NEVER TEAR US APART DRFT 2

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INT. INTERROGATION ROOM - DAY

MADDIE is in tears and wrapping up her statement with DETECTIVE JONES.

MADDIE

I had just got home from school. My mom always hame waiting and there wasn't anything. I was so annoyed. I was yelling for her and she didn't answer so I went upstairs. That's when I found my mom, lying there, in a pool of blood. I don't think I'll ever get that picture out of my mind. What kind of monster could do that?

DETECTIVE JONES A heartless one, I'd imagine.

MADDIE

The other detective told me you took my mom's boyfriend in for questioning? Did he do this? How could he? He's kind. He said he would always take care of me...of us.

DETECTIVE JONES
Funny you should mention that. We know he's innocent. Forensics found the murder weapon in the knife block in your kitchen. Dawn may be tough on grease but not traces of blood. Or fingerprints...

MADDIE
Hm, mother always did say I did
things halfway. I guess she was
right. But you can't kill someone

halfway, can you?

DETECTIVE JONES Why, Maddie? Why did you do it?

MADDIE

Whether I did it or not is your burden to prove. All I know is that now that she's dead, Ronnie can take care of me.

DETECTIVE JONES He told you that's what he wanted?

MADDIE

No, but I could tell by the way he looked at me. It's the way a lot of men look at me. Even you.

DETECTIVE JONES
You got a lot of growing up to do, kid. It's too bad you're going to be doing it behind bars.

MADDIE
Good luck with that, Detective.
You'll find out soon I'm a lot
smarter than I look. I know how to
get what I want.

DETECTIVE JONES
Really? Looks like Ronnie won't be
taking care of you. His alibi
checked out. He was "taking care"
of his ex during the time of dead.
Ever meet April?

MADDIE

(pure rage) You're lying! You're lying. You're a pathetic, disgusting stupid liar! Let me speak to Ronnie. Now! Let me speak to him!