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ACT TWO

14 EXT. MONASTERY - MIRACLE FOUNTAIN - COURTYARD -- MORNING (DAY 3)

The next morning. A CONCRETE FOUNTAIN, relatively new, featuring an ANGEL pouring water from a VASE into a BASIN.

We PULL BACK to reveal: we're in the backyard- or courtyardor garden area- of an ancient MONASTERY.

The Fountain is like a sacred <u>shrine</u>. A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE are milling around. We'll call them "Believers". Most are older and infirm. Some are on crutches. Some are in wheelchairs. Some are clutching Bibles.

Stottlemeyer steps up. He's still in pain... still using a cane. He sees the fountain for the first time. He reacts, stunned. It matches the image that was painted on his door.

A woman named KATIE DOYLE steps up. 40-ish. Emotional. Attractive. She's clutching a Bible.

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KATIE DOYLE

Did you get a sign? On your house?

Stottlemeyer- still stunned- nods.

KATIE DOYLE (CONT'D)

Me too. A lot of us did.

(then)

My name is Katie. Katie Doyle.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Leland.

KATIE DOYLE

I was the first one here. I was in a car accident last year. Busted my hip. They said I'd never walk again. Five weeks ago, the sign appeared on my garage door. It said "drink".

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

(nodding)

Drink.

KATIE DOYLE

Drink? I didn't get it. Two days later, I was on a tour group with my church. They stopped here.

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KATIE DOYLE (CONT'D)

(indicates Fountain)

There it was. I knew what it meant. I just knew. So I drank.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

And...?

KATIE DOYLE

My doctor said it's a miracle. think he's right. I've been telling

Stottlemeyer smiles politely... still unconvinced... then hobbles closer. He approaches the fountain promute the second t a soft-spoken Monk, wearing a LONG BROWN HOODED ROBE, steps цр.

BROTHER ANDREW

You're not a Believer.

Capt. Stottlemeyer turns.

BROTHER ANDREW (CONT'D)

I can tell. I live here, in the monastery. Believe me. I was a lot more skeptical than you. We all were.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

So what do you do? You sell tickets? You pass a hat? You got a gift shop...?

BROTHER ANDREW

(amused)

There's no gimmick here, Brother. Nobody's making a nickel on this. In fact, we're <u>losing</u> money. We were planning to build a new dormitory here, right where you're standing.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

And now...?

BROTHER ANDREW

We canceled the contract. We can't build here now. This is sacred ground.

Stottlemeyer sighs. He's still skeptical.

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Katie looks anxious. She's stealing some sedatives from a PILL DISPENSER.

She swallows the pills. She calms herself ... then takes out the BUSINESS CARD that Stottlemeyer gave her. She reaches for a WALL PHONE, and dials his number.

> CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER'S VOICE (ON PHONE) This is Captain Leland Stottlemeyer. Please leave a message when you hear the beep. BEEEEp.

But- before Katie can speak- the OVERHEAD LIGHT is CLICKED ON! Katie turns.

The Pharmacist, Owen McCloskey, is standing there. McCloskey suddenly doesn't look so friendly. Or so neighborly.

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OWEN MCCLOSKEY

Katie?

(sharply) What are you doing here? I told you, we can't be seen together. It

would ruin everything.

Katie gulps. McCloskey steps forward. He notices: the CARD in her hand.

> OWEN MCCLOSKEY (CONT'D) Stottlemeyer? You're calling a cop?

> > KATIE DOYLE

(gushing, pleading)

I can't do it, Owen. I'm sorry... these people... they're coming from all over now ... some of them are really sick...

OWEN MCCLOSKEY

Who gives a damn?

KATIE DOYLE

You're not there. You don't see it. They're throwing their medicine away... I mean, they really believe in the fountain...

OWEN MCCLOSKEY That's the whole idea, sweetheart.

During this, McCloskey takes a HANDGUN from under the counter!

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KATIE DOYLE

I'm sorry... Owen, I'm sorry. I can't do it anymore...

OWEN MCCLOSKEY

I believe you.



McCloskey EXPLODES! He SWINGS the HANDGUN, hitting Katie in the head with the gun butt. Katie COLLAPSES into some shelves!

McCloskey collects himself. He starts to hang the PHONE up. Then he stops. He listens to the receiver. He hears:

RECORDED VOICE (THROUGH PHONE)

"Your message has been saved. Thank you."

BEEEEP. McCloskey realizes: the entire attack was recorded!

END OF ACT THREE