

Sean Ronan

Damages: Season 4

And as she moves to the door --

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INT. NYE, EVERETT & POLK - ELLEN'S OFFICE - DAY

Ellen sits with Sean Ronan having morning coffee.

SEAN RONAN

Did Chris say why he turned down the Northstar promotion?

ELLEN

No, but something happened that made him quit the company. Right around Halloween. He's not doing well. He's barely holding it together.

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SEAN RONAN

Sorry to hear that.

ELLEN

You should have seen him in high school. He was a totally different person.

(beat)

With more time, I think I can get him to open up.

SEAN RONAN

He's your friend. Maybe you don't want to push him.

ELLEN

(not letting it go)

There's something here, Sean.

SEAN RONAN

Look, I know you feel pressure to bring in a case.

ELLEN

I've brought in plenty of cases. They were all rejected.

SEAN RONAN

Because they were long shots.

ELLEN

(shrugs)

They were the cases I believed in. And I believe in this.

SEAN RONAN

What is it with you and NorthStar?

ELLEN

What is it? They make money off of death. An army is supposed to care about its men and put the country first. By definition a company's main objective is Profit. It's just wrong.

SEAN RONAN

Well...even if you can bring a case against NorthStar, you might want to think twice before pursuing it.

ELLEN

Why's that?

SEAN RONAN

Because you don't know who you're dealing with. NorthStar is protected by the State Department, the Defense Department. God knows who else, Howard Erickson's in bed with.

ELLEN

All the more reason to go after him.

SEAN RONAN

I'm just saying -- it's like poking a wasp nest with a stick.

Ellen considers this.

ELLEN

I at least want to help Chris get back on his feet.

Sean nods, then moves to the door --

ELLEN (CONT'D)

Hey. Am I making us dinner tonight?

SEAN RONAN

You better be. I have to go pick up your Christmas present after work.

ELLEN

I thought we agreed we weren't doing gifts.

SEAN RONAN

Come on, Ellen. It's Christmas.

ELLEN

Well, I don't have anything for you.

SEAN RONAN

Sure you do. And you don't even have to buy anything to give it to me.

He comes over, leans in to kiss her.

ELLEN

(not upset)

We're in the office.

SEAN RONAN

I don't give a fuck. Sue me.

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