SAVING HER LIFE SAVES YOURS

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MAN WITH THE PLAN
(grasping his gun tightly)
I need good news, doc. I need
assurances you got it all handled.

CLAIRE
What is it about money that makes
you people think you can get away
with it?

For once, Man With The Plan is speechless. His eyes are
weary and road-mapped.

MAN WITH THE PLAN
It was more than that. Her asshole
husband just left her -- She was a
wreck. Planning this heist kept
her mind off things.

Man With The Plan sits on a chair, overwhelmed.

MAN WITH THE PLAN (CONT.)
(more to himself)
Gave her something to do anyways.
Other than cry about her
marriage...

CLAIRE
Did you even think about the
consequences?

MAN WITH THE PLAN
Nobody ever does. It was a good
plan, it worked. We did everything
right.

Blood squirts like a fountain on Claire, who quickly covers
it. Because Man With The Plan is behind her, he doesn’t see
it. Claire grimaces to herself.

CLAIRE
Well congratulations.

As Claire works feverishly on Wounded Bird's wounds, Man With
The Plan walks away, kicking the black backpack away in
disgust.

CLAIRE (CONT.)
Any plans on kidnapping an
anesthesiologist? Because I could
use...
MAN WITH THE PLAN
No one’s coming, alright? Do your job.

CUT TO:

AN INCENSED MAN WITH THE PLAN
charges at Claire, knocking away boxes in his way --
He grabs her by the hair --
Throws her into the corner --
Man With The Plan presses the barrel of his gun to Claire’s forehead.
Claire responds by converting into a quivering mess...

CLAIRE
Oh god please.

MAN WITH THE PLAN
What did I tell you? Saving her life saves yours.

CLAIRE
I tried my best. I tried.

But any ounce of humanity left in him has been swallowed up by pure, unadulterated rage...

MAN WITH THE PLAN
You let her die!

CLAIRE
No, no. If anyone let her die, you did. She should have been in a hospital.

Man With The Plan snaps the safety off his gun. Claire grabs onto Man With The Plan’s leg.

MAN WITH THE PLAN
I promised her. I never let her down.

CLAIRE
Oh god, please don’t kill me. Please. Please.

Claire blinks in desperation --

CLAIRE’S POV --
Rapid photos of Claire posing in church, holding a bible and conducting youth group ministry.

CLAIRE (V.O.) (CONT.)
Please. I’m begging you. I want to live. Please. Find it in your heart. Holy Mary, mother of God, blessed be......

BACK TO SCENE

Man With The Plan backs away...
There’s been enough death tonight...
Claire is left a heaping mess, shivering in a veil of tears.

CLAIRE (CONT.)
I tried, I so tried.

Man With The Plan walks over Wounded Bird, places his gun on the conveyor belt and stares at Claire. He then breaks down sobbing.

Claire is still sobbing to herself...

CLAIRE (CONT.)
I won’t tell anybody. I won’t tell anybody.

MAN WITH THE PLAN
Shut up.