerina takes Anya’s photo out of a pocket and looks at her.

CUT TO VICTORIA’s FLAT. INT. VICTORIA’s ROOM. ORIENTAL STYLE. BURGUNDY TONES. Victoria and Anya sit on a big bed. Anya is wearing a pajamas. Victoria brushes her long flowing hair.

ANYA

А когда мама вернется? (When will mom come back?)

VICTORIA

Скоро, зайка! (very soon, bunny!)

ANYA

Вика, я боюсь! (Vika! I’m afraid!)

Anya presses herself to Victoria. Victoria presses her chin to Anya’s head and sais under her breath «Я тоже» (So am I).Then strokes Anya’s head.

VICTORIA

Ну, малышка, пора спать! (Well, my sweetie! I’s time to go to bed!)

Victoria puts Anya to bed, covers her with a blanket and kisses her forehead

ANYA

Вика, включи шкатулку! (Vika! Turn on the music box!)

VICTORIA

Ок! Засыпай! (ok! Good night!)

Victoria puts a music box, puts it on. It’s a melody from Damian’s niteflix. Stands the music box on the table. Camera is on it. Music box finishes playing the last notes. Camera on Damian. He wakes up abruptly. It’s morning.

## DAY 4

EXT.FOREST.TREE. MORNING. Damian wakes up alone. At first moment doesn’t understand where he is. Sits up with jerk. The shoulder has its effect on him. Damian cries out. Looks around. Katerina runs up to him.

KATERINA

What happened?

Damian screws up his face and holds his shoulder.

DAMIAN

My shoulder…

Katerina breathes out.

KATERINA

Fuhhh. Как вы меня напугали! (You scared me!)

Damian looks up at her incomprehensibly. Katerina waves her hand

Doesn’t matter. What’s with your shoulder?

DAMIAN

Nothing in particular! Just a scratch!

KATERINA

Can I show? Let me?

DAMIAN

You don’t need! I said it’s OK!

KATERINA

(with irritation)

But I try to help!

Katerina reaches for his jacket to take it off. Damian moves away from her.

Great! Do it …with yourself! By yourself! Suit yourself! Ooooo! Doesn’t matter!

Walks away from him. Takes the bar of muesli out of the rucksack. Hands to Damian

KATERINA

Приятного аппетита! (Enjoy your meal!)

DAMIAN

What?

KATERINA

Before eating we say “Priyatnogo appetita”. How is it in English?

DAMIAN

Enjoy your meal!

KATERINA

Enjoy your meal!

DAMIAN

Priyatnogo appetita!

Katerina smiles. Eat their muesli. Shake crumbs off their jackets and pens

KATERINA

We have to go! Are you ready?

DAMIAN

Yes.

Collect their things. Put it into the rucksacks.

KATERINA

By the way how do you think what it was yesterday?

DAMIAN

Haven’t the faintest! I wanted to ask you!

KATERINA

I haven’t seen a such fog yet! Anyway it’s very strange! And Alex… It’s so pity… great pity!

Kate looks at Damian. He winces painfully

And I’m worrying about my family!

DAMIAN

They are with VICTOR, don’t worry!

KATERINA

Exactly! With Victor!

DAMIAN

What are you driving at?

KATERINA

Vika called to me yesterday!

DAMIAN

(corrects her)

Called me!

KATERINA

What?

DAMIAN

Doesn’t matter! Go on!

KATERINA

She said he behaves strange!

DAMIAN

(through clenched teeth)

Strangely! Oh, Lord! Don’t talk rot! He is my best friend! And he has done nothing wrong! Your family are in safety! You’d better see to us! Tough luck!

KATERINA

But…

DAMIAN

Reserve your opinion by yourself!

Turns away and strides. Katerina shrugs her shoulders, bits her lips and follows him.

Camera lifts higher. Panoramic view. Mountains, forest. Panorama changes step by step on Hampstead Heath. Patrick goes down the road with a coffee in one his hand and with a phone in another. Try to call Damian.

PATRICK

Come on, DAMIAN, babe! Daddy has good news! Dammit!

Patrick dials Victor’s number.

PATRICK

Hi, Victor, bunny! Where is Dam?

CAT TO Victor. He sits in Victoria’s kitchen, drinks a coffee.

VICTOR

Hi, Patrick! He went to do the sights!

PATRICK

I can’t catch him!

VICTOR

Yeah, I know. So am I!

PATRICK

You let him off, alone, yeah? Bad boy!

VICTOR

No. He went with a native girl. She knows this places!

PATRICK

Oh, heck! I feel it! He found a native pussycat and switched off a phone! I’ll go to soap a rope!

VICTOR

Patrick…

PATRICK

If something happens with him, dear, you will answer for this with your life! I disinherit you! Deprive of all you will inherit if he died! All of this sum will be taken into account of treatment of my nerves! Remember! I notified you! All our conversations are registered!

VICTOR

(bits his lips)

Nothing will happen with him!

PATRICK

Will happen, if Mister-Appetizing-Ass doesn’t call me back in the next few hours! His book breaks the records!

VICTOR

Оh shoot, Patrick! Fab! It’s a fucking great news!!

PATRICK

You betcha, babe! Do what you want but get him to me! Would our star be so kind to remember about ME?

VICTOR

I’ll try, Patrick, promise!!

PATRICK

Kiss, bunny!

VICTOR

Bye!

VICTORIA

Who is it?

VICTOR

Patrick, Damian’s agent! I told you about terms yesterday!

VICTORIA

What’s about inheritance? Sorry, he cried so loudly!

Victoria smiles. Victor smiles at answer.

VICTOR

I will inherit some sum if Damian dies before he get married

Victoria stares at him attentively. Victor catches her sight. Lifts his hands.

VICTOR

Anyway it’s not interesting! Let’s go to check how is Anya!

Victor gets up from the table and hears a melody. He rises to the music. Try to remember where he could listen to it. Come across Anya who takes a music-box in her hands. He scared Anya by chance. Anya drops the music-box. It stops playing. Anya stats to cry. Victoria hears a noise, Anya’s crying and comes running.

VICTORIA

Anya, маленькая! Что случилось? (ANYA, my dear! What happened?)

ANYA

Дядя плохой! (This uncle is bad!)

Victoria stares at Victor surprisingly.

VICTOR

Sorry, I suggest I scared her by chance. Music-box fell down…

Victor holds out his hand for the music-box

VICTOR

Let me see!

Anya shakes her head, press the music-box to her breast and turn away. Victor looks at Victoria. Victoria squats in front of Anya

VICTORIA

Давай, мы починим. (Let us to repair it!)

Victoria takes it away.

ANYA

(in Vika’s ear)

Мне не нравится дядя! Он плохой! (I don’t like this uncle! He is bad!)

Vika becomes anxious more and more. She looks at Victor

VICTORIA

I have to put Anya to bed! She will sleep a little bit. Wait for me here!

VICTOR

Yep, sure!

Victoria and Anya leave the room. Victor remembers he wanted to call Damian. Dials the number.

CUT TO Katerina and Damian. FOREST. AFTERNOON.Damian stumbles from time to time. Tired to carries a rucksack only in one hand. Tries to hang it up on the elbow or on the shoulder. Tries to makes his way through the branches. Lost his glasses. Tries to put it up. Chafes.

DAMIAN

Wait! I can’t keep up with you!

KATERINA

We have to find a way till the sunset!

DAMIAN

Don’t you know the road?

KATERINA

I haven’t been there before!

DAMIAN

You said you knew everything there!

KATERINA

Not everything!

DAMIAN

I relied on you!

Katerina turns to him abruptly and tells angrily.

KATERINA

It’s not my fault we are here! Хватит скулить! (Stop kvetching!)

Pause. Stares at each other angrily

DAMIAN

Anyway I need a rest!

Drops the rucksack, stretches his numb hand. Sits on a felled tree

KATERINA

As you want. I’ll bring… how is it… something for making a fire! Can you take a things out of the bag?

Damian keeps silence. Continues to stretch a hand. Doesn’t look at Katerina.

KATERINA

(under her breath)

Отлично. Просто отлично! (Great! GREAT!)

Katerina goes deep into the forest to gather some branches for a bonfire.

CUT TO VICTORIA and VICTOR. VICTORIA’S FLAT. Victoria comes back. Victor puts his phone in his pocket

VICTORIA

I can’t get Kate on the phone!

VICTOR

Yep, Dam is out of the network coverage. Probably it’s a really bad network here.

VICTORIA

I’m worried about them! They had to get a touristic base already and call us!

VICTOR

You spoke to Kate yesterday. It was a fog and they waited till fog is over. They are OK, don’t worry!

VICTORIA

I think we should call touristic base!

VICTOR

OK. We will call at night! If can’t get Katerina or Damian on their phones. Deal? Maybe they won’t get a base yet!

VICTORIA

OK. Maybe you are right!

VICTOR

Let’s have a lunch!

Victor leads Victoria away with his arm round her waist. Close-up on the phone.

CUT TO Damian and Katerina. Damian sits on the tree lost in meditation. Zones out. Hears a snapping of twigs. Looks back sacredly. Katerina goes with a twigs.

KATERINA

You didn’t take a things out of the bag!

DAMIAN

I can’t!

KATERINA

Why?

DAMIAN

I have to spare my hand!

KATERINA

But you have another one! And it is healthy!

DAMIAN

It’s unusual.

Katerina drops a twigs.

KATERINA

Что ж, я сама. Всю жизнь –сама! (OK! GREAT! I’ll do it by myself! As always…I’m used…)

DAMIAN

What?

KATERINA

Ничего, сидите, барин. (Nothing, barin (lord)! Keep aloof!)

Damian shrugs his shoulders. Katerina makes a bonfire and takes apples and sausages. Keeps sausages under the fire. Rubs apples with a napkin. Takes out a bottles of water. Damian observes stealthily. Katerina hands an apple and a sausage to Damian.

KATERINA

Обед подан, Ваша честь! (Dinner is served, Your Highness!)

DAMIAN

I’m not following you!

KATERINA

And don’t want it very much!

DAMIAN

Why?

KATERINA

You have to ask yourself!

Damian is silent for a three-four seconds.

DAMIAN

Let’s make a peace. I wish for a short while.

Katerina shrugs her shoulders.

KATERINA

Let’s try

They keep silence for a few seconds.

Tell me about Victor. But please! Speak to me with a simple sentences! I really bad speak English and bad understand you!

DAMIAN

(smiles)

I’ll try! I met him at school. I was tranquil and modest. Really bookworm!

Katerina doesn’t understand. Damian tries to explain. Speaks slowly.

DAMIAN

I like to read. Was an excellent pupil… But he was jaunty and blusterous.

Damian gesticulates. Portrays Victor. Katerina nods that she gets it.

KATERINA

Well, it’s a little to change!

DAMIAN

Yep, you are right. At one day I was teased by the pupils. Children are cruel sometimes. But he wasn’t. He stood up for me.

Katerina doesn’t understand. Damian tries to make it simpler.

DAMIAN

Boys said that I’m a freak, that I’m out of their circle…And only Victor said that I’m a good guy and he wanted to be friends with me. He was against all boys. And he was immediately excluded from the elite. But he had never regretted about it! We became lifelong friends. We became the best friends. Spent all time together. Sometimes made some tricks…

KATERINA

You? And a tricks?

DAMIAN

It’s hard to believe, yeah? Victor shock me up a little bit (gesticulates). He forced me to believe in myself. To be more overt, more joyous… And when I lost… lost one intimate person… He was the first who came to the aid. And he have make no doubt of my… of me! He stood up for me… again… I trust him! Without doubt!(tousles a hair. He is like a brother to me. I’ve just left inheritance to him.(catches her sight) I’ve left some sum to him. If I die before I get married. He was absent for three months. But he came back and immediately agreed to come along to Russia.

KATERINA

OK. Clear!

DAMIAN

Ok… Well, we have to go, yep?

KATERINA

Yep.

They stand up, shake themselves, Put the fire out and prepare. Go deep into the forest.

CUT TO Victor and Victoria. INT. BAR. VIP-ZONE. EVENING. They sit at the table and have a dinner

VICTOR

Vicky, you look awful!

VICTORIA

Katerina is still out of the coverage!

VICTOR

I’ll try to call DAMIAN!

Victor takes his phone, calls. Damian is out of the coverage

VICTOR

Yep, so is Damian…

VICTORIA

I’m going to call touristic base!

Victoria gets up from the table and goes to a phone

BASE

Добрый вечер, Елена. Чем могу помочь? (Good afternoon! This is Elena. How can I help you?)

VICTORIA

Алло, “Кристалл”? Меня зовут Виктория. К вам сегодня должны были приехать моя сестра Катерина и еще два туриста (Hello, is it the «Cristal»? My name is VICTORIA. My sister KATERINA and two tourists had to come to you today)

BASE

Сейчас проверю. Подождите секундочку! (Hold on! I’ll check it!)

VICTORIA

(under her breath anxiously)

Please….please….

BASE

Алло, Виктория? Нет, девушки с таким именем не было (Victoria? No, we didn’t have a tourist with name Katerina)

VICTORIA

Точно, Вы уверены? Может, они приехали вчера, а сегодня уже уехали? (Are you sure? Maybe they came over yesterday and went away that morning?)

BASE

У нас со вчерашнего утра остановилась одна престарелая пара. И одна пара с двумя детьми приехала сегодня. Больше никого не было. (Only elder couple checked in yesterday. And one couple with a two children came over today. No one checked in or checked out more)

VICTORIA

Если они приедут, позвоните, пожалуйста! Бар «5 звезд». (If the come over… Please, call me! It’s a “5 Stars” bar!)

BASE

Хорошо. Обязательно Вам перезвоним. (Yes, sure! We’ll call you back!)

Victoria pus down the phone. Looks across to Victor. He types something with his phone. Very serious. Suddenly his phone is calling. Victor picks up the phone and go away to less noisy place. Victoria follows him gingerly (warily). Hides near to him. Skipped a start of a conversation. Hears separate phrases.

VICTOR

I can’t do it now! He went off! (Listens to interlocutor)Don’t worry, All is under the control! (Listens to) I can’t do it now! I haven’t the faintest where they are now! (Listens to) I know it’s a long trip and we are in the ass hole, but nothing remains as wait! And this is an outside person with them! (Listens) No! DAMIAN doesn’t suspect! (listens to) We’ll have to take him down when they are come back (Victoria are horrified) Take it easy! He won’t outstrip his pursuer! His days are numbered! (Listens to) Deal! I’ll try to figure out where are they. I’ll keep you informed!

Victoria goes away step by step. Comes back and sits down at the table. Victor finishes his call and walks over to the table.

VICTORIA

They weren’t there…

Victoria clenches and unclenches her fingers anxiously

VICTOR

How it can be?

VICTORIA

I don’t know! Something happened!

Victor arms her shoulders a shakes a little bit

VICTOR

Stop! Relax! Everything will be OK!! Tomorrow morning we will come over there!

Victoria stares at Victor for a few seconds. Moves away from him.

VICTORIA

I have to call.

VICTOR

Yes, sure!

VICTORIA

And I want to go home… I have a headache… See you!

Victor is discouraged a little bit.

VICTOR

OK, no problem! Do you want me to see your home?

VICTORIA

No, sorry. I want to stay alone. Bye!

Victoria goes away. Victor takes a phone and finishes a message to Alex: «Where are you now? Please call me!» Sends it and drinks at one gulp.

CUT TO VICTORIA. VICTORIA’s FLAT. She just comes in and closes the door. Takes a phone, dials a number.

VICTORIA

Алло, Андрей? (Hello, ANDREW?)

ANDREW

Вика, привет! Сколько лет, сколько зим! Как ты? (Hello, Vika! We haven’t met for ages! How are you?)

VICTORIA

Андрей, мне нужна твоя помощь! ANDREW, I need your help!)

ANDREW

Что-то случилось? (What happened to you?)

VICTORIA

Катя… Мне кажется, с ней беда (to Kate. I thing she is in a ganger!)

Victoria starts to cry

ANDREW

Так-так. Давай по порядку.(Stop! One after another!)

VICTORIA

Ты можешь приехать? (Can you come?)

ANDREW

Я сегодня вернусь очень поздно. Могу завтра рано с утра. (I’m afraid I will be late today. Sorry! But I can tomorrow. Early in the morning!)

VICTORIA

Приезжай, как сможешь! Даже если очень поздно! Я все равно не смогу уснуть!! (Please come to me as soon as possible! Even if it’s late! I can’t sleep at all!)

ANDREW

Хорошо, успокойся! Я приеду как смогу! (Now please calm down! I’ll come ASAP!)

Anya comes over from the neighbor room. She is wearing a pajama. Her hair is flowing. She yawns and rubs her eyes.

ANYA

Вика, это мама звонит? (Vika! Is this mom calling?)

Victoria covers a phone with her hand.

VICTORIA

Нет, котенок. (No, kitty!)

ANYA

А когда мама позвонит? (When will mom call me?)

VICTORIA

(to Andrew)Wait for you! Thank you! Bye! (To Anya) Мамочка скоро позвонит! Вот увидишь! (Mom will call you soon! You’ll see!)

ANYA

Я соскучилась! (I miss her!)

VICTORIA

Мама по тебе тоже очень соскучилась! (Mummy misses you too, bunny!)

Victoria hugs Anya and says faintly under her breath: “Baby needs a shoes! Everything will be OK…OK…”

CUT TO Damian and Katerina. FOREST. NIGHT. Damian nods off. Katerina looks at the stars. Rustling is heard somewhere. Damian opens his eyes and looks at Katerina frightfully.

DAMIAN

What is it?

KATERINA

I have no idea. I hope it’s not that was yesterday!

Damian swallows nervously. Stare at each other frightfully

KATERINA

Let’s make… aaa… uhhh… I don’t know how it is… let’s sleep… not together? No… Not like this… I mean… You sleep I watch, then I sleep you watch…?

DAMIAN

Ок. Will you start?

KATERINA

OK. I will wake you up when it’s your turn!

DAMIAN

OK. I hope this night will be quiet!

KATERINA

Yes, I hope so! If I see something, I’ll awake you!

DAMIAN

Deal!

Damian turns away and dozes off. Katerina looks to the star. Battles with a sleep. Dozes off.

CUT TO VICTORIA. VICTORIA’S FLAT. She sits at the table and drinks a coffee. Hears a car slowing down near her house. Gets up and walks over to the window. Looks at the white jeep. Man gets out the car and goes to her door. Victoria rushes to open the door. Throws herself on his neck.

VICTORIA

Андрей!

ANDREW

Вика! Как я рад тебя видеть! (Vika! I’m so glad to see you!)

Andrew looks at her pale face.

ANDREW

Рассказывай, что случилось! (Tell me what happened!)

VICTORIA

Катя уехала показывать окрестные места двум туристам. И пропала... Боже, Андрей! (Kate set off to show tourists a sights. And they got lost! Oh, God! ANDREW! )

Victoria buries her head in his chest. Decides not to talk about Victor. Wants to find Katerina at first. And isn’t sure about what she heard.Andrew strokes her back.

ANDREW

Тихо-тихо, связаться пробовали? (Sh-sh! Did you try to get in touch with them?)

VICTORIA

Да, конечно. Телефоны недоступны, на базу звонили, их там не было.(Yep, sure! Their phones are out of a network. I called base but they didn’t get there!)

ANDREW

Я сейчас свяжусь с базой (I get in touch with the base!)

Andrew takes out his phone and dials a number, starts his conversation. Moves away from Victoria for talking. Victoria embraces her shoulders. Andrew finishes his talking. Comes back.

ANDREW

Да, их действительно не было. Когда они уехали? Yep, they really didn’t get it. When did they set off?)

VICTORIA

Три дня назад… (Three days ago!)

ANDREW

Тогда я подключаю сыскную спасательную команду. Начнем операцию по поиску. Не волнуйся, мы их найдем. (Then I attached a rescue expedition. We start a raid. Don’t worry, we’ll find them! I promise!)

VICTORIA

(tears on her eyes)

Спасибо, Андрей! Главное, чтобы живыми (Thanx a lot, Andrew! Chiefly alive!)

ANDREW

Ну что ты говоришь? Конечно живыми! (What do you tell! Natch alive!)

He clasps her to his breas.

Ну все, все! (Here, here, that’s no need to cry!)

Anya wakes up. Runs up to them. Victoria turns away for drying her tears. Anya embraces Andrew. He picks her up

ANDREW

Привет, малышка! Как ты? Ты чего так поздно не спишь? (Hi,sweetie! How are you? Why don’t you sleep?)

ANYA

Я жду маму! Ты привез ее? (I’m waiting for mom! Did you bring her?)

ANDREW

Нет. Но как раз поеду за ней! (no, but I’m going to go for her!)

ANYA

А можно мне с тобой? (Can I go with you?)

VICTORIA

Нет, малыш! Мы будем ждать маму дома! (No, my baby! We will wait mommy at home!)

ANYA

Ну я хочу к маме! (But I wanna go to my mom!)

VICTORIA

Она скоро приедет! (She will come soon!)

ANYA

(to Andrew) Привези маму скорее! (Please, bring my mom as soon as possible!)

ANDREW

Обещаю! Поеду прямо с утра!(I promise! I’m about to go straight from morning!)(to Victoria) Ты будешь нужна мне в управлении завтра. Нужно написать заявление. (I need you in office tomorrow morning! You have to write an application)

VICTORIA

Хорошо, только завезем Аню ко мне в бар. Там присмотрят. (Ok, come over me tomorrow, we drop off ANYA at the bar. They’ll look after her)

ANDREW

А Николай? (What’s about Nikolay?)

VICTORIA

Он совсем плох… На него я Аню не оставлю. (He is very bad. I won’t leave ANYA with him)

ANDREW

Ясно. Тогда я заеду завтра рано с утра! (I got it. I’ll come over you tomorrow morning)

VICTORIA

Договорились! Спасибо, Андрей! (Deal! Thanks, ANDREW!)

ANDREW

Не переживай! До завтра! (Take it easy and calm down. See you!)

Andrew kisses her check. Strokes Anya’s head. Winks. Drives away.

## DAY 5

EXT. FOREST. MORNING. Damian and Katerina sleep soundly. Damian was the first to wake up. Looks at the Katerina. She sleeps. Damian awakes her.

DAMIAN

You dozed off!

Katerina is being only half-awake. Doesn’t understand what’s going on.

KATERINA

What?

DAMIAN

You dozed off!!

Katerina stares at him with a puzzled look.

We arranged for take turns sleeping!

Katerina doesn’t get him at first, but then remembers about the night-watch.

KATERINA

You should start first!

DAMIAN

It was you who offered it!

KATERINA

But you, like a gentleman, should be first!

DAMIAN

(smile wryly)

I like a gentleman, gave up my place to Lady! Lady’s first!

KATERINA

Are you kidding? You are a bastard!

DAMIAN

Oh, how base! And you know this word, don’t you? Ho-ho! Unexpectedly! But remember, my dear, it was your idea to come here!

KATERINA

It was your idea to write a book!

DAMIAN

You said you knew everything here!

KATERINA

NOT EVERYTHING!!!I don’t know here we are!

DAMIAN

For what did we take you with us! Dear Lord!

KATERINA

I couldn’t suspect we would be here! And a saved your life! Do you remember it? But you behave yourself… awful… For what do you hate me? (tears in her eyes)

DAMIAN

(is stricken)

I’m not… I don’t…

KATERINA

You think I like to be here. I have to disappoint you! NOT! My sister and daughter are there! Maybe in dangerous! I can lose them! Lose all my family! I have nobody expect them!!!

Tears are running down her cheeks

DAMIAN

But you got married! Your husband…

KATERINA

(bitterly)

Husband… You don’t know anything! My daughter and my sister is my family! I can’t lose them! But I’m here! And my phone is uncharged… I don’t know how they are! Do you think it’s easy? To be permanently afraid about them! And don’t have an opportunity to do something! Oh, God! What does it matter to you? Forget!

Katerina waves her hand. Crams things into the rucksack

You don’t understand all the same! We have to go!

Katerina takes a muesli out from the rucksack. Throws to Damian. He catches it.)

Your breakfast!

Katerina turns and comes away. Damian follows her

CUT TO VICTORIA, ANYA and ANDREW. EXP. ON THE STREET NEAR VICTORIA’s HOUSE. Get in the ANDREW’s car. Drive off Vika’s house.

VICTORIA

Надо еще заехать за Виктором. Он должен быть в отеле. (We have to come over VICTOR he is in the hotel)

ANDREW

Кто это? (Who is it?)

VICTORIA

Это один из друзей тех туристов. Он остался здесь. (He is one of that tourists. He remained here)

ANDREW

Хорошо, он может нам помочь в поисках (OK. He can help us in our investigation)

VICTORIA

Знать бы, где они сейчас… (I wish I knew where they are…)

CUT TO DAMIAN and KATERINA. FOREST. AFTERNOON.

DAMIAN

Kate! (silence). Kate! Please!!

Katerina turns at him abruptly. Looks at him.

DAMIAN

I just wanna ask you… I think I have a temperature…

Katerina puts her hands at his forehead. Frowns.

КATERINA

Yes, I think so. We have to find a way quickly!

DAMIAN

You mentioned your husband… Something’s wrong?

КATERINA

It’s out of your business!

DAMIAN

I just wanna know…

КATERINA

I don’t wanna talk to you about it. And don’t wanna talk at all!

Katerina turns away and goes ahead. Damian sighs and follows her.

CUT TO VICTORIA, ANDREW and VICTOR. ANDREW’ S OFFICE IN POLICE DEPARTMANT. Andrew sits behind his table. Victoria and Victor are opposite him.

ANDREW

Victor, where are you and your friends from?

VICTOR

We are from London. Dam came to write a book about Ural’s tales.

ANDREW

Who also came with you?

VICTOR

Our friend. Alex. He set off with Damian and Katerina.

ANDREW

Why didn’t you?

VICTOR

Alex is our interpreter. Damian doesn’t speak Russian. Alex had lived in Russia a few years ago. He is from Russia. And sure he speaks Russian. I remained to help Victoria with Anya

Victor puts his hand on her hand. Andrew notices it. Victoria takes her hand away. Frowns.

ANDREW

How do you think what happened?

VICTOR

Haven’t the faintest! We worked up a plan. Katerina knows that places… (VICTORIA nods). I have no idea what’s going on! Maybe something is with their car…

ANDREW

What can you tell about Alex?

VICTOR

Alex is our friend and we know him many years!

ANDREW

Whether were a moments when Alex could wish Damian’s death?

VICTOR

What’s an awkward question?

ANDREW

It’s just a speculation!

VICTOR

It’s just not right speculation!

ANDREW

What’s about you? Could you?

Victor loses gift of speech

So whether were a such moments?

Victor keeps silence a few seconds.

VICTOR

No!

Andrew notices pause before his answer.

ANDREW

Are you sure?

VICTOR

(firmly)

YES!

Victor stares unkindly at A ndrew

ANDREW

I’ll make an inquiries about your friends to bases. And about you at the same time. We’ll attach a rescue group and start a raid code-named “Carlton”. I’ll keep you informed.

VICTORIA

Andrew! Could you make a printout of a phone calls?

ANDREW

Yes, sure! Good idea!

Victor stares at Andrew viciously.

VICTORIA

Thanks, Andrew!

Victoria stands up. Victor does the same. Andrew gets up the table

ANDREW

Keep the faith! We’ll find them!

Andrew embraces Victoria. Victor nods Andrew. Victoria and Victor leave Andrew’s office. Victor keeps silence. He is gloomy.

VICTORIA

What’s wrong?

VICTOR

Nothing

VICTORIA

You don’t like Andrew, yeah?

VICTOR

Yes, I don’t like him!

VICTORIA

I know him so many years! He is our friend! And wants to help us!

VICTOR

Ok, ok! Sorry I don’t feel very well! I’m going to lie down for a few hours. If something happens let me know!

VICTORIA

Deal! I’ll be at the bar!

VICTOR

See you!

He gets away. Goes to his room, walks over to a balcony, climbs over on Alex’s balcony. Rummages in Alex’s table, clothes, beside-table. Finds a flesh-card and a photo. Looks at the photo (you can’t see it),picks up photo and flesh card and gets away from his room. Types a message “I found and picked up all possible evidences.”

CUT TO Katerina and Damian. FOREST.EVENING. They sit near the bonfire. Dinner.

DAMIAN

Sorry for being so rude with you!

KATERINA

Yes, really…

DAMIAN

I don’t hate you, believe me!

KATERINA

It makes me happy…

DAMIAN

Forgive me, I really understand what you feel…your daughter and sister…Let’s hold together! Make peace?

Damian stretches out his hand. Katerina shrugs her shoulders and press his hand.

KATERINA

Make peace!

DAMIAN

I feel sorry that you’d found yourself there… that is to say I’m happy you are there…but…that is to say…

KATERINA

I got it. I feel sorry that you didn’t see that places from the legends…

DAMIAN

We will have time…

KATERINA

Yes, if we find a way from here… And I can tell you some legends right now!

DAMIAN

(smiles)

It will be better if you tell me about you… I think it’s a high time!

KATERINA

If you can bear my awful English!

DAMIAN

Well then you admit it, yeah?

KATERINA

I have to! My life is not so interesting like this legends… OK, right! Promise than you won’t use it against me when we get out from here!

DAMIAN

You are awful funny! Just think! OK, I promise!

Damian lifts his left hand in a gesture “I promise to say truth and nothing but the truth”

KATERINA

I live there since I was born…

Damian corrects her with “I’ve been living there”. Katerina raises her eyebrow inquiringly

DAMIAN

Sorry, it’s because of my profession. I’m used to correcting texts. But I will not correct you more! I promise!

KATERINA

I’ve been living there since I was born. With Vika, of course. Our parents had travelled so much. They were a….how to say…they made researches…And one day they had died. They were at the boat. How it?

Kate gesticulates. Damian gets it. Prompts her “they had drowned”

Yes… People who saw it didn’t have time to save them. Maybe this is the reason why I don’t swim. And afraid of a water. I was 16-year. Vika was 14-year. We stayed with our grandma. After my parents had died I started to work in a book shop. It belonged to my father. He had built it when he came here and fell in love with my mom. When they travelled my grandma had lead this shop. And I had started to help her with it. I loved her stories and tales from my childhood, I had gone with her all over this places from the legends. I adored my grandma. I‘ve grown up on this tales. And of course I wished about a fairytale. About a beautiful love. Like my mom and dad had.

The sequences of Katerina’s life start. She continues her narration against the background.

Nikolay had come one day. And I fell in love. He was so smart, so strong, so handsome. And he came from the Moscow. Like from another world. He had fallen in love with me. Everything was so beautiful. He was a businessman. Had opened a bar here. «5 Stars» is his bar. Was his bar. We got married, then Anya was born. But then his business in Moscow… how it… cracked?

Sequence on Katerina. She keeps silence a few seconds, couples her fingers nervously.

And he started to drink…

Sequence on Katerina’s memoirs again.

More and more… I tried to fought against it. I persuaded him, supplicated, threatened… but… he continued drinking. His business… how it… fell down?

Sequence on Katerina and Damian. Katerina gesticulates. Damian nods that he got it.

«5 Stars» he rewrote on me. And that’s all that was left. Now Vika leads it. That’s my sad fairy tale…

DAMIAN

Do you still love your husband?

KATERINA

I don’t know… I loved him, but now…

DAMIAN

Why don’t you leave him?

KATERINA

I have no place to go. And Anya loves her father…

DAMIAN

What’s about Victoria? What if you live in her flat?

KATERINA

I can’t leave my husband at all. I’m afraid… He can… He is very bad…

DAMIAN

He may die, yeah?

KATERINA

Yes…

Katerina turns away with a tears.

DAMIAN

Forgive me…

KATERINA

Ok, that’s it about me… Enough of me. What’s about you?

DAMIAN

About me?

KATERINA

Tell me the story of your life!

DAMIAN

OK, it’s an evening of revelations! But promise me too that you won’t use it against me!

Damian laughs. Katerina repeats his gesture “truth and nothing but the truth”

KATERINA

I promise! But please…

DAMIAN

With a simple sentences! (grins) I remember! I was born and have grown up in London. My parents are writers. So I learn it at my mother’s knee that I would be a writer. I met Victor at school as I told before. And I met Alex at University. His family had immigrated in London when he was a teenager. Alex had acquainted me with Elis, his sister.

KATERINA

And you had fallen in love, yeah?

Damian shakes his head, smiles a sad smile.

DAMIAN

No! Quite the contrary! Victor had liked her very much at first, not me. I had thought she was a shallow person. She had thought I was a pain in the neck…

Katerina doesn’t understand. Damian tries to explain.

I had thought she was very simple, empty-headed. She had thought I was uninteresting person

Katerina nods she got it.

One day Alex had asked me to do some work with her English. She had spoken awful. Like you

He grins, Katerina smiles.

And it was then that we fell in love. She had turned out so smart and well-read person. But her awful English had prevented her to show it. She was so funny, pretty… Alive… We had been together all time, spent all time…and we had quarreled just one time.

Damian tousles his hair, takes off his glasses, rubs it, puts on again.

But this time had turned out a fatal…

Sequences of his memoires start.

Elis had wanted to go to one party. But I couldn’t. I had to write my book… fucking terms… we had started to make a quarrel at home. I have to admit I had to give her much attention… But it was a really hard book. And I had to finish it. Elis took offence, was jealous, but we had never made a quarrel. But that time he had lost her temper. Had insisted at this outing. Had said she would set off alone. It was raining. I couldn’t let her go along. I had to go. We had continued our quarrel in the car. I had told her to fasten her seatbelt. She hadn’t done it to spite me. I had tried to fasten her and hadn’t watched closely the road… Unexpectedly a dog had sprung from somewhere…

Sequence on Damian. Hits his neck. Tears on his eyes.

How stupid! Absurdly!

Sequence on his and Elis again.

I had unscrewed a steering-wheel. On a high rate of movement. Wet road… We had dashed out and run into a tree…I had gotten out of the car. And it had started to burn. I was afraid of it and run away. I had left Elis inside. It had blown up…

Sequence on Katerina and Damian. Bonfire reverberates at his glasses. Silence during a few seconds. Katerina looks grievously at Damian. Sequence on Damian and Elis.

Elis had died in a moment. I… I loved her so much… I had wanted to propose marriage to her next evening. ALEX had accused me of her death. We hadn’t associated with him at one time but after we had begun associated again. He had forgiven me. Victor had felt it keenly. Because he had liked Elis as I said before and had worried about me. But had given me a great moral support, of course

Sequence on Katerina and Damian. Damian tosses the fire.

This is my sad story…

Damian looks up at K aterina

KATERINA

I’m so sorry…

DAMIAN

You had reminded me Elis with something. Sorry for being rude to you!

KATERINA

Oh…

DAMIAN

But I like you. Really!

KATERINA

And you! I couldn’t suspect you are such a man.

DAMIAN

I was over after her death…

KATERINA

I understand, really! Sorry. I didn’t know it.

They look at each other. Realize that start to fall on love. Katerina looks aside.

KATERINA

Well, I think we have to go bed! How do you feel?

She looks at him preoccupied.

DAMIAN

I think I feel rise in temperature. Can you give me a water?

KATERINA

Yes, sure!

She takes a water out of his rucksack. Hands to him

Here you are!

Damian drinks. Water runs out.

DAMIAN

Thanks. I hope it will be better! I thought…But please don’t get me wrong… it’s a little bit coldly at nights. And if we…together…

Katerina stares at him in perplexity.

No-no! I just supposed if we cuddle up to each other it will be much better. Not so cold! (blushes) Nothing personal… just…

KATERINA

Let’s try. It’s a really cold.

They lie down. Damian behind Katerina’s back.Embraces her.

DAMIAN

Is it comfortable for you?

KATERINA

Yes. And it’s really warmer.

DAMIAN

(grins)

Oh, I could guess Alex’s comments and jokes about it if he had just seen us…

They smile and close their eyes. A few seconds. Suddenly Katerina hears a rustle. Turns to Damian

KATERINA

Did you hear it?

DAMIAN

What is it?

They sit up. Scared

KATERINA

It looks like… something very big and heavy. I can’t understand, what it’s…

Rustle approaches. Hissing is heard. They jump up

Ok, I start to guess…

DAMIAN

And what is it?

Rustle and hissing repeat. Katerina puts out a fire.

KATERINA

I think it was better to do it! And we have to go! Right now. But without making a sounds. And very carefully!

Start to move away. Go over the whisper. Try not making a sounds.

DAMIAN

Where are we headed?

KATERINA

I don’t know…

Looks around. Sees a high heap of stones.

This way!

They move away quickly. Damian looks back. It seems to him that there are a red eyes in a deep forest at a man’s height level. It starts to lift higher little by little. Shape of a enormous snake. Damian is horrified. He comes to run. Katerina doesn’t understand what happened but comes to run too. They get a stones. Damian starts to climb. He is dreaming that the serpent will catch them up. Katerina noticed a crevice in this heap of stones, pulls Damian’s hand. They dive in the crevice.

DAMIAN

Fuck, fuck, FUCK!

KATERINA

Where is it?

They sit pressed to each other.

DAMIAN

I… DON’T KNOW… So did you see it?

KATERINA

What exactly?

DAMIAN

Eyes… Red eyes… And a snake! Enormous!

KATERINA

No, I just heard a rustle. And a… How it…

She imitates hissing.

Maybe it’s a …how it? How is it name? Snake without a poison? With two yellow marks?

DAMIAN

Grass-snake? 3 meters in height?!

KATERINA

You have a high temperature!

She presses her hand to his forehead.

It seemed to you..

DAMIAN

I know very well what I saw! It was Poloz!

KATERINA

WHAT?! It’s a nonsense! Just a legends! You have a very rich imagination!

Looks out carefully.

I see nothing now. But suggest to stay here…

DAMIAN

I agree! But I’m right!

KATERINA

Are you sure it didn’t seem to you?

DAMIAN

Hmmm…You said it just Alex had said one time. I had been attempted upon my life. Somebody had shoot at me! In London. After Elis had died. I was so depressed, opened to injury and took no notice of anything. But fortunately they had failed to hit. VICTOR was somewhere near to me. He had come in a few minutes. Alex had asked me later could It seem to me. Alex… I miss him…

KATERINA

Have you found a person who shouted at you?

DAMIAN

No, he had got away with it. But investigation is continued….

KATERINA

They will catch him! I believe in it! But now try to sleep. I’ll keep watch!

DAMIAN

(with a sarcasm)

Like a last time?

KATERINA

(smiles)

No! I promise that I won’t sleep till a sunrise! I don’t wanna sleep after all of it!

DAMIAN

I can start to keep watching!

KATERINA

No! I appreciate it, really! But you need to sleep. You are ill. That’s all right, I will start!

DAMIAN

Thank you! Really, thank you!

KATERINA

That’s OK!

Damian falls asleep. Katerina looks around. Sees nothing. Shrinks, embraces her knee. Rustle isn’t heard. Carefully looks out. Sees a bluish luminescence what coils away from them. Stares at Damian. Bits her lips. Starts praying. Luminescence disappears little by little. Katerina falls asleep closer to a dawn

## DAY 6

EXT. FOREST. HEAP OF STONES. MORNING. Damian wakes up first. Turns to Katerina and admires her a few seconds. Stands up gingerly. Katerina moves but doesn’t awakes. Damian goes for a twigs for a bonfire. Makes a bonfire. Katerina opens her eyes, stretches herself.

DAMIAN

Good morning!!

KATERINA

Good morning!

Damian hands her canned meat and an apple.

Breakfast in a bed? (is confused)

DAMIAN

Nearly. But without coffee.

KATERINA

Have we had a food yet?

DAMIAN

There is hardly anything left.

Katerina looks uncomprehending.

Our supplies are all but gone!

Kate stares at him more uncomprehending.

We ate all food nearly. And we don’t have a water…

KATERINA

I will say a banal thing. But we have to hurry. I hope Viki and VICTOR raised an alarm!

DAMIAN

I hope so. And they will find us soon!

CUT TO VICTOR and VICTORIA. HOTEL.VICTOR’S ROOM. Victoria comes over Victor. He is in the bathroom. Tells her he will be ready in 5 minutes. Victoria looks sideways at the door and opens a bedside-table. There is a some things in a first drawer. Nothing interesting. Opens a second drawer. There are a gun there. Victoria stares at it in shock and closes a drawer. Thinks it over, wants to rummage in the table, but the bathroom door is open. Victor appears and kisses her near her lips.

VICTOR

Hello, dear! I made out that I’m very hungry! Let’s go for a lunch?

Victoria nods. Feels nervous but tries not to show it. They go to a lift, Victoria looks back at Victor’s room. Gets vexed. They come to a bar. Sit, make an order. Eat in the silence a few minutes. Victor looks at Victoria, observes her, tries to figure out what’s with her.

VICTOR

Tell me about Andrew. He disturbs me.

VICTORIA

Why? He is our friend. And we know him many years

VICTOR

Why did he get this case?

VICTORIA

I called him.

VICTOR

Who is he?

VICTORIA

He is our friend. We met him six years ago. He is from Moscow, graduated from FSB academy and had been assigned here. He is not all time here, of course, he has some cases in a different places. But he was found here when I called him.

VICTOR

I wouldn’t confide him. He resembles somebody to me… I can’t make out. But I think there is something behind that…

VICTORIA

You can disturb him. It’s your choice! But don’t tell ne about it! I trust him! Sorry, if you don’t like it!

VICTOR

OK, sorry! All of us have had a drop too much. If you want we will go to base. Or try to find them. Organize our own search!

VICTORIA

I think about it! But now I have to check how Anya is. Sorry!

She gets up. Victor gets up too.

VICTOR

Yes, sure! But I can’t just stand by and do nothing. I’m going to set off for a search. I will be in my room during the hour. Prepare for it. You will find me there if you decide to go with me. By the way you behave very strange last time three days!

VICTORIA

My sister got lost!

VICTOR

Sorry, really. I don’t like this shit too!

Embraces Victoria. She says under her breath “And I just know why!” Come out to the street. Victor goes to the hotel. Victoria walks over to the department for taking a printout of a phone calls. Meets ROMAN, Andrew’s colleague.

VICTORIA

Привет, Ром! А Андрей на месте? (Hi, Rom! Does Andrew on the spot (in his office)?)

ROMAN

Привет, Вик! Нет, он уехал рано с утра! Но звонил, что скоро уже будет на месте! (Hi, Vik! No he had gone away early in the morning. But he had called he would be soon)

VICTORIA

Хорошо! Я подожду в кабинете. А он ничего не оставлял? (OK. May I wait for him at his office? Did he leave something for me maybe?)

ROMAN

Да, он просил передать тебе какие-то распечатки! (Yes, sure, you can wait! And he had asked me to give you a printouts)

VICTORIA

О, отлично! Спасибо! (O, great! Thanks!

They walk over to an Andrew’s office. Victoria takes it out from the file, looks it through)

О, Боже! (Oh, my God!)

ROMAN

Что-то серьезное? (Something is serious?)

VICTORIA

Ром, мне надо бежать! Передай Андрею, чтобы ехал в отель «Урал», как только появится, хорошо? (Rom, I need to go! Please tell ANDREW to go to the “Ural” as soon as he comes! Please!!!)

ROMAN

Конечно, сразу передам! (Yes, sure, I’ll tell him as long as he comes!)

Victoria comes in to a hotel, goes to a Victor’s room, knocks. Victor opens the door, Victoria breezes into his room. His travelling bag is collected

VICTOR

Victoria? Did you decide to go with me? Great!

VICTORIA

How dare you?

VICTOR

What are you talking about??

VICTORIA

How dare you, fucking bastard? Who is your workmate?

VICTOR

I’m not following you!

VICTORIA

WHY, OF COURSE!

VICTOR

I really don’t understand!

VICTORIA

You are… Are… I can’t choose a word!

VICTOR

Listen to me! Just calm down and tell me what’s going on!

VICTORIA

You said that you are his best friend! But you were going to kill him!

VICTOR

What’s a nonsense! I’m not going to kill anybody! Are you off your rocket?

VICTORIA

(cries)

I had heard your conversation! You were going to kill her friend! Katerina had interfered with your plans! That would be the last straw you would kill her in addition!

VICTOR

What the hell are you talking about? You jumped at conclusion!

VICTORIA

But nothing will come of it! You won’t go anywhere!! Andrew is coming here!

VICTOR

Victoria! We will sit and talk now!!

He grasps her by the wrists.

VICTORIA

Don’t touch me! AAAA!!

Victor unclasps his hand. Victoria hits his knee and run away. Victor runs after her, limps.

VICTOR

Viki! Listen to me! I have to tell you…

They run down the stairs.

VICTORIA

Andrew will sort it out!

Run out into the street. Run across Andrew.

ANDREW

Вика? Роман сказал, что ты взяла распечатки! (Vika? ROMAN said you had taken a printouts of a phone calls?)

VICTORIA

Андрей! Это Виктор! Он планировал убийство Дэмиана! (Andrew! That’s VICTOR! He planned to kill Damian!)

ANDREW

Что? (What?)

He catches VICTOR, twists his arms and manacles.

You have the right to remain silent, and that anything you say will be used against you in court. You know all of this, yeah?

VICTOR

I have nothing to blame!

Andrew pushes him into a car.

ANDREW

We will sort it out in a department

VICTOR

Viki!!

Victoria turns away. There are tears on her eyes.

VIKI!

A car drives off. Victor looks at Victoria through the window.

CUT TO KATERINA and DAMIAN. FOREST. EARLIER EVENING. They go through the forest. Katerina stops suddenly. Damian is stopped by her.

KATERINA

Damian, dear Lord! We are saved!

She throws herself on his neck. Damian looks over her shoulder ad works out they found a shooting lodge.

KATERINA

We can find something to eat there! And a maps, I hope! Come here quick!

They run to the lodge. Come up to a door. Pull a door. It’s closed. Look into a window. Nobody is here.

DAMIAN

We have no luck!

KATERINA

One moment! Stop a panic! I think it must be key something there!

She looks up under the porch, near the porch.

DAMIAN

Why do you think so?

KATERINA

This men… How they… Hunters? They always have a… Another one key.

Feels ledge above the door. Finds a key.

Есть! (I knew it!)

Unlocks the door.

Q.E.D! Welcome, Mister Carlton!

Let him pass. Damian comes in first. Katerina follows him. Observe a lodge. Find a canned foods and a jars in a cellar.

KATERINA

I hope they will forgive us for this little thief!

Damian takes a canned foods, looks up for a knife.

DAMIAN

Let me help you!

KATERINA

(jokingly)

What’s about your hand? You have to spare your hand!

DAMIAN

That’s OK. I’ll do it!

KATERINA

Now, enjoy your meal!

DAMIAN

Priyatnogo appetita!

They smile at each other.

CUT TO VICTOR. POLICE DEPARTMENT. He is in a cell. Security officer is near cell.

VICTOR

I have the right to make one call!

OFFICER

Я тебя не понимаю! (I don’t understand you!)

VICTOR

My phone!

Officer shrugs his shoulders.

OFFICER

Вернется Андрей- с ним и договаривайтесь! (When Andrew will come back we will negotiate)

Victor understands a word «Andrew»)

VICTOR

ANDREW! Yes! Call him! Andrew!

OFFICER

Нет его! Уехал по делам!! (He is absent. Get away on business)

Officer gesticulates and pronounces «tu-tu!»

VICTOR

I need to make a call!

He hits the bars with his hand. Officer approaches menacingly. Victor rises his hands in pacificatory gesture.

OK. I’m waiting for Andrew!

Victor sits down on a coach. Tries to make out what to do.

CUT TO VICTORIA. She comes to a department for speaking with Victor. Victor stands up and comes to a bars

VICTOR

Viki!

VICTORIA

Please, yell me the truth! Where are they?

VICTOR

Vika! I really don’t know! I have nothing with this! You misunderstood! Help me to get out of here and I’ll explain you all!

VICTORIA

Nothing will come of it! Tell me now!

They hear Andrew’s voice approaching.

Victor stretched out his hand through the bars and picks up Vika’s hand.

VICTOR

Take this flashcard. Please, watch it! I hadn’t time to do it! Please! It’s very important!

Andrew comes in.

ANDREW

Вика? Мне сказали, что ты здесь! Что-то случилось? (Vika? They told me you are here. Something happened?)

VICTORIA

Хотела узнать пару вещей. (I wanted to know some things)

ANDREW

Узнала? (Did you get it?)

Victoria looks at Victor. He barely moves his head

VICTORIA

Не-ет… Он не знает (Nope… He doesn’t know)

ANDREW

Или просто не говорит (or doesn’t want to talk)

Andrew stares at Victor. He stares at him maliciously.

VICTORIA

В любом случае, мне пора!(Anyway I need to go!)

Andrew and Victoria moves away from Victor’s cell.

ANDREW

OK.Хорошо… Пока мы ничего не нашли… (Sorry for the shit on your parade but we haven’t found them yet)

Victoria is upset. Andrew takes her hand

Поужинаем сегодня? (let’s have dinner tonight!)

VICTORIA

Я не знаю… (I’m not sure…)

ANDREW

Я приготовлю что-нибудь изумительное. Отвлечешься. Немного дружеской беседы ведь не помешает? (I will cook something wonderful. You have to be distracted a little bit. A friendly chat would no harm!)

VICTORIA

(smiles sadly)

Хорошо! (OK, deal!)

ANDREW

Тогда в 8 я заеду за тобой. (OK, I’ll pick you up at 8 p.m.)

VICTORIA

Договорились. (Deal!)

ANDREW

Тебя подвезти? Мне в ту же сторону. (I can drop you off on my way)

VICTORIA

Да, спасибо! (yes, please!)

They go off.

VICTOR

My phone! DAMMIT!

CUT TO KATERINA and DAMIAN. SHOOTING LODGE. Katerina rummages in a drawers.

KATERINA

I think it must be maps there!

looks at Damian. He is pale. And barely stand on his feet.

DAMIAN

It’s asthenia. Don’t worry!

KATERINA

OK. So let’s look up for a maps!

They look up

DAMIAN

Is that what we need?

He takes out maps. Shows to Katerina

KATERINA

Yep! We are lucky!!

They spread a maps out. Stare at they.

So… We are here!

She points at the cross on the map

Look! There is a river near this place! And a communication station on the other side! We have to get it!

Looks at Damian. He nods absently. There is a sweat on his forehead.

Dam! You look awful! So! Sit down! Sit down!

Kate seats him on a sofa. Looks up for a medicine chest. Finds it. Takes off a Damian’s jacket. He winces. Katerina takes off a shirt of his shoulder. Wound festers.

О, Черт!! Так. Все хорошо. Все нормально.(Oh, dammit! DAMMIT! So. Stop panic. That’s all right)

Damian feels worse. his face became red. Katerina presses her hand to his forehead

У тебя жар! (you have a fever!)

She lays him down. Rinses a wound. Damian winces. Spreads an antiseptics on the wound, bandages it. Finds an aspirin in a medicine chest. Gives it to Damian.

Lay down, please! I’ll bring water.

Katerina comes out, goes to a little draw well, fills a bucket. Comes back, puts the teapot on the stove, makes a gauze bandages, wets it, puts on a Damian’s forehead. He is semi-unconscious.

KATERINA

Dam…Dam! Can you hear me?

DAMIAN

Yyee… aa… yyye…

KATERINA

Так! Не отключайся! О, Господи! Только этого не хватало! (Look! Don’t conk out! Oh, God! That’s the limit!)

She finds a cranberries jam in a cellar.

Отлично! (great!)

Makes a cranberry water. Approaches to Damian. Sits down on a corner of a sofa.

Look! You have to drink it! Do you hear me?

DAMIAN

Oooo….

Katerina raises his head a little, pours a cranberry water into his mouth carefully.

Вот так. Хорошо! Молодец! (Yes, great! Good boy!)

She changes a gauze.

Everything will be OK!

Strokes his hair.

DAMIAN

Kate, don’t live me alone!

KATERINA

I won’t leave you, I’m here! Don’t worry!

DAMIAN

But you have to find a way, you have to advance… We don’t have time…

KATERINA

I won’t live you alone! I can’t! You have to get well! Drink it up!

She gives him a cranberry water.

DAMIAN

Thank… you…

KATERINA

You have to sleep! Try to sleep!

DAMIAN

Will you be here near to me?

KATERINA

Yes, sure! Sleep!

Kate kisses his forehead, covers him with a blanket. Damian falls asleep.

CUT TO VICTORIA. VICTORIA’s FLAT. VICTORIA sits in front of a laptop. Puts a flesh card in a laptop. Flesh card has a password. Victoria enters VICTOR. Blocked. Enters DAMIAN. Blocked. ALEX - blocked. 1234- blocked

VICTORIA

Давай же! (Come on!)

Andrew comes. Victoria closes a laptop.

ANDREW

Ты готова? (Are you ready?)

VICTORIA

Да. Сейчас позову Аню! (Yep, I’ll just call ANYA) (cries) Анюта! Дядя Андрей приехал! (Anuta! Uncle ANDREW have come!)

Anya runs out.

ANYA

Дядя Андрей! (uncle Andrew!)

ANDREW

Привет, малышка! (hello, baby!)

He puts her up on his hands.

ANYA

А мамочка с тобой? (Where is mommy? Has she come with you?)

ANDREW

Нет. Ей пришлось задержаться. Но она скоро приедет! Поедешь ко мне ужинать? (no, she had to stay too long! But she will come soon! Would you like to come to me for a dinner?)

ANYA

А что у тебя есть вкусного? (What kind of tasty things do you have?)

Vika smiles “ANYA!!”

ANDREW

А что ты хочешь? (What do you want?)

ANYA

Боооооольшой торт (very big cake!)

She shows it with her hands.

ANDREW

Как насчет торта-мороженого? (What’s about ice cream cake?)

ANYA

Даааа! (Yeeees!!!!)

She takes his neck in her arms.

ANDREW

Тогда пойдем (So let’s go!)

Victoria takes her jacket, puts a Anya’s jacket on Anya, switches off a lights. Come out. Sequence on laptop.

CUT TO ANDREW’s FLAT. KITCHEN. HIGH BAR COUNTER. Anya and Victoria sit on a chairs near it. Andrew pours Victoria some wine and juice for Anya.

ANDREW

Ну-с, за вас, дамы! (So, my ladies, to you!)

VICTORIA

А я давно не была у тебя в гостях! Все изменилось! (I haven’t been there for a long time! Everything was changed)

ANDREW

После ужина проведу экскурсию по моему скромному жилищу (I’ll make an excursion for you and show you my modest habitation)

VICTORIA

Ну уж прямо и скромному! (I’m not sure it’s a really modest!)

Andrew stares at Victoria with a long glance.

ANDREW

Тебе тут нравится? (Do you like it?)

VICTORIA

Да, очень уютно! (Yep, it’s very cozy!)

ANDREW

Я очень рад (I’m so glad to hear it!)

He puts his hand on her hand. Victoria is ashamed

ANYA

Дядя Андрей! Ты покажешь нам квартиру? (Uncle ANDREW! Are you show us a flat?)

ANDREW

Конечно, малышка! Вика? (Yes, my baby! Vika?)

VICTORIA

Да, с удовольствием!(Yes, with pleasure!)

Takes her down from a chair. Helps to Victoria. They leave a kitchen walk over to the living room.

ANDREW

Это гостиная (This is my living room)

ANYA goes to observe the room.

Спальня на втором этаже (There is a bed room on the second floor) … (intimately in Vika’s ear) мы можем заглянуть (We can drop in….)

VICTORIA

Давай в другой раз! (Maybe in another time… Anya…)

ANDREW

Как скажешь… (As you want!)

ANYA runs to them.

ANYA

Дядя Aндрей, а кто там на фото? (Uncle Andrew! Who are those people on the photos?)

Andrew takes Anya on his hands.

ANDREW

Пойдем посмотрим! (Let’s show it!) (Come to a shelves) Это мои мама и папа. Это я. Маленький. Как ты (this is my mom and dad. This is me. I was near five years old. Like you!)

He smiles at Anya. Victoria finds a photo with Andrew and Elis. Observes it.

VICTORIA

А это кто? (Who is it?)

ANDREW

Это Алиса (This is Alisa!)

ANYA

Но тебе же Вика нравится! (But you like Vika!)

ANDREW

Да, ты права, мне нравится твоя тетя! А Алиса- это моя сестра…(Yes, you are right! I like your aunt! Alisa is my cousin!)

VICTORIA

Сестра? Но я не знала, что у тебя есть сестра… (Cousin? I didn’t know you had a cousin!)

ANYA

А где она? (Where is she?)

ANDREW

Она… Погибла. (She… Was died)

VICTORIA

(gets pale)

Как она… Погибла? Извини, это не мое дело… и неприятные воспоминания… (How was she died? Sorry, it’s out of my business…and unpleasant memoires)

ANDREW

Ничего… Она… разбилась. Сгорела… (That’s OK. She had crashed. Burned)

VICTORIA

Мне очень жаль…(I’m so sorry…too bad!)

ANDREW

Это было почти год назад…Ладно! Давайте продолжим экскурсию! (It had happened about an year ago...OK. Let’s go on our excursion!)

Anya starts to yawn.

VICTORIA

Андрей, мы, наверное, поедем….Ане пора спать!(Andrew, we need to go! Anya has to go to bed!)

ANYA

Ну Вика…еще чуть-чуть! (Vika! Just a little more!)

VICTORIA

Все-все! Дядя Андрей покажет нам квартиру в другой раз! (No, that’s it!. Uncle Andrew will show you his flat later!)

ANDREW

Может, останетесь? Аню мы можем положить в гостевой… (will you stay at night maybe? We can place Anya at the living room…)

Victoria wants to try to unlock a flesh card another one time.

VICTORIA

Прости…сегодня не самый удачный день…я очень устала…и голова разболелась. Давай в другой раз? (Sorry it’s not a good day today…I’m so tired. And have a headache! Next time, maybe?)

ANDREW

Как скажешь! Завтра меня весь день не будет, я вернусь поздно, но если ты будешь свободна…(It’s up to you. I will be absent all day tomorrow and come back late, but if you are free…)

VICTORIA

Посмотрим! (let’s wait and see!)

ANDREW

Я довезу вас! (I’ll give you a lift)

VICTORIA

Спасибо! (Thank you!)

Andrew takes Anya on his hands. She nods off. They come out.

CU TO SHOOTING LODGE. NIGHT. Katerina had dropped off in a rocking chair near the Damian’s sofa. Damian wakes up. Sees a girl near the door. She looks like Elis (and in her clothes) stares at him. Damian feels bad, but stands up. Girl turns and goes away. Damian follows her, staggers. Katerina moves but doesn’t awake. Girl hides in a forest, put the light on. Damian goes towards a light

DAMIAN

Elis! It’s a nonsense!…

Girl pushes her finger at her lips anв makes a gesture to follow her. Damian hardly keeps up with her. Katerina wakes up. Makes out Damian is absent and the door opens. Jumps out of the chair and runs to a door.

KATERINA

DAMIAN! DAMIAN!

She runs deeper in the forest, notices a Damian far from her. Runs to him.

KATERINA

DAMIAN! STOP!!!

Damian goes on. Katerina runs faster.

STOP IT!!

Damian looks back at her and stops. Then turns to a light and goes again. Katerina notices a light.

О, Боже! Кто там? КТО ЭТО? (oh, Lord! Who are you? WHO IS THAT?)

Light shudders and dies out. Damian stands still and twists his head round. Katerina runs up to him.

Damian! Stop! What the hell are you doing?

Katerina sees that Damian feels very bad. Watches closely to a darkness but sees nothing.

Let’s go, let’s go! You have to go to bed!

DAMIAN

Elis! Elis is there!

Katerina leads him away.

KATERINA

This is nobody there! It seemed to you!

DAMIAN

Elis is alive! She came over me!

KATERINA

You have to lay down! You have a fever! Only you and me are here!

DAMIAN

No, she came over me! I saw her…

Get a lodge. Katerina lays Damian down on the sofa.

DAMIAN

No….Elis…. Elis…I didn’t mean…

KATERINA

Sh-sh… everything is all right… it’s just a dream….

She wets a gauze and changed a bandage on his forehead. Changes a bandage on his shoulder. Wound is clear. Makes a cranberry water.

DAMIAN

Elis…please forgive me…

KATERINA

Sh-sh… It’s a nightmare…

Rubs Damian with warm water. He opens his eyes.

DAMIAN

Kate…

KATERINA

Yep, I’m here… everything is very good!

DAMIAN

Help me…

KATERINA

I’m here with you, I’ll help you! Hang on! Here you are, drink it up!

Kate sits down on a sofa, gives him a cranberry water.

DAMIAN

Thank you. Just be here, please!

KATERINA

Yes, I’m here, I will be next to you…I promise…

Strokes his hair, bends down and kisses his forehead

Try to sleep!

DAMIAN

Give me your hand!

KATERINA

Here you are!

Gives him her hand. Damian takes it and closes his eyes. Katerina starts to sing a waltz melody from Damian’s dream. Damian smiles and dozes off. Katerina continues singing)

CUT TO VICTORIA’s FLAT. Melody continues from the Anya’s music box. Anya sleeps with her bunny. Victoria sits in with a laptop and tries to unlock a flesh card. But she can’t. Decides to reread a printout of Victor’s phone for finding some key. Reads and makes out that it doesn’t contain a dialog she had intercepted in a bar. Decides to request a printout another one time.

## DAY 7

Damian watches the same niteflix. He plays the piano. Waltz. Peach silk whirls. Girl approaches. Damian wakes up dramatically. SHOOTING LODGE. MORNING. He feels much better. Katerina sleeps in the chair. Takes his hand. Damian looks at her a few seconds. Then stands up and kisses her lips tenderly.

KATERINA

(through the dream):

Damian…

Damian smiles. Moves away from the chair. He wants to drink. Finds a cranberry water. Drinks. Katerina wakes up. Jumps out.

KATERINA

Damian? Go to bed!

DAMIAN

I feel better? Really!

KATERINA

Go to bed immediately! We have to change your….mmm….this thing on your shoulder!

She points at bandage.

DAMIAN

I like it. When you command me!

Katerina is embarrassed. Blushes. Begins changing the dressing.

DAMIAN

Thank you a lot!!

KATERINA

For what?

DAMIAN

You saved my life!

KATERINA

Stop it! You will do the same!

She finishes changing the bandage.

Damian holds her hand

DAMIAN

Would do…

He smiles. Katerina rises her eyebrow.

…and will do! It’s a corny but it’s the truth!

Katerina smiles confusedly.

KATERINA

We will find the way!! And as I can see your weakness passed? If you correct me, Mr Carlton! So, let’s go?

DAMIAN

Let’s go! But wait a minute!

Katerina turns to him. Damian presses her to his chest and kisses. Katerina tries to moves away from him at first but then kisses him in answer. Finish and stare at each other with love.

DAMIAN

And now we are ready! Let’s go!

They take a food, collect their rucksacks and go away.

CUT TO VICTORIA. She comes to a department in a taxi. Asks driver to wait for her. The driver is Boris. He promises to wait for her. Victoria comes into department. Talks to officer.

VICTORIA

Привет, Олег! Андрей у себя? (Hello, OLEG! Are Andrew in his office?)

OLEG

Привет, Вик! Не-а, поехал на место поисков. Будет к вечеру (Hi, Vik! No, he’s just stepped out. He has set off to a search place. He’ll come back at night)

Victoria becomes upset.

VICTORIA

Понятно. А Роман на месте? (Get it. What’s about Roman?)

OLEG

Да, я могу тебя проводить! (Yep, I can show you down)

VICTORIA

Спасибо, Олег! (Thanks, OLEG!)

They are headed to Roman’s office. He stands up to meet them. There is a man in his office.

ROMAN

Вика? Что-то случилось? (Vika! What happened?)

VICTORIA

Ром, я совсем ненадолго. Я вижу, что ты занят, но это буквально пять минут! Можно? (Rom, I’m here not for a long time. I know you are busy, but it’s a five minutes literally!! Can i?) (Roman nods) Андрей делал вчера распечатку звонков. А я ее…потеряла. Можно мне еще раз распечатать вот с этого номера? (Rom, Andrew made a printouts yesterday. But I…mmm… lost it. Could you make me another one copy. For this number?)

She gives him Victor’s number.

ROMAN

Да, конечно, не вопрос! (Yes, sure, what’s the question!)

VICTORIA

Можно я тогда подожду в кабинете Андрея? (Could I wait for you in Andrew’s office?)

ROMAN

Да, пять минут. (Yep, sure! Five minutes!)

VICTORIA

Спасибо! (Thank you!)

She stays in Andrew’s office. Takes a good look at the photo on his table. There are two boys on it. Watches closely. Roman is coming. She is distracted.

ROMAN

Вот, держи! Надеюсь, это то, что надо! (Here you are! I hope it’s what you want!)

VICTORIA

Да! Я, пожалуй, прочту здесь, если ты не против? (Yep! Do you mind if I read it there?)

ROMAN

Читай, конечно! (sure, I don’t mind!)

Victoria begins reading. Works out the printouts are different at all.

VICTORIA

Dear God! Rom!! (ROMAN is coming) И можно я попробую переговорить с заключенным еще раз? (May I speak to a prisoner another one time? But eye-to-eye!)

ROMAN

Я хотел пойти на обед. Оставить тебя одну я не могу. (I want to go for a lunch! And can’t leave you alone with him!)

VICTORIA

Кстати, сегодня в моем ресторане скидка 50% на обед по купонам. Я как раз захватила (By the way it’s a discount in my bar today! This is a coupon at a discount of 50%. I wanted to give it to ANDREW, but he is absent…)

She ransacks in her bag, takes out a coupon and hands it to Roman)

Сходи. Около кабинета Андрея много людей. Если что, я буду кричать. Пожалуйста! Это очень важно! Это может помочь!!!! Я просто боюсь, что он не будет разговаривать в присутствии кого-то еще! Пожалуйста!(Please, here you are! There are so many people near his office! If something happens I will cry! Please! It’s very serious! It must help us! I’m afraid he won’t speak to me in somebody’s presence! Please!)

Tears are on her eyes. Roman looks at the coupon, hesitates.

ROMAN

Ну ладно. Не боишься? (OK, deal! You ain’t afraid, are you?)

VICTORIA

Нет. Оружия у него нет. И мне он ничего не сделает. Не бойся. (No. He doesn’t have a gun or something else…and he won’t do harm! Don’t worry!)

ROMAN

Ну хорошо. Только не говори Андрею, что я оставил тебя одну!! Он с меня три шкуры снимет! (OK, you told me into it! But don’t tell ANDREW about it! He will skin me alive!)

VICTORIA

Конечно! Рот на замке (Sure! My lips are sealed!)

She illustrates it.

ROMAN

Когда закончишь, позови кого-нибудь! Его уведут (When you will finish please call somebody! They will lead him away!)

VICTORIA

Хорошо, конечно! Спасибо, Рома! (Yep, sure! Thanks, Roma!)

Roman brings Victor. Gives him a gesture “I watch over you!”

VICTOR

Viki…

VICTORIA

You were right. Sorry for not believing you!

VICTOR

Do you suppose me a murder?

VICTORIA

No, I know who it is.

VICTOR

Who is?

VICTORIA

We have to get away from here at first! I’m going to check whether our way is clear!

She looks out the door. The way is clear. People work. Victoria and Victor leave the office. Walk over to the exit. Run away. Jump in a taxi.

BORIS

Ну-с, барышня, куда ехать? (So, dear! Where are we headed?)

VICTOR

I have to get my gun! It’s in my room!

VICTORIA

Сначала в гостиницу, дядь Борь! Дальше я объясню! Спасибо! (To a Hotel at first, uncle Boris! Then I’ll explain. Thank you!)

BORIS

Не за что, красавица! (Welcome, my dear!) А этот молодец с тобой… знакомый какой-то… (This guy with you…I know his face!)

VICTORIA

Это маловероятно… он из Лондона… (It’s unlikely… He is from London)

BORIS

Точно! Приехали не так давно… Хех… Полоза искать! Где ж друзья-то твои? (Exactly! They came the other day! Looking for a Poloz! Where is your friends?)

VICTORIA

Сейчас едем их искать…(We are going to look for them now!)

BORIS

A этот сбежал, что ли, из управления? (Has he got away from the department?)

VICTORIA

Да…но он не виноват… (Yes, but he is not guilty!)

BORIS

Эх, молодость! Держитесь крепче, Джеймсы Бонды! (Hey, youth! Hold fast, James Bond!)

He steps on the gas.

CUT TO THE FOREST.AFTERNOON. Katerina and Damian go in according with a map to the river.

DAMIAN

You had sung yesterday. What’s the melody?

KATERINA

It’s Anya’s favorite song. She has a music box with it!

DAMIAN

You can’t escape your fate!

KATERINA

What are talking about?

DAMIAN

Doesn’t matter! I’ll explain to your later!

KATERINA

That’s the river! Let’s go faster!

DAMIAN

Let’s go!

He gives his hand to her.

CUT TO VICTOR and VICTORIA. They pull in the Hotel, get out, run to the Hotel, to Victor’s room. Victoria takes out a flesh card and put it in Victor’s laptop. Types a password «ELIS». Blocked

VICTORIA

DAMMIT! Not right!!

Victor takes out a gun from the drawer. Victoria notices a photo, stares at it shockingly. Takes photo out from the drawer and shows it to Victor

VICTORIA

Who is it?

VICTOR

Elis, Alex’s sister!

VICTORIA

Andrew…

VICTOR

What?

VICTORIA

Andrew is Alex’s cousin. Of course!

She types password «АЛИСА». (ALISA) Flash card is unblocked.

VICTOR

Alex said he has a cousin, but it never crossed my mind…

Victoria looks through the plan

VICTORIA

Look at it! We have to get this place in their plan! If it’s not too late!

CUT TO DAMIAN and KATERINA. They approach to a river. It’s very fast an deep river. But not too broad for crossing it. Katerina tries to work out how could it possible to cross it. Traces a route along a ford.

DAMIAN

Be careful!

KATERINA

OK, Don’t worry! We can try to cross it!

Katerina draws herself up. Looks for a long sticks for crossing the river. Hands one of them to Damian. He laughs and pull she up. Wants to kiss her. Alex appears.

ALEX

Так-так. (Well-well!)

Damian and Katerina stand still fearfully. In a state of shock)

DAMIAN

You… But how is it possible…

KATERINA

Алекс! Мы думали, что потеряли тебя! Что ты мертв…(ALEX! We thought we had lost you! That you were died)

She makes some steps to him. Notices a gun in his hand. Makes a step back.

CUT TO VICTOR and VICTORIA. VICTOR’s ROOM.

VICTOR

I think It’s a high time to get my people involved into it!

He picks up the phone.

VICTORIA

Who?

Victor presses a finger to his lips “Shh!”

VICTOR

Patrick? You were right about Alex! We start an operation! I will send you evidences by e-mail!

Victoria calls Andrew’s chief.

VICTORIA

Василий Петрович? Мне необходима Ваша помощь! (Vasiliy Petrovich? I need your help!)

CUT TO KATERINA, DAMIAN and ALEX.RIVER

Alex rises a hand with a gun

ALEX

You sing in union, ain’t you? Forgot my sister yet, yeah?

Damian makes a step to Alex

tut-tut!

Alex shakes his head and aims a gun at him. Damian stops.

Кать! Иди сюда!(Kate! Come here!)

Katerina stares at Damian fearfully. Alex cries

Иди сюда, сучка! Или я вышибу ему мозги!(Come here, you bitch! Or I beat his brain out!)

He shakes his hand with a gun. Katerina makes few steps to Alex. Damian wants to stop her

DAMIAN

Kate! No!

ALEX

Not a step further! Don’t move! Or she will kick the bucket! (to Katerina)А ты иди сюда! Иначе будешь виновата в его смерти (I said come here! Or you will be guilty of his death!)

Katerina looks back at Damian. Goes to Alex. He catches her hand, wrenches it and presses her to his body.

DAMIAN

Kate! Alex, don’t do it!

ALEX

Drop dead! How nice! Desperate unusual nobility! I weep!

DAMIAN

What the hell are you doing, Alex?

ALEX

Do you remember my dear sister?

DAMIAN

Elis… Alex for Heaven’s sake! It was an accident!

ALEX

(yells)

But it happened through your fault! And now you will die!

DAMIAN

Alex, cool it! I loved her so much! I didn’t wanna her to be died! You know it!

KATERINA

Что происходит, в конце- то концов? Как ты выжил? (What’s the hell is going on? How did you survive?)

ALEX

О, я прекрасно разыграл вас. Не правда ли, отличный спектакль? (Oh, I put up an excellent act! Did you enjoy it?)

Memoires. Sequence on Alex. In the forest. He left Katerina and Damian in the fog. Goes to a special place. Somebody waiting for him. Makes up very quickly. Pale skin, cheekbones, lenses in his eyes. Person who helped him disappeared. Alex hears Katerina and Damian and stands still. Katerina and Damian find him. The blue fog and laugh scare them. They run away. Alex turns his head and smiles.

KATERINA

Я ничего не понимаю…(Beats the hell out of me!)

ALEX

Наш прекрасный Дэмиэн убил мою сестру! И должен тоже умереть! (Our the best possible Damian killed my sister! And he must pass away!)

KATERINA

Что? Нет… (What?! NO!!!)

ALEX

О, да! Наш всеми известный писатель, любимец прессы и публики- убийца. Он струсил и оставил Элис в машине! (o, yeah, my dear baby! Our idol of the public and press is a murder! He had chickened out and left Elis in the car! And it had blown out!)

DAMIAN

Kate! Don’t believe him whatever he tells you!

KATERINA

Это же был несчастный случай… (But it was an accident!)

ALEX

О, Боже! И ты на его стороне! НУ ничего, это продлится недолго! ты испортила мне весь план! Чертова мисс я-помогаю-всем-подряд! (oh, dear Lord! You are on a dark side, baby! But it lasts not long! We’ll put an end to it! You spoiled all my plan, fucking miss I-am-ready-to help-everybody!)

He presses a gun to her temple. Katerina is horrified.

DAMIAN

Alex! Don’t do it! Zap me! She has nothing to blame!

ALEX

You may trust I’ll kill you, but later. But I wanna zap her before your eyes!

DAMIAN

What has she done to you?

ALEX

She? Nothing! Oh, no, wait a little! At first she crashed all my plans and the second her death will hurt you!

Damian throws himself upon Alex.

ALEX

Don’t move! Or I beat her brain out right now!

Damian stops dead

Good boy! Bye-bye, baby!

Alex kisses her roughly. Katerina kicks his groin. Alex squirms. Damian throws himself upon Alex.

Damian fights with Alex.

DAMIAN

Kate! Run away! Get the station!

Katerina rushes to a river. Tries to cross it. A shot rang out. Katerina reels and falls down. She is carried away with a rapid current. Andrew appears from the forest with a gun and drags Damian away. Holds him.

DAMIAN

NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!

ALEX

Oops! It seems she can’t swim!

DAMIAN

KAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAATE! Nooooooo! (Weeps)

ALEX

You forgot Elis so quickly… New cute little face and Damian is ready to a love affairs!

DAMIAN

For what?

ALEX

Elis is died! By the way let me introduce you my cousin! Andrew! (to Andrew) You are in the nick of time!

Damian tries to watch the person who holds him. Tries to tear himself from Andrew’s embrace. Feels an injection. He is giddy. Damian sees a girl coming from the forest. She looks at him. He tries to get who she is.

DAMIAN

Elis…

ALEX

Why don’t you run to her? Let’s go!

Andrew unclasps his hands. Damian staggers and goes to the girl. She turns away and goes to a steep. Alex and Andrew follow them. Climb the steps to a steep. Girl stops.

DAMIAN

Elis… I can’t believe…

Girl takes off a wig and a lenses. This is a girl from the reception of the Hotel. Alex approaches to her and kisses. Andrew stands behind Damian

You are not Elis! What’s the hell!

ALEX

Of course no! Elis is died! And now you leave to her! Oh, no! Elis is in the Heaven! You leaves to your new bitch! To the Hell!

DAMIAN

Kate! For what…!

ALEX

You had to fie at first night! But she had disturbed us! And she deserved her death!

DAMIAN

This fog and serpent! It was you!

Alex and Andrew roar

ALEX

Not bad, yeah? A little performance based on the Ural’s tales!..

Sequence. Alex gives Damian a book with a tales.

I knew you would go mad about it! It was an excellent plan!

Sequence, Alex meets with Andrew, they work out a plan. Next sequence. Alex, Damian and Victor are at the hotel. Girls from reception gives Alex a card with her phone number. Alex turns it over and sees “ALL IS READY”

…plus hallucinogenic narcotic in your water…

Sequence. Alex adds a narcotic in Damian’s water and put it in his rucksack.

…Hallucinogens had to drive you to suicide…

Sequence. Damian’s fears and visions of fag, serpent.

…But your girlfriend (air quote)interfered with it. We had expected her to be in this trip. And her fucking sister had disturbed Andrew…

Sequence. Victoria calls Andrew. He has to stop his deal of frightening Katerina and Damian at second night and drives to Victoria.

…But it doesn’t matter. Travelers are lost sometimes in their trips…

Alex aims him. Forces him to go to an edge of a steep

So pity that I hadn’t got you then in London. But I had got away with it. Then we had worked out this plan. I had to rub shoulders with you again! You don’t ever know how I hate you! Well let’s get it over with! You’ll fucking croack finally!

They notice a helicopter. It hovers about them. They are aimed and forced to drop a gun. Alex tries to get Damian. But man in helicopter kills him. Andrew drops a gun and rushes to him. Girl tries to run away. A few men from the Department jump out of the helicopter. Victor, Victoria and Boris run up to a steep. Victoria and Victor runs to Damian. He is beside himself. Tells her that Katerina has sunk. Victoria cries and can’t believe in it. She is in hysterics. Victor tries to calm her down. Victoria throws herself to Andrew. Two men lead him away. Victoria gives him a slap in the face, then another one.

VICTORIA

Как ты мог? (How dare you? HOW DARE YOU?)(weeps)

Andrew’s face turns grey

ANDREW

Вика! Твоей сестры не должно было быть там!(Vika! Your sister hadn’t to be there!)

VICTORIA

Но она там была! (But she had been there!)

ANDREW

Должен был погибнуть лишь Дэмиан.(Only Damian had to die!)

VICTORIA

Какая ты мразь! (you are a fucking bastard!)Уведите его! (lead him away!)

Victoria asks to comb a river on a helicopter. Comb a river but don’t find a Katerina’s body. Come back to town.

## DAY 8

Three days passed by. Morning. DAMIAN, VICTORIA and VICTOR leave a Department. Come to Katerina’s flat. Victoria opens a door. Makes way for Damian. Damian looks around Notices a big Katerina’s photo on the wall. Takes it and a few Anya’s toys. Come out. Go to Victoria’s bar. Meet Victor and Anya. Anya is very sad.

ANYA

Мама же обещала, что вернется! (Mom promised me she would come back!)

VICTORIA

Знаю, маленькая…Теперь ты будешь жить со мной!(I know, my darling! But now you will live with me!)

ANYA

Мама от меня ушла? (Mom had left me?)

VICTORIA

Нет, конечно….Просто мама…пропала… и она… может не вернуться! (not, of course! Your mom…got lost…and…she couldn’t come back)

ANYA

Но когда она вернется, она тоже будет жить с нами? (but when she comes back she will live with us?)

VICTORIA

Малыш… мама… не вернется! (My dear! Your mom…won’t come back!)

ANYA

Нет! Вернется! Она обещала! (No, she will come back! She promised!)

Anya stamps her foot.

VICTORIA

Конечно. Если вернется, тоже будет жить с вами (Sure, baby. If she comes back she will live with us!)

Victoria hardly holds back a tears

ANYA

Тогда я согласна пока пожить с тобой! (Deal.I agree to live with you then!)

Everybody prepares to leave Ural. Anya and Damian fly on helicopter to the place where Katerina had sunk. Get off the helicopter. Damian stands with a sorrowful face. Anya puts a wreath on the water. It floats away. Damian picks Anya up and goes with heк to the helicopter.

Next sequence. Victoria, Victor, Damian and Anya are in the airplane on their way to London. Damian asks Anya to turn on a music box. Anya does it. Damian closes his eyes. Melody is playing.

Next sequence. Inscription “half a year passed by”. DAMIAN’S HOUSE. CHRISTMAS. Damian plays waltz on the piano. Victor and Victoria decorate a Christmas tree. Victoria is pregnant. Patrick pours a champagne. There is a big Katerina’s photo on the wall. Anya is dancing. She is wearing a dress made of peach silk. Whirls. Her dark long hair keeps flying away. Damian smiles at her behind the piano. Anya approaches. Sits down next to him. Play a duet on the piano. Damian looks at the Katerina’s photo and smiles. Melody. Titles. (after 5 seconds titles are interrupted.)

The doorbell rings. Damian and Anya stop playing. The doorbell repeats. Damian stands up and walks over to the door. Opens the door. Katerina stares at him. Dramatic (MHAT) pause. Damian presses het to his chest. Titles.

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