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MONE'T BRADLEY is a well-respected senior partner at a prestigious law firm. She's brilliant, gorgeous, wealthy, Harvard educated, happily married and seemingly living the American Dream.

But this image of perfection is a fragile façade employed to conceal the horrific past she's left behind.

When the series begins, two long lost enemies enter Mone't's life, and her carefully crafted persona begins to rapidly unfurl. Determined to conceal her past at any cost, Mone't begins living a series-long double life which she will dangerously attempt to navigate, desperately trying to keep her two worlds from colliding.

But staving off the pimps, drug dealers and her psychopathic homeless mother, who all threaten Mone't's reinvented life, are only a fraction of her problems. Mone't's biggest challenge will be managing her own psyche, which begins to deteriorate as the series kicks off and progresses. The breakdown of her identity, which begins in the pilot, proves to be the central, long-term conflict which Mone't must struggle through with each new episode. While her perception of reality alters and worsens before our eyes, Mone't increasingly denies this mental illness overtaking her by the second. The blackouts, flashbacks and hallucinations she encounters only spur her deeper into denial of a life built on more and more lies.

When finally realizing that something is wrong with Mone't, her husband Brandon is very concerned and loving. But Brandon only knows a sliver of what actually haunts her. As time passes, he becomes even more challenged in trying to save her from herself. It won't be long before he will be drowning in her madness as well. At the same time, the persona which Mone't has built and utilized for so long vis a vis her law firm staff, becomes even more convoluted and hard to maintain. She crosses many boundaries with them - disorienting them by the usage of money and gifts, inappropriately calling them "family" and keeping them in a continuous state of fear as well. Indeed, the key characters in her employ also get sucked deeply into all the insanity. As things rapidly move along, more of Mone't's past is revealed and she gradually becomes more violent in exacting revenge on every last person who was a part of her previous ordeal.

But she'll soon learn that revenge never ever brings peace. In fact, despite the torrent of secrets and shame that Mone't fights so hard to conceal, many of the painful details of her former self begin to come to the fore and they are just the tip of the iceberg. For there is a lynchpin to who Mone't is that even she has never been allowed to know - a part of her personal puzzle that was a secret kept from her all her life. It has lurked beneath the surface of all her personas and been the crux of her deep sickness from the very start. This truth will finally surface near the end of the series, just in time for Mone't to decide if there is still a possibility for her to be the person

she has always so longed to be.