

ACT IV

m/m-D

FADE IN:

"NOT MY WIFE"

OLSON
BERLUTI 28

28 INT. WITNESS ROOM - DAY

Berluti and Olson. Argument in progress.

OLSON

No.

BERLUTI

Henry--

OLSON

No, Jimmy. I'm not gonna let you point the finger at her--

BERLUTI

We could lose here, you get that?

OLSON

You think I win by accusing my own wife of murder, that's--

BERLUTI

We'd be doing it, not you.

OLSON

With my blessing.

BERLUTI

You wanna risk prison the rest of your life, is that what I'm hearin'?

OLSON

Allison could'na done this, you know--

BERLUTI

It doesn't matter, she's a red herring to give us reasonable doubt!

OLSON

It's too crazy, what jury would believe--

BERLUTI

It isn't crazy, think about it.

(then)

Don't get me wrong, I'm not sayin' I think she did it.

(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

BERLUTI (CONT'D)

But the idea she did... you said yourself you two had a big fight over this bug fetish thing. Maybe she figured it was goin' on at work. If the door was locked, she'd have a key, right? You kept your appointments in your computer at home, she'd know if anybody would be there, she knew your office hours of business. Can you be positive she didn't go down there?

OLSON

I know my wife, Jimmy. And--

BERLUTI

What I'm sayin' is the jury doesn't. We could paint her suspicious enough to get reasonable doubt.

OLSON

And what would I be left with? Look at me. Conviction or not, I'm exposed as this sick... my career is over, Jimmy, my social life... you think my friends won't distance themselves now? All I have left is my family. And I won't sacrifice them.

BERLUTI

Family life is over if you go to prison, Henry.

OLSON

She's stuck by me. How could I possibly... I won't do it to her. I won't.

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CUT TO:

29 INT. COURT CORRIDOR - MINUTES LATER

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Berluti and Olson emerge, Bobby and Lindsay are waiting nervously. Berluti shakes, "No."

BOBBY

Okay. Closing arguments.

WHIP PAN TO: