## CAM



## EXT. MERMAID GRAVEYARD - DAY



JAIDA catches up with CAMI, who stands at one of the gravestones, thinking.

JAIDA

We talk.

CAMI

You lied. About my mother.

**JAIDA** 

I did not want you to feel pain.

Cami uses heated gestures as she speaks.

CAMI

Humans cause her pain. Then kill her.

**JAIDA** 

Did not mean to kill. Mistake. Xander was angry. His father died.

CAMI

And now my mother dead.

JAIDA

(regretful)

Yes, she is gone.

Cami considers Jaida, pain swelling.

CAMI

You knew man was bad, but you bring my mother here.

JAIDA

We had no food. This is why we come to land.

CAMI

She died ... because of you.

**JAIDA** 

I decide what is best for colony. Ben and Maddie are best.

CAMI

Living on land, not good. Can't hunt. Can't swim. In danger. Alone.

## **CAMI**

Cami turns away from Jaida, but Jaida grabs her. Jaida puts her forehead against Cami's.

**JAIDA** 

Not alone. I am here. I am sad too, but I am here. I will protect you.

Cami, emotional, nods darkly, looks at the tombstone.

CAMI

She was... good mother.

JAIDA

Yes. She made you strong.

Cami forcibly pulls back from Jaida's embrace.

CAMI

I am strong. Don't need you.

She stares at Jaida, fiercely, then turns away and exits into the forest.