

CASSIE

What exactly did you need to tell me?

ABEL

I've been going crazy out of my mind with guilt. You don't know how much I hate myself...

CASSIE

Please, just tell me what it is...

ABEL

I... I...

(a beat)

I killed Damian Cain...

CASSIE

What?

ABEL

It was an accident. I didn't mean to do it, he just fell...

They are both sitting up on the bed now.

CASSIE

Jesus, what the hell happened?

ABEL

I was trying to get his statement for my story. He just went for me, we struggled and the next thing I know he was lying on the ground, dead.

CASSIE

Fucking hell Abel, what did you do?

Abel turns away from her, remorse written all over his face.

ABEL

I ran.

CASSIE

Jesus Christ, what the hell 's wrong with you! I come out of a coma and find out you've killed two human beings...

ABEL

You make them sound like a couple of saints, and the mugger nearly killed you.

CASSIE

They might not exactly have been saints, but that doesn't give you the right to execute them.

ABEL

Believe me, I didn't set out to kill anyone...

CASSIE

I knew you were getting jaded and cynical about your job, depressed even. But I never imagined you'd be capable of doing something crazy like this.

(a beat)

Maybe that's why I never told you about the baby.

ABEL

I... I'm so sorry Cassie...

(a tear runs down Abel's face)

I know how much you wanted kids...

CASSIE

(softly/tears run down her face)

Yeah, I really did want children with you Abel... more than anything else in the world. But now I don't even know how I'm going to get over this. And I thought you'd be there to help me through it all.

ABEL

Of course I'm here for you. I'm not going anywhere Cassie.

CASSIE

I don't think so. I really think you need to turn yourself in.

ABEL

What?

Cassie looks at Abel, her face turning deadly serious.

CASSIE

I'm a prosecutor for Christ sake, or had you forgotten...

ABEL

But Cassie... please...

CASSIE

You killed someone Abel, and ran away from the scene. I'd be breaking the law if I kept it quiet.

Both Cassie and Abel are really starting to shout now.

ABEL

Shit Cassie, they were both scumbags. Maybe they deserved to die...

CASSIE

If that's what you really think then you're deluding yourself. Maybe you need to get some help.

ABEL

Maybe I'm finally making a difference. Making things better for a change.

CASSIE

Jesus Christ, I can't even look at you right now. I don't know who the hell you are. You should leave.

ABEL

I'm just trying to do what's right.

CASSIE

I can't believe you Abel. Please, you must turn yourself in...

(a beat)

...cause if you don't, I will.

Abel throws on his clothes in a hurry and walks out of the room like a punished child.

Cassie's front door SLAMS closed as Abel leaves her apartment.

Cassie sits up in bed with her knees pulled in tightly to her chest and her arms wrapped around her legs.

She stares hard at the phone on her bedside table. Tears stream down her cheeks.