

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?