**Episode 146**

**In the Hospital Corridor with Karen and Lauren sat down next to each other**

Lauren – Are you sure Emma will be alright on her own?

Karen – She’ll be fine; she’s not been with anyone which she likes for months, has she?

Lauren – I—I guess.

**Lauren’s mobile rings and she takes it out her pocket, putting it to her ear**

Lauren – What is it, Amy? Oh, is it that now?

**Lauren sighs**

Lauren – Alright, I’m on my way.

**Lauren hangs up, putting her mobile back into her pocket, she stands**

Karen – You can go back to the Hotel, Lauren; I’ll be here for Court when she comes out!

Lauren – Thanks, Karen; if there’s any trouble call me, yeah?

**Lauren smiles at Karen and exits, walking down the hallway**

**Outside the Hotel Meg walks out the doors; she’s wearing a White Shirt with a Black Cardigan, Lexi enters, walking round the corner**

Lexi – You look nice! Where are you off to?

Meg – What are you doing here?

Lexi – I came all this way; you can do better than that!

**Meg turns around to the doors and Lexi steps in front of her**

Meg – Get out of my way.

Lexi – We didn’t exactly hit it off but—me and you; we could be best mates!

Meg – You videoed me while I was getting shoved around.

Lexi – It was just a bit of fun!

Meg – Well do you know what? Take your fun and stick it somewhere else!

**Lexi shoves past Meg, walking into the marketplace**

**In Audrey’s Kitchen with Audrey; she’s wearing a Black Dress and she puts a black scarf on, sighing sadly; she sits down at the table with tears in her eyes**

Audrey – Oh, dear father; forgive our sins! I can’t believe we’re doing this; but it’s for a good deed; I swear, it’s to get Amanda’s daughter; Jasmine, back to the Hotel. We all make mistakes; you look after Jasmine if her corpse isn’t found, won’t you, father? I know you love her even more than we do; including her mother, Amanda, and—Thank you, father. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

**Audrey wipes her tears with a tissue**

**In Derek’s living room; Shirley’s wearing Black and she’s looking out the window; Derek’s sat down on the sofa wearing a suit**

Shirley – I think everything’s set. This—This is so wrong.

**Derek picks up a bottle of vodka from under the sofa and looks at it, lighting a cigarette and beginning to smoke it. In the Kitchen David enters, closing the door behind him, he looks inside the cupboard under the sink and gets out a bag with a gun; footsteps are heard from the corridor and he puts the bag back in the cupboard, closing the door and Shirley enters**

Shirley – What were you doing in there?

David – Shoe polish; do you know where it is?

Shirley – I’ve already done them for you.

**Shirley puts some black gloves on and begins to cry, leaning against the table**

David – Mum, are you alright?

**Shirley turns to David, hugging him and David hugs her back, sighing sadly**

**In Ryan’s living room with Luna and Elliot sat down on separate sofas; they’re wearing black and Ryan enters wearing a suit, carrying a Black Shirt and a Cardigan**

Ryan – Here it is; all ready for her! She’s cutting late, isn’t she? She’ll—She’ll be there though; this is Amanda’s wake; her Mum!

**Ryan smiles at Luna and Elliot nervously, walking out into the corridor**

**In Izzy’s dining room with Deborah stood by the table, picking up her handbag, Oliver enters, wearing a suit**

Oliver – This wake should be enjoyable, shouldn’t it? I mean; it’s not real or—

Deborah – I don’t think we’re supposed to enjoy it, Oliver.

Oliver – Deborah, we got a letter from the adoption agency this morning, and—

**Oliver sighs sadly, taking out a letter from his pocket and passing it to Deborah**

Oliver – It’s because of my suspended sentence.

Deborah – We can’t adopt for the foreseeable future?

Oliver – No, not for two years at least. I’m—I’m really sorry, Deborah; I know how much you wanted this and I—I don’t know what to say.

**Sarah enters, wearing a Black Dress; the back of its unzipped**

Sarah – Can you do the zip up, Auntie Deborah?

Deborah – Yeah; sure!

**Deborah does the zip of Sarah’s dress up and Oliver walks into the corridor, exiting**

Sarah – I won’t be able to fit into my clothes in a few months.

Deborah – Do you really want to go ahead with this?

Sarah – It could just solve so many problems.

**Sarah turns to Deborah**

Deborah – If that includes what happened to Meg then—

Sarah – No; I wasn’t even thinking about what happened to her. It could just be the perfect solution for everyone.

Deborah – If that includes Oliver going mental at you; because he will!

Sarah – Why? I’m giving you both a baby!

Deborah – It’s too much to ask, Sarah; it’s surrogacy, you’re a teenager! You’re too young to be putting yourself through this.

Sarah – Are you saying that you don’t want my baby?

**Oliver enters, followed by Izzy; who’s wearing a black dress**

Oliver – Right; is everyone ready?

**Deborah smiles at Oliver slightly, nodding and Sarah looks at Deborah sadly**

**In Karen’s corridor, Karen and Court enter**

Karen – Right; I’m going to make a few rules for you, Number One; no more drink! Number Two; look after yourself properly!

Court – I’m fine; aren’t I?

Karen – Don’t you understand what could’ve happened to you, Courtney? You could’ve been seriously hurt!

Court – But I wasn’t, was I? I mean; I’m still hungover, but that’s expected, right?

Karen – Is this what you’ve been like since I’ve been away?

Court – No. I was like it after Alex died, and then just now I’ve gone—I’ve lost my mind, OK?

Karen – Then you need to see a Doctor; none of this is making your condition any better.

Court – No—No, Mum; I’m fine now! I promise I won’t drink again unless there’s a celebration or something.

Karen – What? Like after a fight?!

Court – No I mean like—Like—Christmas or something; I promise you, Mum!

**Court gets out a locket and opens it; it has a picture of Emma, Karen, Ian and Court inside**

Court – I swear to you—I swear to you on his grave, OK? I swear.

**Karen looks at Court as a tear rolls down Court’s cheek**

Karen – I believe you.

**Karen hugs Court and grabs her arm; leading her into the living room with Emma is sat down on a separate sofa to Maddison**

Maddison – Hello, Karen! This isn’t a bad time, is it?

**Court glares at Maddison madly and Maddison smiles at them both as they walk in**

**Outside the Hotel, David, Derek and Jamie walk out the Doors; David’s looking at his mobile and he’s received a text from Meg saying, *“LEXI JUST SHOWED UP!”* and he looks up madly, replying to the text**

Jamie – David; put that away, will you?

David – OK; chill, Jamie.

**David turns off his mobile, putting it in his pocket**

Jamie – I got a text from Haydon; the policeman on an update on Alex’s murder; I don’t know the update, but I could ask him if you want?

Derek – No; it doesn’t matter anymore. I know that Ryan’s getting the blame; and he’s not a murderer.

**Shirley walks out the Picnic Area; pushing Ted in his wheelchair**

Jamie – Ted doesn’t look too happy, does he?

**Derek looks at Ted, sighing sadly and Ryan, Luna and Elliot walk out the Hotel**

Ryan – What if she’s lost her keys or something?

Luna – OR maybe she’s at the church waiting for this flop funeral?!

Elliot – OR she’s wondering where we are?

**Ashleigh walks out the Hotel, wearing Jasmine’s dress**

Ashleigh – Wait for me then!

Ryan – What are you doing wearing that dress?

Ashleigh – I haven’t got a black dress, have I?

Ryan – That’s Jasmine’s you stupid—

Elliot – Ryan—!

Ryan – Take it off now!

Ashleigh – But look; it fits me perfectly, and—

Ryan – TAKE IT OFF!

Elliot – RYAN!

Ashleigh – I DON’T UNDERSTAND; WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM?!

Ryan – YOU; THAT’S THE PROBLEM! ME AND JASMINE WERE SO HAPPY UNTIL YOU TURNED UP!

Luna – Where’s the popcorn?!

Elliot – Ryan get in the Taxi, yeah? NOW!

**Ryan walks to a nearby Taxi and gets in the back of it. Shirley sees Derek, walking over to him**

Shirley – Audrey’s just coming, but I don’t think Ted should go; it’s too much for him.

Derek – Are you alright, Ted?

Ted – Yeah.

**Derek grabs hold of Ted’s hand and Ted lays his head on Derek’s hand, looking at him sadly. Meg, Lorna and Imane walk out the Hotel; all wearing Black, Jamie walks over to them and Imane hugs Jamie**

Imane – It’ll be fine, yeah? We’re doing a good thing; Amanda would understand!

Jamie – No Rory?

Lorna – No; he’s gone back to Jamba to pick up a few things I left.

Imane – Listen, if there’s anything that you need doing; food for later, booze; anything—Just ask.

Jamie – Thanks, Imane.

**Shirley walks back into the Hotel, pushing Ted in his wheelchair and Ashleigh walks away from a Taxi she’s stood by, looking at Derek as he pulls out a bottle of vodka, he walks over to Jamie; leading him away from Meg, Lorna and Imane**

Derek – Ted’s staying here; I think he’s a bit upset.

**A Taxi parks out the Hotel and Ryan gets out the Taxi he’s in, smiling slightly and Kelsey steps out the Taxi and Ryan sighs sadly**

Kelsey – Dad!

Derek – Are you alright, Kels?

**Derek hugs Kelsey, kissing her cheek**

Kelsey – I wasn’t going to let you go through this without anyone.

Derek – Does your Grandma know that you’re here?

Kelsey – She tried to stop me but I just ran.

**Derek sighs sadly, hugging Kelsey again**

**In the Dirty Duck Pub living room with Sasha and Amy wearing Black; sat on separate sofas, Ross is stood by the door wearing a suit and Lauren enters**

Ross – Are we all ready?

Amy – I don’t even know why we’re going for; it just seems wrong after what those cows did to Amanda when she’s not even dead.

Lauren – We’re going because—

Sasha – Are you still mad about the other week, Amy? Whoever killed Alex did us all a big favour!

Lauren – Today isn’t about Alex, Sasha; show some respect! We’re doing this to try and get Jasmine back and you two had better not argue; because I can’t be bothered with it to be honest with you; not after the week I’ve had!

**Lauren exits, slamming the door behind her**

**In Audrey’s corridor with Audrey putting a Black funeral hat on; she looks at herself in the mirror and then looks up**

Audrey – Remember what I asked you.

**Audrey exits, closing the door behind her**

**In Karen’s living room with Court sat down on a separate sofa to Maddison**

Maddison – I see that Emma’s returned home?

Court – What of it?

Maddison – Well it’s a bit—Unexpected, isn’t it? I mean; one minute she’s taken from her bed, the next it’s all Rosie in the Garden.

Court – We’re trying to make Emma happy.

Maddison – She didn’t really seem it when I arrived. In fact she seemed quite worried! Why, Courtney?

Court – Because you’re an evil cow; that’s why.

Maddison – Moo(!)

**Maddison laughs and Court glares at her with a straight face**

Maddison – Oh; you seem angry, Courtney! Share your sob story with me, why don’t you? Make my Heart bleed!

Court – Why don’t you leave and keep away from my friends and family?

**Karen enters carrying two cups of coffee**

Karen – Are you sure you don’t want one, Court?

Court – Yeah; I’m sure.

**Karen places one of the cups of coffee in front of Maddison on the table and she sits down next to Court; sipping her drink**

Karen – So, what are you here for, Maddison?

Maddison – I’ve got some questions to ask your daughter.

**Karen turns to Court nervously and Court continues to glare at Maddison madly**

**Outside the Church, Ryan walks over to Luna and Elliot**

Ryan – I can’t see her anywhere! Maybe she’s already inside?

Luna – I flaming well hope so; I could be watching Jeremy Kyle!

**David walks over to Meg**

David – What did Lexi want?

Meg – I don’t know; I don’t care either. How did she even know that you were at the Hotel?

David – I don’t know, do I? She must’ve followed me! Look, I’m done with her; Lexi, all of them.

**Ashleigh watches Derek and Deborah hugging; they look at each other**

Derek – Despite all this; I’m happy that if—That if she does die, I get to say goodbye to her; that I love her twice.

**Deborah smiles at Derek, walking to Oliver, Ashleigh walks over to Derek, hugging him**

Ashleigh – I feel your pain.

**Ashleigh takes the bottle of vodka out of Derek’s pocket**

Ashleigh – I do.

**Ashleigh pulls herself away from Derek, walking inside the Church; looking at the bottle, smiling; following Ryan, Elliot and Luna. Kelsey walks over to Derek, stepping out the church**

Kelsey – I knew Jasmine would be late. I knew it!

**Shirley walks out the church**

Shirley – Derek; we should go in now.

**Kelsey and Shirley walk into the church and Derek follows them, with tears in his eyes**

**In the Church with residents of the Hotel sat down, Sophs enters; wearing Black**

Sophs – Sorry; you have to save the best till last sometimes!

**Sophs laughs, walking to the row Izzy, Sarah, Deborah and Oliver are sat at**

Sophs – I had such a useless Taxi Driver; I thought that I wasn’t going to make it! I have to watch some comedy, don’t I? Budge up then, Doc!

Oliver – No.

Deborah – Oliver, just do it.

**Deborah and Oliver slide further along the row and Sophs sits down next to Oliver, laughing slightly. Derek stands and walks to the back of the church, putting his hand in his pocket; Ashleigh takes the bottle of vodka from under her scarf, showing Derek it; smirking and the Vicar walks over to Derek**

Vicar – We’ll start with a hymn.

**The Vicar walks to the front of the church and Derek sits down on the same row of seats as Audrey and Kelsey; Ryan looks at Elliot sadly**

Ryan – She’s not coming, is she?

**Elliot turns to Ryan sadly and the Pianist plays and everyone stands; looking at the hymn book lyrics**

**In Karen’s living room with Court and Karen sat down on a separate sofa to Maddison**

Maddison – Faky was found dead in her burnt down flat on Friday; there was a trace of a break-in!

Court – How could there be if it was—

Maddison – And we also found this.

**Maddison picks up a locket and passes it to Karen**

Maddison – There’s a Picture inside; we found it in the basement, fortunately it wasn’t burnt.

**Karen opens the locket and it has a picture of Emma, Karen, Ian and Court and Karen turn’s to Court in shock**

Maddison – Who’s it this then, Court?

**The Kitchen Door opens and Emma enters**

Emma – It’s mine.

**Maddison looks at Emma in shock and Emma smiles at Court slightly**

**In the Church with residents of the Hotel sat down; the Vicar steps to one side as Derek walks to the front of the church**

Derek – I know that this isn’t a real funeral, but—I’m going to treat it like one; because I almost feel as though Amanda has gone; I feel as though she’s dead. I made a speech; I’ll show you it.

**Derek takes out a piece of paper from his pocket which says, *“AMANDA.” “JASMINE.”* And turns it around; showing everyone it**

Derek – There’s my speech.

**Derek folds the piece of paper, putting it in his pocket**

Derek – I’ve done bad things in my life; really bad things—things—things which broke mine and Amanda’s marriage up. I’m going to admit what I did to my daughter; Jasmine, right here; in front of you all. Some of you may already know—Ryan, Kelsey, Imane. I took advantage of her. I—I feel now as though I’m a changed man; for the best, but nothing will change what I did to Jasmine—Nothing. I made her scared to tell people what I did to her; I regret it. But today isn’t about Jasmine, it’s about Amanda, and—

**Becky enters and sits down next to Kelsey**

Derek – And Amanda had a Heart of Gold. I blame the police of what happened to her; *“Saving people from danger!”* I’ve never heard such crap in my life. The Officer which ran down my wife on the night of the 2nd October 2012; they should be in a coma; not her. Forgive me for this, Amanda—

**Derek closes his eyes, breaking down in tears; he opens them again**

Derek – As a teenager, I loved you. As a woman, I loved you. As a wife, I—I loved you. I’m so glad that I shared my life with you; I just wish that I could be in a coma and not you.

**Derek puts his hand over his eyes, walking to the front row**

**In Karen’s living room with Court and Karen sat down as a separate sofa to Maddison; Emma’s sat down on another sofa**

Maddison – So—She took you from your bed on the night of your Uncle Ian’s funeral?

Emma – Yeah; if you don’t believe me, why don’t you ask her yourself? Oh wait; you can’t!

Karen – Go to your room, Emma.

Emma – But—

Karen – Go to your room.

**Emma sighs and stands, walking up the stairs. Karen stands, pointing at the door**

Karen – Get out.

Maddison – You’re kicking a Police Officer out?

Karen – Yeah. GET OUT NOW!

**Maddison stands, looking at Court**

Maddison – I guarantee you; this is far from over, Courtney. I’ll be back before you know it; when you least expect me to.

**Court stands, sighing madly**

Maddison – God; you’re hungover, aren’t you?! My God, Courtney; first Bipolar, then you’re involved in the death of Faky and now you’re an alcoholic?!

Karen – GET OUT!

Maddison – I should just arrest you right now, come with—

**Court punches Maddison across the face and Maddison holds her cheek in pain**

Court – Like I said before; LEAVE ME, MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY ALONE!

**Maddison looks at Court in shock, holing her cheek in pain**

**Outside the Church with residents of the Hotel walking out the doors; Amy, Sasha, Lauren and Ross walk out**

Amy – Please tell me that we don’t have to go to the wake now!

Lauren – Too right we do!

Sasha – What about the verdict?!

Lauren – It’s better to stay here; we’ll hear about it soon anyway!

**Izzy, Oliver, Deborah and Sarah step out the Church; followed by Sophs, who’s laughing**

Sophs – So, who’s going to take me home?!

**Ryan, Luna, Elliot and Ashleigh step out the Church; Ryan’s on his mobile**

Ryan – And then your Dad said some amazing things that you would’ve loved to hear! He—He did!

**Ryan begins to cry, hanging up and Luna hugs him, sighing sadly**

Luna – I know it’s hard, Ryan. I know.

Ryan – I just want her back where she belongs—That’s all I want!

**Luna closes her eyes, continuing to hug Ryan**

**In Karen’s living room with Court and Karen sat down on the sofa**

Court – I feel so dizzy; I need a drink or—

Karen – No; you don’t need a drink, Court.

Court – A cup of tea I meant—!

Karen – No. What you need is a bath; a nice cold one.

Court – I don’t want a cold bath, Mum.

Karen – Unless you want your Bipolar to kick off; then don’t have one! This is basically the beginning of your Bipolar kicking off, and I don’t want you turning out like me! Now come on—I’ll run you a nice cold bath, yeah?

**Court nods sadly with tears in her eyes and Karen exits, waking upstairs**

**In Derek’s living room crowded with people; Jamie’s on his mobile**

Jamie – Yeah? OK, Thanks.

**Jamie hangs up, putting his mobile in his pocket, he walks over to Derek**

Jamie – Look, I know you don’t care; but it’s best that you hear this from me. The Murder enquiry; it’s been officially closed, but they’ve decided to give Ryan a criminal record.

Derek – So, did you all get that, then?

**Ryan enters, followed by Luna; who’s got her hand on Ryan’s back**

Derek – Whoever thinks that Ryan did it; it’s up to them. But I know for a fact that he wouldn’t hurt anyone; EVER. He’s innocent and I want his name to be cleared, so if anyone thinks differently then they’d better get the hell out of my flat.

Lauren – I think that’s our quoi.

**Lauren and Amy exit and Sasha walks over to Derek**

Sasha – Derek, I never got to tell you how sorry I am.

**Sasha exits, sighing sadly**

Derek – Anyone else?

**There’s silence and Derek walks into the corridor, Ashleigh follows him, getting out the bottle of vodka, passing it to him**

Ashleigh – Just in case.

**Ashleigh walks back into the living room and Derek looks at the bottle of vodka, sighing**

**Outside the Hotel with Meg and David waking**

David – Shall we go back?

Meg – No; in a bit!

**A Car parks next to them and Jack looks out the window at David**

Meg – David—

David – What brings you lot here then?

Jack – Lexi tried earlier; but she wasn’t exactly great at it! So basically; I just wanted to tell the chick that I’m sorry; for the other day.

Meg – I was going to tell you, David—!

David – Well, it’s no worries, is it?

Jack – I’d love it if she accepted my apology. Look, anyone who it’s cool with, David; it’s cool with us!

**David looks at Meg and Meg glares at Jack madly**

**In Derek’s living room with Sarah looking at a picture of Derek holding Jasmine as a baby; Deborah walks over to her and Sarah puts the picture down**

Deborah – Listen—What you’re proposing, is one of the nicest things that anyone could ever do for me.

Sarah – And—?

Deborah – If today’s taught me anything it’s—How can I just let this slip away? The truth is; I can’t. I just can’t do it, Sarah. So if you really want to go through with this; then I’d be the happiest person in the world!

**Deborah begins to cry and Sarah smiles at her, hugging her and Deborah hugs her back, continuing to cry**

**Outside the Hotel, Meg and David step out the car, followed by Jack**

Meg – You’re a complete nutter, do you know that?

Jack – Me; a nutter?! Just wait until you see David drive; he drove right over a canal just last month!

David – My Mum found out and she wasn’t too impressed with me!

Meg – Talking about your Mum; we should probably be getting back.

Jack – One thing—What happened to that gun?

David – I told you; I had to dump it!

Meg – Yeah he did; I saw him do it.

Jack – Fair enough.

**David and Meg exit, walking into the Hotel and Lexi gets out the car, looking at Jack**

Lexi – We can always get another gun.

**Lexi smirks, looking at Jack**

**In Karen’s bathroom with Court sat down in shallow cold water, Karen’s washing Court’s hair, kneeled down**

Karen – Do you remember when you hated having your hair washed? You’d just scream the place down if you got a bit of soap in your eyes! You always did have lovely hair though.

Court – Have I got to go to Hospital again, Mum?

Karen – Don’t be silly! You’re just— Recovering.

Court – I didn’t mean it. All those horrible things I’ve said to you in the past; I didn’t mean it.

Karen – I know. Put you head back now; I don’t want to go soap in your eyes!

**Court leans her head back and Karen pours some water over Court’s head**

Court – Why did I say them if I didn’t mean them? Nothing makes sense anymore, Mum.

Karen – It’s going to be alright, Court.

Court – Is it?

Karen – Yeah!

Court – I just want it to go away, Mum. But I know what it’s like; going round and round, up and down. But I don’t want to go down. I’m scared of going down again, Mum.

Karen – Well, we do what we think is right, follow the plan and stick to it; and everything will be back to normal!

Court – I can’t do this again, Mum; I can’t look after myself, can I?

Karen – No.

Court – I’m so tired, Mum. I’m so tired.

Karen – I know.

Court – How did I do it before, Mum? How—How did you do it?

Karen – I had you, didn’t I? You rescued me from myself.

**Karen dries Court’s face with a towel and then puts it down, a tear rolls down Court’s cheek**

**In the car lot with Derek sat down at his desk, Ashleigh enters and walks over to him; facing him**

Ashleigh – Everyone’s wondering where you are; I said that I’d come look for you.

**Ashleigh spins Derek’s chair round to her**

Derek – I just needed to get away for a bit.

**Derek opens his bottle of vodka, sipping it. Ashleigh takes it off him, sipping it, putting it down on the desk**

Ashleigh – I don’t know how you got through today. You don’t have to do this all on your own. I know Jasmine didn’t show up, but—

**Ashleigh leans forward and kisses Derek and then looks at him**

Ashleigh – You need someone; and that someone—Is me.

**Ashleigh kisses Derek and Derek kisses her back**

**TO BE CONTINUED**

**Derek – Jasmine’s Dad**

**Ashleigh – Jasmine’s Friend**

**Court – Courtneighh**

**Karen – Court’s Mum**

**Maddison – Policewoman**

**David – Deborah’s Brother**

**Meg – pleme**

**Jamie – Court’s Brother**

**Ryan – RyanLanbert098**

**Elliot – Schlopz**

**Luna – Lickish**

**Doctor Oliver Holmes**

**Deborah – Izzy’s Mum**

**Sarah – Izzy’s Cousin**

**Lauren – x.ATurtle.x**

**Sasha – PixelRainbow.**

**Amy – amyrose2024**

**Sophs – Soaphie**

**Ross – Sasha’s Cousin**

**Audrey – Bronwyn’s Grandma**

**Imane – enami**

**Lorna – tootielootie**

**Emma – Court’s Sister**

**Kelsey – Jasmine’s Daughter**

**Lexi**

**Jack**

**Ted – Bronwyn’s Granddad**

**Izzy – meepmeow**

**Becky – Jasmine’s Sister**

**Vicar**