THE DARK PAST

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STEPHEN HOLDEN (V.O.)
I never wanted it to end this way.

CUT TO

INT. BEDROOM

ELIZA HOLDEN is stuffing clothes into a bag as STEPHEN HOLDEN watches her.

ELIZA HOLDEN
You told me you wouldn’t slip back to your past again, Stephen.

STEPHEN HOLDEN
Eliza, I was doing it for us.

ELIZA smirks and zips her bag.

ELIZA HOLDEN
Us? I don’t think so.

ELIZA turns around and faces STEPHEN.

ELIZA HOLDEN
You gotta be kidding me. You let him hire you to gun down a man and for what? Some money? This is mass murder.

ELIZA walks past STEPHEN.

STEPHEN HOLDEN
Eliza! This man I was hired to go after is an FBI informant who’s feeding information too the-

ELIZA HOLDEN
I don’t care. I’m leaving and you won’t see me again.

BEAT.

ELIZA HOLDEN
Ever.

STEPHEN HOLDEN
Alright fine.

ELIZA walks into the kitchen and STEPHEN follows.
INT. KITCHEN

ELIZA grabs her wallet, checkbook, and car keys and puts it in her pocket and walks towards the back door and unlocks it.

ELIZA HOLDEN
(SARCASTIC)
Goodbye, Stephen.

STEPHEN is silent as she exits out of the house. Silence fills the room as STEPHEN rubs his head with his left hand and sighs.

STEPHEN HOLDEN (V.O.)
She’s right, greed overwhelmed me.
I was foolish and now she’s gone.
Forever.

CUT TO

INT. ALLEYWAY

STEPHEN is in an alleyway and is smoking a cigarette. He blows smoke out of his mouth and throws the cigarette down on the ground and a man with a briefcase enters the alleyway.

MAN
The boss says congratulations and sends his condolences for the loss of your wife.

STEPHEN HOLDEN
(SARCASTIC)
Well tell him thanks a lot. The money?

MAN hands him the briefcase and walks off, further into the alleyway and exits out on the other side.
INT. LIVING ROOM

STEPHEN is sitting in the living room, with the briefcase open in front of him. He is sitting on a couch and in front of him is $100,000 dollars. Next to him is a bottle of beer and next to it, is his gun.

STEPHEN HOLDEN (V.O.)
This is what the outcome is when you decide to do something that you think is right, but you know it's wrong deep down.

Glass breaks as STEPHEN looks up.

BLACK

STEPHEN HOLDEN (V.O.)
But in the end, the past will always haunt you.

THE END