

Liz waiting at a table in a prison courtyard. Door opens up and out walks Ted with an officer who undoes his handcuffs.

Ted smiles and rushes over to Liz, spinning her in a big hug.

TED: Oh my gosh [Looking Liz over]. So what do you think? [Gesturing to the courtyard]. Outside, fresh air...

They sit down on a bench.

LIZ: Fancy [chuckling]

TED: [handing Liz a wrapped book] Merry Christmas.

LIZ: I'm sorry, I--I didn't get you anything.

TED: No, you brought me the only thing I wanted in the entire world [he scoots closer to her]. You gonna open it?

LIZ: Yeah.

Liz unwraps gift, revealing a book, Papillon.

TED: I've read it four times. You remember what it's about, don't you?

LIZ: Never lose hope.

TED: You haven't, have you?

Liz shakes head no.

TED: I know this is hard. Believe me, it's hard for me, too. It's so hard. And running was foolish. But you weren't answering my calls. I didn't know what to do, I thought I was going to lose you. I got scared...

LIZ: [cutting TED off] You're lawyer called, and he said the Utah appeal was rejected.

TED: I'm going to take this all the way to the Supreme Court.

LIZ: They're not giving you probation, they're giving you fifteen years.

TED: That's a maximum. That's a maximum, okay? No one gets a max on their first conviction.

LIZ: And you're facing ninety more for running.

TED: I have this under control, Liz. I have it figured out. It's all up here [pointing to head], okay?

LIZ: I can't do this anymore, Ted.

TED: What are--what are you talking about, Liz? Liz, look at me. Liz! Liz! Look at me. Do you not love me anymore?

LIZ: No, I do. I do, and that's the problem.

TED: What if I get out? I can get out of here, I know I can. And we can go away. We can go away to Canada. We can do whatever we wanna do. I promise, it would be--we'd be free, it would be fine.

LIZ: This is from Molly [shoves an envelope into Ted's hand and gets up, rushing away].

TED: What? No, Liz, please don't go! Liz. Come on, Liz! Liz!!

Ted sits down, defeated, and opens the envelope, pulling out a drawing of a shark by Molly, Liz's daughter. He chokes up.

END SCENE.