

REBEL

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START

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REBEL

... Now, ask me again what happened the day my partner got shot and my brother got slaughtered.

IA #1

Um... yes, well, while no criminal charges have been filed yet, it's important that we determine exactly what happened the night of July 12th.

Rebel sighs, resigned. Her face says, let's just get into it.

IA #2

Detective O'Rourke claims that you intentionally shot him to save your brother, and the four other police claim that Malik Cole was armed and about to fire on them.

REBEL

> No, that's NOT what happened. He was about to fire on a civilian who'd dropped his weapon-

IA #2

Your BROTHER, Malik Cole-

LAWYER

That point is irrelevant. Ms. Cole is making a claim pursuant to the code of conduct-

REBEL

> -that you don't FIRE on an unarmed civilian.

IA #1

So let's go over the events on July 12th at around 11 PM when you fired your weapon.

REBEL

> I pointed my gun at his left femur, pulled the trigger and took him down.

LAWYER

Okay, wait! That's undetermined-

IA #1

Sorry, THAT is admissable.

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REBEL

He was about to kill a - by then - unarmed civilian. Wasn't gonna let that happen.

The Investigators look at each other. The lawyer looks defeated.

IA #1

So you admit you were intentionally trying to cause grievous physical harm to a fellow officer?

~~LAWYER~~

~~I object to that use of-~~

~~IA #1~~

~~Fine. You admit you used your weapon to injure another officer, your partner?~~

IA #2

And you're saying you were only motivated by your duty to follow the law?



REBEL

That's right.

The two investigators LOOK at each other.

IA #1

You do realize you're confessing to a felony crime?

IA #2

A crime that carries heavy jail time?



REBEL

I do...IF I'm convicted. But if the jury finds that I WAS doing my duty-

LAWYER

-then no criminal charges will stick.

A beat.

IA #2

(goadng her)

Is it possible you watched your younger brother die because it was his OWN fault?

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IA #1

Wasn't it HIS choice to run off  
holding a loaded weapon-

REBEL

-and he deserved to die for that?  
(cool)

I think it's a deeper problem than  
you could possibly understand,  
sitting behind a desk, doing what  
you do...not facing the fear and  
terror that every cop feels  
everyday. He's always ready for  
trouble from a civilian of color.  
You don't think I KNOW? I was out  
there every day, and yeah, you got  
some good cops who don't profile  
but the majority DO. You don't  
think I KNOW? Take a look at me.  
There is systemic racism is in this  
department. So don't give me your  
bullshit theories as to WHY my  
brother died.

IA #1

(trying to intimidate)

Do you realize how this is gonna  
reflect on the department?

REBEL

You think I'M a problem for this  
department NOW? Wait til my suit  
gets thrown out and my ass gets  
thrown in jail. You wanna see some  
trouble for the police? How about  
looting, this whole city burning  
down? I turned on my partner for  
justice these people don't ever  
get. Now I'm mother fucking Robin  
Hood.

Both IA investigators are taken back, flustered.

LAWYER

Can we get back to questioning?

IA #1

(looking at his notes)

Okay, okay. Let's discuss your  
relationship with your partner,  
Det. O'Rourke. Any previous  
conflicts?

REBEL

Mack? Nah.

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IA #2  
No personal issues? Vendettas?  
Rivalry?



REBEL  
Nothing like that.

IA #1  
Sexual harassment of any sort?



REBEL  
(a beat)  
Nah.

They nod, quickly write a couple of notes.

IA #1  
But you DID have a consensual  
sexual relationship with him?

Rebel sighs.

LAWYER  
Absolutely not. She's not admit-



REBEL  
Once. Maybe twice. Wasn't any big  
thing.

There's a pause. The two investigators exchange KNOWING  
looks. The lawyer shakes her head.

IA #2  
And this sexual relationship, did  
it contribute to-

LAWYER  
I'm going to object to this line of  
questioning. We need to look at my  
client's mental state the night of  
the shooting. I'm bringing into  
question-

IA #2  
Fine. Ms. Cole? On the night of the  
12th, what would you say your  
mental health status was?



REBEL  
Would that be before or after the  
police on the scene murdered my  
unarmed brother?

A beat as the two IA investigators exchange a glance.

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REBEL (CONT'D)  
 Can we talk about the fact that four cops fired on a 20 year old kid AFTER he dropped his weapon? Can we talk the fuck out of that one?

IA #1  
 (flustered)  
 We're...we're trying to determine the exact truth-

REBEL  
 Listen to the call tape. You can hear me! I clearly say HE DROPPED HIS WEAPON. Go listen to that shit.

Everyone can see that Rebel's losing it. She stands up, done.

LAWYER  
 Alright. I think we're done here for now-

Before she can say more, Rebel storms out.

DISSOLVE TO: end

EXT. STREET - NIGHT

SLO MO DISSOLVES of Rebel, her leather trench pulled tight around her, walking through San Francisco streets, troubled, lost in thought.

CUT TO:

EXT. DIVE CLUB - LATER

The same down and dirty club Rebel frequents. A few PATRONS move past an intimidating BOUNCER (6' 4" white, dog collar) to enter the darkened space; waves of pounding music hit the street as the door opens and then closes.

Rebel approaches and the bouncer immediately opens the door for her, nodding.

INT. DIVE CLUB - CONTINUOUS

We TRACK BEHIND Rebel as she walks through a narrow hallway and into a large, dark space where a packed dance floor gives way to a spacious bar.

She sidles up to the bar and raises a finger. The BARTENDER nods in her direction, quickly pours her a shot and slides it to her. They know her drink here.

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