

*REVISED HOLLY SIDES 1/3

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ACT ONE

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FADE IN:

CLOSE ON - THE NEW YORK POST

thrown onto a table in front of Arthur Frobisher.

WOMAN'S VOICE (O.S.)
Page Six. This morning's paper.

And we're --

10 EXT. FROBISHER'S WESTCHESTER ESTATE - POOLSIDE - MORNING 10 *

Frobisher sits outside, about to be served breakfast.
Frobisher's wife, HOLLY, 40s, blond and smart, is at her
breaking point.

HOLLY FROBISHER
I went shopping yesterday, Arthur.
(points to paper)
It's in there today.

The SERVER approaches, pours juice for Frobisher. Holly
waits for him to leave, then --

HOLLY FROBISHER (CONT'D)
They say I spent twenty thousand
dollars on shoes while your former
employees are lined up for food stamps.

ARTHUR FROBISHER
Don't pay attention to that crap,
Holly.

HOLLY FROBISHER
It was two thousand. And it was for
the kids.

ARTHUR FROBISHER
I'll have Ray Fiske make a call, get
them to retract.

HOLLY FROBISHER
Then some shithead photographer chased
us and hit my car. But I can't go to
the police. That will just bring
more press.

The Server approaches again with a place setting for Holly.

HOLLY FROBISHER (CONT'D)
Nothing for me, thank you.

ARTHUR FROBISHER
(waves him off)
Thanks...

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HOLLY FROBISHER

Reporters follow Owen to school.
Bethie's friends won't come over.
Their parents won't let them.

ARTHUR FROBISHER

She told me.

HOLLY FROBISHER

This is not a childhood, Arthur.

Silence. When Holly speaks again, we hear her stress --

HOLLY FROBISHER (CONT'D)

You said all this would end after the
government trial.

ARTHUR FROBISHER

I thought it would. I was found not
guilty.

(off her look)

There are things beyond my control,
Holly. I'm trying to settle the case.

HOLLY FROBISHER

Try harder.

ARTHUR FROBISHER

I offered a 100 million dollars for
something I didn't do.

HOLLY FROBISHER

Offer more.

ARTHUR FROBISHER

Holly --

HOLLY FROBISHER

You promised me, Arthur. Don't look
at me like that.

They stare at each other. Into the tension walks the Server
with an omelet sizzling in a pan. Frobisher calls him off.

FROBISHER

Looks great, Ricky, terrific, but you
eat it. Or pull the peppers out and
give it to the dogs.

The Server leaves. Holly turns to other matters --

HOLLY FROBISHER

We have the Met gala on Sunday. I
don't want to be late, so make sure
you're home from golf.

ARTHUR FROBISHER

(knows what she's doing)

Holly, I'm doing everything I can to
make this go away.

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HOLLY FROBISHER
(ignoring him)
The "Helping Hands" auction is Tuesday
night. I'm happy to go alone.

ARTHUR FROBISHER
Holly, stop it --

HOLLY FROBISHER
And we have to make a decision on the
Aspen house. Are we gonna keep
building, or sell it?

ARTHUR FROBISHER
Holly --

HOLLY FROBISHER
What, Arthur? I heard you. You're
doing all you can. What do you want
me to say?

He looks at her. The stress in her eyes says everything.

ARTHUR FROBISHER
Nothing. Nothing, Holly.

She gets up from the table and walks away. Off Frobisher...

END

12 INT. PATTY HEWES & ASSOCIATES - FILE ROOM - MORNING

Ellen sorts through a drawer, hands FILES to a PARALEGAL.

ELLEN
These are for Ms. Hewes' meeting with
Kathryn Connor.

Patty enters.

PATTY HEWES
(smiling)
Well, good morning

ELLEN
Morning.

PATTY HEWES
Your ears must've been ringing last
night.

ELLEN
Why's that?

PATTY HEWES
I was talking about you.

ELLEN
(wary)
Really.

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