MY PSYCHO VAMPIRE

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AD #1 START

EPISODE 1

1 EXT. STREET - NIGHT 1

CLAIRE COLLINS (early 20s, sharp, idealistic) walks hurriedly down the street carrying an armful of BOOKS. She's wearing glasses and lab coat. Suddenly, she hears a WOOSHING noise (SFX) -- she pauses and then moves faster.

VAMPIRE (O.S.)
A human girl all alone...must be my lucky night.

A FERAL VAMPIRE (greasy-haired, feral) appears in front of Claire, FANGS out.

Claire backs away but before the vampire can take a step, EMILE BLACKWOOD (late 20s, charming), super-speed rushes behind the vampire, FANGS ALSO OUT, and SNAPS HIS NECK. The vampire falls to the ground (**VFX**). Emile looks at Claire.

EMILE
What have I told you about walking home alone at night?
(steps close to her)
The country's top vampire biologist should know better.

Claire wraps her hand through his arm, leans her head on him.

CLAIRE
Good thing I have you to protect me.

They walk arm and arm, the body of the vampire twitching behind them. Claire leans her head on Emile's shoulder.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
In this world where vampires hunt humans, my fiancé has always kept me safe.
(looks up at him lovingly)
He's controlled his bloodlust for 3 years, never feeding on a human...

1A EXT. GOTHIC CATHEDRAL - NIGHT ESTABLISHING 1A *

Claire walks towards church. *

2 INT. GOTHIC CATHEDRAL - NIGHT 2

Claire, in a WEDDING DRESS, prepares to walk down the aisle. She touches her EXPOSED NECK.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
...Until tonight. Now that we're getting married, I'll finally let him taste me. *

Claire steps up to the aisle, head down, holding a bouquet of BLOOD RED ROSES. The sound of a MOAN makes her look up.

REVEAL: VANESSA COLLINS (early 20s, sexy, Claire's step-sister) wearing a skimpy RED GOWN sits on top of a table at the wedding altar and Emile (in a vampire-esque tuxedo) is between her legs, FANGS buried in her NECK. Vanessa writhes beneath him.

VANESSA
Turn me, Emile. Make me yours.

She throws her head back and her eyes glow RED (VFX). CU: Claire's bouquet DROPS to the floor.

CLAIRE *
(horrified, confused)
You're feeding on my step-sister?

Emile looks up. His mouth is streaming BLOOD. Vanessa laughs slowly, drunk off the bite.

VANESSA
Ever since your first date.

CLAIRE
(tears in her eyes)
But you promised you'd only bite *me*. On our wedding night.

EMILE
Why would I wait for you? A vampire needs to feed, and there's nothing special about your blood.

CLAIRE
(crying)
Then why protect me for three years? Why marry me?

Emile takes out a CONTRACT - on the top it reads: MARRIAGE CONTRACT. * *

EMILE
So you could sign over your multi-million dollar inheritance to me, your *loving* husband.

He SHOVES the contract at Claire. She backs away.

CLAIRE
(backing away)
No.

EMILE
Thought you'd say that.
(looks to a WILD EYED, HUNGRY Vanessa)
Get her.

Vanessa's fangs DROP. Her eyes go fully red. She slides off the altar and advances on Claire.

CLAIRE
(terrified)
She's a newborn vampire, she'll kill me!

EMILE
That's kind of the point.

Thunder booms, lightning flashes and rain pounds down on the stained-glass windows. Claire turns to RUN down the aisle but Emile GRABS her and holds her in front of Vanessa.

EMILE (CONT'D)
There's no escape. A pathetic little human can't outrun two vampires.

Vanessa DIVES at Claire and SINKS her fangs into her neck.

EMILE (CONT'D)
If you won't sign yourself, then I'll have to MAKE you.

THREE SHOT: Emile holds Claire as Vanessa drinks from her. Blood pours down Claire's white dress. Emile takes her finger and slides it through the blood dripping down her neck. *

SLO MO: He lowers her bloody finger to the contract and pushes it down, blood dripping on the contract. * *

EMILE (CONT'D)
Now your fortune is mine. Goodbye, Claire.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
Someone please... Save me. *

Suddenly, the doors BANG open and WIND HOWLS through the chapel, SHATTERING the stained glass windows and blowing out every candle at once (VFX). Emile and Vanessa WHIP their heads toward the doors as steps echo off the stone. They drop Claire, she collapses to the floor.

AGAINST A STONE WALL: A shadow of a TALL, looming FIGURE.

EMILE
Who's there?!

A BODY flies through the doorway. A dead VAMPIRE GUARD slams into the altar. **CU:** His mouth bloody, his fangs GONE. Another body follows. Then another. The corpses fly across the aisle. Then, heavy footsteps echo in the silence.

REVEAL: It's DAMIEN BLACKWOOD (20s, dark hair, bad boy in a leather jacket, outrageously handsome but his eyes have BLACK VEINS beneath them, Vampire Diaries-style). He's COVERED in blood -- across his hands, his shirt. In one hand, he has a pair of BLOOD-STAINED pliers. In the other, he's holding the last vampire guard, who is screaming.

VAMPIRE GUARD
Please, please...

Damien smiles and uses the pliers to RIP OUT both fangs. The guard screams but Damien just smiles and uses a piece of wood to SKEWER the guard to a pillar. Then, smiling, he looks up.

DAMIEN
Hello, little brother.

His fangs DROP and his eyes flash RED (VFX).

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Did you miss me?

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Vanessa tries to lunge at Damien but he FLICKS A HAND without even looking at her and she goes FLYING across the room (**VFX**). She slams into a stone column, CRACKING it.

EMILE
(afraid)
Damien... I haven't seen you in--

DAMIEN
(evil smirk)
A hundred years.

EMILE
Wh-What the hell are you doing here?

Claire watches Damien, awed and afraid.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
Lord Damien Blackwood... Emile's cursed, psychotic brother. Rumored to be most brutal vampire alive. No biologist has ever studied him... They're all too afraid to go near him.

DAMIEN
You think I would miss my baby brother's big day?

Damien reaches into his jacket and produces a small BLACK VELVET BOX. He holds it out to Emile with a sinister smile.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
I brought you a wedding gift.

Emile takes the box warily and opens it. REVEAL: It's full of BLOODY, RIPPED OUT fangs. He YELPS and DROPS the box, sending the fangs scattering.

Damien turns to Claire on the floor. He tilts her chin up. He studies her face with a cold smile.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
There's something very... *special* about your bride, little brother.

EMILE
(nervous)
She's just a useless little human.

DAMIEN
Oh, but she's so *pretty*. I'd *love* to have a taste.
(runs his thumb across her lip)
I wonder how loud you scream--

EMILE
She's not your thrall, she's my WIFE.

Emile DIVES to grab Claire's hand.

EMILE (CONT'D)
And she still belongs to *me*. Isn't that right, Claire?

Claire looks from Damien to Emile.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
Damien is a monster... but if I stay here, Emile will kill me in a second.
(looks at Damien)
With him... At least I have a chance to survive.

Claire YANKS her hand away from Emile and GRABS Damien by the leg.

CLAIRE
No. I want to go with him.

POV DAMIEN: He looks down at Claire, she looks up at him with a PLEADING look. There's a HALO of light around her like she's a literal ANGEL. *(Please make her look VERY angelic - like in his dark world, she is the LIGHT)*.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
Please. Take me with you. Make me your thrall.

Damien squats down, taking her by the throat.

DAMIEN
You...
(searches her face, flicker of disbelief)
Want to come with me?

DAMIEN (V.O.)
No one has ever *willingly* become my thrall...

He FREEZES, then with his free hand, he takes her by the wrist and INHALES there slowly. <u>CU: The BLACK VEINS below his eyes briefly lighten as he smells her blood (VFX).</u>

DAMIEN (V.O.)
Just as I thought. Her blood quiets my curse.

He turns back to Emile. A cold expression crosses his face.

DAMIEN (V.O.)
My brother has been hiding the cure from me... But she's *mine* now.

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Emile watches, frowning.

EMILE (V.O.)
If he kidnaps Claire, then my plan is ruined.

Emile cries out.

EMILE
You can't have her!

DAMIEN
(cold laugh)
I'll take whatever I *want* from you. Including your little human wife.

CU SHOT: Damien offers a hand to Claire.

She looks at his hand and then looks into his smirking face.

EMILE
He's CURSED. A psychopath! He'll skin you alive! He'll carve you into pieces and laugh about it!

CLAIRE
(to Emile)
You betrayed me. You tried to *kill* me.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
(looking up at Damien)
I'll take my chances with him.

CU SHOT: She takes Damien's hand.

Damien smirks at Emile as he takes Claire and throws her over his shoulder.

DAMIEN
Later, brother.

He walks down the aisle, carrying Claire away as Emile desperately shouts:

EMILE
This isn't over, Claire!

3 INT. DUNGEON - NIGHT 3

Damien walks with Claire through dungeon. Prisoner hands reach out. * He sets Claire (still in her bloody wedding dress) * down in a giant CAGE in a dark dungeon.

DAMIEN
My degenerate brother's fragile little bride wants to be *my* thrall?

He TIES one of her wrists to a cage bar. Claire nods slowly.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
You heard him didn't you. I'm cursed. 100 years of constant agony. I'm Psychotic. A *monster.* I don't just feed on my thralls...

He takes out his KNIFE and brushes it across her clavicle. Her eyes shift down to it, breathing heavily.

DAMIEN.
I open them up...

He SLICES down the front of her wedding dress. It falls to the floor, leaving her in just a WHITE CORSET. She GASPS. He pockets the knife and runs his hand down to her abdomen.

DAMIEN
Take little things -- an organ here, a tendon there -- enough to hurt, but not to kill. If you're strong enough to handle the pain...

CLAIRE (V.O.)
You can survive him, Claire. Just don't show fear.

She looks up at him. His eyes are now fully black (**VFX**), his fangs dropped. She reaches up with her free hand, as if to touch his eyes. Damien freezes as Claire traces the vein from his eyes down to his cheekbone with a single finger.

DAMIEN (V.O.)
No one's ever touched me without flinching...

CLAIRE
I'm not afraid of you.

He leans into her hand -- just for a moment -- before he realizes what's he's doing and JERKS away.

DAMIEN
You should be.

He leans into her neck and BITES her. She cries out! He drinks her blood and his eyes close in pleasure. Her eyes close too. Suddenly, RED TENDRILS travel down her arms to his, making his BLACK VEINS start to disappear (VFX).

Claire's eyes go WIDE.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
Is my blood... *Curing* him?

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As Damien drinks, his body starts to GLOW. His black eyes disappear again. He looks GOOD. His grip tightens around her waist as he drinks, pulling her flush against him as if he can't get close enough. He forces himself away for one moment, gasping.

DAMIEN
(disbelief)
You taste intoxicating. A hundred years...and I can finally breathe.

He's panting, looking at her like she's the most delicious thing he's ever seen.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
I need *more*. I need it *all.*

Damien grabs her and is about to BITE HER AGAIN, when:

CLAIRE
Wait!

He freezes, fangs out. Claire slumps against the bars, blood soaking through her corset. She looks up at him, and the black veins under his eyes FADE AWAY TOO (**VFX**).

CLAIRE (V.O.)
Emile still wants me dead, and Damien is the only vampire he fears. If I can figure out why my blood is curing his curse, then Damien will have a reason to keep me alive.

CLAIRE
If you drain all my blood now, you'll never feel this good again.

Damien traces a finger across the bite marks on her neck.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
But if you keep me alive as your thrall, you can drink from me whenever you want.

DAMIEN (V.O.)
(eyes her intensely)
Most humans would be BEGGING me not to bite them. They'd be SCREAMING for their freedom. But not her... She chose me. And she's not afraid of me.

DAMIEN
You realize what you're offering? You'd stay alive. But I'll be back. Every night.

She nods. Damien exhales.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Fine.

She touches her hand to her bleeding neck.

CLAIRE
It hurts. And I'm so... Dizzy...I need...

She tries to stand... But the restraint jerks her to backward, straight into his arms, clinging to him. He stares down at her.

DAMIEN (V.O.)
If I want her alive and healthy, I can't leave her in a cage.

Damien sighs. He cuts off the tie. He lifts her into his arms and carries her off.

4 INT. DAMIEN'S MANSION - GUEST BEDROOM - NIGHT 4 *

Damien carries a passed-out Claire into the room and sets her down on the bed. He pulls a blanket over her. He turns to leave, but then:

QUICK FLASHBACK to her saying: "It hurts..."

He takes out a CLOTH and touches it to her neck. She WINCES and he pulls back. He gently takes a BANDAGE and wraps it over her bite marks.

CLAIRE
(sleeping, nearly crying)
Emile...no...please...don't hurt me!

DAMIEN (V.O.)
(freezes)
She's having a nightmare about my brother.

As he goes to pull away, she GRABS Damien's hand and pulls him close so they're facing each other in the bed. He stiffens.

CLAIRE
(eyes closed, pleading)
Can you save me?

She nuzzles her face into his hand.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
(still asleep)
Stay with me... Please.

Damien looks down at her, then at the door, then back at her. He sits down on the edge of the bed, not moving his hand.

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5 INT. DAMIEN'S MANSION - GUEST BEDROOM - DAY 5 *

Claire wakes up with a jolt. She looks over and sees Damien sitting up next to her, appearing to be asleep. QUICK FLASH to her snuggling Damien's hand the night before.

CLAIRE
Lord Damien Blackwood... Took *care* of me?

As he appears to sleep, Claire sits up and looks at him. CLOSE ON: Faint BLACK VEINS starting to creep back across his chest. She reaches out to move his open shirt collar aside, but then...

Damien's eyes FLY open, flashing RED. He yanks her by the wrist, pulling her onto his lap so she's straddling him. She sucks in a surprised breath as he GRIPS her waist.

DAMIEN
What do you think you're doing?

CLAIRE
Y-Your veins. They're coming back. I've studied witch's curses, and that's a tell-tale sign. Who did this to you?

Damien goes still and looks away. DAMIEN POV FLASHBACK TO:

6 INT. BLACKWOOD CASTLE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT - FLASHBACK 6

A witch, SABINE, holds out her palm, GREEN LIGHT shooting from it (VFX). Emile, Damien, and their father LUCIEN BLACKWOOD (50s, vampire king) has a hand on each of his sons' shoulders while their mother, LIANA BLACKWOOD (50s, beautiful) kneels on the ground, crying.

SABINE
You said you LOVED me, Lucien! You were supposed to LEAVE your wife. *
Now watch her die. *

LIANA
Lucien, please...

Damien looks HORRIFIED.

LUCIEN
Come, my sons. There's nothing we can do.

SABINE *
(to Liana, smiling) *
Now, *you* will DIE. *

Lucien tries to drag them away, but Damien refuses.

DAMIEN
No! We can't leave her...

Lucien's face is stony as he turns away and exits with Emile.

LUCIEN
Then she will kill you too. *

Damien LUNGES toward his mother, but it's too late: Sabine THROWS the light at Liana. The light hits her chest and she COLLAPSES (use The Cursed Alpha's Mate Ep 15 for inspo). Damien CRIES out and THROWS himself in front of her.

SABINE
You couldn't save your mother.

She stalks toward Damien, holding a DAGGER. She SLICES it down the front of his chest.

SABINE (CONT'D)
So you'll carry her death in your blood, CURSED to walk this earth for 100 years as a monster. Feared, hated, hunted...Until it KILLS you.

BLACK SHADOWS shoot into the cut (VFX) and Damien DROPS to his knees in pain.

7 INT. DAMIEN'S MANSION - GUEST BEDROOM - DAY 7 *

BACK TO PRESENT: Damien looks back at Claire.

DAMIEN
A witch named Sabine, one hundred years ago. Ever since then, I've been the monster everyone runs from.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
There must be more to the story, some reason why he'd keep me instead of kill me.

CLAIRE
If you're such a monster, then why did you stay with me all night?

DAMIEN
I had to make sure you wouldn't escape.

Damien GRIPS her waist harder. Claire swallows hard.

CLAIRE
Well I don't plan on running. I chose to become your thrall, so you're not getting rid of me that easily.

Damien looks down at her. She looks ANGELIC again as she smiles up at him. He leans into her...

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But then: Her STOMACH GROWLS loudly. She pushes herself off of him and clutches it self-consciously.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
God, Claire what are you doing? He's still a cursed psychopath, you're here to stay alive.

CLAIRE
(clears her throat)
I might die of hunger soon, though. Got anything to eat around here besides blood?

DAMIEN
...No.

CLAIRE
What about... Extra clothes? Shoes? Soap?

DAMIEN
I don't--

CLAIRE
Then what's the address of your...
(looks around)
...Lair?

DAMIEN
(suspicious)
Why? So you can beg my brother to come rescue you?

CLAIRE
(frowning)
Hell no, I can't stand that cheating asshole.
(hands on hips)
But if I'm never going to leave this place, then I need a few things delivered.

DAMIEN
No. No one comes near this mansion unless I drag them here by their throat.

CLAIRE
Ohhhkayyy. Then... Can you go buy them for me?
(pleading)
Please? If I'm going to be your blood bag, then the least you can do is feed and clothe me.

DAMIEN
(eyes narrowed)
Fine. But you're coming with me.

He picks her up and throws her over his shoulder again.

SMASH CUT TO:

8 INT. CLOTHING STORE - NIGHT 8

KF: Damien BURSTS into the store (Claire still over his shoulder) followed by four VAMPIRE GUARDS. Their fangs DROP and all the SHOPPERS in the store RUN out in fear.

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The Guards surround the CASHIER, who SHAKES in fear. She opens up the REGISTER and dumps the money onto the counter. Damien watches her, amused.

CASHIER
(terrified)
Take all my money! Please don't kill me!

CLAIRE
(beating on his back)
Damien, what are you doing?! Put me *down*!

Damien puts her down. He gestures to the store.

DAMIEN
Now you have the place to yourself. Pick out whatever you want.

Claire scoffs.

CLAIRE
This is *not* what I meant by shopping.

DAMIEN
(turning to the cashier)
What do you recommend for a human of her size?

CASHIER
(still shaking, confused)
Ummm... We have a nice new collection of summer dresses--

DAMIEN
She'll take them all.

Claire looks around, surprised, as the Guards start to take all the clothes off the racks.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
He just terrorized an entire store for me. This is psychotic. Criminal. This is...

A Guard holds up a beautiful SUNDRESS against her.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
The nicest dress I've ever owned.

A smile breaks out over Claire's face.

DAMIEN (V.O.)
She's the cure to my curse. I have to drain her if I want to live. So why does her smile make me wish I could keep her forever?

9 INT. EMILE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT 9

Emile THROWS an empty VASE at the wall, shattering it.

EMILE
(yelling)
Fuck! Marrying Claire was my last chance to get out of this shithole. I'm broke.

Vanessa sits unfazed on the couch in the dirty apartment. It's dingy and dim.

VANESSA
Your father's the vampire king. Why can't you just get money from him?

EMILE
I have to inherit his crown before I can have his fortune. And he'll never give it to me if he finds out I squandered away everything he already gave me.

VANESSA
My bitch step-sister is probably half-dead or crazy by now, knowing Damien. Just go steal her back.

EMILE
(lighting up)
You're right. This is all my psycho brother's fault. If Claire's too weak to fight me, then she has to come crawling back. Now that she's seen what a monster he is, she'll never choose him over me again.

An evil smile spreads over Emile's face.

EPISODE 8

10 INT. DAMIEN'S MANSION - DINING ROOM - NIGHT 10 *

CU: Damien carefully cutting a JUICY STEAK.

Pull out to show a dark dining room, all curtains drawn. Claire sits at the table wearing a beautiful SILK ROBE, surrounded by DOZENS of SHOPPING BAGS from their outing. She looks on as Damien cuts up the steak.

CLAIRE
I can do that myself, you know.

DAMIEN
No. I don't give knives to thralls.

Damien cleans the knife, pushes the steak over to her.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Eat it all. You need the iron.

She tastes it and her eyes LIGHT UP.

CLAIRE
Oh my god... It's delicious.

Claire glances around at all the bags.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
If he really was a monster, would he treat me this well?

CLAIRE
(to Damien)
You know, Emile and I were together for 3 years and he didn't buy me one single thing. Thank you.

She smiles wide, mouth full of steak. Damien watches her, CLENCHING the knife in his fist.

DAMIEN (V.O.)
If she ever looks at my brother like that again, I will gouge out his eyes with my bare hands.

Damien reaches to grab Claire's empty plate, when suddenly: He doubles over in pain. He KICKS over his chair as veins blacken under his eyes. Black marks crawl up his arms -- spreading.

He rips his shirt off and his back is covered in the same black marks. He convulses and they glow (**VFX**). His fangs DROP - he looks PSYCHO again.

DAMIEN
I need... Your blood.

Claire stands from her chair, eyes WIDE in fear as Damien staggers toward her.

CLAIRE
You can have it. Just please don't force me...

She backs away and STUMBLES backward into-- *

Claire backs into the foyer as SUDDENLY the door BURSTS open revealing: EMILE, standing on the other side of the door.

EMILE
Invite me in, baby. I'm here to save you from my brother.

EPISODE 9

Claire looks to the side at Damien, doubled over in pain in the dining room, then back to Emile.

CLAIRE
Save me? You tried to *kill* me!

EMILE
(looks down)
Listen, Claire. I'm sorry. I regret everything that happened in that church --
(hands folded, pleading)
I wasn't thinking. I was power hungry, and I let Vanessa trick me into this whole scheme. But I shouldn't have hurt you, and I'm sorry. The truth is, I love you. I always have.

BEHIND CLAIRE, Damien walks up behind her, looking scary and cursed again so now Claire is standing between the two brothers in the doorway. Emile clocks him.

EMILE (CONT'D)
Come with me. Whatever my brother told you is a lie. He's a monster. He's cursed. He's going to *kill* you.

Emile reaches out for her, almost gentle.

EMILE (CONT'D)
I know you still love me too. So come back to me.

Damien watches Claire look at Emile's outstretched hand, a cold look on his face.

DAMIEN (V.O.)
(jealous)
I was treating her like a princess when she only ever wanted my asshole brother. I wish she could've fooled me forever...

Emile reaches out for her, almost gentle. Claire looks back at Damien.

DAMIEN
Go with my brother if you want. I won't stop you.

Claire locks eyes with Damien. QUICK FLASHES TO: Him dressing her wound, taking her shopping, cutting her steak.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
Everyone says he's a monster. But he's never hurt me...

Claire holds out her hand... But instead of taking Emile's, she offers her wrist to Damien.

CLAIRE
Drink.

Emile's eyes widen. Damien hesitates... but then he takes her hand in his and BITES down on Claire's wrist. She GASPS as he threads his fingers through hers.

EMILE
Claire, what the hell? He's going to kill you! He can't stop himself, I can see it!

As he drinks, Damien's veins disappear **(VFX)** and he grows stronger and stronger. He pulls his face away from her wrist and looks directly at Emile.

Emile takes a step back, shocked.

EMILE (CONT'D)
Your eyes! How did she -- ?

DAMIEN
She made her choice, Emile. Touch her again and I'll *end* you.

EMILE
He's sick, Claire. He's a psychopath. He's going to hurt you *way* worse than I ever did.

She steps up to the door.

CLAIRE
He's not the one who hurt me, Emile. *You* are. I'm Damien's thrall. He's the only Blackwood brother I want now.

She SLAMS the door in Emile's face.

EPISODE 10 *

Emile clenches his fist.

EMILE (V.O.)
You won't come willingly? Fine. But I'm not letting you go that easily, Claire.
(fist clenched)
I will have you and your money. And I will end my brother for good...

He storms off. *

Claire turns to Damien, looks up at him nervously.

CLAIRE
I didn't tell your brother to come here.

He takes her by the hand (her wrist still BLOODY) and PINS her against the door.

DAMIEN
Are you lying?

CLAIRE
(shakes her head, low)
No.

With his other hand, he reaches down and RIPS off the tie from her robe. She GASPS but then... He starts to wrap her bloody wrist with it.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
I meant what I said to him...

He GRABS her chin, tilting it up toward him.

DAMIEN
Which part?

She looks up at him, swallows hard.

CLAIRE
Everything. That I don't love him anymore. That *he's* the one who hurt me. That... You're the only Blackwood brother I want.

As he looks down at her, she GLOWS LIKE AN ANGEL again. His eyes travel down to her hands as they wrap around his wrist. His grip on her chin softens as he leans in toward her...

-- PAYWALL 1 --

AD #1 END

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As he leans in...

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
I know you're cursed. But I can cure you. For good.

QUICK DAMIEN FLASHBACK: His father saying, "Then you can die too." and the witch cursing him: "You're CURSED to walk this earth for 100 years as a monster. Feared, hated, hunted."

Suddenly, Damien PULLS back and turns away.

DAMIEN
(angry, fists clenched)
LIAR.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
Why won't he believe me? Is it because the people who were supposed to love him threw him away?

CLAIRE
I'm not lying. And I'll prove it to you.

Damien's intense expression softens as he watches her go pick up SCIENCE SUPPLIES from the shopping bags scattered on the floor.

14 INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT 14

HOURS LATER, Claire sits at a table, open books and science supplies scattered in front of her.

She looks into a microscope, then taps her finger to the page of a book.

DAMIEN (O.S.)
That's enough, Claire.

She freezes, turns to see:

ANGLE ON: Damien emerging from the shadows, holding a KNIFE.

Claire looks up and gasps. She closes her eyes and braces herself, terrified.

CLAIRE
Damien, no! What are you--?

But then he reaches PAST her and cuts something on the table.

She opens one eye slowly and sees: A cut CROISSANT sitting in front of her on the table.

DAMIEN
Eat. You've been at this all night.

She gasps, excited. She takes a big bite.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
You should be sleeping.

CLAIRE
I live with a vampire Lord...
(takes big bite, talks through it)
I work the night shift now.

Damien turns to go, but she GRABS him by the wrist.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
Wait.

She pulls out a LANCET. Damien's eyes WIDEN at the sight.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
I need a sample of your blood.

FLASHBACK to Damien crying over his mom's body, Sabine CUTTING his chest open with a dagger and saying, "You couldn't save your mother, so you'll carry her death in your blood..."

She brings the lancet closer to his skin, but he GRABS her wrist.

DAMIEN
I'm cursed. My blood is nothing but black poison.

CLAIRE
Exactly. That's why I'm trying to cure you. I just need to run some diagnostics.

RAPID FLASHBACKS: Sabine saying, "You are CURSED to walk this earth as a monster. Feared, hated, <u>hunted</u>..." THEN Claire saying to Emile: "Damien's the only Blackwood brother I like."

DAMIEN
(smiles, quiet)
Suddenly I feel like... Even if you did poison me, it wouldn't be so bad.

Claire cocks her head at him.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
Is he finally starting to trust me?

CU: She gently takes his hand, her fingers wrapping around his. His eyes don't leave her as she He PRICKS his finger and hands her back the LANCET.

She goes to pull her hand away, but he holds onto it. They LOCK eyes...

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He runs his thumb over her RING FINGER.

CLAIRE
(winces)
I hate that I'm still married to your asshole brother.

DAMIEN (V.O.)
Don't worry. You won't be soon.

Damien drops her hand.

DAMIEN
I have something to do before sunrise. Don't even *think* about leaving.

CLAIRE
(deep sigh, playful)
Yes, Lord Blackwood.

Damien exits, we hear the sound of the DOOR CLOSING. Claire walks up to the microscope and looks at Damien's blood. She GASPS.

CU SHOT: The blood has turned BLACK.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
He just fed, and his curse is coming back stronger already. My blood alone isn't enough to cure him.

Claire takes another look around.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
There's a rare antigen at my old lab. If I'm quick, Damien will never know I left...

She grabs her bag and heads for the door.

15 INT. EMILE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT 15

The dumpy apartment is now completely trashed: glass everywhere, furniture overturned. Emile KICKS a chair over.

EMILE
She fucking *likes* my psychotic brother?! How did my wife end up being my brother's *cure?!* He should be DYING.

VANESSA
Then Claire needs to go. If you cut your brother's blood supply, then his curse will never be broken.

He growls with fury and GRABS Vanessa by the neck, eyes crazy, strangling her.

EMILE
How am I supposed kill her when she's under the protection of the most dangerous vampire Lord in the country?!

He throws her aside. She collapses, coughing, gasping.

VANESSA
There's one place he can't protect her... Daylight...

EMILE
In case you forgot, we're vampires too. We can't exactly frolic through the midday fields.

VANESSA
Claire was working on some kind of solar tonic in her lab. 12 hours of protection, no burning in the sun.

EMILE
Then I say we go raid the place.

AD #2 START

16 INT. LAB - NIGHT 16 *

The lab is dark as Claire rifles through drawers, looking for something.

CLAIRE
Ah! This could be the key to curing Damien's curse... I can't wait to go home and show him--

Her fingers close around the SMALL VIAL she needs --

CU SHOT: Emile's reflection into the glass panel of a cabinet. He's right behind her, FANGS OUT.

EMILE
Hello, Claire.

Claire GASPS and SPINS around. Emile THRUSTS his hand out, GRABBING her by the throat.

EMILE (CONT'D)
You're not going home to my brother. You're coming with me, *wifey*.

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17 INT. BLACKWOOD CASTLE – THRONE ROOM – NIGHT 17

LUCIEN BLACKWOOD sits on his throne before a group of vampire nobility, the VAMPIRE COUNCIL. Guards line the walls.

LUCIEN
I have gathered you all today to--

Suddenly, every torch in the room goes out at once. BLACK SHADOWS pour under the doors like smoke (VFX). The vampire council slowly backs away from the throne. One RUNS. Another drops to his knees.

VAMPIRE COUNCIL MEMBER
(terrified whisper)
Damien Blackwood...

Lucien doesn't move, but his grip TIGHTENS on the throne. The shadows solidify in front of him. REVEAL: Damien.

DAMIEN
Father. You redecorated.
(looks around)
I hate it.

LUCIEN
(jaw clenched)
So you stole your brother's bride and found your cure. And now, after 100 years, you dare walk into my throne room and scare off MY council? You are no son of mine.

DAMIEN
(pleasant)
Believe me... I *wish* that were true...

Damien walks past Lucien to the throne itself. As he passes, the shadows WIND themselves around Lucian's body (VFX). Damien reaches behind the throne and pulls out a small VELVET BOX hidden there.

LUCIEN
(voice cracking)
The Blackwood bloodstone. How did you know it was there?

Damien opens the box to reveal a RING with a BLOOD RED STONE, pulsing with light (VFX).

DAMIEN
You abandoned me to die a hundred years ago. Did you really think I've been hiding this whole time?
(sly smile)
I've crept through these halls a hundred times undetected. I know every room, every guard rotation, every secret you think you have.

Lucien's face drains as Damien smiles widely.

LUCIEN
What use does a psychotic vampire have for a wedding ring? It belonged to your mother--

DAMIEN
And you got her KILLED. So I'm taking *this...*
(holds the ring to the light)
And I'm proposing to my brother's bride.

As Damien sweeps out, the shadows release Lucien and follow him (VFX). Lucien calls:

LUCIEN
(desperate now)
You are a *monster* cursed to DIE! No one will ever love you.

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20 INT. SLAUGHTERHOUSE - DAY 20 *

Claire hangs, wrists still bound. Vanessa stands guard in front of her, FANGS out. Claire YANKS on the bindings. Emile LUNGES up behind her, also FANGS OUT.

EMILE
Stop fighting. There's no escaping now, dear wife.

Emile snakes an arm around her.

CLAIRE
(jaw clenched)
Don't call me that. You married me, cheated on me with my step-sister, then tried to KILL me for my inheritance. I am *not* your wife.

EMILE
You think because my psychotic brother made you his pet that you're invincible now?

CLAIRE
Damien will come for me. He will save me.

Emiles leans in closer, evil smile spreading over his face.

EMILE
Aww, don't tell me you've fallen in love with that lunatic.
(pushes down the strap of her dress)
Or are you so desperate to be fucked that you'll crawl into any vampire's bed?

CLAIRE
(angry)
Better his bed than yours. I'd DIE before I let you touch me.

Claire THROWS her head back, SMASHING into Emile's face. DARK BLOOD pours out of his nose.

EMILE
You will die.

He wipes the blood off his nose, then smears it down Claire's chest. She swallows hard, nervous.

EMILE (CONT'D)
After I've had my fun with you...

Emile RIPS the front of Claire's DRESS, exposing her bra.

CLAIRE
No!
(quietly, eyes shut)
Damien, please.

VANESSA
(laughs)
He's not coming to save you. He's killed more humans than any vampire ALIVE. He would never risk his own life for yours, no matter how *special* your blood is.

EMILE
There won't be a drop left for him when I'm done with you...

Emile's eyes flash RED (VFX) and he's about to BITE Claire's neck, when...

BOOM. The doors of the warehouse BLAST OPEN. Damien stands in the open doorway of the warehouse, ON FIRE (VFX).

DAMIEN
Touch her and you BURN.

Vanessa and Emile look on in blank panic. Damien steps forward into the sunlight. **He's burning, smoking (VFX)** -- but his eyes never leave Claire.

-- PAYWALL 2 --

AD #2 END

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Damien stands there smoking and burning. Claire is in awe. Emile and Vanessa look TERRIFIED.

EMILE
The sun burns vampires alive! You would kill yourself to save a pathetic human?

Damien's clothes are singed, hanging off him in pieces, and skin still burning. He SHOVES Vanessa out of the way, sending her stumbling back, her skin BURNING where Damien touched her (VFX).

Damien touches the rope binding Claire and it BURNS away (VFX). She drops and he catches her, pulling her against him.

DAMIEN
You are the pathetic one, brother.

Emile LUNGES toward Claire, grabbing her hand. LOVE TRIANGLE VISUAL of Claire at Damien's side while Emile PULLS her other hand.

EMILE
She is MY wife, and she will sign her inheritance over to me.

With his other hand, Emile holds up Claire's will she signed.

Damien suddenly SHOOTS out his hand, GRABBING Emile by throat, SINGEING his skin (SFX/VFX). Emile drops Claire's hand, and Damien SHOVES him to the floor.

DAMIEN
She's not your wife anymore.

Damien shows Emile the VOIDED MARRIAGE LICENSE.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
She is *my thrall.*

Damien holds the marriage license into the sunlight streaming in from the window. His hand CATCHES FIRE, burning the will with it.

EMILE
NOOOO!

Claire smiles as the document goes up in flames.

DAMIEN
You never learn, do you little brother?

Damien GRABS Emile by the hand SNAPS his index finger backward. SNAP. Emile screams.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
You're nothing. No one. You don't deserve her.

Claire looks touched.

Damien takes the next finger. SNAP. He falls to his knees. Damien kicks him.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Go ahead. Try to crawl your way out of here.

Emile drags himself across the floor.

EMILE
You ruined my life when you stormed my wedding and stole Claire away from me.
(MORE)

EMILE (CONT'D)
She was supposed to make me powerful, and you were supposed to stay cursed. You were supposed to DIE!

He grabs something in the shadow behind him. REVEAL: It's a CROSSBOW. He points it at Damien from the floor.

EMILE (CONT'D)
I won't let you take her again...

Damien looks at the crossbow and Emile behind it. Claire suddenly THROWS herself in front of Damien, shielding him.

CLAIRE
No!

Damien freezes, caught off guard for the first time.

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Claire throws her arms out.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
Lower the weapon. Don't hurt him.

Damien wraps his arms around Claire from behind.

DAMIEN
You'd risk your life for me?
(in her ear)
Aren't you afraid of dying?

CLAIRE
(shaky)
Of course I am. But I can't let you die...

DAMIEN (V.O.)
(frowning at Claire)
Do I really mean that much to her?

EMILE
(scoffs)
Hate to breakup this little love fest, but--

Emile cocks the crossbow.

EMILE (CONT'D)
Move, Claire. Or I'll shoot.

CLAIRE
No.

She stays planted in front of Damien determinedly. Damien fixes Emile with a cold gaze.

EMILE
(disgusted)
Fine. Then you can join my psycho brother in hell.

Emile FIRES the crossbow.

SLO MO: *Damien grabs Claire, SPINS her behind him.*

CU SHOT/SLO MO: FOLLOW THE ARROW AS DAMIEN **CATCHES THE ARROW midflight (VFX).**

He holds the arrow in his fist, smirking.

DAMIEN
You missed.

Then, he turns the stake around and LUNGES at Emile.

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Damien SHOVES the stake into Emile's chest. Emile chokes, staggering backward.

Damien steps closer, hand still wrapped around the shaft of the stake.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
(whispering)
One centimeter. That's all that's standing between this stake and your heart.

Emile just gurgles in response.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
I should kill you. You'd deserve it. And I'd *enjoy* it.

He twists the shaft. Emile screams.

But Claire rushes forward and puts a hand on Damien's arm.

CLAIRE
Damien, stop. Please.

Damien frowns at her.

DAMIEN (V.O.)
Does she still care about my asshole brother?

CLAIRE
You're not the kind of monster who kills his own brother.
(gestures to Emile)
You're not like HIM.

Damien breathes hard, deciding. Then he drops Emile, who slumps down to the floor, gripping the arrow in his chest.

DAMIEN
(to Emile)
Take it out yourself. Slow. One wrong move and you're *dead*.

Damien turns to Claire, who's shaking, looking at him. He crosses to her and reaches for her.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Come on. We're going.

CLAIRE
But the sun! You're already burned.

DAMIEN
(shakes his head)
I have you... So don't feel a thing.

He hauls her over his shoulder and strides out of the warehouse. Emile is still moaning on the floor, Vanessa passed out on the side.

AD #3 START

21 INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY 21

Damien enters the living room (still in burned/shredded clothes) with Claire in his arms. He sets her down and then CLUTCHES his EXPOSED CHEST, his skin smoking (**VFX**).

CLAIRE
(worried)
This is why vampires aren't supposed to go anywhere near the sun!

DAMIEN
(in pain)
I had to. I couldn't let my brother steal you away.

He GROANS, then GRABS Claire's hand.

CLAIRE
(concerned, then surprised)
Damien? Damien!

He sways, then SLO-MO collapses onto the couch, pulling Claire down with him, ONTO his lap.

They lock eyes. Damien pushes her hair back.

DAMIEN
Claire, I need...

He leans in closer, like he might kiss her...

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But then his head COLLAPSES onto her chest.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
(dazed)
I need you to tell me the truth.
Were you running away from me?

CLAIRE
Of course not.

Damien GROANS.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
Damien, these burns aren't healing fast enough. You were out in the sun too long.

She sits him up on the couch and hops off his lap.

DAMIEN
(delirious with pain)
Why can't you just follow my rules?
Why do you have to make me so *worried?*

She GRABS an ointment off the table with all her supplies. Damien's head falls against the back of the couch and he groans.

CLAIRE
Shhhh... This should help.

She leans down and YANKS open his shirt, exposing his bare chest. She FREEZES. CU PAN UP ON: His muscular chest and abs, also covered in BURN MARKS. Her mouth falls open.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
Oh... He's built like a Greek God...

CU: She swallows hard and kneels down between his open legs.

CLAIRE
This might sting...

CU SHOT: Her hand, covered in SALVE, presses into his chest.

He hisses through his teeth -- every muscle rigid. Her hands travel all the way down his chest.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
His skin is cold, but he's so solid...

Her hands travel further down.

CLAIRE
I'm almost done, I just need to reach a little further...

Her hand starts to travel under his waistband. Damien's hand suddenly GRABS hers.

She looks up at him, eyes wide. He pulls his head up. Their gazes LOCK as he has her hand frozen halfway in his pants.

DAMIEN
(turned on groan)
Claire... What are you doing to me?

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Claire yanks her hand away.

CLAIRE
Nothing. All done.

She shoots up off the floor and turns around, taking a shaky breath.

ANGLE ON: Damien steps up behind her, his burns already mostly healed.

DAMIEN
(low in her ear)
So you really didn't try to escape today?

Claire spins around to face Damien. She shakes her head. She pulls out the SMALL VIAL from her lab and holds it out to Damien.

CLAIRE
I went to my old lab to get a rare antigen. It should help me figure out how to break your curse for good.

Damien looks at her with a mix of surprise and admiration.

DAMIEN
You risked your safety... to find a permanent cure for me?

Claire nods, bites her lip.

CLAIRE
Well, you walked through fire for me, so... We're kinda even.

She goes to put the vial away, but he grabs her hand (the one Emile cut) and KISSES it, healing her cut (VFX).

DAMIEN
Thank you. But NEVER put your life on the line for me again. Do you understand?

CLAIRE
I won't if you won't. Wait...

She looks down at her hand, then narrows her eyes.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
You could heal me like that this whole time? And you've let me walk around with bite marks for 2 days?

Damien smirks, pushes her hair aside to show the bite marks on her neck.

DAMIEN
Maybe I like seeing my mark on you.
(leaning in closer)
But if you'd rather I kiss it better...

He leans down further, about to kiss her neck...

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But then she pulls away.

CLAIRE
No. Leave them. I'm still your thrall after all.

Damien pulls back, surprised.

DAMIEN
You know, thralls are usually better at following the rules.

CLAIRE
(crossing her arms)
I'm sorry, but I'm not built to be locked up inside all day.
(sighs)
I'm not going to escape, but it *would* be nice to get out sometimes. Without getting kidnapped...

Damien eyes her.

DAMIEN
Fine.

Claire immediately jumps up and down and claps her hands.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
But ONLY if you stay within two feet of me at all times.

CLAIRE
Deal. And no unnecessary violence.

DAMIEN
...Deal.

CLAIRE
(bright)
Then put on a... non-shredded shirt, and let's go!

DAMIEN
(suspicious)
Go where...?

Claire wiggles her eyebrows mischievously.

22 INT. SLAUGHTERHOUSE - NIGHT 22 *

TWO HUMAN WORKMEN walk into the warehouse. They take in the scene in front them: ropes, the crossbow, blood on the floor, and the two prone bodies of Vanessa and Emile. *

Suddenly, Emile lets out a YELL as he TEARS the arrow from his chest. He throws it to the side, panting. Vanessa snaps awake up next to him.

EMILE
That little BITCH almost got me KILLED.
(staggers off the ground)
She's not gonna get away with that...

Then, they notice the two workmen, who are terrified and try running away. But Vanessa is suddenly in front of them.

VANESSA
(smiling, sniffing)
Well, at least we have a little snack.

Emile appears next to her.

EMILE
Don't bite, dear. I have another use for them.

His eyes glow RED (VFX).

EMILE (CONT'D)
Bring that bitch straight to me.

The Workmen's eyes also glow red (VFX) showing they are being COMPELLED.

The men nod. He shares an evil smirk with Vanessa.

EPISODE 21

23 EXT. COUNTY FAIR - RING TOSS BOOTH - NIGHT 23

Claire sits playing a carnival-style ring toss. Damien sits next to her, not playing, but facing her, watching her.

CLAIRE
(in deep concentration)
Yes, yes, almost there!

A WINNING BELL sounds!

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
WHOO!

Claire cheers and Damien almost smiles.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
It's AMAZING here, isn't it? Do vampires like the county fair?

Before he can answer, a FAIR WORKER hands her a GIANT STUFFED TEDDY BEAR.

FAIR WORKER
(looking Claire up and down, flirty)
You're a good shot.

Claire suddenly turns around and GASPS excitedly. She SHOVES the teddy bear into Damien's arms and RUNS away.

Before he follows, Damien leans into the Fair Worker and threatens:

DAMIEN
Keep staring at my girl, and I'll dig your eyes out and soak them in acid.

As he speaks, the SHADOW TENDRILS start to come out behind him (VFX). The Fair Workers eyes go WIDE with fear, but then:

CLAIRE
Damien, look! A photo booth!

The shadows disappear (VFX) and he turns and walks toward her, leaving the Fair Worker covering his eyes in fear.

DAMIEN
(yelling to her as she runs)
I commanded you not to wander more than two feet from me!
(under his breath)
Humans...

23A EXT. COUNTY FAIR - PHOTO BOOTH - NIGHT 23A *

He SUPERSPEEDS to catch up with her (VFX). She pulls aside the photo booth curtain.

CLAIRE
(smirk)
After you, then, Lord Blackwood. *

24 INT. PHOTO BOOTH - NIGHT 24

Claire and Damien sit together in a photo booth, the giant teddy bear squished between them.

CLAIRE
Smile.

POV PHOTO BOOTH CAMERA: Damien smiles awkwardly, exposing his fangs, while Claire smiles sweetly. The camera light FLASHES and Damien flinches.

25 EXT. COUNTY FAIR - NIGHT 25

Claire holds the PHOTO BOOTH STRIP: Damien is awkwardly smiling, fangs out.

DAMIEN
You should burn that.

CLAIRE
Oh come on, it's not THAT bad.

DAMIEN
(wincing)
I look... Pained.

CLAIRE
(teasing)
No... That's just your face.

Damien narrows his eyes at her. He pushes aside her hair, exposing her BITE MARKS. His fingers graze them.

DAMIEN
You've become quite bold for a thrall.

Their eyes LOCK, beat of tension.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
Why does this feel so... *Normal?*

But then suddenly, a LOUD BOOM (It's FIREWORKS, but he doesn't realize). He DROPS the teddy bear, then:

Damien GRABS Claire and PUSHES her against a wall, throwing his arms up, caging her in and <u>pressing himself against her</u>, shielding her. She sucks in a sharp breath and looks up at him, BRIGHT PURPLE LIGHT splashing over her face.

CLAIRE
Damien...

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She looks up.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
It's okay. It's just fireworks.

He looks up, then pushes himself off of her,

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
You really don't get out much, do you?

DAMIEN
I'm a cursed psycho vampire lord, remember? I lurk... I hunt... I don't have time for things like *fireworks*.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
That's what he says, but I know that's not the truth.

CLAIRE
You don't have to be afraid of the world, you know?

DAMIEN
(shakes his head)
I think the world is afraid of me.

She wraps her arm through his.

CLAIRE
Well I'm not. And besides, if you're forced to die by some evil witch's curse, don't you want to live while you can?

She looks up at the fireworks

DAMIEN (V.O.)
I didn't. Not until her...

CLAIRE
(smiles, still looking up at the fireworks)
So beautiful, isn't it?

But Damien doesn't look up. He's too busy watching the light from the fireworks dance off Claire's face.

DAMIEN
(quiet)
Yes. Beautiful...

PAN OVER TO:

AROUND THE CORNER, out of sight: The two human WORKMEN Emile compelled are lurking.

WORKMAN #1
That's her.

They watch as, in the distance, Claire excitedly points at the MIRROR FUN HOUSE.

CLAIRE
Oh! We HAVE to do the haunted house.

Workman #2 pulls out a SEDATION NEEDLE.

WORKMAN #2
Time to take her down...

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26 INT. HAUNTED HOUSE - NIGHT 26

Claire and Damien enter the haunted house side by side. He sets down the teddy bear. A giant WERWOLF (a man in a wolf costume) runs up to scare Claire! She screams. Damien KNOCKS him out. The wolf head rolls off him. Claire rolls her eyes.

CLAIRE
(sarcastic)
Thanks. You saved me.

DAMIEN
You never know.

CLAIRE
(arms crossed)
Think you can save me from every "monster" in here?

DAMIEN
I'm the only monster you have to worry about.

CLAIRE
(teasing)
Then you better catch me.

Claire squeals and runs off through the haunted house. A beat, then Damien takes out the BLOODSTONE ENGAGEMENT ring.

DAMIEN (V.O.)
This is as good a place as any to propose...

Damien goes to follow, but suddenly: He DOUBLES OVER and clutches his chest.

He GASPS. The BLACK VEINS crawl back under his eyes (VFX).

DAMIEN
The curse... It's coming back. The pain is getting harder to bear...

26B INT. CREEPY ROOM - NIGHT 26B *

MEANWHILE: Claire dashes through the haunted house. She pauses, all alone, breathing hard.

CLAIRE
Damien?

She spins around.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
Damien, are you hiding?

She looks behind a standing mirror.

ANGLE ON: The two human Workmen suddenly appear behind her. She spins around.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
Are you part of the ride....?

One of them CLAPS a hand over her mouth from behind. She lets out a MUFFLED SCREAM.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
Help! Da--!

26C INT. HAUNTED HOUSE/CREEPY ROOM - NIGHT - INTERCUT 26C *

BACK TO DAMIEN: He lifts his head, wincing in pain.

DAMIEN
Claire?

He stumbles through the house, hand on the wall.

BACK TO CLAIRE: Workman #1 has his hand over Claire's mouth, holding her against him, while Workman #2 holds up the SEDATION NEEDLE.

WORKMAN #2
Your ex-husband sent us. Says you owe him.

He taps the needle. She WHIMPERS and squirms.

WORKMAN #1
Stay real still.

WORKMAN #2
Think he'd mind if we had a little fun with her first while she's passed out?

WORKMAN #1
(shrug)
We can consider it our payment...

He RAISES UP the needle to her throat. She winces, tears falling...

Then suddenly, a SOUND. They look up in the mirror in front of them, and they see: What appears to be the big stuffed teddy bear, floating in mid-air (VFX).

WORKMAN #2
What the hell...?

They spin around to look. The bear LOWERS to reveal: DAMIEN, BLACK VEINS UNDER HIS eyes, looking SCARY.

DAMIEN
(threatening)
You shouldn't have touched her.

He grabs both men by the throat...

AD #3 END

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...then he SLAMS them into the mirror, SHATTERING it. The two men slump, BLOODIED to the floor amongst the shattered glass.

He turns to Claire.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Are you hurt?

She shakes her head.

CLAIRE
No, I--I'm okay.

Damien squats down and GRABS Workman #1 by the shirt.

DAMIEN
(roaring)
WHO SENT YOU?

WORKMAN #1
(barely able to speak)
E-Emile Blackwood.

DAMIEN
That motherfucker...

Damien turns to Workman #2, who is barely conscious.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Send a message to my brother.

He GRABS the SYRINGE and RAISES it over Workman #1's throat, but then...

Damien DOUBLES OVER in pain again. CU: BLACK VEINS start to snake up his arm (VFX).

Claire rushes to Damien.

CLAIRE
Damien, your curse! We have to go, you need my blood.

Claire leads him away, leaving the two Workmen bloodied on the floor.

27 INT. DAMIEN'S MANSION - GUEST BEDROOM - NIGHT 27 *

Damien lays on the bed, covered in BLACK VEINS again. Claire stands beside him, holding a GOBLET OF HER BLOOD.

DAMIEN
Every time my curse comes back it's worse.
(grunts in pain)
I can feel it getting worse. Draining me.

Claire bites her lip, upset.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
If you want to leave me, do it now. I don't have the strength to chase you.

CLAIRE
Because you used every last ounce of it saving my life tonight. You think I'd leave you after that?

DAMIEN
It's what you wanted all along, isn't it? To survive the psycho vampire lord long enough to break free from being his thrall.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
He's right, I chose to be his thrall for survival. But is that... Still all this is?

She hands him the cup of her blood.

CLAIRE
Drink.

She sits down beside him on the bed as he takes the cup.

DAMIEN
What are you doing?

CLAIRE
Staying right here.

Damien holds her gaze intensely.

CU: Damien's black-veined hand still at his side reaches out to brush hers...

As Damien drinks the blood from the cup, his fingers wind through Claire's. He downs the last of the blood from the cup, FANGS OUT. His black veins disappear and his fangs retract (VFX). He squeezes her hand.

DAMIEN
(quiet)
I'm a cursed vampire. A monster. I shouldn't even be thinking about love, but...

CU: He rubs her RING FINGER with his thumb.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
You make me feel like it's not too late...

He takes a deep breath and takes out the BLOODSTONE ENGAGEMENT RING. He holds it toward her...

EPISODE 25 *

But she's ASLEEP.

She snuggles closer to Damien, hand on his chest. He FREEZES, then rests his head on hers.

HOURS LATER...

Damien TOSSES fretfully in bed, Claire sleeping next to him:

DREAM FLASHBACK TO:

28 INT. BLACKWOOD CASTLE - NIGHT 28 *

DREAM VERSION of same flashback from Episode 5: Damien's mother, standing in front of him, while Sabine threatens her.

SABINE
And now, you will DIE.

Damien cries out...

DAMIEN
NO!

29 INT. MANSION GUEST BEDROOM / BLACKWOOD CASTLE - INTERCUT 29 *

Back to present, Claire awakens as Damien cries out in his sleep.

DAMIEN
My mother didn't do anything... Please...

Claire takes his face in her hands.

CLAIRE
Damien, wake up! Damien, look at me!

DAMIEN
(still in his nightmare)
Don't hurt her. Hurt me instead!

DREAM FLASHBACK TO: *

The Witch THROWS a spell at Damien's mother (VFX) and she collapses to the floor. Damien CRIES OUT.

The Witch pulls out a dagger, advancing on Damien.

WITCH
You couldn't save your mother. So you'll carry her death in your blood, CURSED to walk this earth as a MONSTER...

Damien's fangs DROP. He GROWLS and LUNGES... *

Back to present:

DAMIEN
No! You evil WITCH--

Damien suddenly wakes up and LUNGES at Claire, grabbing her by the throat. His fangs DROP and his eyes flash RED (VFX) - he looks GENUINELY DANGEROUS.

Her eyes go WIDE in fear.

CLAIRE
Damien...

EPISODE 26 *

Claire sputters under Damien's grip.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
For the first time, I truly see why they call him the psycho vampire lord. And still...

Claire takes his face in her hands while he's still choking her.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
I'm not afraid.

CLAIRE
(weak)
It's me. It's Claire...

A beat. His hands loosen around her neck.

DAMIEN
Claire...
(he PUSHES her off)
Go. LEAVE!

DREAM FLASHBACK TO: *

The Witch BLASTS Damien to the floor. She takes the dagger and SLICES it down his chest... * *

Back to present, Damien looks SCARED.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
(vulnerable)
I don't want to hurt you like I hurt her.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
He's stuck in this nightmare. But I can save him...

QUICK FLASHBACK to Episode 1, Damien blasting Vanessa away from Claire, then Episode 2, Damien carrying Claire away.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
Like he saved me from mine...

Claire LUNGES back toward him and KISSES him. He FREEZES at first, then (*SUPER ROMANTIC, SLO-MO, etc.) he grabs the back of her neck and kisses her DEEPER.

EPISODE 27 *

She pulls back from him. His eyes are DARK and HUNGRY.

CLAIRE
(breathless)
You look... Hungry.

DAMIEN
Yes... But not for blood.

He PULLS her onto his lap, so she's straddling him. She GASPS.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
For a cold-blooded vampire, he's so... hard...

CLAIRE
(hard swallow)
Is that what you always say to seduce your thralls?

He runs one hand up her thigh, pushing her hair back and rubbing her bite marks with the other.

DAMIEN
No. I've never let another thrall touch me.

CLAIRE
Why? Because you'd tear them apart if they did?

He stills his hand.

DAMIEN
No Claire. Despite my reputation, I do have self-control. But in a hundred years, I've never had the *desire*. Until you. But I need to know you want me too.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
He's the deadliest vampire in the world. He could take anything he wanted from me...
(beat)
But he's waiting for me to give it to him.

Slowly, she takes his hand and guides it under her dress...

CLAIRE
(quiet)
Touch me. Please...

EPISODE 28 *

As Damien's hand slides slowly up Claire's thigh beneath her dress, Claire arches against him.

DING DONG. The doorbell rings.

DAMIEN
(growling)
Ignore it.

He kisses her neck.

DING DONG. DING DONG. DING DONG.

The doorbell rings again, now frantic. Claire pulls back slightly, worried.

34 INT. FOYER - NIGHT 34

Damien yanks open the front door. His fangs DROP. Vanessa sits collapsed on the doorstep, *crying*. Her mascara is smeared, she's barefoot, and she's shaking.

VANESSA
(crying)
Please. Please help me.

DAMIEN
You have three seconds to get off my property before I rip out your throat.

VANESSA
You don't understand. Emile made me do it.

DAMIEN
My brother *made you* you to try to kill Claire -- twice?

VANESSA
He compelled me!

DAMIEN
Compulsion doesn't work on vampires.

VANESSA
(desperate)
I was just a human when it started. You don't know what he did to me. He hijacked my mind, he destroyed me from the inside out.
(voice breaking)
Please, where's my sister? I need to talk to her. I need to apologize.

DAMIEN
(claps his hands, bored)
Bravo, stunning performance. Now go home.

He tries to slam the door shut on her -- but Claire catches it.

CLAIRE
Wait.

DAMIEN
Claire, no.

CLAIRE
What if she's telling the truth?

DAMIEN
She's a predator.

CLAIRE
I thought the same thing about you once.

She puts a hand on his face.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
She's my sister...

Damien puts a hand over hers and exhales. And then he opens the door wider.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
Come in.

DAMIEN
One mistake. And I will personally drag you back to Hell.

Vanessa, shaking, enters, shivering.

VANESSA
Thank you. Thank you, sister. You don't know what this means.

They walk inside.

As they turn, Vanessa SMIRKS, tears gone.

EPISODE 29 *

AD #4 START

35 INT. DAMIEN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT 35 *

Damien stands at the window in his black silk pajama pants, chest bare.

DAMIEN (V.O.)
She kissed me.

INSERT FLASHBACK: Claire LUNGES back toward him and KISSES him even though his FANGS are out. END.

DAMIEN (V.O.)
I have five days until the curse that's haunted me for a hundred years finally kills me.

He holds out his CLOSED FIST - CU on the black veins starting to crawl up his arm again. He opens his palm. The bloodstone engagement ring sits in it.

DAMIEN (V.O.)
But all I can think about is making Claire my bride before it's too late...

Then, there's a knock at the door. He closes his hand around the ring.

"Claire" enters (this is actually Vanessa). He goes still. She's changed: hair up, red robe, red lingerie peeking out beneath. She leans against the doorframe.

DAMIEN
(surprised)
Claire?

VANESSA
Damien.

DAMIEN
What...are you doing here?

VANESSA
I know you want me. So just take me.

Damien superspeeds up to "Claire" takes her head in his hands.

DAMIEN
Right now?

VANESSA
I'm ready for you.

Damien inhales hard.

DAMIEN
I want you but...something isn't right. You smell --

VANESSA
You love me, don't you?

DAMIEN
I...yes.

“Claire” opens her robe to reveal red lingerie...

VANESSA
Then take me.

Damien’s eyes widen. But then he grabs her and KISSES her.

EPISODE 30 *

Damien drops her, suddenly.

DAMIEN
But -- why do you smell like...

Damien sits down on a chair.

DAMIEN (CONT’D)
I think we should wait.

“Claire” moves toward him slowly, seductively.

VANESSA
(seductive)
Why wait for what you’ve wanted since the first second you saw me?

She walks toward him and presses a hand flat against his bare chest.

36 INT. DAMIEN'S MANSION - GUEST BEDROOM - NIGHT 36 *

Claire sits at the edge of a bed and pricks herself with a needle. She watches as her blood filters into a CRYSTAL GOBLET.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
He’s starving, dying, and I’m his thrall. But he’d rather suffer than take my blood.

In her hand, she holds a SILVER RING inset with a black stone.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
The least I can do is give him a chance to see the sun. Before it’s too late...

She picks up the ring and smiles. The glass is now full. She pockets the ring and takes the goblet with two hands and stands to deliver it to Damien.

37 INT. DAMIEN'S BEDROOM - SIMULTANEOUS 37

Damien, dazed, looks at "Claire" in the red lingerie.

DAMIEN
Claire. I don't know...

But then, "Claire" straddles him. He groans.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Claire? You really want this?

His hand finds her jaw.

VANESSA (AS CLAIRE)
Yes. Tell me what you want.

Damien looks at her with love.

DAMIEN
Just you.

EPISODE 31 *

He pulls her closer -- then freezes. He inhales against her neck.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
(torn, dazed)
No. Something's wrong.

She grinds into him.

VANESSA (AS CLAIRE)
Just relax.

His hands find her hips, automatic.

VANESSA (CONT'D)
That's it.

38 INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS 38

Claire moves down hallway carrying the crystal goblet of blood. She arrives at Damien's door as it about to open it when...

VANESSA (O.S)
Yes, Damien!

She freezes. And then a long MOAN from Vanessa.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
No. He wouldn't.

EPISODE 32 *

39 INT. DAMIEN'S BEDROOM / HALLWAY - NIGHT - INTERCUT 39 *

Vanessa grinds further into Damien, moaning cartoonishly loudly.

VANESSA
(throwing her voice)
Oh, Damien yes!

DAMIEN (V.O.)
Something's wrong.

POV Damien: Claire on top of him.

DAMIEN (V.O.)
But it's *her*.

Damien pulls her closer instinctively.

DAMIEN
(whispering)
Claire... *

She stares at Damien's door. She can hear moaning on the other side.

VANESSA (O.S.)
That's it. Just like that.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
(horrified)
Damien? And my... sister?

She pushes open the door... *

And sees Vanessa on top of Damien, her grinding on top of him. He's holding her hips, strangely dazed.

INSERT **FLASHBACK:** Vanessa's legs open for Emile at Claire's wedding as he sucks her blood, Claire watching in horror. The two of them chasing her down the aisle to kill her. **END.**

CLAIRE
No. This can't be happening again.

Claire drops the goblet. It shatters, blood and glass spilling everywhere.

Damien stands at the noise and looks at the real Claire.

DAMIEN
Claire!?

EPISODE 33 *

Claire backs away, shattered.

CLAIRE
Damien?

He tries to get up to go to her. But Vanessa holds him down.

VANESSA
It was always me, sissy. It always was and it always will be.

Claire's eyes fill with tears. Damien looks at both Claire, clearly confused.

DAMIEN
No, Claire, I thought --

CLAIRE
What? Damien, I trusted you. I believed in you.
(devastated)
...How could you?

She turns around and RUNS.

DAMIEN
Claire?

Vanessa turns back to face him.

VANESSA
I'm right here, baby.

EPISODE 34 *

42 INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT 42 *

Claire reaches the front door, gasping, clutching her chest.

CLAIRE
Was I wrong about Damien Blackwood? Was he really a monster all along?

43 INT. WOODS - NIGHT 43

Claire runs through the woods, tears streaming down her face. Mud splashes up her legs and she can barely breathe through the sobs.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
Of course the most powerful vampire in a century doesn't care about a pathetic human. I'm just his *thrall.*

She runs DIRECTLY into something HARD. She looks up -- it's EMILE.

EMILE
Hello, Claire...

44 INT. DAMIEN'S BEDROOM - SIMULTANEOUS 44

Damien stands up.

DAMIEN
What the hell is going on?

VANESSA
Nothing baby. Probably Vanessa just trying to ruin us.

DAMIEN
But I smell... Her blood. Claire's blood.

His eyes drift down and FOCUS on the shattered crystal and blood across the floor.

He stands and Vanessa falls to the ground in a heap. He drops to his knees at the blood.

VANESSA
It's just blood --

Damien dips two fingers into the puddle and TASTES it. The second he does:

He inhales sharply and looks up at "Claire" -- she MORPHS back into Vanessa (VFX).

Damien goes still in absolute horror.

DAMIEN
No...

Vanessa backs away, afraid for the first time.

Then he EXPLODES. He grabs Vanessa by the throat and HURLS her across the room so hard a painting crashes down.

EPISODE 35 *

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
You thought I wouldn't know?
(steps closer)
You thought you could pretend to be HER?

Vanessa looks genuinely afraid.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
You are NOTHING like Claire.

VANESSA
I was trying to help you. Why would you want to be with a weak human bitch like her when you could have ME?

Damien laughs.

DAMIEN
You don't understand anything. Her blood calls to me, always. I know her heartbeat. I know the sound of her breathing. Claire is kind. She is brave. She would bleed herself dry to save people like you who will never deserve it.

Vanessa's eyes flicker with jealousy and rage.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
And you? You are a parasite wearing her face.

He raises her head off the ground by her hair.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
I am going to take my time with you.

VANESSA
(bleeding)
Are you sure? Where is your precious little Claire right now?

Damien freezes.

DAMIEN
(furious)
Where is she?

Vanessa smiles through her pain.

EPISODE 36 *

45 EXT. WOODS - NIGHT 45

Claire jerks back from Emile.

CLAIRE
Stay away from me!

EMILE
(mock sympathy)
Aw, did my brother finally break your heart too? I hope he's enjoying Vanessa. Her tits are fantastic.

He reaches for chest but Claire tries to run away. Emile easily catches her wrist and instantly yanks her back against him.

CLAIRE
Let me go.

EMILE
You've been more trouble for me than you're worth.
(whispering)
I could end you now. End your suffering.

She closes her eyes, tears falling.

EMILE (CONT'D)
You're all alone now, Claire. No one is coming for you. What's even the point of living?

CLAIRE (V.O.)
He's right. No one is coming for me. No one cares.

He reaches down, fangs down her neck. She closes her eyes as if accepting the situation.

LUCIEN (O.S.)
Enough.

Emile stops. A dark car sits at the edge of the woods. And beside it stands Lucien Blackwood.

EMILE
Father.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
The vampire king?!

LUCIEN
(to Emile)
Must you always descend into barbarity?
(beat)
So this is the human girl my sons have been so preoccupied with.

Lucien walks closer toward her. Claire stares at him, terrified.

LUCIEN (CONT'D)
Bring her to the council.

Emile WHACKS her upside the head and everything goes dark.

EPISODE 37 *

46 INT. BLACKWOOD CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - NIGHT 46 *

Claire's eyes slowly open. Everything is blurry. But slowly, she looks down to see she is chained to a chair at the center of a massive underground chamber. Lucien and THREE VAMPIRE LORDS sit elevated above her in massive seats in total silence.

Claire immediately struggles against the restraints.

CLAIRE
Where am I?

Emile appears next to her. He strokes a finger down her neck.

EMILE
The vampire council.

She yanks at the chains but nothing happens.

EMILE (CONT'D)
You're going to die tonight, Claire. Finally.

CLAIRE
Why are you doing this to me? Damien left me. He doesn't want me.
(starting to cry)
Why bring me here and tie me up? Just kill me and get it over with.

EMILE
Oh, I would love to.

His nails drag across her neck and she bleeds in four thin red lines. She yelps.

EMILE (CONT'D)
But we're going to see how much your blood is really worth.

He reaches a finger over and takes a bit of blood from her neck. He sucks his finger.

EMILE (CONT'D)
Interesting. I don't see the appeal.

Then he SLAPS her across the face. She whirls to face him.

EMILE (CONT'D)
Humans always think they're different. But you're just food with feelings.

She SPITS in his face. Emile FREEZES. Wipes his face slowly. Then his hand closes around her throat.

EMILE (CONT'D)
You're going to regret that.

The chamber SHAKES. Dust rains from the ceiling. The council members exchange looks.

BOOM. The doors EXPLODE outward.

Damien stands in the entrance, eyes BLACK, still shirtless and now completely covered in BLACK VEINS. Dragged behind him by the throat: Vanessa. Damien's eyes find Claire's. Claire's eyes widen.

DAMIEN
(breathing heavily)
Give her back to me. Now.

EPISODE 38 *

CLAIRE (V.O.)
He came back for me.

INSERT FLASHBACK: Vanessa grinding on top of Damien, his hands griping her hips. END

CLAIRE (V.O.)
No. He's dying...he just needs my blood. That's why he's here.

DAMIEN
Claire.

He moves toward her instantly.

Claire recoils. That stops him cold.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
It's not what you think --

LUCIEN
Son.

Lucien rises from the throne.

Damien looks up at the council.

LUCIEN (CONT'D)
Your brother informed us of the human's effect on your condition.

DAMIEN
She is my thrall and she belongs to me. Release her.

COUNCILMAN 1
You're dying, Lord Blackwood.

DAMIEN
I am aware.

Lucien steps down from his chair and walks toward Damien.

LUCIEN
You think the girl cures you. She does not. At best, she slows the decay.

A beat. Damien says nothing.

LUCIEN (CONT'D)
Three days. That's all you have left.

Claire's eyes widen.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
He only has three days to live?!

LUCIEN
But there is another way.

DAMIEN
(gruff)
What are you talking about?

LUCIEN
Drain her. Drain her completely. Every drop. And you will live another 100 years.

Damien takes a step back.

DAMIEN
That's not possible.

LUCIEN
I assure you it is. Kill her and live. Cursed but alive.

Damien turns toward Claire. His eyes drop to the blood on her throat.

EPISODE 39 *

CLAIRE (V.O.)
He's going to do it. He's going to drain me dry to save his own life. Of course. What do I matter to him?

Damien doesn't move.

EMILE
Come *on*, brother. You'd let the curse take you just to save the human bitch. Give in to your instincts. You *want* to do it. I can see it in your eyes.

Damien hasn't stopped looking at Claire.

LUCIEN
He's right, Damien. It would be foolish to deny yourself her blood.
(MORE)

LUCIEN (CONT'D)
You'd be vampire king one day. All you have to do is kill this worthless human.

A beat. Damien begins walking toward Claire. Everyone is watching in still silence.

Lucien suddenly grabs Claire by the hair and jerks her head back, exposing her bloody throat. Claire gasps. *

LUCIEN (CONT'D) *
Give up, human. You were born to be drained. *

CU SHOT: Damien's black eyes LOCK onto her throat.

The shadows around him begin writhing violently (**VFX**).

COUNCILMAN 2
He's giving in.

Damien bends down to her eye level.

CLAIRE
(crying)
Just kill me. You never cared about me. Save yourself.

DAMIEN
(low, shaking with rage)
I would rather die than lose you.

He RIPS the chains off her in one motion.

END AD #4

EPISODE 40 *

Claire stares up at Damien in shock.

The council members all stand.

COUNCILMAN 1
This is unheard of!

COUNCILMAN 2
For a human *girl*?

LUCIEN
This isn't wise, son.

Ignoring them them, Damien holds her protectively to him.

DAMIEN
(whispering)
Did they hurt you?

CLAIRE
Why didn't you do drain me? Damien, you'll die!

Damien's expression hardens.

DAMIEN
I don't care.

Then, gently, he scoops her into his arms bridal style. Claire instinctively grabs onto him.

EMILE
Oh, for fuck's sake.

Emile SUPERSPEEDS toward them -- but without even looking, Damien WHIPS out a leg and KICKS Emile directly in the head. CRACK. Emile flies across the camber and smashes into a stone pillar.

Damien turns toward the exit with Claire in his arms --

LUCIEN
Stop.

DAMIEN
Try and make me.

Damien starts leaving, Claire in his arms, when his eyes land on something in the corner.

ANGLE ON: Vanessa trying to crawl away across the floor. Damien's eyes go blacker.

Vanessa starts crawling backwards.

VANESSA
Wait -- please.

EPISODE 41 *

Damien gently lowers Claire to her feet. He takes Vanessa by the hair and forces her to BOW before Claire.

DAMIEN
Tell her. Tell your sister what you did to me.

VANESSA
(spitting)
Nothing, he fucked me three ways before he brought me here.

Damien smiles and pulls her hair. She screams.

DAMIEN
Try again.

VANESSA
You fucking bitch, why did you have to fuck *vampires*? You ruined both our lives.

Claire looks on.

CLAIRE
(angry)
What did you do to him, Vanessa?

VANESSA
I shifted! Obviously. He hated me. He looked at me and saw you!!

Claire's eyes widen.

EPISODE 42 *

Damien is still holding Vanessa down.

DAMIEN
And now, your sister needs to learn an important vampiric lesson.
(beat)
Claire, come here.

Claire hesitates. Vanessa looks up sharply.

VANESSA
No, don't touch me --

Damien drags Vanessa upright by the hair and forces her mouth open.

CU SHOT: Vanessa's sharp vampire fangs.

DAMIEN
Do you know what the fangs are for?

CLAIRE
To feed.

DAMIEN
More than that. They're power for vampires. Hunger and pleasure. And do you know what happens to vampires who lose their fangs?

Claire shakes her head. Vanessa's eyes widen.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
They spend the rest of eternity starving with no way to really satisfy it.

VANESSA
No please!
(looks to Lucien)
King Blackwood!

DAMIEN
(to his father)
Father, do you sanction this?

LUCIEN
(bored)
I don't care for the girl.

Damien smiles and pulls out a pair of silver PLIERS.

VANESSA
Claire, please! Don't let him do this!

Claire looks at her sister with pity. But then

INSERT QUICK **FLASHBACK:**

- Vanessa on top of Emile on Claire's wedding day

- Vanessa trying to suck Claire' dry

- Vanessa laughing while Claire is chained in the warehouse

- Vanessa on top of Damien

END **FLASHBACK.**

Claire closes her eyes tight.

CLAIRE
You tried to kill me. You touched him. Pretending to be *me*. You made him --

She cuts off, angry.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
You shouldn't be able to hurt people anymore, Vanessa.

Damien puts the pliers in Claire's hand.

He guides her hand downward to Vanessa's mouth.

Vanessa screams.

EPISODE 43 *

WIDE SHOT: Vanessa's scream echoes through the chamber.

Blood splatters across the floor. One of the council members winces. Then, the second fang. Another scream.

Vanessa collapses sobbing onto the floor, blood pouring from her mouth. Claire stumbles backward, horrified.

Damien crosses to her and gently lifts her into his arms bridal style again. Claire hides her face in his chest.

DAMIEN
Let's go.

He stats to walk out of the door but not before --

LUCIEN
Damien. You have three days to live. Think about your choices.

Damien ignores his father and keeps walking out.

START AD #5

47 EXT. WOODS - PRE- DAWN 47

Damien carries Claire through the dark forest. The first traces of sunrise begin. Claire clings to him.

CLAIRE
You gave up your chance to live... to save *my* life.

DAMIEN
(looks down at her)
Why would I want to live a hundred more years without you?

Tears form in her eyes. Damien keeps walking.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
We need to get home before sunrise.

CLAIRE
No, we don't.

Damien stops.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
I have something for you.

Damien gently deposits her on the ground. She reaches into her pocket and pulls out the silver ring. He looks at it, confused.

DAMIEN
What's this?

CLAIRE
A sun ring. I made it for you. I thought if--
(voice breaking)
If I could break your curse, and you could walk outside, then we could walk outside together. We could see the world. And life would almost be--

DAMIEN
Normal?

Tears fall down her face. Damien wipes them away.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Normal is overrated.

Claire laughs through her tears.

CLAIRE
Then at least-- At least you can the sun one more time...

She puts the ring on him just as: The sun comes up and drenches them in light -- it lands on his face. He closes his eyes. *He doesn't burn. HE SPARKLES (**VFX**).*

EPISODE 44 *

Damien opens his eyes. He looks at his hands. Looks at her.

DAMIEN
I'd forgotten what this felt like.

Claire wipes her tears. She takes his hand.

CLAIRE
Come on.

48 EXT. MEADOWS - DAY 48 *

She grabs a FLOWER, then grabs his hand and RUNS, pulling him toward the meadow. He lets himself be pulled.

They run through the tall grass, her laughing, him not laughing but not stopping either, until she trips and they both go down in a heap, her landing on top of him. She tucks the flower behind his ear.

Her hands move down to his shirt and PULL it open slowly. His chest is GLOWING, light pouring out of him.

CLAIRE
You're... Beautiful.
(smiling)
Who knew the most dangerous vampire lord on the planet...sparkles?

DAMIEN
But only with you. And only for three more days.

She kisses him. He deepens the kiss.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Which is why I have to tell you--

But then Damien squints in pain. His eyes start to go black...the veins around them spreading even farther... (VFX).

CLAIRE
Damien!

DAMIEN
The curse. It's getting stronger. I need --

He coughs and BLOOD appears in his hand.

EPISODE 45 *

Claire offers her neck to him.

CLAIRE
Take it, Damien. My blood is your cure.

He doesn't move.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
Take it!

Damien stares at her, barely holding on.

DAMIEN
No, Claire. Not like this.

She takes his head and kisses him desperately.

CLAIRE
You're willing to die to save me!
So stop pretending I wouldn't do
the same for you.

His eyes widen.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
Bite me, Damien. I want you to.

He tries to resist at first but then, BITES. Her eyes close. His do too. Her body arches into him.

CU SHOT: Her fingers tangle into his hair, holding him there. His dark eyes fade while he sucks (VFX).

CU SHOT: His grip tightens at her waist and pulls her even closer to him.

Suddenly, he releases her, panting. They stare at each other for a moment.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
You could have drained me right
here and lived another 100 years.

DAMIEN
No. It would be a pointless life
without you.

Then, she surges forward and kisses him.

END AD #5

EPISODE 46 *

It's passionate now, not delicate. He responds instantly, pinning her wrists into the grass. He holds her there, glowing again (**VFX**).

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
I want you, Claire. But I need to
know you want this.

He looks away.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
I locked you in a cage. I trapped you with me.

She pulls his face back to face her.

CLAIRE
You saved me. Body and soul. I want this. For *more* than three days.
(eyes welling with tears)
I will find a way to save you too.

He touches her hair with tenderness.

DAMIEN
I'm cursed, Claire. I was always meant to die.

CLAIRE
No.

DAMIEN
There is one thing, though, that you can do for me.

CLAIRE
Anything.

His hand goes down to his pocket again.

DAMIEN
If my father is right, I have three more days on this planet. I'd like to spend them with you.

START AD #6

He pulls out the engagement ring.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Will you marry me?

EPISODE 47 *

Claire gasps. Damien bends to one knee.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Claire, you came to me as my captive -- but somehow now I am yours.
(beat)
(MORE)

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
All I knew how to do was use people to survive. You showed me that loving someone means I can really *live.* All I want is to call you my wife.

Claire's eyes fill with tears again.

CLAIRE
Your curse will kill you in three days unless you bleed me dry, but this is what you want instead? My hand in marriage?

DAMIEN
More than anything. More than life itself.

She laughs through tears and nods.

CLAIRE
Yes. Of course yes.

CU SHOT: He puts the ring on her finger.

She stares at it in disbelief.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
Now touch me. Before the curse takes you from me.

He rises slowly and takes her hands, and together they sink down into the grass, facing each other. He's glittering (VFX). He tucks her hair behind her ear.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
You're shaking.

DAMIEN
I've lived over one hundred years. And I've never been afraid of anything until you.

He takes his hand and presses it flat against her chest.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
You're humnan. I am vampire. I can hurt you.

CLAIRE
I know.

DAMIEN
You don't understand. Everything in me is built to hurt you --

She takes his hand and puts a single finger of his in her mouth. He stops talking immediately, eyes closing.

CLAIRE
I trust you.

When he opens his eyes, they are RED. He climbs on top of her, shirt off, eyes glowing, magnificent.

DAMIEN
(low, rough)
I love you.

Claire's eyes widen. Then he bends down and KISSES her fiercely. His arms wrap around her and her legs wrap around his waist. He grinds into her and her eyes close in pleasure.

CU SHOT: Her hands splayed against his gliterring back, pulling him down, her ring glinting in the sun.

CU SHOT: His mouth at her jaw, at her throat -- pausing trembling with restraint...

CLAIRE
I love you. All of you.

He smiles and moves his head down, down to her chest, and then down lower...Claire cries out in pleasure.

DAMIEN
If this is our last night, I will make sure you never forget it.

CU SHOT: Her hands wrapped in his hair.

With SUPERSPEED, he's suddenly on top of her, kissing her face, and then inside her (not shown) and she GROANS.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
(groaning)
Claire...something is happening.

As he grinds into her, a string of white light dances around them (VFX). They barely pay attention, eyes locked on each other.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
He is mine. And I will save him.

49 INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT 49

Damien rests on the couch while Claire looks through a microscope at her makeshift lab, surrounded by scattered notes and vials.

CLAIRE
There has to be a way to cure Damien. There has to be.

She mixes one vial of red blood with one of black. Nothing. She SLAMS her hands on the table and sweeps the vials to the floor, frustrated. She puts her head in her hands. And then looks up at Damien.

She crosses to him and takes his hand.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
When I came here, I only wanted to survive you. Now I'll do anything to save you.

Then Damien let's out a groan. She turns to him, his eyes are turning black again. Her hand curls into fist.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
There must be books, records of how the curse has been broken before...and I know who has them.

She kisses him on the forehead and leaves the room.

50 INT. BLACKWOOD CASTLE THRONE ROOM - DAY 50 *

Claire enters the room, held by two GUARDS. Lucien, the only one in his chair, looks up as she enters. He nods and the guards leave.

LUCIEN
Ah the human whore who is killing my son and heir. What do you want?

CLAIRE
You want to save your heir. So do I. Let me into your library. Let me research the curse.

Lucien stands and walks toward Claire.

LUCIEN
Why would you want to save him? He took you captive. You're nothing but his thrall.

Claire holds out her hand and shows Lucien her blood red engagement ring.

CLAIRE
Tomorrow, I will be his wife.

Lucien raises his eyebrows in shock. Suddenly, she holds a loaded SYNRINGE to his neck.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
And unless you want to feel pain for the rest of your undead life -- you *will* help me save him.

EPISODE 49 *

51 INT. VAMPIRE LIBRARY - NIGHT 51

In an underground labyrinth of ancient-looking texts, Claire searches through book after book, frustrated.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
Blood binding, lunar resurrection, human sacrifice...

Claire's finger stops.

CLAIRE
(reading)
"The blood curse may only be broken by an act of willing mortal sacrifice. The human life must be surrendered freely...by their own hand."

Her eyes open in shock.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
I can save his life. I just have to sacrifice myself. I'd be dead but...he'd be cured. Forever.

Lucien appears as if from nowhere.

LUCIEN
You'll never do it. No human would *ever* sacrifice themselves for a vampire. Not willingly.

Tears in her eyes, Claire SLAMS the book shut.

CLAIRE
Watch me.

As Claire walks away, ANGLE ON: Vanessa's eyes, looking broken, watching this exchange from the between books on a bookshelf.

52 INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT 52

Claire sits over Damien's sleeping form, restless form. He's pale and looking ill. She drops her blood into his mouth and he calms but the black veins don't leave him.

A tear falls from her eye.

CLAIRE
(whispering)
I would be dead 100 times over now if not for you.
(beat)
And I will die without you.

She pushes his hair back and looks at his face.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
At least I got to live long enough to give you life again. I wish I could see it myself.

She closes her eyes and cries over his body, head on his chest.

EPISODE 50 *

53 EXT. CLIFFSIDE - NIGHT 53

Moonlight and candles light a subtle aisle that leads to Damien, with black veins under his eyes, waiting at the edge of a foggy cliff overlooking the ocean.

Lucien waits on the side as the officiant, hands calmly behind his back.

Claire walks forward, tears in her eyes, in a beautiful and simple white wedding dress. She has a crown of flowers in her hair.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
He was willing to die to save me. Tonight, I save him instead.

She reaches him and he takes her hands.

DAMIEN
If this is my last night alive,
then I can't imagine a better one
than this. You have made my life
worthwhile, Claire.

He holds her cheek in his hand. A tear falls from his eye.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
I walked through hell to find you.
And you were worth every step.

He kisses her forehead.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
I know it seems like I saved you.
But the truth is, you saved me.
Over and over and over again.

Claire almost breaks but smiles through her tears. Lucien steps forward and hands Damien a knife.

CU SHOT: Damien slices his palm.

CU SHOT: Claire slices her palm.

LUCIEN
Blood of two, joined as one.
(beat)
And with this, you are BOUND.

She smiles at him.

CLAIRE
Know that I love you. Always.

CU SHOT: Their HANDS JOIN TOGETHER. Blood drips between them.

Everything goes quiet. Then, something BLACK races from Damien's skin into Claire's. Claire falls to her knees.

DAMIEN
Claire?

The veins under his eyes begin to disappear. Her veins darken, black beneath her eyes.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
(to Lucien)
What's going on?

Claire takes the dagger in her shaking hands.

CLAIRE
The curse requires a sacrifice.
Live, Damien. Live and remember me.

DAMIEN
No!

He jumps for her but Lucien, ready, TACKLES him to the ground.

Claire looks up at him through her tears.

CLAIRE
You would have done the same for me.

She lifts the dagger to her heart.... *

EPISODE 51 *

53B EXT. CLIFFSIDE - NIGHT 53B *

But EMILE appears out of nowhere and GRABS her wrist. Claire looks at him, confused.

EMILE
Not yet.

LUCIEN
(still holding Damien)
No, Emile, let her complete the transfer. She has to die by her own hand within five minutes to save your brother.

EMILE
You think I want my *brother* to live? I've always been in his shadow. If he lives, I'll never be king.

DAMIEN
(struggling against Lucien)
I'll kill you all for this.

EMILE
Not so hasty, brother. We want the same thing here: for you to die. Easy enough, we just have to wait.

He sits down on the ground, DRAGGING Claire with him.

He SEATS HER on his LAP. He runs a hand across her thigh.

She jerks away from him and he laughs.

EMILE (CONT'D)
You never wanted to die for me. It could have been so easy if you just died at *our* wedding.
(beat)
Tell me, do you think of me when he touches you? Maybe I'll make you my thrall once he's dead...

Lucien struggles as Damien begins to break away from Lucien.

Claire looks behind her at the cliff.

CLAIRE
(to Emile)
You're right.

EMILE
I am?

CLAIRE
You were my first love. And I never really got over you.

Damien freezes.

EMILE
I knew it.

She leans in closer to him.

CLAIRE
And I'm glad you're here to rescue me.

Emile leans even closer. Then, she TAKES THE DAGGER OUT OF HIS HAND AND PLUNGES it into his side.

EMILE
(falling to his knees)
AGH.

Damien jumps up and finally rips himself free of his father.

DAMIEN
Claire, please no.

CLAIRE
I love you.

And she PLUNGES the dagger into her heart.

EPISODE 52 *

DAMIEN
No!

Damien's body trembles as the last of the curse leaves him. Light pours out beneath his skin (**VFX**).

But he doesn't care. He rushes over to Claire's body.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
No.

He drops to his knees beside her. Blood spreads across the white of her dress.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Claire.
(shaking her gently)
Claire, look at me.

She doesn't move. He breaks, pulling her into his arms, holding her against his chest desperately.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
You said we would find another way.

He presses his forehead against hers. Then suddenly, a realization flickers across his face.

Quickly, he pulls her back and BITES his own wrist. Blood pours down his hand. He lifts Claire'f face carefully and lets a thin stream of blood flow into her mouth.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
You can live. Listen to me -- you can live. You make life mean something to me. You are every good thing I have in this world. You don't get to leave. You don't get to change my life like this and then leave me here knowing what life could have been like.
(wiping her face)
Come back. Come back to me. Please.

LUCIEN
She's dead, Damien.

DAMIEN
No.

He kisses her, pressing blood to her lips. She doesn't move.

He shakes her.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Please
(crying openly now)
Please, Claire. I won't do this without you.

He pulls her into his chest, burying his face in her hair.

Then -- Claire's eyes SNAP OPEN. RED.

END AD #6

EPISODE 53 *

She GASPS violently -- breathing again.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
Claire?

She looks up at him.

CLAIRE
(confused)
Damien? Are you...free?

DAMIEN
Yes.

LUCIEN
(in awe)
This can't be possible.

He holds her close to him,

DAMIEN
Yes. And you are a vampire now.

Her eyes widen. But then there is a SQUELCHING noise. They turn around. *

53D EXT. CLIFFSIDE - NIGHT 53D *

Vanessa is there, holding a WOODEN STAKE that she has plunged DIRECTLY into Lucien's chest.

Lucien drops to the ground, dead.

VANESSA
(frantic, feral)
I want to be QUEEN.

EMILE
Vanessa, what are you doing?

VANESSA
Kill him while we still can!

Vanessa rushes toward Claire with the wooden stake. Damien goes to protect her but Claire stands calmly covered in blood.

She GRABS the stake from Vanessa's hand and PLUNGES into Vanessa's chest.

CLAIRE
That's enough from you.

Then, she turns to Emile. Damien smiles.

EPISODE 54 *

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
And you.

Emile cowers backward, putting his hands over his head.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
You married me and tried to kill me. You manipulated my sister into joining you. You are a spineless little man who shouldn't exist anymore.

EMILE
Please! Please don't hurt me!

CLAIRE
Then jump.

EMILE
What?

DAMIEN
You heard her.

He looks from Damien to Claire. And then at the cliff.

He lets out a terrified sound and throws himself off the cliff.

Damien holds her.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)
How do you feel?

CLAIRE
Powerful.

DAMIEN
You are a vampire now. Does that scare you?

She links her hand inside of his.

CLAIRE
Not if I'm with you.

DAMIEN
Never do that again.

CLAIRE
What? Save your life?

DAMIEN
Do not try and die for me again. I am not worth your life.

CLAIRE
You're not the only one who can save lives.

He holds her. She looks at Lucien's body.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
I'm sorry about your father.

DAMIEN
I'm not.

CLAIRE
So what now?

DAMIEN
Now...I suppose I'm king.
(beat)
And as my wife, that makes you queen.

EPISODE 55 *

54 EXT. WOODS - DAY 54

Golden sunlight pours through the trees. Claire runs through the woods barefoot, white dress fluttering behind her, TWO rings on her fingers: the Blackwood gem and a new SUN RING.

She's laughing. Behind her, Damien appears at superspeed between the trees.

CLAIRE
You're cheating.

DAMIEN
I'm a vampire. We cheat.

He catches her around the waist. She shrieks as he lifts her off the ground.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
I studied vampires for as long as I can remember.

Damien reaches down and kisses her slowly.

CLAIRE (V.O.)
I never realized that I wanted to *be* one.
(beat)
Maybe because I hadn't met him yet.

They both glow in the sun.

CLAIRE
No one told me being a vampire was this fun.

DAMIEN
Good. Because eternity would be unbearable without you.

She kisses him again. And then runs off! He smiles and chases her.