

Oonagh

You've expanded to death photos and house charm protector. When are you going ta offer keening services my collaborative Cian?

Cian

I don't keen.

Oonagh

No, yer not right fer the job. I was askin' when we was goin' to go inta business together. Add it to yer service. I'll pay you a small fee if you send me ta homes.

Cian

I don't think -

Oonagh

'Sides, I think ya need a partner.

Cian

A partner?

Oonagh

You're slippin' in yer ol' age.

Cian

I wouldn't say -

Oonagh

Missing those big bruises on that girls neck like that. Eyes must be goin'.

Cian

It wasn't there -

Oonagh

I helped bury many bodies in my lifetime. Ya begin to know a few things about the dead. And once they're dead they can't bruise no more.

Féilim

Is that true Cian?

Cian

Some researchers suggest -

Oonagh

On account that the blood doesn't pump anymore and doesn't circulate around the body. Tis what a bruise is, broken blood vessels, dead skin doesn't swell.

Cian

I treat all my female deceased with modesty -

Oonagh

So ya insisted on a high collar I bet. (to Féilim) Didn't he?

Féilim

I'm not sure.

Oonagh

On account of Annie being the new kind of governess and all, I bet calculating Cian was hopin' fer a high collar. Since she was a respectable lady and all.

Cian

I prepared the body for burial upon the wishes of the Grady's. I did NOT ask for special clothing, I did NOT see the bruising and I do NOT like your insinuations.

Oonagh

Than I hope ye fix yer eyesight my careless Cian. Tis plain as day. Took a look at them myself.

Cian

This is outrageous. First I'm scared out of my wits by a banshee and now I've got this woman accusing me of being bad at my job. I can't imagine things getting any worse.

Oonagh

Oh, I'm not accusing ya of being poor at ya job, my crooked Cian. Poor eyesight, aye. Being a liar, aye. And being even worse company, double aye.

Cian

How dare you speak to me like this. After everything I've done for this community. The time I've put in caring for those that have passed. How dare you accuse me of lying.

Oonagh

Than what would you call it my contrite Cian?

Cian

You are misinformed and think you know things but you don't. You've no education. You've no training. You're just another woman with an opinion.

Oonagh

Can't deny what yer sayin' isn't true. I didn't go to one of yer medical schools, I didn't study with a doctor. And aye, I am another woman with an opinion. But my work is tending to the dead in ways you could never understand. And the dead tell tales. They tell stories. And if you know what you're doing, they'll tell 'em to ya Cian Mahoney. And Annie's been telling a lot of stories tonight. Settin' the record straight. Tellin' us she was murdered. That young woman didn't accidentally kill herself. Someone intervened and made sure she never lived to see another day. But that's not the only story she's tellin' my churlish Cian. She's tellin' us that someone rang her neck, squeezed the life out of her, because they left behind marks you can't take back. Can't get rid of no matter where ya put the body. Those marks, those bruises tell me that whoever squeezed the life out of that girl squeezed until they made sure she was good and dead. Long after her heart stopped pumping, long after her blood stopped flowing through her veins. And ye didn't say anything. Not a single word to the Constable here. Someone murdered her Mahoney.

Cian

When I arrived to pick up the body, Constable Dolan told me that the manner of death was accidental.

Oonagh

But ya knew it was suspicious is all I'm sayin.

Cian

Annie had already been observed by the police surgeon. He is a very intelligent man who is good at his job. That man looked at Annie's body and looked at the evidence Constable Dolan supplied to him and that man declared that Annie's death was accidental. Not I.

Oonagh

I think Annie disagrees with ya.

Cian

It is clear by the events here this evening that something is wrong. But I do not like your insinuation that I had any part of the confusion and I will not stand by and take this abuse.