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Reese goes out of the room. To himself Tidwell says...

TIDWELL

...The heart wants what the heart wants.

12 INT. BEN'S TIDY LITTLE WESTSIDE BUNGALOW - DAY

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A bright cheery place. Crews, Reese and timid Ben.

REESE

A bodyguard?

They look to the kitchen where a BEEFY MAN in a dark suit sits at the table... Robert the Bodyguard.

BEN

Yes. Because what happened to Hannah. I think some of the others are getting bodyguards too. Can you blame us? She was murdered.

REESE

Ben, how long had you been seeing Hannah?

BEN

About six weeks.

REESE

And it was a sexual relationship?

Ben lowers his voice. Embarrassed in front of the bodyguard.

BEN

Yes. We were sleeping together.

CREWS

And when did she put your name on her skin?

BEN

Last month...

CREWS

Did you know she had been seeing others in the group?

BEN

Who?

CREWS

I'll take that as a no.

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Hannah and I were in love,
Detectives. She liked me for me,
not for my money. Since I hit that
jackpot, girls I've never even met
have been saying they love me. But
with Hannah... I knew she meant it.
If she was with other guys... well,
I don't believe it. I don't.

REESE

Ben, where were you last night?

BEN

Here.

REESE

Anyone else here with you?

BEN

No. I was waiting for Hannah. If
I'm not at group or with her, I'm
usually just alone--

CREWS

...since you won the money?

Ben nods yes. Crews looks around at the cheery, modest house.

CREWS (CONT'D)

Haven't really spent much of it.

BEN

I bought that hybrid, reduce my
carbon footprint. I bought my mom a
house. Gotta buy your mom a house.
But I was looking for something
good to do with that money. Hannah
and I both were... I can't believe
she's dead. What do I have now?

Crews and Reese look at poor Ben.

END

13 ~~EXT. MALIBU - EMPTY OCEAN VIEW LOT - DAY~~

Crews and Reese stand outside their unmarked car. They look
around at all that nothing.

REESE

You sure this is the address Dale
gave you?

CREWS

Yeah, I wrote it down.

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Rachel turns and looks out the window. At her reflection.

CREWS (CONT'D)

~~I need to drop you at home.~~

35 EXT. BEN'S TIDY LITTLE WESTSIDE BUNGALOW - NIGHT

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Crews and Reese on the porch. They knock on the door. Ben opens it a crack. Crews pushes his way in. Reese follows.

36 INT. BEN'S TIDY LITTLE WESTSIDE BUNGALOW - NIGHT

Crews, Reese and Ben. Something's happened. Ben seems empty.

BEN

You can't just come in here.

~~CREWS~~

~~We thought we heard screams for help. Now we hear screams for help.~~

REESE

I thought I heard screams for help.

Ben looks at Crews and Reese as they check out the apartment.

CREWS

Ben...?

(off his look)

Where's your bodyguard, Ben?

BEN

I... fired him.

~~REESE~~

~~How come?~~

CREWS

Because of what he did to Dale?

BEN

Is Dale going to be OK?

CREWS

Probably sue you, but you can afford it. Right?

~~REESE~~

~~You can still afford it, can't you?~~

Ben watches as Crews and Reese check things out. Something there he doesn't want them to see... what...

CREWS

Where's Lenny, Ben?

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Ben looks a LITTLE TERRIFIED now.

CREWS (CONT'D)
Yeah, we know who he is.

BEN
Lenny? Who is Lenny?

CREWS
How much did he get?

BEN
(more terrified)
He was my bodyguard. I fired him.

CREWS
He was a con man, Ben. He was
hanging around to take your money.
He's gone so I assume he took it.

REESE
Why'd you give it to him?

CREWS
What con was he working on you?

BEN
Why can't you leave me alone?

CREWS
(softly)
Why? Because someone left a dead
woman alone in her loft... Ben...

REESE
You remember her? You remember her,
don't you, Ben?

And now Crews sees it... in the kitchen... on the counter...
A STEAK KNIFE SOAKING IN A TALL GLASS OF CLEAR LIQUID.

Crews goes to it. Ben goes to stop him. ~~Ben says...~~

BEN
Don't do it... please...

Ben stops. Crews goes to the glass, picks it up, sniffs it.

CREWS (CONT'D)
Bleach...? Is that what Lenny had
on you? You give him your money, he
gives you that knife.

Ben nods yes.

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REESE

How much did you pay for that?

BEN

The day after Hannah died... Lenny shows up at my door. Tells me he's her husband. Tells me he'd broken into my house, taken one of my kitchen knives, killed her with it.

CREWS

...Ben...

BEN

He told me that my fingerprints were on it and unless I paid him, it was going to the police... he showed me the knife... he...

(pause, then..)

I wiped the prints off. I put it in bleach. I wiped it all off.

CREWS

You didn't have to do that.

BEN

Why not?

REESE

Because the woman you knew as Hannah was killed with a much larger knife.

CREWS

Lenny was working you. It was all a con. He never had anything on you.

BEN

I gave him that money for nothing? They were both liars? Everything... was a lie? But she put my name on her skin...

END

They look at Ben. Then Crews looks at Reese, slowly says...

CREWS

...He's lying...

BEN

I'm not... that's everything.

CREWS

No, Ben... not you...

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