

RED QUEEN CASTING CALL - IRISH - READING

INT. MOUNTAIN VIEW HOSPITAL - BRUNI'S OFFICE - NIGHT

Bruni looks up as Irish enters with a sheepish smile.

BRUNI

Irish! Please, come in!

IRISH

Can I talk to you about Mac?

BRUNI

Do you want to tell me what
happened?

Irish sits down with a sigh.

IRISH

You mean, why he reacted like a
maniac?

BRUNI

I mean why someone as kind and
gentle as him would have such a
strong reaction.

IRISH

Colleen happened.

Bruni lets him talk.

IRISH (CONT'D)

As you probably guessed, Mac and I
are brothers-in-law. My wife
Colleen was his sister.

BRUNI

Was?

IRISH

She died in a helicopter crash. She
was the pilot in that crash where
Edward Grant's first wife died.

BRUNI

Good lord! I'm so sorry! I had no
idea! I remember hearing about the
accident, of course, but I don't
know much of the details.

IRISH

That was no accident. The
helicopter just dropped out of the
sky. Colleen was ex-Air Force.
There's no way it was an error.

(MORE)

IRISH (CONT'D)

It was never proven, but I know it
wasn't an accident. We all do.

BRUNI

And you believe that Edward was
involved?

IRISH

There's no proof.

BRUNI

But you believe?

IRISH

He had to have been behind it.

BRUNI

How did Mac take it?

IRISH

He went after Edward. That
bodyguard of his shot him, that's
why he has the cane.

Bruni tries to compose herself.

BRUNI

Oh, I'm so sorry! I never meant to
bring back all these memories. Was
he a private detective then too?

IRISH

No. We were partners. He was
dropped from the force. We were
just lucky there were no charges
pressed.

BRUNI

I'll tell him to drop the case
immediately!

Irish says nothing.

IRISH

If Edward has hurt someone else, we
need...

He chokes up a bit.

BRUNI

You need him stopped?

IRISH

We need to stop him. Colleen was
the most beautiful person I ever
met. Every minute of every day I
feel a pit in my stomach like I've
been punched.

BRUNI

I'm so sorry. How are you managing?

Big sigh.

IRISH

Hanging on by a thread. If it
wasn't for Mac...

She smiles.

BRUNI

He's a good guy.

IRISH

We've been side by side through the
whole thing.

(blinks away some tears)

And now this has come up? Is it
wrong to be motivated to help
someone out of revenge?