

INT. STORE - DAY

SCALES enters the store he previously visited with Harper. He scans the place but doesn't see anyone. He moves to the checkout stand and hits a bell. FAIZAH comes out from a back room opening a small carton as she walks behind the counter.

FAIZAH

Good morning. Can I help you?

SCALES

I hope so. (PULLING HIS JACKET OPEN TO SHOW HIS BADGE) Detective Scales. My partner and I spoke with another employee of yours recently. Young man. Uh, "interesting" attitude.

FAIZAH

If you mean a complete dick, then you're talking about Michael.

SCALES

That sounds about right.

FAIZAH

Yeah, he's not in yet. Thank God. Means only half my shift do I need to be leered at.

SCALES

What time is he scheduled to come in?

FAIZAH

2 O'clock. Unless something "horrible" happens like he gets run over by a bus.

He shoots her a look.

FAIZAH (CONT'D)

Shit. Sorry. Guess I shouldn't run my mouth to a cop.

SCALES

It's okay. Point taken.

She relaxes a little.

SCALES (CONT'D)

Does your store have any video cameras outside? That might cover the parking lot?

FAIZAH

Not that I know of. You're welcome to check it out but the only thing I see on the monitor is the cash register and the camera that points down the aisles. Did you want to --

SCALES

That's okay. Our tech guys copied the footage from the day in question already.

Scales goes quiet in thought for a beat.

FAIZAH

You want me to tell dickwad -- sorry, "Michael," you stopped by?

Scales pulls a small photo out from his jacket pocket.

SCALES

Ask him if he's seen this guy before. I've put my number on the back.

Scales hands her a pic of MACVEIGH. Her eyes widen.

FAIZAH

"Uncle Skeeve?"

SCALES

Sorry, what?

FAIZAH

It's what I call him. Always sitting in his car around the corner when I have to open. Don't want to know what he's doin' in there. The one time he caught my eye was enough. Nothing like starting your day feeling like some jerk slimed you.

SCALES

He ever speak to you?

FAIZAH

No. I learned to spot his car. If I saw it I'd open the store from the back. Why take chances?

SCALES

It bothered you that much?

FAIZAH

Let me put it this way. I wouldn't be surprised if he turned out to be dickwad's father.