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Janice enters. Henry appears and starts her down a hall --

JANICE
What's going on?

HENRY
We caught Alexis stealing more packages. I mean, a couple patrol cops in Dyker Heights did. But I'd put in a 'Want Card' so I got a call. Perk of my former job...

JANICE
Okay.

They arrive outside an Interrogation Room. Alexis can be seen inside, fidgeting, cuffed to a table. Janice nods.

JANICE (CONT'D)
That's her. Now what?

HENRY
You don't wanna talk to her?

JANICE
I told you, Henry, I'm done.

HENRY
Anger won't help this girl.

JANICE
It's all I have left.

HENRY
But I sat down with her. Alexis knows what she did was wrong.

JANICE
And I know an addict will do whatever it takes to squirm free. She's conning you, Henry.

HENRY
Which is why when I didn't take her word for it when I asked where she pawned my [redacted] daughter's necklace, I went there and got it back.

He lifts up the old LOCKET ON A CHAIN, fixed and glittering.

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HENRY (CONT'D)

So maybe she really does want to change.

Emotion washes over Janice but she fights it.

JANICE

Henry --

HENRY

I also made a few calls and got the name of a rehab facility, supposed to be the best in Brooklyn. I'm sure there's a judge out there who'd send Alexis there before throwing her in jail.

JANICE

And if she runs away? Again?

HENRY

We track her down. Again.

JANICE

Over and over 'til the end of the world?

HENRY

Janice, you walk out on this girl now, her world really will be over. (touching her arm)
I'm not saying it'll work. But isn't family worth a shot?

She stares at him.

JANICE

You're not like the Commissioner I used to see on TV. He was a tough-talking hard-ass.

Henry looks at a couple passing cops.

HENRY

Shhh, don't ruin my reputation.

Janice smiles then, suddenly, kisses him on the cheek. Then heads into the box. He watches through the window as --

Off Henry, with a glimmer of hope --

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They exit too. Henry crosses to Janice who sits on the couch, a muted look of shock on her face.

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HENRY (CONT'D)
Get you anything? Glass of water?

JANICE
What? Uh, no thank you.

He sits down next to her. Janice just stares.

JANICE (CONT'D)
She was so excited, like the girl she used to be. Said she wanted to get clean. Then when I came to get her this morning...

HENRY
Apparently, it's a thing for addicts. One last blow-out before they head to rehab.

Janice's eyes well.

JANICE
But I told her it was gonna be okay. I let my guard down...

HENRY
If anyone screwed up, it was me.

JANICE
You?

HENRY
If Alexis had been in jail like you wanted she wouldn't have been able to get more drugs...

JANICE
No. Henry, you helped me. Helped us. Even if just for a minute, I had my Niece back...

Janice looks around. At a loss.

JANICE (CONT'D)
So now what?

HENRY

Now... you keep going. With God's help if you ask Him.
(squeezes her hand)
Mine too, if you want.

Janice looks at his hand. Finds something like a smile.

JANICE

Good to know I have neighbors I can count on.

Off Henry and Janice --

~~INT. JERSEY BUILDING - START-UP SPACE DAY~~

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~~The Rhodes twin are again working on their offices. Danny and Baez arrive, start shooing away workers --~~

~~DANNY~~

~~Break-time, guys. Leave.~~

~~BAEZ~~

~~Let's go, all of you!~~

~~As the workers vanish --~~

~~STEVE RHODES~~

~~This again? We're on a deadline.~~

~~DANNY~~

~~So kill us, Steve.~~

~~STEVE RHODES~~

~~Excuse me?~~

~~DANNY~~

~~Why not? You killed Jessica. And God knows Scott would cover for you -- again.~~

~~SCOTT RHODES~~

~~I didn't cover for anyone.~~

~~BAEZ~~

~~Hey, we know it sounds weird. But no weirder than you and him tracking girls to get you laid.~~

~~DANNY~~

~~Then again, you're twins, you'll do anything for each other.~~

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