

GUIDING LIGHT 1 TR

HE

I didn't kill anyone.

SHE

Then what? You had someone else do the job for you?

HE

There's no point to this.

SHE

Only the rest of our lives! Only our whole future together! What am I saying? We don't have a future after this!

HE

We do have a future. It was necessary. You know how that is. Either you use force, or it's used against you.

SHE

So you've made your choice.

HE

I chose you. I chose a free life for us. So I can be your husband. We can raise our children in safety together.

SHE

Is that how you justified it?

HE

I didn't need to justify anything.

SHE

Not even knowing how I felt about it? You didn't give it a second thought? What did you use? A gun? A knife? Your bare hands?

HE

I told you. I didn't kill him.

## GUIDING LIGHT 2

SHE

His blood's on your hands, all the same. Is that the price you had to pay to close the books on the family business? Well, it's too high. How did you expect to go on being a normal family? What did you plan to teach our children? Take the law into your own hands?

HE

You seem to think it's so simple! It's not! [pause]  
Karen...

SHE

You're wrong. I can make it very simple. [she goes to leave]

HE

You can't do this. You can't walk away from us.

SHE

There is no us. There can't be. [Pause] I'm not doing this to hurt you...

HE

You could have fooled me.

SHE

Listen to me... I'm not naive. I know this isn't some moral dilemma about turning the other cheek. I won't be a victim. But I won't give my life over to retaliation. An eye for an eye? Where does it end? When everyone's dead?

HE

You don't understand.

SHE

No. I don't. Part of you is my heart, my other half. But there are places you go where I can't follow...

HE

Then don't. Let me go there alone. I'll always come back.

### GUIDING LIGHT 3

SHE

But I won't be there. Not if you come back with blood on your hands.

HE

She was my mother.

SHE

She did terrible things.

HE

She was still my mother.

SHE

The police would have punished her murderer.

HE

I accept you don't understand. I'd probably hate it if you could. I ask you to accept that I did what I had to do for us to survive.

SHE

I know you believe that.

HE

It's the way things work.

SHE

I can't save you from this cycle of violence, if that's what you've chosen. But I have to save myself. And our unborn children.

HE

Listen to me...!

SHE

I can't. I'm sorry.

HE

No.

GUIDING LIGHT 4

SHE

I can't live with your convictions. I have to be true to mine.

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HE

No!

SHE

I can't be married to you. Please leave this house tonight.