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INT. COURTHOUSE - COURTROOM - DAY (D2)

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Fallon sits down, as DA Brown stands in front of her.

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DA BROWN

Miss Carrington, would you describe Mr. Mason as a temperamental man?

FALLON

Yes, but it's in his genes. You can't blame Tom for being passionate, any more than you can blame a dog for barking.

DA BROWN

Isn't it true that he routinely throws items at staff members when he loses his temper?

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FALLON

I don't know if I'd say "routinely," but it has happened, sure. But he always aims just to the side of the person's head. Or else he has really bad aim.

Tom can only shake his head. What is she doing?

DA BROWN

Are you aware that several of his former assistants came forward last year about the abuse they suffered?

FALLON

I am, yes. But --

DA BROWN

Are you aware of any instances when he has broken the law?

MITCHELL

Objection! Relevance.

DA BROWN

Your Honor, Mr. Mason's historical disregard for morals and laws is crucial to establishing his capacity for murder.

JUDGE HARGROVE

Overruled.

FALLON

You don't get to be Tom Mason without breaking a few Fabergés, if you know what I mean.

DA BROWN

I actually don't know what you mean, but moving on, are you aware of any instances when he's paid off police? Politicians? You are under oath, remember.

FALLON

Yes. I mean, probably.

DA BROWN

Are you aware that he hired Jim to do illegal things?

Fallon looks at Tom, hesitating. The jury is staring at her.

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FALLON

Yes.

DA BROWN

Miss Carrington, do you believe Mr. Mason is capable of murder?

FALLON

Can I plead the Fifth?

(off the DA's look)

Your face is saying no, I can tell.

(then, spinning)

Well... I believe everyone is capable of murder, in the right circumstances -

JUDGE HARGROVE

We don't need a dissertation on the human condition, Miss Carrington.

FALLON

So yes... he's capable... In a... universal kind of way.

DA BROWN

No more questions.

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