

INT. STAR SEEDS - NIGHT

Michael and Ruby sit alone in the all-night diner.

RUBY
How much do you really remember?

MICHAEL
Most of it.

RUBY
And were you ever going to tell me?

MICHAEL
Were you ever going to tell *me*?

They stare at each petulantly.

RUBY
Who was that shooting at us?

MICHAEL
It was Miguel. He works for my boss.

RUBY
And who's that?

MICHAEL
Jobo. Why were you really out there in the desert?

Ruby looks away. She takes a deep breath before she speaks.

RUBY
To kill myself.

MICHAEL
From your book?

She sighs.

RUBY
I had tried other ways but they didn't work.

MICHAEL
Burying yourself in the desert? That has to have a low success rate.

RUBY

You still haven't answered my question. Why are they after you?

MICHAEL

It's complicated. It is. But the truth is that I work for a drug smuggler. Or, I did. I had gotten out... so I thought. These guys I work with have retirement plan that starts with a bullet to the head -- so you can't just quit.

RUBY

And they're the ones who attacked you out west?

MICHAEL

I don't know. That I really can't remember. I went out there half expecting to die and I almost did.

Ruby nods her head in agreement.

RUBY

You did almost die.

MICHAEL

But I can't remember seeing anybody. I might have just fallen.

RUBY

So how did they find you now?

MICHAEL

When I went for a run a few days back... I ran to my apartment. I knew it wasn't burned down. They were watching my place hoping I'd show.

RUBY

So they don't have anything against me?

MICHAEL

They couldn't possibly know who you are.

They sit in silence for a moment.

The waitress brings their food.

They eat a bit in silence.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)
Don't be scared.

RUBY
I'm not scared.

MICHAEL
Really.

RUBY
I'm not.

MICHAEL
Well, I'm scared. You're tougher
than I am.

RUBY
I don't feel very tough. So is
this where we go our separate ways?

MICHAEL
Is that what you want?

RUBY
Is that what you want?

He sits back and looks her in the eye.

MICHAEL
No. I don't.

RUBY
You're not interested in a girl
like me.

MICHAEL
I'm interested in *you*.

RUBY
This is all going too fast for me,
I don't know what to think.

MICHAEL
I don't have a time machine. I
can't go back and fix any of this.
We can only move forward.

RUBY
The more you talk the more this
feels like a prank.

MICHAEL
I GOT SHOT AT. You think this is a
joke?

RUBY

I don't know what to think. You tell me you have amnesia, then you tell me you made it up. I don't think you do like me. Not in a real way. You said nothing, nothing. How humiliating.

MICHAEL

Don't be like that. You told me we were engaged. I believed you...

Ruby stares at him.

RUBY

I don't believe you. You've been using me from the start.

MICHAEL

You've been using me.

RUBY

Stop trying to turn this around. Whatever I did, I didn't get you shot at. Didn't have drug gangs hunting you. Didn't have car chases. It's night and day. I can't live like this.

MICHAEL

What does that mean?

RUBY

It means we have to split up.

MICHAEL

I was afraid you were talking about hurting yourself again.

RUBY

Don't flatter yourself.

MICHAEL

You must have some feelings for me.

RUBY

I don't know, I can't think straight. But you have to go.

MICHAEL

I have no place to go.

Ruby sits back and crosses her arms.

RUBY

Yeah, that I can believe.

MICHAEL

How can we move past this?

RUBY

I don't know that I can. You can stay at my place for a couple of days, I'll stay with my mother.

MICHAEL

Thanks.

RUBY

But I get the Jeep in the meantime. I left my damn car out in the desert.