

**BROOKE
(12 SCENE)**

INT. HOLDING CELL - DAY

A cell door slides open, releasing BROOKE HUDSON - 23 years old, tomboy tough and kid sister pretty. She's hungover, doing the morning after walk of shame in a messed up micro mini skirt. Longworth watches as Brooke careens towards a Guard at a desk to sign out and collect her valuables stuffed into a manila envelop. She's upset tries to slip past Longworth.

START

BROOKE

Look, I know you want to talk to me about my sister, but I... I just can't do this right now.

LONGWORTH

Rough night, huh?

BROOKE

Yeah, the roughest. And now I have to call my parents --

Longworth blocks her, notices fresh BRUISES on both her arms.

LONGWORTH

They've been notified. You want to tell me what happened?

BROOKE

I don't remember.

LONGWORTH

What kind of drunk are you -- that's your story?

BROOKE

It's not a story. It's the truth.

LONGWORTH

What happened to your arms? Truthfully. You get those bruises fighting with Cassandra?

BROOKE

No, I got these from the cops who dragged me in here.

LONGWORTH

Oh so you do remember some things? Then where were you last night?

BROOKE

You're kidding me right?

LONGWORTH

Police didn't pick you up until 3 am. That's a whole lot of time to kill.

BROOKE

I was at Daryl McMillan's house for an investor party. He wanted to show off the costumes that would be in the show.

LONGWORTH

You mean the ten thousand dollar mermaid tail Cassandra was supposed to wear.

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BROOKE

It was twenty thousand dollars and Cassandra's tail wasn't the only thing on display that night. After we performed in Daryl's pool he insisted we stick around and have drinks with the potential investors.

LONGWORTH

Obviously checkbooks weren't the only things getting loose.

BROOKE

If you had to flirt and make nice with a bunch of lecherous playboy wannabees you'd get smashed, too.

LONGWORTH

What about Cassandra? You must have talked to her at some point during the evening.

BROOKE

We don't exactly hang out together.
(off Longworth's look)
I just mean, there were a gazillion people there. Besides I left before she did.

LONGWORTH

If you don't "exactly hang out" how do you know when she left?
(Brooke hesitates)
Here let me lob a coupla easy ones at you. What time did you leave? And who did you leave with?

BROOKE

Are you asking me for an alibi?

LONGWORTH

Or just the name of your designated driver. DUI or murder wrap - it's your choice.

BROOKE

Okay... I took Cassandra's car.

LONGWORTH

And where is her car now?

BROOKE

I... I don't know. I really don't. Look I know what people think of me-

Longworth's phone rings, he holds up a finger to silence her.

LONGWORTH

Hold that lie --
(answers phone)
Yeah Carlos... Be right there.
(hangs up, to Brooke)
(MORE)

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LONGWORTH (CONT'D)
You were about to say that you
didn't kill your sister.

BROOKE
How could I? She was alive when I
left Daryl's party. Then I was
locked up in here all night.

LONGWORTH
And now that you're out make sure
you don't disappear, like
Cassandra's car.

Off Longworth - disappointed as he realizes she has a point.

~~INT. SUBSTATION - EVIDENCE LAB - DAY~~

~~Longworth enters. Instead of Cassandra's body on the autopsy
table he finds Carlos hovering above Daniel tends to a large
aquarium with a small OCTOPUS inside it.~~

**END OF 1st
SCENE**

~~LONGWORTH
Okay, that is not Cassandra.
That's what is that?~~

~~DANIEL
You'll never guess what Carlos
found hiding inside her tail.~~

~~LONGWORTH
My patience?~~

~~CARLOS
Yeah, it was right next to your
sense of humor. You're welcome.~~

~~DANIEL
It's an octopus. They don't have
skeletons so they can squeeze into
anything. They're also negatively
phototactic which means they seek
out dark places to hide, like
inside Cassandra's mermaid tail.~~

~~LONGWORTH
Nice work if you can get it. But
unless that octopus can tell me who
drowned Cassandra, he's just a side
dish of mush.~~

~~CARLOS
Oh you don't want to eat that, his
leg has been injected with a color
tattoo tag.~~

~~DANIEL
Which means he's one of many
octopuses in some kind of
scientific experiment. It's likely
their movements are being tracked
and we can find out exactly where
this one has been.~~

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