

“THE DESCENDENTS”

(Elizabeth’s Hospital Room)

MATT
Julie?

JULIE
I know we just met, but I’ve been thinking about you guys a lot these last few days and I knew your wife was here and I don’t know I just felt I should come by.

MATT
Julie, we really appreciate you coming by. And the flowers are lovely. I’m not sure how much you know about my wife’s condition. She’s going to die very soon. Actually that’s sort of why we’re here.

JULIE
I know. That’s why I came because I know. I came because Brian wouldn’t, and it just didn’t seem right. I thought someone from my family should come.

MATT
So he told you?

JULIE
He was acting really weird that night after you left, and I just started smelling it on him. I already smelled it. I finally got it out of him and we’ve been going crazy ever since. Not easy with the kids around. It’s all just something I could never have imagined. And then you’re family’s decision with the land. And I think you’re doing the right thing, but Brian is...It’s just so complicated and confusing.

MATT
I know.

JULIE
I’m angry. But I’m just so sorry. I can’t imagine what you must be going through. Do you mind if I say something to her?

(Julie walks over to Elizabeth.)

MATT
Okay.

JULIE
Elizabeth I’m Julie. I’m Brian’s wife. I just want to tell you...I just want to tell you I forgive you. I forgive you for trying to take Brian away. I forgive you for trying to

destroy my family. It's just...Because I have to forgive you. I just have to forgive you. Even though I should hate you.

MATT
Okay. That's enough.

JULIE
I just have to forgive you.

MATT
Honestly, I think that's enough. Okay. Here we go. Thank you.

(Matt leads Julie to the door.)

MATT
He didn't love her. Just so you know. He didn't really love her.

JULIE
That's why I came.

(Julie leaves.)

MATT
Goodbye Elizabeth. Goodbye my love, my friend, my pain, my joy. Goodbye.
Goodbye. Goodbye.