

# IN THE EYES OF MY HEART

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The good reputation of the family business is thrown into disarray when his medication to suppress the deadly infectious disease stops working. Ramin wants his brother out of the family business, convincing Poppy to pay him out. Agnes arrives and announces her news, changing the outcome.

Characters:

Aiden  
Poppy  
Ramin  
Agnes

*Aiden sits in a single chair, busy in an accounting book.  
Poppy enters holding a basket. Poppy removes three thick  
rolls of fifty-pound bank notes and places them in Aiden's  
lap.*

## Characters

### Aiden

A strong and formidable man with more attitude than attack, Aiden is the younger brother of Ramin and youngest son of Poppy. His girlfriend, Agnes fiercely loyal to Aiden. Aiden suffers from a drug related illness from sharing needles. The Accountant of the family run business, he attends to his daily routine with ardent accuracy. He feels under appreciated by his mother and bereft by his brother.

### Poppy

A matter-of-fact woman, says what's on her mind and doesn't mix her feelings or mince her words. Poppy is the mother of Ramin and Adien, has a very strong business head on her shoulders and holds the respect of those involved in the family run business in the palm of her hand. Her decision is always final and there is never a word or a hand raised against her. She is *the* matriarch. Out of great strength comes strong love and respect for her two boys, yet her business always comes first.

### Ramin

Bullheaded, fiery and explosive reactions to the slightest taunt, Ramin is not one to be left burning for too long. Straight down the line and to the point, he says what's on his mind and doesn't care about the damage in the aftermath of his actions. Strongly aligned to Poppy and the business, what she says is gospel and Ramin never falters from her instruction. Not much of a business head on his shoulders and without Poppy managing the business and Adien running the finances, it is highly unlikely there'd be a business to be involved in and Ramin is intimidated by this, and he knows it.

### Agnes

Sweet, caring and no one's fool, Aiden is the apple of her eye and soulmate. Agnes is always kind, appreciative and friendly towards the family she is involved with through Aiden. Yet to be married to Aiden, this is something not high on Agnes' list, yet it is something in the back of her mind. Her involvement in the business is more in the role of assisting Aiden, yet she keeps her ear to the ground for any impending business or news everything should know about.

## SYNOPSIS

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**AIDEN SITS IN A SINGLE CHAIR, BUSY IN AN ACCOUNTING BOOK. POPPY ENTERS HOLDING A BUSINESS BAG. POPPY REMOVES THREE THICK ROLLS OF FIFTY-POUND BANK NOTES AND PLACES THEM IN AIDEN'S LAP.**

*AIDEN:* What's this, Poppy?

*POPPY:* You don't have the same look in your eyes as Ramin. Make a new life for yourself and Agnes. Wash this city out of your hair and skin.

*AIDEN:* Because the medication stopped working, the sores are starting up?

*POPPY:* I told you, clean needles is smart?

*AIDEN:* You run horses and drugs.

*POPPY:* And you can't stay here. I run a family business...

*AIDEN:* Life hasn't exactly turned out the way it was supposed to.

*POPPY:* Life often doesn't, that's when the good stuff starts. Go find it.

*AIDEN:* I have a business meeting to...

*POPPY:* Ramin can...

*AIDEN:* Fuck Ramin.

***RAMIN ENTERS.***

*RAMIN:* Hello mother. Aiden.

*POPPY:* Hello Ramin. Aiden has his take. It's all there.

*RAMIN:* Michael agreed to twenty-percent of the business. He promised our freight won't be intercepted. We have clear passage to Paris.

*POPPY:* Good boy. Tea?

*RAMIN:* Sugar. Please.

*POPPY:* You boys be gentleman.

***POPPY EXITS WITH HER BUSINESS BAG.***

*RAMIN:* I hear weather in Turkey is warm and the woman ripe this time of year.

*AIDEN:* What good's that going to do me?

*RAMIN:* You prefer Europe? Greece or Spain perhaps?

*AIDEN:* I have books to run.

*RAMIN:* You need to show a little courage, Aiden. Man the fuck up.

*AIDEN:* Our Dad put me in charge...

*RAMIN:* You need to pay attention, Aiden. Life has a way of changing. Time moves on. Poppy and I have. You need to. No one trusts you anymore. Customers' taking notice the medication stopped working. They talk. Business is suffering. You don't want our Mother out in the street? You don't want that on your conscience?

*AIDEN:* Jesus-fuck, Ramin.

*RAMIN:* You ruined our reputation. Go find yourself an orgy, eat out some rancid bush, what do I care.

***AGNES ENTERS. SHE CARRIES A BASKET.***

*AGNES:* Hello Aide. Ramin.

*RAMIN:* What you got there Agnes? Lunch, I hope.

*POPPY:* *(OFF)* Is that you, Agnes?

*AGNES:* Yes, Poppy.

*POPPY:* *(OFF)* You want tea?

*AGNES:* Yes, please. Cheer up, Ramin. I'm here on a social.

*AIDEN:* We're moving to Spain. Apparently.

*AGNES:* No Ramin. This won't do.

*RAMIN:* Your Aiden should've thought of business over his own dirty habit.

*AGNES:* You have my needs to consider. Poppy's too.

***POPPY ENTERS, CARRYING MUGS OF TEA.***

*POPPY:* What have I to consider?

*AGNES:* Family matters.

*POPPY:* What family matters? What haven't you told your mother?

*AIDEN:* What's going on Ag?

*AGNES:* You're going to be a Grandmother.

*POPPY:* I'm too young to be a Grandmother.

*RAMIN:* This doesn't change the fact, family business is suffering.

*POPPY:* Ramin. Family always comes first. You know my rules.

*RAMIN:* You know what he needs to do.

*POPPY:* Aiden can run the books from my office, out of sight.

*RAMIN:* Michael has made it clear, business only continues if Aiden is out.

*AGNES:* What for?

*RAMIN:* His sickness creates a bad reputation. We run on reputation.

*POPPY:* Ramin, this changes everything. I'm going to be a Grandmother.

*AGNES:* And I'm going to be a mother.

*AIDEN:* I'm going to be a dad. I'm going to be a fucking dad.

*RAMIN:* This child will be the ruin of us.

*CURTAIN*