

Both Sides of the River

Leonard Searcy

walking the streets no more than you can stand to look at your friend now. I'll come with you tonight, back you up.

STARKS
I'll handle it.

FULLER
You seem like a really good guy, but you don't know how these guys roll. You want Rocko, you need me there to back you up. With you running the show of course.

Starks deliberates.

STARKS
Ok... don't touch Rocko. He's mine.

FULLER
Of course, It's a date. I'll see you tonight.

Fuller leaves, Starks looks long at his partner. Eyes filled with vengeance.

56 INT. STARKS' GARAGE DAY

We see Starks in his Garage, punching bag next to him, multiple guns on the tool box. Has a gun in his hand. A car pulls up, we see Shilana walk into the house.

57 EXT STARKS' HOME DAY

SHILANA
Hey!

STARKS
In here.

SHILANA
Not used to you being home so early. Where's Keena?

STARKS	SHILANA
Sleepover at (together)	Alana's.
Alana's.	

She enters the Garage.

SHILANA

Hmm. how you doing? (sees gun) I know you. I know what Joe means to you, but this isn't the way to handle this John, you have a family.

STARKS

He's my family too! I'm the only family he's got.

SHILANA

Ok baby, Ok.

Shilana Strokes his hair, comfotingly.

STARKS

How's he doing?

SHILANA

I checked in on him, he looked angrier than usual. But he's going to be ok.

Starks smiles a little.

SHILANA

I asked doctor Hamilton. He says surgery went well, it's a miracle the bullet never made it pass his skull. But there's still no telling how long he'll be in that coma.

STARKS

Just like Joe, hardheaded; even for a bullet.

SHILANA

He also said you came to visit him.

STARKS

Look, I'm sorry I didn't come see you. I didn't think you wanted me to.

SHILANA

You're probably right... Starks, did you love that woman?

STARKS

No...

SHILANA

You did.

STARKS
Shilana I didn't.

SHILANA
Is there something wrong with me?

STARKS
no, of course not! Something was wrong
with me, I was stupid. I made a
mistake.

SHILANA
I'm sorry to bring this up now, I'm so
selfish.

STARKS
No you aren't, you're the most
selfless person I know. You're a
doctor, you take care of your family,
and your parents, you volunteer with
our daughter. I'm selfish, we took
that trip up north to salvage our
marriage. I cut it short, I made the
decision to come back so that I could
work this case. I'm sorry.

Shilana Stands, wipes her tears

SHILANA
Make sure to sleep in the bed tonight.

STARKS
The bed?

SHILANA
I'm not saying your getting anything,
you need to be comfortable and the bed
is better than the couch... So there.

Shilana smiles, then Leaves.

Starks sits alone in his garage loading his Magazine.

Starks' phone alerts him of a text.

FULLER
front @ 10.

CAMERA CUT