

EXT. CABIN - DAY

Trent looks up and sees Ashley standing at the door to the cabin. She is dressed in her spare clothes and has one of Trent's backpacks on. He notices she is not using her crutch. Trent can see a very determined look on her face, and he walks over to her. Ashley tells Trent she is better and that she wants to head to town to rejoin her father. Trent tells her she is still injured, but Ashley will not listen. She demands to know why Trent will not take her back. Trent tells Ashley that she has everything she could want at the cabin, peace, beauty, and most importantly him. He tells Ashley that he has fallen in love with her. Ashley tells Trent she feels the same and the time they shared together was magical, but this is not her home. She begs Trent to take her back to the town. After some more conversation Trent agrees and says they will leave at first light the next day. The two go inside the cabin.

ASHLEY

(Ashley ties her shoes)

I'm feeling so much better today.

TRENT

I noticed that you're no longer using the crutch. Are you sure you don't need it anymore?

ASHLEY

Yeah. I feel fine. It's time for me to find my father.

Trent walks over to Ashley

TRENT

I don't know Ashley. You may not be completely healed.

Ashley puts her backpack on and gives Trent a confused look

ASHLEY

Well, I'm healed enough to walk out this door. I think that's what really matters. (beat) Why do I feel like you're fighting me on this?

TRENT

I'm not fighting you. I just want to make sure you are healthy enough before you leave.

ASHLEY

Can't you tell that I'm healthy now? I need to go back Trent.

TRENT

I wish you didn't have to go. I wish you could stay here with me. You know I could take care of you.

ASHLEY

I wish I could stay to, but my Dad needs me.

Trent turns away from Ashley

TRENT

I've fallen in love with you Ashley.

ASHLEY

You love me?

Trent faces Ashley

TRENT

How often do you think I bring girls to that waterfall? Ashley, the moment I met you, I saw something special.

Ashley takes off the backpack and walks closer to Trent

ASHLEY

So, I'm the only girl you've shown that waterfall to?

TRENT

Yes.

ASHLEY

Then I must be special.

Trent puts Ashley's hair back behind her ear and grazes her face

TRENT

You are, and that's why I want you to live with me.

ASHLEY

Trent, you know I can't just change my whole lifestyle around for you.

TRENT

If you only knew how much you've already changed me.

Ashley gives Trent a kiss on the lips and puts her hands on his shoulder's

ASHLEY

I think I love you too, and spending time with you has been magical for me. I can't forget about my Dad though. He needs to know that I'm okay. He's probably worried sick by now.

TRENT

(Trent looks at the time)
 Okay. I understand. We will have to
 leave tomorrow though. It's too
 late right now.

ASHLEY

Really?

TRENT

Yes. We need the sunlight to last
 long enough to make it into town. I
 promise to take you into town
 tomorrow.

Ashley hugs Trent excitedly

ASHLEY

Ok.

Note

VERSION 2 (SECOND READ)

INT. CABIN - DAY

Ashley is sitting on the floor next to Trent. Trent has introduced himself to Ashley as a retired office worker from phoenix. Ashley explains her accident, and tells Trent she is also from Phoenix. Trent helps ashley to the couch and lays her down. He runs his hand down Ashleys leg. The touch of his hand is electrifying on Ashley. Ashley tells Trent he reminds her of the singer from Nickleback. Trent looks at Ashleys injuries and tells her it will be some time before she is well enough to travel. Ashleys stomach growls and she realizes she has not eaten for almost two days. Trent makes Ashley some deer meat soup, and after she gobbles it down she falls into a deep sleep.

TRENT

It's good to see you feeling
 better.

Ashley looks at Trent and smiles

ASHLEY

Thanks. I couldn't have done it
 without you.

TRENT

You didn't finish your story.

ASHLEY

My story?

TRENT

You know? How you got here.

ASHLEY

Oh, right. Well, My Dad and I are from Phoenix. It was my birthday and he thought it would be fun for us to go white water rafting.

TRENT

Is this how you imagined spending your birthday?

ASHLEY

(laughing)

No. Not at all.

TRENT

That's interesting.

ASHLEY

What is?

TRENT

I lived in Phoenix too at one point. (beat) I'm sorry, but you just don't seem like the white water rafting type.

ASHLEY

Well, I'm not. I don't know what we were thinking. (beat) And look at you, an outdoorsman.

Trent gets up and walks back to the stove

TRENT

Smells like the soup is ready.

ASHLEY

I can't remember the last time I ate anything. What kind of soup is it?

Trent walks back over to Ashley and hands her a bowl of soup and gives Ashley a questionable look

TRENT

Let's just say it's chicken noodle.

ASHLEY

Ok.

TRENT

It's good. It will keep you healthy I promise.

Ashley starts eating the soup

ASHLEY
(Raises Eyebrows)
It's pretty good. What is it really
though?

TRENT
I'll tell you after you finish it.

Ashley watches Trent while she eats

ASHLEY
Ok.

Ashley tilts the bowl back taking in all the soup

ASHLEY
Mmmm. So what was that anyway?

TRENT
Deer meat soup.

Ashley's eyes widen and she looks at Trent in disgust

ASHLEY
Oh my god...and I liked it too!

TRENT
(smiles and laughs)
How are you feeling now?

ASHLEY
(Ashley yawns and looks
at Trent)
I'm not hungry anymore. But, I am
tired. Is that weird?

TRENT
Nothing weird about it at all. Your
body still needs rest. (beat) Let
me take you to the bed where you
will be more comfortable.

ASHLEY
Ok.

Trent lifts Ashley off the couch and moves her to the bed