KALIFORMA"

INT. LINCOLN - SAME TIME

Early still behind the wheel. Carrie sits up against the passenger side door. She is tense and guarded. Out the window, nothing but empty desert.

EARLY

Pass me a beer hon'.

Carrie quietly responds. She kneels on the front seat and reaches into the back. She grabs a bottle by its neck, and pulls it from the six pack of beer. Bottle in hand, she hesitates a moment...

NEW ANGLE: EARLY'S POV IN THE DRIVING MIRROR

Early watches Carrie.

EARLY

You wanna hit me with that, huh?

NEW ANGLE

Carrie reconsiders and sits back in the far corner of the front seat.

CARRIE

(not looking at him)

No.

She hands the bottle to him. Early reaches out for the beer, but instead of taking it, he clasps his hand over hers.

He looks at her and begins to squeeze...

EARLY

Stop lyin'... I can see right through you.

Early squeezes even harder -- Carrie begins to wince with pain. She waits for the glass bottle to shatter in her hand.

EARLY

Who d'ya think you're foolin'?
(beat)
I know you better than you think...

CARRIE

(confused)
...You're hurting me...

Early hits the brakes. The car screeches to a halt in a cloud of dust. Early squeezes on her hand even harder and begins to drag her toward him.

EARLY

I seen the way you been lookin' at

me since we met... Snappin' my photo when you thought I wasn't lookin'. Wanting me...

Carrie turns her head away. Early pulls her closer.

EARLY

I saw you when I killed that boy...

He grabs her hair with his other hand... Pulls her head around

forcing her to look at him. Early has Carrie right up against him, looking right into her eyes.

EARLY

(whispers)
You were plenty hot.

CARRIE

(explodes)
You sick twisted fuck! You don't
know shit about me.

She struggles trying to free herself. Early, his face only inches from hers, smiles...

EARLY

Sick... some people might say takin' photos of me and Adele humpin' in the back of the car is sick.

Carrie struggles even harder, but Early tightens his hold.

EARLY

...You know what I mean?

CARRIE

...I know I'd love to smash this bottle right in your fucking face.

Suddenly... Early releases Carrie, taking the beer from her. Carrie retreats back into the corner of the passenger side.

EARLY

That's better... Honesty... I like that in a woman.

He gives her a grin, then opens the bottle.

EARLY

But I'll tell ya... when we get to California, we're gonna have to do something 'bout that gutter mouth of yours.

Early takes a gulp of beer.