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JACOB  
You didn't?

ERIN  
Must have been someone less cool and aloof.

He holds. She smiles.

ERIN (CONT'D)  
You know, I come from a family of very overprotective men who taught me never to chase a guy. But with you, I seem to be breaking that rule.

JACOB  
How do you figure?

ERIN  
I'm here. Laughing at your jokes, drinking your champagne... Inhaling your eau de JFK...

He leans forward, looking at her intently.

JACOB  
Any other rules you'd like to break?

Off Erin, heart beginning to pound, we

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. HOTEL BEDROOM - NIGHT

Erin and Jacob tumble onto the bed, half-naked, already in the throes. As their passion builds, we

CUT TO:

EXT. HIGH RISE APARTMENT - QUEENS - NIGHT

The wind is just beginning to blow outside as we HEAR:

MRS. DEMIR (PRE-LAP)  
My daughter would never take her own life.

INT. DEMIR HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Jackie and Danny are meeting with Ayla Demir's family. MRS. DEMIR is on the couch, tears in her eyes, rocking back and forth as her older daughter MELIHA, mid-twenties, attempts to console her. Ayla's brother, HAFIZ, is pacing in the b.g.

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HAFIZ

I know he was unfaithful. I know he has no respect for women.

JACKIE

How do you know?

Hafiz looks at her.

HAFIZ

Because I'm a man.

That may have come out a little more heated than Hafiz intended. Jackie looks at Danny.

DANNY

This text come from you?  
(reading off a print out)  
"Stop shaming your family and do what's right."

HAFIZ

Yes. But what was "right" was getting rid of this guy, not jumping out a window. Please don't judge me, detective. Not everyone with a Middle Eastern background has the same beliefs.

DANNY

Fair enough, but the gun we found in your sister's apartment was registered in your name. What was it doing there?

HAFIZ

I gave to her. Ayla didn't want it, but I didn't trust Kyle. And if you really want to find out what happened to her, I'd talk to him.

MELIHA

(in Turkish)

Hafiz, you shouldn't be accusing...

HAFIZ

(sharp; in Turkish)

Be quiet.

As the detectives react, Meliha rises and moves toward the kitchen. As she passes, moving into the light, we see a dark bruise on the side of her face. Jackie looks at Danny. He nods for her to follow, and we go

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FRANK  
Happy Thanksgiving.

POOLE  
You too, Frank.

And with that, the mayor exits. As Frank looks after him, shaking his head, we

DISSOLVE TO

INT. DEMIR APARTMENT - THANKSGIVING - NIGHT

Off five poignant table settings for what was to have been a Thanksgiving dinner, we hear a bell CHIME. PICK UP Mrs. Demir, well dressed, moving toward her door. She opens it to reveal Danny and Jackie.

JACKIE  
Mrs. Demir? We're sorry to bother you.  
Are you in the middle of dinner?

MRS. DEMIR  
We're not having dinner tonight,  
Detective. We're going to church.  
Ayla's funeral is in the morning.

DANNY  
Church?

MRS. DEMIR  
Yes. We're Catholics.

As our cops react, Hafiz appears behind his mother.

HAFIZ  
Don't look so surprised. Did you speak  
to Freelanders?

DANNY  
And his parents.

HAFIZ  
And? Was I right?

Danny looks at Jackie. This isn't going to be easy.

JACKIE  
Is your sister here, Hafiz?

Off Hafiz, suddenly concerned that our detectives may know more than he'd hoped for, we go

SCENE ✓  
CONT  
INT. DEMIR APARTMENT - THANKSGIVING - NIGHT

Danny and Jackie are in the living room with Hafiz and Mrs. Demir. Meliha is still O.S.

MRS. DEMIR  
(calling)  
Meliha?  
(to Danny and Jackie)  
~~She always takes a lot of time in the  
bathroom.~~

HAFIZ  
What did Freelander say?

DANNY  
Not much. But we agree with you, Hafiz.  
He doesn't seem to have a lot of respect  
for woman.

HAFIZ  
See? I told you.

JACKIE  
Yes. But you didn't tell us everything.

Hafiz reacts.

JACKIE (CONT'D)  
~~After we spoke with the Freelander's, we  
met with coroner. Your daughter died as  
the result of her fall, Mrs. Demir. But  
she had cuts and bruises consistent with  
a struggle beforehand.~~

MRS. DEMIR  
What do you mean?

DANNY  
We think someone may have pushed her out  
that window.

MRS. DEMIR  
Oh, my God...

HAFIZ  
Was it Kyle? Did he do it?

Before Danny can respond, Meliha appears. She is dressed for church and looks beautiful -- with the exception of a little too much make-up used to cover the bruise on her cheek.

MELIHA  
I'm sorry to keep you waiting.

Jackie rises, moves to her. Looks at her face. Meliha is suddenly very self-conscious.

JACKIE  
(under her breath)  
You look very pretty, Meliha. But would you remind me again how you got that bruise?

Meliha holds, darkening.

JACKIE (CONT'D)  
Sit down.

Meliha doesn't move.

JACKIE (CONT'D)  
(firm)  
~~Sit down.~~

Meliha reluctantly perches on an armchair. Jackie faces her.

JACKIE (CONT'D)  
How well did you know Kyle Freelander?

Meliha holds, looks at Hafiz.

HAFIZ  
Detective...

JACKIE  
Let her speak please.

Meliha swallows hard.

MELIHA  
I knew him.

JACKIE  
Intimately?

~~MRS. DEMIR~~  
~~What are you talking about?~~

Jackie pulls the picture Mrs. Demir gave her out of her bag. She holds it up to Meliha.

JACKIE  
When we were with Kyle's parents, we asked them if they'd ever met their son's girlfriend. They said they had -- and then they pointed at your picture.

Meliha is beginning to get emotional now. Danny rises.

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Cont.

DANNY

When did you find out that Kyle was sleeping with your sister, Meliha?

MRS. DEMIR

(rising)

Why are you saying these things??

DANNY

Because they're true, Ma'am. Freelander was involved with both of your daughters. But I don't think either of them knew about it until two nights ago.

(to Hafiz)

Am I right, Hafiz?

Hafiz holds.

DANNY (CONT'D)

Isn't that why you went over to Ayla's? To tell her that Freelander had been sleeping with Meliha as well?

Hafiz looks at Meliha, shakes his head.

HAFIZ

Meliha never told our family about Kyle.

MELIHA

(breaking)

And Kyle never told Ayla about me.

As tears begin to stream down Meliha's face, Jackie moves close to her.

JACKIE

So, how did you learn they were having a relationship?

MELIHA

I saw them together. At a coffee shop. And when I came home, Hafiz asked what was wrong with me... and I told him.

Danny looks at Hafiz.

DANNY

Is that when you went to confront Ayla?

HAFIZ

Yes. I was trying to protect both of my sisters, but Ayla didn't believe me. She wouldn't hear what I had to say and got very upset and told me to get out.

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cont.

DANNY  
Which you did?

Hafiz nods. Danny then turns and looks at Meliha.

DANNY (CONT'D)  
But then you went back the next morning,  
didn't you?  
(beat; forceful)  
Didn't you?

Feeling like she's about to burst, Meliha suddenly leaps to her feet and bolts out of room.

JACKIE  
Danny!

DANNY  
Keep them in here --

-- and Danny is gone as well.

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INT. DEMIR APARTMENT - HALLWAY - NIGHT

Danny races down the hall just in time to see a door SLAM and lock. He pounds on it, screaming --

DANNY  
Meliha, open the door!  
(beat)  
MELIHA!

BOOM! He kicks the door open, and we go

INT. DEMIR APARTMENT - BEDROOM - NIGHT

Danny bursts into the room to see

TWO BALCONY DOORS

Wide open. Meliha is out on the balcony, just climbing over the railing. Danny runs toward her, but Meliha screams --

MELIHA  
GET AWAY FROM ME!

Danny holds, raising his hands --

DANNY  
Meliha, please don't do this...

MELIHA  
I don't want to live.

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