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CAST LIST

DUNCAN MACLEOD RICHIE RYAN

ANNE LINDSEY DIANE TERRIS (formerly DIANE TERRIN)

CHIEF HARDY MIDE LUNDY EMCEE LORD SEWELL HARRY KAREN

FRENCH OFFICER RESCUER SECOND RESCUER CHOPPER REPORTER (V.O)

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SET LIST

INTERIORS

WRECKED SUBWAY STATION /SUBWAY LANDING SAVOY HOTEL BAR - LONDON - 1940 HOTEL ROOM - LONDON -1940 STAIRWELL - LONDON - 1940

EXTERIORS

MACLEOD'S VICTORIAN AERIAL VIEW OF DISASTER AREA (STOCK) STREET/SUBWAY ENTRANCE SAVOY HOTEL ROOF - LONDON 1940 STREETS OF LONDON - 1940 WOODS

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TEASER

FADE IN:

1201 EXT. AERIAL VIEW OF DISASTER AREA (STOCK SHOT) - DAY

Smoke and rubble as seen from above, with the close by deafening THUKA-THUKA-THUKA of the helicopter blades. We can barely hear:

CHOPPER REPORTER (V.O.) (shouting to be heard) ... and it looks like a war zone down there. According to Water and Power, a gas main under one of the city's busiest subway stations has exploded. We already have three confirmed dead and thirty-eight injured. This couldn't have come at a worse time for --

1202 EXT. STREET/SUBWAY ENTRANCE - DAY

Down on the street, the chaos is even more pressing and terrible. The cacophony of disaster, including the noisy helicopters circling above, is so intense people can barely hear themselves.

AN AMBULANCE

negotiates the rubble moving forward as directed by a Cop who has to stop hanging yellow tape to let it by.

A DAZED OLD WOMEN

wander aimlessly until a Paramedic finds her and guides her to safety.

FIRE CHIEF HARDY

is at the very heart of the operation, very much in charge as he dispatches people and commands with confident efficiency.

RESCUE WORKERS

rush to the scene, among them, ANNE LINDSEY, seven months pregnant.

She is one of the several ER Doctors arriving off duty, to help, along with a variety of other colleagues from the

1202 CONTINUED:

hospital, including Nurses, EMT's and Equipment Techs (including MIKE LUNDY, the paramedic from Season Three). They congregate around Hardy.

> CHIEF HARDY 'Preciate y'all getting here so quick. (suddenly shouting to 0.S.) No, no. Take it around behind. Around behind.

ANGLE THE FIREMEN

that Hardy's talking to as they stop, turn, and head off the other way with their equipment.

> ANNE (to Hardy) How do we get in?

CHIEF HARDY' You don't... for now. Might as well grab some coffee. It could be a while.

ANNE

Coffee? You know how critical the first hour is.

CHIEF HARDY Sorry, Doc, we can't let you in until it's been secured. The whole place could come down around your ears.

He moves off. There's work to do and he walks off to confer with one of his captains.

> ANNE (re the waiting) I hate this.

MIKE I'm not gonna wait.

ANNE Mike, you heard the man. Don't be a hero.

MIKE (with a smile) That's what I get the big bucks for.

He moves off toward the subway entrance. Anne moves with him.

"The Blitz" 3. Final Shooting Script 11/2/95 95412 1202 CONTINUED: (2) 1202 MIKE (CONT'D) Where are you going? ANNE I'm the doctor, remember. MIKE A pregnant one. ANNE I work ER. (patting her tummy) She might as well start getting used to it. That's all the encouragement they need from each other. Anne looks around. No one's watching. Mike nods. ANNE & MIKE move past the barricades and start down into the station. 1203 INT. WRECKED STATION - DAY 1203 Anne and Mike move into the wrecked station. It's dark, the air filled with dust. TWO BUSINESSMEN lie at the foot of the stairs. Mike goes to the first one and checks for a pulse. There is none. MIKE Cold. Anne checks the other's eyes with her flashlight. He's dead too. She notifies Mike with a shake of her head. He gets the message and immediately heads off searching.

ANNE

takes a moment and shuts the victim's eyes. She touches his face goodbye before she moves on.

They move on past another victim who is beyond help. A CRY from deeper within gets their attention.

1203 CONTINUED:

MIKE

(pointing to it) There.

They come to a blockade of debris. Mike scales it, and checks the other side. Then he comes back down to help Anne over it.

With Mike's help, Anne moves slowly and carefully, over the difficult blockade. They see

KAREN TAYLOR

35, kind of a Dottie West country and western type, trapped on the SUBWAY LANDING. She is scared to death but not badly injured.

> MIKE (CONT'D) (shouting to her) We'll get you out.

Suddenly, the station shakes and the rubble shifts. Everybody freezes.

Nothing happens. A few ceiling tiles fall.

It passes. They go back to work.

Mike removes some debris and reaches in for Karen.

She grabs his arm. He pulls, she scrambles, and they get her out.

A sudden ROAR of collapse erupts from down the subway tunnel and rumbles through the station. Everyone gets silent. Frozen. After a beat, Mike lets out a sigh of relief.

MIKE (CONT'D)

Whew.

SUDDENLY A SECTION OF CEILING

near Mike starts coming down.

ANNE

sees it falling

ANNE (CONT'D) (screams) Mike look out!

He spins around at the warning. Too late.

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95412 "The Blitz" 5. Final Shooting Script 11/2/95 1203 CONTINUED: (2) 1203 A HUGE BEAM collapses and breaks loose. It hits Mike hard and pins him against the concrete. ANNE Mike!

ANNE

rushes to his side. She tries to move the beam. Not a chance.

ANNE (CONT'D) Just hang in, we'll get you out.

MIKE (dazed) My back. I think it's my back.

He's in a lot of pain and one look tells her that he is hurt bad.

ANNE

Okay. It's going to be okay.

She has to look away because she doesn't want him to see that she's lying.

ANNE (CONT'D) Try not to move.

MIKE (hard to speak) That should be pretty easy.

She opens her little black bag and begins rummaging for one of the small pre-packed Meperidine shots.

ANNE I'm going to give you something for the pain.

MIKE There's no time. You've got to get out of here. (a beat) Now!

ANNE I'm not leaving you.

MIKE The whole place could come down. (MORE)

FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

1204 EXT. MACLEOD'S VICTORIAN - DAY

Freshly painted, curtains in the windows, the house looks homey and welcoming. Macleod and Richie are putting on the finishing touches. The RADIO plays in the background.

> RICHIE Mac, I been thinking.

MACLEOD Forget it, Richie, I like the colors.

RICHIE

No, hey, you like the colors, it's okay with me. No, it's just with the house pretty much ready to move into, I'm thinking... maybe I could have the loft.

MACLEOD I'm not moving, Richie.

RICHIE (disappointed) What are you saying, all this is just to turn it over..? It's a business thing?

MACLEOD No, it's not.

RICHIE I don't get it. If it's not to sell and it's not to live in --

The question doesn't get answered as they're interrupted by a radio Update about the tunnel collapse.

> CHOPPER REPORTER (V.O.) (filter) A second major explosion has rocked the station. It has made the original collapse area even more inaccessible and...

MacLeod stops to listen.

1204 CONTINUED:

CHOPPER REPORTER (V.O.) (CONT'D) (filter) ... and reports from the ground are telling us that a rescue team led by Dr. Anne Lindsey from County General ER is trapped inside.

MACLEOD

reacts. He drops everything and rushes off.

RICHIE

takes a surprised beat and then goes after him.

RICHIE (CONT'D)

What?

MACLEOD

Anne.

1205 EXT. STREET/SUBWAY ENTRANCE - DAY

An AMBULANCE pulls away, SIREN screaming as MacLeod and Richie arrive on the scene.

Rescue operations have intensified and the disaster site is ruled by barely controlled panic.

Several Rescue Workers rush by in front of Mac.

MAN, DAZED AND MOURNING

sits with his back against the wall of a building.

SEVERAL WOMEN SOBBING

with relief at their rescue are huddled around a Red Cross worker.

ANGLE MACLEOD

all of this too familiar to him.

Off the RED CROSS on a first aid kit we --

A RED CROSS Bandanna on a uniformed arm.

TRANSITION TO:

1206 INT. SAVOY HOTEL BAR - LONDON - 1940 - NIGHT

1206

1204

1205

(CONTINUED)

1206

1206 CONTINUED:

PULL BACK TO REVEAL

A well-dressed radio personality/EMCEE stands in front of a microphone in a corner of the bar. Near him is HARRY, his engineer.

EMCEE

... and we are broadcasting live, courtesy of the BBC, directly from the lounge of the Savoy Hotel in the heart of London to all of England and across the great ocean to all our friends in America.

There is considerable applause for Emcee's announcement.

CONTINUE TO REVEAL The bar at the Savoy as well-dressed women mingle with the uniformed men of half a dozen allied nations.

EMCEE We have been informed that the great man himself, Winston Churchill, has left his bunker and is in a suite upstairs negotiating with our French and Dutch allies.

And that he will be down momentarily to discuss the state of the war with you. Until then, we're returning to our studios and the Lester Lawrence Orchestra. So join us, all, from Devonshire to Davenport, from London to Los Angeles, in a respite from this war with good music and good company.

The EMCEE steps away from the microphone as the music from the studio fills the place. There is a frenetic sense to life here, of people squeezing everything they can into whatever moments are available to them.

IN ONE CORNER

we find DIANE TERRIS, an American reporter, holding court, discussing politics with a band of male admirers that includes a British Lord, a young Earl, and three or four assorted, uniformed officers from England, France, and so on. Champagne is being served. LORD SEWELL has a glass of champagne in his hand.

> FRENCH OFFICER We need the Americans in the war.

> > DTANE

The problem is that Montgomery is so full of himself he can't stand the idea of sharing power with anyone.

1206

1206 CONTINUED: (2)

There seems to be general agreement in the group about that.

LORD SEWELL I say she's right. Old Monty was a bit of a pip even way back at Oxford. Sulked ferociously for months when he didn't make crew.

FRENCH OFFICER What I have heard is that he could not row.

DTANE I'm sure that's not how he remembers it.

They share some concurring laughter.

LORD SEWELL Still, I'd rather him on our side than Rommel.

DIANE That's because you're a Brit.

Before the others can protest, Diane's attention wanders when she spots someone come through the doors. It is none other than

MACLEOD

dashing as ever.

DIANE (to the group) If you'll excuse me ...

She takes her leave and makes her way across the floor to meet MacLeod. She greets him enthusiastically.

> DIANE (CONT'D) I hate to be the one to say it first, but I've missed you.

MACLEOD It's only fair, I said it first last time.

DIANE It's not right that British Intelligence should have a stronger hold over you than I do.

MACLEOD Who said anything about Intelligence?

1206 CONTINUED: (3)

DIANE Please, you have M-5 written all over you.

MACLEOD You're fishing in the wrong pond. I was just down in Somerset looking at some horses.

DIANE Why don't I believe you?

MACLEOD Because being a reporter has made you terminally suspicious.

DIANE Just persistently curious.

Lord Sewell approaches.

LORD SEWELL Welcome back, MacLeod. Profitable trip... I hope.

MACLEOD Very promising... We'll know soon.

DIANE

Somerset?

MACLEOD

The horses.

DTANE

Right.

AN AIR RAID SIREN BELLOWS

and reality suddenly intrudes.

THE MUSIC

stops.

THE EMCEE

steps to the microphone.

EMCEE (calmly) Ladies and Gentlemen, it seems the Fuhrer is once again paying an uninvited call.

1206 CONTINUED: (4)

Around him, people are already leaving.

EMCEE (CONT'D) It would be to everyone's distinct advantage to proceed calmly to the basement shelter until Mr. Hitler gets the message that he is decidedly not welcome and calls his hooligans home.

Nobody of course needs to wait for instructions. Everybody is already making their way to the shelter, except for Diane heading the wrong way... toward the microphone.

> MACLEOD What are you doing?

> DIANE I'll see you later.

The radio engineer (HARRY), at the far corner, is packing up his gear. Diane grabs his arm.

> DIANE (CONT'D) Wait, I need a favor.

HARRY There's an air raid going on!

DTANE And the world needs to hear about it.

HARRY Not from me they don't.

DIANE All I need you to do is run some cable up to the roof.

HARRY They don't pay me enough for that.

DIANE Do I have to beg?

HARRY You can't go up there, you'll get yourself killed.

MACLEOD

He's right.

DIANE Who wants to live forever? 1206 CONTINUED: (5)

1206

HARRY You know what, deary, I think you've lost your knickers.

HARRY

has had enough of her, and making a great show of it, he abandons his equipment and joins the last stragglers heading for the shelter.

DIANE

is appalled by Harry's departure, but she's not going to let it stop her. Determined to do what she needs to, she starts rounding up the equipment herself.

MACLEOD

reluctantly moves in and unplugs a couple of select electrical connections.

> DIANE And just what do you think you're doing?

MACLEOD You can't pull this off alone.

DIANE You know how to work this stuff?

MacLeod shrugs.

DIANE (CONT'D) Of course you do, I'm sure it's one of the first things they teach you in ... in... what part is this, Cloak or Dagger?

MACLEOD It's just a radio. How hard could it be?

DIANE Alright, you can help, but I still don't buy that stuff about Somerset and the horses.

She gives him a peck on the check and resumes gathering up cable.

1207 EXT. SAVOY HOTEL ROOF - LONDON - 1940 - NIGHT

INSERT: London (STOCK SHOTS) is under attack.

1207 CONTINUED:

The sounds of ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNFIRE roaring its defiance from the rooftops as Diane, bursting with adrenaline rushes about on the roof setting up for her broadcast while bombs burst with great sonic booms and startling flashes of light.

While she keeps her eye on the city and the sky, MacLeod is busy hooking up the equipment.

> DIANE Come on, come on, what's taking so long?

MacLeod quiets her with a challenging look, then returns to his work with deliberate composure.

> DIANE (CONT'D) (frantic) How can you be so calm with all this going on!?

MACLEOD

Calm?

DTANE

Slow.

He's amused, not offended, and smiles to himself. He holds up a handful of cable wire.

> MACLEOD Maybe you'd like to do this?

DIANE

I could.

MACLEOD

I don't doubt it.

He hands her the microphone. He puts on a headset.

MACLEOD (CONT'D) You're on the air.

AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF BOMBS BURSTING

In air, Diane is a very dramatic figure, up on the roof, broadcasting to the world.

DIANE

Good evening. This is Diane Terris broadcasting to you from the roof of the Savoy Hotel. Once again, the Fuhrer displays his madness with indiscriminate civilian bombings in the heart of London. Once again ...

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1207 CONTINUED: (2)

An explosion nearly makes her stop for a moment. MacLeod gives her an encouraging thumbs up.

1207

DIANE

resumes broadcasting.

DIANE (CONT'D) I am here to report

She pauses and looks around.

DIANE (CONT'D) ... on the planes, the bombs, and the fires. It is all going on again tonight.

INSERT STOCK SHOT: A German warplane, very close, swooping right down on

RESUME

Diane and MacLeod as we HEAR the plane swoop down just overhead.

MacLeod spins to watch it go.

Diane SHOVES her microphone, stand and all, up in the air to pick up the sounds of the departing plane.

DIANE What I really want to tell you tonight is that through it all, this is still London. (a beat) There aren't enough bombs to undo that.

Diane looks to MacLeod for confirmation that they are still on the air. He checks the console and gives her the thumbs up.

> DIANE (CONT'D) I can still see the towers and the moonlight on the surface of the Thames. Parliament is still standing, the Palace is untouched and Big Ben is still keeping time. The beer is still warm and the food inedible. This is still England.

She looks to MacLeod for approval.

1207 CONTINUED: (3)

ANGLE MACLEOD

not only approving, but very impressed.

DIANE

So my message is really for the Nazis. Hear this: I was dancing before you got here, and I'll be dancing when you're gone.

THE ALL CLEAR SOUNDS

right on cue. In the background we can hear the attackers departing.

> DIANE (CONT'D) The all clear is being sounded. This is Diane Terrin from the roof of the Savoy. The all clear has sounded.

She tilts her microphone to pick up the last sounds of the disappearing planes.

DIANE (CONT'D)

(a beat) It's over... for tonight. Here in Merry Olde, I urge you all to check with your neighbors, see if anyone needs help. Back home in America, I urge you all to check with your Congressman. England needs our help. She needs our planes, she needs our weapon s, and she needs our prayers. (a beat) Good night and God Bless.

She signals to MacLeod and he turns off the console and unplugs the power.

Diane is exhilarated and exhausted. She sags back against the chimney.

> DIANE (CONT'D) Was I okay?

MACLEOD Okay? You were great.

DIANE It all just came out. I never did anything like that before.

They look at each other... their hearts pounding.

1207 CONTINUED: (4)

She moves into his arms. They kiss.

As the kissing progresses, we begin to HEAR, as a crackling old RADIO BROADCAST, Winston Churchill.

> CHURCHILL (V.0.) We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end.

MacLeod slides the gown strap free and kisses her newly bared shoulder. She SIGHS with pleasure.

> CHURCHILL (V.O.) We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans...

MacLeod reaches for the other shoulder strap and she laughs as it falls free.

> CHURCHILL (V.0.) ... we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air...

MacLeod reaches around to unzip the back of the gown.

Diane suddenly freezes with modesty. They are so exposed. She looks around and... it seems fairly private after all and she relents.

LAP DISSOLVE TO:

Her gown hangs fluttering on the microphone stand. They stand embraced, very connected, very passionate.

> CHURCHILL (V.O.) (CONT'D) ... we shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills...

> > LAP DISSOLVE TO:

MacLeod sits with his back to the chimney. She sits on his lap, in her slip, his jacket draped over her for warmth.

> CHURCHILL (V.O.) (CONT'D) We shall never surrender.

Her head is in his chest. They share a moment of peace. The world, for now, is quiet.

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1207 CONTINUED: (5)

CHURCHILL (V.O.) (CONT'D) Let us therefore... brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say: This was their finest hour.

TRANSITION TO:

1208 EXT. STREET/SUBWAY ENTRANCE - DAY

Chief Hardy is caught up with three Firemen near the entrance to the subway station. MacLeod and Richie stand by, anxious for the return of the Chief's attention.

> CHIEF HARDY I want everyone out. Everyone. Water and Power says they found a new leak and it could blow all over again.

As the Three Firemen rush off, the Chief turns back to MacLeod.

CHIEF HARDY (CONT'D)

Anne what?

MACLEOD Lindsey. She's a doctor. She came here with --

CHIEF HARDY The preqnant one! Yeah, I saw her. She went in -- against my orders -and as far as I know she hasn't come back out.

MACLEOD She went in where? Where would I look for her.

CHIEF HARDY Didn't you hear me? I'm pulling everyone out of there. You can't go down. The last thing I need is another damn hero.

The Chief moves off to confer with some rescue workers.

As soon as Hardy's back is turned, MacLeod heads down the street and Richie follows, surprised and reluctant.

> RICHIE We're not giving up?

> > (CONTINUED)

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1208 CONTINUED:

MACLEOD

No we're not.

RICHIE Just because some guy says we can't go down doesn't mean we're not going down.

MACLEOD That's right.

RICHIE Then where are we going?

Here. To a sidewalk grate. They're just going in the back way.

1209 INT. WRECKED STATION - SUBWAY LANDING - DAY

Mike is in bad shape, losing blood in spite of the tourniquet.

MIKE (scared) Anne? Anne, where are you?

ANNE I'm right here.

She tries to get him to drink an electrolyte solution from a bottle she holds to his lips.

> MIKE I'm dizzy, Anne. Everything's... I don't know... dizzy.

Anne knows she's losing him.

She is frustrated and angry -- and scared.

She is reaching into her medical kit bag for something when a labor contraction strikes.

It's intense. She responds with Lamaze DEEP BREATHS, all the while trying to hide it from Mike and Karen.

KAREN (O.S.)

Doctor?

Anne doesn't respond. She's BREATHING and waiting for the contraction to subside.

> KAREN (CONT'D) (more urgent) Doctor! Doctor!

1209 CONTINUED:

Anne turns to see Karen freaking out as MIKE'S WHOLE BODY spasms. He is GASPING for air.

Anne immediately launches into emergency mode. Dropping any concerns about her own personal condition, she grabs her stethoscope and starts listening.

> ANNE No, Mike. No! Don't do this.

KAREN Ohmigod he's going to die.

ANNE (furious) He's not going to die.

ANNE

thumps his chest three or four times. It doesn't start him breathing.

> ANNE (CONT'D) Mike I need you! Dammit, I need you!

She listens again with the stethoscope. Still no heart beat.

KAREN I knew it, he's dead!

ANNE

He's not dead.

Racing time, she gets her kit bag and hauls out a huge adrenalin syringe.

When she turns back to Mike he's still in spasm, unconscious, with his arms flailing.

> ANNE (CONT'D) (to Karen) Hold his arms.

Karen is staring, too frightened to respond.

ANNE (CONT'D) (shouting) Hold his arms down.

Karen jumps into action and grabs his arms.

Anne tests the syringe. It's ready.

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1209 CONTINUED: (2)

She finds an intercostal space over the heart and plunges the needle in.

It's too late. With one last seizure, Mike's body lets go and he dies.

ANNE (CONT'D)

Mike ... Mike.

Karen can't handle it.

KAREN

We're all going to die. All of us!

Anne, ignoring her, leans back against the wall, sagging with failure.

After a moment, Anne shuts Mike's eyes.

Karen struggles with it and gets her tears under control.

KAREN (CONT'D) (terrified) They're never going to find us.

As Anne reacts.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

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ACT TWO

FADE IN:

1210 INT. WRECKED STATION - DAY

Dust, debris, and darkness hamper their every step as MacLeod and Richie make their way through the tunnel.

They HEAR a whimpering and stop to listen more carefully.

RICHIE

Anne?

They hear it again.

MACLEOD Sounds like a kid.

It's not Anne but they can't ignore it. They follow the sound.

As they move down the dark tunnel, THE CAMERA MOVES INTO BLACK and we

TRANSITION TO:

1210A INT. SAVOY HOTEL - BAR - NIGHT (E)

MacLeod, carrying the radio, and Diane enter the now empty bar. It is void of life and in sharp contrast to its earlier gaiety. Diane is in love... It's clear that she's never felt as alive as she does at this moment.

> DIANE Where'd everybody go?

MacLeod places the radio on the bar.

MACLEOD I think all the same people are probably still in a shelter.

She lifts a bottle of champagne off a table and pours.

DIANE They left us this wonderful champagne.

MACLEOD Maybe they heard there's a war on.

DIANE For the moment I don't care. 1210A

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1210A CONTINUED:

She hands MacLeod a glass, then kisses him lightly on the lips.

DIANE (CONT'D)

(beat) Dance with me.

MACLEOD

Here?

She places her arms around him in a dancing posture.

MACLEOD (CONT'D) There's no music.

DIANE It's funny, I can hear it... Just listen.

MacLeod smiles. They begin to dance. Subtly, the music that Diane hears in her mind fills the bar. The two of them float across the floor. For the moment they are the only two people in the world.

> DIANE (CONT'D) Have I known you all my life or does it just seem that way? (beat) Do you believe in fate, Duncan?

MACLEOD (with a smile) Sometimes ... depends on the day.

DTANE I believe in it. (beat) I think this whole war happened just so we could meet.

An offstage sound of a man clearing his throat catches their attention. MacLeod and Diane look up to see

HARRY

standing in the doorway his hat in his hand.

HARRY I'm sorry to interrupt.

DIANE If it isn't my trusty engineer, Harry. What can I do for you Harry?

1210A

1210A CONTINUED: (2)

HARRY

I just came up to see if you and the gentleman were all right. And to thank the gentleman for doing my job.

MACLEOD

No problem.

Harry approaches.

HARRY We had a radio in the shelter. We heard you ... every blessed word. You did us all proud. (a tear) There wasn't a dry eye in the place.

DIANE (touched) Thanks, Harry.

HARRY No... thank you. And God bless the both of you.

1211 INT. HOTEL ROOM - LONDON - 1940 - NIGHT

The room is in pitch blackness, then Diane's hand opens the blackout curtain, letting in the moonlight from outside.

MacLeod stands behind her, nuzzling her.

DIANE The city looks so peaceful. No

Luftwaffe, no bombs. No sirens.

He turns her around to face him.

MACLEOD Diane, tonight was ...

She puts her arms around him, cutting him off.

DIANE

Wonderful.

MACLEOD Incredibly stupid.

DIANE Oh-oh. I think I've heard this before.

1211

1210A

1211 CONTINUED:

MACLEOD

I know, sometimes you have to take chances but you, you risk your life every time you get the chance.

DIANE

And you don't? (a beat) I never tell you not to go somewhere, not to do something. (beat) We're all fighting the war in our own way. I'm doing what I have to do, just like you are.

MACLEOD It's different for me.

Her hackles go up.

DIANE I hope you're not going to say it's different for you because you're a man.

MACLEOD No, that's not what I was going to say.

DIANE

That's good, because if I thought for one minute that you were no different than those idiots who won't let me into the damn Press Club, this could turn into a very lonely war.

MacLeod can't explain the real reason that it's different and has no choice but to let it slide.

MACLEOD

I wish I'd met you before the war.

DIANE

Why, do you think I'd have been less stubborn?

MACLEOD I would have liked you to see London

then. There are places that are magical.

DIANE

Take me.

1211 CONTINUED: (2)

MACLEOD

Some day.

DIANE

How about now?

MACLEOD It's the middle of the night in the middle of the Blitz and you want to go sightseeing?

DIANE It's a beautiful night, not a bomber in the sky. Sounds good to me.

1212 EXT. STREETS OF LONDON - 1940 - NIGHT

MacLeod and Diane walk along the quiet street. A uniformed Bobby passes them, tips his hat.

> DIANE You think Churchill's right, that there will always be an England?

> > MACLEOD

I'd bet on it.

DIANE

The Nazis are destroying it a night at a time. How much more can they take? If America doesn't get into this war there may not be an England.

MACLEOD

Some places just don't know how to die. When the Bubonic Plaque decimated the city, nobody thought it could ever recover.

He seems far away, his eyes lost in another time.

MACLEOD (CONT'D) There was so much dying, so much hopelessness, all of London practically fell silent.

He stops for a moment, caught up in remembering.

MACLEOD (CONT'D) People died without a whimper. Survivors mourned without a tear. (a beat) The only sound you could count on was the Collectors and their wagons (MORE)

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has.

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1212 CONTINUED: MACLEOD (CONT'D) picking up the bodies. And the stench. Everything smelled of disease. The food, the water, the air. Diane is completely caught up. MACLEOD And six years later it was thriving again. DTANE You have a gift... (a blushed beat) ... aside from the ones I already know about. He smiles, a teasing smile. DIANE (CONT'D) I'm talking about the way you make the past come alive. MACLEOD (still teasing) Thank you. Sensing that he's not taking this seriously, she presses. DIANE No, really, you should use it to teach, to write... To recreate the worlds you see. (beat) That's after you retire from the spy business. MACLEOD I am not a spy. DIANE I just meant you have a gift, that's all. He continues to accept the compliment with a gracious smile. MACLEOD The point is, no one ever thought London would recover, but it did, it

1212 CONTINUED: (2)

DIANE

Where does all this admiration for the English come from? I thought you Scots hated the English.

MACLEOD

Courage is a hard thing to deny, in anyone. They re-built the city again after the Great Fire and they'll build it up again after Hitler.

DIANE

And us? What happens to us after Hitler?

MACLEOD

I guess I'll teach history and Us? you'll go back to a desk and send the new young turks out for a taste of the journalist's life.

DIANE

Come on, I'm serious. Are we together because the world's full of adrenalin right now or is there something else, something more than that?

He takes her in his arms and kisses her.

DIANE (CONT'D) That was good, but it didn't sound exactly like an answer.

The truth is, it doesn't matter what he says. They're alive, they're happy, and they have all the time in the world to enjoy it until

THE SIRENS WAIL

again and people go running by.

MACLEOD

We better go.

She scans the skies.

1212A OMITTED	1212A
1212B OMITTED	1212B
1212C OMITTED	1212C

DIANE

I can't.

1212A CONTINUED:

MACLEOD

Diane, there's no microphone, you're not on the air, there's no reason to stay out here.

DIANE On the air or not, someone has to bear witness and that's my job.

He takes her arm.

MACLEOD We're going to a shelter.

DIANE (furious and defiant) Are you planning to drag me there!?

He loosens his grip and lets go of her arm.

MACLEOD

No. I'm asking you. Please.

There is a strained silence between them, and then she relents. She'll go. This time he takes her hand and they run together for the shelter.

1213 INT. STAIRWELL - LONDON - 1940 - NIGHT

MacLeod and Diane are among the last to make their way into the shelter.

They hurry down the stairs.

MacLeod is relieved.

Diane is not at all sure she's doing the right thing.

They are still on the stairs when

AN EXPLOSION

rocks the stairwell.

It's a direct hit and everything comes down around them.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

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ACT THREE

FADE IN:

1214 INT. STAIRWELL - LONDON - 1940 - NIGHT

MacLeod and Diane have survived the cave-in, but are trapped.

MACLEOD If it wasn't for me, you'd be up on the roof of the Savoy.

She looks at him. It's true.

DIANE Don't worry about it. That's probably where the bomb hit.

She reaches into a pocket to pull out a cigarette.

MacLeod stops her.

DIANE (CONT'D)

What?

He sniffs the air, indicating that she should too.

MACLEOD

Gas.

DIANE

Perfect.

With urgency they start shifting rubble to dig their way out.

Off their digging hands, we --

TRANSITION TO:

1215 INT. WRECKED STATION - THE PRESENT

Richie pulls a metal bar- from a pile of collapsed rubble and carries it back to where

MACLEOD

is digging away dirt and rubble near a partially collapsed wall.

MACLEOD We're getting close. 1215

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1215 CONTINUED:

RICHIE

returns with his metal bar and uses it like a spade to loosen the debris MacLeod is working on.

A very small hole begins to appear in the wall behind the debris.

Suddenly MacLeod stops.

RICHIE (CONT'D)

What?

MacLeod listens more carefully.

MACLEOD I don't hear him anymore.

Richie listens. He doesn't hear anything either.

RICHIE

Kid! Hey Kid!

No response.

MACLEOD Keep digging. We know we're heading in the right direction.

He sets back to work with ferocious determination.

MACLEOD (CONT'D) Widen the hole. Let some air in.

He and Richie clear away rubble as fast as they can.

MacLeod's desperation to reach the kid in time is clear.

MacLeod and Richie pull a huge timber free and expose a protected little alcove created by the blast.

Richie is the first to the hole and checks.

RICHIE He's in there. (a beat) He's not moving.

MACLEOD

Is he alive?

There's only one way to find out. Richie climbs through the hole to the boy.

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1215 CONTINUED: (2)

RICHIE (after a moment) He's breathing!

MacLeod waits at the entry to the little alcove until Richie hands the Boy out through the hole.

MacLeod carries him away from the rubble.

MACLEOD

He's in shock.

Richie crawls out of the hole.

MACLEOD (CONT'D) We have to get him up, he needs a doctor.

Richie arrives, brushing himself off.

RICHIE I'll do it. You find Anne.

MacLeod hands the Boy to Richie.

MACLEOD You better hurry.

RICHIE

races back down the tunnel with the boy.

MACLEOD

continues into the wrecked station, searching for Anne.

TRANSITION TO:

1216 INT. STAIRWELL - LONDON - 1940 - NIGHT

MacLeod and Diane are still clawing at the rubble, but they aren't getting anywhere.

Diane stops and leans back against a wall. He keeps working.

DTANE (giving up) I smell it too, Duncan. (beat) Must be three stories of debris above us.

MACLEOD (still working) Have to keep digging.

DIANE

In the morning... someone will dig us out in the morning.

MACLEOD Morning's too late. There's already too much gas and too little air. Τf we keep at it maybe we can dig an air passage.

She shakes her head.

DTANE

What's the use?

She thumps the wall, putting on a brave face:

DIANE (CONT'D) (wryly) Good solid British construction.

MacLeod won't quit. He keeps working as she tries to make herself comfortable on a pile of rubble. After a stretch of silence

> DIANE (CONT'D) (full of bravado) The worst thing about this? (beat) All those bozos who said I was going to get myself killed are going to be laughing about this. I hate that.

MACLEOD I'm not laughing.

DTANE Okay, not all the bozos.

He tries to smile.

DIANE (CONT'D) You're excused.

Her voice breaks and she turns away, trying to hide her tears.

MACLEOD

turns her to face him. She tries to laugh it off.

DIANE

Dirt in my eye.

He takes her in his arms and she buries her face in his shoulder.

1216 CONTINUED: (2)

DIANE (CONT'D) Whatever evidence you may think you've seen to the contrary, I really don't want to die.

He takes her hand and in silence holds it between his.

DIANE (CONT'D) You're supposed to say something like: Buck up, we're not going to die.

MACLEOD (with determination) We're not.

He goes back to digging. His eyes focus on Diane's face.

Her tears flow freely.

TRANSITION TO:

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1218 INT. WRECKED STATION - SUBWAY LANDING - DAY (FORMERLY 1220) 1218 Anne MOANS. The contractions are starting up again.

> ANNE Ah!... Ah!... Oh, God. The baby.

KAREN

Now?

Anne is scared. She hugs her stomach.

ANNE (to the baby) Don't do this, sweetheart.

Karen puts an arm around Anne.

KAREN You'll be okay.

ANNE That's my line.

Karen smiles as Anne struggles with the contraction. Having a hard time. Getting a little desperate.

> KAREN How early are you?

ANNE Eight weeks. (beat) This can't be happening.

She pants as the contraction subsides. It's happening.

KAREN Trust me. I've had four of my own. You don't always get to chose the time and place.

Anne smiles through her pain and tears.

ANNE How do you feel about natural childbirth, Karen?

KAREN

(re Anne's stomach) I think the more important question is how does she feel about it.

She's struggling to hold it together. Karen takes her hand and Anne holds on tight.

> ANNE This is not how I pictured it.

> > KAREN

My oldest came in a taxi on the way to the hospital. She'll be okay.

Another contraction strikes. Anne tenses.

KAREN (CONT'D) Less than two minutes. (beat) Lie back.

Karen pulls off her sweater, makes a pillow for Anne's head.

ANNE

(panicked) I can't. We have to get out of here...

> KAREN (stopping her)

Anne, we're not going anywhere -and that baby's coming. Now lie back.

Anne does.

1218 CONTINUED: (2)

KAREN (CONT'D) We got to start you breathing.

Karen starts PANTING to demonstrate.

Anne starts PANTING in concert with Karen. It eases the pain. In the midst of it, from far off, comes a voice:

MACLEOD (O.S.)

Anne! Anne!

Anne thinks she's dreaming. She shuts her eyes, trying to block out the mirage.

MACLEOD (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Anne!

KAREN Do you hear that?

Anne opens her eyes in surprise and wonder.

ANNE

You heard it? It's real?

1219 INT. WRECKED STATION - THE PRESENT - DAY

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MACLEOD

(calling) Anne.

MacLeod is moving through the rubble, continuing his search. His way is blocked by fallen timbers and concrete.

He has to move some of it out of the way before he can continue on.

TRANSITION TO:

1220 INT. COLLAPSED STAIRWELL - LONDON - 1940 (FORMERLY 1218)

The oxygen-thin gas-laden air is slowly taking its toll.

MACLEOD

tries to stand. He gets to his feet, but it's too much for him and he slides back down to the floor.

DIANE

is in even worse shape. Just staying awake is hard.

1220 CONTINUED:

DIANE (CONT'D)

You know, I fantasized about us dying together, but it was always after we'd grown old and raised some grandchildren. Had some time on the front porch in rocking chairs. This... this is not what I had in mind.

He reaches over and takes her hand.

MACLEOD

How'd we skip to grandchildren so quick?

DIANE No, you're right. First come the kids. I figure maybe half-a-dozen.

MACLEOD You don't even know how to fantasize in moderation do you?

DIANE Why, don't you like kids?

MACLEOD

I like kids.

DTANE Well then, wouldn't you want to have some?

MACLEOD You have no idea.

At first she smiles, but it quickly turns sad.

DIANE This conversation is not making me feel better. (a beat) I'm scared, Duncan.

MACLEOD

Me too.

DIANE I've taken a lot of crazy risks, but I always thought I'd be okay. (beat) I've never been this close to dying. (beat) Have you?

1220 CONTINUED: (2)

MACLEOD

(softly) Yes.

DIANE

(confiding) When I was real little I got a doll for a birthday. She instantly became my all-time favorite doll.

MACLEOD

I thought I was.

DIANE

That's now, we're discussing then. (beat) I guess I loved her because she came in the mail from an aunt in Colorado I had never met. Still haven't. (beat) She was sort of the embodiment of all my dreams. Getting to Colorado. Growing up to be a real woman with a license to drive my own car. Someday finding you, although I must admit I thought your name was going to be George.

MACLEOD And what did I look like?

She studies his face.

DIANE

I'm not sure, but I think if I'd dared, he would have looked exactly like you, but that's not important. (long beat) Actually none of this would be important if it wasn't our last day on Earth.

MACLEOD It would be important to me.

DTANE

(a beat) It's so strange. I'm really scared, but I have no regrets about anything I've done, only about what I haven't done. About what it would have been like for us to live out our lives together.

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1220	CONTINUED: (3)					1220
	Her eyes begin to tear. She leans her head onto his chest and he bundles her in his arms.					
	DIANE (CONT'D) At least we get to die together.					
	MACLEOD					
	can't bear to look at her. His heart is breaking and he turns his face away, fighting back his own tears.					
	As MacLeod's eyes move to the rubble, we HEAR:					
	(callin Anne? (a beat Anne?	ıg)	(V.O.)	(CONT'D)		
				TRANSI	TION TO:	
1221	INT. WRECKED STATION	- ELSEWHE	ERE			1221
	MacLeod is moving with complete concentration and total determination through the rubble and debris.					
	Anne!	MACLEOD				
1222	INT. WRECKED STATION	- SUBWAY	LANDIN	G – RESUME		1222
	Duncan! (more) Duncan!	ANNE				
	(gettin Anne?	MACLEOD ng closer)				
	Anne, in hope and wor	nder, star	ts lau	ghing and crying	J •	
	My God. Du	ANNE incan.				
1223	EXT. STREET/SUBWAY EN	ITRANCE -	DAY			1223
	Richie emerges with the boy he rescued.					
	He stands holding him everything else going				sion of	
	(final) Hey!	RICHIE y)				
				(CONTINUED)		

1223 CONTINUED:

TWO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

At their nearby Emergency Vehicle, hear Richie and turn to him.

> RICHIE (CONT'D) Hey! Can we get a little help here?

They see what's going on and rush over and take the boy from Richie.

CHIEF HARDY

also sees what's going on and full of wrath, marches up to Richie.

> CHIEF HARDY (CONT'D) What the hell's the matter with you! I told you you couldn't go down there.

RICHIE I saved his life.

Richie's got no time to argue with him, and walks away.

CHIEF HARDY What the hell you doing?

RICHIE I'm going back down.

CHIEF HARDY

No you're not.

Hardy blows TWO TOOTS on his whistle and almost instantly

TWO BURLY FIREMEN

show up and grab Richie.

RICHIE My friend's are down there!

1224 INT. WRECKED STATION - DAY

MacLeod grunts with the effort as he moves some fallen lumber aside.

> MACLEOD Anne, hang on, I'm almost there.

ANNE (O.S.) Duncan, hurry.

The plea concerns him and he works faster.

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A last timber blocks the way and it won't budge. He kicks at the base several times, making a lot of noise and no progress.

> ANNE (O.S.) (CONT'D) Duncan, what's going on? You're knocking things down in here.

MacLeod finds a second, smaller timber and uses it to boost the stuck timber up and out of the way.

It exposes a narrow passageway.

He wriggles through a narrow passage. As he does

ANNE

has a huge contraction. She cries out in surprise and pain.

MACLEOD

reacts to her scream.

MACLEOD (CONT'D)

Anne!

1225 INT. WRECKED STATION - SUBWAY LANDING - CONTINUOUS

He pulls himself through the debris with a desperate heave.

MACLEOD What happened? Anne -- ?

ANNE (through gritted teeth) I'm all right.

KAREN

She's fine.

MACLEOD Then what -- ?

ANNE The baby's coming.

OFF his look.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT THREE

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ACT FOUR

FADE IN:

1226 EXT. STREET/SUBWAY ENTRANCE - DAY

Some Gas Company guys have just managed to close down a main valve. One of the Guys gets on a Walkie Talkie to:

CHIEF HARDY

has the Walkie Talkie up to his ear, listening.

RICHIE I've been down there... I can take you right to them. Don't waste the time searching.

Hardy considers for a moment, then hands a helmet and a slicker to Richie.

CHIEF HARDY

Put it on.

RICHIE

You got it.

Richie checks the helmet. It fits well.

Richie is grateful he's being allowed down.

RICHIE (CONT'D)

Thanks.

CHIEF HARDY (a beat; an order) Okay, let's move it.

The team starts down into the station. It's slow going.

1227 INT. WRECKED STATION - SUBWAY LANDING - DAY

MacLeod sits behind Anne, holding her in his arms and supporting her back. Karen wipes Anne's sweating brow, then her own.

> ANNE How am I doing?

KAREN Good. Doing very good. It won't be long.

ANNE Are you always this cheerful? 1226

1227 CONTINUED:

KAREN Sure -- when it's someone else having the baby.

Anne SCREAMS, overcome by a sudden, ferocious contraction.

MACLEOD

Let's breathe.

Anne starts her rhythmic panting with MacLeod.

MacLeod remembers a different panting: Diane in London.

1228 INT. STAIRWELL - LONDON - 1940 - NIGHT

They're running out of air. Diane lies in MacLeod's arms, PANTING weakly, speaking softly.

DIANE I'm sorry I got you into this. If I hadn't pushed you into going out.

MACLEOD Don't talk. Save your strength.

DIANE I just never imagined it would end so soon.

She smiles, touches his cheek.

DIANE (CONT'D) I always thought there'd be more time... more dancing...

MACLEOD

Shhh...

DIANE ... beaches, exotic hotel rooms.

MACLEOD This would be before the grandchildren?

She smiles.

DIANE

There's a place in Colorado. My aunt wrote us about it. Gothic? It's supposed to be so beautiful. I always meant to go. Now...

It hurts her to let it go.

MACLEOD

choking back tears, brings it to her.

MACLEOD

It is beautiful.

DIANE The wildflower capitol of America. I've seen pictures. (suspicious) You've been there?

MACLEOD There's only two ways in. Pack in over the pass from Aspen, or you can take the river, The Meanders.

DTANE Because it meanders?

MACLEOD All over itself. (a beat) If you come down the river in the late spring, after all the snow is gone, the fields are bursting with color. They seem to give off their own light.

He's looking inside, seeing it.

MACLEOD (CONT'D) Everything is perfect... The sky, the river, but it's the flowers, the flowers stay with you forever.

Diane, caught up in his description, retains enough of her old self to ask in surprise:

> DIANE You're not just making this up, are you?

Before he can answer, she puts a finger to his lips and stops him.

> DIANE (CONT'D) It doesn't matter. Tell me more.

He knows the end can't be very far away, and it's very hard for him.

She relaxes in his arms.

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gasps again at the pain, then struggles to get her breathing under control.

She is drenched in sweat.

Her eyes register agony and she fights it, and fights it, with intense concentration and finally turns it into perfect focus.

Karen crouches down between Anne's legs.

MACLEOD (to Karen) You did say you'd done this before.

KAREN Well... I've had 'em. Never caught one.

1229

1229 CONTINUED:

ANNE

Oh great.

MACLEOD

I'll do it.

ANNE No... You hold me.

Suddenly, there is another rumbling.

Everybody freezes and waits.

A section of ceiling falls not far from them, and then it's quiet again. Everybody can breath again.

Anne grunts. Contraction starting.

MacLeod rearranges and settles himself to support Anne from behind. He breathes with her as Anne PANTS desperately.

Karen struggles to stay calm.

KAREN

Push! (more demanding) Now! Push! Push!

ANNE

is pushing with every ounce of strength she can muster.

ANNE (CONT'D) (exhausted) I can't anymore!

MACLEOD

You have to!

ANNE

moans as she digs down deep for more.

MACLEOD Breathe! Breathe!

Anne is PANTING and pushing.

KAREN Push! Push! She's coming! She's coming! Push! Push! Push!

MACLEOD You can do it! You can do it! 1229 CONTINUED: (2)

And then with a HOWL that must echo through the entire station, she does it.

KAREN (astonished) Yes! (a beat) Yes! She's beautiful!

Macleod holds onto Anne as her entire body trembles with release and relief.

ANNE Let me see her. Let me see her.

Karen hands the baby to her. MacLeod hastily peels off his shirt to wrap around the wet baby.

Anne, in joyous tears, cradles her healthy, squalling daughter.

MacLeod, overwhelmed, cradles them both as we

TRANSITION TO:

1230 INT. STAIRWELL - LONDON - 1940 - DAY

MacLeod, in death, cradles Diane in his arms.

There is the sound of a pick, then a small hole opens up in the rubble. Light and air stream in.

MACLEOD

coughs back to life as the hole is widened and a Rescue Worker sticks his head in.

RESCUER

Hello?

He hears nothing and pulls out.

RESCUER (O.S.) (CONT'D) Nothing... move on.

MacLeod slowly regains consciousness.

MACLEOD

(weakly) Hello?

The Rescue Worker, very surprised, sticks his head back in.

RESCUER Right! Quite right. Are you okay?

(CONTINUED)

MACLEOD

I'm okay.

RESCUER You are one lucky bugger... we didn't expect to find anyone alive... what with all the gas.

MACLEOD'S

gaze goes to Diane's still form.

MACLEOD Just lucky, I guess.

RESCUER You just hang on, Mate, we'll have you out in a minute.

We PUSH IN on the Rescuer's HELMET LAMP and

TRANSITION TO:

1231 INT. WRECKED STATION - DAY - THE PRESENT

1231

1232

On a FLASHLIGHT BEAM, as Richie and a rescue team reach MacLeod, Anne and Karen.

RICHIE Mac? Mac, I'm back. We'll have you out in a minute.

A Second Rescuer peers in at them.

SECOND RESCUER Three of you in there?

Off the baby, a glowing Anne answers:

ANNE

Four.

1232 INT. WRECKED STATION - SUBWAY LANDING - CONTINUOUS

As the others work to get them out, we stay with Anne et al.

ANNE I've already picked a name for her.

MACLEOD Something simple I hope. Kids like simple names.

ANNE Mary. I'm going to call her Mary.

MacLeod is a little stunned.

MACLEOD

Mary?

ANNE You don't like it?

MACLEOD No, I do. Very much. (a beat) It was my mother's name..

ANNE

I know. (a beat) I asked Joe.

MacLeod is very pleased indeed.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT FOUR

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FADE IN:

1233 EXT. MACLEOD'S VICTORIAN - A FEW DAYS LATER

1233

ANGLE STRAIGHT ON the Victorian House we saw MacLeod and Richie working on. It is displayed in its most majestic light.

> RICHIE (O.S.) He picked all the colors himself.

MACLEOD (O.S.) (defensive) I did. I picked all the colors.

ANNE (O.S.) Well I think you did a great job.

MACLEOD (O.S.)

You do?

RICHIE (O.S.) I do too... that's why I was saying about the colors.

FINALLY, ANGLE ANNE

with her baby, admiring the renovated house.

ANNE Duncan. It's great.

MACLEOD I thought it would make a nice place to raise a family.

Anne doesn't get it until he hands over the keys.

MACLEOD (CONT'D)

It's yours.

Anne is overwhelmed. Flabbergasted.

ANNE Mine? Duncan, this is a wonderful gesture but I can't --

MACLEOD You don't have to. I put the house in the baby's name.

ANNE

But even so ...

1233 CONTINUED:

MACLEOD Anne... I want to do this for you and Mary. It's just my way of telling you if you need anything, ever...

She knows him well enough to know what that means.

ANNE

I don't know what to say.

Her eyes meet his. It is an uncertain but touching moment.

MACLEOD

Say yes.

She holds back her tears and, finally, takes his hand.

1233A EXT. WOODS - DAY

1233A

Richie and MacLeod are walking through the woods not far from the Victorian.

> RICHIE That was a helluva gesture, Mac, giving her the house. (beat) I used to think a dozen roses was a nice gift. Maybe an ankle bracelet, or a sweater or something.

> > MACLEOD

(pleased) I think she really liked it.

RICHIE Are you kidding, she's going to be pinching herself for three days just to make sure she's not dreaming. (beat) It's not every day that someone gets a five bedroom, four thousand square foot, custom home dropped in their laps.

MACLEOD For a minute there I thought she wasn't going to take it.

RICHIE No chance. As soon as you lifted those keys, I knew it was gone.

They continue on for a moment. Richie lifts a rock and tosses it into the woods.

1233A CONTINUED:

RICHIE (CONT'D) You mind if I ask you something?

MACLEOD You want to know why?

RICHIE

(beat) You thinking maybe of moving in someday.

MACLEOD

No... We were done a long time ago.

RICHIE

I don't get it. I know you're a generous guy, but you've been working on that place for months. You know every nail personally.

MACLEOD

Did you see the look on her face when she took the keys?

RICHIE Yeah... She was glowing.

MACLEOD That's the reason. For that one moment... for the look on her face.

RICHIE

Got it.

MACLEOD I think it's time to go home.

RICHIE

One more thing... (beat) If you ever feel like playing contracter... I hate the apartment I'm in. The bedroom's tiny, the shower's a joke...

MACLEOD (with a smile) I'll keep it in mind.

As they go off together.

FADE OUT.

T<u>HE END</u>

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