

TEX – 17-22yrs old street kid

2/28 INT. BONDI POLICE STATION/INTERVIEW ROOM - DAY 2/28

TORI, THOMAS, TEX

Thomas, uneasy, places his hand on Tex's in support. The interview being recorded.

TORI

Two men were assaulted by three youths on January 3rd as they returned from the synagogue along Bon Accord Avenue. Do you know anything about that?

Tex stares out the window.

TORI (CONT'D)

Tex?

TEX

No.

TORI

We have CCTV footage from Ross Street that clearly identifies you.

Tori plays the CCTV footage. Three youths, one taller, clearly Tex, lay into Adrian and Zingerman.

TORI (CONT'D)

You want to tell me who the two boys with you were?

TEX

I don't know.

TORI

You knew them well enough to go looking for someone to bash.

Tex glances nervously at Thomas.

TEX

I met them in line at the Green Room. Bouncers kicked us out. Underage.

TORI

Then what happened.

TEX

We partied on the beach for a bit... went looking for action.

TORI

And found Adrian Cohen and his friend?

Tex hiding guilt, fear.

TORI (CONT'D)

You know the three of you have committed a serious assault.

TEX

I was pushed. I hit back.

TORI

You'd been drinking? Take any drugs?

TEX

Smoked some ice with the fellas.

TORI

Where'd you get that from...?

Tex silent.

TORI (CONT'D)

I'm not interested in drugs, Tex. You're not dobbing. I want to know what happened to Mr Cohen.

TEX

Heavy dude, hangs round the strip, shaved head. Leather vest. He came up to me... offered it.

TORI

Do you like gay men?

TEX

What? No. I mean, I like some, not others. It's no big deal either way.

Tex ashamed, choked up now, small voice.

TEX (CONT'D)

Is ah...the man alright?

TORI

He's dead.

Tex shocked. Freaked. Buries his head in his hands. This is so much worse that he could ever have feared.

TEX

Shit. I didn't mean to kill him.

Tori watches him for a moment, then leans over and switches the recording off. This is not their man.