

CONTEXT:

Officer CASEY MULLIGAN is the youngest in the precinct, but quickly distinguished herself and made detective in a record short time.

She was assigned to a task force investigating LARS HALEN, a serial killer who has been toying with the Police by leaving messages that point to his next victims.

Casey made the mistake of speaking to the media and quickly became the focal person of the case in the news. As a result, Lars kidnapped her sister JUDITH.

Casey was taken off the case, but kept investigating anyway with the help of her partner and mentor MARCUS.

They finally tracked Lars down to an abandoned building and rushed there before the police.

INT. CORRIDOR - NIGHT

Casey and Marcus approach the living room door, guns in hand.

MARCUS

We should wait for reinforcement.

CASEY

Judith's in there.

MARCUS

What if it's a trap?

CASEY

What if he kills her while we wait?

He stares at her -- nods.

They both stare at the door -- get ready. She kicks the door open.

CASEY

Police! Put your hands up!

The room is empty. A working light illuminates a chair in the centre of the room -- there's a TEDDY BEAR on it.

CASEY

No...

MARCUS

Let's go.

He tries to pull her toward the door -- she jerks free.

CASEY

He knew we were coming. He must
have just moved her, we can still
get them.

She grabs the teddy bear -- there's a letter under it.
The name 'CASEY' is written in a child's handwriting.

MARCUS

Don't touch that.

CASEY

He's just left, and he's been
stupid enough to leave another
clue. We can still get him!

Casey grabs the letter -- opens it: 'We had a wonderful
party. Too bad you missed it'

CASEY

No. No no no no no...

She checks the back of the letter -- checks the teddy
bear -- the chair.

CASEY

He must have left something! He
always leaves something!

Marcus finally manages to restrain her.

MARCUS

You're contaminating the scene of
the crime!

CASEY

No...

She weeps in his arms.

END.