LAWYER

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INT. SQUAD - INTERROGATION ROOM - DAY

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Danny and Baez sit with an emotional Maya and her LAWYER.

START ---> Tell us more about that night, SC1 Maya.

> LAWYER She was home making dinner.

BAEZ Your name is Maya?

LAWYER No, but we already went over this.

DANNY

And like she mentioned before, no one was home to confirm her alibi.

BAEZ Well, her husband would've been home, if he wasn't murdered.

LAWYER She knows her husband is dead, detective.

DANNY And we're sure she knows how too. Isn't that right?

LAWYER Is there a point detectives?

BAEZ We're just establishing motive and history. 21

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DANNY

You knew about your husband's affair and were embarrassed. And mad-

MAYA

I was mad. But it wasn't only about the affair.

DANNY

What else were you upset about?

MAYA We left Pakistan for a new life. New opportunities. New dreams.

DANNY But Zahid sleeping with your friend wasn't one.

MAYA Coming to America is a lot harder than it looks in the movies. He was so unhappy here. We all were.

BAEZ So you took that anger out on him?

MAYA He was obsessed with the old ways and tradition. He didn't understand that we could start a new life here and make our own. But everything was a problem. The clothes, the music. He was suffocating us -

Danny and Baez look to each other - us? Maya catches this -

MAYA (CONT'D) He was suffocating me. And I Me. couldn't deal with it anymore. I couldn't deal with him. I want to confess.

LAWYER Slow down, Maya. There's no reason to go there without striking a deal first.

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MAYA

I don't want a deal. I want to confess. I did it. I killed my husband.

LAWYER Don't say anything else!

Danny, Baez, and the Lawyer are shocked.

LAWYER (CONT'D) I'm going to need a minute alone /END with my client. sc1

As the detectives exit, we see something isn't adding up for Danny.

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They enter-

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To find Maya and her Lawyer, who is visibly disappointed.

START ----> I'm unsure why, but my client would like to confess.

DANNY She doesn't want to talk to an ADA first?

Baez gives Danny a look: wtf? Maybe you're right.

LAWYER Unfortunately not.

Danny slides her a pen and pad.

DANNY I did have one more question about that night.

LAWYER It will be in her confession.

DANNY I want you to show me something.

LAWYER

Detective --

Danny slides a plastic gun to Maya.

Baez, looks to him confused: what are you doing? Off which he mouths: trust me.

DANNY Does this look familiar?

MAYA Should it? 24

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DANNY We got a ballistics report, and this is similar to the gun used to murder Zahid. That is, if you murdered Zahid.

LAWYER

If?

MAYA Of course, now I remember. This is the same gun.

DANNY So, show me how you did it. (off her look) Show me how you shot your husband.

LAWYER Don't do it. Detectives, I shouldn't have to remind you how unethical this is.

BAEZ She's about to confess, she shouldn't have any issue showing us how it went down.

Danny picks up the gun and hands it to Maya.

DANNY C'mon. You see that brick wall? Pretend it's Zahid.

LAWYER (to Maya) You don't have to do this.

Maya looks to Danny, then picks up the gun. She is visibly uncomfortable. It's clear that she doesn't know how to hold the gun.

DANNY You held it like that?

HAYA I-did-

DANNY And then you shot him?

MAYA

Yes.

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Danny turns to Baez and sees that stars been converted.

DANNY

See, that's the problem.

MAYA

What is?

DANNY

You're holding that gun like you learned how to shoot from a movie. But this isn't a revolver.

BAEZ

It's a semi automatic.

He walks to Maya and takes her hand to demonstrate.

DANNY

You see, with revolvers, only the hammer in the back and the cylinder move.

LAWYER We didn't sign up for Guns-101 detectives.

DANNY So when you hold it like you did, the shooter comes out unscathed. But with semi automatics

BAEZ Which was used in the crime

DANN¥ The slide

BAEZ Or top of the gun

DANNY Comes flying back. So if you held the gun exactly like you're doing now, it would have ripped the side of your hand.

MAYA Wait, I was holding it like this.

Maya adjusts her hand, moving it slightly higher.

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BAEZ

Exactly like that?

MAYA

Exactly.

DANNY

That's odd 'cause if you did, the slide would've ripped the webbing off your hand so forcefully that you'd need stitches to get your hand to even somewhat resemble what it normally looks like. I don't see any stitches. Do you Baes?

BAEZ

Not-one.

LAWYER

Meaning?

DANNY You've never held a gun before, have you?

Maya slides him her confession. / END sc2

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