

EXT. PARK - DAY

Simmons sit on a park bench staring off, when Alicia approaches. She stops and stares at him with hesitance before sitting next to him.

ALICIA

The State Department will take Jason into custody when he is released from the hospital.

SIMMONS

He was never a target, you know. We just had him flagged.

ALICIA

Why?

SIMMONS

When you were brought on, we did a personal sweep of your friends and associates. Everything seemed normal, everyone passed, but after your first assignment, Jason suddenly appeared out of nowhere.

ALICIA

We met at a party, Simmons, that's how people meet.

SIMMONS

It was his history that concerned me...

ALICIA

What history?

SIMMONS

When I found out he had been in Hamburg at the same time as the bombing in 2007, I had to make sure he wasn't hiding something.

ALICIA

Was he?

SIMMONS

No.

ALICIA

Then why did you have him flagged?

SIMMONS

You two became very close, very fast. I found that suspicious.

ALICIA

He toured Europe after he graduated college, that's all. You should have left him alone.

SIMMONS

It was a matter of protocol.

ALICIA

Two people click right off the bat, and you find that suspicious.

SIMMONS

This is my job, to protect my agents.

ALICIA

Bullshit. You didn't trust me.

SIMMONS

You still have a lot to learn.

ALICIA

He was almost killed because you had him tailed every time he left his apartment. You drew attention to him.

SIMMONS

You were in love with him... And for a young agent, there's nothing more dangerous than that.

ALICIA

I wasn't in love in with him. He was a friend.

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