

ADAM LANE

"CASTLE"

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BECKETT

Not if we find them first.

ESPOSITO

They're in front of tarps, there's no background detail. They could be anywhere. Maybe even in separate places.

BECKETT

(to Esposito and Ryan)

Go to the Snappamatic offices. Maybe they can track these photos to the source now that Oren and Kent's lives are on the line.

CASTLE

What are you going to do?

BECKETT

I'm going to make Adam Lane talk.

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INT. PRECINCT. INTERROGATION - NIGHT

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A contemptuous Adam Lane looks up as Beckett takes a seat opposite him. He wears manacles and is chained to the table.

START

ADAM LANE

Tick tock.

BECKETT

Time's not just running out for Oren and Kent, Adam. It's running out for you, too.

ADAM LANE

I don't think so. What's gonna change for me in...

(checks his watch)

...thirty-five minutes?

BECKETT

Your one and only window of opportunity will close.

ADAM LANE

There's nothing you can offer me.

BECKETT

You're going to prison. But you can still control what kind of prison.

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ADAM LANE

What's the expression? Three hots
and a cot? Works for me.

BECKETT

You won't feel that way once you
land in a SuperMax Unit. It houses
the worst of the worst. You'll be
locked down 24-7 for the rest of
your life.

(then)

But not if you tell me where Oren
and Kent are.

Lane isn't fazed.

ADAM LANE

I've already lived through a lot
worse than a life behind bars.

BECKETT

Because you've been bullied? Prison
will take that to a level you can't
even imagine. A guy like you? Young
and teachable?

ADAM LANE

Whatever happens, it'll be worth
it... You don't understand that I
already have what I want.

BECKETT

What do you think you have?

ADAM LANE

A legacy. The internet is permanent.
The Net Slayer will live forever.
I'll be mentioned in the same breath
as Manson and the Zodiac.

He leans toward her.

ADAM LANE (CONT'D)

And if I commit a murder while in
police custody, while looking you
in the eye, I could argue that I
did them one better. And there's
nothing you can do to stop me.

BECKETT

You need help, Adam. You're sick.
Let me get you the help you--

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ADAM LANE
I'm sick? Nobody had to follow me.
No one has to follow Kent or Oren.
But they can't help themselves, they
have to be part of it. They have to
watch. So, who is really sick?

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OFF: Beckett, chilled...

37 INT. PRECINCT, OBSERVATION - NIGHT (INTERCUT) 37

Castle stands with Garrett, watching.

GARRETT
You see perps sometimes, that are
just pure evil... Adam didn't used
to be like that.

CASTLE
You didn't make him this way.

GARRETT
I didn't stop it. And now I can't
stop these two guys from dying.

CASTLE
If anyone can break him, it's
Detective Beckett. And there's still
a chance Snappamatic can help us.

38 INT. SNAPPAMATIC OFFICE - NIGHT 38

Nervous, Evan sits at a monitor, fingers flying on his
keyboard as he writes code. Other TECHS in the background,
work in a similar frenzy. Impatient, Ryan stands over him.

RYAN
How are we doing?

EVAN
It's just taking a little while.

Ryan glances at a monitor nearby; the images of Oren and
Kent, along with a timer, which is down to 15:07...

RYAN
We don't have a while, Evan. We
have less than fifteen minutes.

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~~39 INT. PRECINCT, OBSERVATION - NIGHT 39~~

~~CLOSE ON: Castle's phone. The screen is black with the same white swirl. Garrett sees the phone.~~

~~GARRETT
What just happened?~~

~~CASTLE
Whatever they were trying at Snappamatic didn't go well.~~

~~Grim, they turn to Beckett behind the glass. The last hope.~~

~~40 INT. PRECINCT, INTERROGATION - NIGHT (INTERCUT) 40~~

~~Getting nowhere, Beckett faces off with Lane.~~

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~~BECKETT
Adam, just answer one question and it can save your life. Where are Oren and Kent?~~

~~ADAM LANE
If you cops did your jobs, you'd know. And, looking back, maybe none of this would've happened.~~

~~In observation: This lands on Garrett. Castle notices.~~

~~BECKETT
A horrible thing was done to you Adam. But how will two more people dying fix that? How will that heal your wounds? It won't.~~

~~ADAM LANE
I'll tell you what. Admit that I've won and I'll give you a hint. I'll give you a chance to find Kent and Oren before... bzzzzt.~~

~~Beckett eyes him, steely.~~

~~ADAM LANE (CONT'D)
Tell me I've won. Just say the words. Oren and Kent are waiting... Come on. Do it for the kids.~~

STOP

~~41 INT. PRECINCT, OBSERVATION - NIGHT 41~~

~~Garrett and Castle watch silently.~~

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