

DRAGGED ACROSS CONCRETE (RIDGEMAN & CHIEF)

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(Captain Calvart's Office. Officer Brett Ridgeman has been called in for being too violent on a perp, that was videotaped on a cell phone)

RIDGEMAN

How long is the suspension going to be?

CHIEF CALVART

Six Weeks. No Pay.

RIDGEMAN

I need the hours.

CHIEF CALVART

I know what detectives make. And how hard it is.

RIDGEMAN

(Puts his gun and badge on Calvart's desk)

CHIEF CALVART

Ridgeman. Gotta be aware of this stuff. Digital eyes are everywhere.

RIDGEMAN

I do what I think is best when I'm out there. I was that way when we were partners and I'm still that way now.

CHIEF CALVART pg 2

There's a reason I'm sitting behind this desk, running things, and you're out there crouching on fire escapes in the cold for hours, with a partner who's a total fuck up.

RIDGEMAN

Hey Anthony has got a mouth with it's own engine be he's solid.

CHIEF CALVART

That wasn't my point.

RIDGEMAN

Look, thanks for letting me know about the situation before it goes all over the media. And any word you can have with the inspector on my behalf would be greatly appreciated. *(Goes to get up and leave)*

CHIEF CALVART

One more thing before you go. I watched that video a couple of times. You threw a lot more cast iron than you needed to. When we worked together, you weren't that rough.

RIDGEMAN

And?

CHIEF CALVART

It's not healthy for you to scuff concrete as long as you have. You get results, but you're losing perspective and compassion. A couple more years out there and you're gonna be a human steamroller covered with spikes...and fueled by bile.

RIDGEMAN

There's a lot of imbeciles out there.

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Yeah. *(Pause)* Use your time off to think about things. Talk it over with Melanie. Spend some time with Sara.

RIDGEMAN

Yeah. I will *(He exits)*

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