

Shepherd the Young  
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INT. INTERROGATION ROOM

DET. CONNORS, 40s, is questioning NURSE GWEN MORGAN, 50s.

CONNORS

"The hospital is over capacity."  
"The epidemic is stretching  
resources thin." I've heard the  
same stories from everyone.

GWEN

Then you know I'm telling the  
truth.

CONNORS

The truth? No. What you need to  
believe is the truth? Definitely.

GWEN

Sarah is a good nurse. If she's a  
little young, that's nothing we all  
weren't guilty of at one time.

Connors's phone "dings." He opens it up. Reads a message.

CONNORS

(switching gears)  
It's the job of older, wiser heads  
to shepherd the young. Right?

GWEN

Yes.

CONNORS

Help them learn from their  
mistakes.

GWEN

That's correct.

CONNORS

How about cover up for murder?

GWEN

Murder? It was an acc--

CONNORS

(shows her the message)  
Another patient died. On your  
floor. Of a drug overdose.  
(beat)  
Who's on duty tonight?

GWEN  
I'm not certain.

CONNORS  
Yes you are.

She purses her lips shut. Digging in her heels.

CONNORS  
(gently)  
You're a good person, Gwen. A good  
nurse. That's what everyone says.  
That's why she picked you.

GWEN  
Picked me?

CONNORS  
It's a gift some sociopaths have.  
To know who will believe in their  
innocence even while the prison  
doctor is sticking a needle into  
their arm.

A flicker of doubt.

CONNORS  
Tell me, does Sarah make you feel  
like the big sister you always  
wanted? Or the mother you always  
wanted to be?

Gwen looks away. Can't -- won't -- meet his eyes.