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~~OFFICER TORRES~~

~~The ADA's gonna want a statement.~~

~~Torres slides a LEGAL PAD across to Red. He considers it.
Takes the pen. Quick scribble. Then he passes it back.~~

~~OFFICER TORRES (cont'd)~~

~~A phone number.~~

~~RED~~

~~No. A pot of gold. Waiting at the
end of the rainbow for anyone smart
enough to make the call.~~

~~Torres RIPS up the page. Slides the pad back to Red.~~

~~OFFICER TORRES~~

~~Let's try that again.~~

~~Red considers. A slightly longer scribble this time.~~

~~OFFICER TORRES (cont'd)~~

~~What's this?~~

~~RED~~

~~My autograph. And a short
dedication. Something to make it
personal. If you insist on being a
flatfoot for the rest of your life,
you should sell it on ebay. Buy
some orthotics.~~

Suddenly the door flies open and two FBI OFFICERS enter,
followed by SUSAN HOLT, 38, African-American -- the ambitious
U.S. Attorney for the Southern District.

HOLT

We'll take it from here.

OFFICER TORRES

Who's we?

HOLT

The prisoner is now in the custody
of the federal government.

OFFICER TORRES

We picked him up on a gun charge.
That's state, not federal.

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HOLT

The serial number on the gun you found in Mr. Reddington's possession has been destroyed. That makes it a federal offense.

An AGENT hands Torres a reassignment order.

HOLT (cont'd)

You're a hero, Officer Torres. I'll be sure and mention you at the press conference.

Torres lowers the paper. Realizing he's out.

RED

It would've been a nice boat.

Torres exits as Red and Holt size each other up.

HOLT

Let me be clear. You will never be free again. You will be tried, convicted, and held in a federal prison until we execute you.

RED

As pleasant as that sounds, I'm afraid I've made other arrangements.

HOLT

This is going to be fun.

RED

Winning always is.

Off Red, smiling at his adversary --

END ACT FIVE

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ACT SIX42 INT. US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - DAY

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Cooper paces before SUSAN HOLT, urgency in his voice:

COOPER

I don't like it any more than you,
but the fact remains Reddington has
an immunity agreement [that]--

HOLT

That never should have been signed.

COOPER

And yet it was signed.

HOLT

You made a deal with one of the
FBI's Most Wanted --

COOPER

-- which was led by the Department
of Justice and Diane Fowler, who
personally signed off on --

HOLT

I don't give a rat's ass who signed
off on the deal. Everything about
it is wrong. Your secret Task
Force. The way you assist him --

COOPER

Reddington is an asset.

HOLT

He's a fugitive, wanted across the
globe. Your cooperation with him
is exactly what's wrong with this
country. We have rules, Mr.
Cooper. Laws that you, the Deputy
Director of the FBI, are trusted to
uphold, and I can assure you that
if you won't do that I will. My
office is working up charges as we
speak.

COOPER

If you go public with this it'll
undermine everything the men and
women on my team have worked so
hard to achieve.

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COOPER (cont'd)

Forget the criminals who'll be set free, or the cases that'll be overturned, the political blowback from this will undermine the very fabric of the Bureau itself.

HOLT

Maybe you should've considered that before climbing into bed with the traitor you're pretending to hunt.

COOPER

I appreciate you taking the moral high ground, but you and I both know how things really get done in this city.

HOLT

Harold, I can protect the Bureau's relationship with Reddington, for now... but the most wanted man in America -- maybe the world -- has been arrested in New York City, and I will prosecute him to the fullest extent of the law, immunity agreement or not.

COOPER

(smiles, realizing)

So the rumors are true: You are running for governor.

Holt turns and exits the room. As she does, we PRE-LAP CAMERAS SNAPPING and anxious REPORTERS calling --

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~~VARIOUS REPORTERS (O.S.)~~

~~...Ms. Holt...! MS. HOLT...! Is it true...? When was the arrest made...? Where is he now?~~

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INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

SUSAN HOLT Scene 3 of 3 43

Holt and her team of FIVE OTHER SUITS make their way to the podium. Holt drinks in the attention, adjusts her microphone, before:

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HOLT

Ladies and gentlemen, I am pleased to announce to you that just over an hour ago, officers with the 17th Precinct of the New York Police Department apprehended and arrested international fugitive and traitor of the United States, Raymond Reddington...

-- the room EXPLODES with questions. Bulbs FLASH as --

44 INT. NYPD / 17TH PRECINCT - HALLWAY - INTERCUT - DAY 44

Liz, escorted by a team of guards, makes her way through a series of locks and gates as she moves toward --

HOLT (O.S.)

...as of this moment, I cannot yet speak to the details surrounding his arrest, but I can confirm Mr. Reddington is in police custody...

~~45 INT. NYPD / 17TH PRECINCT - HOLDING CELL - INTERCUT - DAY 45~~

~~Liz is escorted into Red's cell. Sits across from him --~~

~~LIZ~~

~~Came as soon as I could. The AUSA isn't budging --~~

~~RED~~

~~Are you okay?~~

~~LIZ~~

~~They wanna nullify your agreement, claim it was agreed to under duress, which we both know is a load of crap.~~

~~RED~~

~~Elizabeth, are you okay?~~

~~LIZ~~

~~No, I'm not okay. Do you understand what's happening? They're not going to release you. They want to put you on trial.~~

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HOLT (O.S.)

...In the coming days and weeks, in cooperations with the Department of Justice, my office will be exploring all options regarding charges and sentencing against Mr. Reddington...

~~LIZ~~

~~They've already gone public --~~

~~RED~~

~~Of course they have.~~

~~LIZ~~

~~-- the NY Attorney General has an agenda. Says she's gonna make an example of you. That means not only nullifying your immunity agreement, but charging everyone involved with crimes against the State, including treason.~~

~~RED~~

~~Talk to me about the tip.~~

~~LIZ~~

~~What tip?~~

~~RED~~

~~The Officer who identified me knew I was there. I don't know how, but it wasn't the coincidence it might seem to be.~~

~~LIZ~~

~~What are you suggesting?~~

~~RED~~

~~Elizabeth, I have more enemies than I care to admit; countless men and women who stand to benefit greatly from my arrest. Whoever did this, I'm need to find him.~~

~~LIZ~~

~~So you can kill them.~~

~~RED~~

~~Can you help me?~~

~~LIZ~~

~~Of course, I can.~~

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~~Off of Red's promise, MUSIC RISES and we JUMP TO:~~

46 EXT. NYPD / 17TH PRECINCT - LOADING DOCK - INTERCUT - DAY 46

Reddington, feet shackled and wearing a bullet proof vest, is FROG-MARCHED out of the precinct. PRESS and SPECTATORS try to get a look, snapping photos as he's loaded into the back of a waiting NYPD VAN.

HOLT

...and while the details of the case are yet under review I want to assure the citizens of New York one thing...

47 INT. NYPD TRANSPORT VAN - INTERCUT - DAY 47

Red is placed into a seat and shackled into place. The GUARD bangs on the inside of the van and they take off, moving their prisoner to god knows where.

HOLT

...I will do everything in my power to swiftly prosecute Raymond Reddington to the fullest extent of the law. Thank you and goodnight.

~~48 EXT. NYC - (STOCK SHOTS) - INTERCUT - DAY 48~~

~~MUSIC SWELLS as we follow RED'S POLICE VAN through the city. The bevy of spectators and police detail are reminiscent of a Presidential motorcade.~~

~~JENNIFER (O.S./PRE-LAP)~~

~~I know you're nervous about this, but it was the right call...~~

~~LIZ~~

~~It had to be done.~~

~~49 INT. LIZ'S APARTMENT - INTERCUT - DAY 49~~

~~Liz sits with Jennifer, heart in her throat.~~

~~JENNIFER~~

~~He thwarted your investigation with Dr. Koehler, just like he's done countless times before --~~

~~LIZ~~

~~-- and he'd do it again if we didn't act --~~

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