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GHOSTLY LITTLE BOY/SCOTTY
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### TEASER

FADE IN:

1 INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - STUDY - DAY (DAY 1) 1 \*

The office is an odd mix of the stately and the playful-- a fireplace, a bar cart-- but also bean bag couches, a child's finger painting easel and a zen rock garden.

### SUPER: Madison, Wisconsin

We move past them to find ...

Grief counselor MIA VALLENS (30s/40s, cool art teacher vibe, exuding warmth, empathy) sits across from WES (30s, bearded, grieving). He clutches his SMART PHONE, scrolling through PICTURES of his deceased wife, ERICA--

WES

Every day, it's like I'm in a fog, I just miss her so much--

Mia takes his hand. Smiles.

MIA

I know. But when we're done? I promise-- you'll feel so much better.

Wes swallows. Finally nods.

WES

What do I-- ?

She motions to a BAR CART in the corner.

MIA

Have a drink. Try to relax.

On Wes, filled with trepidation, as Mia exits. DISSOLVE TO--

2 INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - STUDY - LATER 2

Wes waits by the window, nursing a lowball.

A CREAK as the door opens behind him. Wes turns, SHOCKED. Yet we don't see who's entered, only snippets:

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A feminine HAND on the door frame -- a silky, backlit SILHOUETTE -- a spindly SHADOW as the FIGURE enters the room.

ON WES. His fear becoming astonishment...

WES

Oh... oh my God...

3 INT. WES'S TOWNHOUSE - KITCHEN - NIGHT 3

WES enters, a distinctive COBALT BLUE JOURNAL tucked under his arm. He's smiling. Lighter. A changed man. He drops the journal on the kitchen counter and flicks on a LIGHT --

HE FREEZES-- A PALE YOUNG WOMAN sits at the table in a pool of light. And we recognize her -- Wes's dead wife, ERICA.

ERICA

Hi.

ON WES. Stunned. He takes a long beat, then--

WES

No... how... you're dead.

She bridges the gap between them, hands tucked behind her back like a little girl.

ERICA

I was, but... aren't you gonna say "hi" back?

She steps closer. Almost touching him. Wes-- still in shock--\*

WES

Hi.

ERICA

I missed you, Baby Bear.

She smiles-- he smiles-- and-- BAM! Wes GASPS IN PAIN as something HITS HIM BELOW FRAME. Wes looks down-- confused--

At the KNIFE she's plunged into his STOMACH. Erica smirks, twisting it. She PULLS it out. As Wes THUDS to the floor--

We're in WES'S queasy, DUTCH POV -- Watching through his eyes: Erica walks away, high heels clicking...

As Wes dies in a spreading pool of BLOOD, we-- BLACKOUT!

## ACT ONE

INT. MEN OF LETTERS - CROW'S NEST - DAY (DAY 2)

DEAN works on his laptop. SAM enters carrying a steaming togo cup of coffee house joe. The atmosphere between the brothers, Arctic. After a beat, Sam tests the waters.

SAM

Hey.

Dean doesn't even look up. Sam takes another stab--

SAM

How you feeling?

Dean looks up at him "motherfucker, please..." -- Sam clears his throat -- changes the subject.

SAM

What are you working on?

DEAN

Dead guy in Madison. Cops think home invasion, but neighbor claims she saw the vic's dead wife leave the crime scene.

SAM

Okay. Let's check it out.

DEAN

Really? Ready to ditch Damian? Leave him in a ring of holy oil with Netflix and a frozen pizza?

Actually, I thought we'd bring--

DEAN

No-- Hell no.

(then)

"Adventures in Baby-sitting" with the Antichrist? Not interested.

SAM

We can't hide him forever -- and keeping Jack cooped up isn't working.

DEAN

Yeah, it is, 'cause as long as he's in here, he's not out there, doing God knows what. (MORE)

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DEAN (CONT'D)

(then)

Or, do you mean, your plan to get mom back isn't working? Because, I'll say it again, she's dead, Sam. Lucifer tore out her friggin' heart. And the sooner you wrap your head around that, the sooner we can all move on.

ON SAM. Absorbing that -- trying to stay above it --

SAM

You want to "move on." From mom.

DEAN

Right now, I just wanna kill some dead guy's dead wife, okay?

SAM

Look-- this isn't about-- Jack needs to get out. Get some air. We all do. And-- he's a good kid, Dean. Just give him a chance. For me.

5 INT. MEN OF LETTERS - HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

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Sam knocks on JACK'S DOOR. No answer. He enters-

6 INT. MEN OF LETTERS - JACK'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

6

On Jack-- HEADPHONES on, glued to his LAPTOP. Sam angles to get a look at the screen--

SAM

Clone Wars?

JACK

Computer said I'd like it. I do like Ahsoka-- kinda hate Anakin.

SAM

Probably for the best.

(off Jack)

Never mind. Remember when I told you what Dean and I do, our "day job?"

**JACK** 

(chilly)

You kill monsters. Because you're the good guys.

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SAM

Right. And we've got a case, so... thought you'd want to come with.

**JACK** 

No.

ON SAM. Wasn't expecting that...

SAM

That's-- Jack... I really think this would be good for you. A change of scenery might--

**JACK** 

Get my powers working again?

SAM

Maybe.

JACK

So I can be your "interdimensional can opener?"

Sam realizes -- Jack must have overheard his fight with Dean at the end of ep. 1303, "Patience."

SAM

You heard that.

JACK

(hurt)

You don't care about me-- you're using me. Just like Asmodeus.

ON SAM. Stung--

SAM

That's not true.

But Jack goes back to his screen. Sam takes a beat, then--

SAM

Jack, when you were born... it ripped a hole in reality. Like, a door from this world, to another one. A... really bad place.

Jack looks up-- thawing--

SAM

We-- me, and Dean, and Cass-- we closed it, but... our mom-- Mary-- she's trapped on the other side.

(then)

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SAM (CONT'D)

And if we get your powers back, maybe we can get that door open again, maybe we can--

JACK

You want to save her.

SAM

Yeah. I do.

ON JACK. As that lands -- thinking about Kelly --

SAM

But if we can't-- if it doesn't work-- that's okay. Because I do care about you, Jack. I care that you're happy.

(then)

And I care that you become the kind of person Kelly would have been proud of. One who can change the world. For the better.

ON JACK. So wants to believe that.

SAM

I'm sorry. I should have told you. But... it's a lot.

(then)

So if you want to come, great. If you want me to go to Hell... I'll understand.

ON JACK. A beat, then--

JACK

Dean can't even look at me.

SAM

Dean's going through some stuff--

JACK

He wants to kill me.

SAM

I won't let that happen.

(beat)

Look, if there's one thing Dean respects, it's effort. So come with us-- help out. Let's go be the good guys.

OFF JACK-- he likes the sound of that--

7 EXT. IMPALA - DAY 7

Baby. Parked curb-side in front of a row of townhomes. Wes's front door now crisscrossed with CRIME SCENE TAPE.

8 INT. IMPALA - CONTINUOUS 8

In the backseat, JACK flips through a box of Sam and Dean's fake I.D.s. Turning over picture after picture--

**JACK** 

"Agent Bonham, Agent Seger, Special Agent Anderson?" These are you?

DEAN and SAM sit up front, suited.

SAM

Sometimes.

JACK

I thought lying was wrong.

Dean cuts in, irritated, pointedly ignoring Jack.

DEAN

--Victim, Wes Bailey, his wife, Erica, died six months ago. Heart thing, outta the blue. Question is, why she'd come back from the dead and knife his ass.

**JACK** 

People -- come back?

SAM

Sometimes. When a person dies, their soul can't move on--

DEAN

Called a ghost. Hanging around turns 'em Loony Tunes. (off Jack's: huh?)

They go crazy.

On Jack-- rocked, thinking of his mother. Sam turns to Dean--

SAM

But, since when do ghosts kill people and walk out the front door?

DEAN

So, maybe a revenant?

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JACK

What's a revenant?

More like... a zombie.

Jack mouths the word "zombie" -- no idea what it means, as --

DEAN

There's our witness--

OUTSIDE-- a WOMAN (CAROL, 40s, mumu, glasses, nosy) has just exited her townhouse.

The boys unbuckle. Sam swivels to Jack--

SAM

Jack, we're gonna ask her some questions, check the crime scene...

Jack moves to follow -- Dean kiboshes it, FIRM --

DEAN

Sit. Stay.

Jack watches glumly as the boys leave him behind.

9 EXT. TOWNHOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

> Water pelts a row of FLOWERS. Carol hoses them, midinterview with the boys.

> > SAM

You're sure it was his wife?

CAROL

I lived next door to Erica for six years -- watered her plants every time she and Wes took vacation. (then)

The police think I'm a kook, but I know what I saw.

DEAN

Uhuh. How was their marriage?

CAROL

Excuse me?

He step out on her? Do anything that might make her... angry?

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CAROL

Wes? No. Never.

SAM

Did you notice anything else that night? Like flickering lights, cold spots?

CAROL

(aiming to please)
I... think a street light flickered. Maybe.

Dean rolls his eyes, then catches sight of the Impala. Dean fumes -- The backseat's EMPTY! JACK'S GONE. He jabs Sam --

DEAN

Got a runner.

10 INT. WES'S TOWNHOUSE - SAME TIME 10

JACK wends through the deserted townhouse. Taking it in. Wes's body's been removed. So has the journal. Beat, then--

DEAN (O.S.)

Told you to wait in the car.

Jack turns -- to see Sam and a very-not-happy Dean.

DEAN

The Hell are you doing?

JACK

(a look to Sam)

I was trying to "help out."

DEAN

You call this helping?

SAM

Dean.

(then)

Find anything?

JACK

I-- no. I don't think so.

On Sam-- embracing the teachable moment. He pulls his EMF. Shows it to Jack.

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Okay, so -- this is an EMF Meter. Spirits-- ghosts-- they give off electromagnetic interference. This picks up on it. If a ghost's here, it'll tell us.

Sam switches the EMF on and... the needle STAYS PUT.

**JACK** 

SAM

What... what's it saying?

DEAN

We're looking at a revenant. Better check her grave.

11 EXT. CEMETERY - NIGHT 11

The boys and Jack stand before Erica's HEADSTONE -- eerie darkness punched through by the Impala's twin hi-beams. Dean holds out A SHOVEL--

DEAN

Wanna help? Dig.

A beat -- Jack takes it eagerly and gets to work.

Sam trails Dean back to the Impala. Dean rummages through a COOLER in the backseat. Pulls a beer, pops it. Behind them --Jack cheerfully throws back dirt.

Dean -- this thing with all the "orders"? You sound like dad.

DEAN

And that's a bad thing?

SAM

Look, maybe his Drill Sergeant act worked with you, but it didn't work with me. And-- that's not how we're gonna get through to Jack.

DEAN

Yeah, don't care.

(off Sam)

You wanted him here, he's here. You want me to hold his hand and tuck him in at night? Pass. I'm not his mommy, and neither are you.

He looks to Jack, who's digging up a storm--

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DEAN

Kid can dig though, give him that.

#### 12 EXT. CEMETERY - LATER

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On Jack -- down in the freshly dug hole. Dean and Sam LOOM OVER him. Jack gently lifts the coffin open -- ERICA'S DESICCATED CORPSE lies curled inside.

DEAN

Guess we're back to ghost.

SAM

(to Jack, explaining) The body-- rules out a revenant.

(then)

So what? We've got a ghost that won't show up on EMF? Doesn't make sense.

DEAN

What does lately? Portals to apocalypse worlds? Shape-shifting demons? We're playing with a whole new set of tiddlywinks here. say: do what we do.

He holds up a CAN OF LIGHTER FLUID and a BOX OF SALT. Sam helps Jack out of the hole as Dean shakes salt and lighter fluid into the grave. JACK stares at the corpse.

**JACK** 

My mother -- could she be a ghost?

SAM

No. We burned her body.

WHOOSH -- Dean strikes a MATCH, firelight dances on his face.

DEAN

And what's burned, stays dead.

Dean tosses it in-- Erica's corpse goes up in flames. As we TILT UP away from them, the starry NIGHT SKY becomes --

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A vast expanse of inky BLACKNESS. A FIGURE steps into frame --CASTIEL. Taking in his surroundings (he woke up here at the end of ep. 1303). Where is he? Is this real?

Cass surveys the landscape around him: unyielding darkness in every direction. He cups his hands to his mouth and BELLOWS--

CASTIEL

HELLO-- !?

But the only response is the sound of his OWN VOICE becoming a BOOMING ECHO-- HELLO... HELLO...

On Cass-- unsettled by this place. As Patsy Cline's If I Could Only Stay Asleep kicks in, we CUT TO--

14 INT./EXT. MERCEDES BENZ - NIGHT

14

GLORIA, 60's sits behind the wheel of the PARKED CAR. PHONE to her ear-- ON HOLD; listening to Patsy-- beat, then--

> CHEERY OPERATOR (FROM PHONE) Roadside assistance, can I help you?

She looks out the door, to her FLAT REAR TIRE-- we notice a BLUE JOURNAL, identical to Wes's, on her passenger seat.

GLORIA

I blew a tire. Out on Route 19.

CHEERY OPERATOR (FROM PHONE) Okay, no problem. We'll get

someone right up there...

A glint of movement catches her eye-- Gloria glances to--

THE REARVIEW MIRROR: In the reflection, a GHOSTLY LITTLE BOY sits in the backseat. Gloria lets out a GASP--

CHEERY OPERATOR (FROM PHONE)

Ma'am? Are you alright?

But Gloria's not listening. She turns to face the boy-- who looks terrified, hugging his knees to his chest.

GLORIA

Scotty?

He nods-- Gloria chokes back a happy sob. She reaches out--

GLORIA

Baby--?

The boy SNEERS and LAUNCHES himself at her! As we SMASH TO--

THE ROADSIDE. Patsy Cline kicks back in, and as the song crescendos -- BLOOD SPLASHES and we-- BLACKOUT!

### ACT TWO

EXT. ROADSIDE - MERCEDES CRIME SCENE - DAY (DAY 3) 15

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OPEN ON JACK. Sitting in the backseat of the IMPALA-annoyed -- watching as --

DEAN, in fed threads, covertly checks an EMF. BEHIND HIM--SAM (also in fed threads) wraps up with a COP. As they make their way to Gloria's Mercedes--

DEAN

Get anything?

SAM

Cops found the victim-- Gloria Simon-- an hour ago. Something ripped her apart.

DEAN

Our kinda something?

SAM

Gloria was on the phone with roadside assistance when she died-the operator said she was talking to someone named "Scotty".

DEAN

And?

SAM

And according to the cops "Scotty" was her son. Who drowned in '96.

DEAN

Okay, I'd say two ghosts in two days, but--

(re: the EMF) No EMF here either.

SAM

So?

DEAN

So... other than getting dead, what did Wes and Gloria have in common?

The boys' gaze shifts to the car-- door hanging open, bloodsmeared interior. And Gloria's BLUE JOURNAL, still on the passenger seat. Off that image we, CUT TO--

16 EXT. POLICE STATION - PARKING LOT - DAY 16

Dean leans against the Impala. Sam walks up with a MANILA FOLDER under his arm--

SAM

Where's Jack?

DEAN

Across the street. Food run.

ACROSS THE STREET -- Jack waits in line for a HOTDOG CART.

SAM

Dean, he's not our intern. I told you to keep an eye on him---

DEAN

I can see him from here. (off Sam) He just kept staring at me.

SAM

He wants you to like him.

Dean just GLARES. Sam sighs, hands Dean the folder.

SAM

Take a look at these--

Dean pages through PHOTOCOPIES of handwritten pages.

DEAN

Her diary?

SAM

"Grief Journal." Cops found one at the first crime scene too -- Gloria and Wes were seeing the same grief counselor: Mia Vallens. And apparently, she gives homework.

DEAN

Shrinks. Snake oil for the mind.

SAM

Or, how healthy people deal.

DEAN

Yeah? How's 'ole Gloria dealing? (reading) "And now that I've achieved catharsis, I can truly see the

program works."

(then)

C'mon, Sam-- "The Program," Lady was one Kool-Aid shy 'a Jonestown. What'd Wes's dream journal say?

SAM

More of the same. He was really into the whole "catharsis" thing.

DEAN

Who wouldn't be, sounds like another word for a happy-- (ending)

SAM

(covering)

Hey, Jack.

Reveal-- Jack, carrying a tray of hot dogs. Dying to report--

DEAN

What took you so long?

JACK

The guy in front of me-- he wanted extra "kraut." But the hotdog man didn't have any. The guy was... really mad.

DEAN

(digging into the dogs)

Cool story.

(then)

So maybe Hannibal Lecter chick's a medium -- talkin' to spirits, pissing them off somehow. Ghost shows up, notches the kill, gets out.

SAM

And once it's gone, no EMF.

JACK

This woman can talk to ghosts?

DEAN

If she's the real deal, mediums do lots'a freaky crap.

SAM

Say you're right-- we can't go in as FBI, not with doctor/patient confidentiality.

DEAN

So? We go in as something else.

EXT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - DAY 17

17

A well-appointed two story craftsman. Sign in the yard reads: "Vallens Family Therapy." We find Sam, Dean and Jack, in plain clothes, MOVING FOR THE PORCH. Dean scowls.

DEAN

This is a stupid idea.

Jack looks to Sam-- worried--

SAM

(to Jack)

Just follow my lead.

DEAN

Sure, until Doc here eats our livers with fava beans and a nice Chianti.

He makes the Silence of the Lambs SLURP. Sam's GROSSED OUT.

DEAN

What? You love my Hannibal.

They start up the steps, as--

The DOOR OPENS, and a PATIENT-- MR. DRISCOLL (40s) steps out, now familiar BLUE JOURNAL in hand. Driscoll nods--

MR. DRISCOLL

Hello.

Sam and Dean nod-- Jack WAVES--

**JACK** 

Hello.

Dean shoots Sam a look-- REALLY?-- and they STEP INSIDE--

18 INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - VARIOUS - CONTINUOUS

> A stately work/live space. A harried assistant, TOM, sits behind a small desk.

> > TOM

Can I help you?

SAM

We're here to see the doctor.

TOM

Oh, I'm sorry, you caught us right at the end of our day, maybe tomorrow--

DEAN

No, today's good. Like, now.

Tom frowns-- Sam smiles-- covering--

SAM

We just need a minute of her time.

MIA (0.S.)

You've lost someone recently?

They turn-- Mia's at the top of the staircase. She glides down to them. A picture of empathy.

DEAN

**JACK** 

No.

My mother.

Dean shoots him a look-- as Sam plays along--

Our mother. We're, ah, having a hard time.

Dean rolls his eyes. Mia extends a hand--

MIA

Doctor Mia Vallens.

SAM

That's Dean, and... our little brother, Jack.

MIA

I see.

She studies them for a beat, then--

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MIA

Tom, you can go home. (to the boys and Jack) This way. Please.

She moves off, Sam follows and Jack moves to do the same--Until DEAN grabs his shoulder. Leans in. Sotto.

DEAN

Hey, Mr. Spock, from now on? You talk when <u>I say</u> you talk, got me?

**JACK** 

Y--(es)

Dean shoots him a glare -- Jake bites the word off midsyllable... then just NODS.

DEAN

Good.

19 INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - STUDY - MOMENTS LATER 19 The boys and Jack wander into the office, behind Mia.

Your mother... she passed suddenly?

SAM

Yeah.

MIA

Most people I see are in the same boat -- no warning, no goodbye, no closure.

SAM

Right. Your patients -- how does this usually work?

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MIA

Well, usually, they like to start by talking about the person they lost...

A long, awkward silence. When it becomes clear Mia might just let it go on forever. Dives in.

DEAN

Yeah, well, mom was great, and now she's dead.

(straight to it) What's the deal with "catharsis"?

MIA

I'm sorry?

SAM

(covering)

We were wondering what that is. Your patient Gloria Simon referred us, she's a family friend...

MTA

I don't talk about other patients. And-- Gloria wasn't supposed to talk about me.

Sam and Dean trade a look.

SAM

But your process --

Mia deftly changes the subject.

MIA

My program is a range of things. Talk therapy, meditation -- ever keep a journal?

SAM

Our dad did.

Dean gives a little snort-- different kind of journal-- Mia zeros in on him.

AIM

Dean-- you journal?

DEAN

Since I was a little girl.

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MIA

(a smile)
Yeah, you think this shrink stuff's a load of crap, am I right?

DEAN

How'd you guess?

MIA

Then why are you here?

SAM

Because -- because we agreed we'd give this a shot, right?

Dean sighs -- whatever. Sam turns to Mia --

SAM

My brother -- he's not really processing his grief.

Dean shoots him a look-- taking that personal--

DEAN

Really?  $\underline{I'm}$ -- no, I'm good. With death. Closure. The whole friggin bottle 'a jack.

SAM

Are you?

DEAN

Yeah. Because I know mom's dead, (a pointed look to Sam) I know she's not coming back.

It's bait. Bait that pisses Sam off. He keeps it coded...

SAM

I get what you're saying -- I just wish you'd...

He shoots a glance to Mia-- not sure how to finish that--

MIA

You wish he'd be more open to therapy?

SAM

Sure. Exactly.

DEAN

Look, doc, this is a safe space, right?

(she nods)

Cool, so, my brother's delusional.

SAM

Dean--

DEAN

No, we're giving this a shot, right?

(to Mia)

He won't even admit mom's dead.

SAM

Dean-- stop--

DEAN

He won't admit it, because if he admits it, then it's real, then he has to deal with it.

(a look to Sam)

And he can't handle that.

And Sam's HAD ENOUGH --

Right-- because this is so easy for you.

DEAN

Hell no, it's not easy--!

SAM

At least you had a relationship.

(off Dean's SCOWL)

Who would Mom always call? Who did she look to for everything? You had something with her I never had, and now I'm supposed to accept I never will?

That silences the room. Sam catches himself --

SAM

Sorry, I-- I need a minute.

And Sam blows past Dean, out the door. CUT TO--

20 INT. THE EMPTY - NIGHT 20

TRACK WITH CASS, trudging through the oily dark. Confused. Alone. As he walks forward, we linger BEHIND HIM--

The tar-black "ground" ripples. A HAND reaches up from the depths... a FIGURE pulls itself out. Its face, a featureless SHADOW (think the Vinyl Man in American Horror Story, minus the zippers). Creepy...

INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - WAITING AREA - LATER 21 21 Sam sits on a bench in the waiting area. He takes a few deep breaths, pulling himself together. Stands--And clocks something on the STAIRCASE. Something he noticed only glancingly earlier: a ROPE hangs across the stairs,

blocking them off with a sign: "Private" Sam sweeps a look to Mia's closed office door, then climbs the stairs...

On Sam-- noticing a DARK SMUDGE on the bannister. Is that... blood? CUT TO--

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INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - UPSTAIRS BATHROOM -23 23 MOMENTS LATER

> Sam clicks on the light. The bathroom's empty. A sink, a toilet -- but another DARK SMUDGE smears the inside of the curtain. Guard up, Sam draws his gun and moves toward it...

> He rips the curtain back-- a blood-like stain rings the tub. Something DARK clogs the drain. Sam reaches in and pulls out... a snarl of HUMAN HAIR flecked with HUMAN TEETH.

Off Sam's full body DISGUST, we-- SMASH TO BLACK.

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### ACT THREE

24 INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - STUDY - DAY 24

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Dean and Jack still with Mia. She watches Dean intently as he sips from a flask-- Dean notices her watching.

DEAN

Problem?

AIM

You just upset your brother so much he had to leave the room.

(off Dean)

And Jack? Look at him, he's terrified of you--

DEAN

Naw, we're simpatico, right kid?

ON JACK. A wary nod.

JACK

(dutifully parroting)

We're simpatico.

MIA

Convincing.

(beat)

You're angry, Dean.

DEAN

And?

MIA

And, if you don't wanna deal with it, that's your business, but you're aiming it at everyone else in your life.

(then)

And those people? Eventually, all that rage -- it'll drive them away. Is that what you want?

On Dean-- as that hits home.

MIA

Dean... what do you believe in?

DEAN

You mean like God?

MIA

Or the Packers, or fairies, or... anything.

DEAN

Why do you care?

MIA

Because when we're angry, or depressed, <u>belief</u>, in ourselves, or our family, our friends, a higher power... it's important. Putting your faith in something, allows you to work through problems -- to hope that tomorrow will be a better day. (then)

So, what do you believe in, Dean?

ON DEAN. Absorbing that. Then--

BANG! Sam BURSTS through the door, gun out. Dean and Jack react, as Sam levels the gun at MIA! --

SAM

She's a shapeshifter.

Mia's frozen. Terrified.

MIA

What-- no--

SAM

Found a clump of hair and... teeth. The last time you shed your skin was what-- a few hours ago?

AIM

I--

And Dean's on his feet. Aiming HIS gun at her too.

DEAN

And here I just thought she was annoying.

JACK

What's going on?

DEAN

Doc's a monster -- probably killed her patients.

Mia raises her hands-- trying to keep it together--

AIM

No-- no! I-- I am-- what you said, but I -- I've never killed anyone. I swear.

SAM

Then what are you doing here?

MIA

I'm helping people, I-- my
patients, I shift into the person they've lost. So they can see them one last time. So they can say goodbye.

QUICK POP-- to the B-side of the teaser. Wes turning from the window to see -- his wife, Erica. BACK TO SCENE --

Jack's amazed. Sam's stunned. Dean's disgusted.

DEAN

Yeah, well, Wes Bailey and Gloria Simon are both dead.

On Mia-- hit hard. She reels.

MIA

What?

DEAN

Gloria got iced by her kid-- or something that looked like her kid--

SAM

And three nights ago, Wes was killed by someone who looked like his dead wife.

On Mia-- shock and disbelief.

DEAN

Wanna tell us how you're "innocent" again?

ON MIA. She swallows hard, then--

MIA

I have an alibi, for Wes.

(then)

I volunteer at the Women's Shelter Downtown -- I was there that night. Call them. Just--(then, getting emotional) (MORE)

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MIA (CONT'D)

I know you're Hunters, and I'm a monster, but... please, I'm telling you the truth, I-- please.

Sam and Dean trade a look-- do they believe her? CUT TO--

EXT. THE EMPTY - NIGHT 25

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CASS. Walking. Endlessly. He stops. Narrows his eyes.

CASTIEL

I know you're there-- I can feel you.

And when Cass looks back -- over his shoulder, REVEAL --ANOTHER CASS (EMPTY!CASS) -- Impish.

EMPTY! CASS

Hello, "Brother."

Castiel gapes, horror-struck by the uncanny valley of his grinning doppelgänger.

CASTIEL

What-- are you?

EMPTY!CASS

Oh, just your friendly neighborhood cosmic entity.

CASTIEL

Then -- why do you look like ... me.

EMPTY!CASS

I show up in my real form-- you freak out, rip out your own eyes, etcetera. Embarrassing. For both of us.

Cass nods-- fair enough--

CASTIEL

What is this place?

EMPTY!CASS

Excellent question! See, before God and Amara -- creation, destruction. Heaven and Hell. Earth. What was there?

CASTIEL

Nothing.

EMPTY!CASS

That's right, nothing but <a>Empty</a>! And you're SOAKING in it!

(then)

Angels -- demons? When you die, you all come here.

CASTIEL

(looking around)

Every angel who has ever died... is here?

Empty! Cass sweeps an arm around the "sky."

EMPTY!CASS

Sleeping... a peaceful, endless sleep. I've been sleeping, too.

Cass is confused. Empty! Cass throws an arm around Cass, pulls him in close.

EMPTY!CASS

Hey! Since we're pals, there's something I gotta ask-- I mean, I really gotta know--

(leans in, conspiratorial) Why are you awake? Because, fun fact: in all of... forever, nothing ever wakes up here. I mean, ever ever.

(then)
And, second fun fact: when you woke up, I woke up. And I don't like being awake.

(then)

So... what's up, smart guy?

Cass shrugs away from him.

CASTIEL

I... don't know.

EMPTY!CASS

Think.

CASTIEL

(dawning on him)

The Winchesters. Sam and Dean must have made a deal.

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EMPTY!CASS

Not with me. And no else has any pull here. Not Heaven, not Hell, not G-O-D himself.

Empty!Cass circles Castiel, TAPPING him on the forehead--

EMPTY!CASS

So think harder. Rack that perky little brain of yours.

CASTIEL

(pulling back) Stay away from me.

EMPTY!CASS

Okay, fine. I'll rack it for you--

BAM! Empty!Cass strikes, GRABBING Cass by the forehead-forcing the angel to his knees. As Cass SCREAMS--

26 INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - STUDY - DAY

26 \*

Mia pours a drink. Downs it. Sam has his GUN on her.

SAM

Jack, maybe you should wait in the

Sam looks to Mia-- who stares right back. They both know what that means-- time's running out for her. Before Jack can respond, DEAN enters--

DEAN

Alibi checks out.

Sam shoots him a look-- Dean shrugs--

DEAN

I'm surprised, too.

SAM

So if she's not doing this... who is?

ON MIA. A horrible realization--

AIM

I-- I think I know.

She moves to her desk, opening a KEEPSAKE BOX. Inside are relics from a former life-- letters, IDs, and a POLAROID: a BURLY MAN (BUDDY) smiles, caught in a candid moment.

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She passes it to the boys.

MIA

His name's Buddy, he-- when we got together ... I was young. And stupid. He was like me, a shifter. The only one I'd ever met, other than my mom. But Buddy... (then)

He liked hurting people.

**JACK** 

Did he hurt you?

A beat, then Mia NODS--

MIA

I left. Changed my face, my name-everything. But Buddy wouldn't just kill people, he'd ruin their lives. He said... he said he liked to see the look on their face when they realized they had nothing left.

(then)

What I'm doing now-- I know it can't make up for what he -- what we did. But I'm trying.

SAM

You think that's what he's doing? Trying to ruin your life?

MTA

I don't know.

DEAN

How'd he find you?

MIA

I don't know.

She's LOST. Overcome. Sam takes a step forward--

SAM

If this is Buddy, he's targeting your patients. Who has access to this office; your notes, your appointments--

AIM

Patients and staff are in here all day--

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DEAN

If you had to pick.

AIM

(thinking, then--) Tom, my assistant.

**DEAN** 

I'll check it out--

JACK

I'll come with.

DEAN

I think you'd rather stay.

Sam shoots his brother a look--

SAM

Dean--

DEAN

Fine. Whatever.

INT. / EXT. IMPALA - NIGHT 27

27

Dean pulls up in front of a modest single family home-ominously cheerful, light on inside.

Dean unbuckles. Jack follows suit. Dean glares.

DEAN

Wait in the car.

**JACK** 

Dean--

(Dean pauses) I just want to help.

On Dean-- for a second, Jack almost dents his armor.

JACK

Sam told me-- about the plan for your mother --

DEAN

Kid, Sam's plans don't always work out. You should know.

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Then he's gone -- out the door -- leaving Jack behind --

28 INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - STUDY - NIGHT 28

Sam's on the phone, at Mia's desk, reviewing security footage on his laptop. Mia's computer is also on, streaming live security cam footage of her front door. MIA sits nearby--

SAM

Okay... got it.

He HANGS UP.

MIA

What?

SAM

Dean says Tom's in the clear.

On Mia-- as that sinks in.

MIA

How'd he know?

SAM

Handed him a silver dollar and it didn't burn. Your assistant's just a nice guy with five cats.

MIA

Oh, Tom got another cat.

She flashes a WEAK SMILE. Sam's focused on the computer.

AIM

What are you doing?

SAM

Scrubbing your security cam footage. If anyone's eyes flare--

MIA

They're the shifter-- right.

The two share an awkward beat, then... Sam has to ask...

SAM

So, how does it work-- with your patients?

(then)

You show up as their dead relatives and they think what?

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MIA

Honestly? They don't really care-they chalk it up to hypnotism, a lucid dream -- they explain it away because at the end of the day, they get to say goodbye.

SAM

And that works?

MIA

(a nod)

People... we're hard wired to want closure, you know?

On Mia-- studying Sam. Beat, then--

MIA

Sam... what happened to your mom?

ON SAM. Jaw set. Doesn't want to talk about this.

SAM

Wouldn't believe me if I told you.

MIA

I bet, but... you didn't get to say goodbye either, did you?

(off Sam)

Your brother's... kind of an ass, but he's right. Until you accept she's gone ...

Mia-- that's not-- I don't need a shrink.

MIA

Right. Sorry.

Mia starts to walk away. Sam goes back to the footage--

SAM

Hey-- !

(she turns back)

Look.

Sam nods, pleased. Mia moves back around to him, looks--

ON SCREEN: high angle footage of the boys and Jack on the porch earlier. MR. DRISCOLL exits-- bumping Dean-- our guys continue ahead, as Driscoll looks back--

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And his RETINAS FLASH! He's a shifter! Mia's taken aback.

MIA

That's John Driscoll. He's-- I've only been seeing him a few weeks.

SAM

What's his phone number?

Mia scrolls through her PHONE, hands it to Sam. He taps a number into a trace program already up on his laptop.

SAM

Got him.

29 EXT. THE EMPTY - NIGHT 29

Cass. FADING back into consciousness -- Empty! Cass looms over him. On Cass-- head throbbing.

CASTIEL

What-- did you do to me?

EMPTY!CASS

Read your mind, such as it is--

CASTIEL

What do you want?

EMPTY!CASS

I want you to shut up. I want-having you awake, it's like a gnat flew, right up-- here. (tapping his head hard)

Trapped. Buzzing--

CASTIEL

My being awake causes you pain ..?

EMPTY! CASS

If you can't sleep -- I can't sleep. And I like to sleep. I need to sleep.

On Cass, realizing -- this is leverage.

CASTIEL

Then get rid of me.

A beat. Empty! Cass glares.

EMPTY!CASS

I should, should I?

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CASTIEL

Send me back to Earth.

EMPTY!CASS

Or-- or I throw you so deep into the Empty--

He motions to the endless black around them --

EMPTY!CASS

That you can't bother me anymore.

Standing strong--ON CASS.

CASTIEL

Except you know that won't work. Or you would have done it already.

ON EMPTY!CASS. A dark smile--

EMPTY!CASS

Pretty smart-- pretty smart, Dummy.

CASTIEL

Then send me back.

EMPTY!CASS

Not part of the deal.

(then)

And besides... you don't want to go back.

CASTIEL

Yes-- I do. Sam and Dean, they need me--

EMPTY!CASS

Save it.

(then)

I've tiptoed through all your tulips, my handsome friend. Your memories, your little feelings -- I know what you hate, I know who you love-- what you fear. There's nothing for you back there. And I'm gonna prove it.

WHAM! Empty! Cass TAPS Castiel on the forehead hard -- Cass collapses, clutching his head in searing pain.

30 INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - ENTRYWAY - NIGHT

30

Track with Dean and Jack as they enter, Jack with a BACKPACK slung over his shoulder. Mia's there, drink still in hand.

DEAN

Where's Sam?

MIA

Buddy's posing as one of my patients-- Sam traced his phone. I let him take my car, he left ten minutes ago--

DEAN

He didn't call me.

MIA

Can you blame him?

And Dean knows why-- Sam's still upset, from earlier. Frustrated, betrayed, Dean pulls his PHONE and walks out--

Leaving Mia and Jack in an awkward silence. Then--

**JACK** 

Mia-- can I talk to you?

31 INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - STUDY - MOMENTS LATER 31 \*

Jack pulls a LAPTOP from his backpack. He opens it and taps it awake-- the footage of Kelly Kline (given to him in Ep. 1303) appears on screen. He hands it to Mia--

JACK

Sam and Dean aren't my real brothers-- sometimes we have to lie, I'm still trying to understand.

(indicates the laptop)
My mother died when I was born.

Mia hits play -- a brief clip of KELLY plays -- Mia pauses it.

JACK

I never met her-- I-- this is all I have. And I just-- I need to see her. Just once.

MIA

You want to say goodbye?

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JACK

I just -- I need to talk to her. Please.

Mia absorbs that for a beat-- considering-- then--

MTA

Shut your eyes.

Jack does as he's told. As Mia walks away, HOLD on JACK'S FACE. Eyes closed. And then... we hear a NEW VOICE:

KELLY!MIA

You can look now.

And when he does, he's face to face with-- KELLY KLINE (Courtney Ford herself!). It's fucking magical.

JACK

Mom?

KELLY!MIA

Hi, Jack.

And Jack CRUMBLES. Hugging her close.

KELLY!MIA

Shhh... shhh... it's okay.

INT. SEEDY APARTMENT - HALLWAY - NIGHT 32

32

Sam in a dingy hallway, outside of door "207." About to bust in when-- his phone blows up. It's Dean. Sam ignores the call, pockets his phone... And KICKS the door open. AS--

INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - WAITING AREA - INTERCUT3 33 Dean stares down at his phone ANNOYED--

DEAN

Come on, Sam.

34 34 INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - STUDY - NIGHT Jack and Mia! Kelly sit together. Jack's EMOTIONAL--

**JACK** 

...I just... I'm afraid.

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KELLY!MIA

Why are you afraid?

**JACK** 

Sam thinks you were right about me, that I'm good-- and he wants me to believe it -- and I want to believe it, but I... I've hurt people.

(off Kelly!Mia) I didn't mean to-- it was an accident. And I know I should feel

bad-- I say I feel bad-- but most of the time... mostly, I don't feel anything. It's like ... it's like I'm watching a fly wobble around, without its wings.

KELLY!MIA

Some people feel sorry for the fly.

**JACK** 

But I don't, not always, and that's why I'm afraid. That's why I think...

(beat, pained)

I think... maybe I'm a monster.

He looks away, but Kelly! Mia tilts his face to meet her eyes.

KELLY!MIA

Jack... it doesn't matter what you are-- it matters what you do.

(then)

And even monsters can do good in this world.

JACK

You really believe that?

KELLY!MIA

I have to.

On Jack-- that message, coming from "Kelly" speaking in Kelly's voice... it begins to sink in. CUT TO--

35 INT. SEEDY STUDIO APARTMENT - INTERCUT 35

Track with Sam-- gun up-- passing a MOUND of SKIN and HAIR. He grimaces, disgusted. But presses on... moving to a bed pushed in the corner of the room. A CELLPHONE sits on the nightstand. A lump under the covers. Sam peels them back--

It's DRISCOLL. The REAL DRISCOLL. Dead. Sam calls--

INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - WAITING AREA - INTERCUTS6 36

> Dean's phone BUZZES ("Sam") on the desk. Dean's in the b.g., slightly out of focus. He comes into frame, grabs it--

> > DEAN

Hey-- what's up?

SAM

I was too late, shifter's gone. His mark's dead.

DEAN

Dammit. Okay-- get back here.

SAM

On my way.

Sam hangs up-- casting one last look at the body-- as DEAN lowers his phone -- smiles --

DEAN

Too friggin' easy.

As he speaks, we ARM AROUND TO FIND -- the REAL DEAN! OUT COLD. A dribble of blood on his lips. Uh-oh...

INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - STUDY - MOMENTS LATER 37

JACK stands, with MIA. Now back in her original form--

**JACK** 

Thank you, I -- thank you.

Mia smiles -- BANG! And the door to her office flies open. Shifter!Dean, looming like Jack Nicholson in The Shining.

JACK

Dean?

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Shifter!Dean grabs a FIRE IRON from the fireplace-- WHAM!-smashes Jack's skull. He crumples. Mia backs away...

Shifter!Dean turns to her -- and PULLS THE SKIN OFF HIS FACE, revealing the man we saw in her picture -- her ex, BUDDY.

BUDDY

Hey baby.

He grins through ribbons of hanging flesh and we-- BLACKOUT.

# END OF ACT THREE

#### ACT FOUR

#### 38 INT. THE EMPTY - NIGHT

38

ON CASS curled in agony -- a PITCHY TINNITUS rages in his EARS as Empty! Cass stalks around him, listing his many failures.

## EMPTY!CASS

-- I mean, where do I even BEGIN!? Purgatory? The angel genocide? Defying your own kind for HUMANS. Oh, I know, how about dying. Again. For nothing--

CASTIEL

I did not die for nothing--

#### **EMPTY!CASS**

You didn't die for Sam and Dean, which is what you always wanted. Come ON, Castiel! Wouldn't you rather be a fond memory than a constant, festering disappointment?

Empty! Cass kicks him in the gut. Castiel curls in pain.

EMPTY!CASS

Just lay down, just-- let's try and go to sleep, huh? Think about it... infinite peace... no regret... no pain...

On Cass, at his lowest point. An angel broken.

EMPTY!CASS

Kiddo-- save yourself.

On Castiel, sorely tempted... but fights it, realizes:

CASTIEL

I-- I'm <u>already saved</u>.

With excruciating effort, Cass claws to his feet--

CASTIEL

So you can prance, and preen, and scream and yell, and remind me of my failings. But, somehow, I'm awake. And I will stay awake.

(then)

And I will keep you awake until we both go insane.

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Cass steps toward Empty!Cass--

CASTIEL

I will fight you and fight you and fight you -- forever -- for eternity -- unless you send me back.

ON EMPTY! CASS. Knows this isn't a bluff--

EMPTY! CASS

No...

CASTIEL

Release me! (then)

RELEASE ME!

39 INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - STUDY - NIGHT

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DEAN comes to, body aching-- he's handcuffed to something convenient for production-- next to JACK. The kid's out cold, blood leaking down his face, as BUDDY argues with MIA--

MIA

Buddy-- what are you doing?

BUDDY

What am I doing? What are you doing? You think you can just leave? Build this whole new life for yourself? Without me? Huh?

ON DEAN -- he gives Jack a kick.

DEAN

Kid--

Jack stirs. Catching Buddy's attention. He licks his lips.

BUDDY

Oh -- you're up.

He takes a step toward Dean and Jack--

AIM

No-- don't hurt them!

BUDDY

Begging for Hunters? That's not my
girl--

AIM

I'm not your girl.

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	And that gets Buddy's attention. He turns to her	
	BUDDY You always did think you were too good for me, even though I gave you everything.	
	MIA You <u>used me</u> .	*
	BUDDY Welcome to the world, sweetheart. Everybody uses everybody.	
	As he speaks Dean eyes Jack lowering his voice, sotto	
	DEAN  Jack snap these cuffs.	*
	JACK I don't I can't	
	Cutting between Buddy and Mia. Buddy absorbed in his rant	
	BUDDY I never stopped looking for you. And when I found this when I saw all that warm, fuzzy good you were doing? Couldn't let you have that. So I took it all away. It was fun.	* * * *
	On Dean, keeping his voice low but firm	
	DEAN  You CAN. Sam, he believes in you and when Sam believes, he'll go Hell to leather, but you gotta try.	
	On Jack, taking that in, but full of self-doubt.	
	BUDDY (O.S.) Hey!	* *
	Dean looks to see Buddy approaching. Unwinding a roll of duct tape	*
	BUDDY Time for you to shut up.	*
	He slaps tape over Dean's mouth. GAGGING him.	*

On MIA-- horror-struck.

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MIA You-- You're--

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BUDDY

What? A monster? So are you. And it's about time you embrace that. (re: Dean and Jack)

So I'm not gonna kill those boys-you are.

ON MIA. Wasn't expecting that--

MIA

What?

Buddy takes a GUN from his jacket --

BUDDY

You end them -- you be all you can be-- or you die--

(a nod to Dean)

Courtesy'a Tweedledee's silver bullets.

(then)

So what's it gonna be, Princess?

ON MIA. An impossible choice. Then--

MIA

No. Shoot me.

ON BUDDY. Wasn't expecting that.

We hear the SOUND of a CAR PULLING UP-- it's coming from the SECURITY MONITOR, still open on Mia's laptop. Buddy looks--

ON SCREEN: Mia's sedan parks with a crunch. Sam gets out--

BUDDY

Look-- baby brother.

On screen -- Sam heads for the house. Buddy aims his gun at the door.

BUDDY

Like shooting Hunters in a barrel--

And DEAN-- goes ballistic. Trying to warn Sam through the gag-- A DESPERATE, MUFFLED SOUND--

40 INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - HALLWAY - SAME TIME

> Sam. Enters the threshold. He pauses. Listening. Pulls his qun.

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BAM! Buddy FIRES! And JACK'S EYES FLASH GOLD!

**JACK** 

No!

And TIME SLOWS DOWN as a PULSE of energy RIPS from JACK--CRASHING into Buddy-- KNOCKING through him, sending his bullet off course-- TIME SPEEDS UP--

BANG! The bullet punches a hole next to Sam's face-- HOLY FUCK. He wheels-- fires-- and Buddy drops, smoking HOLE in his heart.

As Sam, Dean, Jack and MIA catch their breath-- BLACKOUT.

## END OF ACT FOUR

### ACT FIVE

44 INT. DR. MIA VALLENS' HOME OFFICE - STUDY - NIGHT 44

Mia stares at the body of her ex-- blood spreading. She turns away, hugging her arms to her chest.

AIM

Go. I -- I'll take care of him.

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SAM

You sure?

MIA

What he did-- it's my fault. I... I just wanted to help people...

Jack comes around, looks her in the eye, earnest--

JACK

You did.

DEAN

So what are you gonna do now?

MIA

(beat, then--)

I don't know.

OFF SAM, DEAN and JACK-- feeling for her--

45 INT. MEN OF LETTERS - KITCHEN - NIGHT 45

At the sink-- Jack cranks on the tap, pouring himself a glass of water. He hears Dean enter behind him, turns--

**JACK** 

Hey.

DEAN

Hey.

Dean cracks the fridge, grabs two long necks, as he shuts it-moves away-- then stops-- looks back--

DEAN

You did good today, Jack.

And Dean exits. Jack, still standing at the sink, BEAMS.

46 INT. MEN OF LETTERS - LIBRARY - MOMENTS LATER 46

Sam reads a book, Dean steps into his light. Dangles the beer in front of him. Sam eyes it coolly.

DEAN

Back at Mia's, I was out of line, and-- sorry I've been such a dick lately.

A beat. Sam sighs, takes the damn beer. Still frosty--

SAM

Thanks.

Sam takes a sip of brew. Dean takes a stab at conversation.

DEAN

Maybe you're right, about the kid. He tries. I'll give him that. (then)

And he tapped his power-- saved our

ass. That's a win.

SAM

I guess.

A shadow passes over his face.

DEAN

What?

SAM

Dean-- what if you're right? What if mom's dead, and I'm just... in denial.

It hangs. On Dean, finding his voice.

DEAN

Don't say that.

And Sam's completely thrown.

You've been trying to get me to admit that since it happened --

DEAN

Know I have, but--

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Dean swallows hard. Thinking back to Mia's-- the questions she challenged him to answer: who he's really angry at -- what does he believe in? But all he can say is--

> DEAN (CONT'D) Sammy -- I need you to keep the faith, okay? For both of us. You gotta, 'cause right now... (a beat) Right now I don't believe in a damn thing.

OFF SAM AND DEAN--

47 EXT. FIELD IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE - DAY (DAY 4) 47

Dawn. Droplets of dew bead the cheeks of CASTIEL, lying blissfully asleep. He stirs. Groggy, Cass pulls to his feet.

He looks around. He's in a field. Slowly, he begins to take stock of his body; his face-- his chest-- his hands. Everything as he left it -- down to the original trench coat.

Cass, full of gratitude, full of LIFE, lifts his face to the rising sun... and he SMILES.

BLACKOUT.

TO BE CONTINUED...