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INT. LUXURY APARTMENT BUILDING - HALLWAY/APARTMENT - DAY 20

Eddie and Witten have just entered the apartment. They talk to Karen as Yelena moves the kids to another room --

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→ **KAREN**

I told you, unless you have a warrant, I don't want to talk to you --

EDDIE

We came to give you a warning.

KAREN

A warning? For what?

WITTEN

You've called 911 on your husband several times. Between that and Yelena's complaint we have grounds that this might not be a safe environment for your children.

KAREN

What are you talking about?

EDDIE

The Administration for Children's Services is going to come investigate.

KAREN

Children's Services? Are you threatening to take my kids away from me?

WITTEN

We're just warning you about an investigation --

KAREN

You can't do that! You have no right!

EDDIE

Then tell us what's going on here
so we know they're safe.

Karen, wavering --

KAREN

You don't understand.

EDDIE

Did your husband hit Yelena?

Karen looks to Yelena who nods, yes.

KAREN

Mike isn't a bad guy.

EDDIE

If he's been abusive then you need
to think about your kids. They're
trapped here with him, same as
Yelena. Same as you.

KAREN

He just has some demons. He's in
therapy.

After a beat --

KAREN (CONT'D)

You're asking me to destroy my
family.

EDDIE

I'm asking you to do the right
thing. You're the only one here
who can do anything about him.

Karen considers, then --

KAREN

Please, just go.

We hear the door open and Mike walks in.

MIKE

What's going on, Officers?
(to Karen)
Did you call them?

KAREN

No. They were just on their way
out.

MIKE
Did Yelena?

YELENA
No.

KAREN
She didn't, really.

A long, loaded beat, then --

MIKE
We'll talk about this.

Eddie and Witten look to Karen, but get nothing. They have no choice but to move toward the door. They're almost out when --

KAREN
Wait --

They turn around --

KAREN (CONT'D)
I have photos. From when he beats me. I'd like to press charges.

MIKE
WHAT!?

As Mike storms over to Karen, Eddie and Witten spring into action --

MIKE (CONT'D)
You lying bitch!

He grabs her, but Eddie quickly pulls him away, slams him against a wall.

EDDIE
Get away from her! Hands behind your back! You're under arrest --

As Eddie mirandizes Mike, off her, Karen, and Yelena. Relief finally overtaking fear as Mike is hauled off.

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