MOONLIGHTING

"Somewhere Under the Rainbow"

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ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. A CITY STREET - NIGHT

A heavyset OLDER MAN paces back and forth on the darkened street as he nervously takes out a cigarette. He looks up at the building, and we SEE from his POV...

A WINDOW

The lighted window of a room four floors up in the rundown building. Large painted letters on the side of the building read...

GLENLEVITT HOTEL DAILY/WEEKLY RATES

OLDER MAN

...We can SEE his face now. He is in his 50's, balding with a fringe of tousled red hair. His rugged face reflects a life filled with disappointments, failures and now...revenge.

INT. HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

...CLOSE ON a bottle of Irish whiskey refilling two well-worn hotel glasses. The warm sound of a woman's hearty LAUGH fills the room. SLOWLY PULL BACK to show the source of the infectious laugh...KATHLEEN KILPATRICK. She is age 27, flirtatious...pretty, with auburn hair and freckles. She wears virtually no make-up; her complexion has the naturally scrubbed look of an Irish Spring commercial.

Her companion is a handsome YOUNG MAN in his late 20's... American. He is more tentative than she, perhaps still reeling at his unexpected good fortune at being in a hotel room with so captivating a creature.

YOUNG MAN ...to the luck of those who meet the Irish.

He puts his glass down and slowly moves toward her. She smiles a warm, wonderful smile.

OLDER MAN

as he continues to stare at the lighted window.

WINDOW

as the light goes out.

OLDER MAN

as he stubs out his cigarette and picks up a duffle bag. He moves toward the entrance to the hotel.

KATHLEEN

as the couple gently kiss in the now dimly lit room.

OLDER MAN

as he climbs the flight of stairs, then stops to catch his breath.

KATHLEEN AND YOUNG MAN

as she lies on the bed and he tenderly puts his hand to her cheek.

OLDER MAN

...huffing and puffing as he reaches another landing. He opens his bag and puts on a ski mask.

KATHLEEN AND YOUNG MAN

embracing -- kissing.

Suddenly the door BURSTS open. The couple bolt up in the harsh light of the hallway.

OLDER MAN

as he stands in the doorway, pointing a shotgun.

OLDER MAN (panting from the long climb)

Give it to me.

KATHLEEN

You best leave.

There's no mistaking her Irish brogue...or his.

OLDER MAN

Give it to me.

He moves towards the bed.

YOUNG MAN

(softly)

My God...

KATHLEEN

You best leave or harm will come to you.

The Older Man cocks the shotgun.

OLDER MAN

I said give it to me.

KATHLEEN

I warned you.

Kathleen holds up her hand, palm facing the masked figure.

OLDER MAN (realizing)

No...

KATHLEEN

May all the unblessed spirits of the night run wild... Hear the wail of the banshee, and the coach de bour claim your soul...

The Older Man grabs his chest, dropping the shotgun. He crashes against the door, gasping for breath...then falls to the floor.

YOUNG MAN

stunned, as he looks at the figure on the floor and then at the strangely calm woman. Panicking, he grabs his shirt and slowly edges out the door.

KATHLEEN

sits frozen on the edge of the bed...her eyes welling with tears.

She slowly gets up and walks over to the dead man.

KATHLEEN

Ich am of Irlonde, Ant of the holy lande of Irlonde. Gode sire, pray ich the, For of saynte charite, Come ant dance wythe me in Irlonde.

She pulls her scarf around her neck and slowly, calmly WALKS down the hall.

CUT TO:

BLUE MOON AGENCY - DAY - ESTABLISHING SHOT EXT.

INT. BLUE MOON AGENCY/DAVID'S OFFICE - DAY

DAVID sits at his desk, slowly flipping pages of a "Playboy-type" calendar.

DAVID

Hello, there....

(flips page)

You know, February, I for one don't care if you are short... (flips another

page)

Wow!

okay?

(he does a spin in his chair) Can I just say I love you,

ON DOORWAY

as MADDIE walks in. She is carrying a handful of papers.

MADDIE

David, what are these bills

to...

(sees him spinning)

What are you doing?

DAVID

(smiles)

Checking my calendar.

What's to check? You haven't had anything on your calendar for weeks.

DAVID
(another smile as he looks at the page again)
March is guite

Actually, March is quite, uh... "full."

MADDIE (confused) But it's not March. (walking to desk)

What are you looking at...
(her voice trails off as she realizes)

I don't believe this. This is what you've been doing all morning? I'm worrying about paying the bills ...wishing that one morning...just one morning, I walk in and the office is overflowing with clients...and you're lusting over pictures of naked women?

DAVID
Hold on...A, I don't lust.
Except the time you wore that red dress. B, these women are nudes, not nakeds.

MADDIE Right. Nakeds are the ones without the staples.

DAVID C...I'd like our office to overflow with clients too, and...

(MORE)

DAVID (Cont'd) (taking a hammer and nails out of his desk)

D, do you realize what a great price you can get on a calendar in the middle of the year?

MADDIE (looking at hammer and nails)

What are you doing?

DAVID

Redecorating.

MADDIE No, you don't. That is crude, exploitative trash and it doesn't belong in an office.

DAVID

Maddie, it's the human form...

the greatest of all God's

creations... Okay, so they
airbrush the knockers a little.

MADDIE You're disgusting.

began. Where do you think
music came from?...Some long
hair didn't just sit down and
write a bunch of Hallelujahs
and call it a Chorus... No...
it started with sexual
primitive rhythms, Maddie. It
started in the jungle when some
guy looked at a naked woman and
started pounding on a tree...
(MORE)

DAVID (Cont'd) (starts pounding on his desk)

...sexual primitive rhythms... and then somebody else pounded back...more sex, more rhythms, more pounding.

(more pounding)
And pretty soon we had...
(starts singing slowly)

Pa pappa oo mau mau, Pa pappa oo mau mau... (faster)

Pa pappa oo mau mau...Pa pappa oo mau mau...

MADDIE (standing up, grabbing calendar)

I don't know why I ever listen to you.

DAVID
(grabbing the
calendar back)
Hey, you want one...get your
own.

You're like a schoolboy. You have no sophistication. No sensitivity. No...no...poetry.

That hurt.

DAVID
No poetry!?! You're telling me
I have no poetry. Who do you
think taught Dipesto how to
answer the phone with those
cute little jingles?

MADDIE That's not poetry.

(CONTINUED)

DAVID
(strong;
committed to
the argument)
It rhymes, doesn't it?

MADDIE
Poetry is a state of being...
it's an attitude...it's in the soul.

I'll have you know I'm dripping with poetry.

MADDIE
That's drool, David, and it comes from looking at all those pictures.

ON DIPESTO

as she stands in the doorway. She clears her throat to get their attention...to no avail.

ON DAVID AND MADDIE

My poetry is just different from your basic hob-nob snob poetry, that's all. But all us innovative vanguard types are misunderstood.

MADDIE I don't believe this.

DAVID

Why...I remember when they told

e. e. cummings...e. e., use caps.

But did e. e. give in?

(spelling it
out)

...n...o... Little n, little o.

MADDIE I am not having this conversation.

Or when they told Sylvia Plath...hey, cheer up.

ON DIPESTO

still in the doorway.

DIPESTO

Excuse me.

Maddie and David look over simultaneously.

DIPESTO

(continuing)

We have a, uh...

(she can barely say the word)

...a client.

DAVID/MADDIE

A what?

DIPESTO

A client...a woman. I think she's foreign.

MADDIE

You're sure?

DIPESTO

She sounds foreign.

MADDIE

No, I mean you're sure there's a client?

Dipesto looks back to the reception area to make sure...turns back.

DIPESTO

(smiles)

Yep.

MADDIE

(stunned also)

Oh, well, uh...send her in.

As Dipesto nods and exits, Maddie and David both realize and grab for the calendar. David wins as Dipesto returns. The client is the woman we saw earlier... Kathleen Kilpatrick.

Maddie steps forward with her hand extended.

MADDIE

Hello, I'm Madelyn Hayes, this is David Addison...thank you for choosing the Blue Moon Detective Agency.

KATHLEEN

Kathleen Kilpatrick.

David stares at her, transfixed.

DAVID

Wow . . .

He absently drops the calendar into an adjacent wastebasket.

KATHLEEN
Sorry to be troublin' you like
this without an appointment.

DAVID

No trouble at all. We were in the process of rearranging our calendar anyway.

(pointing to a

chair)

Won't you have a seat?

All three sit down.

MADDIE

Well, Ms. Kilpatrick, what can we do for you?

KATHLEEN

I would like to hire you. I am bein' chased by a man, and I want you to protect me.

MADDIE

I see. Do you know who this man is?

KATHLEEN

No.

DAVID

Or why he's chasing you?

KATHLEEN
Oh, indeed I know that. He's after my pot of gold.

DAVID (in disbelief)
Your pot of gold?

KATHLEEN

Yes.

MADDIE
Excuse me. I'm afraid I don't
understand... What do you mean
by your "pot of gold"?

I'm sorry, I should have explained. You see, I am a leprechaun.

MADDIE

A leprechaun?

KATHLEEN
Uh-huh. You are familiar with
them, are you not?

DAVID
Oh, sure. I did a lot of reading about them...
(sotto)
...when I was seven.
(to Kathleen)
But, uh...aren't you a little tall?

We can assume all manner of shapes.

DAVID
Really. Well, may I commend
you on yours.

Kathleen smiles.

MADDIE (standing up) Umm...Ms. Kilpatrick, would you excuse us a moment, please?

Maddie and David walk out to the...

INT. CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

DAVID
Is this a great case or what?

MADDIE
This is not a great case. Or even a good case. And it is definitely not our case.

DAVID

Maddie, you mean to tell me you would turn a client away simply because she's a leprechaun?

Talk about discrimination.

MADDIE
David, she is not a leprechaun.
Leprechauns are little green people --

Okay, so they changed the dress code.

MADDIE
-- who exist only in fairy tales.

DAVID
All right, look, leprechauns
grant wishes, right?
(no response)
Well, this morning we both
asked for a client...and now we
have one.

MADDIE We asked for an office overflowing with clients.

DAVID
Boy, you're a tough customer.
I bet you didn't clap your
hands to save Tinkerbell.

MADDIE
David, this woman does not need
a detective. What she needs is
a psychiatrist...lots of them.

DAVID

Ours is not to reason why.
Ours is to take the case and the money.

MADDIE

More of your poetry, I suppose.

DAVID

You want poetry? Fairy tales are poetry...fantasy is poetry...leprechauns are poetry. That woman is poetry. If she doesn't have poetry in her soul...no one does.

MADDIE

David, that woman needs help, and it is not right for us to lead her on by taking this case.

DAVID

What if we just take it for a week?

Maddie starts to walk away.

DAVID

(following
after her)

Okay...a couple of days.

She continues walking.

DAVID

(continuing)

A lunch hour?

MADDIE

(turning back)

I can't believe you would actually take this case.

DAVID

Somebody's going to -- it might as well be us.

(CONTINUED)

MADDIE

Addison, if you take this case — you take it alone. I won't be a party to this.

Maddie has reached her office.

DAVID
Hey, look at the upside. If she's telling the truth and someone is chasing her -- we'll be protecting her. If you're right, she isn't a leprechaun and nobody's chasing her -- it's an easy job.

MADDIE
You are having this
conversation by yourself.

She slams the door in David's face.

DAVID Then why aren't I winning?

CUT TO:

INT. MADDIE'S OFFICE

Maddie breathes a heavy sigh.

MADDIE
(mumbling as
she sits down
at her desk)
I did too clap for Tinkerbell.

She looks around and realizes that her desk is clean -- she has no work to do.

MADDIE (continuing; still mumbling)

...maybe she didn't mean leprechaun as in...leprechaun. (as she stands

up)
...maybe it's just a figure of speech.

As she reaches the door and opens it.

From Maddie's POV we SEE David walking out with Kathleen.

DAVID

In order for me to do the best job possible, I'm gonna have to be by your side twenty-four hours a day. Hope that won't bother you?

KATHLEEN

No, not at all.

DAVID

Good. Good. Now tell me how'd you happen to pick the Blue Moon Agency? Our ads?...our billboard?...our television commercials?...I write all the jingles, you know.

KATHLEEN

Actually, by the name.

DAVID

Really.

KATHLEEN

A blue moon is very lucky for leprechauns. We have our powers by night.

David nods his head understandingly.

ANGLE ON MADDIE

as she shakes her head in disgust.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. AN IRISH PUB - NIGHT

It is definitely a bit of old Ireland. An assortment of IRISH CHARACTERS crowd the bar; huge beer mugs line the walls. In one corner a raucous dart game goes on. The place is very Irish, very alive, and very loud.

(CONTINUED)

As music plays, ASSORTED CUSTOMERS dance the jig. As the crowd parts, in the middle WE SEE David and Kathleen. Kathleen is teaching him the steps.

KATHLEEN
(yelling over
the noise)
Why, Mr. Addison, I believe you
have a touch of the Irish in
you after all.

David continues to dance with all the enthusiasm of a "born again" Irishman.

SEAN MCBRIDE

a ruggedly attractive man in his early thirties watches them attentively. We realize his interest is more than casual.

KATHLEEN AND DAVID

stop dancing. David obviously can't take any more. He is out of breath and exhausted.

As they walk back to their table...

DAVID
You ever think of doing an exercise video?

Kathleen laughs.

DAVID
(continuing)
I'm serious. It's very popular
in this country. People
actually pay to feel this
way...sweating, panting,
gasping for air. It's a big
business.

David watches as Kathleen sits at their table. He's staring -- interested -- intrigued. Then he sits down next to her.

I'm glad we came here. I know it sounds silly, me being here only a few days, but I'm homesick.

David smiles -- he just continues to stare.

KATHLEEN
(feeling a tad
uncomfortable)
Shouldn't you be asking me some
questions?

DAVID Okay. Where do you want to go after this?

KATHLEEN That's not what I meant.

They both smile. David leans back in his chair...he's about to play detective. A WAITER brings two more beers.

DAVID (to Waiter)

Thanks.

(to Kathleen)
Actually, I have a lot of
questions I want to ask you.
Some of them are going to get
personal...maybe we'll both
blush, but I have to pry...it's
what I do for a living.

KATHLEEN

I understand.

DAVID
What's it like being a
leprechaun? Were your parents
leprechauns? Do you have
brother and sister leprechauns?
When you were a teenager, did
you have to go out only with
other leprechauns?...Or were
you allowed to date out of your
fairy tale?

KATHLEEN (smiling warmly)

Mr. Addison, are you makin' fun of me?

DAVID

No. It's just that I never danced with a leprechaun before.

KATHLEEN Good thing...Usually they're men.

DAVID So, you're sort of a pioneer, huh? Leprechaun lib and all.

I'm not at all surprised that you're skeptical. My father always told me that most people wouldn't believe. He said it was somethin' that was best left unsaid.

DAVID
(humoring her)
Your father was also a
leprechaun?

Not in the sense that I am.
But he passed the spirit and the traditions down to me.

(and then)

We leprechauns have a certain understanding about life...an appreciation of all that's decent in people. We have the ability to help the people whose lives we touch..

(leaning back)
that's what they really mean by
the saying "the luck of the
Irish."

DAVID
(taken with her
conviction)
Did you take EST?

KATHLEEN I beg your pardon?

DAVID
What I don't understand is...
if leprechauns are so
magical...why'd you hire a
private detective?

We have special powers only at night...by day we're very vulnerable.

(smiling)
I don't expect you to
understand everything right
away, Mr. Addison. I'm sure up
until today you thought
leprechauns only existed in
fairy tales.

David smiles -- she is convincing.

DAVID
(in an Irish
broque)
Well, Kathleen Kilpatrick,
fairy tale or not, may I
propose a toast to you.

He holds up his glass in a toast.

Suddenly the music and dancing STOP. Everyone in the bar STANDS UP and raises their glasses as they yell...

CUSTOMERS

A toast! A toast!

David stops, stunned, as all eyes focus on him.

DAVID

(to Kathleen)

What are they doing?

KATHLEEN

Toasting is a hallowed ritual to the Irish. You'd better make it good.

A MAN

Come on...come out with with it, man!

David nods nervously and stands up.

DAVID (in an Irish broque)

To Kathleen... I now understand what they mean by the saying... "when Irish eyes are smiling."

The Customers make a loud approving noise and then take a drink. David sits back down.

That was lovely. Thank you.

(and then)

Mr. Addison, there's something
very important that I must tell
you.

CUSTOMERS

A toast! A toast!

Again, everyone stands up, including David and Kathleen.

Too all the lassies who would've loved me had they known me.

More approving noises...more gulps.

As David and Kathleen sit back down.

DAVID

You were saying?

KATHLEEN I killed a man last night.

DAVID

Excuse me?

A WOMAN stands with her glass raised. Everyone stands, including Kathleen and David, who reluctantly follow.

WOMAN
And to the poor lassie who loves you...even after she knows you.

More approving noises and more gulps.

As David and Kathleen sit back down...

DAVID

I'm not sure I heard you correctly.

CUSTOMERS

A toast! A toast!

Again, everyone stands, except David and Kathleen.

DAVID

How long will this go on?

KATHLEEN

Could be days.

David nods knowingly.

KATHLEEN

(continuing)

Perhaps we should talk outside.

CUT TO:

EXT. IRISH PUB - NIGHT

As David and Kathleen walk...

KATHLEEN

(softly)

I told you before that one man was chasing me. Well, the truth is there were two. One of them broke into my hotel room last night...he had a gun...I had no choice...I had to kill him.

DAVID

(not believing)

Okay, let me get this straight. You say you killed a man last night.

KATHLEEN

Yes.

DAVID

Anybody you know?...a jealous leprechaun?...an irate troll?

Kathleen is quiet, hurt that he's not taking her seriously.

DAVID

Look, I'm sorry... How exactly did you kill him?

KATHLEEN

With a spell.

DAVID

A what?

KATHLEEN

I held up my hand...
(holds up her hand)
...and I recited an

...and I recited an incantation...

DAVID (quickly putting her hand down)

That's okay. I'm not big on visual aids.

KATHLEEN And then he fell over...dead.

DAVID
(still not
believing her)
You killed a man by saying some
magical words.

KATHLEEN

Yes.

DAVID

Oooookay....

As they continue to walk for a beat, David is now really beginning to worry about the stability of this woman.

But Kathleen turns suddenly frightened...as if she's had a vision.

KATHLEEN

There's a man following us.

David glances at her warily.

KATHLEEN

(continuing)

If you listen ever so carefully, you can feel his footsteps.

David slowly looks back.

From his POV we SEE an empty street behind them.

DAVID

I have an idea. Let's get some coffee.

KATHLEEN

No, we are not safe. Quickly...in here.

She takes David's hand and pulls him into an alley ...

EXT. ALLEY - CONTINUOUS

David looks around at the littered, graffiti-laden alleyway.

DAVID

Are you crazy? This place is a mugging waiting to happen!

KATHLEEN

Come on ... hurry, hurry.

She forcefully grabs his hand and the two hurry down the alleyway.

DAVID

Aren't I supposed to be protecting you?

KATHLEEN

You <u>must</u> be Irish...you're stubborn too.

DAVID AND KATHLEEN

turning a corner at the far end of the alley.

EXT. ALLEY - A DIFFERENT SECTION - CONTINUOUS

Kathleen abruptly stops. She pushes David against the wall.

KATHLEEN Stay here where it's safe.

DAVID
Pardon my fragile male ego, but
I'm really beginning to take
offense at this.

David peers around the corner. From his POV we SEE...

SEAN MCBRIDE

walking towards them.

DAVID

looks back at Kathleen in disbelief.

DAVID My God! There really is a man.

I'll deal with him.

SEAN MCBRIDE

stops...surprised to see Kathleen step back out at the far end of the alley.

KATHLEEN
You best leave or harm will
come to you.

David steps out beside her.

DAVID
Yeah...don't make her do
anything you'll regret.
(to Kathleen)
What are we planning to do?

SEAN MCBRIDE

as he continues walking toward them.

(CONTINUED)

KATHLEEN

KATHLEEN
I'm warnin' ya! I'll put the "come hither" on you.

DAVID

(sotto)

The "come what"?

(turns to

Kathleen)

Don't you have anything in a "go away" hither?

SEAN MCBRIDE

His booming voice also carries an Irish accent.

MCBRIDE

Do you take me for some kind of fool, Kathleen Kilpatrick? I don't buy all those old superstitions.

DAVID AND KATHLEEN

He takes her arm...

DAVID

He's not buying...let's stop selling...

...but Kathleen doesn't move. Instead she slowly raises her hand, palm facing McBride.

SEAN MCBRIDE

stops, then smiles and just as slowly pulls out a gun.

McBRIDE

Let's see your magic beat this.

DAVID AND KATHLEEN

DAVID

A gun?

(to Kathleen)

He has a gun.

Kathleen just continues to stare at McBride, hand outstretched.

DAVID (continuing; to

McBride)

Okay, buddy...this means we're gonna have to bring out our best stuff...

KATHLEEN

(slowly)

May all the unblessed spirits of the night run wild..

David looks around frantically for some kind of a weapon.

KATHLEEN

(continuing)

Hear the wail of the banshee ...

David grabs a trash can lid and sails it down the alley. Much to his surprise, it works.

SEAN MCBRIDE

as he is hit by the trash can lid and drops the gun.

KATHLEEN

(continuing)

...and the coach de bour claim your...

DAVID

(to Kathleen)

We're leaving now. I think we got him.

DAVID AND KATHLEEN

David grabs Kathleen's arm and drags her back around the corner.

SEAN MCBRIDE

as he picks up his gun and races after them. When he reaches the corner, we SEE from his POV that the littered alley is deserted.

He slowly walks along, kicking over boxes and garbage bins...convinced David and Kathleen are hiding inside one of them.

As he continues to search...

WE SLOWLY MOVE up an old fire escape, across a board connecting two rooftops and then to the pitch of a roof where David and Kathleen sit, looking down at the scene below. David is rubbing soot and grime off his coat.

From their POV we SEE McBride walking underneath.

KATHLEEN

If you'd let me use the "come hither," we'd be rid of him once and for all.

DAVID
Look...in a duel between an outstretched hand and a real gun, I go with the percentages.
Call me conservative.
(and then)
Who is that guy?

KATHLEEN
(looking down)
I don't know. I've never seen
him before.
(and then)
I wonder how he knew my name?

On their look to each other, we...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

INT. MADDIE'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Maddie is in bed, sound asleep, when...the doorbell RINGS repeatedly. She opens her eyes, looks at the clock which reads 1:00 A.M.

SHOCK CUT TO:

INT. MADDIE'S LIVING ROOM

Maddie's putting on her robe as she rushes down the stairs. We continue to HEAR the doorbell as well as...

DAVID (O.S.) Maddieee...

Not fully awake, Maddie slowly opens the door.

FROM HER POV

David and Kathleen stand there, disheveled, dirty and tired.

DAVID
(edging his way
into the
house)

Glad you were up. We were just in the neighborhood...do you mind if Kathleen uses the restroom?

KATHLEEN Good evening, Ms. Hayes.

DAVID
(to Kathleen,
pointing)
Down the hall, first door on
your left.

Kathleen heads toward the restroom.

DAVID (continuing) Thanks, Maddie.

MADDIE Addison, what are you doing here?

As David moves Maddie towards the kitchen...

MADDIE (continuing)
Why are you so...so...dirty?

DAVID
Do you see me complaining about the way you look?

(looks at her; pleased with what he sees)
You always look like this in the middle of the night?

They walk into the...

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

MADDIE

(cool)

Okay, what are you doing here?

DAVID

Maddie, she wasn't lying to us when she said someone was chasing her.

MADDIE

Chasing her to get her "pot of gold" was the entire sentence, I believe.

DAVID

I remember.

MADDIE

David, I do not believe in leprechauns. I do not believe she is a leprechaun.

(CONTINUED)

DAVID

I remember that too. And believe me, I'm with you on this one. But leprechaun or no leprechaun, there really was someone chasing her...chasing us...with a gun.

MADDIE

A gun?

DAVID

(thinking)

And a high powered car.

Maddie just listens -- David can tell she's about to reconsider...she just needs a little push...

DAVID

(continuing)

With plastic explosives.

Maddie doesn't buy that one.

DAVID

(continuing)

Overkill?

Maddie nods.

DAVID

(continuing)

Okay, it was just a gun. But it was a gun, Maddie... I saw it.

MADDIE

But why?

DAVID

Because he was pointing it at me.

MADDIE

(irritated)

Why is someone chasing her?

DAVID

(weakly)

To get her pot of gold?

MADDIE

David!

DAVID

Maddie, I don't know why. All I know is she's in trouble and she needs our help.

MADDIE

(wavering)

Well...I guess it wouldn't hurt to talk to her.

As Maddie starts for the living room, David steps in front of the door.

DAVID

There's just one other thing you should know.

MADDIE

What?

DAVID

She said she killed a man with her hand.

MADDIE

Karate?

DAVID

No...more like early Diana Ross.

(puts up his hand a la "Stop in the Name of Love")

Then she said some words and boom...he was gone.

Maddie stares at him in disbelief.

SHOCK CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The kitchen door opens and Maddie comes out like a storm trooper...David is right behind her.

(CONTINUED)

MADDIE (calling out)

Ms. Kilpatrick, I think it's time you and I had a little chat.

Maddie is walking quickly through the room, looking down the hallway...there's no sign of Kathleen.

MADDIE

(continuing)

Well, it looks like your friend has disappeared on us.

DAVID

No, she hasn't.

ON DAVID

as he looks down at the couch where from his POV we SEE that Kathleen has fallen asleep. She looks peaceful, almost childlike.

MADDIE

looks at both of them and feels slightly embarrassed that she was accusatory.

DAVID

You know, she fell asleep on your couch, Maddie...that means she feels safe here.

MADDIE

It means she's tired. God knows where you've been dragging her around tonight.

DAVID

No, Maddie, look at her. That's a peaceful sleep. You can't have a peaceful sleep unless you feel safe. She trusts us, Maddie...because she knows we'll protect her.

Maddie leans over and slides a pillow under Kathleen's head. She is softening...

DAVID

(continuing)

Except for the fact that she thinks she's a leprechaun... she's really a very normal person.

MADDIE

(after a pause)

If...if I decide to take this case, she's gonna have to tell me the truth... who she really is and why someone's chasing her.

DAVID

Okay. Fine. I'm with you on that.

MADDIE

And...she should know we don't buy this leprechaun business.

DAVID

Definitely. Agreed. You got it.

(and then;

philosophically) .

You know, it is interesting -she could have been anything...
Cinderella, Alice in
Wonderland, but, no, she chose
to be a leprechaun. Damnest
thing, isn't it?

He looks at Maddie. Her stare tells him...he'd better stop right there.

DAVID

(continuing)

I'll have a talk with her tomorrow.

David looks at the sleeping woman one last time.

DAVID

(continuing)

Sweet dreams.

INT. MORGUE - DAY

ARTHUR MILTON, the thin wiry coroner, is leading David and Maddie into the body room. His attitude about it all is detached, cynical.

ARTHUR

Yeah, a man's body was found in a hotel room, all right.

DAVID

You're sure it was the Glenlevitt Hotel?

ARTHUR

Yeah.

DAVID

And he was wearing a ski mask?

ARTHUR

Yeah.

DAVID

(to Maddie)

Gotta be the same guy.

David and Maddie look around the room. They see a series of closed drawers...each labelled and containing a body. The quiet eerie room gives David the willies.

DAVID

(looking

around)

Hell of a filing system you've

got here.

(to Maddie)

Now, you don't have to look if you don't want to. Nothing to be embarrassed about if you're a little squeamish.

MADDIE

I'm okay, really.

ARTHUR

Yep, here he is.

(reading from

label)

Edward O'Leary.

DAVID

(to Maddie)

Irish guy.

As if this makes Kathleen's story any more true.

ARTHUR

Apparently he'd only been here a couple of days. We found a passport and a plane ticket on him.

Arthur pulls the drawer out. The body is under a sheet. Arthur lifts the sheet, Maddie looks at the body, she's fine. David looks straight ahead; despite himself, he glances down occasionally.

ARTHUR

You recognize him?

MADDIE

We never knew him.

ARTHUR

Then what'd you want to look at the body for?

MADDIE

(to David)

What'd we want to look at the body for?

DAVID

We're private detectives...it's what we do.

ARTHUR

(deadpan)

Wanna look at any others while you're here?

DAVID

No, thanks. One stiff a day is my limit.

Arthur closes the door. As the trio turn to leave...

MADDIE

What was the cause of death?

(CONTINUED)

ARTHUR

Heart failure.

DAVID

That's it?

ARTHUR

(deadpan)

Usually that's all it takes.

DAVID

(awkward)

Could he have died from some sort of a spell?

Maddie can't believe that David is asking this question.

ARTHUR

A spell?

DAVID

Yeah. You know...a couple of hocus pocus words and the guy's history.

ARTHUR

Did you take a good look at that guy?

DAVID

(defensive)

Yeah, sure, I looked at him.

ARTHUR

He was fifty-five years old... smoked...climbed four flights of stairs...and was seventy pounds overweight...his ticker just gave out.

DAVID

So, you're saying the only words that killed him were... "I'll have another piece of pie"?

ARTHUR

You got it.

INT. MADDIE'S CAR - DAY

As they drive back to the office. MADDIE is behind the steering wheel.

DAVTD

You know what doesn't make sense?

MADDIE

This entire case.

(and then)

If O'Leary wanted to kill

Kathleen, why didn't he do it

back in Ireland? Why follow
her to Los Angeles?

DAVID

Maybe he thought if he killed her here, he could go back to Ireland and never be found out.

MADDIE

Why does he want to kill her at all?

(before David can answer) And don't say to get her pot of

DAVID
I don't know any other reason.

as the car pulls into...

INT. PARKING GARAGE - CONTINUOUS

gold.

MADDIE

Do you think she <u>really</u> believes she's a leprechaun?

DAVID

Truth?

Maddie nods.

DAVID

(continuing)

I think she does.

Suddenly the sound of a shot echoes through the garage. A bullet nicks the side of Maddie's car.

MADDIE

Why is someone shooting at us?

DAVID

Did you forget to signal?

MADDIE'S CAR

screeches to a halt as David and Maddie both duck.

ON CAR WINDOW

as first David and then Maddie slowly peek out.

DAVID

I wish people would just learn to use the horn...

From their POV we SEE...

SEAN MCBRIDE

holding Kathleen by the arm and putting her in the car. She offers no resistance.

DAVID

It's the guy from the alley... the one I told you about with the gun.

MADDIE AND DAVID'S POV

McBride is pointing a gun towards them.

MADDIE

Well, at least he's consistent.

They both duck.

INT. MADDIE'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

Maddie and David are crouched on the floor.

MADDIE

What are we gonna do now?

DAVID

Wait for him to stop shooting.

MADDIE (getting a brilliant idea)

We'll...ram him!

DAVID

Ram him?

MADDIE

We'll block the entrance so he can't escape.

DAVID
(realizes she's
serious)
ais isn't bumper

Maddie, this isn't bumper cars...in real life crashes, cars gets ruined, people get hurt...

Maddie sits up. From her POV we SEE...McBRIDE starting his car.

Maddie's hands are poised like a race car driver. David sits up...

DAVID This could ruin your driving record.

Maddie steps on the accelerator...

ON MADDIE'S CAR

as McBride's car backs right into it. A bumper on Maddie's car falls off.

ON DAVID

who has been thrown to the floor in the collision... as he climbs back into his seat.

DAVID ...not to mention your insurance rates.

You might want to use your seatbelt.

He grabs the seatbelt just as Maddie accelerates. The belt extends as he is thrown back onto the floor again.

MADDIE'S CAR

This time she manages to cut off McBride at one of the garage exits. The two cars crash together again. Maddie's car loses a fender.

I take it you've never done this before.

But Maddie ignores him...she is a woman possessed.

MADDIE (to McBride) So...you wanna play hard ball.

McBRIDE

in panic hits reverse and speeds off backwards. Kathleen sits impassively in the passenger seat.

DAVID

has been thrown on the floor again.

DAVID

Is it over yet?

Maddie grips the wheel tighter.

MADDIE
I'm gonna head him off at D
Blue 3.

David struggles back to his seat.

Just catch him while we still have some part of a car left.

MADDIE'S CAR

as she pursues McBride back and forth between a series of pillars like a slalom course.

McBRIDE'S CAR

as it spins out at the last column, does a 180-degree turn into a wall and stops sideways. The wall above reads "D Blue 3."

DAVID

eyes wide open with terror as he sees the same fate awaiting them. He ducks.

MADDIE

looking down at him.

MADDIE
David, would you stop worrying?
I said D Blue 3, didn't I? I
have everything under control.

(looks up)
Oh my God!

Maddie ducks down too.

MADDIE'S CAR

as it also does a 180-degree turn and crashes sideways into McBride's car.

McBRIDE

as he frantically tries to restart his car.

ON DAVID

on the floor. He opens his door and starts to crawl out.

BETWEEN CARS

David reaches across and yanks open the passenger side of McBride's car, and grabs Kathleen's hand.

As McBride accelerates, David hangs on and both he and Kathleen come tumbling out. McBride speeds away.

As David and Kathleen are left sitting on the garage floor.

DAVID
You hardly ever get to open a car door for a woman anymore.

Maddie comes rushing around from the driver's side.

MADDIE (to Kathleen) Are you all right?

Yes...yes, I think so.

DAVID
(miffed he
wasn't asked)
Except for whiplash, a
dislocated shoulder, and
seatbelt burns, I'm fine, too.

MADDIE (shaken)
I can't believe I did that.

DAVID From now on...I'm driving.

CUT TO:

INT. MADDIE'S OFFICE - DAY (5:30 P.M.)

David is wiping grease off his suit. Maddie brings Kathleen a cup of coffee.

MADDIE I specifically told Dipesto not to leave you alone.

KATHLEEN
It's not her fault. She was with me the entire day. I finally told her to go home. No sooner did she leave than that man came in. He was forcing me to take him to my pot of gold.

MADDIE
(suspicious)
I couldn't help but notice that
you weren't putting up much of
a struggle.

DAVID Maddie, it's not a good idea to struggle at gunpoint.

KATHLEEN
If I struggled, it would be violatin' tradition.

MADDIE
In this country, we don't call
it tradition...we call it
"kidnapping."

No, you don't understand...if a leprechaun is captured by light of day, we must take the person to our pot of gold...we can't put up a fight.

DAVID
You must go through those pots.
like crazy.

KATHLEEN
No, we have our ways of
tricking our captors back out
of it.

DAVID (sotto)
You mean we wrecked the car for nothing?

MADDIE

(sitting down
next to her)

Kathleen, I think it's
important that we have a
certain understanding...people
are people...people aren't
leprechauns...are you following
me so far?

KATHLEEN
Would it help if I showed you
my pot of gold?

On Maddie's look, we...

EXT. MADDIE'S DRIVEWAY - NIGHT

CLOSE ON a shovel being tossed into the trunk of a car, joining other tools, a flashlight, and assorted buckets. SLOWLY PULL BACK to show David and Maddie watching skeptically. Kathleen checks inside the trunk. All are dressed in grubby jeans and overalls.

KATHLEEN

Well, that should be all we need.

As David slams the trunk closed...

DAVID

We have enough stuff here to dig up Atlantis...

KATHLEEN

I'm not sure how deep the gold is buried.

DAVID

I think the more important question is...do you know where it's buried?

KATHLEEN

Yes, Mr. Addison, that I do...at the end of the rainbow.

As Kathleen moves around to get into the car, Maddie and David exchange a look...this woman is definitely off the deep end.

Kathleen turns back around ...

KATHLEEN

By the way...would you happen to have a map?

MADDIE

A map, David...she wants a map.

SHOCK CUT TO:

INT. MADDIE'S CAR - NIGHT

ON MAP

twisting and turning. Kathleen sits in the back seat, reading it.

KATHLEEN

(giving directions)

This highway should connect to the 405, then take the street called Slauson.

David looks to Maddie and gives her a "humor her" look...

MADDIE

Kathleen, it occurs to me... there are no rainbows at night.

KATHLEEN

(playful)

Perhaps you haven't been looking in the right place.

There is a long awkward moment...

MADDIE

What will you do if the gold isn't there?

KATHLEEN

Oh, but it will be. When I was a girl, my father promised me that it would be.

In her hands she holds what appears to be a very old, very worn-out postcard. She looks at it for a moment.

KATHLEEN

(continuing)

For as long as I can remember, he told me about it. Every Sunday we would have a picnic in the pasture of Dunsmedere. It was then that my father would tell me about my gift. "The gift of bein' a leprechaun," he would say.

(as if in her father's

voice)

"Very few people are chosen to have the magic...but you, my darlin', you have."

Kathleen's face comes alive as she relives the moment in her mind. Maddie watches her and listens with growing interest.

KATHLEEN

(continuing)
He would talk to me about the traditions and the beliefs.
How leprechauns are the guardians of all that's good, and decent, and honest. It's we who keep the demons of the night in tow.

(pause)
And even though those around us
don't understand...we must
never stop believin'.

(a pause)
And he promised me that someday
I would find a pot of gold with
my name on it...and I believe
it's true.

MADDIE
Is your father still in
Ireland?

KATHLEEN

No. When I was six, he left to find work in America. He sent me this picture postcard and on it he wrote... "It has your name on it, my little leprechaun."

(and then)

That was the last I heard from him...he died soon after.

Kathleen is quiet, deep in thought, remembering her father. David and Maddie exchange a look.

CUT TO:

EXT. MADDIE'S CAR - NIGHT

As it continues down the freeway...the car is still missing a bumper and a fender.

EXT. MADDIE'S CAR - NIGHT

THIRTY MINUTES LATER...driving down a bumpy road.

INT. CAR - CONTINUOUS

KATHLEEN

(looking at

map)

Okay, now turn left. It should be right around here.

All eyes are staring straight ahead through the windshield. A smile comes over Kathleen's face. David and Maddie still don't see anything.

KATHLEEN

(entranced)

There it is.

DAVID/MADDIE

Where?

Kathleen looks down at the postcard.

From her POV we SEE...

THE POSTCARD

crumpled and faded by years of handling. It's a picture of a curved bridge. Slowly PAN UP and beyond the postcard we SEE through the windshield the actual bridge. It's in an industrial part of town, surrounded by smokestacks belching steam.

DAVID

You mean the bridge?

MADDIE

(weakly)

It is sort of the right shape.

DAVID

(smiling at the

idea)

We've been chasing a steel rainbow?

KATHLEEN

It's beautiful, isn't it?

HOLD on the three of them staring at the bridge.

EXT. BASE OF THE BRIDGE - NIGHT

David, Maddie, and Kathleen, armed with shovels and flashlights, make their way to the bridge. The path is lined with rusted equipment and old storage cans.

DAVID

This doesn't look a bit like Oz.

MADDIE

Or even Kansas.

DAVID

How are we supposed to know which end is the end of the rainbow?

MADDIE

Excuse me?

DAVID

Since the pot of gold is always buried at the end...which end is the end?

KATHLEEN

I would say...the end which has my name on it.

DAVID

Right.

All three turn their flashlights on the bridge.

FROM THEIR POV

The bridge is full of graffiti.

DAVID

(continuing)

I hope you can speed read.

They split up and start reading different sections. After a moment...

DAVID

(continuing)

The only thing Irish here are limericks...

(reading)

There once was a girl from Nantucket.

(stops)

Never mind. This isn't Irish.

After another moment...

DAVID

(continuing;

whistles)

Construction workers are very lonely guys.

As they all continue looking for the name...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. BASE OF BRIDGE - AN HOUR LATER

David and Maddie lean against the bridge...blurry-eyed. Kathleen is not around.

DAVID

Well, I'm definitely cured. I'll never read bathroom graffiti again...or, for that matter, write it.

MADDIE

(sadly)

We're not gonna find anything, are we?

DAVID

I don't think so.

MADDIE

You know...for a minute there, I actually thought we might.

DAVID

Me too.

(putting his arm around her)
C'mon, let's get Kathleen.

With their shovels over their shoulders, they walk off.

CUT TO:

ANOTHER ANGLE OF THE BRIDGE

Kathleen is staring at a particular spot on the bridge.

David and Maddie approach. They look at each other-which one is going to tell her? Maddie steps forward.

MADDIE
(kneeling down
next to her)
Kathleen, we've looked all
over. Maybe it's time we went
home.

ON MADDIE

as she looks closely at the spot. David looks over her shoulder. From their POV we SEE some blurred lettering...it's hard to make out exactly what's written in the cement.

David and Maddie look at each other...their expressions tell us they know they're not going to find anything.

DISSOLVE TO:

HOURS LATER

PULL BACK to show that all three have been digging and digging... They stand in a hole and continue to dig while they talk...

DAVID

If we work at this any longer... we're gonna have to unionize.

KATHLEEN
I felt so sure that my name was there.

MADDIE Maybe this was the wrong bridge?

David's shovel connects with a cement object and makes a CLINKING SOUND. Both women stop and look at him. He hits the cement object again just to make sure it wasn't a mistake. They all kneel down and clear more dirt away. From their POV we SEE it's a drain pipe.

An old drain pipe. Great. Now we're destroying city property.

But Kathleen is unswerving in her conviction...she continues to sweep more dirt away with her hand.

MADDIE Kathleen, maybe we should go home.

Kathleen continues to dig. David and Maddie give each other a "this has gone on long enough" look.

Kathleen moves aside a loose piece of cement.

KATHLEEN (continuing; confident)
I knew it was here.

David and Maddie lean forward to look into the hole.

MADDIE

Oh my God ...

DAVID (amazed)
I don't believe it...

From their POV we SEE...

INTO THE HOLE

There is a large black kettle...filled with gold coins.

On David's and Maddie's expressions of disbelief, we:

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. MADDIE'S DRIVEWAY - LATE AT NIGHT

David, Maddie, and Kathleen are dragging the pot of gold up the driveway toward the house. It is extremely heavy and the trio are having a difficult time of it.

MADDIE

Heave!

The three of them push the gold a few more feet, then stop.

MADDIE (continuing)

Heave!

A few more feet...David stops and leans against the pot, exhausted.

DAVID Couldn't you just "blink it" into the house?

MADDIE

David!

DAVID
How 'bout first thing in the morning we cash this sucker in for travelers cheques?

Maddie gives him a dirty look.

DAVID (continuing)

T-bills?

MADDIE

Heave!

The three push the gold a few more feet. This time they all stop and lean against the pot.

MADDIE

Have you thought about what you're going to do with all this?

DAVID

If it were me...I'd go for a Club Med vacation.

KATHLEEN

(smiles)

I'm takin' it back to Ireland with me. me...to protect it...that's the tradition.

MADDIE

You can't spend it?

KATHLEEN

No.

DAVID

Not even for Club Med?

MADDIE

What about the man who's chasing you?

DAVID

Didn't look like the Club Med type to me. All tense and angry...who's gonna want to sit with him at dinner?

KATHLEEN

I'm not too worried about him...no leprechaun has ever lost their pot of gold.

MADDIE

Never?

KATHLEEN

Not in 5,000 years.

DAVID

(whistles)

Hell of a winning streak.

MADDIE

Well, I think we should find out who he is and put an end to it once and for all.

KATHLEEN

I don't want to be any more trouble to you than I already have.

MADDIE

I'd feel much better if you'd stay and let us help you.

Kathleen is reluctant.

MADDIE

(continuing)

In fact, I insist.

KATHLEEN

(grateful)

All right, perhaps a little bit longer.

DAVID

So how many gold coins do you think are in here? Maybe we should hold a contest...you know, like "How many jelly beans are in this jar?"...

Maddie and Kathleen exchange a "Where did we ever find this guy?" look and...

MADDIE

Heave!

The pot moves a few more feet.

CUT TO:

INT. MADDIE'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Kathleen sits in the middle of the floor, polishing each coin. We SLOWLY PULL BACK to SEE that this is Maddie and David's POV...watching her through the kitchen doorway.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

MADDIE AND DAVID

as Maddie closes the kitchen door. They talk in hushed tones.

MADDIE

I can't believe it. I can't believe there's really a pot of gold sitting in my living room.

DAVID

It's a crock.

MADDIE

That's what I was wondering.

DAVID

No, it's not a <u>pot</u> of gold... technically, it's a crock.

MADDIE

Oh...well, whatever it is...it wouldn't just appear under a bridge...would it?

DAVID

It would if she were a leprechaun... Do you think she's a leprechaun?

MADDIE

Do you?

DAVID

I asked you first.

MADDIE

Well, I want to, but...there's got to be a logical explanation...

(hesitating)
What d'ya think? Should we find out where the gold came

from or what?

DAVID

Maddie, we were just hired to protect her.

DAVID (in a high voice)

Well...

MADDIE
Don't you want to know the truth?

DAVID (voice higher still)

Well...

MADDIE
Look, you took this case
because you didn't think there
was a case...now that we know
there really is a pot of gold,
there really is a case...
(and then)
So, are you with me on this?

DAVID Would you repeat the question?

MADDIE
Look, you took this case
because you didn't think there
was a case...now that we know --

DAVID
(interrupting)
All right, all right...we'll
check into it tomorrow.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. MADDIE'S BEDROOM - VERY LATE THAT NIGHT

Maddie is in bed...she's not sleeping very well. Her eyes OPEN as she hears something — the SOUND of scraping. Perplexed, she sits up in bed and still hears the sound. She grows increasingly alarmed...the SOUND is coming from outside her window.

She gets out of bed and walks to the window. Pulling back the curtains, she looks out...from her POV we SEE...

KATHLEEN

in the backyard, digging away.

CUT TO:

EXT. MADDIE'S BACK YARD - CONTINUOUS

Another view of Kathleen still digging. She softly hums an Irish folksong as she works.

KATHLEEN

Who's there?

She raises the shovel in self-defense.

ON MADDIE

in her bathrobe.

MADDIE

It's me.

Kathleen lowers her shovel as Maddie arrives. Maddie looks down in astonishment at the enormous hole.

MADDIF

What are you doing?

KATHLEEN

I can't very well leave my gold lying around in your living room, now, can I?

MADDIE (incredulous)

So you're burying it again?

KATHLEEN

It's easier to guard that way.

MADDIE Perhaps we could put it someplace a little more practical...

KATHLEEN

Like where?

MADDIE

A bank?

KATHLEEN Oh, no...I couldn't do that.

MADDIE

Okay.

(thinking)
How 'bout a safe? I have one inside.

KATHLEEN (contemplating)
I don't know...that would be breakin' tradition...

CUT TO:

INT. MADDIE'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Maddie has moved furniture and an area rug to expose the safe. The door to the floor safe is open and around it lie assorted jewelry boxes and important looking files that have been removed from the safe. The pot of gold still sits nearby.

Now, I know it's a little unorthodox, but it is in the ground.

KATHLEEN So, it will still be buried.

MADDIE
Right. And you'll be able to
get to it whenever you want.

KATHLEEN
And you're sure you don't mind?

MADDIE

No, not at all.

KATHLEEN

All right. I'll do it then. It is a lot easier than digging in the ground all the time.

MADDIE

(smiles)

Good.

(looking at pot

of gold)

Well, here we go again.

The two women position themselves to lift the gold.

MADDIE

(continuing)

One...two...heave.

They pick it up and lower it into the safe.

MADDIE

(continuing, staring down

at pot)

I still can't get over it...an actual pot of gold.

KATHLEEN

I want to thank you for helping me find it.

MADDIE

(slightly

embarrassed)

Oh...well...it's all in a day's work.

Maddie closes up the safe.

KATHLEEN

And I want to repay you for all your kindnesses.

MADDIE

That's really not necessary.

KATHLEEN

I would like to grant you three wishes.

MADDIE

I beg your pardon?

KATHLEEN

Three wishes...anything you want.

Kathleen looks at Maddie...waiting for her three wishes.

MADDIE

(thinking;

then)

No, really...I couldn't. I wouldn't know what to ask for.

KATHLEEN

Anything.

(a beat)

This time... I insist.

MADDIE

(hesitating)

Well, in that case...

(thinking)

I wish we would find out about the guy who's following you.

KATHLEEN

Granted.

(and then)

Another.

MADDIE

Well, let's see...um...I wish you would get back to Ireland safely.

KATHLEEN

(smiles and

nods a thank

you)

Nothing for yourself?

MADDIE (embarrassed at this whole exchange)

Well, one morning I would like to go to work and find the office filled with clients.

KATHLEEN

Granted.

MADDIE

(softly)

If that last one doesn't come true, it's okay.

KATHLEEN
(a twinkle in
her eye)
Oh, they'll all come true.

Maddie collects the items she had in the safe -- jewelry, etc. -- and puts them on the coffee table. Kathleen helps.

MADDIE
You won't tell David about this wishing business, will you?

KATHLEEN
But I'd like to grant him three wishes as well.

MADDIE
I know...but just between you and me, I don't think you should offer it. I shudder at the thought of what he might ask for.

KATHLEEN

(laughs)

All right, if you think that's best.

MADDIE (smiling)

Trust me.

Kathleen looks down at an open jewelry box and admires one piece in particular.

KATHLEEN

What a beautiful cameo.

Maddie picks it up and smiles as she remembers.

MADDIE

It was a gift from my father. He gave it to me on my seventh birthday. He said he wanted to give me something that I would have forever.

KATHLEEN

What a lovely thought.
(looking at it)
She looks a bit like you.

MADDIE

(looking at necklace)

I used to think she was a beautiful princess who'd been locked up in a necklace...and that someday a handsome prince would come along and set her free.

(smiles as she remembers)

And then my father told me that she was a beautiful princess...but that she could figure a way to get out of the necklace on her own. She could do anything and accomplish anything she wanted to...with or without a prince.

KATHLEEN

Your father had some beautiful legends of his own.

Maddie smiles, she never thought of it quite like that before.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. BLUE MOON DETECTIVE AGENCY - DAY - ESTABLISHING SHOT

INT. DAVID'S OFFICE - DAY

David looks at a file of newspaper clippings on his desk. Disappointed, he tosses his pencil down and leans back in his chair.

ON MADDIE

as she appears in the doorway...she's exceptionally cheerful today.

MADDIE
Good morning! Sorry I'm late,
but Kathleen and I were up most
of the night talking. Boy, for
someone who's only had four
hours sleep...I feel terrific.

You don't look bad, either.

MADDIE

(enthusiastic)

David, I am so glad we took this case. The more I'm getting to know Kathleen...the more I'm getting to like her. Did you know that she's a descendant of St. Patrick... he's the one who chased the snakes out of Ireland. And her great grandmother once rode in a carriage with Mary, Queen of Scots.

(warmly)
You know, if there's such a
thing as leprechauns, I believe
she really is one.

DAVID

No, she's not.

Maddie looks at him.

DAVID
(continuing;
opens file on
his desk)
I spent the morning at the
library. Kathleen Kilpatrick
is the daughter of a bank
robber.

MADDIE

A bank robber?

DAVID

One hundred thousand dollars in gold coins were stolen in Ireland in 1964 by three men...one got away.

MADDIE

(realizing)

Kathleen's father.

Maddie slowly sits down.

DAVID

They never found him or the gold. The other two men went to prison...one, a Michael McBride, died five years ago and the other was...Edward O'Leary.

MADDIE

O'Leary.

DAVID

Yeah, you remember...the guy we met the other day with the weight problem and the gray complexion.

MADDIE

So he followed Kathleen to this country...

DAVID

...figuring she might know where her father hid the gold.

MADDIE

Oh, David, this is terrible.

DAVID

You're telling me? We just helped that woman recover a pot of hot gold.

MADDIE (referring to file)

May I?

DAVID (handing her file)

I checked the personnel records of the company that built the bridge...Frances Kilpatrick was on a repair crew in 1965.

(and then)
He would have had plenty of opportunity to bury the gold.

MADDIE
But I don't understand...if the other two men are dead...then who's chasing her?

DAVID Good question.

After a long moment...

MADDIE

(sadly)
She was gonna give you three wishes.

DAVID Well, if the police find out the truth...she won't have a pot to wish in.

On Maddie's disappointed look, we...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT THREE

ACT FOUR

INT. MADDIE'S CAR - DAY

ON MADDIE

...the same disappointed look...as she gazes out the window. David is driving them back to her house.

MADDIE
I don't think we should tell
her.

DAVID
We gotta tell her...how can we not tell her?

MADDIE
Haven't you ever heard the
expression "What you don't know
won't hurt you"?

Yeah, it's right up there with "A penny saved is a penny earned." But it doesn't apply to stolen pennies.

MADDIE David, I'm being serious.

DAVID
So am I. She can't go through
life thinking she's a
leprechaun.

Why not? It's gotten her this far.

DAVID
Maddie, we are not helping this
woman if we let her go on
believing she can cast spells
and play tricks.

MADDIE
But if she found out the truth, it would break her heart.

DAVID
She's gonna find out sooner or later.

MADDIE
I don't want to be the one to tell her.

DAVID
Maddie, look...maybe it won't
be so bad...there's probably
some statute of limitations
that's expired...so she'll get
a reward for returning the
gold.

MADDIE (not listening)
Even though her father did rob a bank...there was a noble thought there.

Yeah, to get rich.

MADDIE
He told her all those wonderful stories...

DAVID Lying to his own daughter...

MADDIE
Got a pot of gold for her...

DAVID

Stealing...

MADDIE Brought it to this country...

DAVID

Smuggling...

MADDIE Found a rainbow and put her name on it...

DAVID

Vandalism...

And sent her a postcard letting her know where to find it.

DAVID

More lying...this time in writing...

MADDIE

It's very touching...

DAVID

Yeah, he was a hell of a guy, all right...

As the two look at each other, we...

CUT TO:

MADDIE'S FRONT DOOR - DAY EXT.

As Maddie and David reach the door. Maddie looks for her keys.

MADDIE

She probably won't even be here...

> (pointedly; an effort to

convince him)

She was going to visit her father's grave...

DAVID

Then we'll wait for her.

MADDIE

(weakly)

You tell her.

DAVID

We'll both tell her.

MADDIE

(opening the

door)

I don't even want to be in the same room...

INT. MADDIE'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

As they enter...

MADDIE

Kathleen!

No response. David closes the door behind them.

MADDIE

(continuing)

Kathleen, are you here?

Maddie looks into the living room.

From her POV we SEE...

two suitcases sitting by the couch. The door to the floor safe is open.

Kathleen enters from an adjacent room.

KATHLEEN

I didn't expect you back so early.

MADDIE

(looking at the

suitcases)

You're leaving?

KATHLEEN

(nods)

I think it's best.

MADDIE

Why?

KATHLEEN

This afternoon, at the graveyard...that man was there...waiting.

MADDIE

What happened?

KATHLEEN

I managed to get away without him seeing me. But it's only a matter of time before he finds out where I'm stayin'. It won't be safe for you if I'm here.

MADDIE

But we can help you.

KATHLEEN

No, you've done enough already.

DAVID

Look, Kathleen...maybe there's something you should know...

Maddie glares at him and he knows this is not the right time.

DAVID

(continuing)

We're gonna help you...whether you want us to or not...'cause that's the kind of people we are.

KATHLEEN

You both have been so kind...I do appreciate it...but I must be leavin'.

MADDIE

You're sure about this?

KATHLEEN

Yes.

(weak smile)
I couldn't even visit my
father's grave...I hadn't
counted on a pot of gold bein'
quite so much of a bother.

Hold on Kathleen's disillusioned look.

CUT TO:

EXT. AIRPORT - DAY

Maddie's car pulls up to the curb. As the trio gets out, David opens the trunk...A SKYCAP approaches.

As David struggles with the bags...

SKYCAP Need help with that, sir?

DAVID
Yeah, thanks. Wouldn't happen
to have a crane, would you?

As the two men struggle with the bags...

DAVID (continuing)
Trouble with women...they always overpack.

SKYCAP
What does she have in here...a
ton of bricks?

KATHLEEN (smiling)
In a manner of speakin'.

As they put the bags on a push cart.

ON SEAN MCBRIDE

in his car as he watches them.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRPORT LOBBY - CONTINUOUS

The trio wheel the two bags through the lobby.

DAVID
You realize the metal
detector's gonna have a field
day with this stuff...

KATHLEEN
That's the least of our
worries. We're bein' followed.

Maddie and David slowly glance back, and from their POV we SEE...

SEAN MCBRIDE

entering the lobby and looking around for them.

MADDIE

What do we do now?

DAVID

Push like hell.

MADDIE, DAVID, AND KATHLEEN

speed up the pushcart and dart between oncoming PASSENGERS.

ON SEAN MCBRIDE

as he sees them and begins running after them.

ON MADDIE

as she looks back and sees him.

MADDIE David, he's gaining on us!

DAVID

Heave!

They push harder...

CUT TO:

INT. ANOTHER SECTION OF AIRPORT TERMINAL - CONTINUOUS

...as they turn the corner, they narrowly miss hitting an OLDER WOMAN.

MADDIE

(to Woman)

We're very sorry.

The trio speeds off again...as they look back, we SEE from their POV...

SEAN MCBRIDE

also turning the corner. He's much closer now.

MADDIE AND DAVID

as they realize that all of them are looking back and no one is watching where they are going. As they look straight ahead, we SEE from their POV...

A GROUP OF CHANTING HARE KRISHNAS

who stop chanting and scatter in all directions at the approaching pushcart.

MADDIE

Oh, we're so sorry.

As one Hare Krishna gets up...

DAVID (reaching in his pocket; to Krishna)

Listen, that guy back there needs enlightening.

> (hands ten dollar bill)

Give him a book and a very long blessing for me.

The Hare Krishnas nod excitedly and shuffle over to intercept McBride.

David tries to push the cart, but Maddie is pulling in the opposite direction...

MADDIE

No, this way!

David sees her goal...an electric cart.

ON MCBRIDE

as he besieged by the Krishnas offering books, flowers, and incense. He tries to push them aside, but they are adamant that he accept a book and hear their blessing.

ON DAVID

as he pushes the two suitcases onto the electric cart.

MADDIE C'mon, let's go! Let's go!

David realizes that Maddie is in the driver's seat. Kathleen is already sitting in back.

> DAVID (remembering)

Maybe I should drive?

As David barely gets onto the cart...Maddie floors it.

ON McBRIDE

racing away from the trio of Krishnas, who run behind him, chanting.

KRISHNAS

Nam yo ho rin ge kee o...
Nam yo ho rin ge kee o...

McBride sees Maddie careening down the corridor in the electric cart. As another cart comes slowly puttering by, he pushes the DRIVER out and hops in.

ON DAVID

terrified as from his POV we SEE...

VARIOUS PASSENGERS

jumping aside as Maddie speeds along.

ON MADDIE AND DAVID

as she apologizes to each one.

MADDIE

I'm sorry. Excuse me. I'm terribly sorry. Please accept my apology.

(to David)

Where is he?

DAVID

(looking back)

Right behind us.

MADDIE

What?

Maddie looks back...David grabs the wheel.

DAVID

I hate it when you do that.

Maddie takes the wheel again.

MADDIE (once again a woman

possessed)

We'll ram him.

DAVID

Oh, no.

She abruptly turns the steering wheel and the cart makes a U-TURN.

ON MCBRIDE

in stunned surprise as he realizes that Maddie's cart is headed right for his. He frantically swerves to avoid the collision.

PULL BACK to show the near miss. But then Maddie does another U-turn and proceeds to chase McBride's cart back down the same corridor.

DAVID Maddie! What are you doing?

MADDIE (as if in a trance)

We got him, David...we got him.

DAVID Maddie, he's chasing us...

MADDIE
(gripping the
wheel tighter)
Not anymore he's not.
(dramatically)
Remember D Blue 3.

As Maddie gains on him, McBride realizes he's heading for a stairway. He slams on the brakes.

ON MADDIE

as she barrels towards McBride's cart.

MADDIE (continuing)

Gotcha.

DAVID DUCKS

PULL BACK to show Maddie's cart ramming into McBride's cart.

LOOKING UP from the bottom of the stairway, we SEE McBride and his cart come flying down the stairs.

ON MADDIE AND DAVID

stunned, as she comes out of her trance.

MADDIE I can't believe I did that.

You're never driving again... ever, that's it...never.

ON MCBRIDE

coming up the stairs...he appears at the top. This time he has a gun.

ON MADDIE

flooring it again and taking off in the opposite direction.

DAVID Okay...so this is the last time... this is it...I mean it.

INT. SECURITY CLEARANCE - CONTINUOUS

as Maddie's cart pulls up. David and Kathleen leap out.

DAVID
(referring to
suitcases)
We're never going to get these
past them.

KATHLEEN Trust me...it'll be fine.

David shrugs and pushes the suitcases onto the conveyer belt.

Maddie straightens her hair, smiles at the GUARD, and casually walks through the Security Check. David and Kathleen follow after.

ON THE SUITCASES

as they go through the metal detector...Nothing.

ON DAVID

He's stunned as he watches the suitcases come out the other side and the Guard waves them on.

How'd you do that?

Kathleen smiles and winks.

ON MCBRIDE

as he sees them on the other side of the Security Clearance. He holds the gun inside his coat jacket. He stops, not sure what to do now.

ON DAVID AND MADDIE

It's okay...he can't bring the gun through...
(thinking; to Kathleen)
He doesn't know the same trick you do, does he?

KATHLEEN

No.

DAVID (to McBride)
Na na na...na na na...

As the trio drag the suitcases down the long tunnel to the boarding gate...

ON McBRIDE

as he looks around...then drops his gun into a purse on the conveyor belt. He walks quickly through the Security Check.

ON OLDER WOMAN

as all the bells and lights go off on the security machine. She is grabbed by the Guards.

ON MADDIE AND DAVID

as they drag the suitcases down the long tunnel to the boarding gate...

DAVID Well, I guess we showed him.

ON MCBRIDE

as he steps out in front of them.

DAVID (continuing)
Hi there...we were just talking about you.

Well, Kathleen Kilpatrick, we'll play the game your way.

He grabs her arm.

DAVID Hey, take your hands off her.

McBRIDE
(ignoring
David; to
Kathleen)
You know how the legend
works... now, give me the
suitcases.

DAVID

She will not.

KATHLEEN
I have to...he's captured me...
I'm bound by tradition to give
it to him.

(nods toward luggage)
Go ahead, take it...it's yours now.

McBRIDE Your damned right it's mine. My father died in prison because of this gold.

. MADDIE

(realizing)

Your father?...

McBRIDE

(nodding)

...was Michael McBride. He robbed a bank with two other men...one of them bein' Frances Kilpatrick.

KATHLEEN

(softly;
stunned)

My father?

MADDIE

(angry)

Look, she said the gold was yours... so why don't you just take it and stop with these stupid stories.

KATHLEEN

You're sayin' my father stole that gold?

McBRIDE

Yes, and since he was lucky enough to escape...and my father wasn't... I figure the rest of that gold belongs to me.

Kathleen is crushed.

McBRIDE

(continuing)

And all this time he had you believin' you were a leprechaun.

McBride smiles a smug smile, struggles to pick up the heavy suitcases, and drags them away.

DAVID
Personally, I'm glad to get rid
of that guy. He's been on my
nerves this entire case.

Kathleen is stunned...dazed. Maddie puts her arm around her for comfort and support.

MADDIE Don't pay any attention to what he said...

KATHLEEN
I have a feeling he spoke the truth.

Maddie and David exchange an awkward look.

MADDIE I know your father meant well.

Kathleen nods in agreement.

Well, I should be gettin' to my plane now.

They start their walk to the gate down one of those long LAX tunnels.

KATHLEEN (continuing)
Maybe Mr McBride has actually done me a favor.

DAVID Exactly...let him tip the skycap.

What would you have done if I gave you the gold?

DAVID Us? If you gave us the gold?

KATHLEEN

Yes.

Well...if it was stolen...and I'm not saying it was...but... if it was stolen...we would return it.

Kathleen looks at David. He nods his head in agreement.

KATHLEEN
I think this makes my choice
much easier.

(and then)
I don't wish to be a leprechaun anymore.

MADDIE

What?

DAVID
(trying to
cheer her up)
Listen, just for the record, I
don't believe you're the first
leprechaun to lose a pot of
gold in 5000 years. It
probably happened before, but
they hushed it up.

MADDIE
Can you do that? Can you just
give up being a leprechaun?

KATHLEEN
I suppose. I grant other
people's wishes...now I'm goin'
to grant myself one.

DAVID
Look, if this is because of
that guy...we could go after
him again...get the gold
back...

KATHLEEN It's not the gold.

DAVID

It's not?

KATHLEEN

I don't want to be always looking over my shoulder to see who's chasing me. I don't want to always be worryin' that the people I get close to might get hurt. And now the burden of protectin' the gold is lifted.

They have arrived at the gate.

MADDIE
But what about the
traditions... the beliefs?

KATHLEEN Traditions have a way of living on.

MADDIE
(a little
heartbroken)
But not through you.

KATHLEEN
I'll still believe...once
somethin' is in your
heart...it's there for good.

P.A. (V.O.) Flight 416 to Ireland...now boarding at Gate 32.

KATHLEEN
Before I go, I would like to ask you one last favor.

David and Maddie wait as Kathleen gathers the strength to say...

KATHLEEN (continuing)

Capture me.

MADDIE

What?

Capture me. All you have to do is take my arm.

David hesitates for a moment.

KATHLEEN (continuing)

Please.

He looks at Maddie and then they both slowly take her arm.

KATHLEEN

(continuing)

Ich am of Irlonde.
Ant of the holy lande of Irlonde.
Gode sure, pray ich the...

(a pause)
I wish to be mortal... I wish to be free.

(a beat)

Thank you.

DAVID

That's it?

Kathleen nods and they release her arm.

KATHLEEN

Thank you both for everything.

She looks at Maddie...they smile, then hug goodbye.

Then she looks at David...and they hug.

DAVID

Take care of yourself.

as they stop hugging...she squeezes his hand...

KATHLEEN

May the luck of the Irish be with you both ... always.

And with that, Kathleen turns and walks away.

ON DAVID AND MADDIE

as they sadly watch her.

David looks down at his hand.

From his P.O.V. we SEE...

AN AIRPORT LOCKER KEY...CLOSE ON the numbers 7482.

MATCH CUT TO:

AN AIRPORT LOCKER

the number...7482.

Nervously, Maddie and David look at the locker, then the key, then each other.

DAVID

You want to do it?

MADDIE

No...you do it.

As he opens it...

DAVID
(a la "Let's
Make a Deal")
Okay, Monty...we'll trade you
the key for what's inside the
locker.

He OPENS the locker and there it is...the pot of gold. David and Maddie look at it...stunned. David slams the locker shut.

DAVID (continuing)
The gold? She left us the gold?

MADDIE
Then we really did capture her, after all.

(realizing)
But what about McBride...what'd
he get?

DAVID
(dawning on him
and smiling)
Maybe a ton of bricks.

As the two laugh, David spots a Skycap.

DAVID
(continuing)
Ah...excuse me, sir, skycap,
sir, could you help me with
something?

A MAN in his mid-fifties wearing a skycap uniform approaches.

SKYCAP
(in a thick
Irish brogue)
Yes, sir, how may I be helpin'
you?

As a surprised Maddie and David look at the man and then at each other, we...

FREEZE FRAME.

END OF ACT FOUR

TAG

FADE IN:

INT. DAVID'S OFFICE - DAY

David has a statue on his desk...it is of a male nude. We SEE it from the back as David pours water into the top.

ON DOORWAY

As Maddie walks in...

Well, I've called the authorities and they're making arrangements to send the gold back to Ireland.

(looking at statue)

What is that?

DAVID
I thought about what you said
the other day...and you were
absolutely right. I shouldn't
have pictures of naked women
around.

(and then)
So, instead I went out and bought this nude statue.

Maddie has walked around and is looking at the front of it...her eyes widen.

DAVID
(continuing)
Pretty sensitive of me, huh? I
got a boy statue instead of a
girl...figured you like it
more.

ON DIPESTO

in doorway. She clears her throat to get their attention, but to no avail.

ON MADDIE

MADDIE (in shock)
This is disgusting.

DAVID
Hey, give it a chance...I
haven't even turned it on yet.

MADDIE

Turned it on!?!

DAVID Yeah, it's a fountain.

He flips a switch. We HEAR the sound of water flowing.

MADDIE
You are worse than disgusting.

DAVID
Does that mean you don't like it?

ON DIPESTO

still in doorway.

DIPESTO

Excuse me.

David and Maddie look over simultaneously.

DIPESTO (continuing)
We have a...uh...client.

DAVID Again? We just had one.

MADDIE
(blocking
statue with
her body)
Is it a man or a woman?

DIPESTO (looks back)

Both.

DAVID

Well, send them in.

DIPESTO

I think it would be better if you came out here.

MADDIE (looking back at statue)

Me too.

CUT TO:

INT. RECEPTION AREA - CONTINUOUS

as Maddie and David enter ...

From their POV we SEE...

that the office is overflowing with clients.

ON DAVID AND MADDIE

DAVID

My god, who are all these people? Where'd they come from?

MADDIE

(slowly smiles;

sotto)

It came true...it really came

true.

(extending her

hand)

Thank you for choosing the Blue Moon Detective Agency...I'm

Madelyn Hayes.

On Maddie's warm smile, we...

FREEZE FRAME

THE END