

AN AFFAIR COMES TO LIGHT

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INT. NELSON HOME - LIVING ROOM - MORNING

There is silence in the room. Two suitcases and an overnight bag sit on the sofa, however there are no signs of life. Then **boom**, the silence in the air is broken as GWEN NELSON emerges from the bedroom holding a suitcase and covered in anger.

Her husband TOM is hot on her heels.

TOM

Gwen you are overreacting.

Gwen sits her suitcases on the sofa among the others.

GWEN

I am overreacting? You had an affair..with my sister no doubt and you think I am overreacting??

TOM

Packing up and leaving without having a conversation is an overreaction.

GWEN

What is there to talk about Tom? You want me to stay here and listen to your silly excuses? For what, because it won't make a difference. **We are done.**

TOM

Gwen..

GWEN

(cutting him off)

No..there is nothing you can say that can make me understand or forgive you for this. **Nothing.**

TOM

At least try and understand why it happened.

GWEN

Understand why it happened? Are you insane? You think I need a psycho analysis on why you and my sister betrayed me in the worst way possible?

Tom feels those words in his core.

TOM

I don't need to know anything else about you or my sister ever again.

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TOM (CONT'D)

Least of all how you two ended up in bed together. I will never speak to either one of you.. **ever again**. Next time you hear from will be through my lawyer.

Gwen tries to grab hold of her suitcases and bag.

TOM (CONT'D)

What about Craig?

The name gives Gwen a pause for a moment.

GWEN

What about our son? We'll have to tell him of course. He has to know. He's a big boy now. He needs to understand everything that happened. **He needs to understand the failure of the man that is his father.**

Tom looks sad at the thought. Gwen studies..

GWEN (CONT'D)

Why the long face? Better yet why are you worried about Craig now? You didn't think of either one of us when you took my sister to bed.

Gwen glares with disgust. After a few moments.....

GWEN (CONT'D)

(matter of fact)

Goodbye Tom.

Gwen returns to grabbing her suitcases. Tom moves in to help.

TOM

Let me help you with that.

Gwen snaps.

GWEN

No! **Don't touch me**. Don't you ever touch me again.

There is a sound coming from the front door. Within seconds a woman enters the home. This is GWEN'S sister SUZANNE. She is looking very unsure, nervous and timid. Gwen and Suzanne lock eyes. **Gwen is instantly disgusted.**

GWEN (CONT'D)

My God, I can't even get out of the door quick enough without you sniffing around my husband.

SUZANNE

I came to talk to you.

GWEN

About what? About how much of a tramp you are? My own sister is sleeping with my husband. The sister that I practically raised when our mother became incapacitated. Very Sad. (a beat) Well he's all yours now. **Enjoy him.**

SUZANNE

I don't want him. What happened between Tom and I was a mistake.

GWEN

Oh spare me. It doesn't matter if it was a mistake or by design. You are a grown woman. You made an effort and that is what makes you a backstabbing slut. Not a mistake. **Your actions.**

SUZANNE

(careful)

Gwen, you know that I just lost my husband...

GWEN

And so that means that you take mine?

SUZANNE

I don't mean it like that.

GWEN

Well you brought it up which is an odd thing to say cause Bob's death has zero to do with you **sleeping** with my husband. **Zero.** So just as I told Tom, save your excuses. **I have nothing to say to either you....**

Gwen grabs hold of her exit bags and heads towards the door. Right before she disappears, she stops and turns back to Suzanne and Tom. She takes a moment before..

GWEN (CONT'D)

When I was in the hospital with cancer eating me on the inside, I thanked GOD that I had you two by my side.

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GWEN (CONT'D)

Little did I know **you two were** the cancer eating me on the outside.

Tom and Suzanne's faces drops. Gwen turns and exits the home

Suzanne is shaken by the encounter.

SUZANNE

I told you not to tell her. I told you this was going to happen.

TOM

She was suspicious. I didn't want to lie to her.

SUZANNE

Now was not a time to be noble Tom. Look at the cost. *She will never forgive us.*

TOM

She just needs time.

SUZANNE

Time? Did you see her face? That is an anger that time will **not** reverse.

Suzanne's frustration increases.

SUZANNE (CONT'D)

Everything just has to be your way.

TOM

So you're going to blame all of this on me?

SUZANNE

I am saying you are a stubborn man who doesn't take no for an answer. **I told you not to tell her.** I even told you I didn't want to have sex.

TOM

Wait a minute are you saying I forced myself on you?

Suzanne realizes what she is saying.

SUZANNE

No, I am not saying that.

TOM

Well it sure sounds like it? What do you mean you told me you didn't wanna have sex? (a beat) Yeah you said some similar words in your unconvincing tone while you were wrapping your legs around my waist. You certainly gave your all like you wanted it just as much as I did.

Suzanne moves away from Tom. It's taking everything for her not to cry.

SUZANNE

What did we do? **We hurt Gwen.**

Tom takes a moment to calm himself a bit.

TOM

We just have to be patient and wait until she calms down.

SUZANNE

Do you have any idea of where she is going?

TOM

No I don't..maybe our beach home in Gallante.

SUZANNE

Then I need to go and see her.

TOM

That is not a good idea.

SUZANNE

I have to do something. I can't just let her drift away like this

Suzanne heads for the door.

TOM

Now who is being stubborn?

Suzanne turns once again,

SUZANNE

She is my sister Tom. Like she said, she practically raised me. I have to make this right.

Suzanne exits the home.

What is more to come in this story:

Tom has an emotional and angry confrontation with his son.

Suzanne and Gwen come face to face in the fiery conclusion