

SCENE I

INT. PROFESSOR IAN'S OFFICE - DAY

Dean Whitaker and DETECTIVE BOSWALD, 32, black and sexy, immediately turn towards Bastion. They both look very serious. Professor Ian is not with them.

DEAN WHITAKER

I'm afraid I have some bad news.  
Professor Ian Harvey was found dead  
last night.

BASTION

What happened?

DEAN WHITAKER

Apparently, sometime late, last  
night, someone broke into his home  
and stabbed him to death.

DETECTIVE BOSWALD

You said you were trying to catch  
him last night. Are you a student  
of his?

BASTION

(wavers)

I'm a close friend.

DETECTIVE BOSWALD

When was the last time you saw  
Professor Ian Harvey?

Bastion's eyes go blank.

BASTION

Yesterday. After class.

DETECTIVE BOSWALD

When was that?

BASTION

Class was over around three.

Detective Boswald writes the time down.

DEAN WHITAKER

What were you guys working on?

BASTION

Stuff.

DEAN WHITAKER  
No, seriously?

BASTION  
Um... no.

DETECTIVE BOSWALD  
Did you notice anything strange?  
Anything out of the ordinary?

A FRAMED, HAND-WRITTEN LETTER sits on Professor Ian's desk.

BASTION  
No.

DETECTIVE BOSWALD  
Did he have any enemies that you  
know of?

BASTION  
All he ever wanted to do was help  
people. Who would want to harm  
someone like that?

Detective Boswald hands Bastion his BUSINESS CARD.

DETECTIVE BOSWALD  
Here's my card. If anything comes  
to mind, you call me. Okay?

Bastion takes his card.

DETECTIVE BOSWALD  
We'll be in touch.