

DOCTORS

Episode 151

"Counting the Days"

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EP151/SC1. INT. THE POLICE STATION RECEPTION. DAY 1.
09.00

CLARE WILLIAMS, ROB WILLIAMS, DS HUNT

[CLARE WILLIAMS IS A DELICATE BEAUTY IN HER EARLY TO MID THIRTIES. FIFTEEN WEEKS PREGNANT, ALTHOUGH HER BIG COAT HIDES THE FACT. HER HUSBAND ROB WILLIAMS, LATE THIRTIES, ROUGHLY ATTRACTIVE, STANDS BESIDE HER AT THE RECEPTION DESK. THEY ARE LOCAL FARMERS BUT DEFINITELY NOT THE LANDED GENTRY TYPE.

HUNT PUTS A FORM ON THE COUNTER]

HUNT:

I just need a signature.

[ROB NODS EMPHATICALLY]

ROB:

Give it here then.

[HE WOULD TAKE THE FORM BUT HUNT STOPS HIM]

HUNT:

Actually it's Clare that needs to sign.

[CLARE LOOKS AT THE FORM CLEARLY IN TWO MINDS]

CLARE:

Is Doctor Carlyle in this morning?

HUNT:

No.

CLARE:

I'd really like to speak with her.

[HUNT NODS SOLICITOUSLY]

HUNT:

(MANIPULATIVE) I understand you have some doubts. We've discussed that and I am sympathetic to your issues. (BEAT) But you have no doubts at all who it was that attacked you, have you?

[CLARE SHAKES HER HEAD]

HUNT:

(POINTED) Sign the form then and we'll get him.

[CLARE PICKS UP AND READS THE FORM AS JUDE COMES CLARE LOOKS OVER AT HER]

CLARE:

Hello Doctor Carlyle.

[HUNT REACTS FRUSTRATED]

JUDE:

Hello Clare.

[HUNT THROWS JUDE A LOOK]

HUNT:

She's just doing the paperwork for the test this afternoon.

CLARE:

I wanted to talk to you, I've been having some pains the last couple of days, haven't I Rob?

ROB:

(CONCERNED) She has.

JUDE:

Do you want me to give you a quick check over?

ROB:

If you could. We don't want to take any chances with the baby.

[JUDE NODS]

JUDE:

Why don't you go into the side room and I'll come in and have a look at you.

[CLARE IS GREATLY RELIEVED]

CLARE:

Thanks.

HUNT:

And the form, could you just sign that?

JUDE:

I'll take care of it. (TO ROB AND CLARE) You go ahead.

[ROB AND CLARE WALK OFF. HUNT GLARES AT JUDE AS SHE SHRUGS OUT OF HER COAT]

HUNT:

What do you think you're playing at?

JUDE:

(PUT OUT) What are you talking about?

HUNT:

She was about to sign the form.

JUDE:

I said I'd take care of it

HUNT:

You better make sure you do.

JUDE:

How about I do my job and you do yours.

[HUNT LEANS IN CLOSE]

HUNT:

I am doing my job! I've put too much in this to let that scum walk now because you decide to go all touch feely and let her change her mind.

[JUDE REACTS DISGUSTED]

JUDE:

I am constantly surprised at your levels of sensitivity.

HUNT:

I'm not paid to be sensitive. (BEAT) I'm paid to put rapists away. And this DNA test will give us the only evidence we have.

[HUNT LEANS IN AGAIN FORCEFULLY]

HUNT:

So you just make sure that form gets signed.

[JUDE SMILES DISMISSIVELY]

JUDE:

You don't scare me.

[HUNT LOOKS AT HER STEADILY]

HUNT:

You sure about that?

[THEY GLARE AT EACH OTHER FOR A BEAT TOO LONG AND JUDE BREAKS IT OFF AND MOVES AWAY.

OUT ON HUNT FIRED UP BUT NOT ALTOGETHER SURE WHY]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC2. INT. THE BEST PRACTICE. DAY 1. 09.45

KATE, GEORGE

[KATE, FLUSTERED IS SORTING OUT SOME PAPERWORK AT THE DESK. GEORGE APPROACHES WITH A FILE]

GEORGE:

I think I just gave Mister Hopkins a heart attack.

[KATE LOOKS UP DISTRACTED]

KATE:

Eh?

GEORGE:

Well telling a fifty three year old man he is six months pregnant is bound to come as a bit of a shock.

KATE:

(PUZZLED) I'm sorry?

[GEORGE PUTS THE FILE IN FRONT OF KATE]

KATE:

You gave me Belinda Hopkins' records. I asked for Bill Hopkins'.

[KATE GRIMACES APOLOGETICALLY]

KATE:

Sorry George. I don't know where my head is this morning.

GEORGE:

It's okay. I guess we're all still a bit shell shocked. Nobody expected Suzie to do what she did.

KATE:

But to kill herself...

[SHE BREAKS OFF SHAKING HER HEAD]

KATE:

I just can't help feeling responsible.

GEORGE:

I know, Ronnie feels bad too. He tries to hide it, but...

KATE:

He's not very good at it.

[GEORGE NODS]

KATE:

When we left her yesterday though, I re really thought we'd helped.

GEORGE:

(SYMPATHETIC) You can't beat yourself up over this Kate. I said the same thing to Ronnie ... all you can do, all any of us can do..... is try. In the end people like Suzie have to help themselves.

[KATE NODS SADLY]

KATE:

But she couldn't, could she? (BEAT) And we obviously weren't able to.

GEORGE:

Maybe some people can't be helped.

[OUT ON KATE THOUGHTFUL]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC3. INT. POLICE STATION. SIDE ROOM. DAY 1. 10.01

CLARE, ROB, JUDE

[CLARE AND ROB SIT NERVOUSLY AS JUDE WALKS IN AND SMILES SOLICITOUSLY AT CLARE]

JUDE:

What's the problem Clare?

ROB:

She's been having pains.

[JUDE LOOKS AT CLARE SENSING HER DISQUIET]

JUDE:

Where exactly?

ROB:

(WORRIED) Her stomach.

CLARE:

It's probably nothing. Just the tension. I don't want you getting into trouble with your boss.

[JUDE SMILES DRYLY]

JUDE:

DS Hunt isn't my boss.(DRY) Much as he'd like to be.

CLARE:

He didn't seem too pleased to see us here.

JUDE:

He thought maybe you'd changed your mind about the DNA testing.

[ROB SHAKES HIS HEAD]

ROB:

No. We're just concerned that something might be wrong with the pregnancy.

[JUDE LOOKS AT CLARE, PICKING UP THAT ROB IS ANSWERING FOR HER]

JUDE:

They'll give you a check over at the hospital before they do the amniocentesis. If you still want to go ahead with it?

ROB:

Of course we do.

[JUDE LOOKS AT CLARE WHO NODS BUT NOT CONVINCINGLY]

JUDE:

(TO CLARE) Would you like me to give you a quick check over now?

CLARE:

(BEAT) Please.

ROB:

If it is our baby we don't want anything happening to it.

[CLARE EXCHANGES A LOOK WITH JUDE, WHO SMILES OVER AT ROB]

JUDE:

Would you mind waiting outside for a moment Rob?

[ROB LOOKS AT HER PUZZLED]

JUDE:

Whilst I give Clare an examination?

ROB:

(BEAT) Oh, right. Well I'll be just outside.

[HE LEAVES AND CLARE SMILES GRATEFULLY]

JUDE:

Is there something else you want to talk about?

CLARE:

It's the test.

JUDE:

Yes.

[CLARE LOOKS AT HER FOR A LONG BEAT]

CLARE:

I'm not sure I want to go through with it.

[OUT ON JUDE REACTING]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC4. INT. POLICE STATION. RECEPTION. DAY 1 10.16

DS HUNT, ROB

[DS HUNT COMES OUT AND SEES ROB LEANING UNCOMFORTABLY AGAINST THE WALL]

HUNT:

(AGITATED) Everything alright? What are you doing out here on your own?

ROB:

The doctor's just checking her over.

HUNT:

(CONCERNED) She's not changing her mind I hope?

ROB:

No.

HUNT:

(FIRM) Good. You've got to make sure she doesn't.

[HUNT MOVES CLOSER]

HUNT:

You don't want to see that scum walking away from this do you?

ROB:

(AGITATED) Of course I don't. Every time I see him still walking about in town I want to....

[HE WOULD CONTINUE BUT HUNT NODS, HE UNDERSTANDS]

HUNT:

Then do your bit and I promise you I'll do mine. We'll put him where he belongs... you have my word on that.

[ROB NODS GRATEFULLY]

HUNT:

You couldn't help her before could you?

[ROB SHAKES HIS HEAD UPSET AND ANGRY]

HUNT:

But you can now. (BEAT) You be strong for her and make sure she does it

ROB:

I will.

HUNT:

I have had too many women cry rape and back off at the last minute just when we could have done something. (BEAT) But that's why we're prepared to pay for this test... I know your wife is telling us the truth. I know she was hurt. And I know you'd do anything to make that right.

[ROB NODS AND HUNT SIGHS RELIEVED]

HUNT:

Okay then.

[ROB LOOKS AT HIM FOR A BEAT]

ROB:

Clare and I are desperate for children, we have been for years. (BEAT) But I almost hope the amniocentesis shows it isn't my baby she's carrying.

[HUNT PATS HIM ON THE SHOULDER REASSURING
BUT ALSO APPROVINGLY]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC5. INT. POLICE STATION. SIDE ROOM DAY 1 10.17

JUDE, CLARE

[CLARE PULLS HER JUMPER BACK UP TO COVER HER STOMACH AND JUDE SITS NEXT TO HER]

JUDE:

There doesn't seem to be anything wrong, but I take it you're worried about the risks?

[CLARE NODS]

JUDE:

To the baby?

CLARE:

(BEAT) Yes.

JUDE:

It does carry a very small risk of miscarriage. But as I explained to you Clare, it's only about one percent.

CLARE:

So one in a hundred babies die because the mother has had the test?

[JUDE NODS HER HEAD]

JUDE:

Yes but there can be all kinds of reasons for a woman to miscarry.

CLARE:

(NODS) I know.

[JUDE LOOKS AT HER FOR A BEAT]

JUDE:

What will you do if you find out the baby isn't your husband's?

CLARE:

(VERY DISTRAUGHT) I don't know.

[JUDE SITS BESIDE HER]

JUDE:

It's okay.

CLARE:

It's not okay though is it? I wish I didn't have to have the test. (BEAT) I wish I could just know that the baby is Rob's.

JUDE:

(GENTLE) You could know soon.

[CLARE LOOKS AT HER FOR A BEAT AND THEN NODS, PICKS UP THE FORM AND SIGNS IT]

CLARE:

Will you come with me? To the hospital

[JUDE HESITATES]

CLARE:

Please Doctor Carlyle. After..... (BEAT) If you hadn't helped me come to terms with what happened.. I don't know what I would have done.

[SHE TAKES A BREATH OR TWO]

CLARE:

I just need someone there for me.

JUDE:

What about your husband?

[OUT ON CLARE DISTRAUGHT AND NOT ANSWERING]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC6. INT. THE LETHERBAR. DAY 1 14.00

JUDE, HELEN

[HELEN SITS AT A TABLE SIPPING A FRUIT JUICE AND STUDYING THE MENU. A HALF FINISHED OPRANGE JUICE IS ON THE TABLE. HELEN LOOKS UP AS JUDE APPROACHES FROM THE TOILETS]

HELEN:

Are you alright?

JUDE:

Fine. Just needed a splash of water on my face.

[HELEN NODS CONCERNED]

HELEN:

Are you going to eat?

JUDE:

No thanks. (ON HELEN'S LOOK) And don't go on, I'm a doctor I know what the symptoms are.

HELEN:

Rough morning?

JUDE:

(BEAT) Not that, just a case I'm involved with.

HELEN:

Go on?

JUDE:

A rape. The woman fell pregnant.

[HELEN REACTS SYMPATHETICALLY]

JUDE:

The only trouble is she doesn't know who the father is.

HELEN:

Ouch.

JUDE:

(NODS) She's been trying for a baby with her husband for quite a while.

HELEN:

Poor woman. (BEAT) Being pregnant is an emotional minefield at the best of times let alone having to deal with that.

[SHE CATCHES HERSELF AND THROWS JUDE A LOOK]

HELEN:

Sorry.

[JUDE SHAKES HER HEAD]

JUDE:

I'm going to Saint Phil's with her this afternoon.

HELEN:

Why?

JUDE:

They're going to do an amniocentesis. To establish paternity. The police are paying for it.

HELEN:

(REACTS) A bit extreme.

JUDE:

Hunt organised it because there's no other forensic evidence. She didn't report the attack for two weeks.

HELEN:

It wasn't her idea?

JUDE:

Not entirely.

HELEN:

I'd have taken the morning after pill straight away.

JUDE:

Maybe.

HELEN:

What will she do if she finds out the baby isn't her husband's?

JUDE:

I don't think she knows yet. (BEAT) I don't think I'd want to know.

[HELEN GIVES JUDE A POINTED LOOK]

HELEN:

You'd have to eventually.

[OUT ON JUDE THOUGHTFUL]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC7. INT. THE WILLIAMS' FARMHOUSE KITCHEN.
DAY 1 14.04

CLARE, ROB

[CLARE IS LAYING OUT SOME TAROT CARDS ON THE FARMHOUSE KITCHEN TABLE. SHE TURNS THE CARDS OVER, FOCUSED BUT NERVOUS. SHE STARTS AS THE KICTCHEN DOOR BANGS OPEN.]

ROB WILLIAMS COMES IN AND PUTS A SHOTGUN IN THE CORNER AND A COUPLE OF RABBITS TO ONE SIDE. HE LOOKS AT THE CARDS AND SMILE REPROACHFULLY]

ROB:

What have you got those out for again?

CLARE:

They take my mind of things.

ROB:

(KINDLY) No they don't. They make you dwell on them.

CLARE:

Hard not to. (BEAT) Especially today.

[ROB SITS NEXT TO HER AND TAKES HER HAND]

ROB:

You won't find any answers in those cards. They're not going to tell us what's going to happen next.

[CLARE NODS WITH A SMALL SMILE]

CLARE:

I know. I just want someone to tell me we're making the right decision.

ROB:

We are. You know that don't you?

[CLARE DOESN'T ANSWER FOR A BEAT AND THEN NODS]

ROB:

It's our lives and we have to take charge now. (BEAT) We have to take responsibility.

[CLARE LOOKS UP AT HIM]

CLARE:

It wasn't your fault Rob.

[ROB NODS, HIS EXPRESSION DARK]

ROB:

No, well.... we'll know today what's what, won't we?

[ROB PICKS UP THE CAR KEYS]

RON:

Come on, we don't want to be late.

[CLARE LOOKS UP AT HIM AWKWARDLY]

CLARE:

Sit down for a minute.

ROB:

We've got to get going.

CLARE:

(FIRM) Sit down..... please.

[ROB SITS DOWN PUZZLED]

ROB:

What's going on Clare?

CLARE:

This test....

ROB

Yes?

CLARE

If we find out the baby isn't yours. (BEAT) I still want to keep it.

[ROB REACTS SHOCKED]

ROB:

What do you mean?

CLARE:

Just that. I want to keep the baby Rob.

[OUT ON ROB REELING]

CUT TO

EP151/SC8. INT. THE LETHERBAR. DAY 1. 14.05

JUDE, HELEN

[HELEN AND JUDE ARE FINISHING THEIR DRINKS]

HELEN:

It's your decision....

JUDE:

I know.

HELEN:

And I don't want to influence you.

[JUDE SHAKES HER HEAD]

JUDE:

Go on Helen. With my record I'll take all the advice I can get

HELEN:

When it comes to love lives, I've not exactly got a great record myself have I?

JUDE:

(WRY) I suppose not.

HELEN:

But one thing I didn't make a mistake about....

JUDE:

Go on?

HELEN:

My kids.

[JUDE NODS THOUGHTFULLY]

HELEN:

They are the best things in my life Jude. Absolutely... the best things in my life.

JUDE:

It's different for you.

[HELEN LOOKS AT HER POINTEDLY]

HELEN:

Why?

[JUDE CAN'T ANSWER HER]

HELEN:

All I know is, I couldn't imagine my life without my kids.

[JUDE NODS AND PUTS HER HEAD IN HER HANDS]

JUDE:

What a mess.

HELEN:

Would it help if you knew who the father is?

JUDE:

(SIGHS) I really don't know.

[OUT ON JUDE CONFLICTED]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC11. INT. THE BEST PRACTICE. DAY 1. 14.06

MAC, KATE

[KATE IS MAKING A COFFEE IN THE STAFF ROOM]

MAC:

Do me one of those would you Kate?

[KATE QUIRKS AN EYEBROW]

KATE:

You moved your office over here now then?

MAC:

Still trying to get the new accounts software up and running.

KATE:

(AMUSED) Mac, you're hopeless at anything technical. Shouldn't Julia be sorting that out?

[MAC JERKS HIS THUMB AT THE PC]

MAC:

I've learned quite a lot actually, you'd be surprised. I've become a bit of an expert.

[KATE IS FAR FROM CONVINCED]

KATE:

I'll believe it when I see it.

MAC:

(AWKWARD) Anyway Julia's got a lot on at the moment.

[KATE NODS]

KATE:

She's still feeling bad about Suzie?

[MAC SHRUGS]

MAC:

She shouldn't be.

KATE:

Nobody could have known she was going to kill herself.

MAC:

It doesn't stop me being angry Kate. What she put us through.

KATE:

She put herself through worse.

[MAC LOOKS AT HER FOR A BEAT]

MAC:

She killed herself Kate, what if she had decided to do that when she had Ciaran with her?

[KATE SHAKES HER HEAD CALMLY]

KATE:

No, I don't believe she would have ever done anything to harm him.

[MAC LOOKS AT HER A LITTLE TAKEN ABACK]

MAC:

I have to say I'm surprised how calmly you're handling all this.

KATE:

I 'm just focusing on what's important. And I do know if I was in her shoes if I had lost Ciaran like she lost her son, I don't know if I would have coped any better.

[MAC NODS AGREEING]

KATE:

So I am calm. You face something like that and it puts everything else into perspective, doesn't it?

[MAC NODS THOUGHTFULLY]

MAC:

I know.

[MAC NODS ANHD THEN LOOKS AT THE PC]

MAC:

Not again!

KATE:

(AMUSED) The systems crashed.

MAC:

Yes I can see that! What am I supposed to do?

[KATE SHRUGS]

KATE:

I wouldn't have a clue Mac..... you're the expert!

[OUT ON MAC FRUSTRATED AND KATE AMUSED]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC10. INT. THE WILIAMS' FARMHOUSE. KITCHEN.
DAY 1. 14.07

[ROB STANDS UP FROM THE TABLE AND BUTTONS UP HIS COAT]

ROB:

Come on now, we talked about this.

CLARE:

No we didn't Rob. You talked about it. And if I did... you never listened.

ROB:

(ANGRY) There's nothing more to talk about. If it turns out that you're carrying that animal's child then there's no way we are going to keep it.

CLARE:

(UPSET) The baby isn't an animal.

ROB:

It's not a baby yet. Don't talk like this Clare.

CLARE:

But we've been trying for so long, haven't we?

[ROB REACTS TAKEN ABACK]

ROB:

What are you saying?

CLARE:

I'm saying that maybe some good can come out of all this.

ROB:

Because we want a baby you should keep it, even if it's his! Maybe he's given you what you want when I couldn't! [OUTRAGED] Is that what you're saying?

CLARE:

Of course I'm not. (BEAT) Please Rob, let's at least talk about this. It's not the baby's fault is it?

ROB:

If you're carrying that man's offspring and you decide to keep it, I won't be there when you do.

CLARE:

(DISMISSIVE) Don't say that.

ROB:

I mean it Clare. I'll leave you. You do this and you do it on your own.

[HE LOOKS AT HER FOR A HARD BEAT]

ROB:

Let me know what you decide.

[ROB WALKS OFF. OUT ON CLARE DEVASTATED...
HE MEANS IT!]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC11. INT. THE LETHERBAR. DAY 1. 14.08

JUDE, HELEN

[HELEN LOOKS AT JUDE SYMPATHETICALLY]

HELEN:

So what are you going to do then?

JUDE:

I don't know. It's all a bit sudden isn't it?

[HELEN CONSIDERS HER FOR A BEAT]

HELEN:

(DELICATELY) You weren't planning it?

JUDE:

(REACTS) Of course I wasn't!

HELEN:

Alright don't take my head off. It's just sometimes women don't plan to get pregnant.... but they don't always plan not to.

JUDE:

It wasn't like that.

HELEN:

There are ways of preventing it you know.

[JUDE GRIMACES AT HER]

JUDE:

Yes I do know that! And no this isn't the result of some subconscious response to the biological clock. I was careless, it's as simple as that.

[HELEN SMILES SYMPATHETICALLY]

JUDE:

(BEAT) Only it's not simple at all is it?

HELEN:

No.

JUDE:

I do want to have children.

HELEN:

When the time is right?

JUDE:

Yes. But when's that going to be.

HELEN:

The truth is there never is a perfect time. Not for women like us.

JUDE:

Career women you mean? Or just older?

[JUDE DOESN'T ANSWER]

JUDE:

The truth is Helen.... I do want to have children, it's just I don't want to be a mum, not right now.

HELEN:

(SYMPATHETIC) Shall I get us another drink?

JUDE:

I can't, I told Clare I'd be at the hospital. Maybe after work though.

[HELEN SMILES SUPPORTIVELY]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC12. INT. SAINT PHIL'S. CORRIDOR/WAITING AREA.
DAY 1. 14.23

[CLARE IS SITTING ALONE AND LOST IN UNHAPPY THOUGHT.]

JUDE WALKS THROUGH THE CORRIDOR TO APPROACH HER AND CLARE SMILES SADLY, PLEASED TO SEE HER]

JUDE:

Hello, where's Rob?

CLARE:

(AWKWARD) He got held up. He shouldn't be too long.

JUDE:

Has anyone seen to you yet?

CLARE:

They know I'm here but it's going to be another half an hour or so. Your DS Hunt is sorting out some paperwork.

[JUDE NODS AND UNCONSCIOUSLY LOOKS AT HER WATCH. CLARE REACTS]

CLARE:

You will stay won't you?

[JUDE SMILES AND SITS DOWN TOGETHER]

JUDE:

Of course I will. We've come a long way together, haven't we?

[CLARE NODS]

JUDE:

So I'm not about to give up on you now.

[OUT ON CLARE GRATEFUL]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC13. INT. THE LETHERBAR. DAY 1. 14.25

ROB

[THE LETHERBAR IS PRETTY MUCH DESERTED
NOW.

ROB SITS AT THE BAR. IN FRONT OF HIM ON THE
COUNTER IS A LARGE GLASS OF WHISKY.

ROB STARES AT THE GLASS BUT DOESN'T PICK IT
UP, HIS BROW IS FURROWED WITH DARK
THOUGHTS]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC14. INT. SAINT PHIL'S CORRIDOR/WAITING ROOM.
DAY 1. 14.30

JUDE, CLARE

[CLARE LOOKS UP AS JUDE APPROACHES FROM
THE NURSE'S STATION]

JUDE:

It won't be much longer, there's been a bit of an emergency they had to deal with in theatre.

CLARE:

Okay.

[JUDE LOOKS AT HER WATCH AGAIN]

JUDE:

Your husband's cutting it a bit fine isn't he?

[CLARE FOLDS IN ON HERSELF A LITTLE]

CLARE:

He's not coming.

JUDE:

(REACTS) Why not?

CLARE:

We had an argument about the baby. About this test.

JUDE:

(BEAT) You don't still have to do this you know, if you don't want to.

[CLARE NODS UPSET]

JUDE:

I know DS Hunt wants you to. I know he's made a powerful argument for it.

[CLARE STRAIGHTENS AND LOOKS AT JUDE]

CLARE:

(FIERCE) I don't want that man to get away with what he did.

JUDE:

(SOOTHING) I know you don't.

CLARE:

But I told Rob I wanted to keep the baby... whatever the results told us.

[JUDE SITS BESIDE HER]

CLARE:

I am doing the right thing aren't I, having this test?

JUDE:

That's something you have to decide for yourself Clare. (BEAT) But I do know if it was me who was attacked.... I'd want to know who the father is.

[CLARE NODS AND SIGHS]

CLARE:

I'm going to the loo. You'll wait?

JUDE:

Of course I will.

[CLARE HEADS OFF TO THE TOILET. OUT ON JUDE WATCHING HER AND TROUBLED WITH HER OWN DECISIONS]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC15. INT. THE LETHERBAR. DAY 1. 14.31

ROB

[ROB STARES AT HIS UNTOUCHED GLASS OF
WHISKY.

HE PICKS IT UP AND TAKES A LONG SWALLOW]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC16. INT. SAINT PHIL'S. LADIES TOILET. DAY 1. 14.32

CLARE

[CLARE IS LOOKING AT HERSELF IN THE MIRROR,
SHE WINCES SHARPLY AND CLUTCHES HER
STOMACH.

SHE GASPS IN PAIN AND COLLAPSES TO THE
FLOOR]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC17. INT. SAINT PHIL'S CORRIDOR/ WAITING ROOM.
DAY 1. 17.05

JUDE, ROB

[JUDE LOOKS UP AT ROB COMES RUNNING UP, OUT OF BREATH AND AGITATED]

ROB

Has she gone in for the test yet?

JUDE:

No, there's been a delay. Clare's just in the loo.

[ROB SITS DOWN RELIEVED]

ROB:

Thank goodness for that.

[JUDE LOOKS AT HIM ALMOST CRITICALLY]

JUDE:

She really needs your support right now.

ROB:

I know that.

JUDE:

And I know this hasn't been easy for you....

ROB:

(REACTS AGITATED) Easy! We've been trying so hard for a baby. For so long, and now this. And if it's his... if he could give her what I couldn't, what kind of a man does that make me?

[JUDE LOOKS AT HIM FOR A BEAT]

JUDE:

Maybe now's the time to show her what kind of man you can be.

ROB:

She told you she doesn't want to have an abortion, whatever the tests show?

JUDE:

Yes.

ROB:

Clare said it wasn't the baby's fault and she's right. Don't get me wrong I'd gladly kill the man who attacked my wife... but it's not the baby's fault is it?

JUDE:

No.

ROB:

So the baby doesn't deserve to be killed

[JUDE REACTS]

JUDE:

It doesn't help to think in those terms. It's not the same thing.

ROB:

Maybe it is.

JUDE:

Let's wait and see what the tests show us. Clare doesn't have to make a decision straight away. Just try and help her with whatever she decides.

ROB:

She's talking about keeping it, but I can't how she would. Every time she looked at the baby it would be a constant reminder....that's not fair on the child it's not fair on her. (BEAT) We can always give the baby up for adoption can't we?

[JUDE DOESN'T ANSWER]

ROB:

A lot of women in this situation do.

JUDE:

It's an option you can consider between you. The support network is there.

[ROB NODS NOT REALLY LISTENING]

ROB:

Not every woman wants to have a baby. Doesn't mean to say she has to have an abortion does it?

[JUDE REACTS, UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE SUBJECT]

JUDE:

No.

[JUDE LOOKS AT HER WATCH, REACTS AND STANDS UP]

JUDE:

She's been quite a while. (COVERING) I'll just let her know you're here.

[JUDE HURRIES OFF TOWARDS THE TOILETS. OUT
ON ROB PICKING UP ON JUDE'S CONCERN]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC18. INT. SAINT PHIL'S. LADIES TOILET. DAY 1 14.36

JUDE, CLARE, ROB

[JUDE IS HELPING CLARE WHO LIES IN A FOETAL POSITION ON THE FLOOR]

JUDE:

Try not to move.

CLARE:

It hurts.

JUDE:

I know. I'm going to get help.

CLARE:

Is it the baby?

JUDE:

(GENTLE) I don't know.

[ROB COMES IN AGITATED]

ROB:

What's going on?

JUDE:

Get a doctor Rob.

[ROB LOOKS DOWN AT CLARE FROZEN]

JUDE:

Quickly!

[HE HURRIES OUT]

CLARE:

(QUIETLY) I don't want to lose the baby. Don't let me lose the baby.

[OUT ON JUDE FEELING FOR HER]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC19. INT. SAINT PHIL'S RELATIVE'S ROOM. DAY 1
14.50

JUDE, ROB

[ROB BESIDE HIMSELF WAITS NERVOUSLY. HE
CAN'T KEEP HIS HANDS STILL.

HE STANDS UP AS JUDE COMES IN]

ROB:

How is she?

JUDE:

She's being seen by the gynaecology team. They'll take good care of her.

ROB:

(BEAT) What about the baby?

JUDE:

I don't know Rob. I'm sorry.

[ROB NODS DISTRAUGHT AND SITS DOWN< JUDE
LOOKS AT HIM SYMPATHETICALLY FOR A BEAT]

JUDE:

Shall I get us some coffee?

[ROB NODS WITHOUT LOOKING UP AND JUDE
LEAVES]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC20. INT. SAINT PHIL'S. VENDING MACHINE AREA.
DAY 1. 14.51

JAKE, JUDE

[JUDE HEADS TOWARDS THE VENDING MACHINE
BUT SEES JAKE AHEAD.

SHE HIDES BACK UNTIL HE MOVES AWAY.

ANNOYED WITH HERSELF SHE MOVES TO THE
MACHINE AND SIGHS DEEPLY AS SHE LOOKS AT
THE LIST OF BUTTONS... SHE CAN'T MAKE A
CHOICE.

OUT ON JUDE SCOWLING AT HER REFLECTION IN
THE VENDING MACHINE'S GLASS WINDOW]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC21. INT. SAINT PHILS. CORRIDOR/WAITING ROOM
DAY 1. 15.30

JUDE, DS HUNT, CLARE, ROB

[ROB SITS QUIETLY TO ONE SIDE. DS HUNT COMES ACROSS TO TALK WITH JUDE]

DS HUNT:

I need to get back to the station.

[JUDE SMILES IRRITATINGLY]

JUDE:

I'm a big girl now Detective Sergeant, I'm sure I'll be alright on my own.

DS HUNT:

You know if you were half as sharp as you think you are you'd be twice as funny.

JUDE:

Don't let me hold you up.

HUNT:

If anything goes wrong in there, how does that affect the test?

JUDE:

What do you mean?

HUNT:

What I mean is, if she loses the baby, can they still do the test?

[JUDE LOOKS ACROSS AT ROB ANNOYED]

JUDE:

Do you not think this is an insensitive time to be asking these questions?

HUNT:

(ANGRILY) No I do not. Mister Williams and I have spoken about this and we need to know the facts.

[ROB NODS AND JUDE SIGHS]

JUDE:

Well there are still tests that can be carried out. Simpler tests, we can determine paternity very quickly if that were to be the case.

HUNT:

Good.

[ROB NODS AND GOES BACK TO HIS THOUGHTS]

HUNT:

I'll leave that with you then Doctor.

[HUNT MOVES OFF AND JUDE HURRIES AFTER HIM]

JUDE:

You were out of order back there.

[HUNT STOPS AND GLARES AT HER]

HUNT:

No you were out of order. You know what your problem is?

JUDE:

(FLARING) No why don't you tell me.

HUNT:

You lack professional distance.

JUDE:

I care about people's feelings you mean?

[HUNT LEANS ANGRILY IN]

HUNT:

I mean you've got too personally involved and it's affecting your judgement in this case.

JUDE:

She's not a case, she's a human being!

HUNT:

Can you listen to yourself?

JUDE:

I care about people. That's the difference between you and me.

HUNT:

I can care.

JUDE:

Is that right?

[HUNT LOOKS AT HER FOR A BEAT THE SPARK OF ANGER DEFINITELY HIDING SOMETHING MORE DANGEROUS]

HUNT:

I care about the next woman this man attacks. That's who I care about!
We couldn't stop what happened to Clare.... But I want to stop it happening
again. And I'll do whatever I have to make sure it doesn't! Because the next
time he attacks and ties up and rapes a woman....

[JUDE HOLDS HIS LOOK]

HUNT:

The next time he might not leave it at that. The next time he might kill her.

[JUDE LOOKS AT HIM CONFLICTED, HE'S RIGHT]

JUDE:

You don't have a monopoly on knowing what the right thing to do is DS
Hunt.

DS HUNT:

(BEAT) Yeah I do.

[HE NODS AT HER AND LEAVES, JUDE FRUSTRATED
GOES BACK TO ROB WHO IS PACING ANXIOUSLY]

ROB:

Why is it taking so long? Why can't they tell us what is going on?

JUDE:

Why don't I go and find out?

[SHE LEAVES.

OUT ON ROB DISTRAUGHT]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC22. EXT. SAINT PHIL'S. TREATMENT ROOM. DAY 1.
15.40

JUDE, ROB, CLARE

[CLARE LIES ON THE TOP OF A BED IN THE TREATMENT ROOM. HER FACE IS GHOSTLY WHITE AND DEVASTATED.

ROB COMES INT TO THE ROOM FOLLOWED BY JUDE. CLARE LOOKS UP AT HIM SADLY]

CLARE:
I'm sorry.

[ROB REACTS TAKING IT IN]

ROB:
(CRUSHED) No.

CLARE:
I am so sorry.

ROB:
You've got nothing to be sorry for have you. (COLD ANGER) It's him isn't it? He's done this.

CLARE:
Don't Rob.

ROB:
He's hurt you.... And now he's killed our baby.

[ROB FIGHT BACK TEARS]

JUDE:
I'm sorry Clare.

ROB:
I should have killed him.

CLARE:
(DISTRAUGHT) It won't help.

[ROB SHAKES HIS HEAD QUIETLY]

ROB:
He's not going to get away with this.

[HE TURNS AND LEAVES]

CLARE:

This is all my fault isn't it?

[JUDE SHAKES HER HEAD]

JUDE:

You mustn't think that.

CLARE:

I couldn't make up my mind, the stress, the worry..... all that caused the miscarriage didn't it?

JUDE:

All kinds of things could have caused it Clare. We don't know what yet. But I do know one thing absolutely ... and that is none of this is your fault.

[CLARE FIGHTS BACK THE TEARS, NOT
ALTOGETHER SUCCESSFULLY]

CLARE:

You've got to stop him.

[JUDE GIVES HER A PUZZLED LOOK]

CLARE:

Rob. You've got to stop him.

JUDE:

What do you mean?

CLARE:

He said he was going to kill him.

JUDE:

I'm sure he'll calm down, it's just a figure of speech.

CLARE:

No it's not. He's got a shotgun Jude. He means it.

[JUDE TAKES IT IN AND PULLS OUT HER MOBILE
PHONE]

JUDE:

I'm going to go outside and phone DS Hunt but I'll be right back.

CLARE:

(DISTRAUGHT) I don't want Rob getting hurt.

[JUDE GIVES HER A REASSURING NOD AND
HURRIES OUT AFTER ROB.

OUT ON CLARE DEVASTATED]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC23. EXT. SAINT PHIL'S. CAR PARK. DAY 1. 15.45

JUDE, ROB, DS HUNT

[JUDE FLIES ACROSS THE CAR PARK AND RUNS UP TO ROB'S CAR AS HE DRIVES OUT OF HIS PARKING SPACE.]

[SHE STAND IN FRONT OF THE CAR AS IT APPROACHES]

JUDE:

Stop the car Rob!

[ROB SHOUTS BACK AT HER]

ROB:

Get out of the way!

[JUDE DOESN'T BUDGE AND ROB IS FORCED TO STOP.]

[JUDE RUNS ROUND THE SIDE AND OPENS THE DOOR]

JUDE:

Get out of the car.

ROB:

This has got nothing to do with you!

[ROB TRIES TO PULL THE DOOR BACK SHUT BUT JUDE GRABS HOLD OF HIS ARM AND STOPS HIM]

JUDE:

Get out of the car!

[SHE PULLS HIM OUT]

JUDE:

(GASPS) What the hell do you think you're doing?

ROB:

I'm going to put things right.

JUDE:

(FURIOUS) Your wife in there has just lost her baby. She needs you.

[ROB SHAKES HIS HEAD, VERY WORKED UP]

ROB:

Need me? She doesn't need me! What use am I to her? I couldn't protect her could I? I couldn't stop that man raping her. (BEAT) I couldn't give her a baby!

[JUDE LOOKS AT HIM FOR A SYMPATHETIC BEAT]

JUDE:

And you think this will make up for it? Getting yourself sent to prison?

ROB:

(DESPERATE) I've got to do something.

[JUDE WALKS UP TO HIM]

JUDE:

What you can do... is be there for your wife.

[ROB LEANS BACK AGAINST HIS CAR, RUBBING THE TEARS FROM HIS EYES WITH THE BACK OF HIS HAND]

ROB:

I wasn't though was I? We argued. A stupid argument about absolutely nothing. And I let her walk home from the pub alone. I should have stopped her. I should have gone with her..... but I didn't.

JUDE:

It's still going on Rob. For her. She's still dealing with the consequences.... especially now. You weren't there when it happened but you can help her now, can't you?

[ROB LOOKS AT HER WITHOUT ANSWERING]

JUDE:

It's not about you being a father, it's not even about you being a man. It's not about you at all is it? It's about Clare.

[ROB LOOKS AT HER FOR A BEAT AND THEN NODS]

JUDE:

Be her husband.

[ROB NODS AGAIN AND HEADS OFF TO THE HOSPITAL AS DS HUNT ROARS UP IN HIS CAR AND JUMPS OUT]

HE LOOKS AT ROB WALKING AWAY AND THEN BACK AT JUDE CRITICALLY]

HUNT:

I thought I told you on the phone to wait for me.

JUDE:

(SPIKY) Maybe I'm getting a little tired of you telling me what to do.

HUNT:

Maybe I'm getting tired of having to!

[JUDE SHAKES HER HEAD DISMISSIVELY AND MOVES OFF. HUNT CALLS AFTER HER]

HUNT:

Hold on a minute Doctor Carlyle!

[JUDE TURNS BACK ANNOYED AND LOOKS THE QUESTION]

HUNT:

She lost the baby then?

JUDE:

Yes. She had a miscarriage.

HUNT:

But we can still test the.... what's it called, the products of conception? We can get the DNA from that.

JUDE:

(DRY) Yes. We can still test the products of conception.

[HUNT NODS PLEASED] [

HUNT:

We can still get him then.

[JUDE LOOKS AT HIM FOR A BEAT AND THEN SHAKES HER HEAD AND WALKS OFF TO THE HOSPITAL ENTRANCE.

OUT ON HUNT FIRED UP]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC24. INT. SAINT PHIL'S. TREATMENT ROOM. DAY 1.
15.55

CLARE, ROB

[ROB IS IN WITH CLARE WHO IS LYING,
RECOVERING ON TOP OF A BED]

ROB:

I've let you down haven't I?

CLARE:

No you haven't.

[SHE TAKES HIS HAND]

CLARE:

It's time for us to stop saying sorry. It's time to move on isn't it? We have to put this behind us. And we can now. We can try again.

[ROB NODS]

ROB:

Yes.

CLARE:

We have to.

ROB:

I've been thinking...

[HE TRAILS OFF]

CLARE:

Go on.

ROB:

I don't think we should have the test.

CLARE:

(PUZZLED) What do you mean?

ROB:

It would have been our baby. Whatever the tests showed. It would have been our baby wouldn't it?

CLARE:

(GRATEFUL) Yes.

ROB:

So let's leave it like that. Eh?

[CLARE NODS TEARFULLY AND SMILES]

CLARE:

I'll let you tell Detective Sergeant Hunt.

[ROB SHARES THE MOMENT WITH HER FOR A BEAT
AND HIS SMILE SOFTENS]

ROB:

I do love you.

[CLARE LOOKS UP AT HIM AND CAN'T HOLD BACK
THE TEARS NOW]

CLARE:

I know.

[OUT ON THEM HUGGING AND HOLDING EACH
OTHER FOR DEAR LIFE]

CUT TO:

EP151/SC25. INT. THE LETHERBAR. DAY 1. 18.00

JUDE, HELEN

NSE BARMAID

[JUDE HANDS SOME COINS OVER TO THE BARMAID
AND PICKS UP A GLASS OF WINE AND TAKES A SIP.

[HELEN APPROACHES AND THROWS HER A LOOK]

JUDE:

After the day I've had, I deserve this.

HELEN:

Right.

JUDE:

And if you say one thing about pregnant women and alcohol... I'll lamp
you.

[HELEN LAUGHS AND SITS NEXT TO HER AT THE
BAR AND GESTURES THE SAME AGAIN TO THE
BARMAID. JUDE PUTS SOME MORE COINS ON THE
BAR]

JUDE:

(TO BARMAID) I'll get that.

HELEN:

Did your patient go for the DNA test?

[JUDE SHAKES HER HEAD]

HELEN:

(SURPRISED) What happened?

JUDE:

She had a miscarriage.

[HELEN GRIMACES]

HELEN:

That's rough.

JUDE:

Maybe it was for the best.

HELEN:

Given who the father might have been?

JUDE:

It would never go away, would it?

[HELEN NODS]

HELEN:

What would she tell the child?

JUDE:

I guess in those circumstance she never would.

[HELEN NODS POINTEDLY AT BILL WHO APPROACHES AWKWARDLY]

BILL:

(TESTING THE WATER) Jude?

JUDE:

(AWKWARD) Hello Bill.

[HELEN WATCHES THEM STAYING IMPASSIVELY DISCREET, BILL NODS AT HER]

BILL:

Helen.

[HELEN SMILES]

BILL:

(TO JUDE) I'm here with a few friends celebrating. Why don't you two come over and join us?

HELEN:

What are you celebrating?

BILL:

One of my Junior colleagues has just become a father. We're wetting the baby's head.

[HELEN LOOKS AT JUDE]

JUDE:

Sorry, it's not a good time right now Bill. Helen and I are in the middle of something.

[BILL PICKS UP ON HER TONE]

BILL:

Sure. Well I didn't mean to interrupt. It's just... well we're going to have to talk to one another aren't we? On a professional basis at least.

JUDE:

True.

BILL:

And we are both adults...

[JUDE NODS]

JUDE:

Yeah.

BILL:

Well that's all I wanted to say. So... if you change your mind, we're going to be here a while.

[HE NODS WITH A QUICK SMILE AND LEAVES TO REJOIN HIS FRIENDS]

HELEN:

I take it you haven't told him?

JUDE:

(EMPHATIC) No I haven't. Just you and Ben know and that's the way I want to keep it.

HELEN:

He's definitely still carrying a torch for you.

JUDE:

It doesn't matter what he's carrying. It's over.

HELEN:

And what about you?

JUDE:

What do you mean?

[HELEN LOOKS POINTEDLY AT JUDE'S STOMACH]

HELEN:

Does it matter what you're carrying? If you knew it was Bill's baby.... would you keep it?

[JUDE DOESN'T ANSWER. SHE LOOKS OVER AT BILL. HER HAND MOVES INVOLUNTARILY TO HER STOMACH.]

OUT ON JUDE CONFLICTED]

CUT TO:

END OF EPISODE: