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INT. INTERROGATION ROOM - DAY

CIA agent Carrie surprises Roya when she begins speaking as Roya has been secluded for hours with her back to the door. Abu Nazir is a terrorist leader and close friend of Roya's family. She has been working in the states as a reporter, but has also kept involved with sleeper cells that were very recently called up. Her part of the plan appears to the CIA to have been thwarted.

CARRIE

I spent an afternoon with him...Abu Nazir. He put a gun to my head and came very close to pulling the trigger.

Roya does not react. Carrie moves around to the front of her and shows her the recent wounds.

CARRIE (CONT'D)

He did this to me. And he did this.

Carrie can't tell if Roya is ruffled.

CARRIE (CONT'D)

He was surprisingly frank. He told me it would take centuries to defeat the unbelievers and he didn't care how many casualties there would be -- on either side -- how many people died. It's of no concern.

CARRIE (CONT'D)

I think that's him. Not you. You were a student. You are a reporter. But you were never a soldier. You've never been there at ground zero when the bomb goes off, knowing all that death is on you. The naval base attack would've been the first time. 300 men and women coming home, their families waiting for them, their children...all just blown to pieces. But it didn't happen. And now you have a second chance. Take it. Because I think there is some part of you that's relieved that bomb never went off.

CARRIE (CONT'D)

What he does, which is kill innocent people, it's justified by a future, which, for the life of me, I can't believe you actually want.

ROYA

How could you know what I want?

CARRIE

I know it's not that. I understand this is personal for you; that your family lost land to the occupation; that your grandfather was killed. But Abu Nazir Can't change that. His only answer is perpetual war.

Beat.

ROYA

Have you ever...? Have you ever had someone who somehow takes over your life, pulls you in, gets you to do things that aren't really you -- that you know are wrong? But you can't help yourself? Do you have anyone like that?

Carrie is moved, thinking of her own personal involvement with the wrong guy. Tears fall as she admits it.

CARRIE

Yes.

Roya turns on her abruptly.

ROYA

Well...I've never been that stupid. You idiot whore! You think you understand me??!! Or what my family lost and suffered?? You think this is some fucking game?

ROYA (CONT'D)

Nazir is not afraid of you! I'm not! I don't need your help. I don't want it!

She continues her rant in Arabic.