Joe Goldberg



Introduction: Joe Goldberg gets arrested in season 5 and gets charged with many of his crimes and ends up serving life in prison without the possibility of parole. While many fans think this was a good ending for Joe, many fans like me find how Joe got arrested was completely unrealistic stupid and I'm gonna explain here how legally not only did Joe know how much of an advantage he had in most of these situations but how he also would've easily gotten most of these charges never even questioned dismissed and realistically what charges would he have if any and what the legal consequences of the other characters who actually shown proof of guilt and how if we use any logic Joe is walking free or with a heavily smaller sentence then he got ill first go from stuff such as Kate's illegal kidnapping of Joe to then Bronte's role Joe killing the cop and then the charges/crimes he shouldn't have gotten

Kate's unlawful Kidnapping

But before ever even getting on the run with Brontë he was dealing with Kate in 5x9 now what happens in 5x9 basically Joe frames Maddie Harrison for Reagan's death Kate returns to New York Joe follows her she kidnaps him tries to kill him threaten him and then Joe escapes with a hidden key he implanted knocks Kate out after shooting her then Maddie comes out of no where burns the whole place Kate knocks Joe out then she gets a confession from him so first let's establish the basement has security cameras in there which he could recover to show he was illegally kidnapped cause from a legal point of view Joe is completely innocent here he was kidnapped and imprisoned illegally got threatened with death if he didn't make a forced confession then got a gun pointed at him and then Kate was gonna kill him Joe escaping attacking Kate and shooting her is all legally defendable as he can easily claim he was under duress that he was defending himself INFACT Nadia and Kate would've been charged for many crimes also the forced confession that Joe gave Kate in the fire isn't legally usable as it was obtained during duress (the fire) and it breaks joes fourth amendment rights so INFACT Joe shoudnt have been on the run as he was in the legal right so joes plan even has him legally and makes him the victim and sense he didn't bring anything to the garage except a ring there's no knife gloves or etc they can't even argue he had bad intentions cause he has nothing deadily with him it can easily be argued he just wanted to meet up with his divorced wife to talk about their child and she kidnapped him with btw a acomplish who was charged with murder again a lawyer could easily say my client wanted to meet with his estranged wife to talk about their child unarmed she proceeded to illegally kidnap him with a rouge known convict who she recently released from Jail with her money Even if they can't argue him going to see Henry what bad intentions does Joe have to warrant such a crime rather then calling the police they pre planned on kidnapping him illegally.Joe Cleary knew about the legal situation and advantage he had again it was just plot issues to prevent that from happening most likely explanation he just didn't want to deal with police looking into his entire past or again just writing cause again he knows it's self defense the legal situation and everything so this doesn't downplay anything even Nadia admitted herself they cannot turn Joe in later on. Not to also mention Joe stated himself that his lawyer is getting the custody order reversed people say bu bu but Joe should've listened to his lawyer and not go after Kate people really got no logic Kate was already pursuing Joe legally

and such if Kate dies and Joe was actively getting the order reversed even if she had papers to get Henry back with his adopted parents joe being his father and the fact the order was getting reversed makes it more likely he gets order of Henry as Kate's family being a news headline for murder death etc is bad for court it makes Kate family and environment look dangerous for Henry makes them look unfit or unstable to while Joe's record at the time was extremely good and clear a hardworking man who lived with the riches then saved the true woman he loved (Brontë) from a violent man Clayton not only that his last wife before Kate love died in a tragic murder suicide
This website further explains my logic in full but Kate Naida and etc would be charged with illegal kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment, blackmail attempted premeditated murder assault assault with a weapon, extortion conspiracy to commit murder and many other crimes mind you in CPL §60.45. An admission or confession cannot be admitted if it was involuntarily made, including where physical force, threats, improper conduct, or undue pressure impaired the defendant's physical or mental condition enough to undermine his ability to make a choice.
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Brontes attempt at exposing Joe and getting him arrested
Goals: Bronte's goal is simply to arrest Joe while holding him at gunpoint and get Beck's book rewritten while showing the police/world his murderous tendencies Now what happened was Brontë stole the gun that Nadia left during the burning building while her and Joe were on the run once they get to the cabin she lures Joe upstairs and points the gun at him forcing him to retract what he put in Beck's book during this conversation she is mentioning how she can't decide what he deserves she will call the police ending this Joe admits how he killed Clayton on camera and still got away with it how will this be any different then other stuff happens Henry calls Joe a monster etc etc then Joe does a double leg on Brontë tackling her to the floor while they fight over the gun Joe manages to shoot her she then escapes Joe chases after her she runs back to the house calls the police she then falls out the window Joe then attacks her unknowing to the police being on the phone admitting she's spiteful ungrateful then tackles her explains you wanna know how I killed Beck strangles her and she stabs him in the ribs she runs Joe then tackles her in the river drowning her Joe is shocked at what he did then he hears the police coming Joe runs into the woods a cop hears him has a gun pointed at the tree Joe is near Joe then sneaks behind the cop stabs him to death while running

more Brontë takes the gun from the dead cop then shoots Joe in the groin both are taken away.While some of this is legally bad for Joe let's go over each aspect of the defense Joe could have for any of the assault on Brontë she obviously had a gun pointed at him that is a easy self defense claim after she got shot yes is more legally gray and bad for Joe but it could be argued Mr Goldberg was under shock panic and wanted to finish the threat the anyway he could as for you wanna know how I killed Beck is illegally not useable there's no actual proof he did this it can very much be interpreted as him saying things out of shock or anger it's inadmissible evidence is simple a lawyer can prove Joe was acting out of complete anger and whatever he said is not definitive proof it was an empty threat to scare an attacker and Joe's drowning Brontë could be argued as again panic and worrying for his safety he is acting out of anger he was emotionally unstable injured enraged while speaking under extreme circumstances. As for the cop this argument is also the same Mr Goldberg was in complete utter shock at what just happened. He had a weapon near him and he was worried he might get shot. He acted out of instinct. As for Brontë she easily gets charged for attempted murder assault theft attempted force/assault with a deadly weapon as well as not only attempted she also shot him again so an attempted count and a successful assault aggravated battery grand larceny of a firearm kidnapping in the second degree by forcing him to stay at gunpoint to rewrite Beck's book attempted murder etc etc as for how clean Joe is I think the most Joe can get is assault and deadly force but again a lot of those charges can be dismissed with him being panicked but they both get charged for trespassing breaking entering cause they broke into that Airbnb also considering Bronte's past of Brontë cat fishing Joe with a fake name breaking into his store being in conspiracy with other people to get him arrested doesn't help the case she is already known for doing acts of vigilantism a repeat offender who instigated the situation by using a gun to try to harm threaten or kill Joe she tried it again but with a weapon so again it's more in Joe's favor.

The Crimes/Charges Joe was arrested for

Goal: to fully prove that most of the charges Joe was given was completely stupid under real legal logic and how Joe would serve little to no time or be waking free.

Before we begin we should recap what charges Joe got for whose death so from Kate's confession he got arrested for the death of love Quinn he got

charged with the deaths of peach Benji framing dr Nicky possibly Tom Lockwood Hugo and maybe the cop. Now let's go over each charge first let's start with love Quinn why did they convict Joe for her death well logically we assume it's from the confession from Kate now why is this stupid well one Joe was under duress he was bleeding from the arm gotten hit with a hammer was in a fire and he was near death while inhaling smoke with rapid blood loss that confession is breaking his fourth and fifth amendment rights that whole confession is not legally useable in a court of law not only is it from a state of duress shock blood loss etc there is no actual proof Joe did this all the evidence pointed it being a murder suicide then later on Joe reveals he is alive he bribed the police to make it seem like they tested the dna wrong which that just creates another issue for the case by public narrative Joe was a victim of love the chief of police can't testify to it cause he took a bribe from them and Kate willingly knew and did it so that just adds more charges to her also they need to prove Joe killed love there's none if all pointed to a suicide Joe didn't even need to bribe the police it could've been misinterpreted as a wrong dna test or Joe escaping in time I don't just mean oh they don't have his dna they can't convict him I mean there not much evidence to point to Joe being a killer for love even then it can be argued love tried to kill Joe he faked his death out of terror or fear he left Henry with safe parents as he didn't want his child to get harmed and he he left out of love for his child or he didn't want to keep his child at risk btw faking your death isn't illegal and there is not proof of Joe killing love it's simple loves death was orginally a murder suicide Joe is revealed to be alive again that just means they interpreted the scene wrong this doesn't prove guilt or intent of murder Joe only bribed the chief of police so he could ensure that story with no issues and why would the chief speak up he commited his own illegal deeds by taking a bribe he would keep his mouth shut the courts would not take his claim sert you participated in falsifying evidence accepting money but you now wanna ask the jury to believe your version of events that you think Mr Goldberg killed love Quinn let's say they proved Joe killed love which they couldn't as we established it's justified self defense from Joe she tried to kill him he injected her back as self defense. New York CPL §60.50 says a person cannot be convicted solely on their own confession or admission; there must be additional proof that the charged offense was committed. The same goes for Tom Lockwood the confession Joe said about killing Tom doesn't explain the why or how anything happened they can't even explain how Joe did it cause all the evidence points to Hugo (who Joe framed for Tom's death) now it wasn't stated if he got Tom's death so that's likely why there's no proof. As for Beck Benji

peach what proof please tell me what proof reversing a conviction takes many years so even then Nicky wouldn't be free and they need proof Joe did it there's no dna no evidence pointing to Joe there is no trophies no text no nothing it's not just lack of dna a lack of alot of things the body was in Nicky's house planted in his backyard with the person he had an affair with easy motive opportunities etc he was last seen with her there's absolutely no proof of Joe being the killer what a audio from the police call cannot be used as I explained earlier it doesn't mean that can be proof oh he admitted to it doesn't mean he actually did it her body belongings and a box of trophies was in Nicky's backyard also Joe texted Becks freinds on Nicky's phone oh I'm going on a therapeutic retreat to her friends then told her freinds in prison oh she cheated on me with Nicky furthering manipulating them into believing that Beck was last with Nicky also mind you his son also tried to assault bronte attacked Joe then got killed in self defense that shows his family isn't great either his son is a woman beater who tried to assault Joe when Joe was descalating again to break the chain of custody on Nicky's case would be extremely difficult considering all the evidence found on his property even arguing for a new trial alone would take years even decades. For peach she was known for having drug issues self harm issues and many attempted repeated attempts of her life again there isn't proof of Joe being guilty don't even bring up the dna in pee by the time they even found it which was months later joes dna would've been gone and we don't even know if it was the pee jar or just one of peaches many uhm adult toys she used. For Benji he was a known drug addict last post was shown to be in a city partying drug addiction then parties off the grid no body no dna no nothing no connection to Joe again no proof also Benji isn't even reported as dead he's a missing person so they need to establish homicide then prove Joe did it mind you finding that is extremely difficult n Benjis body was burned in the woods by Joe years ago they can't find his body or proof of homicide= no charges or case also in s1 in Becks book it states how she found a box of stuff linking Nicky to Benji's disappearance and Peaches death which was benjis teeth and his phone but the police were lazy they already convicted him to Beck's death so they weren't bothered to look into peaches open shut suicide and they Benji who is a missing drug addict they just presumed Nicky kept trophies and maybe Benji is harmed but again it's shown in s5 he's labeled as missing. As for stuff like Rhys Edward etc they didn't say Joe was convicted for it because there was no evidence to prove joes guilt Nadia was only convicted do to Kate's influence not her being exonerated from the crimes the Netflix statement says Kate got arrested for framing Nadia for Rhys death but that doesn't mean they proved it

was somebody else just that she framed her for it which is separate things and even when they tried to prove Joe guilty for Rhys death it said it could take years to even convict Joe so nope wasn't charged for that either again most of these cases have no witnesses no camera footage or evidence of Joe being there no true confession no credible testimony or digital trial no reliable forensics and even bronte stated herself when they started looking into Joe most of these deaths have been solved or other explanations also mind you each one of these cases takes place in different cities states even counties which complicated factors even more such a jurisdictions different police different areas laws etc.

Analysis:

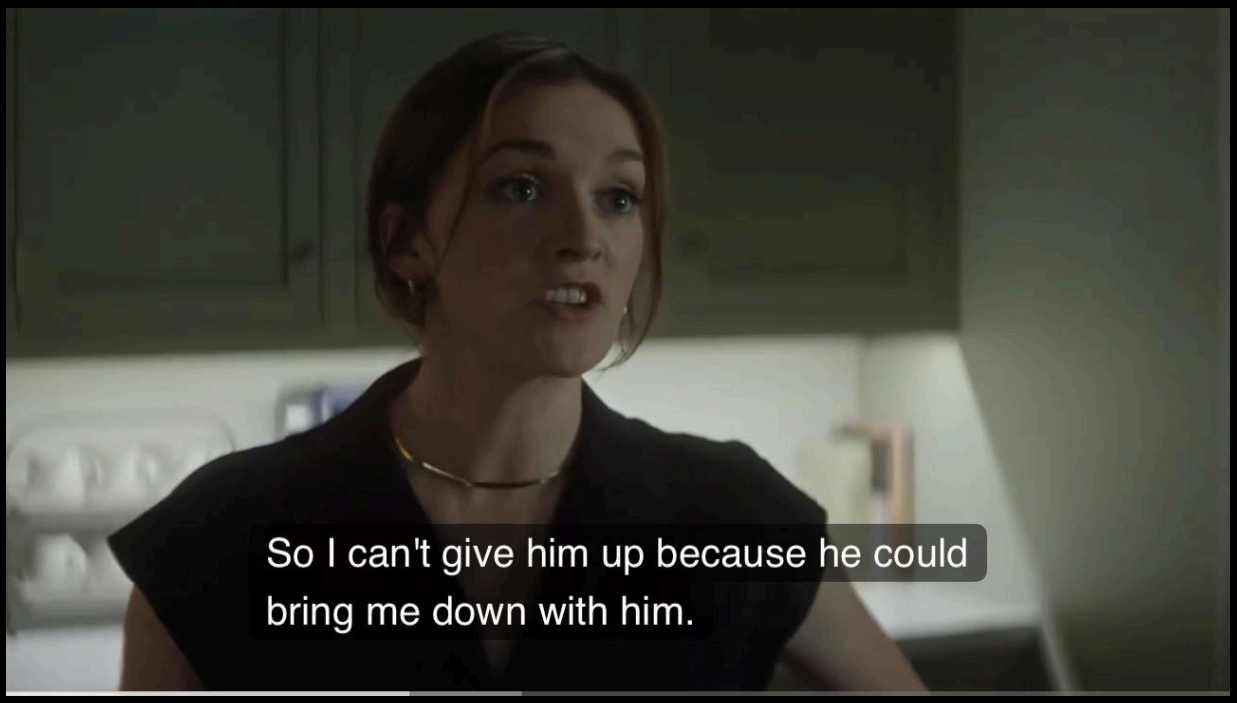
His charges were all either lack of proof evidence or the other people involved had extreme crimes toward him as well or the proof they did have wasn't legally useable not to mention joes legal knowledge in the show Cleary shows he knows almost all of these advantages in the trial of furies/5x9 he mocks their confession and plan cause he knows how ridiculous it is legally he actively tells Brontë it was self defense while under all those extreme conditions cause he pre planned his defense Joe has extensive legal knowledge he knew to nullify his custody papers because he was tricked into signing it or how his reputation works as all of it was Wilde speculation when he got exposed online numerous characters like Kate Nadia acknowledged the police will arrest them they can't turn Joe in cause they know themselves they would've gotten arrested Kate sends them away cause she knows they will go down with her Kate knows of the situation so does Naida and your telling me the person who's narratively much smarter than them doesn't it's very much implied he did the only reason he went on the run was simple plot the whole plot was biased against Joe the writers were Penn was the whole season was designed to bully Joe to hate him and they legit made the final episode about brotne over him it's shown Joe knew his legal advantages about the confession not being admissible but they would rather do a crappy ending then be realistic Joe knows the police are ahead of press nullifying papers that gas leaks by law need to be checked autopsies phone traces reversing custody Wilde speculation how the law works yet he doesn't know his most basic rights really it's implied he did but again it's a biased plot by dumb writers and penns overall hatered toward Joe to ruin thr ending they rather convict him with basically the most circumstantial level evidence for a ending that doesn't even work. I just found proof Joe definitely knew he told Bronte that Kate sent something damning to the police. It looks messy, it will just be a legal issue. He isn't worried and they will solve it but he wants to lay low.

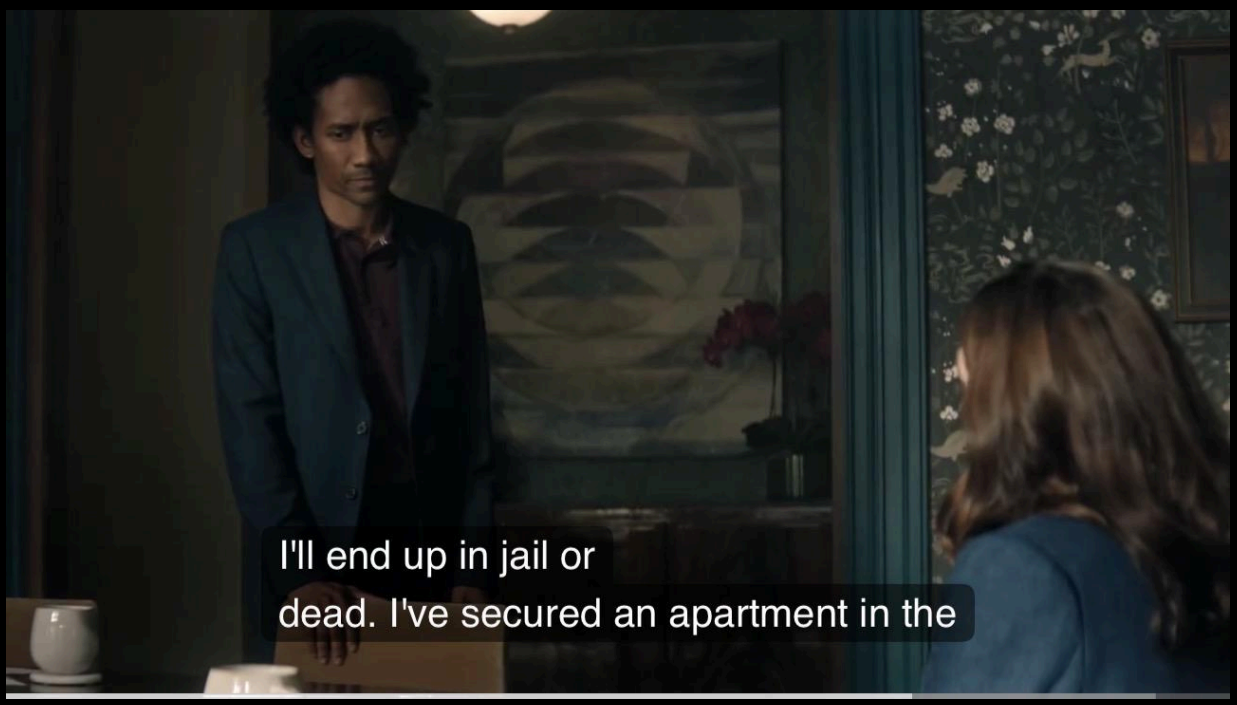
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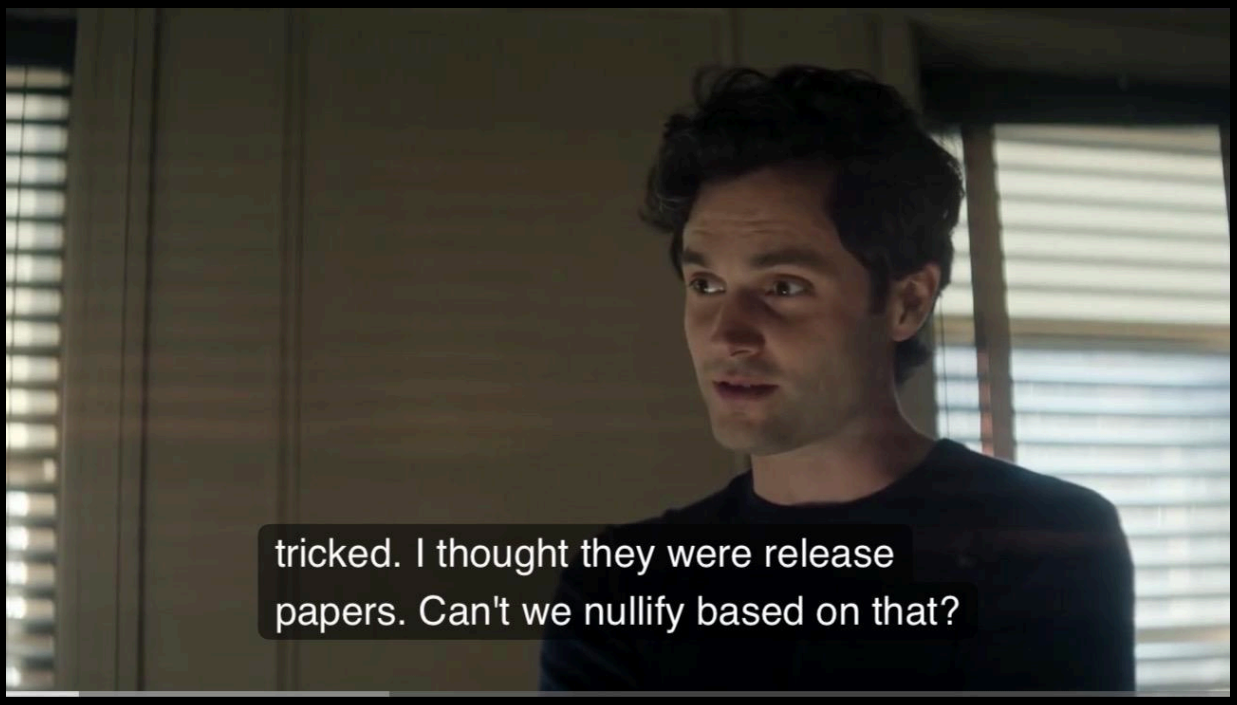
Joe would've been the victim in most of these incidents and everybody involved would've likely gotten arrested for numerous crimes and attempted ones at Joe Joe would mostly walk away with maybe minor charges like trespassing breaking entering and at worse assault charges and maybe one charge for the cops death but with a good lawyer that can be considered for parole as Joe would be a model inmate due to his nature of routine discipline friendliness to people he hates and his personality implies he is an easy inmate to handle Joe would've been legally the one who gets the least charges and potentially seeing his son again if

the charges don't ruin his chances but compared to Kate's family of well let's see the people who got arrested for killing their wife then her twin sister impersonating her or the fact the Lockwood name got serious bad pr in the end Joe is the more likely parent. I do think Joe avoids most of these charges the only one is the cop one he likely gets but again the arguments are there to prove it was panic shock duress or thought it was another threat again he was just threatened at gunpoint stabbed then was under extreme shock he could've interpret the officer's weapon and gun near him as a threat also not to mention Joe was the only one there the police had no body game Joe could easily lie about how it happened and etc they have very little way of proving if he could say I saw the gun I reacted I thought i was going to die mind you the conditions was in a massive dark forest in the night while it was raining which could make Joe see differently have difficulty seeing who is approaching and him fleeting could be out of pure shock so low visibility rain dark huge terrain while already under major stress then a random armed figure appears near by which triggers fight or flight he could think it's one of Bronte's vigilante friends or somebody else trying to harm him. So besides the cop which even that can be argued in Joe's favor as they need proof beyond a reasonable doubt Joe was responsible for it which is messy the CCTV footage at the gas station shows Brontë buying the cat ears self defense thingy. Joes charges would be trespassing breaking entering potential assault for bronte but defendable and the cop one is iffy mind you brontes prints are on that gun and the thing Joe used to kill the cop with was hers so blame could redirected to her considering Joe dropped it in the middle of the woods making it hard to recover if they don't find it they will find out bronte purchased it then consider the fact she also had the dead officers weapon could imply she did it also Joe moved the body after he killed the cop so they can't really tell how he got killed fully just the the stabbing part so it can be blamed on bronte as both their dna I on it but Joe could argue it's because she stabbed him and he removed it but if blaming bronte doesn't work Joe's defense on why he did it also holds up. Mind you the only witnesses is Nadia Marriane Kate and Brontë so 3 vigilantes one of them convicted for murder then a junkie who was in Europe for numerous months and let's say she testified she says what she claimed Joe kidnapped her in a glass cage in London yeah sure cage isn't there anymore no proof of the cage existing nothing there is no proof linking Joe to improving her in a cage yes a statement can help but if it has absolutely 0 evidence behind it it's not doing much then her alibi is Nadia the convicted eat the rich killer accomplice who killed her lover/the true etr killer Edward and killed Rhys Montrose well in the public eye obviously so all of their credibility is questionable especially when most of the claims they have sound exaggerated false and lacking evidence. Again this is the same Joe Goldberg who could completely reverse the entire internet's hatred for him when he killed somebody on camera for millions to see he changed their perception in one night Joe can easily spin stories or narratives to the public which btw a good public image while no always ofc can help in a case it's not the most impotent but it's a smaller thing that can improve one's image in court now mentioning public image afterwards while when high profile people get dismissed of charges the public usually still thinks their guilty Joe is like the one character to reframe that image to his liking.
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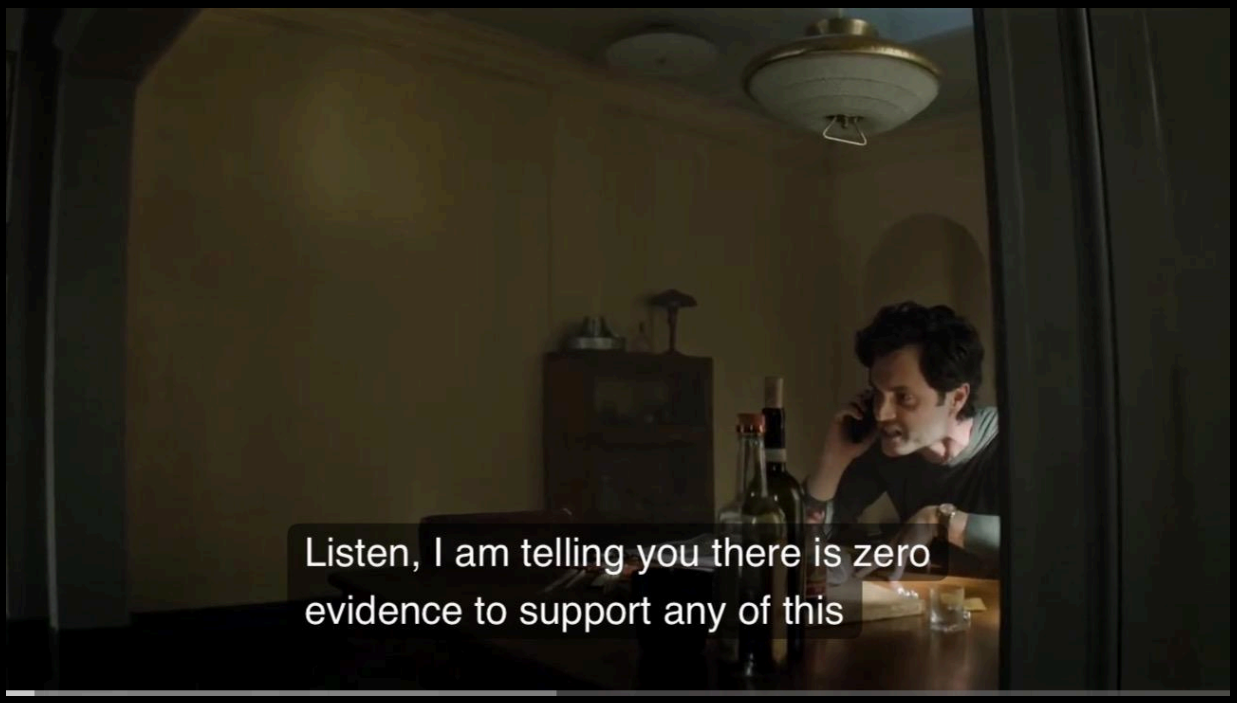
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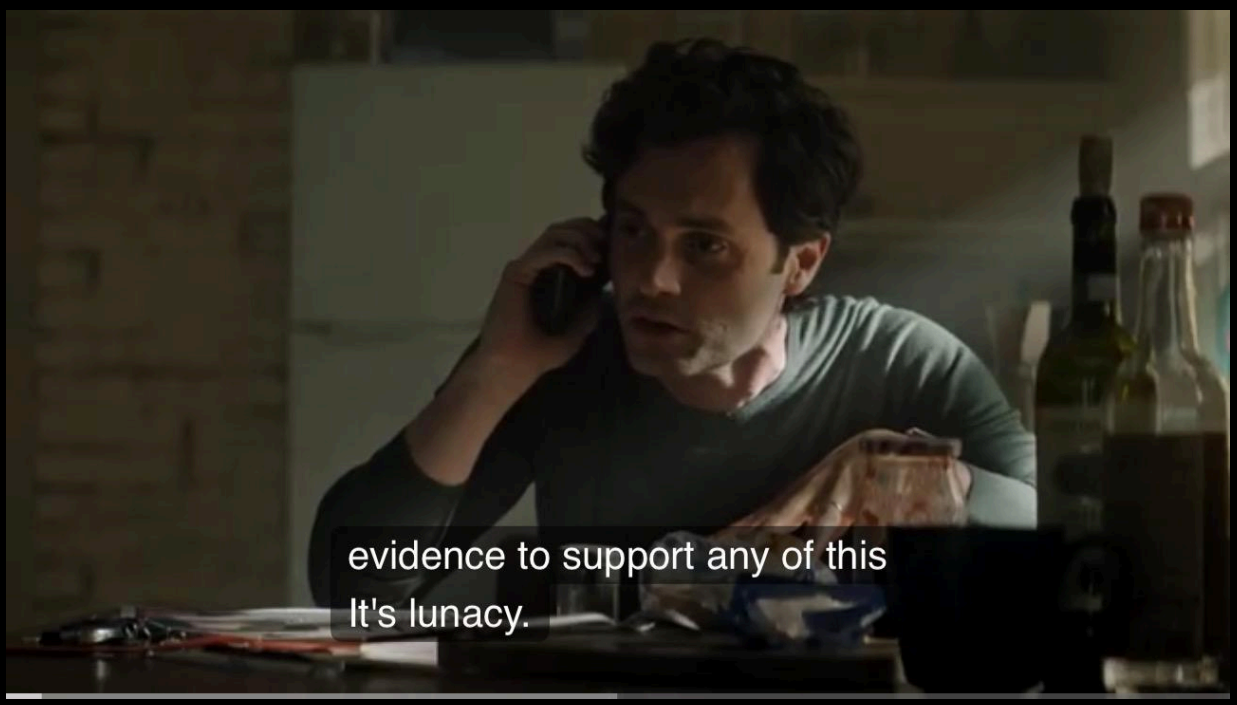

So I can't give him up because he could
bring me down with him.


I'll end up in jail or
dead. I've secured an apartment in the


tricked. I thought they were release
papers. Can't we nullify based on that?


Look, Clayton's family or these clowns
on TikTok, they don't have a case, you
GRIFFIN MATTHEWS

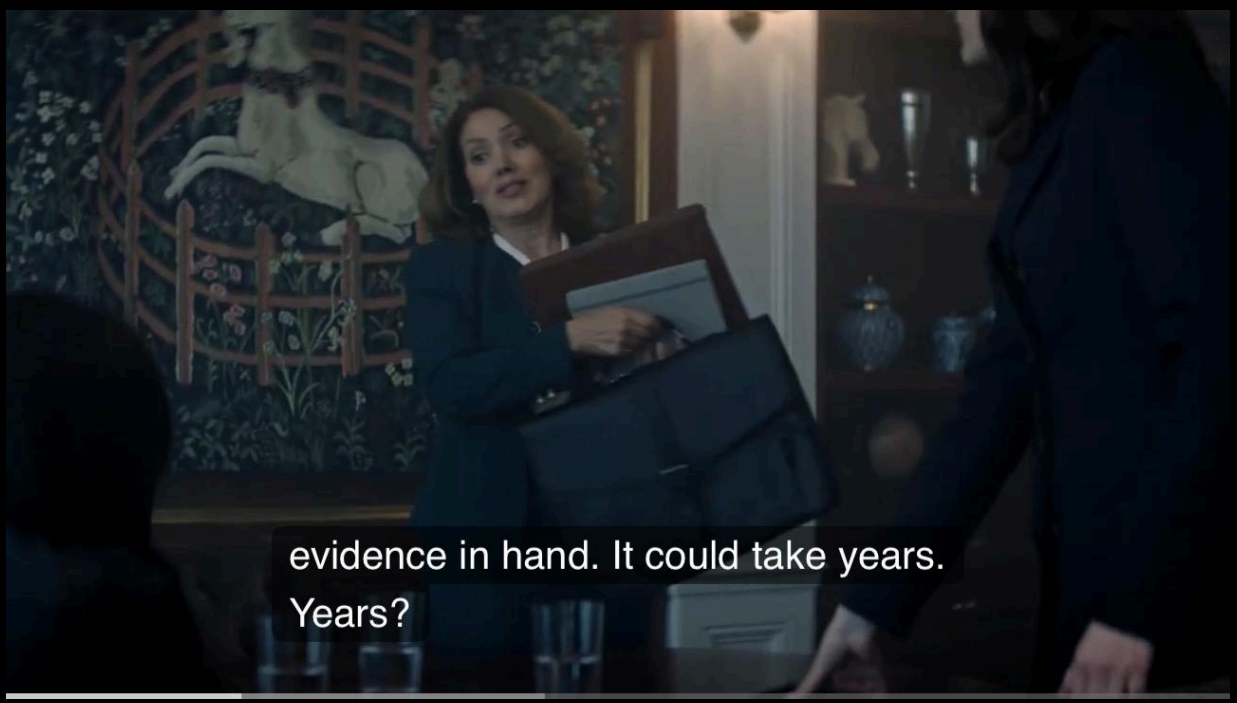

Listen, I am telling you there is zero
evidence to support any of this

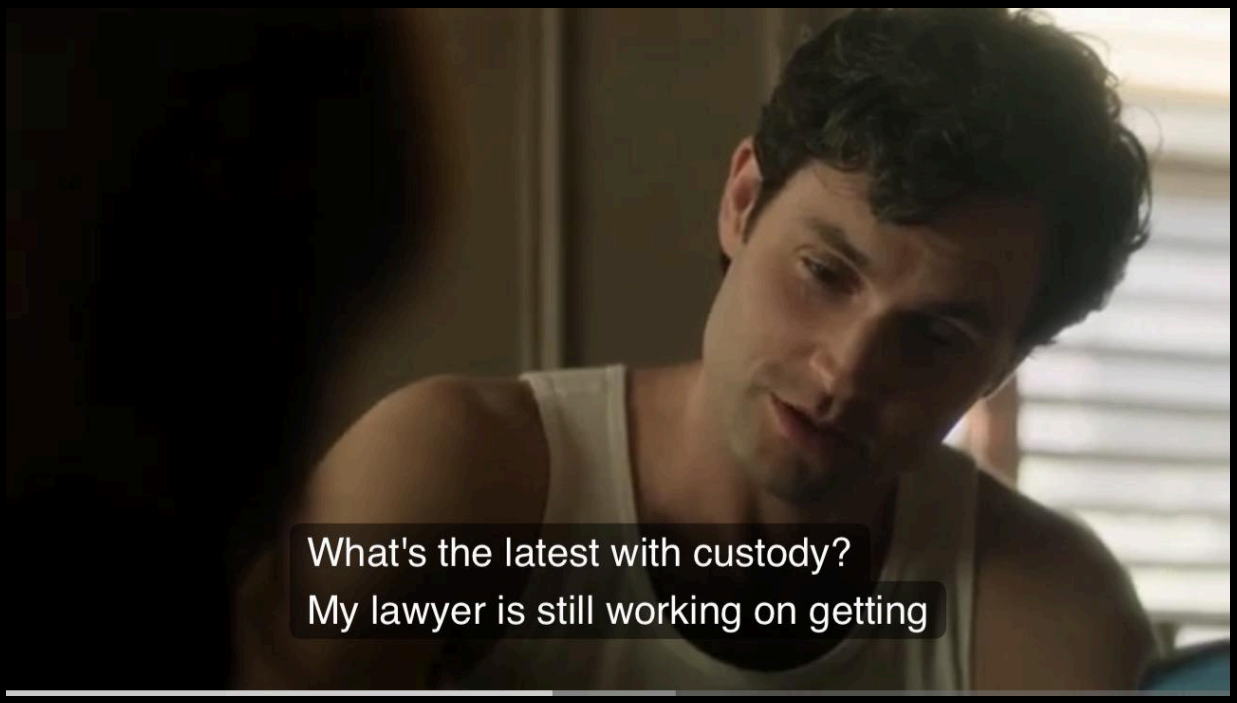

evidence to support any of this
It's lunacy.


And you, Ms. Lockwood?
To be frank, you're more than complicit

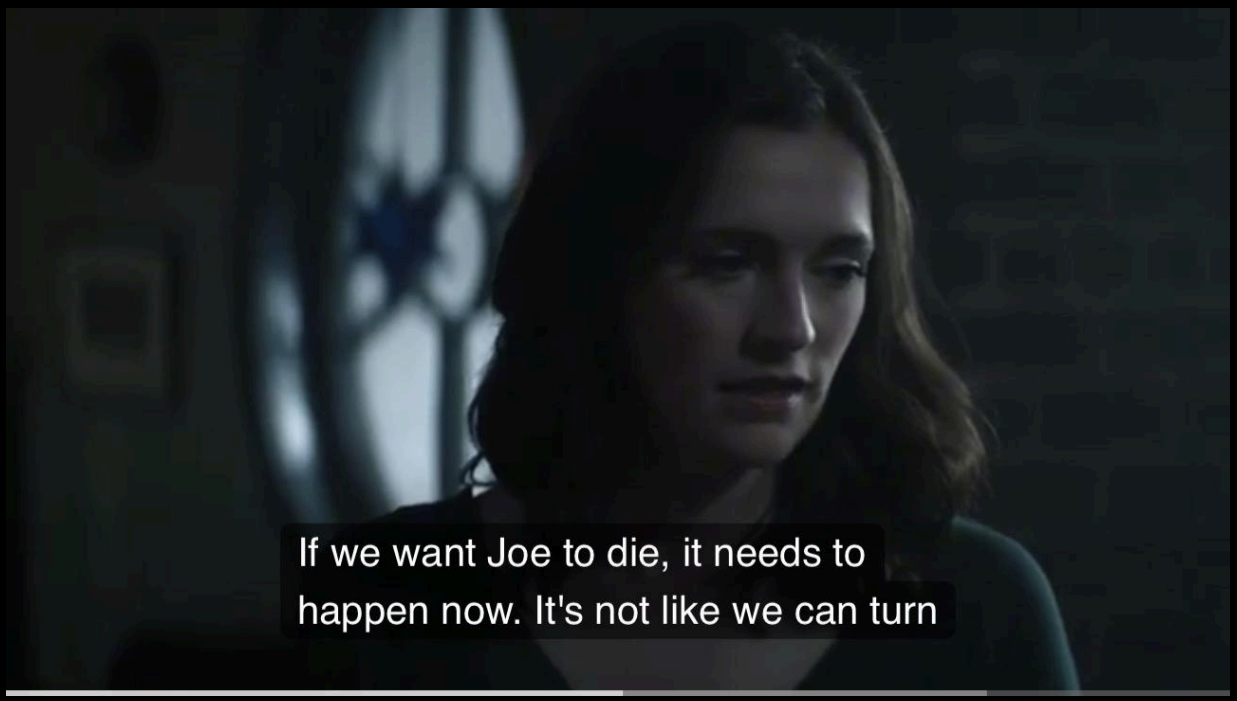

in many of these allegations.
There will be no guarantee of immunity.

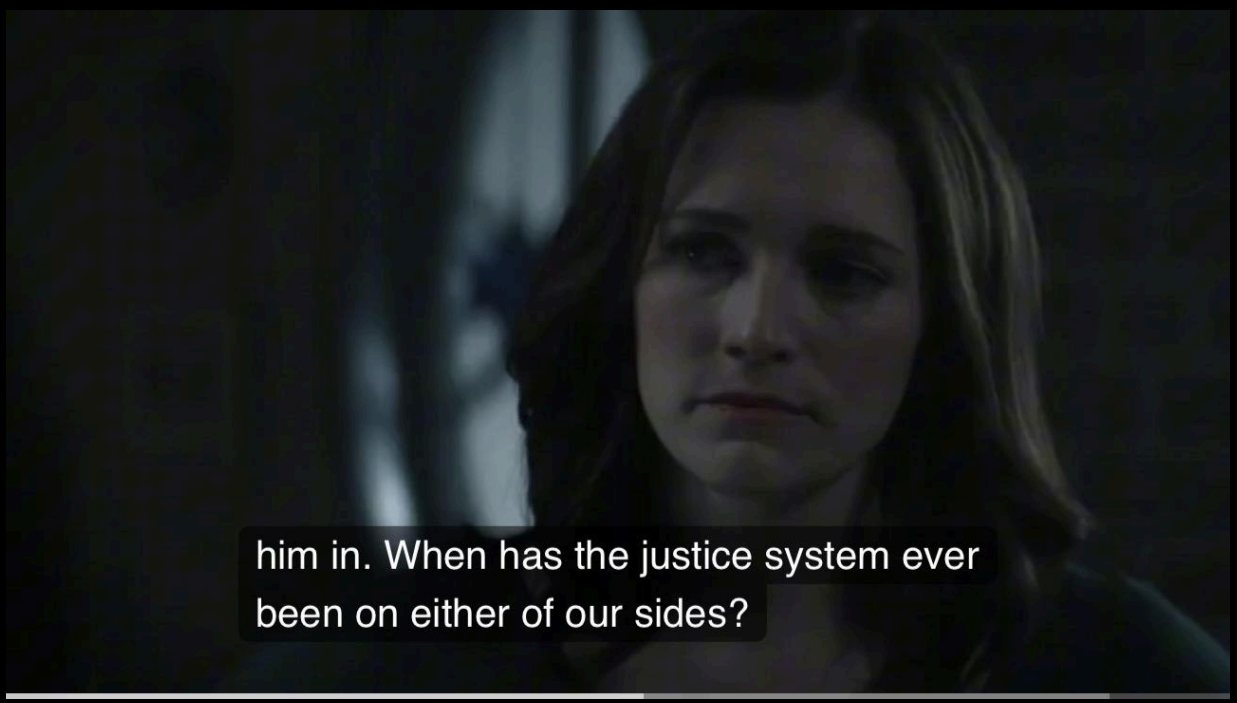

I'm sorry to say this won't be a very
swift process, even with the ample

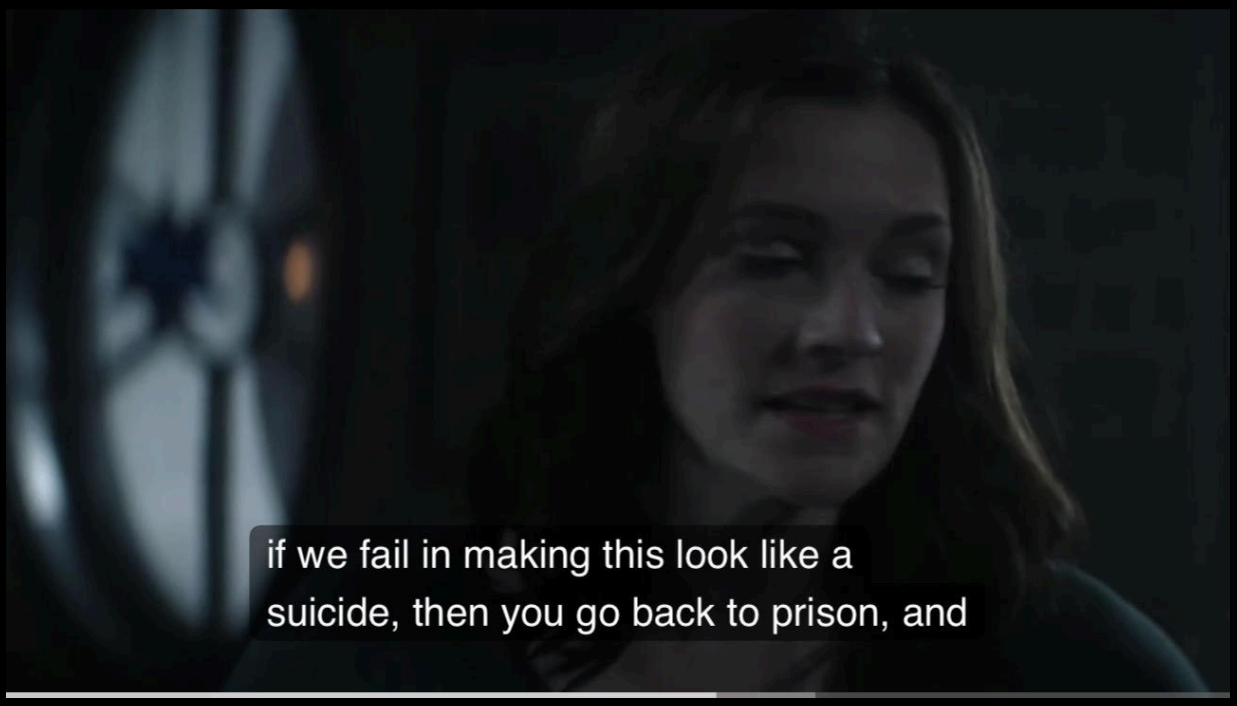

evidence in hand. It could take years.
Years?

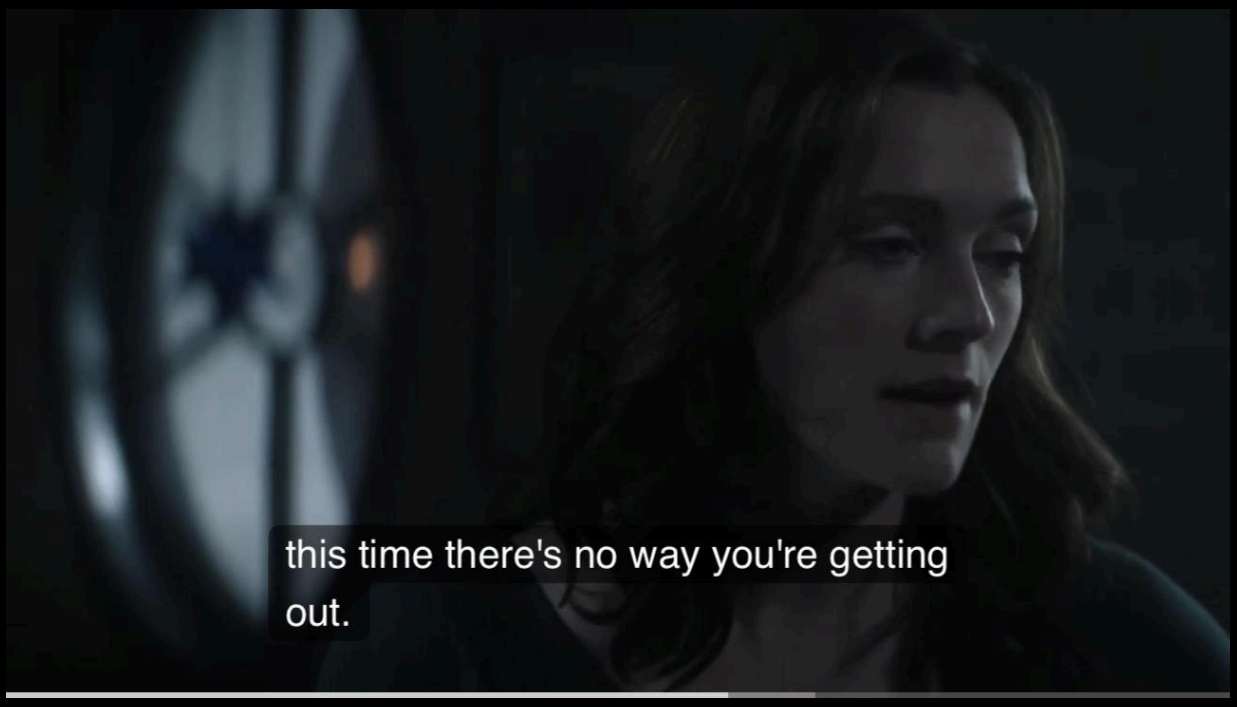

What's the latest with custody?
My lawyer is still working on getting


the temporary custody order reversed.
Oh, it'll


If we want Joe to die, it needs to
happen now. It's not like we can turn


him in. When has the justice system ever
been on either of our sides?


if we fail in making this look like a
suicide, then you go back to prison, and

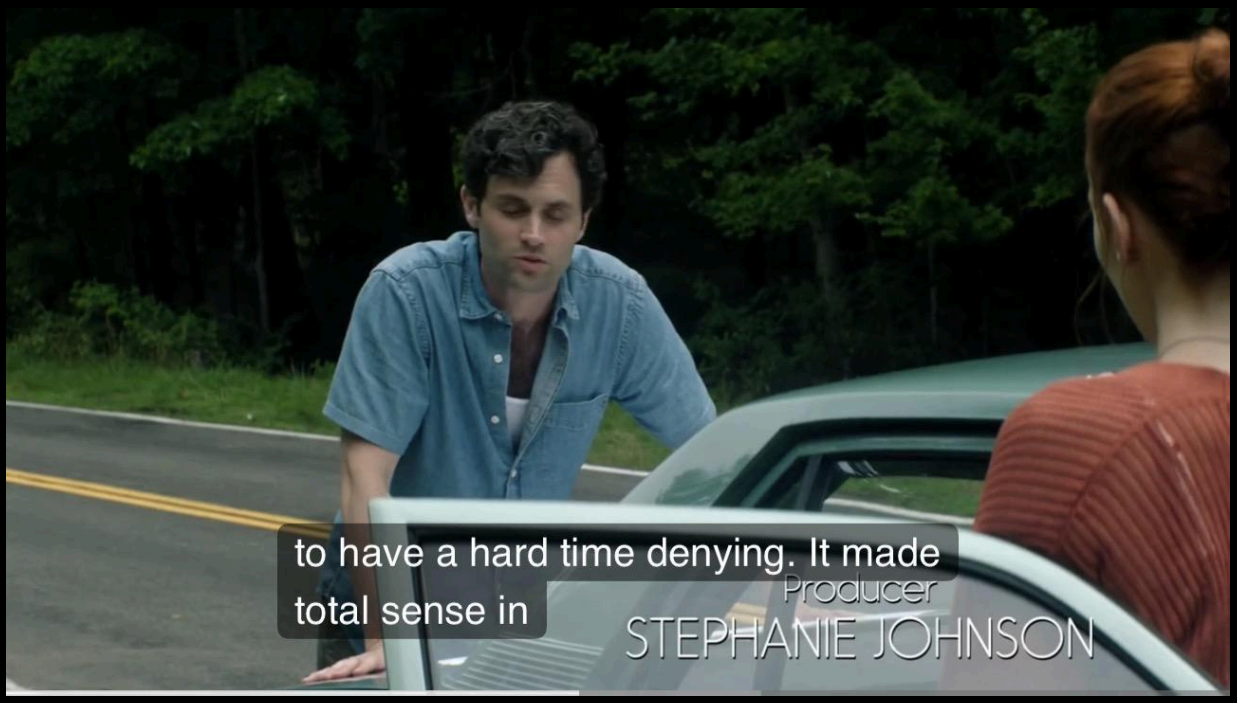

this time there's no way you're getting
out.

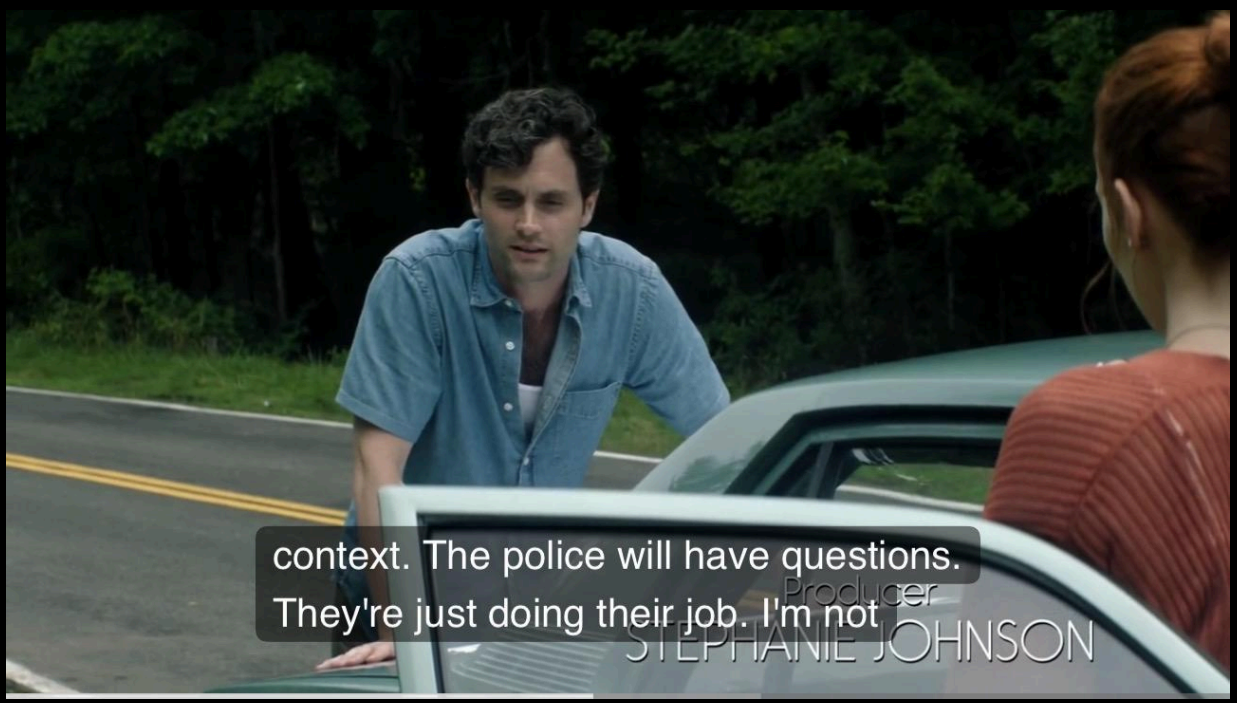

If I get caught, I'll tell the police I
acted alone.

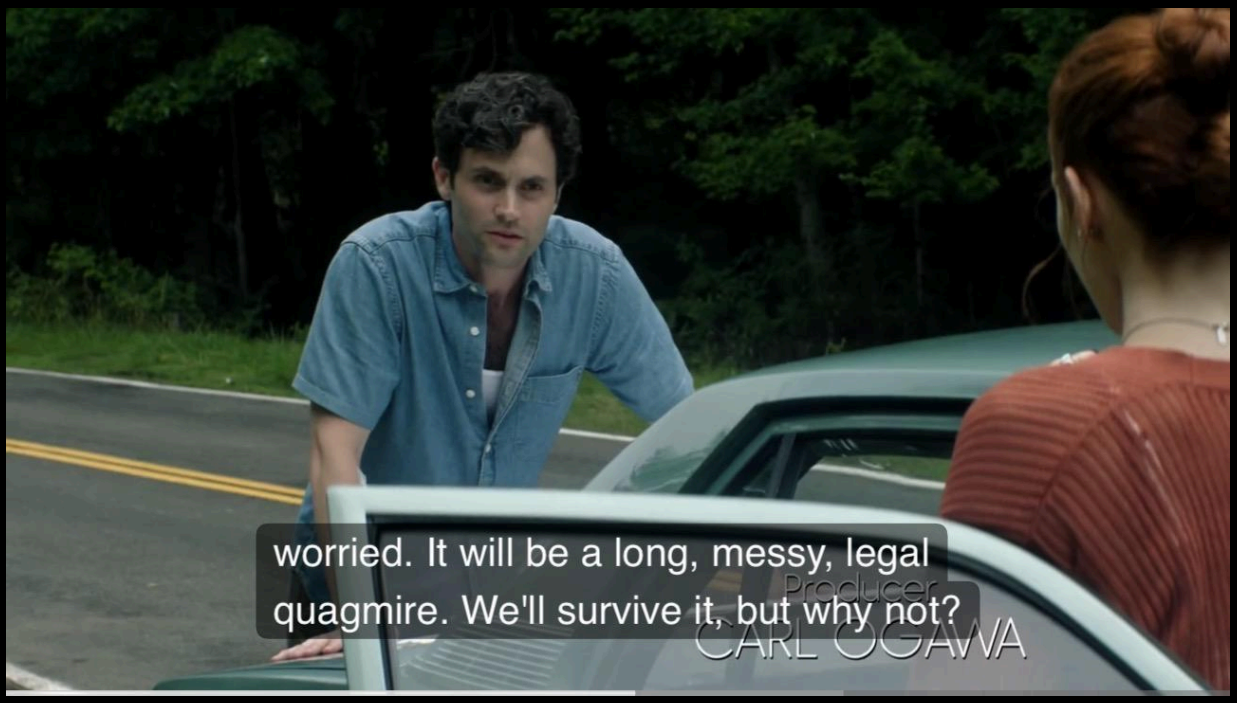

She tried to kill me.
I was defending myself.


I don't think we were followed, but uh
it's only a matter of time. Kate tricked


me. She sent something damning into the
police. How damning? Something I'm going


to have a hard time denying. It made
total sense in
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STEPHANIE JOHNSON


context. The police will have questions.
They're just doing their job. I'm not
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worried. It will be a long, messy, legal quagmire. We'll survive it, but why not?
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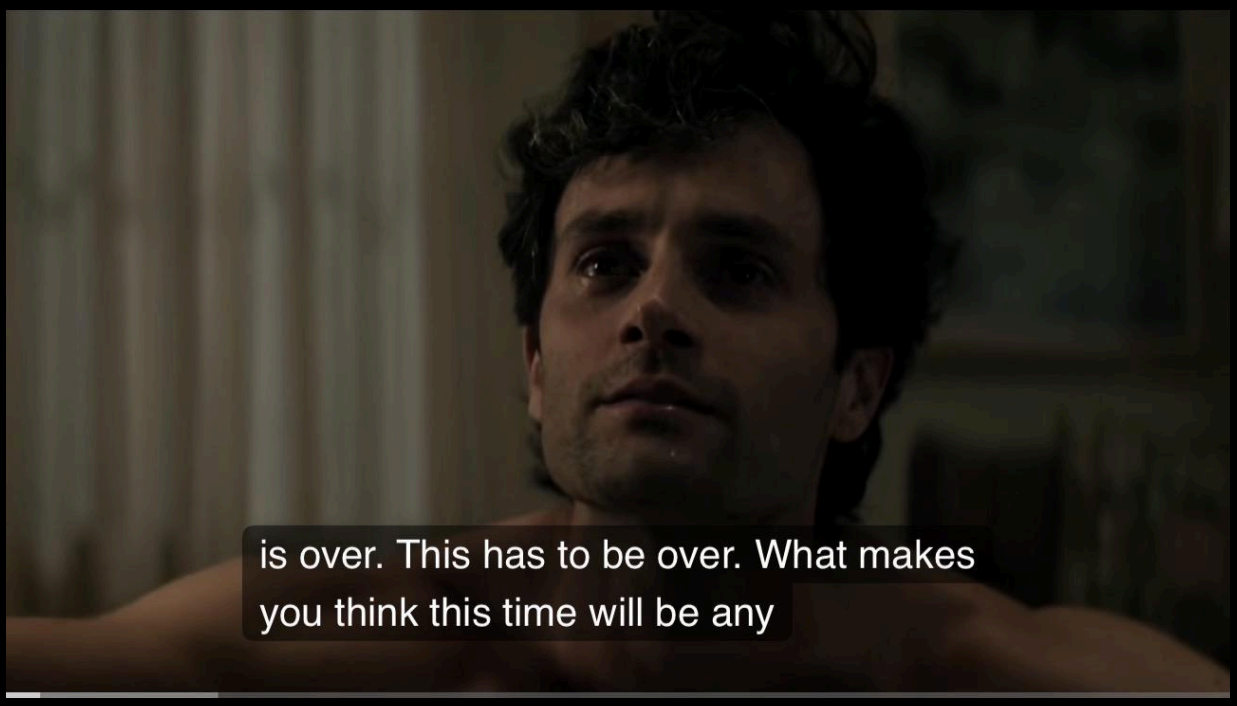

In the meantime, just lay low while the noise dies down.


[__] There wasn't anything on the radio
that a man hunt, but sometimes the

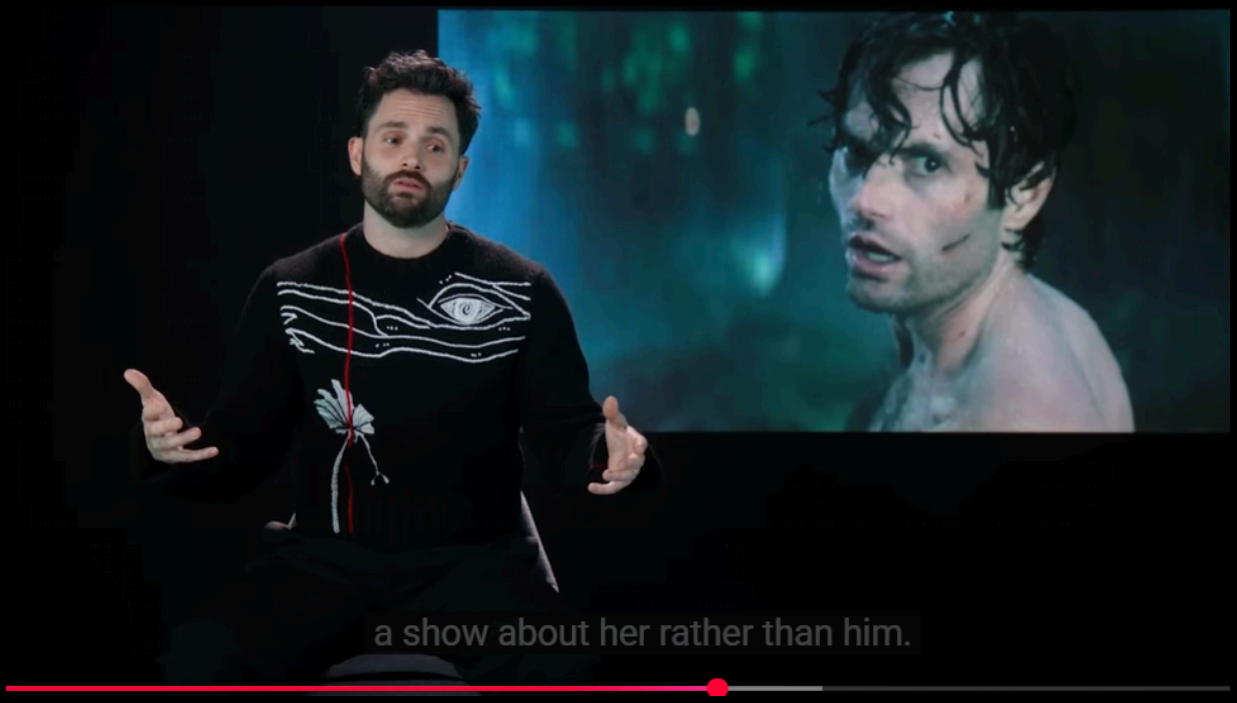

WARNING
prices are a step behind. They know my
face. Would they know
Written by
MICHAEL FOLEY & NEIL REYNOLDS


was crazy.
She tried to imprison and kill me. In


[Music]
I I'm I'm I'm calling the cops now. This


is over. This has to be over. What makes
you think this time will be any


different? I killed your friend on
camera and here I am. Here you are, Joe,


a show about her rather than him.

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