

**"AFTER.DARK"**

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**SHORT, FRANTIC CUTS OF HIS QUEST --**

JULIAN (V.O.)

You see... I live in a world you  
may not understand. A world where  
my very existence threatens the  
balance of order.

**FROM JULIAN'S POV**

-- the dark, thick FOREST ahead. A CLEARING is near. He  
PICKS UP SPEED.

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**EXT. CLEARING - CONTINUOUS**

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JULIAN BURSTS into the MOONLIGHT. The clearing is a LUSH  
MEADOW with plenty of WIDE OPEN SPACE.

**HOLD ON JULIAN**

-- as he maintains his speed.

**PULL BACK WIDE**

-- as Julian continues on, running through the clearing  
like a TRACK STAR. His speed INCREASES slightly --

**ECU JULIAN'S FEET**

-- lifting of the ground, EXITING FRAME --

**WIDE ON JULIAN**

-- LIFTING himself off the ground at a SUPERNATURAL  
HEIGHT. He moves forward across the clearing a few feet  
before DESCENDING back to his feet. His speed PICKS UP  
even more.

Julian HOPS into the air like before -- MOVING EVEN  
FURTHER.

**TIGHT ON JULIAN**

-- FLYING through the air, HAIR WIPING in the wind. He  
then lands on his feet, continuing on with his run.

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**ECU JULIAN'S LEGS**

-- picking up MORE and MORE SPEED. He's like THE FLASH now.

**PULL BACK WIDE ON JULIAN**

-- as he turns into a BLUR.

**FOCUS ON JULIAN BLUR**

-- as it RUSHES through the clearing, GRASS WIPING in the blur's WAKE. It makes its way towards the ENTRANCE of another part of the FOREST.

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**EXT. FOREST - CONTINUOUS**

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BLUR ENTERS FRAME, slowly beginning to lose its speed. When the blur dies down, JULIAN is visible again, running at a normal speed. He surveys his surroundings.

Julian slows his pace until he comes to a halt. He looks around the forest, as if he is anticipating something. SILENCE rings out.

As if hearing something -- off in the distance -- Julian swings around, looking back at the path he came from.

**FROM JULIAN'S POV**

-- THREE BLURS barrel INTO FRAME. They stop, revealing three YOUNG PEOPLE -- ONE GUY, TWO GIRLS -- all supernatural.

**ECU JULIAN**

-- as he STARES DOWN the three vampires.

**WIDEN ON THE VAMPIRES**

-- as they stare down Julian as well.

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**QUICK CU**

-- on each vampire as we see that their EYES are a STARTLING ICY BLUE COLOR.

**CU JULIAN'S FACE**

-- as we notice that his EYES are the SAME EXACT COLOR. This is a shared trait among the creatures of the night.

The leader of the pack, JUSTIN, steps out from the group.

JUSTIN

Well, well, well...

(beat)

Isn't it the Prince Heir himself,  
Julian Hamadi.

**CU JULIAN**

-- as he simply stares down Justin.

JULIAN

Justin Corvinus. Last time I checked, you were hiding out in Ukraine.

**CU JUSTIN**

-- as he looks to his companions, then back to Julian.

JUSTIN

Yes, well... I decided that hiding was no longer a course of action for me.

Julian chuckles, shake his head.

JULIAN

So... You've joined up with the Syndicate, huh?

Justin nods.

JULIAN (CONT'D)

I'm sure you know that this is treason...

(beat)

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JULIAN (CONT'D)

And treason against the Order of the Dragon Council is punishable by death.

JUSTIN

I am aware of that.

Julian sighs -- looks up to the moon -- looks back over to the other vampires.

JULIAN

As Secretary of Justice, I am forced to carry about the execution of you and your companions.

The companions looks to each other, then to Justin. Justin grins.

JUSTIN

You can try.

Julian nods.

#### **CU FEMALE VAMPIRE #1**

-- as she takes a step forward, only to be TACKLED by Julian.

The others step back, bracing for a fight.

Justin and FEMALE VAMPIRE #2 LEAP into the fray. Justin GRABS Julian, THROWS him into a TREE -- SMASHING against the trunk -- Julian drops like a stone. He is then immediately KICKED off the floor.

#### **IN SLO-MO**

-- we watch as Julian FLIES from his place on the floor -- TWISTS his body in MID-AIR -- LANDS on his feet.

The vampires then RUSH at each other, in a BLINDING BLUR.

Every SLOWS DOWN as Julian PUNCHES Female Vampire #1 in the face, sending her FLYING. Female Vampire #2 SCRATCHES at him -- only to be GRABBED by the hair -- PICKED UP over Julian's head -- and THROWN into a nearby tree, SPLINTERING it in half.

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Justin TAKES a few HITS -- GRABS Julian, LIFTS him over his head -- CRACKS him like a NUT, SLAMS him to the ground. The ground CRACKS beneath him as if a earthquake has ripped through the land.

Julian looks up as Justin RAISES HIS HAND for a BLOW. Julian -- with unique agility and strength -- PUSHES Justin from on top of him, RISES to his feet, and TAKES HOLD of JUSTIN'S HEAD.

Justin SNARLS with an animal-like fury as he STRUGGLES. Julian has him in an UBER DEATH GRIP. There's no escape.

Justin still SNARLS as he TRIES to CLAW his way out. Julian's HANDS TIGHTEN around his NECK. Justin GROWLS louder.

**CU JULIAN**

-- as he quickly BRINGS HIS ARMS UP, pulling Justin's HEAD OFF with all of his unnatural strength.

**WIDE ON JUSTIN'S HEADLESS BODY**

-- as it DROPS to the ground, LIMP.

**CU JULIAN**

-- as his voice narrates over the scene:

JULIAN (V.O.)

As I said earlier: I live in a world that you may not understand. A world that must not be known to the human eye. A world that must remain a secret for it's existence...

**CU FEMALE VAMPIRE #2**

-- as she RISES from her spot on the ground. She HISSES at Julian -- about faces -- RUNS OFF in a BLUR.

**CU JULIAN**

-- as he looks after her.

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JULIAN (V.O.)  
A world that must never be known  
by mortals.

Julian JUMPS UP, CLEARING FRAME.

SMASH CUT TO BLACK.