HELEN SALERNO
I don't know where he was last night.

MEGAN
Weren't you worried?

HELEN SALERNO
Not these days. I figured he was on a case.

SAM
Helen... he wasn't.

Helen lowers herself into a chair.

MEGAN
Had your husband been acting any differently lately?

Helen looks from Megan to Sam. Helen's got something to say. But not in front of a stranger. They all hear a VOICE from down the hall --

BECKY (O.S.)
Okay, Annabelle. I'll do another one.

MEGAN
Is that your daughter?

HELEN SALERNO
Becky. She doesn't understand what happened. I'm sure she'd love some company.

Megan hesitates. Kids aren't her strong suit. But she knows Helen wants a private moment with Sam. Megan nods and heads out.

SAM
Talk to me, Helen. What's going on?

HELEN SALERNO
I don't know. It's like Joe wasn't Joe. Remember how he used to be?

SAM
(smiles)

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HELEN SALERNO
And husband. But then... he seemed
tired. I'd ask if he was okay and
he'd lose it. Once he even smashed
a plate at the dinner table. It
scared me. It scared Becky.

SAM
That doesn't sound like him.

HELEN SALERNO
I tried to talk to him. He'd get
sullen. Removed. We've barely
spoken in the last month.

As Helen tears up, Sam takes her hands --

SAM
We're going to get whoever did
this.

INT. JOE SALERNO'S HOUSE - BECKY'S ROOM - DAY

Megan stands in the doorway as BECKY SALERNO, 8, colors a
house light blue. A DOLL sits nearby.

MEGAN
Hi. I'm Megan.

BECKY
(looks up)
I'm Becky.

MEGAN
Do people call you Becks?

BECKY
No.

Strike one. Megan looks around -- crudely colored ORIGAMI
BIRDS and FLOWERS dot the room.

MEGAN
These are really neat. Did you
make them?

BECKY
It's called origami. Daddy folded
the paper. I colored them in.
Until he stopped.

(holds up her doll)
So I'm drawing houses for
Annabelle. Wanna help?

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ETHAN
Goodbye, Detective.

INT. JOE SALERNO'S HOUSE - AFTERNOON
Helen lets Sam and Megan into the house.

HELEN SALERNO
Thank you for catching my husband's killer. I just wish I had happier memories of his last days.

SAM
Helen, Doctor Hunt has something to tell you.

Megan opens a folder, shows Helen the test results.

MEGAN
Your husband was sick, Mrs. Salerno. He had Huntington's disease. It's a degenerative brain disorder that had gone undiagnosed for at least a year.

HELEN SALERNO
I don't understand. Why didn't I see it?

MEGAN
You did. Everywhere. His temper and obsessiveness. His emotional distance. Loss of manual dexterity. All of his behavioral changes were symptoms of Huntington's. But there's no way you would have known that.

Sam takes the sheet from the folder. Underneath is a PICTURE of Jenny Adler, vibrantly alive in her lacrosse uniform.

SAM
His obsession solved her murder. Joe was a hero, Helen. You should be very proud.

Helen breaks down. AS Sam hugs her, Megan pushes past to find Becky in --

INT. JOE SALERNO'S HOUSE - BECKY'S ROOM - AFTERNOON
Becky looks up, smiles when she sees Megan.

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