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Jack acts as his own defense. He questions his wife as to his true identity. She tries to save his life by saying that he is an imposter.

JACK

Now, Laura, you really believe that I'm not your husband.

LAURA

Yes. You are not.

JACK

But you let everyone believe that I was.

LAURA

Yes.

JACK

Why is that?

LAURA

Because I guess I wanted you to be him as much as they did.

JACK

Why Laura?

LAURA

I was worn out from work...I was...I didn't want my son -

JACK

You mean our son?

LAURA

No, I mean I didn't want MY son growing up without a father.

JACK

I see. So even when I first came home from the war, you had your suspicions then?

LAURA

Yes.

JACK

Cause I was mean to you?

LAURA

No. That's where you went wrong. Jack Sommersby never said a kind word to me in his life.

JACK

Laura, I think you've got the people here flat stumped. Most of them have known you since you were a child. Now they may now know everything you would do, but they certainly know what you wouldn't do. You wouldn't let them sign contracts with a man who wasn't who he said he was. Wouldn't be worth the paper it's written on - meaning they wouldn't own anything. Thought of that?

LAURA

No, I didn't.

JACK

What about our children. If I wasn't Jack, what would that make them? Bastard isn't a very pretty word. Is that what you want?

LAURA

No.

JACK

And What about you? You ok with telling everyone you've just been lying to them the whole past year? I think they know you better than that, Laura.

LAURA

Maybe they don't know me as well as they think.

JACK

(for the absurdity)

Now, nobody know either one of us.

LAURA

You can twist this around as much as you want, but you and I both know that you are not Jack Sommersby.

JACK

Everyone here knows who I am. I know who I am. The only two people who don't are you and Oran.

(he realizes)

(MORE)

JACK (CONT'D)

Did you make some kind of a deal with Oran?

LAURA

Don't be ridiculous.

JACK

This man shows up telling everybody I'm not who I am. What does he expect in return?

LAURA

Stop this.

JACK

No. You tell me. What did you promise him, Laura?

LAURA

I promised him everything would be the way it was before you came.

JACK

Everything would be as it was before. Except you would be promised to a man you don't love and I would be some piece of scum named Horace serving time for fraud.

LAURA

At least you wouldn't hang.

JACK

Wouldn't have to. I'd be dead already. Do you care for me, Laura?

LAURA

Yes, of course I do.

JACK

Then why are you doing this??

LAURA

Because you are not Jack Sommersby!

JACK

How do you know I'm not?

LAURA

A woman knows her own husband.

JACK

Not good enough. You have no proof.

LAURA
I don't need any proof.

JACK
No one here believes you.

LAURA
I don't care. I know how I feel.

JACK
And that's all that matters to you?

LAURA
Yes.

JACK
You are a hard-headed woman, Laura.

LAURA
And you are a stubborn idiot. You are not Jack Sommersby, so why do you keep on pretending that you are?

JACK
How do you know I'm not?

LAURA
I know because -

JACK
How do you know??

LAURA
I know because I never loved him the way that I love you.

He is overwhelmed, but knows he has her.

JACK
Tell me, Laura, from your heart. Am I your husband?

LAURA
Yes, you are.

JACK
Thank you.