A MURDERER'S MIND

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Setting:

in 1990s, in Detroit, in december

Characters:

MIKE: 33 years old, bald with mustache and a lot of muscle, American, Murderer, overly bold and furious

HAILEY: 8 years old, a blonde girl with blue eyes, American, student, a cheerful girl who loves living with her dad Mike

JENNIFER: 26 years old, straight black hair and very attractive girl, American, journalist, a lover person who can empathize with everyone

DAVID: 32 years old, well built man, American, MIKE'S old friend, is lookin for revenge from MIKE because of the old memories

SCENE 1

(MIKE and his daughter, HAILEY, are living in Detroit, USA in 1991. MIKE is an old serial killer who works with his old friend DAVID, who is also a serial killer. After HAILEY'S birth, MIKE quit his job of killing but DAVID is angry with him because of MIKE'S decision.)

(MIKE and his daughter HAILEY are in their regular weekend routine. MIKE takes his daughter HAILEY to her dance course as always. They arrive at the dance course center and HAILEY goes to change her outfit.)

HAILEY: Dad, wait for me at the dance court and i will change my outfit and come very quick.

MIKE: okey sweetie i am waiting for you.

(while MIKE is waiting for HAILEY he hears screams from outside and goes outside to have a look and see guys with handgun. MIKE realizes the danger because the man with the gun is his old friend DAVID who betrayed him years ago.)

MIKE:(shouts) what are you doing here, DAVID!!!

DAVID:(furiously) i have been tracking you for a long time MIKE im here for revenge!

MIKE: what do you want from me, DAVID?

DAVID: (while laughing) once a while ago you took my job from me and today i will take your precious daughter from you so we gonna settle the accounts.

MIKE: you can't do something like that, DAVID don't you dare?

(while these two are talking, DAVID'S man comes from the inside of the dance course building with HAILEY)

MIKE: H-H-HAILEY no DAVID you can't do that

(DAVID uses his gun to shoot HAILEY in her chest in front of MIKE for his revenge and then MIKE gets on his knees and starts to cry. MIKE takes HAILEY into his arms and try to stop bleeding on HAILEY'S chest. MIKE tries to speak with HAILEY but HAILEY doesn't respond))

DAVID:(shouts) that is what you get if you betray me MIKE

(MIKE is in tears he freezes and can't move)

(DAVID and his friend leaves the place while MIKE is crying with HAILEY'S dead body inside his arms)

SCENE 2

(after 1 day, in MIKE'S little and old apartment which he could afford with his little money, he was lying on the couch. nothing feels the same for MIKE anymore he is in depression for losing HAILEY, there is nothing to live for now, he wants to get back to normal life but he can't find the motivation to do it.

Suddenly, MIKE starts to shout.

MIKE: (shouting as loud as he can) I WON'T STOP I WILL DO IT FOR YOU HAILEY

(MIKE decides to go after DAVID. He thinks he can't accept this fate and must do something)

MIKE: I will plan something big and i will show that DAVID why he shouldn't deal with me

SCENE 3

(MIKE is tracking DAVID every day and tries to get information about his life because he need a plan for his revenge. Exactly 5 days after HAILEY'S death, DAVID committed a new crime that he robs a bank with his squad. MIKE is there, too. He is trying to collect information about DAVID and his squad. But MIKE pretends to be a normal person.)

DAVID: (in the bank, to the bank's employees) Give all the money in the safe, if you don't i will kill these hostages.

BANK EMPLOYEE: o.o.okey sir give me time to open the safe please.

DAVID: Be quick!!! I won't hesitate to pull the trigger i'm a serial killer maybe you don't know!!

(While DAVID is trying to rob the bank some of the journalists came to the place to report the news. One of them is JENNIFER and knows MIKE from highschool.

JENNIFER also knows MIKE is a murderer but doesn't snitch on him because she is secretly in love with him. MIKE sees JENNIFER and thinks he can get some information from her)

MIKE: Oooh JENNIFER it's good to see you again how is it going?

JENNIFER: It's all good MIKE how about you?

MIKE: You know it's the same, trying to live

JENNIFER: Ooooh okay i get it. How is HAILYE by the way?

MIKE: (he tears up and talks slowly) Don't ask, JENNIFER. H-H-HAILEY got killed by DAVID.

(JENNIFER knows DAVID from MIKE'S old jobs.)

JENNIFER: Oh i'm so sorry to hear that. Is there anything that i can do for you? I really love HAILEY. It is tragic that she is dead now.

MIKE: I don't know how you can help me JENNIFER

JENNIFER: (with hope) Please MIKE i really want to help you. You can't handle it by yourself.

MIKE: Okay JENNIFER. I want something from you. I want to get revenge from DAVID. Can you help me with that?

JENNIFER: You mean you wanna kill him?????

MIKE:(furiously) Yes, JENNIFER. It may sound crazy but i want to get HAILEY'S revenge. I can't live like that.

JENNIFER: I don't know if I can help you, MIKE. You want something big from me.

MIKE: JENNIFER listen to me i just want to face DAVID. Maybe you don't know but this robbery is DAVID'S robbery. He is in there.

JENNIFER: (shocked) DAVID is in there? are you serious?

MIKE: Yes JENNIFER i'm dead serious. Can you get me in?

JENNIFER: Okay MIKE i will try but how can i get you in there are thousands of polices.

(JENNIFER tries to sneak in MIKE as a cameraman but they get caught by a police officer.)

POLICE OFFICER: Hey where are you going, you can't get into the bank.

JENNIFER: We are working for a reporting channel. We gotta take some shots of inside.

POLICE OFFICER: No, ma'am, you can't do it right now

JENNIFER: oh okey we are leaving now

(JENNIFER and MIKE failed to get inside. meanwhile DAVID succeedss in his robbery and runs away with a lot of cash. Police can't catch DAVID and his squad.)

JENNIFER: MIKE, you wanna come to my place tonight? So we can talk about what you want to do and how i can help you?

MIKE: I don't know JENNIFER i really don't. okay let me come

SCENE 4

(MIKE and JENNIFER go to the JENNIFER'S apartment later that day. JENNIFER'S apartment is a very luxurious residence at the center of the city but it is a tiny residant because JENNIFER lives alone normally. JENNIFER cooks them dinner and they start to eat it while talking)

JENNIFER: Okay MIKE i know you want to get revenge but it is not the right thing to do. You know it!

MIKE: Give me a reason for me not to do it JENNIFER!! I have nothing in my hand i don't know why i am living now. I don't have any reason to live.

JENNIFER: No, MIKE! You have a reason. I love you, MIKE. I have been keepin it secret for a long time but it is time to open my thoughts. I always planned my future with you, that's why i don't want you to chase DAVID.

MIKE: Wait JENNIFER are you serious right now?

JENNIFER: I'm dead serious MIKE! I'm afraid because i don't want you to get hurt or die while doing this.

MIKE: But you know it JENNIFER. i can't just stay like this while DAVID is out there doing what he wants.

JENNIFER: Of course MIKE. I don't want him to be free like this. I really like HAILEY and i can't accept that she is gone. But please MIKE it is for both of us. Please stop chasing DAVID, i really don't want you to get hurt!!! I don't want to lose you.

MIKE: (furiously) JENNIFER you are saying me that i should stop chasing my daughter's killer. how can i stop my anger inside me?

(MIKE gets up and gets his coat to go. he acts like he is mad at JENNIFER.

JENNIFER tries to stop him but she can't hold him)

JENNIFER: MIKE... MIKE please stay!!!! we need to talk. I want to explain myself better.

MIKE: It is disappointing for me that you think that way.

(MIKE leaves)

SCENE 5

(MIKE comes back to his house and thinks about the situation)

MIKE: I really don't know agar to do maybe i should listen to JENNIFER.

(Breaths deeply)

MIKE: but i can not just stop chasing DAVID. It's for HAILEY. My little innocent daughter

(JENNIFER calls)

JENNIFER: Are you alright MIKE. i am thinking about you since you left.

MIKE: İ am okey JENNIFER. Please give me some space to think about the situation

JENNIFER: Okay MIKE. It's your decision. Call me when you are ready

MIKE: Thank you JENNIFER for understanding me.

(MIKE hangs up the phone and spend his evening and night by thinking about what to do)

SCENE 6

(Next morning in MIKE'S room, MIKE throws a tantrum. And called JENNIFER)

MIKE: JENNIFER i'm not good please help me!!

JENNIFER:I'm coming MIKE

(JENNIFER goes to the MIKE's apartment and sees him in a desperate situation)

JENNIFER: MIKE are you okey. What's wrong.

MIKE: I don't know JENNIFER I can't decide what to do

(And then JENNIFER takes care of MIKE. MIKE suddenly makes a decision)

MIKE: Hey JENNIFER! Look how good you treat me. I really love that attention coming from you.

JENNIFER: MIKE what are you saying right now is very important for me I tried to treat you right.

MIKE: Yes JENNIFER that's what I'm talking about you make me so feel so loved. And I started to fell in love with you.

JENNIFER: MIKE are you serious right now that's what I want for years.

MIKE: Yes JENNIFER I'm being dead serious. I think we can continue our life together. (sighs) and I think if HAILEY would be there she wanted it too. She wants me to continue my life no matter what happened.

JENNIFER: Yes MIKE you are right. She will see you from heaven and be happy with your decision.

MIKE: (deeply) I hope so JENNIFER. But what will we do to DAVID. He can't just continue his life like that

JENNIFER: I know MIKE . It hurts me too. Trust in god MIKE. God will handle it

MIKE: Maybe you are right JENNIFER