

Dixon CB

SAM

Detective? (He turns) Do you believe there's such a thing as a Love of Your Life?

DET. DIXON

I don't know. I've never had that happen to m.

SAM

You're a lucky guy.

(LIGHTS FADE on DIXON and SAM,  
LIGHTS UP on the STATION, where DET. VALEZ is doing  
paperwork)

*SCENE TEN: POLICE STATION – OFFICE- THE PRESENT*

(DET. DIXON enters the scene, DET. VALEZ doesn't look up)

START

DET. DIXON

Go home.

DET. VALEZ

Good to see you, too. I want to finish this.

DET. DIXON

Your call. Don't tell Mike I was holding you hostage.

I want to finish this.

The D.A.'s office called. They want us to block out the 26<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> to testify at Professor Sam's trial.

DET. DIXON

(Goes to his desk and calendar) Let's take a look.

DET. VALEZ

We took ourselves off the list for adoption. Mike fought me. But with this job, his job, we do enough. You know?

DET. DIXON

Oh yeah. Smart thinking.

DET. VALEZ

You think?

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DET. DIXON

Kids are a hop in the ass. Face it. By the time I hit first grade I was a monster. The first thing I learned in school was to pull the fire alarm so we could watch the trucks come and goof off on the lawn. I terrorized our next-door neighbor after he complained about our dog taking a dump on his lawn. I got a dead fish, put it on his carburetor and when his engine got hot it stunk up his Buick forever. Jesus. The older I got, the worse I got. I'm telling you, I don't know why my folks never gave me back.

DET. VALEZ

Gave you back?"

DET. DIXON

They got me at four, so they knew what was coming. You guys could end up adopting a kid like me. And look how I turned out.

(VALEZ realizes he shot down her decision)

DET. VALEZ

You bastard.

DET. DIXON

And proud of it.

(DIXON'S phone buzzes. He squints at the text)

Who can read these text things? It's like a row of ants.

(DET. VALEZ puts out her hand – he gives her the phone.  
SHE reads it)

DET. VALEZ

She's downstairs.

DET. DIXON

Okay. Let's go to work.

DET. VALEZ

I want to be the bad cop.

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