Over a black screen, the sound of STEADY, HARD RAIN. Rhythmic. Calming. Wind blowing in waves.

FADE IN:

# 300 EXT. CHEPSTOW COUNTRYSI DE, WALES - NI GHT [FLASHBACK] 300

Lincoln strides across lush green fields, getting soaked in the heavy storm It's pitch black. She carries a torch.

Next to her, SERGEANT PRODY (27) scrambles to keep up.

PRODY I'm sorry. I knowit's a bad time for this. I didn't mean - [for them to send you]

LINCOLN Too late to walk it back now

### LI NCOLN

Yes.

### PRODY Back and for-

LI NCOLN That's what a conversation is, isn't it?

Lincoln ducks underneath a (small) fallen tree, putting her hand on the trunk for balance.

Prody follows her, also putting his hand on the trunk. But when he releases it...

Some hing hake loo e fdom he bdanche.

It's too dark to see what it was. But it looked...long.

It falls onto the wet ground with a SPLAT.

305 INT. CWM Y GROES ABBEY - NI GHT [CONTI NUOUS - FLASHBACK] 305

Lincoln stands over a wooden door in the floor. She opens it. <u>Stone steps lead downward</u>.

Lincoln's torch beam shines into a pitch black abyss.

### PRODY What'd he say?

A flicker of ome hing crosses Lincoln's face. Just a hint of vulnerability.

LINCOLN He said that he'd warned me. And he had. He'd told me I wouldn't want to see what he was gonna do. (pause) I'd said I could handle it.

She descends the stone stairs. Prody follows.

# 306 I NT. CWM Y GROES ABBEY, CELLAR - NI GHT [CONTI NUOUS - 306 FLASHBACK]

Pi ch black. The only light comes from their torches. The

LI NCOLN They set up another generator down here?

PRODY Don't know LINCOLN Were you in the room when Minnet Kable confessed?

Jack chuckles.

JACK I guess that passes for pillow talk in a bathroom

LINCOLN (ignoring him) There's usually a uniform standing about for statements. Can't remember if it was you.

JACK (playing along) I was at the crime scene. And I was there for the post mortem But no, wasn't in the room when MInnet Kable confessed.

She straightens her skirt. Smooths her blouse.

LINCOLN Are you really gonna do this? Because the Donkey Pitch is closed.

JACK Doesn't mean I can't - [look into it]

LINCOLN And you don't even work in Wales anymore.

JACK Open or closed, Wales or London, I have the authori -

LINCOLN Oh for fuck's sake, I'm not asking about the reach of your a hodi .

She slips on a shoe. Faces him, shoulders square.

LI NCOLN (CONT'D) Though it is interesting timing to be pushing things, don't you think? Aren't you already looking at a suspension?

His eyes flicker to hers. She smirks.

LINCOLN (CONT'D) Both of us can do off-duty detective work. JACK Why do you care what I do?

LINCOLN Because it's my case. And it's solved. And you don't even live in this country anymore. What you're doing is *eidd*. Why are you doing it?

He doesn't immediately answer. But she waits.

JACK It's five years since the Donkey Pitch. The anniversary.

# LI NCOLN

So?

JACK So I found a note, asking for help. There wasn't an address, but - [it might mean something]

LINCOLN Where'd you find the note?

> JACK (not wanting to say it)

JACK (CONT'D) If something happens tomorrow if someone is hurt tomorrow and I did nothing today, I don't think I could - [live with myself]

# LI NCOLN

(flat)

Wow Jack. You're such a good guy.

She leaves. The door swinging behind her. Jack is alone. His mobile RINGS. He picks it up, looking at the caller ID (we don't see it).

He rejects the call. Presses a few buttons. No we see his mobile screen:

Ade o de o an o block hi called?

HONEY (O.S.) Lights, please.

308 INT. ANCHOR-FERRERS' HOUSE, BASEMENT - DAY [AFTERNOON] 308

A ring light GLOWS on Matilda. She is bright red on the floor. She's still bound.

Honey is next to her, sword in his hand. Molina stands at a distance, adjusting the light.

Lucia and Oliver have fallen to their knees. Oliver fights tears. Lucia looks shell shocked.

HONEY

Honey steps aside, examining Matilda like a piece of artwork. Molina films.

> OLI VER Please, just, don't touch her! Please, please, please...

### HONEY

Oliver. *Rela*. (to Molina) He thinks we're going to rape his wife.

MOLINA But we're not rapists.

HONEY Of course we're not. But that's what he's thinking. Mts. A's worried about it, too.

MOLINA

She is?

HONEY

She thinks we're going to rape the daughter.

# MOLI NA

That's awful.

### HONEY

They're a family of perverts. Oh! And I forgot to tell you. Mts. Anchor-Ferrers also has a theory. She thinks we're obsessed with Minnet Kable. She thinks we're cop ing him

MOLINA So if all of that's true, then we're...copy cat murderer rapists?

HONEY Doesn't that feel like a -

MOLINA A lot in one head. HONEY (CONT'D) - mixed psychological profile.

HONEY

MOLINA They might appreciate clarity.

HONEY All right. Let's do it. (to Matilda) Darling, would you tuck your blouse up into your bra, please?

MATILDA But, you just said - [you weren't going to do anything like that]

HONEY And while I'm drawing, perhaps you can ask yourself: how might these two handsome men know such incredible details about the Donkey Pitch murders? Why, it almost seems as if they'd have to been there themselves...

Realisation dawns on Matilda, Oliver and Lucia. Their eyes wide with panic.

MOLINA I feel like they just got it.

HONEY They did, indeed.

MOLINA They understand it was on the Donkey Pitch.

HONEY Well now you're just over explaining.

Tears roll down Matilda's cheeks. But she's totally silent.

HONEY (CONT'D) Oh darling, you can make noise if you'd like. It's cliché to say, but in this instance it's true. (smiles) There's no one to hear you scream

### 309 INT. UPSCALE PUB, CARDIFF - DAY [AFTERNOON]

Jack, back at the table where he met Lincoln. He's standing, having gathered/gathering his things (jacket, etc).

Jack holds the ring in his hand. He's on his mobile. The engine of the car is cut.

JACK (into mobile) It's your company's sponsor mark on the ring.

309a INT. JEWELLERY STORE, BACK ROOM - DAY [AFTERNOON] 309a ERIN (late 50s), is on her mobile, amongst stacks of boxes. Everything looks worn and dusty.

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The ring is in Jack's hand. The afternoon sun glinting off the gold band...

MATCH CUT TO:

# 310 I NT. ANCHOR-FERRERS' HOUSE, THE ROSE ROOM - DAY 310 [AFTERNOON - LATER]

<u>Bare fingers</u> gripping an arm On the ring finger, <u>a tan line</u>. <u>A pale white strip where a wedding band should be</u>...

Pull back to reveal we are:

Matilda huddles on the floor. Her arms cross over her body, gripping her shoulders.

Molina ties her back up to the radiator. For a moment they make eye contact. A flicker of sympathy crosses Molina's face.

JACK (CONT'D) (to the Boy) Hello.

The Boy's face contorts. He lets out a WHINE, crawling up his dad's back.

# 312 EXT. JACK' S FLAT, CARDI FF BAY - DAY [EARLY EVENI NG] 312

Jack carries a single bag of groceries to his front door.

313 I NT. JACK' S FLAT, CARDI FF BAY, KI TCHEN - DAY [EARLY 313 EVENI NG]

Jack stands by his small kitchen table. A box of kid's cereal, some milk and a bowl in front of him But right now, he's on his laptop.

<u>On the screen</u>: the Police National Database (which we recognise from previous episodes).

He clicks on an <u>audio file</u>. Slips a wireless earpod in one ear. As he listens, he pours himself a bowl of cereal for dinner.

LINCOLN (O.S.) (hdo gh eadpod) I m De ec i e In pec od Maia Lincoln, and hi i De ec i e In pec od Gade h Ma he . We d Iike o alk o o abo Sophie and H go.

MATTHEWS (O.S.) (hdo gh eadpod) We de ding o nded and a bi mode abo ho he ede. So e de alking o e ed one he kne. Theid fdiend, heid cla ma e, he hole chool. To be clead, none of o ade pec.

As Jack eats, he closes his eyes, imagining the scene. And we go along for the ride with him ...

314 I NT. I NTERVIEW ROOM NEWPORT POLICE STATION - DAY 314 [FLASHBACK]

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Lincoln and Matthews with various TEENAGERS, <u>all seated next</u> to their <u>PARENTS</u>.

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MATTHEWS How did other students feel about them?

BETHANY Everyone hates the popular kids. But they weren't total dicks.

# BETHANY'S DAD

Be h.

# BETHANY

(ignoring her father) Emily's like, a medium dick. Like, shitty-online-but-mostly-okay-toyour-face, medium dick. Know what I mean?

### LI NCOLN

(sincerely)

I do.

### BETHANY

Look, you're wasting your time talking to the whole school. Most of us never even spoke to those four. We don't know anything.

### LI NCOLN

So you don't think anyone is hiding something from us?

# BETHANY

EXT. ANCHOR-FERRERS' HOUSE - DAY [EARLY EVENING - MOMENTS]

HONEY Why not just buy - [a trap]

MOLINA Glad you asked. The Deer Act of 1991 made it illegal to trap or snare a deer.

HONEY Is that so?

MDLINA 'Tis indeed. Can't buy a deer trap 322 I NT. JACK' S FLAT, CARDI FF BAY, BATHROOM - DAY [EARLY 322 EVENI NG]

The mirror still foggy from a shower. Jack is wet. He brushes his teeth. A towel wrapped around his waist.

An earpod in one ear.

### EMILY (O.S.) I can belie e he gone.

323 I NT. I NTERVI EW ROOM NEWPORT POLICE STATION - DAY 323 [FLASHBACK]

EMILY (17) sits next to her MUM and the family's SOLICITOR. Across from them Lincoln and Matthews.

Emily is devastated. Sleep deprived. Eyes puffy from crying.

EMILY I can't believe I won't see her at school. Can't ring her.

LINCOLN (gently, but pointedly) Emily, can you think of anyone who might have wanted to harm Sophie?

EMILY

I can't. Honestly.

LI NCOLN

(pointedly again) What about Hugo? Any enemies in his life?

EMILY Hugo didn't have enemies. You couldn't hate him He was sweet.

### MATTHEWS

Emily, even really good kids sometimes keep things from the adults in their lives. That's normal. And it wouldn't be speaking ill of Sophie and Hugo if you talked to us about that kind of thing.

<u>She reads him</u> pieces of a puzzle coming together in her head.

VERONICA (CONT'D) You're not convinced, are you? That's what's bothering you. (pause) You didn't block me because of *m*e. You blocked me because of *o*. You want to pretend that side of you isn't in there. But it is.

He's quiet, a nerve struck.

VERONICA (CONT'D) (heart on sleeve) When I met you, I really thought I had you pegged. I thought you were a catch.

She turns. Leaves. He remains in the doorway, absorbing that.

326 I NT. JACK' S FLAT, CARDI FF BAY, BEDROOM - DAY 326 [EARLY EVENI NG]

Jack sits on the edge of his bed, still digesting Veronica's words. He slips an earpod in. Presses play again.

The "scene" with Emily resumes.

327 I NT. I NTERVIEW ROOM NEWPORT POLICE STATION - DAY 327 [FLASHBACK]

# LINCOLN You won't be in any trouble.

Emily hesitates, then opens her mouth -

EMILY We weren't hiding anything. The four of us just wanted to do well in school. Get into a good university.

328 I NT. JACK' S FLAT, CARDI FF BAY, BEDROOM - DAY 328 [EARLY EVENI NG]

Jack listens.

# EMILY (V.O.)

There's no big awful secret.

Jack takes the earpod out. Considers. Then glances at his laptop.

329 I NT. ANCHOR-FERRERS' HOUSE, ENTRANCE HALL - DAY [EARLY 329 NORNI NG]

Morning sunlight beams through the skylight. Honey and Molina are each on inflatable mattresses, positioned at the bottom of the staircase. We see an old-fashioned foot pump nearby.

Honey wakes. His mattress has nearly deflated - he's sunk

HONEY I wouldn't lie to you.

Molina goes back to wiggling. Honey takes his latte over to the kitchen window, looking out at the view

HONEY (CONT'D) All right. I admit it. It's beautiful out here. It's the mist. The morning mist has sold - [me]

He's seen something. He bolts towards the front door.

332 EXT. ANCHOR-FERRERS' HOUSE - DAY [EARLY MORNING] 332

Honey stumbles down the house's front steps, silk robe fluttering behind him, latte still in hand.

He reaches the circular drive. He's looking at something. We don't see what it is yet. But he doesn't look happy.

333 INT. ANCHOR-FERRERS' HOUSE, KITCHEN - DAY [EARLY MORNING 333 - MOMENTS LATER]

Honey returns, holding a <u>security sign</u> (the kind you post in the ground to advertise you've got security cameras/an alarm).

Molina, still handcuffed to the cooker, looks up.

HONEY Wha hefcki hi?

MOLINA I think it's a security sign.

HONEY I kno it's a security sign, you a ha. But what is it doing outside of the Anchor-Ferrers' home?

MOLINA Maybe they have security cameras?

Honey waits, exasperated.

# MOLINA ?/

MOLINA But there's no wifi. So nothing's being sent to a cloud or anything. It's probably okay. 334 I NT. ANCHOR-FERRERS' HOUSE, THE I VY ROOM - DAY [MORNI NG 334 - LATER]

Honey and Molina stand in front of Lucia, who cowers against the wall. Molina holds a pillow in his hand.

> LUCIA What kind of game?

HONEY I'm going to ask you, your dad and your mum a question. If all your answers match...

Honey points to the pillow

HONEY (CONT'D) ....them Mummy gets a pillow But if the answers don't match, if one of you lies, well then...

Honey pulls the <u>boning knife</u> out of the back of his trousers. He flings it toward a dresser (not particularly near Lucia).

It stabs the wood with a THUNK, wobbling upright. Luca GASPS, frightened.

HONEY (CONT'D) Mummy will be wheeled in for surgery straight away.

LUCI A

No! You said - [you wouldn't do that yet]

HONEY I know, I know! I said surgery could wait a few days. But, we ha e sort of established that I can't be trusted, haven't we?

Lucia fights tears.

HONEY (CONT'D) So that's the choice. Pillow or cutting. It all depends on the answers to the - [question]

LUCIA - but what question? I don't know anything!

Honey stares at Oliver, his expression betraying no hing.

Then he walks closer to the old man. Kneels down so they're face to face. Honey's eyes land on Oliver's bandaged chest.

### HONEY Remove the bandage.

Oliver's trembling hand reaches up. He pulls the white tape

Oliver WHIPMERS as the flesh around his scar PULLS forward with the knife.

### HONEY (CONT'D) You see, Oliver. You might not know me. B I kno o.

A in SNAP. The first stitch breaks open.

### 336 EXT. EMILY'S POSH FLAT, EMILY'S BALCONY - DAY [EARLY 336 AFTERNOON]

Emily (5 years older), mounts an iPhone on a tripod. Situates a ring light just so. On the outdoor dining table in front of her, an elaborately-decorated latte.

She's in expensive leggings. Pony tail high on her head. Makeup done perfectly. If we look closely, we may notice: she's wearing silicone butt pads.

Jack stands, absorbing the scene. She fiddles, not looking at him

EMILY So does this mean it's going to be in the press again?

J ACK

No. No media.

EMILY Because I don't want it coming up again. When people Google me.

She shoots him a look (mild warning). He ignores it.

J ACK

So you and Sophie were close.

EMILY

Since we were kids. It was me and Sophie, and later Hugo and Max kind of joined. Have you talked to Max? It's a bank holiday, he'll be home.

**JACK** 

Not yet.

She looks up. Clocks him eyeing her "scene."

EMILY (by way of explanation) I do 'what I eat in a days'. Did they not have those on MySpace?

He cracks a smile.

**JACK** 

Sophie and Hugo were a couple. Was that ever awkward with you and Max?

She hesitates, suddenly on guard.

EMILY

I already told the police all of this.

J ACK

Humour me.

EMILY Max and I both have alibis for the night of the murders. I was at my great aunt's birthday.

J ACK

(sincere) You didn't kill your friends. I get it. But just walk me through what happened.

She deflates, a tad.

EMILY

Hugo was mad about Sophie. For like, a year. Max and I were chuffed when they got together. But then they got annoying. Couple-y. Max and I fought with them just a couple of weeks before they died. Silent treatment, both ways, you know? Anyway, the police know all about it. We told them everything.

EMILY It was Adderall. Not Ritalin. Sophie bought it for us. She had a connection in Cardiff. She never told me his name.

JACK

Why wouldn't she -

EMILY Because he was like...hed .

337 INT. ANCHOR-FERRERS' HOUSE, THE ROSE ROOM - DAY

[AFTERNOON]

Matilda sobs in fear. The pillow on the floor in front of her.

Honey's boning knife is (a little) bloody. Molina stands next to Honey.

MATILDA But I don't knowl

HONEY You don't want to disappoint me. Your husband already did. (re: the knife) I removed his stitches and the damn skin held together.

MOLINA Human body is a wonder.

MATILDA Is he all right?!

HONEY Let's not make a fuss. He's fine. Now Cameras?

MATILDA But l've no idea where the cameras are! I don't deal with those things. Ollie does!

HONEY All right. Enough is enough. Count of three, Mrs. A.

Honey flips the knife up high, catching it in the air. Holds it aloft, ready to strike. She SCREANS.

HONEY (CONT'D)

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# MATILDA

I don't know!

# HONEY

TWO.

MATILDA (screaming) I DON T KNOW YOU SICK FUCK!!!!

Honey looks aghast. He turns to Molina.

HONEY

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MOLINA (to Matilda, a warning) One star review coming your way.

Honey cuts the act, turns back to Matilda, knife up high.

HONEY

And thr-

MATILDA The basement! They're in the basement! Probably in a box somewhere! I think there's three of them

HONEY Now Was that so hard?

He lowers the knife. She heaves, sobbing. Relief and terror in equal measure.

HONEY (CONT'D) Tell me, Mts. Anchor-Ferrers, out of pure curiosity, why did Oliver take the cameras down?

MATILDA They were an eye sore. In the garden.

He eyes her. Then bursts out laughing.

HONEY You ridiculously shallow nob. (to Molina) Give her the pillow

Molina tosses Matilda the pillow. Both men leave the room

Matilda clutches the pillow to her chest, grasping on for comfort.

MATTHEWS You don't. (calling out towards the pitch) Cica'd bfl, Tomo !

Matthews watches the pitch, unhappy with whatever's going on. Jack smartly waits.

MATTHEWS (CONT'D) (calling out) C'mon, Reff! Maisis sbectol arnat ti!

The drama appears over.

**JACK** 

MATTHEWS Well, you have the authority to do that, Jack. Though I will say, it Matthews eyes Jack, unsure if he's going to be helpful, but then -

Noah glances up from his book. Smiles, shy, at his dad. Matthews smiles back.

Jack clocks the exchange.

# MATTHEWS

I know one guy. He was a sergeant, 'round the same time as you. But I don't think you two knew each other very well. I'll put you in touch.

Jack stands. Starts walking down the bleachers, but -

MATTHEWS (CONT'D) Did going back to London fix it?

JACK (choosing his words carefully) It's where I belong.

MATTHEWS I was rooting for you, you know

A tiny nod from Jack. Then he leaves.

# 339 I NT. ANCHOR-FERRERS' HOUSE, BASEMENT - DAY [AFTERNOON] 339

With the lights on, the room looks different. Previously it was the scene of Matilda's torment. Now, it's just a boring family basement. Old furniture, musty sheets, ugly lamps.

We note the GoPro and the ring light in the background, though.

Honey and  $M\!olina$  root through the clutter, looking for something. Then -

HONEY

Here.

Molina approaches. Honey opens a cardboard box. Inside, three cameras.

MOLINA They were telling the truth! Now we don't have to worry about the cameras, yeah?

But Honey doesn't look relieved.

MOLINA (CONT'D) What's wrong? HONEY The security sign, at the bottom of the drive.

MOLINA What about it?

HONEY

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Prody nods, in agreement with his own comment. Jack keeps a straight face. But barely.

**JACK** 

Victims were into Adderall, which they got in Cardiff. This was maybe 5-6 years ago. Both of us were skippers then. But I can't remember ever coming across any study drugs. Do you?

PRODY

I remember lots of drug busts...but no, not that, sorry. (sincere)

Really wanted to help you.

**JACK** 

The old case is the Donkey Pitch murders.

PRODY

Christ. Why didn't you say? You think we got the wrong guy on ha?

**JACK** 

Maybe you can't remember Adderall specifically, but these kids were keeping secrets. Who knows what they were into. Can you think of any scenes from back then - houses, raves, whatever - where something seemed a little...off?

A beat. Then Prody chuckles - yeah, he can.

INT. PRODY'S CAR - DAY [LATER THAT AFTERNOON]

JACK I was. Still am

PRODY

How'd you do that?

J ACK

Sorry?

PRODY Like, how do you do this job on your own? Because it feels...lonely. I feel lonely.

JACK Find a partner. Work with them Lots of people do.

Prody nods, but we can tell something's still bothering him Jack clocks it. Should keeps his mouth shut, but -

JACK (CONT'D) You already tried working with a partner?

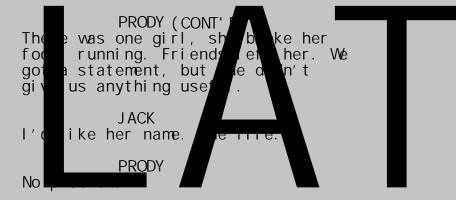
PRODY They wanted to switch. So, you know I want to fit in with the Iads. I do. It's just not easy for me. I think I try too hard. So I just thought, maybe I'd be more Iike you. Just...not care.

Jack is visibly uncomfortable. But Prody has his hears m hea

JACK Sophie and Hugo.

PRODY Right. No way of knowing if they were here that night.

They reach the Cwm y Groes Abbey. Jack takes in the sight. It's less scary in the daylight, but more sad. Forgotten.



343 I NT. CWM Y GROES ABBEY - DAY [LATE AFTERNOON - MOMENTS 343 LATER]

> Prody leads Jack through the interior of the abbey. Fallen trees. Cracked walls. Broken woodenoh kelCrake h Mi

#### PRODY

There were a few of these raves back then. At one of them, we found shackles. Chains. Handcuffs. If we'd found that stuff in the bedroom, maybe we wouldn't have thought much about it, but it was all over the main floor, where the rave was.

JACK Like people were tied up, and others were - [watching]

PRODY

Watching. Exactly. I don't know I started to wonder if maybe the raves were connected. Like, maybe there was some cult stuff going on.

JACK

You tell anyone?

PRODY

Yeah. Called a detective here. But she shot that theory down pretty quick.

JACK Remember her name?

PRODY DI Lincoln. You know her?

A beat.

J ACK

Bit. Yeah.

344 INT. CWM Y GROES ABBEY, CELLAR DAY [LATE AFTERNOON - 344 MOMENTS LATER]

Jack descends the stairs, followed by Prody. It's musty, damp. They take in the room, but it's cavernous. Empty.

Jack uses his torch to search the room

PRODY There must have been fifty of 'em I'm not gonna lie, scared the shite out of me.

JACK And the rave down here, too?

OLIVER (erupting in blubbering sobs) I can't fix this. I can't fix it! LINCOLN (re: the cereal) Gonna ask me to stay for dinner? JACK What are you doing here? LINCOLN Because I haven't eaten.

JACK You're in my home LINCOLN (CONT'D) It seems you're not fully understanding what's going on here Jack, so let me spell it out. (firm angry) Yo ade f cking i h m ca e. So I m going o f ck i h o d head. And I'm not leaving until you tell me -

JACK (calm, matter-of-fact) My brother went missing when he was ten. I was eight.

From somewhere far away...

71 3@ (A. E. )

EZgf gb!

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JACK We had an argument in our treehouse. I started it. And I shoved him

A. E. Kag`Y 7iS` 5D; 7E AGF ([` dVISUf[a` fa TVI[`Y eZahVVV).

JACK (CONT'D) He was so angry. He stormed off. (pause) I tried to go after him but I fell. I was holding on to the planks of the treehouse with just one hand. My thumb got stuck, it...

## 348 EXT. JACK'S HOUSE, DALSTON - DAY [FLASHBACK] 348

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JACK (O.S.) (CONT'D) And every item he's ever left me, there's never a print. There's ne ed a print. I got so angry. So angry, I...

353 I NT. JACK' S FLAT, CARDI FF BAY - NI GHT

He swallows.

JACK I left London. I thought it'd be better here. But it was worse.

71 3@ (A. E. )

EZgf gb!

KAG@9 <35= (A. E.) Kag eZgf gb!

JACK

So I moved back. To be closer to him

A pregnant pause. <u>Everything riding on her response</u>. Finally...

> LINCOLN You want me to feel sorry for you?

> > J ACK

(no) You're the only person who won't.

A beat.

Lincoln stands. Walks past Jack, and out the front door. It closes behind her.

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HONEY (CONT'D) Civilised people would want to -GOOD GOD he mell!

He's stopped above the UW^Sd efS[de.

MOLINA You really smell something?

HONEY Ye . And it's getting od e.

MOLINA Do you have conflicted feelings about what we're doing here?

Honey stares at Molina - h h?

MOLINA (CONT'D)

I read this story about a bloke who kills another bloke, buries himin the floor, and he gets away with it, right? 'cept he hears the dead guy's heart beating. Drives him right mad. But the thing is, it's no really beating, it's just in his head. Like the beating of the heart depde en the original bloke's guilt. So I was thinking, At a good distance from the home, (perhaps back near the tree), he sets the bucket down. He turns to head back inside but <u>something in the bucket</u> catches his eye...

BETHANY (V.O.) (startled) Oh my god who are you?!

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357 I NT. COMMUNITY THEATRE, CARDIFF, STAGE - NIGHT [MOMENTS 357 LATER]

Bethany is on stage, hanging lights on a lowered lighting bar. They are the only (soft) illumination in the otherwise dark theatre.

A joint in her fingers.

Jack's entered down the aisles of the theatre seats. He's only now close enough to the stage to be visible to Bethany.

JACK I'm DI Caffery. Police.

BETHANY You're creepy as fuck is what you are.

JACK I didn't mean to scare you.

BETHANY You're li edall lurking in the s+hBad\$o,∿usu P", °Á`Y"!Y62 I\$ï 80 @8U XJ

JACK You weren't answering your mobile.

BETHANY I'm on a de o. What do you want? And how did you even know I was here?

JACK I called your dad. He told me. J ACK

You might know more than you think. Just a few questions.

She still hesitates.

## JACK (CONT'D) (re: the joint) And I don't give a shit about that.

A beat. Then her shoulders lower a tad. She goes back to stringing lights.

### BETHANY

You know people made a shrine for them? Flowers and candles and pictures. I don't understand why we do that in the spot where people die. It's fucking macabre. (pause) So whatever, ask what you need to ask, but I probably don't know the

**JACK** 

answer.

Whole school was interviewed by the police. But you were sitting next to your parents. I'm thinking

BETHANY With them? No. Around them? Maybe once or twice.

JACK So you weren't friendly with -[them]

She stops. Faces him

BETHANY Have you seen pictures of Sophie and Hugo? Like, how gorgeous they were. Before they were hacked up.

**JACK** 

Yes.

BETHANY And do you have working eyeballs? Do you see me right now?

He's smart enough not to answer.

BETHANY (CONT'D) No. We weren't friends.

She resumes her lighting work.

BETHANY (CONT'D) Anyway, we didn't talk about raves or drugs. But only because it had nothing to do with them dying. Why mention it?

JACK There was one particular rave. At Cwm y Groes Abbey.

357a INT. CWMY GROES ABBEY / CELLAR - NI GHT [FLASHBACK] 357a

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357b INT. COMMUNITY THEATRE, CARDIFF, STAGE - NIGHT Bethany laughs at the memory.

## BETHANY

Tha . Yeah. Broke my foot, so I got stuck talking to the police. They asked me a bunch of questions but they already knew pretty much everything I did. The raves were a regular thing. Lots of drugs. Pot, X, Ket.

JACK

Adderall?

BETHANY

Probably.

JACK Who brought the snakes?

She chuckles, remembering.

BETHANY

Bones.

**JACK** 

Bones?

BETHANY That's what we called him

J ACK

Why?

BETHANY I think because we thought it was scary. Which is embarrassing in retrospect. Anyway, I don't know 59.

357b

357d INT. COMMUNITY THEATRE, CARDIFF, STAGE - NIGHT Bethany sighs. Jack waits.

## BETHANY

Slasher movie stuff. You know, fake blood, retractable knives. None of it was real. The whole point was that he was going to cade us. But also get us high. Bones was like a....druggie Freddie Kruger. (pause) We were young. We thought he was 357d

# 358 EXT. ANCHOR-FERRERS' HOUSE - NI GHT

Honey descends the front steps of the house, marching back to the bucket of intestines. Molina now following.

They reach the bucket. Honey points down into it.

### HONEY What is that?

# MOLINA

I dunno.

Honey reaches in the bucket. Pulls something out. Shoves his bloody, slimy hand in Molina's face.

HONEY That, is buckshot.

Molina looks confused.

HONEY (CONT'D) You told me you trapped the fucking thing!

MOLINA Yeah, well, I...it might have been shot by someone first. That's probably how come it was easier for me to trap.

## HONEY

So you lied?

## MOLINA

Not really.

HONEY Okay. You were economical with the truth, then?

## MOLINA

Does it matter? I had a lot to set up. I thought I got it quite good.

## HONEY

It only matters because if someone shot the fucking thing before you got to it, they might still be wondering where it is.

# MOLINA

Oh.

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HONEY Yes. Oh. So your story now is that someone else shot the deer and then it voluntarily wandered into your trap to die?

## MOLINA

Right.

HONEY Well then. After said doe shuffled off the mortal coil, what did you cut it with?

MOLINA What do you mean? It was dead already.

HONEY To get the innards out, fuck nuts.

MOLINA Oh. Yeah. Um A knife.

HONEY From where?

MOLI NA

The kitchen.

HONEY From the wooden block?

MOLINA

Yeah.

HONEY The wooden block on the kitchen island?

MOLI NA Yeah. From there.

## MOLINA

I'd spoken to the housekeeper. Beca. Took care of that right like I was supposed to. Then I was about to do the deer thing but I was really nervous because, well...I'd never really gotten the deer trap to work all the way. They're really hard to build.

(pause) But then, I drove by the house here and I saw something. It was a deer. And it was dead. And it's insides were in a bucket already. So I thought, why not just use that?

#### HONEY

You found the deer? At this house?

### MOLI NA

Yeah. Along the drive.

### HONEY

With the bucket and the intestines digh ne o i ?

## MOLINA

Yeah. So I put the deer carcass in the car, drove it out into the woods and dumped it. Came back here, and used the intestines in the trees just like we planned. (pause) Was a biQ He SHOVES them in Molina's face.

HONEY (CONT'D) Someone had al dead done i fod o ?!

MOLINA (eyeing the intestines) Yeah actually maybe that is a bit strange. What do you think it means?

With that question, Honey's anger dissipates.

360 I NT. COMMUNITY THEATRE, CARDIFF, STAGE - NIGHT [MOMENTS 360 LATER]

Jack is watching the video on Bethany's mobile, which he now holds (Bethany has her joint back). We still hear the music playing, the video is going.

Jack swallows, reacting to what he's seeing.