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PRE-CREDITS

2.1 EXT. VARIOUS. PITLOCHRY. SCOTLAND. A FEW MONTHS AGO - DAY. 2.1

MUSIC - Marty Robbins - One Day I'm Gonna Write The Story Of My Life.

Against the jaunty music we open in the Scottish Highlands. But this isn't a majestic mountain range. This is the tourist town of Pitlochry. In the off season. In the rain.

We see closed shop windows full of tartan tat.

An ice cream shop. Valiantly open, defiantly empty.

A MAN (Gordie) lighting a cigarette...

A fish and chip shop. Steam escaping through the door into the cold air.

And then we alight on a faded, peeling pub...

The Highlander

And go. . .

2. 2 INT. HIGHLANDER PUB. PITLOCHRY - DAY.

2. 2

INSIDE. Where The Highlander doesn't get any better. Tired, depressed, vacant.

Behind the bar, we meet the landlord. GORDIE (Gordon) (40s). Tired, depressed, vacant.

The MUSIC CONTINUES as...

TIME JUMP. Gordie wheels in a delivery past grim daytime DRINKERS...

TIME JUMP. Gordie writes the Offer Of The Week on a fluorescent star and sticks it on an optic (some photos in background).

Gordie walks to the window, sticks up the piece of paper.

HELP WANTED

Gordie walks back behind the bar.

The MUSIC STOPS and we bring UP the sounds of the pub. Of the fruit machine beeping. Of an ageing Drinker's hacking cough. Of the rain outside. Of boredom. Of failure.

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2. 3 TITLE CARD.

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CUT TO:

2. 4 INT. PUB. CRAIGMILLAR. EDINBURGH - DAY.

2.4

We're in tight on a troubled MAX.

MAX

I'm afraid I have a confession to

MAX

Hold that thought Kenny, hold that thought because, well, there was a man there Kenny. Leaving.

Beat. Kenny's speechless. Max pushes grimly on...

MAX (CONT'D)

And there was a goodbye kiss which was both protracted and performed, frankly, with significant gusto by both parties.

Kenny closes his eyes, rubs his temples, mutters...

KENNY

Oh, no, no, no, no, no. . .

MAX

I'm sorry, Kenny.

Then he 'reluctantly' pushes on and plays his first card...

MAX (CONT'D)

Listen, you need some time to yourself. Why don't you give me the paint sample? I'm tidying up a couple of loose ends today on the Walter front. I might as well drop it into the lab (myself)...

KENNY

They' ve already got it.

Max is confused.

KENNY (CONT'D)

The sample. It's at the lab. I'm up early these days, Max.

Max just about hides his anger. He takes a deep breath.

KENNY (CONT'D)

Get up, say thanks for the day ahead, and get wired into a grapefruit. Tell me Max, when you say ki ss...

Max plays his second card, sliding his drink to him...

MAX

Cheers, Kenny...

Kenny lifts his drink, he's about to drink it when...

KENNY

Woah!

(puts down drink) There's voddy in there Max.

MAX

No, it's lemonade. You said I emonade, didn't you?

KENNY

I did, but this bears the unmistakable scent of cheap voddy.

MAX

I can't see how it (could)...

KENNY

Regret. That's what this smells of to me Max. Terrible, terrible regret.

MAX

('furi ous')

God, sorry Kenny, that's disgraceful. Let me give Jaffa a rocket and get your lemonade. (thi nks) Or red wine?

KENNY

Sorry?

MAX

Huge heal th benefits. Great for the ti cker.

KENNY

Just a Lemonade please, Max.

MAX

Lager tops? The Sportsman's Pint?

KENNY

Lemonade.

MAX

Come on Kenny, you deserve a proper dri nk.

('sympathetic')

With the news.

Long beat as Kenny considers and Max waits. And then...

KENNY

I know what you're doing Max.

Some concern from Max.

KENNY (CONT'D)

I know why you told me about my wife. I know why you wanted to meet here. And I know why there's voddy in that glass.

More concern from Max.

KENNY (CONT'D)

You're challenging me, like a good friend should. You want to know if new Kenny's real.

MAX

Not (particularly)...

KENNY

Well yes he is Max, yes he is. And new Kenny has many rivers to cross, Max. And this mystery man, this driveway Casanova, is just another river.

Kenny leans forward, there's a tiny hint of threat here...

KENNY (CONT'D)

New Kenny is real, Max. And new Kenny is strong. And new Kenny is going back to work.

New Kenny LEAVES. Max isn't entirely sure what just happened.

2.5 INT. LIVING AREA/KITCHEN. WALTER'S HOUSE - DAY.

2.5

JAKE looks at the Young Niece photos in Walter's photo album (from Episode 1). The photos that don't look much like Angie.

In the background, we see that ANGIE is in the kitchen.

Jake takes a photo from the album, pockets it.

2.6 INT. SPINNING CLASS. GYM. STOCKBRIDGE - DAY.

2.6

CLAIRE is at a bike. A spare one beside her. She looks concerned as the INSTRUCTOR calls the Class together, then...

TINA arrives beside her.

TI NA

Hey.

And then she slightly regrets saying that, as the Class starts.

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INT. LIVING ROOM. WALTER'S HOUSE - DAY. 2.7A

2.7A

A record PLAYS. Jake watches Angle flicking through the records, and wonders if she's lying.

ANGI E

Top three murdered solo artists?

JAKE

Lennon, Tupac, Sam Cooke.

ANGIE

Wow that was, weirdly quick...

JAKE

You know after Sam Cooke died his wife married Bobby Womack, and his daughter married Womack's <u>brother?</u>

Jake considers, sighs...

JAKE (CONT'D)

God, why do I know this shit?

ANGI E

I like it.

JAKE

That's lucky. I don't have much else in the locker.

ANGI E

(' sad')

No, no you don't.

JAKE

(considers, then)
Well, other than the whole, sort of boyish thing. Which, without putting words in your mouth, is probably quite endearing?

ANGI E

Not seeing it. Got to be honest. Just not seeing it.

JAKE

It's very subtle.

ANGIE

Clearly.

She smiles, gestures to the records...

ANGIE (CONT'D)

I want you to have these, for your store. I don't even know how I'd begin trying to ship them home.

JAKE

No. I couldn't do that.

ANGI E

Come on, they must be worth something. . .

JAKE

They are, but that's a collection. It's a family, built with love. It needs to stay together.

Beat. Then Jake adds awkwardly, genuinely...

JAKE (CONT' D)

And, the longer they're here, the longer I can be here, you know, educating you about them.

Angle smiles at the subtext. Again, amidst the sense of building feeling, we see Jake's conflict ended by...

DOORBELL. Angle GOES to answer, Jake Looks out...

JAKE (CONT'D)

Shi t.

He grabs his phone, quickly writes a text...

2.8 INT. LIVING ROOM. SHEILA'S HOUSE - DAY. 2.8

Max and SHELLA sit opposite each other. Max is dominant, Sheila is playing her 'befuddled old woman'.

MAX

(with 'kindness')

I understand if you were confused.

SHEI LA

Confused, right.

Max's coat (phone) BEEPS with a text, which he ignores...

MAX

It was late at night and I presume, respectfully, that your eyes are shot to pieces.

SHEI LA

They're no great son, they're no great.

MAX

('smiles')

And I'm sorry to hear that.

SHEI LA

That's very kind.

MAX

So I don't know what you think you saw, but what you actually saw was two Samaritans helping an old man home.

SHEI LA

Samaritans, right.

MAX

(wraps it up) So, there we go.

SHEI LA

There we go.

There's something in her voice but Max misses it. He's too busy enjoying finally having a victory.

MAX

Right then...

He stands, makes to leave when, with a new steel...

SHEI LA

Twenty grand.

Max stops. The air in the room changes. Their positions reverse. Sheila dominant, Max thrown...

MAX

Sorry?

SHEI LA

You heard me.

Beat. Max tries to take back control...

MAX

I've just told you what happened. I've just told you what you saw. Now, I strongly (suggest)...

SHEI LA

You killed him son.

Beat. Max looks at her, the wheels turning...

MAX

Right, listen to me very (carefully)...

SHEI LA

With your car. You and the other lad. You killed him.

Beat. Max Looks at her. He recognises something in her, something they share. Long beat of thought, then...

MAX

I'm going to give you five, which is ridiculous, and certainly isn't an admission of anything, but I'm going to give you five (because)...

SHEI LA

Twenty.

MAX

(beat, then)

Ten.

SHEI LA

Twenty.

MAX

It's too much.

SHEI LA

Not with that car you drive. Not with what you did.

MAX

(beat, then)

I can't get my hands on that kind of money without someone seeing that it's gone.

Beat. Sheila smiles.

SHEI LA

Li e.

CUT TO:

2.8A EXT. DRIVEWAY. SHEILA'S HOUSE = DAY

2.8A

While leaving Sheila's, MAX checks his phone. In response to what he sees, he looks up and he (and we) see Kenny's car parked outside Walter's...

MAX

For F-

CUT TO:

2.9 **OMI TTED** 2.9

2.10 INT. FRONT DOOR. /LIVING AREA. WALTER'S HOUSE - DAY 2.10

Jake opens the door to a tense Max, who enters, whispers...

MAX

What have I missed?

JAKE

Just some grapefruit stuff...

Max walks purposefully into the Living Area where a record PLAYS softly and Angie and Kenny Look at photos...

ANGLE

I guess that's the most recent...

KENNY

Looks like a wee birthday party.

ANGI E

Yeah.

MAX (0. C.)

Started without me?!

He and Jake ARRIVE (from the front door). Max smiling tensely, Jake on edge...

KENNY

Hi Max.

MAX

Kenny, quick reminder that any updates should go through me, not the client.

ANGIE

I'm happy to get them directly.

From here, again, a sense of building Angie suspicion of Max. . .

MAX

Not a good idea.

ANGIE

Why not?

MAX

Things can get confusing.

Angle considers then, with an edge...

ANGIE

Well, that's true.

KENNY

(holds up Walter photo)
I wanted a photo of Walter for the legwork. His last movements and so on

REVEAL the photo. Amidst signs of a party in Walter's front garden, Walter (in birthday badge), Sheila and other NEIGHBOURS (including MAURICE) toast Walter with champagne...

Max's tension grows. Jake's not looking so good.

ANGI E

(to Kenny)

Is there anything else I can do?

KENNY

It's worth having a look at his financials if you can find them, root of all evil and so on...

Angle looks round the cluttered house...

ANGI E

I'll try. Walter kept things kind of loose...

KENNY

But the really interesting one is the paint fragments, they'll be back from the lab in a couple of days.

Jake shoots a look at Max.

MAX

I'm not sure how interesting they'll be...

KENNY

Oh, if it's car paint then that's interesting Max, that's very interesting.

Jake's wilting. Angie's thoughtful.

KENNY (CONT'D)

We'd get model type, factory...

JAKE

I think there's a few herbals in there too if (that)....

ANGI E

So, wait, it might have been an accident? Would that explain the (bruising)...

MAX

(hard interruption)
What paint fragments would explain is that, at some point, while wearing those trousers, your Uncle came into some form of contact with a car. Which is not quite the revelation which Kenny here seems to be suggesting it is.

KENNY

(concedes)
Could be nothing.
(beat)
Could be everything.

Max stares at Kenny with barely concealed fury, then turns to Angie...

MAX

This could drag on a bit, we can obviously email over (any)...

ANGI E

(with finality)
Hey, you know what? I'll be right here until Kenny's done.

Jake pricks up on that, not entirely negatively. In contrast,

MAX

I'm dealing with it.

JAKE

Because if that paint sample comes back and says it was your car (then)...

MAX

Jake, to save time, just assume that everything you think, I've al ready thought.

JAKE

Right. It's just that, to the untrained eye, you appear to have done fuck all.

MAX

You've got no idea what I've done.

JAKE

What does that mean?

MAX

It means that I'm keeping things very simple for you. I'll handle everything else, all you need to do is keep her in check until we get her out the country. OK?

Nothing from Jake. Max shows some concern.

MAX (CONT'D)

Jake?

JAKE

(beat, eventually) Yeah, OK.

2. 12 OMI TTED 2.12

2. 13 OMI TTED 2.13

INT. MAX'S HOUSE - DAY. 2.14

2.14

Claire sits reading her ipad. Max finds her and looking a little tense, 'breezily'...

MAX

Oh, you'll notice some money coming out the joint account.

CLAIRE

What for?

MAX

Jake's shop's in trouble and, well, I'm going to clear his debts. Get things on an even keel, sort of thing.

CLAI RE

The shop's always been in trouble. You find it funny.

MAX

I don't find it funny...

CLAIRE

Yeah you do...

MAX

Maybe a wee bit, but he seems different now. He's making an effort.

CLAI RE

(consi ders, then) Because of Angie...

MAX

(seizes on that)

Exactly. And, with a few changes, I think he might turn it around. Or, you know, fail slower.

Beat. Claire teeters, on the brink of believing...

CLAI RE

How much?

MAX

I think it's about twenty grand.

CLAI RE

What?!

MAX

I know, it sounds a lot...

CLAI RE

It doesn't sound a <u>lot</u>, Max, it sounds <u>insane</u>.

MAX

Well...

CLAI RE

No.

MAX

Maybe it doesn't have to be twenty...

CLAI RE

No. You've done more than enough for him. You bought him the place! If he's that bad at running it then he should jack it in.

MAX

OK, Iook...

CLAIRE

And how exactly does a record shop in Leith get itself twenty grand in debt?

MAX

I don't know...

CLAI RE

I thought you had someone looking after his books?

Max, seeing the upward trajectory of her suspicions, pulls the rip cord...

MAX

You're right, you're right. I'll just give him advice, that's all. Sorry, Claire, I suppose I'm being a bit, whatever, sentimental.

CLAI RE

Yeah.

Max jokes...

MAX

Not like me.

Claire doesn't respond to the joke. Instead, with a returning edge of suspicion, to the departing Max...

CLAIRE

No.

INT. LIVING AREA. WALTER'S HOUSE - NIGHT. 2. 14A

2.14A

On the table, boxes of paperwork. Angle sits, sorting through what appear to be bank statements. She's engrossed.

Lying on the couch, Jake watches her. Long beat of decision then. . .

JAKE

Hey, so, I'm not a stalker...

ANGIE

Solid start.

JAKE

But you've really dodged the social media bullet.

ANGI E

Yeah, my ex was kinda controlling.

JAKE

Don't get me wrong, I like it. It's cool, stay above the fray sort of thi ng.

Nothing from Angie, as she continues with the paperwork.

JAKE (CONT'D)

It's Dylan-esque. In a good way.

Angle returns to the boxes, as she looks for something...

ANGI E

Man, there's a lifetime of crap here.

JAKE

(consi ders, then)

You know, my band didn't have many fans but we had one who was off the scale. She was called Joan Walker. No matter what wee room above a pub we played, there would be a letter in the paper from Joan Walker, about how good we'd been, about how good $\underline{I'd}$ been. And it was confusing, because some of those gigs were to one man and dog, you know? And then my Mum died, and I sorted out her house, I found a box just like that one. With all the letters that Mum had been writing, and signing them Joan Walker.

ANGIE

(smiles, then) What did you do?

JAKE

I took out an advert in the paper. From me and the band, to our biggest fan, gone but not forgotten.

Angie considers, gives up her search...

ANGIE

(' si ghs')

OK, well, now we're going to have to have sex...

She walks to him during...

ANGIE (CONT'D)

Which I presume was your intention when you started that story...

JAKE

(Laughs)

Not at all, I just thought it was a nice wee story...

ANGI E

Oh, well, we don't have to ...

JAKE

No, no, I'm available, I'm avai I abl e...

Angie laughs, they kiss.

2.15 OMI TTED 2.15

2.16 **OMI TTED** 2.16

2.17 INT. BEDROOM. MAX'S HOUSE - NIGHT. 2.17

Claire sleeps, a worried Max doesn't.

We stay on his tortured face. And then...

He thinks of something. Quietly, he gets up.

Gathering clothes, Max makes a noise.

He stops, waits.

Tense beat. It looks like Claire has woken up...

But she hasn't. Max skulks FROM the room...

INT. MAX'S CAR. /EXT. FORENSIC LAB STREET. EDINBURGH - DAY.2.18 2.18

> Max sits in his car outside a building. A door opens. PEOPLE I eave.

Max gets out his car. He listens to the conversation. They're mostly Scottish. And then he hears two WOMEN talk in Polish.

He evaluates them. One is confident, chatty. The other quieter, more placid. They split. The placid one (LENA) goes to wait at a nearby bus stop.

Max waits until the others have LEFT then walks over towards Lena...

2. 18A EXT. FRONT DOOR. SHELLA'S HOUSE. - DAY.

2.18A

Sheila opens her door, Max starts talking before she can.

MAX

I've been very patient.

SHEI LA

You have.

MAX

But it's time to face reality, and the reality is that I'm a respected lawyer with no criminal record and a lot of friends in this city.

SHEI LA

That's very impressive.

MAX

And the problem you have, with your somewhat ham-fisted attempt at blackmail, is what is called an evidentiary deficit. Which means you've got nothing. Which means you're getting nothing.

He turns and walks away. He smiles.

Sheila watches him go. She smiles.

2. 18B INT. JAKE'S SHOP. - DAY.

2.18B

A hand signs the signature section of a succession of forms. In the corner of each are different page numbers - 5/5, 8/8 etc.

REVEAL the forms are being signed by Jake on the shop counter and, waiting in front of him is STEVIE (30s, weary, in a crumpled suit). He takes the forms...

STEVI E

Cheers pal...

And LEAVES. Angle, looking at records nearby, sees him go...

ANGI E

Isn't the idea that they buy something?

JAKE

He's from my accountant's.

Angle refers to a record (it's The Band but we don't have to see it)...

ANGIE

This was my Dad's favourite album.

JAKE

Then your Dad was a great man.

ANGI E

He was. He took me to concerts, then I took him to them. (refers to record) We were at Rick Danko's last gig.

JAKE

(in awe)

You were at The Ark?

ANGIE

Why would you know that?

JAKE

Why would I not?!

ANGI E

I took Dad for his birthday. His eyes were shot to shit by then, so we sat at the front, and I had to tell him what Rick was wearing, what he was drinking.

As Jake watches this perfect woman telling the perfect story, we see the conflict rise within him...

ANGIE (CONT'D)

I asked if we could meet Rick afterwards, and he bought Dad a drink and they talked about Hank Williams. Dad said it was the best night of his life, which, seeing as I was born at night was kind of a mi xed message.

Nothing from Jake. Finally, she looks over.

ANGIE (CONT'D)

You, OK?

JAKE

(beat, then)

No.

Claire and Tina are leaving, Tina is on her phone.

CLAI RE

So I thought we could go for a drink and discuss a few things, obviously starting with that guy's shorts...

TI NA

Sorry, I need to go to shoot off.

CLAI RE

(di sappoi nted)

0h, 0K...

TI NA

But I'm texting you my address.

CLAI RE

Why?

TI NA

I thought you could swing by some time.

The air is heavy with subtext...

CLAIRE

OK. Yeah, maybe.

Her phone BEEPS with Tina's text...

TI NA

Claire, when I said that I like women, what I really meant is that I like women like you. And I'm sorry if that makes you uncomfortable but, well, I wanted to say it.

CLAI RE

Right. Well, that's...

(flails a little)
Thanks. And I'll save the address

just so I have it for, you know, Christmas cards or whatever, On the counter, is one of the photos of Young Angle, that Jake has liberated from Walter's album. Angle looks at the photo. Jake looks at Angle looking at the photo.

Long beat. Then...

ANGI E

I guess that's me busted.

Jake Looks scared. Then, equally calmly...

ANGIE (CONT'D)

That's OK.

JAKE

And you didn't need to do any of that stuff.

ANGI E

What do you mean?

JAKE

Well, because you're...
(awkwardly flails)
Because you're perfect. Well, not,
I mean no-one's perfect, are they,
that's ridiculous, but you're not
far off. I don't mean that there

2. 26 2. 26 **OMI TTED**

2. 27 **OMI TTED** 2.27

2. 28 INT. KITCHEN. MAX'S HOUSE - NIGHT. 2.28

Claire prepares dinner, Max prepares a drink, Claire gets a TEXT, smiles, replies. Long beat. Then she gets another TEXT.

MAX

(rel axed) Who's that?

CLAI RE

A friend.

MAX

Who?

CLAI RE

(beat, lies)

Angi e.

Max is uncomfortable, which he tries to hide, and sound casual . . .

MAX

What do you two even talk about?

CLAI RE

Loads of stuff.

Building concern from Max. Everything he says annoys Claire.

MAX

Such as?

CLAI RE

About things in my life, Max.

It just seems a bit, unnecessary.

CLAI RE

Max, I want to talk to another human being about things in my life. That's what normal people do.

MAX

Why her?!

Claire takes an enraged beat, then lets loose...

CLAI RE

I don't know, Max. Maybe because you made us move out of town to this...

(the house) Soulless shit-hole.

MAX

(offended)

How many shi tholes have a four car garage?

CLAI RE

Maybe because the only time we go out is if we're meeting who you call "high calibre people", which means pricks, by the way Max, it means pricks...

MAX

(tries to calm) OK Claire, I (get it)...

CLAI RE

So yeah, I called her. And I like her. So I'll probably call her again. So fuck you.

She returns to the dinner. They sink into a tense silence. Until Max, recognising a danger...

MAX

You're right. I'm sorry. Tomorrow, I'll get home at a decent time and we'll go out for dinner, OK? How about that place you like and I hate?

Claire is sceptical.

He gives her a kiss. They swap a smile of sorts. Max leaves, and we see both their smiles fade.

2. 29 OMI TTED 2. 29

ANGIE

Would he have handled Walter's money?

Jake, seeing where it's going, rustles up conviction. It helps that he's being honest...

JAKE

Look, I can't pretend that Max is big on the right or wrong vibe, or that he isn't a selfish bellend.

Angle is surprised, pleased by his candour...

JAKE (CONT' D)

But all he's ever wanted to be is someone with a flash office, and car, and house and wife. Very possibly in that order.

Angie smiles.

JAKE (CONT'D)

He wouldn't risk all that to nick a few quid from your Uncle. And if I ever thought that Max had done something as shitey as that then I'd shop him myself.

That rings true. Which is significant for us and, for Angie, is the end of a reassuring run.

Looking to move on, Jake selects a record...

JAKE (CONT'D)

Now, you probably think you know Rod Stewart...

She considers, smiles.

ANGI E

I feel like I know him as much as I need to.

JAKE

No. You know <u>late</u> Stewart. Late Stewart was one of the great artistic collapses of our time. But I'm going to introduce you to early Stewart and, believe me, once you've met early Stewart nothing will ever be the same again...

He turns away, to put the record on, and we see the relief.

2. 31 EXT. FORENSI C LAB. EDI NBURGH - NI GHT.

2. 31

Establisher shot as a reminder of the building we saw ${\tt Max}$ in his car outside earlier. Then we go. . .

2. 32 INT. CORRIDOR. LAB - NIGHT.

2.32

INSIDE. Lena walks down a corridor. She approaches a sharps bin. She takes out the paint sample (we recognise the bag from Kenny's collecting of it), checks she's not being

ANGI E

They're washed, I found them a little creepy.

Another hopeful flicker for Jake contrasts with Max's 'sad sigh'.

MAX

Kenny, it breaks my heart to do this, it really does, but I'm afraid we're going to have to let you go.

(From here, growing comprehension from Jake).

ANGI E

Are we?

MAX

Sorry Angle, but this isn't about your case. This is reputational damage to my practice. There's a wider context.

ANGI E

Yeah, I'm starting to think there

KFNNY

(defeated)

Max is right. We've lost a critical line of investigation. I've got to throw myself on the old sword.

MAX

Well done Kenny. You come out of this with a measure of dignity.

Angie and Jake watch Max. Angie curious. Jake in grudging admiration as Max, relaxed for the first time this episode, happily takes charge...

MAX (CONT'D)

Kenny, drop in your invoice to me sometime. Jake, let's go. Angie, l feel like l've said this before, but I hope you enjoyed your time here and safe journey home.

Angle views him curiously...

ANGI E

Yeah. You've said that before.

MAX

Jake, shall we?

JAKE

I'm going to hang out here for a

Max is unimpressed...

MAX

Well, no, I think you (should)...

He's helped out by Angie, with a slight coolness...

ANGI E

No, let's catch up later. I need to sort some shit out.

JAKE

Oh. Riaht. (unsure) Cool.

EXT. FRONT DOOR/DRI VEWAY. WALTER'S HOUSE - DAY. 2.35

2.35

Jake and Max Leave down the drive. At the door, Kenny hesitates at Angie...

KENNY

I'm sorry Angle.

(genui ne, hesi tant)

I, well, I really wanted to get this one right, I really did,

but..

(si ghs)

Sorry.

He turns, and is walking away when...

ANGIE

Kenny.

He stops. (The Brothers have now GONE from view)...

ANGIE (CONT'D)

What do you think happened?

KENNY

(consi ders, then)

I don't know, maybe there was some funny business going on internally that the police couldn't see.

ANGI E

You don't think it was the cancer?

Kenny considers. Long beat, then he turns to her...

KENNY

Keep Looking.

Kenny LEAVES.

Angle thinks then looks, curiously, out to the road. Her angle offers Sheila's house in the background.

INT. MAX'S CAR - DAY. 2.36

2.36

Max and Jake get into Max's car.

(In deep B/G Kenny walks to his car parked outside Mauri ce's).

JAKE

Was that you?

MAX

I'll not burden you with that knowl edge Jake.

Jake wrestles, as ever, between self-preservation and guilt...

JAKE

Was it, I mean, no-one got hurt along the way I take it? Other than Kenny, but he'll be OK. (beat) Will he be OK?

MAX

I took care of it Jake.

Beat. Then Jake moves on and, with a conciliatory air...

JAKE

OK. Thanks. (beat)

And I took care of the Angle thing.

Long beat. Then Max turns to Jake.

MAX

What Angle thing?

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Max and Jake sit beside each other in tense silence.

JAKE

It's cool, she explained it. She lost weight, changed her whole look.

Nothing from a tense Max.

JAKE (CONT'D)
It's hard for women Max. All that body image stuff, it can be absolutely <u>crippling</u>...

HENRY ENTERS...

HENRY

Here you go gents...

He hands them the photocopy of the photo page of Angie's passport. Jake is relieved...

JAKE

(genui ne)

I run a clean business.

A flicker of something from Max...

HFNRY

Of course, any time Max.

Henry points to Max, speaks to Jake...

HENRY (CONT'D)

Look at your brother, eh? High flyer.

JAKE

So he tells me...

MAX

No I don't.

JAKE

Repeatedly.

HENRY

I remember when he set up by himself, took on that big office, right in the arse-end of the recession...

Some discomfort from Max...

HENRY (CONT' D)

Everyone thought he was crackers, but fair play to you Max, you've gone from strength to strength.

MAX

(wraps it up)
Thanks for your time, Henry.

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2. 42 INT. KENNY'S CAR. /EXT. MAURICE'S GARDEN - DAY. 2. 42

A despondent Kenny sits in his car outside Maurice's house, gathers his thoughts.

MAURICE opens his front door, walks out and puts the gnome in his garden. He's pieced it back together.

When Maurice spots Kenny in his car and realises he isn't alone, he heads back inside but has gained a limp.

Kenny watches Maurice go. Then he looks at the gnome. And he thinks.

Kenny takes out the photo of Walter outside his house. In the photo is a garden gnome.

Kenny puts down the photo and looks at Maurice's garden. The same gnome. Kenny looks closer. As do we. At the cracks that run over the gnome.

Kenny, quietly, doggedly...

KENNY Could be nothing, could be everything.

Then he gets out his car and walks towards Maurice's house and we GOT WITH HIM.

On the path he stops, and looks at the CCTV camera.

2.43 EXT. CALTON HILL - DAY.

2.43

Max has parked on Calton Hill. He and Max stand near the car. Edinburgh is spread out before them. Max is delighted, Jake morose as they take in the view.

MAX
This is a great day, Jake. Believe it or not, this is a great day.

He considers with surprise the morose Jake...

He trails off. Then tries, desperately, to find some common ground with his Brother...

MAX (CONT'D) Who have Hibs got on Saturday?

JAKE

I thought you were a fan?

MAX

I <u>am</u> a fan.

Jake eagerly latches onto this vehicle for his bitterness...

JAKE

How many games have you been to since relegation?

Max is stumped.

JAKE (CONT'D) You know what I did after **JAKE**

It's a pizzeria.

Long, tense beat.

MAX

Do they do chips?

Nothing from Jake. Max thinks, looks for the real issue...

MAX (CONT'D)

Is this about her?

Jake's silence speaks volumes. Max sees the lingering danger, and his self-preservation adds a new steel, a new threat.

MAX (CONT'D)

She's going Jake. And it's for the best. Änd maybe you don't see that now, but it really, really is.

He moves closer. More steel, more threat.

MAX (CONT'D)

Let me be very clear Jake. She's leaving. And you're not going to do anything to stop that.

Now he's the big Brother, and Jake's the wee Brother. Beat.

MAX (CONT'D)

OK?

JAKE

(beat, then)

OK.

Max sits back. Tense silence. Then, quietly...

JAKE (CONT'D)

Ayr United.

(off Max confusion)

On Saturday. They're playing Ayr Uni ted.

Max sighs, heads for his car...

2.44 INT. HALLWAY. MAURICE'S HOUSE - DAY. 2.44

Maurice has let Kenny in the house, but only just.

MAURI CE

I told the others, it's a dummy camera.

KENNY

Others?

MAURI CE

Walter's friends, two of them. White haired guy, drives a nice motor. I've seen him about the pl ace.

KENNY

(consi ders, then)

Right.

MAURI CE

Sorry I couldn't be of more help.

Kenny is looking at something. A cable, that runs down the wall towards the closed kitchen door.

KENNY

Listen pal, I'm just cleaning things up for Walter's family. I'm not interested in you and I'm not interested in whatever level of disability benefit a part-time limp gets you these days.

Long beat. Then...

MAURI CE

I fell down a manhole. Working on the bins.

Kenny surveys the generously built Maurice.

KENNY

How did you fall down a manhole?

MAURI CE

With difficulty.

Kenny smiles. Then, firmly...

KENNY

I'm not interested in you.

(beat)

But that's not a dummy camera.

He follows the cable, and slides open the door to the kitchen. And sees the CCTV monitor.

2.45 INT. BEDROOM. MAX'S HOUSE - DAY. 2.45

MUSIC PLAYS. Claire starts to get ready for her night out.

She gets a text. From TINA GYM.

Offer stands x

Claire considers, then returns to getting ready.

2.46 INT. RECEPTION. MAX'S OFFICE - DAY.

2.46

Max RETURNS. Where his SECRETARY says...

SECRETARY

You had a visitor.

MAX

Yeah?

SECRETARY

Some wee old lady.

Max is confused. The Secretary hands him a jiffy bag...

SECRETARY (CONT'D)

She left you this.

Max takes the bag and heads into...

CUT TO:

2.47 INT. MAX'S OFFICE - DAY.

2.47

Where he closes the door and opens the bag. It's a DVD and a note. Max (and we) read the note. It says -

I've got this.

Max is no longer confused.

He sits at his desk and slides the DVD into his computer.

The screen comes up...

CUT TO:

2.48 INT. LIVING ROOM. MAURICE'S HOUSE - DAY.

2.48

A TV shows the view from the CCTV camera which mostly covers Maurice's garden, but some of Walter's drive. It's dark, grainy...

Kenny and Maurice are watching. Maurice serves tea, nudges a plate across to Kenny...

MAURI CE

Wee bit of gingerbread there...

Kenny is oblivious. He watches the TV, transfixed.

CUT TO:

2.49 INT. MAX'S OFFICE - DAY.

2.49

Max is similarly transfixed.

On his computer screen, the footage continues.

Some SHADOWS move across the screen. It's almost imperceptible. (This is them carrying Walter's body across the grass, but it's dark and hard to see them, then they move out of view).

CUT TO:

2.50 INT. LIVING ROOM. MAURICE'S HOUSE - DAY.

2.50

Kenny watches.

MAURICE (unconvincing) That's it. More or less.

Kenny takes the control. FAST FORWARDS.

Maurice, on edge, looks to fill the silence...

MAURICE (CONT'D)

Ci nnamon.

(beat)

In the gingerbread.

(beat)

That's what gives it the kick.

(beat)

Well, it's not a <u>kick</u> (but)...

On the screen, some movement...

KENNY

What was that?

He stops. REWINDS.

MAURI CE

Oh, yeah. That.

Kenny PLAYS IT...

CUT TO:

2.51 INT. MAX'S OFFICE - DAY.

2.51

And Max watches.

It's dark, grainy. Then...

Beat. Max stiffens, then lifts the money...

MAX

Thanks, Cameron.

He LEAVES. Cameron watches him go, with a note of concern.

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2.63 INT. LIVING ROOM. JAKE'S FLAT - DAY.

2.63

Jake sits, lonely, depressed on his couch, the TV playing.

Beat.

He checks his phone. Nothing.

Back to the TV, the depression.

2.64 INT. LIVING ROOM. SHEILA'S HOUSE - DAY.

2.64

MAX

(re: envel ope)

So who does this cover?

SHEI LA

Me. I'm the only one who knows what you did. I'm the only one who knows what that...

(envel ope/DVD)

Is.

MAX

It isn't <u>anything</u>. You can't even see that it's...

(stops himself)

You can't see anything.

SHEI LA

(concedes)

It wouldn't be the end of it, but it could be the start of it.

MAX

Are there other copies?

SHEI LA

(confident, eye contact)
No. This is it. This is you done.

Max tries to regain some authority. We see his visceral need for control. He gestures to the envelope.

MAX

I don't have to give you this. I'm choosing to do so. Because I want to move on. OK? This is my deci si on.

He holds out the envelope. She takes it, but he doesn't let go. They look at each other. Beat. Then Sheila says, gently...

SHEI LA

You look tired, son.

Max is surprised enough to answer honestly...

MAX

I am tired.

SHEI LA

I'm not surprised. Everything you've been through. Everything you've done. Well, you can leave all of that right here. With me.

Max watches her intently, trying, failing to read her, to read the situation.

Then Sheila smiles and, with total control...

SHEI LA (CONT' D)

Let go, son.

Beat. Then Max lets go of the envelope.

2.69 INT. MAX'S OFFICE - DAY.

2.69

Max gets back to his office. The Secretary has gone. But Kenny is sitting waiting for him.

Max takes a deep breath, at least this is one conversation he can dominate. He strides in...

MAX

We're closed Kenny.

Kenny is as polite and harmless as ever.

KENNY

Sorry Max, I just popped in on the off-chance, to drop off my invoice.

He hands it over. Max takes out a cheque book, pays it while the conversation continues...

KENNY (CONT'D)

(beat, gently)

Out of interest, did you ever speak to any of Walter's neighbours?

MAX

No.

KFNNY

(beat, gently)

None?

MAX

No.

KENNY

(beat, gently) It's just (that)...

Max interrupts, hands over the cheque...

MAX

Well, all the best Kenny.

Kenny looks impassively at Max.

A long enough beat to cause fleeting discomfort.

Then Kenny smiles...

KENNY

Thanks Max.

2. 69A INT. LIVING ROOM. WALTER'S HOUSE - DAY.

2. 69A

Angle sits thinking, with the cheque book, ignoring a RINGING phone. She stands and walks to the window.

And looks out to the street.

2.69B INT. LIVING ROOM. SHELLA'S - DAY

2.69B

Sheila is in her house, on the phone, listening to the ringing. She hangs up.

2.70 INT. KITCHEN. TINA'S FLAT - NIGHT.

2.70

In the small kitchen, Tina pours them both a glass of neat vodka.

Claire sneaks a last look at her phone, then puts it away. She takes the drink...

CLAI RF

Thanks.

Claire has a long swig.

TI NA

You OK?

CLAI RE

(no)

Yeah.

(looks to distract)
I like your place.

TI NA

No you don't. It's expensive round here.

CLAI RE

Is it?

TI NA

I guess these things are relative

Claire, awkward, has another drink.

TINA (CONT'D)

I bet you' ve got a nicé house.

CLAI RE

(genui ne)

I hate my house.

They drink. Tina smiles at her. Beat. Then Claire, only

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TI NA

No.

She moves closer to Claire...

She takes Claire's drink and puts it down. She moves in, their lips nearly touch, then they do...

2. 71 INT. MAX'S OFFICE - NIGHT.

2.71

Max sits at his desk, destroying the DVDs.

He hears the door open. It's Stevie (seen at Jake's shop earlier).

Stevie drops a folder on Max's desk, they nod, he LEAVES.

Max opens the folder. Inside are the forms Jake signed earlier. We recognise his signature and the page numbers (5/5, 8/8 etc.)

Claire is home, sitting drinking. She looks haunted.

Through a window, Max's car drives sharply INTO the drive.

Max gets out, rushes towards the door. Claire takes a deep breath, ahead of Max storming in...

MAX I know, I know, I know.

He launches into a persuasive onslaught....

MAX (CONT'D)
I've been a dick, and not just today, I know that, it, roday, 6AM.

CLAIRE
I'm tired Max. I want to have a shower. And then, let's just stay in, shall we?

2.78 INT. LIVING ROOM. MAX'S HOUSE - NIGHT.

2. 78

Max and Claire sit together watching TV, Claire in her pyjamas. They feel like two individuals.

CUT TO:

2. 79 EXT. FASTCASH4U. EDI NBURGH - NI GHT.

2.79

Kenny follows Stevie and watches him enter Fastcash4U. A note that this is of interest to Kenny.

CUT TO:

2.80 INT. LIVING ROOM. JAKE'S FLAT - NIGHT.

2.80

Jake, on his laptop, is on The Highlander's page of a Trip Advisor type website. There's nothing much of interest. He starts to look through testimonials, customers photos...

CUT TO:

2.81 INT. LIVING ROOM. MAX'S HOUSE - NIGHT.

2.81

Claire moves position, and leans her head on Max's shoulder. Now they are connected. We are on their faces. They can't see each other. Max smiles, with comfort, relief. Claire looks tortured, guilty.

CUT TO:

2.82 INT. LIVING ROOM. JAKE'S FLAT - NIGHT.

2.82

Jake trawls through the testimonials, the amateur photos...

He stops. Frowns. REVEAL the photo he's looking at.

Two TOURISTS, wearing tartan hats, getting their photos taken in front of the bar.

And, working behind the bar, Gordie.

And, working behind the bar...

ANGI E.

Shock and betrayal play on Jake's face...

CUT TO:

2.83 EXT. FRONT DOOR. SHEILA'S HOUSE - NIGHT. 2.83

Angle rings the bell. While she waits, off Angle, we flashback...

CUT TO:

2.84 INT. HIGHLANDER BAR. PITLOCHRY - DAY. 2.84 FLASHBACK. To that photo being taken. The tourists, Gordie,

SHEI LA

What <u>we</u> did.

She closes the door. Angle is left alone.

MUSIC RESTARTS.

Angie walks back over the road towards Walter's.

We GO with her.

As the MUSIC SWELLS, we watch her battle anger and confusion.

And, as she walks, we see something new.

Guilt.

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