

STAKEOUT SIDES

THE STAKEOUT

Newly-teamed detectives on a late-night stakeout attempt to navigate “Intergenerational Communication and Collaboration Workplace Dynamics” – but then the mysterious stakeout begins to spiral.

MARVIN – a seasoned police detective (M, 40+)

TAYLOR – new to the force (M or F, 20-30s)

TAYLOR

I brought snacks.

MARVIN

What kind?

TAYLOR

I got pop, chocolate chip cookies, some pretzels, and then my personal favorite, Cheetos.

MARVIN

Rookie mistake. You don’t want to eat something like Cheetos on the job. What if we have to go in the house quickly, you’ll have orange dust all over your fingers.

TAYLOR

I will just wipe them on my pants?

MARVIN

And then the dust will fall off on the floor, and they will know we were there!

TAYLOR

That seems a little far-fetched dude. I don’t think we will even see action on this assignment.

MARVIN

Why not?

TAYLOR

Because no one would assign an actual important assignment to me.

MARVIN

They would to me.

TAYLOR

Sure dude. Anyhow you can have some snacks if you want. But I guess not the Cheetos.

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MARVIN

Actually, I love Cheetos.

TAYLOR

You just said they were bad for a heist!

MARVIN

This isn't a heist. This is a stakeout.

TAYLOR

Whatever man. Sometimes I mess up words. You know what I meant.

MARVIN

You need to work on that. You can't get information incorrect during interrogations. It could ruin an entire questioning.

TAYLOR

I know man. It's just a thing I have.

MARVIN

What's that even mean? A thing I have? You're just lazy.

TAYLOR

No. I have an actual thing. A diagnosis.

MARVIN

A diagnosis of what?

TAYLOR

I have both dyslexia and dysgraphia.

MARVIN

I have nothing to say to that.

TAYLOR

Neither did my father so I feel right at home.

MARVIN

(looks out window with binoculars)

It's kind of strange there are toys in the living room right?

TAYLOR

Yeah dude. I thought that too. But I just thought maybe they didn't give us the full profile?

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MARVIN

The notes are supposed to be thorough. Discovery is usually pretty good about that. What did the notes say?

TAYLOR

Ummmm hold on let me pull them up.

MARVIN

You have them on your phone?

TAYLOR

Yeah...

MARVIN

Steve's team didn't leave a clipboard or folder behind?

TAYLOR

Nah. There was nothing. I brought these chairs in from my car actually.

MARVIN

Back in my day we didn't even have chairs.

TAYLOR

What do you even mean 'back in my day'? Isn't this your day? You are here today? So you're still in your days.