

DELUSION

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ASTRID (CONT'D)
Mrs Costas? Is everything okay?
Gabriel will be back soon. Can I
get you anything?

MEREDITH COSTAS
I'm so sorry for what happened,
dear.

ASTRID
I'm sorry what?

MEREDITH COSTAS
It's awful. Really. And your poor
parents.

Astrid approaches Meredith slowly.

ASTRID
Mrs Costas? It's me, Astrid.

Meredith looks up and stares at Astrid. She looks around.

ASTRID (CONT'D)
Can I get you anything?

MEREDITH COSTAS
I just... I need to lie down.

Meredith turns on her heels and slowly starts to make her way
out. Astrid rushes after her.

INT. MEREDITH'S BEDROOM - DAY

Astrid steps past the doorway and looks around Meredith's
room as she helps Meredith to her bed.

The blinds are shut. Astrid makes a face at the smell. A
mountain of clothes sits in the corner of the room. Astrid
helps Meredith sit on the edge of the bed.

MEREDITH COSTAS
Thank you, dear.

ASTRID
Shall I open the window?

Meredith shakes her head.

MEREDITH COSTAS
Are you scared?

ASTRID
Scared? Why would I be scared?

Beat.

MEREDITH COSTAS

Scared? What are you scared of,
dear?

Astrid frowns.

ASTRID

You just- never mind.

Astrid doubts herself. She glances around the room. She makes a move to walk toward the end of the bed when her foot gets caught in something.

Astrid looks down. A wooden box is under the bed. She glances at Meredith who is patting the bed, looking for something.

Astrid pulls the box out and puts it on the bed. It's locked.

ASTRID (CONT'D)

Is this yours Mrs Costas?

MEREDITH COSTAS

Mhm? Have you seen my glasses?

ASTRID

They're on your head.

Meredith pats her head and laughs.

MEREDITH COSTAS

Silly me. I'm always losing things.
(looks at Astrid)
He's been keeping that safe for
you, you know? Says that it's his
fondest memories of you two.

ASTRID

Really?

MEREDITH COSTAS

The key is somewhere...

Meredith pats herself down and then pulls out a key on a necklace.

MEREDITH COSTAS (CONT'D)

Here you go. Don't tell him, I
showed you, it can be our little
secret.

Meredith takes the necklace off and dangles it in front of Astrid. Astrid takes it and looks at it. Astrid unlocks the box.

MEREDITH COSTAS (CONT'D)

We're already family, now Angie. I
should have secrets with my
daughter-in-law.