

INT. INTENSIVE CARE WARD.

The ward is quiet. A NURSE sits at the station. Nearby, two uniformed OFFICERS talk with a plainclothes DETECTIVE.

Schroeder enters the ward.

DETECTIVE  
(to Schroeder)  
Excuse me. This ward is off limits  
to all--

SCHROEDER  
Yes. Hello. I'm Doctor Nicholas  
Schroeder. I heard that some of my  
patients are here. They were  
victims in the explosion uptown.

DETECTIVE  
Could I see some I.D., Doctor?

Schroeder pulls some identification from his jacket and shows it to him.

SCHROEDER  
Any idea what happened?

DETECTIVE  
Not yet. Any idea why they were  
together? Was that your office  
they were in at the time of the  
explosion?

SCHROEDER  
No. My office is in Chelsea. I  
was treating them for a congenative  
disorder that they--

DETECTIVE  
Congenative?

SCHROEDER  
Yes, a congenative--

DETECTIVE  
(beat)  
Would you mind getting against the  
wall, Doctor?

SCHROEDER  
Excuse me?

The Detective pushes him against the wall. The Officers step up to them

DETECTIVE

People are treated for 'congenital' disorders, not 'congenitive' disorders, Doctor.

The Detective pulls the atomic heater out from under Schroeder's jacket.

DETECTIVE

What's is this? A digital camera? You another reporter? Cuff him.

The first Officer pulls out his cuffs. Schroeder spins around and grabs his's head. He gives it a quick twist.

CRACK

As the first Officer falls to the floor, Schroeder grabs the detective's hands and twists. He takes back the heater and backhands the second officer, knocking him down.

He points the heater at the detective's head.

SCHROEDER

Nothing personal.

He pulls the trigger. The detective falls lifelessly to the floor. A hole is burned into his forehead. Schroeder turns to the second cop. He squeezes the trigger.

The desk nurse GASPS. Schroeder turns to her.

NURSE

Please...

Schroeder fires the heater at her. A hole the size of a quarter burns through her forehead. Her body stiffens. She remains standing. Her hair smolders.

He steps over to her and sticks his finger in the hole. He wiggles it. Her arm twitches.

He stops wiggling. She stops twitching.

He wiggles again. She twitches again.

He CHUCKLES.

He pulls his finger out. She falls to the floor.

He looks around.

SCHROEDER

Now, you can call me Doctor Fucked.

INT. MYERS' CAR.

Myers answers his ringing cell phone.

MYERS

Yeah?

Schroeder drags the nurse's body into a supply closet. The Detective's body slides in on its own. The bodies of the uniformed cops are already there.

SCHROEDER

(into phone)

They're not here, Jimmy.

MYERS

What do you mean, not there?

SCHROEDER

I mean, 'not here.' They're not in intensive care.

MYERS

They're not going to be there!  
They're in the operating room.  
Doctors are going to be working on  
them until Christmas.

SCHROEDER

Thanks for telling me this now.

He ducks into a room as a nurse walks down the corridor.

SCHROEDER

Oh, by the way. The body counts  
going up, but not with Faces.

MYERS

What the hell are you doing?  
Finish the job and get your ass  
down here.

SCHROEDER

Easy for you to say from your warm  
safe comfortable car--

MYERS

Finish the job!

Schroeder stands by a stairwell door. There's a small window at eye level.

SCHROEDER

After this, you, me and Tommy are gonna have a serious talk--

A fist crashes through the window. Schroeder is punched square in the face. He drops his phone.

Myers sits up in the car, startled.

MYERS

Nick? Nicky? Answer me, man!

Myers hears a SLAPPING noise over the phone.

Schroeder's phone lays on the floor. The SLAPPING is louder.

Whitey kneels over Schroeder, rabbit punching him in the face. Each blow makes him bloodier.

MYERS (O.S.)

Nicky? What the hell's going on?

Whitey stops hitting Schroeder. He picks up the phone.

WHITEY

(into phone)

Hello?

MYERS (O.S.)

Nick, is that you?

WHITEY

Jim Myers? Is that you?

MYERS

Who is this?

WHITEY

A ghost from your past... Is my cousin with you?

Myers' jaw drops.

WHITEY

Tell him I'll be visiting him soon.

Whitey puts the phone in his pocket. Schroeder coughs up blood.