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DESHAWN

Figured we'd check out the gun ranges round town. Guy was a hot shot. Only comes with practice.

EVIE

Or natural talent.

DESHAWN

(ignoring this)
Bit of luck, we match the gun and ammo with names from the podcast subscriber list.

There's a buzz at the door. Mackey and JD look to the security screen:

FORECOURT (ON SCREEN): TYLER HOLBROOK stands outside.

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EXT. NCIS SYDNEY HQ - FORECOURT - DAY

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MACKEY talks with TYLER out by the harbour.

TYLER

... appreciate everything you're doing to catch whoever killed my little brother.

MACKEY

Why'd Nate come back? After all these years?

TYLER

Wainright got in contact. Sweet talked Nate into coming to Australia with the offer to tell his side of events.

MACKEY

Nate went on the podcast?

TYLER

He recorded a vlog interview with Lucinda yesterday.

Mackey absorbs that.

TYLER (CONT'D)

The Marshes were like a family to Nate. Zoe was his sweetheart. He couldn't stand the thought that the real killer was still out there. I came out to make sure he had someone in his corner.

He tries hard to rein in his emotions.

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TYLER (CONT'D)

You have my brother's body?

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~~INT. NCIS SYDNEY HQ - ROY'S AUTOPSY ROOM - DAY~~

Mackey leads Tyler to the autopsy room.

~~DOC ROY has Nate's brother TYLER with him. A sheet draped over the body. His feet sticking out, a tag on the toes.~~

MACKEY

~~DOC ROY~~
~~I had to perform a full autopsy. The Doc had to perform a full autopsy
(beat, more)
I've sewn him back up. You might
find my handiwork a little
confronting.~~

TYLER

I'd like to say goodbye.

MACKEY

~~DOC ROY~~

Fair enough.

Mackey

~~DOC ROY~~ pulls back the sheet. Watches as Tyler takes in the bullet wounds. The stitching post-autopsy. It's a lot.

MACKEY

~~DOC ROY (CONT'D)~~

He worked with his hands, I see.

TYLER

Nate was a Navy machinist. Pulling engines apart and putting them back together. That was his happy place.
(taking Nate's hands)
I let you down, bro. I'm sorry.

Doc Roy watches Tyler grappling with inconsolable loss.

MACKEY

~~DOC ROY~~

Take your time, son. The grief of losing someone close is unimaginable. Losing family... that's on another level entirely.

TYLER

Speaking from experience?

Mackey

~~DOC ROY~~ ducks the question.

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MACKEY

~~DOC ROY~~

Something's been bugging me. Your brother own a toy koala?

Mention of the koala makes Tyler smile.

TYLER

Clarence.

Mackey

Tyler shows ~~Doc Roy~~ pics on his phone.

ON PHONE: A smiling NATE and TYLER holding CLARENCE the toy koala in silly poses at iconic Sydney landmarks: *In front of the Harbour Bridge. On a surfboard at Bondi. Facing off with real koalas at Sydney's Taronga Zoo. Drinking a schooner of beer at Coogee beach...*

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TYLER (CONT'D)

I bought him for our niece. Made sure Clarence photobombed all me and Nate's selfies.

MACKEY

~~DOC ROY~~

Taronga Zoo. Bondi Beach. Quite an itinerary.

TYLER

Whatever else happened on the trip, I at least wanted Nate to make a few good memories along the way.

(beat)

Today we were going to hike in the Blue Mountains.

MACKEY

~~DOC ROY~~

Sorry for your loss.

TYLER

Same.

Mackey's

Tyler clasps ~~Doc Roy~~'s hand. Surprising him.

TYLER (CONT'D)

Take care, ~~Doc~~.

Mackey's

Off ~~Doc Roy~~'s reaction we--

MACKEY and JD walk the path to a house overlooking the coast.

JD

I've pulled the cold case files. Maybe shed some light on whether Nate really killed that family.

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