

Morgan Sides

25.

Rick nods, perplexed by this conversation.

MORGAN
What else? Anything?

RICK
Gunshot ain't enough?

Morgan approaches, tense. Pissed.

MORGAN
Look. I ask. You answer. Common
courtesy.

He leans closer, as if talking to a child:

MORGAN
Did. You. Get. Bit.

RICK
Bit?

MORGAN
Bit. Chewed. Maybe scratched.
Anything like that?

RICK
No. I got...well, shot. Just
shot. Far as I know.

Morgan relaxes a bit, but still isn't convinced.

MORGAN
We'll see.

Morgan heads for the door.

RICK
You gonna keep me tied up?

Morgan pauses, looks back. Says nothing. He exits, taking
his son with him...

DISSOLVE TO:

Start
INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Rick lying in darkness, still strapped to the bed.

A faint glow of candlelight from the outer room spills
through the doorway. FAINT SOUNDS: a spoon stirring a
pot, utensils being laid out. Whispers.

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A candle appears in the doorway. Morgan peers in, quietly enters. He pulls a chair to the bed, sits down.

The gun is tucked in Morgan's belt, ready.

Duane hovers in the doorway, holding a baseball bat.

Morgan sets the candle on the nightstand, reaches a hand toward Rick's face. Rick flinches away, but:

Start →

MORGAN
(quietly)
Let me.

Rick settles. Morgan puts his hand on Rick's forehead, feeling his temperature. A long beat, their eyes locked.

MORGAN
You're cool enough. Fever would
have killed you by now.

RICK
I don't think I have one.

MORGAN
No. Be hard to miss.

Beat. Morgan pulls a knife. Gives Rick a hard look.

MORGAN
This knife. Take a moment. Good
long look. How sharp it is. You
try anything, I'll kill you
with it. Don't think I won't.

Rick absorbs that, nods.

Morgan slices through the restraints, freeing Rick's wrists. Rick brings his hands shakily to his chest -- no feeling, circulation's been cut off a long time.

MORGAN
You sit up?

RICK
Ah. God.

End Morgan helps him sit up...

INT. LIVING ROOM/DINING ROOM - NIGHT

Rick emerges, hands still held numb and raw before him, a blanket over his shoulders. He moves slowly into a living room (not his) lit by a few candles.

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