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Elizabeth

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EDDIE

Because it doesn't do any good. Statistics show there's no deterrent effect at all. And it's expensive.

BRIGGS

Some things are worth the money.

EDDIE

If you want to punish him, lock him up for the rest of his life.

Briggs shakes his head.

BRIGGS

You Canadians are nice enough folks, but you got a lot to learn about law enforcement.

Cortez and Eddie both give him looks.

31 INT. HOMICIDE. OBSERVATION ROOM -- DAY

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Ali and Jill. ELIZABETH MORGAN, late twenties, is pacing in the interrogation room. She's pissed, but scared about being here.

ALI

How could she let him hurt her kids? It seems completely unnatural.

JILL

Unnatural. I don't know. Put rats in a cage, stress them enough and they'll kill their young.

ALI

I think people are a little more complicated than rats.

JILL

In a lot of ways sure. But we're all animals somewhere inside. (she shrugs) On the other hand, people feel guilt. Keep at her. Break her story down bit by bit.

Ali sighs. Shakes her head and heads into the room.

32 INT. HOMICIDE. INTERROGATION ROOM -- DAY

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Ali sits with Elizabeth Morgan.

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ELIZABETH

I had to put what happened to Janie
out of my mind. It was too difficult.

Ali opens a file.

ALI

How does a two month old baby get a
concussion.

ELIZABETH

Janie rolled off the porch. It was
an accident.

ALI

Baby's don't roll until at least
three months Elizabeth. Who was
with her when this happened... Was
it Jack Farrell?

Elizabeth looks away, she doesn't want to go there.

ALI (CONT'D)

A broken ankle at one year?

ELIZABETH

The car door. Jack...

ALI

Another concussion at 18 months.

ELIZABETH

She fell...

ALI

She with Jack again?

Ali pulls out an x-ray of Janie pushes it in front of her.
Elizabeth looks away.

ALI (CONT'D)

Two weeks before she went missing.
Three broken ribs, heavy bruising on
her chest. That an accident too?

Elizabeth looks away, won't answer. Ali is getting
frustrated.

ALI (CONT'D)

Wake up lady...

Elizabeth starts to cry.

ELIZABETH

Janie was choking...

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ALI

So you saw him do this to her?

Elizabeth catches herself, quickly recovers.

ELIZABETH

What he told me.

(a beat)

I got seven other kids. They're all okay.

ALI

I know. You're a good mother. That's why this is so hard to understand.

ELIZABETH

Jack never hurt Janie. He didn't. You think I would let him do that? You think I would let anyone hurt my kids?

ALI

I think maybe you didn't want to know.

Elizabeth continues to weep. Ali throws down a photo of Bobby on the table. Elizabeth looks at it confused.

ALI (CONT'D)

His name is Bobby... He was killed when he was just four.

Ali pushes an autopsy photo of Bobby in front of Elizabeth. Elizabeth wipes her eyes and stops crying.

ELIZABETH

What?...

ALI

Compliments of Jack Farrell. Bobby's stepfather.

ELIZABETH

You think he hurt this kid.

ALI

Yeah. I think he did to him what he did to Janie.

Off Elizabeth.

33 INT. HOMICIDE. CORRIDOR -- DAY

Ali exits Interrogation. Logozzo approaches.

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