

FRANK

Keeping you warm before you go into shock.

(toward the open door)

**DO I HAVE SLICE OPEN A CAMEL HUMP
TO GET A GLASS OF WATER AROUND
HERE?**

A SECRETARY quickly enters with a bottled water. She sets it on the table in front of them and leaves.

Roxanne pulls herself out of Frank's grasp and stands up to face him.

ROXANNE

It was a traumatic experience. Yes, everyone knows Uberman and me were...close. But what I really need - what would really make me better is getting back to work.

There's a sudden awkward silence from Frank.

FRANK

Well, that's going to be...

ROXANNE

I thought you'd be happy to have me back.

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FRANK

Oh, we are. Honey, nothing makes us happier than to have our girl back, but...

ROXANNE

Yes?

FRANK

Things have sorta...changed.

ROXANNE

In three weeks?

FRANK

Listen, I'm not one who likes to open up wounds - especially ones that are just starting to scab, but you were sorta our go to girl for the exclusive on Uberman. And now that he's gone...I moved Brad into your anchor spot.

ROXANNE

(disgusted)

Brad? Brad Helms? The man is an idiot.

FRANK

It's the suits. They think it's time to switch things up.

ROXANNE

Oh, because they can't use me to get the big story.

FRANK

C'mon, Roxie. Using is in the nature of what we do. They used you, you used Uberman. Everybody's happy.

ROXANNE

(defensive)

I didn't use him.

FRANK

Oh, I didn't mean that. I know you
two were in love or something. My
bad.

ROXANNE

We were.

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FRANK

And that's great.

ROXANNE

Very in love.

There's a kind of self-doubt in Roxanne's expression, as if
she's failed to convince even herself of this.

ROXANNE

Okay. So, where are they going to
move me if Brad has my spot?

FRANK

...Human interest.

ROXANNE

Bake sales and pet stories.

FRANK

I told them I wouldn't be surprised
if you just upped and quit. You
busted your ass for that desk.

Roxanne can hardly get it out - she's busy swallowing her
pride

ROXANNE

I'll take it.