

FADE IN:

INT. DARKENED INTERROGATION ROOM - UNSPECIFIED

Two people are either side of table, OLIVIA (Jaimee) is tied to a chair. On the table are a collection of torture equipment. NATHAN (Chester) stands near table, he is getting fed up with the interrogation.

NATHAN
Look, it's just a simple question.
Were you, or were you not, trying
to break in here?

OLIVIA
Yes.

NATHAN
Yes?

OLIVIA
Yes, I was, or was not, trying to
break in here.

NATHAN
So let's say hypothetically you
were, why?

OLIVIA
Depends.

NATHAN
On?

OLIVIA
I dunno, what are you
hypothetically keeping here?

Nathan slams his hands down on the table

NATHAN
ANSWER THE DAMN QUESTION!

Nathan steps back, trying to calm himself. The camera starts to dim/flicker.

NATHAN
Where is the package?

OLIVIA
What package?

NATHAN
Does your accomplice have it?
(Pause)
Trust me, you don't want to make me
use these.

OLIVIA
I'm not making you do anything.

Nathan picks up the drill

NATHAN
I tried to be nice, tried to give
you the easy option but-

DIRECTOR (O.S.)
CUT!

Nudge of camera, we see a reflection shot of the crew. The Director and Grace (Cecil) are standing by the camera. We can see Clarissa, soundie, holding up a makeshift boom mic. Shun, producer (time) and Rose, sitting in the background snacking with a script and pen in hand. Drill gets reset.

DIRECTOR
That was great guys, can we do it
again? From where picks up the
drill. Olivia can you look more
scared this time?
(Pause)
Grace my battery is a little low,
can you go grab the spare?

The battery low symbol appears in the top corner, as does
our timer/clock.

DIRECTOR
Great, and, Action!

NATHAN
Trust me, you don't want to make me
use these.

OLIVIA
I'm not making you do anything.

Nathan picks up the prop,

NATHAN
I tried-

GRACE (O.S.)
(whispering)

It's not there.

DIRECTOR (O.S.)
What? Cut!

INT. GARAGE - CREW FACING.

DIRECTOR
It was delivered this morning, it
has to be there.

GRACE
Well it's not with the spare camera
gear, so unless you moved it-

DIRECTOR
Give me a second, apparently I have
to do everything myself.

The cast and crew relax a bit, Clarissa lowers the mic,
Rose moves in with the script and talks quietly to the two
actors? Nathan pulls chair around and sits backwards on it.
Crew breaks silence (oh thank god).

DIRECTOR
It's not there. Anyone seen a brown
box? With my Camera Battery?

INT. GARAGE BENCH: CONTINUOUS

A brown unopened package is on the chest of drawers, hidden
stuff.

INT. GARAGE: CONTINUOUS

SHUN
We need to find it. Now!

The cast leave to search.

OLIVIA
Are you serious?

NATHAN
Didn't they say that the editors
needed this by 5pm at the latest?

OLIVIA
It'll take them that long to find a
damn battery. This lot have already

spent half their 48hrs fluffing around.

NATHAN
I was hoping I'd get a more... professional team this year.

OLIVIA
Tell me about it. You better go help them look, or else they'll never finish this thing.

Nathan hops off the table.

INT. OFFICE: CONTINUOUS

Grace and the Director are searching through the office. The Director is in the cupboard.

GRACE
Where did you have it last?

DIRECTOR
I gave it to you!

GRACE
No, you didn't.

The cupboard slams shut.

DIRECTOR
Yes, I-

CLARISSA (O.S.)
Not in the dining room.

Off screen slamming of other cupboards/background rustles.

SHUN (O.S.)
Nor Lounge.

Nathan walks into the room, holding a package of 9volt batteries.

NATHAN
Are these them?

DIRECTOR
You think our camera's run on nine volt batteries?!

Nathan shrugs and leaves.

INT. GARAGE: CONTINUOUS

Olivia is squirming slightly in her chair, the garage is otherwise empty.

OLIVIA
Hello? Anyone? Someone help!

No response

OLIVIA
I really need to pee!!

A few moments later everyone returns empty handed, apart from Rose who has chocolate/coffee.

ROSE
Wasn't in the kitchen.

DIRECTOR
Why would it be in the kitchen?

OLIVIA
Can someone please untie me?

ROSE
I dunno, but it was where the booze was.

DIRECTOR
I have a minute left before this battery dies, can we try finish this shot?

OLIVIA
Fine, but quick, I have to pee!!

Quick reset, Actor's hype themselves up.

DIRECTOR
Great, and, Action!

NATHAN
Don't make me use these!

OLIVIA
I'm not making you do anything.

Nathan picks up the drill.

NATHAN
I tried-

ROSE (O.S.)

Ow

DIRECTOR

Quiet on set

ROSE (O.S.)

You were looking for a brown box?

Rose who is sitting pulls out the brown box from behind them. Director lets out a sigh of relief. The box is brought over and opened. Reveal it's the wrong package.

DIRECTOR

FU-

FADE TO BLACK