BEYOND CONTROL

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INT. CORRIDOR - NIGHT

FRANK, late thirties, in his best suit and a visibly troubled KELLY, early thirties, in jeans and Beatles T-shirt slam through a double door and march down a long bland corridor.

KELLY

He just stopped me, Frank.

FRANK

Why, Kelly?

KELLY

He said I couldn't get there.

FRANK

Get where?

KELLY

I needed to get past him to reach the taxi to take me to the airport.

They stand aside as two people, sixties, clinging to each other and crying, slowly totter past them.

FRANK

What did he say?

KET.T.Y

He alleged... I assumed; he was a former SAS officer and did I really want to take the chance?

FRANK

What did you do?

KELLY

I missed the taxi. The flight.

Frank opens a creaking grey door for them to walk through.

INT. WAITING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

He motions to the sofa. Kelly sits, then immediately stands up and paces back and forth.

KELLY

I couldn't race here fast enough.

FRANK

It's all right...

KELLY

It's not. I should've been here.

FRANK

It was beyond your control

He points to the chair. She perches on the chair arm.

KELLY

I thought he was going to steal my purse or worse. Attack me?

FRANK

What happened?

KELLY

He stole my taxi.

FRANK

What? Why?

KELLY

Dunno. Guess his need must have been greater than mine.

FRANK

No disagreement... argument, then?

KELLY

The threat was enough. Where is he?

Frank aims a long finger

KELLY (CONT'D)

Yeah. Valentine's day of all days!

INT- HOSPITAL ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

There's a body lying on a long table covered by a white sheet. An older man in a white coat lifts the corner.

KELLY

I flew here as soon as I could.
 (She stands in silence)
He was a big guy. He stopped me
getting here in time!
 (a beat)

Goodbye, daddy.

Kelly leans over and kisses his forehead.

Kelly falls to the floor and breaks out into a piercing, howling scream.