

MARTY

Okay.

Into action now, thinking...

MARTY (CONT'D)

We need to get out in front of it.
Let Navarro know the sacrifice we
made for him -- don't let her
poison our loyalty with him.

Wendy nods -- Marty's right.

MARTY (CONT'D)

Do you want me to do it?

WENDY

No. It needs to be me.

She grabs her phone. Dials. Marty watches. And we INTER-CUT --

38 INT. NAVARRO SUV - INTER-CUT

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Navarro in the back seat of his SUV.

NAVARRO

Wendy Byrde.

WENDY

I wanted to call you and say how
sorry I am. About your girlfriend.

Here and throughout, Navarro is curt, emotionless --

NAVARRO

Thank you.

WENDY

I saw your children. At Helen's.
They look well.

NAVARRO

Why are you really calling me?

A beat.

WENDY

Something happened. I thought you
should know.

NAVARRO

Okay.

WENDY

My brother Ben was staying with us. He saw Marty abducted -- when he was brought down to Mexico. We tried to shield him from the reality of our situation but he knew too much.

NAVARRO

Go on.

WENDY

My brother had issues with mental illness. He could be a wild card. We were afraid he might be a danger to your operation...

NAVARRO

And so you had him killed.

WENDY

Yes.

NAVARRO

And now you want me to know that you're loyal.

WENDY

I suppose I do.

Navarro thinks. Finally --

NAVARRO

What is it you expect from me? Do you want me to throw my arms around you? Hold you close to my heart? Like your blood is my blood?

WENDY

I just thought you should know.

NAVARRO

You did what was required. Don't act like I should be grateful.

Navarro hangs up. We stay with --

Wendy and Marty. No fears allayed. When they hear...

RUTH

I need to know what happened to Ben.

Ruth, heading down the hallway toward them. She reaches them.

MARTY

I told you --

RUTH

-- I wanna hear it from Wendy.

Wendy shares a look with Marty. A beat.

WENDY

They tracked us down. On the road. I don't know how. Maybe Ben said something. All I know is Helen's man showed up at a cafe. He pointed a gun at us and made Ben get in his SUV.

RUTH

In front of witnesses?

WENDY

It was empty.

RUTH

That's convenient.

WENDY

I don't know what you want from me.

RUTH

I want you to stop lying and tell me why Ben is dead.

Wendy thinks a beat. A decision.

WENDY

He's dead because you got him out of the hospital where he was safe.

MARTY

Wendy, don't.

WENDY

He's dead because you thought you knew him better after two months than I did his whole fucking life.

RUTH

You fuckin' murdered him.

WENDY

I begged you not to get involved
with him.

RUTH

(to Marty)
Did you know?

MARTY

He was about to get everyone
killed.

RUTH

(to Wendy)
Your own fucking brother.

WENDY

Don't you dare look at me with that
blame. I spent my whole life
protecting him. This is yours. You
did this.

RUTH

Did you watch him die or were you
too chickenshit like with my dad?

Wendy glares.

WENDY

We dragged you out of that trailer
and brought you into our life and
you're still too ignorant to listen
to us.

RUTH

I fucking quit.

WENDY

Because everything is somebody
else's fault, right? Your uncles?
Was that somebody else's fault too
or did you actually murder them?

Ruth glares at Wendy, even as Marty says --

MARTY

You need to think about this. We're
all saying things we don't mean.

RUTH

No. I'm fuckin' done.

Ruth still staring at Wendy.

WENDY

You don't just quit a drug cartel.

RUTH

Why? What the fuck are you gonna do? Kill me? You fuckin' bitch wolf.

And Ruth stalks out. We catch up --

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EXT. BYRDE ENTERPRISES - MOMENTS LATER

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Outside. Ruth walks to her truck. Marty hurries out. Calls --

MARTY

Ruth.

She stops, beside her truck. Turns. He walks to her.

MARTY (CONT'D)

Please don't do this. We can make this right.

A beat. Ruth looks toward the office -- as if at Wendy -- then back to Marty. She's calmer now. Centered.

RUTH

I'm grateful for everything you've done for me. But I'm not your daughter. I don't have to stay in your shit.

And Ruth climbs in her truck. Slams the door. Catch up to --

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INT. SNELL HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

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Darlene. She makes two cups of tea. Wyatt stands nearby. A KNOCK at the door. Wyatt walks to the door. Opens it.

Ruth. She stares at Wyatt. A beat. She starts to cry.

RUTH

They fuckin' did it, Wy.

He holds her. Darlene steps behind them, seeing the scene.

DARLENE

I'll make another cup.

She walks back toward the kitchen as --