

Wild Swan  
The Hard Goodbye

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**FADE IN:**

**EXT. GARDEN-NIGHT**

A young couple sit on the edge of the pond. NICK, 17. Boxer. A stubborn but loving young man. BRITTNEY, 18. A ballet dancer. A naive but sweet young lady living her life to please her mother.

Brittney sits in front of Nick, while he holds her close to him.

BRITTNEY (V.O.)

These are the days I miss. I close my eyes and wish you were here with me right now.

CUT TO:

**INT. PATIENT ROOM-HOSPITAL-DAY**

A woman lies asleep. She opens her eyes. BRITTNEY, 42. A dance instructor. Ruthless but becomes sympathetic after being the cause for the trouble she makes.

Brittney looks at a woman standing right in front of her. BRENDA, 35. A paralegal. A driven woman with a lot of stubbornness and a caring heart.

BRITTNEY

Do I know you?

BRENDA

I see what Nick saw in you. You're eyes and your voice. I guess we have something in us that attracted him to us.

BRITTNEY

I see. How --

BRENDA

-- Nick didn't hide stuff. If that's what you assumed. Out of the blue, you're here. Dead but resurrected after thirty-eight years.

BRITTNEY

We were young and in love. His mother was for it but mine was out to ruin it. Don't you have intruding parents?

BRENDA

I met Nick when I was twenty-one, and yeah, they kept hounding me to make a better choice. I proved them wrong.

Brenda lifts an **envelope** into the air.

BRENDA (CONT'D)

Shelly's -- His --

BRITTNEY

-- Yes. Where is she?

BRENDA

Finishing her lunch in the cafeteria.

BRITTNEY

Does she know that you know?

BRENDA

No. I'm here as her attorney. She wanted me to talk to you before she comes in.

BRITTNEY

Smart girl.

BRENDA

Yes, she is.

Brittney reaches her hand out.

Brenda shakes her hand.

BRITTNEY

It's good to finally meet you.

BRENDA

Same. I'll go get her.

Brenda turns around and walks out of the room.

BRITTNEY

Thank you, for looking out for her.

Brenda stops. She looks at Brittney.

BRENDA  
She's a good girl.

BRITTNEY  
Yes.

Brenda steps out of the room.

CUT TO:

**INT. HALLWAY-HOSPITAL-DAY**

A woman steps towards the doorway of the room. SHELLY, 21. A street hustler. A street-smart, and courageous woman.

Brenda looks at Shelly.

SHELLY  
Thanks.

CUT TO:

**INT. PATIENT ROOM-HOSPITAL-CONTINUOUS**

Brittney closes her eyes.

SHELLY (O.C.)  
Hey!

Brittney opens her eyes. She looks at Shelly.

BRITTNEY  
Hey.

Shelly steps towards her bed.

BRITTNEY (CONT'D)  
Lawyer?

SHELLY  
Yeah, pretty cool, huh?

BRITTNEY  
She's nice.

Shelly sits.

SHELLY  
Why'd you come back, after all  
these years?

BRITTNEY  
To see you. I see him in you.

SHELLY  
Really?

BRITTNEY  
Yes.

SHELLY  
What was it like with him?

BRITTNEY  
Peaceful.

CUT TO:

**EXT. GARDEN-DAY**

Brittney stands in front of the pond. Hands wrap around her. Brittney closes her eyes. The fragrance of the spice from the deodorant flows through the air. The smell in her nasal passages.

Nick kisses her on the cheek.

BRITTNEY (V.O.)  
He doesn't talk. He doesn't have to. All he has to do is be here with me.

Brittney closes her eyes.

CUT TO:

**EXT. PIER-BEACH-DAY**

Shelly looks down at the ashes as they pour out from the **urn**.

SHELLY (V.O.)  
Nothing to say now. I just hope I make you both proud.

Shelly smiles.

**THE END**