

# Scene 2

5 INT. SHANNON'S CONDO - EVENING

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Shannon is chatting with her parents, Sheila and Bill on FaceTime. Bill is making dinner in the background.

SHANNON  
Mom, did you get the picture of the sweater?

SHEILA  
What sweater?

SHANNON  
From the magazine I saw at the doctor's office.

SHEILA  
No.

SHANNON  
(checking her phone)  
Huh, didn't send for some reason.

SHEILA  
Why were you at the doctor's?

SHANNON  
Nothing, just some bloating, a little hip pain. She did an ultrasound, thinks I may have cysts. Dad, you don't have to listen.

BILL  
Oh, I've had cysts. Not down there but... remember the one on my back?

SHEILA  
(ignoring Bill)  
Well, do they have to remove them?

SHANNON  
She's just going to keep an eye on them for now. They'll probably go away.

BILL  
(to Sheila)  
You've never had an issue with that have you?

SHEILA  
No, but...

Sheila gives Bill a look - she and Shannon obviously don't have the same medical history.

OH

~~BILL~~

Right. I'm sure it'll be fine.

SHANNON

But maybe I should ask... Colleen about it.

~~BILL~~

Who?

SHANNON

Colleen. Marsh.

SHEILA

Oh.

~~BILL~~

You're in contact?

SHANNON

No. She just came into the shelter, randomly.

~~BILL~~

She must have known you worked there.

SHEILA

How could she?

*Ident Knows?*

SHANNON

She didn't. She didn't even know who I was.

SHEILA

How did you know who she was?

SHANNON

Nikki figured it out. Colleen actually thought Nikki was me. Anyway it's a long story.

~~BILL~~

I didn't even know Colleen was in Hamilton.

SHEILA

Peggy said she might be. But she didn't mention any of this.

SHANNON  
Peggy doesn't know. Sorry, I didn't  
say anything before.

SHEILA  
It's okay. When was this?

SHANNON  
A few weeks ago.

SHEILA  
Oh.

SHANNON  
Apparently Colleen's working at a  
hair salon here now.

Sheila and Bill glance at each other. Then... *Pause*

SHEILA  
Are you going to reach out?

Shannon ponders this, getting a little emotional.

SHANNON  
I don't know if I should...

SHEILA  
Oh, it's okay.

SHANNON  
You know I kinda closed the door on  
all that. Cause I love you guys.

SHEILA  
We know you do.

SHANNON  
The past is the past.

SHEILA  
But if you're curious or you want  
to know things...

BILL  
Like the cysts... *W*

SHEILA  
Bill.

BILL  
You know I'm not good with  
emotional conversations. *↗*

SHANNON

But maybe she doesn't want to see me. Or be reminded of all that. Did she say she didn't want to be contacted?

SHEILA

I don't know. We never really knew where she was.

SHANNON

(more emotional)

I'm sorry. I love you so much.

SHEILA

(also emotional)

Awww, we love you, honey. And you do what you need to do, okay?

SHANNON

But I don't want to hurt you.

SHEILA

You won't hurt us. We support you no matter what.

SHANNON

I know. I'm very lucky.

SHEILA

No, we're the lucky ones.

Shannon trying to compose herself, wipes her tears.

SHANNON

Oh, god... Sorry.

SHEILA

It's okay...

BILL

(beat)

Did your mom tell you she got 13,000 steps in on Monday.

(off Sheila's look, emotional)

What, I'm proud of you.

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END OF SCENE

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