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CYNTHIA HICKS (O.S.)
I should've never let those girls
leave this home.

REVEAL BOOTH, BRENNAN, CYNTHIA & DELL HICKS

Cynthia is a tough woman in her mid-forties, eyes still red from the bad news. Brennan hands the photo back to Cynthia. Her husband, Dell, is a shady ambulance-chasing lawyer, somewhat younger. The house is one of those rural shacks just off the road -

CYNTHIA HICKS (CONT'D)
Worst thing that can happen to a
mother, isn't it? Finding out you
outlived your child. Unnatural.

BRENNAN
Except for societies with a high
infant mortality rate.

BOOTH
My understanding is that you have
tried several times to sue the
circus, Ms. Van Owen.

DELL HICKS
That's Mrs. Hicks.

BRENNAN
Are you her lawyer?

CYNTHIA HICKS
My lawyer and my husband, Dell
Hicks. Dell helped me sue the
circus for...

DELL HICKS
... loss of income, alienation of
affection, breaking a verbal
agreement, civil rights abuses,
animal abuses, improper hiring,
unfair recompensation, mental
anguish, emotional distress.

BOOTH
Have any of these gone to court?

DELL HICKS
It's just a matter of time, Agent
Booth.

BOOTH
You really hate that circus.

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CYNTHIA HICKS

They stole my daughters. I'll do anything to get back at them for that.

BRENNAN

When did you last see your daughters?

DELL HICKS

Four months ago.

CYNTHIA HICKS

They told us to butt outta their lives.

DELL HICKS

Jenny did.

CYNTHIA HICKS

Dammit Dell, if one of the girls wanted something it was the same as both of them wanting it.

DELL HICKS

If Jenny wanted something then they both wanted it. Didn't matter what Julie wanted.

BRENNAN

I've looked at their remains and I have to wonder if you ever considered having them surgically separated?

CYNTHIA HICKS

It was too dangerous.

BRENNAN

I disagree.

DELL HICKS

So did Jenny and Dr. Muir.

CYNTHIA HICKS

Well, Julie and I thought it was too dangerous.

BRENNAN

Your daughters disagreed on whether or not they should be separated?

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BOOTH

Is Dr. Muir here in Fort Worth?

CUT TO:

6 INT. DR. ALBERT MUIR'S OFFICE - NIGHT (N/1)

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Booth and Brennan sit across from DR. ALBERT MUIR, late thirties, handsome with longish hair slicked with product -

DR. ALBERT MUIR

I'm sure you understand that my responses to your questions about the Van Owen sisters is somewhat tempered by patient privilege.

BOOTH

They're murder victims. Patient privilege no longer applies.

DR. ALBERT MUIR

Ah, yes, of course. I've never had a patient murdered before.

BRENNAN

You thought the girls could be safely separated.

DR. ALBERT MUIR

Yes.

BRENNAN

I agree.

DR. ALBERT MUIR

As did Jenny. But Julie and her mother disagreed. She and that ambulance chaser husband tried to sue me.

BOOTH

Where did you leave things?

DR. ALBERT MUIR

In the end it didn't matter what any of the rest of us thought. Julie and Jenny were going to have to come to an agreement.

BRENNAN

I wonder if they thought they could continue to work in the circus if they were separated?

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