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RED SAUCE

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This episode holds a scene that I love. From the second episode (Red Hair and Silver Tape), we see that Cho is ready to interfere if Jane gets in trouble. Lisbon does the same, but not always. Several times she lets Jane do his thing, and then lets him take the consequences of his actions (something I really love about her). But Cho seems to always be on the watch, making sure Jane doesn't get hurt. And in this scene, it also illustrates that Jane knows this, maybe even expects it.



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Background: The team has been working with the U.S. Marshal's office on a case involving the Mafia. One of the Marshals, Knox, is in the hospital and her partner, Exley, is at the CBI offices, waiting for news of her condition. Lisbon comes in and says she's going to be okay. Exley gets up to leave to go to the hospital, but Lisbon stops him at the door, insisting on going with him, saying that Knox is a person of interest.

Exley: "I understand, you've got a job to do."

Jane: Is sitting on the couch, watching. "Oh, here's a thought." Points at Exley. "What if you did it?"

Exley: "Me? *What?*"

Jane: "Knox wasn't setting up Russo with the mob. She was meeting him that night because they were having an affair."



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Rigsby: “Yeah, that makes sense.”

Jane: Points to Rigsby. “Does, doesn’t it.”

Exley: “You’re out of your mind.”



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Jane: Hasn't moved from the couch. "That low-life crook in bed with your Christy. And don't try to tell us you don't have a secret crush on her."

Exley: "That's crap!"

Jane: Points again, says to the room in general, "Ah, you see the anger? This sort of scandal could screw up your career. Along with hers." Shrugs. "I understand. Any man in your position would want to kill him."



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Exley begins to stalk towards Jane. Lisbon and the rest just watch, but Cho stands up.



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Exley: “That’s enough.”

Jane: Raises his hands. “Oh, I’m not saying that you knew about the affair, I’m just saying that if you did, you’d be our prime suspect.” Laughs a little. “It’s funny, really. Your best defense is your apparent lack of the most basic detective skills.”

Exley: Is furious. “Oh, you little son of a bitch.” Moves towards Jane again.



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Cho: Stands between Jane and Exley and grabs him. “Easy.”



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Making sure Exley isn't going anywhere.



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Jane: Doesn't move—Cho's now standing in front of him. "Hey, I'm sorry. I'm just thinking out loud. No offense."

Exley: "Yeah, right, *no offense.*"

Jane: "None taken."



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Exley leaves. Cho just looks back at Jane.