

COLD OPEN

EXT. 99TH PRECINCT - BROOKLYN - MORNING

Cops are milling in and out; it's a normal work day

INT. 99TH PRECINCT - BRIEFING ROOM

CAPTAIN HOLT is standing in front of the room, TERRY is standing next to him holding a padfolio. The rest of the characters are seated as normal in the briefing room.

CAPTAIN HOLT

There is a chance we will be increasing our undercover operations in the coming year so the NYPD has asked us to begin proactively training our departments to ensure preparedness.

JAKE

Noice!

HITCHCOCK

Yeah! Noice!

SKULLY

Yeah!! Noice!!

HOLT

(To HITCHCOCK and SCULLY)

The only undercover mission you two could handle is going under actual covers.

HITCHCOCK

Sounds great, we'll take it!

HITCHCOCK and SCULLY get up and leave

CAPTAIN HOLT

Department Trainer Nadine will take it from here.

Captain Holt gestures to the door where a very meek and mild woman walks in. She's holding files in her arms and she walks a bit slumped over.

NADINE

Alright everyone, today's undercover workshop will be focused on choosing character appearance.

CHARLES

(to JAKE)

This is just like when we style our Tony Hawk Pro Skaters!

JAKE

Charles you don't style a skater! A skater's style simply shines!

NADINE

We have brought in local tattoo artists to apply fake tattoos as part of building your undercover look. Going undercover will test every ounce of your commitment so it's imperative to pick tattoos that feel honest to your real identity. This helps with believability and performance.

5 very tattooed artists walk through the door as she says this and stand in front of the room next to NADINE.

JAKE

(To CHARLES)

This is even better than styling our Tony Hawk Pro Skaters!

NADINE

Let's begin!

We flash forward to the end of the workshop

NADINE

Alright everyone, that's time!

(Nadine is now wearing a tank top. She is covered in images so horrifying and graphic that they are blurred out on screen.

JAKE

(Turning away from looking at NADINE to talk to AMY)

What a startling look into a colleague's personal life!

AMY has a tattoo of a book on her cheek with a worm chewing through the pages. It's cute and very AMY.

JAKE

Woah sweet tat babe. I absolutely believe this for you.

AMY

(Sweetly)

Thanks, I kind of love it. Now where did you get whatever Die Hard themed idea you came up with this time.

JAKE

Oh, I wanted to incorporate the element of surprise for when my shirt gets torn off in the heat of battle.

JAKE lifts up his shirt to reveal an incredibly detailed picture of the face of John McCain.

JAKE

I might get it for real!

AMY

You want to get a real tattoo of deceased senator John McCain?

JAKE looks down baffled

JAKE

What!? I said John McClain, not John McCain! When has John McCain ever risked his life for the freedoms of others...

AMY

Babe.

JAKE

Heard it as soon as it said it. Regardless of where you stand politically, our veterans have sacrificed a lot.

ROSA walks up to JAKE and AMY

ROSA

Are you guys talking about politics too? Nadine's tattoos are really getting to people.

JAKE

No, forget about it. Rosa what'd you get.

Rosa holds up her forearm to show a tattoo of herself holding a giant sword and holding a severed head. Underneath are the words, "Pain is dead. I killed him."

Rosa

Cool, huh?

AMY

Rosa this is a reflection of how you feel?

ROSA

Today it is.

JAKE

Learning a lot about our co-workers. Where's Charles?

CHARLES

Right here, Jakey.

JAKE turns around to see CHARLES up against the wall of the room, his body in the shape of a cross but covered up as 3 artists finish the tattoos on his hands and face. They step away and he remains posed like a cross as we see that he has gotten crucifixion holes on his hands and a crown of thorns on his head.

JAKE

Charles! Literally when have you ever felt like that?!

CHARLES

(Walking up to the group)

Well obviously I haven't told you about Nikolaj's review of last night's baked ziti!

CAPTAIN HOLT walks up and joins the main circle.

HOLT

Well done Boyle. I too have taken a very edgy approach to this assignment.

JAKE

Oh yeah, where's your tattoo Capt. Holt?

HOLT steps his foot onto one of the desks and raises his pants leg to show his ankle. There is a very small tattoo of dashes and dots

HOLT

It's almost too punk rock to be believed but I feel I wear it well.

HOLT is very proud. Everyone is confused.

AMY

What's it mean sir?

HOLT

You're joking? It's morse code, it spells "Disobedience."

JAKE

Wow, edgy is right.

HOLT

It's borderline hedonistic.

(Gets a bit giddy)

Kevin can never find out about this.

JAKE

Well that was disappointing.

HOLT

Or this.

CAPTAIN HOLT turns around and raises his shirt to reveal on his back a giant portrait of Steve-O from Jackass kneeling down.

The entire squad is so shocked that the silence creates tension.

CHARLES

Is that...

HOLT

Steve O'Neil, Scotland's premier manufacturer of hand crafted goods and trinkets? Yes, of course it is Boyle. I wanted there to be an element of surprise in case my shirt got ripped off in the heat of battle.

JAKE

Man these tattoo artists *really* do not listen.