

The Shield

EXT. SHANE'S DRIVEWAY - DAY

Vic approaches Mara as she gets out of her new Lexus.

MARA
Shane's not home.

VIC
I know. I wanted to apologize to
you for barging in last night.

MARA
(cool)
No big deal.

Sensing the chill--

VIC
Maybe we're getting off on the
wrong foot here.

Mara does nothing to disabuse him of this. He presses on.

VIC
You and I really should get to know
each other.

MARA
Why's that?

VIC
You're becoming an important part
of Shane's life. Which makes you a
member of the family.

MARA
Never was big on family. Or cops
really. Shane's the exception.

Another tack. The Vic Mackey charm--

VIC
Look, I'm just trying to find a way
for us to get along here.

MARA
And I've seen that same smile from
about half a dozen guys who gave me
fake numbers the next morning.

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VIC

Did I do something to piss you off?

Not the question he was asking but she answers it anyway.

MARA

I don't like the way you treat
Shane. But that's his problem.

VIC

Don't dig too deep into what makes
Shane and me tick.

MARA

Shane works for you. But he lives
for me.

VIC

You've known him three months.

MARA

I know enough. And I'm not sure
what your problem is. I'm guessing
it's cause you couldn't hold onto
your own family and Shane is all
you really got left.

VIC

Excuse me?

MARA

Whatever the reason, I've got
enough bullshit seeping into my
life without inviting yours in.
Next time, don't roll up to me if
Shane's not here.

And with that, she presses the car remote. There's a CHIRP,
she turns, and heads inside.