

## Valez Audition Side

DET. DIXON

How long have you and the Fire Guy been trying to adopt?

DET. VALEZ

Too long. Over a year. And you've never once, 'till this minute, said a thing about it. "Great idea! Valez! You'd be a great Mother! Or "That poor kid! Don't do that to him." Nothing.

DET. DIXON

I keep this nose out of people's business.

DET. VALEZ

Starting when?

DET. DIXON

All I'm saying is that we're on a case where somebody aborted a baby you and the Fireguy would have jumped to adopt

DET. VALEZ

How do you know? You don't have kids. Or a wife.

DET. DIXON

I have a boat.

DET. VALEZ

Do I hope we get picked to adopt a baby its mother doesn't want? Hell yeah. But having that baby or not having it isn't my choice. I don't have the right to make it for any woman and neither do you.

DET. DIXON

God forbid men have rights.

DET. VALEZ

They make the laws instead. And stop calling Mike "Fireguy." There's an opinion you never hide: that I was marrying down.

DET. DIXON

Who started the war? Not me.

DET. VALEZ

What "war"?

DET. DIXON

"Cops are guys too fat to be firemen." "What do cops and firefighters have in common? They both want to be firemen."

DET. VALEZ

Funny, I remember somebody saying, "Firefighters are guys who can't pass the police exam"

DET. DIXON

That was a joke.

DET. VALEZ

Like our wedding present? Smoke Detectors?

DET. DIXON

You've got no sense of humor. I don't like the guy because he doesn't like me.

DET. VALEZ

That's not his fault.

DET. DIXON

Whose fault is it?

DET. VALEZ

Mine. I tell him what it's like to work with you.

DET. DIXON

But you stick with me. Because I'm eye candy.

(DET. VALEZ laughs. The tension's over)

DET. VALEZ

The Lieutenant said staying on this case is my choice. And I finish what I start.

DET. DIXON

Do you what you want. But no bitching.