HAWAII FIVE-O

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FADE IN:

EXT. MOUNTAIN RANGE - DAY

SOARING over verdant mountains, lush countryside... we think we’re looking at the Hawaiian landscape, until we crest a BLUFF to reveal... A MILITARY BASE. And a CHYRON locates us:

"CAMP CASEY, DONGDUCHEON, SOUTH KOREA"

INT. KOREA - JOINT ROK/ US ARMY HQ - PITCH BLACK HOLDING CELL

In BLACK -- sound of LOCKS sliding back -- KEYS turning -- a door OPENS and LIGHT floods in on a MAN. Squinting, unshaven. In black jumpsuit, sitting on the floor. ANTON HESSE, 30’s, dark, short-cropped hair, olive skin Euro:

A MAN’S VOICE

Our prisoner’s name is Anton Hesse --

As Hesse is pulled to his feet by THREE MP’S --

INT. JOINT ROK/ US ARMY HQ - SITUATION ROOM - CONTINUOUS

We’re TIGHT on another face -- the face of a hero: LIEUTENANT COMMANDER STEVE MCGARRETT. More on him in a minute. He’s giving a mission brief to ROK and US Military Personnel -- this is all shot LONG LENS, HANDHELD --

MCGARRETT

He and his brother Victor are responsible for more than two hundred civilian deaths --

McGarrett turns in profile and we RACK TO THE PLASMA behind him -- a file photo of VICTOR HESSE. We’ll meet him soon.

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)

They provided intel and explosives used to bomb the American embassy in Jakarta --

SURVEILLANCE IMAGES FLASH across screens -- CCTV CLIP of a CAR BOMBING beside a building -- BODIES being body-bagged --

INT. JOINT ROK/ US ARMY HQ - DETENTION CELL - CONTINUOUS

Anton is being fully searched by one of the MP’s as the other two over-watch. Checking mouth down to the feet --

MCGARRETT (V.O.) (CONT’D)

The majority of their funding comes from the arms trade, and more recently, coordinating logistics for Human Trafficking organizations --
INT. JOINT ROK/ US ARMY HQ - SITUATION ROOM - CONTINUOUS

PLASMA NEWS CLIP -- Human trafficking. Horrific sight, deplorable conditions, young children:

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
-- moving women and children for commercial, sexual and forced labor around the world. Anton handled the numbers side of it, Victor’s the enforcer... and still operating.

INT. JOINT ROK/ US ARMY HQ - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

LONG LENS: Anton shackled, hands and feet, the MPs escorting him down a large corridor to a set of double doors --

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
We’re transporting our package to Osan Air Base, then onto Diego Garcia -- I want him secured and in the air in two hours --

EXT. JOINT ROK/ US ARMY HQ - LOADING DOCK - CONTINUOUS

MUSIC -- MOMENTUM -- soldiers break to their vehicles and mount up -- two armored HMMWV’s and a US ARMY M1126 ICV (Infantry Carrier Vehicle) STRYKER: an eight-wheeled, nine-passenger badass combat vehicle --

MCGARRETT (V.O.) (CONT’D)
-- the rest of the team will head to Naples, Victor’s last known location. Let’s move --

When Anton’s led out, he and McGarrett lock eyes: mutual hatred. Anton’s placed into the Stryker. McGarrett climbs in behind him -- rear ramp CLOSES -- the caravan pulls away --

EXT. DONGDUCHEON, SOUTH KOREA - DAY

SOARING over the highway as the MILITARY MOTORCADE chews road -- in column, Stryker number 2 --

INT. M1126 STRYKER INFANTRY CARRIER VEHICLE ICV - DAY

McGarrett sits across from Hesse and two MP’s.

And now, a word about our hero: If you’d ask McGarrett’s Naval Instructors at Annapolis for a recommendation, they’d say he’s the best man for the job, only sometimes you don’t want the best man if he won’t listen to a word you say.

Anton just STARES at him with a strange expression:

ANTON
You don’t look Hawaiian.
For all his cool, that catches McGarrett off guard: how does Anton know he’s Hawaiian? As he leans in, dark, quiet:

MCGARRETT
You’re gonna tell us everything.

ANTON
You were born there, right?

MCGARRETT
-- every buyer you’ve worked with, your trafficking associates --

ANTON
-- five years chasing me and my brother around the world, you think we didn’t do our homework on you?

And then McGarrett’s cell RINGS -- HARSH -- SUDDEN. He checks caller ID: “DAD”.

ANTON (CONT’D)
You should really answer that... you don’t talk to your father often enough.

Fear grips McGarrett’s heart. What the hell is this? Anton gestures, almost casual: “Answer.” Finally, he does --

MCGARRETT
Dad...

JAMES (O.S.)
Champ --

MCGARRETT
(thrown: “Champ?”)
You all right?

INT. MCGARRETT HOME - HONOLULU, HAWAII - DAY

We’re TIGHT on the bruised and bloody face of JAMES McGARRETT (sixties, ex Honolulu PD), phone pressed to his ear -- along with the BARREL of a CZECH-MADE CZ-TT .45 PISTOL:

JAMES
I don’t know what’s-- who’re these people, Ste--?

-- now the phone’s pulled away by VICTOR HESSE (mid-thirties), the man we saw in the briefing -- Anton’s even deadlier brother -- and we WIDEN to reveal James bound to a chair in the kitchen:

HESSE
Now I know where you get it from -- you’ve got a tough old man here.

INT. M1126 STRYKER INFANTRY CARRIER VEHICLE - INTERCUTTING:

PUSH IN on McGarrett’s face -- frozen:
MCGARRETT
If you hurt him I will f--

HESSE
That’s not the way to go, Steve.
Can I call you ‘Steve’? Steve: I’m offering you a trade. Your father for my brother.

Steve’s eyes SNAP UP to meet Anton’s across from him -- maybe three feet away -- just grinning a big, fat “eat shit” grin.

HESSE (CONT’D)
All things considered, I’d say it’s more than generous, wouldn’t you?

McGarrett -- MOTION -- grabs a PAD from his cargo pocket and scribbles a NOTE:

"CONTACT THE TOC, SEND HONOLULU PD TO MY FATHER’S HOUSE NOW"

-- TEARS it off, hands it to an MP, who hands it to the VEHICLE COMMANDER -- the Commander looks at the note, confused -- MCGARRETT SNAPS HIS FINGERS URGENTLY: “Fucking do it!!” -- the Commander accesses the FBCB2 digital comm system, quickly sending the message via text --

MCGARRETT (INTO PHONE)
You’re smart enough to know that’s never gonna happen --

HESSE
Well I appreciate the compliment -- are you? Smart enough?

MCGARRETT
You know how this works: even if I wanted to let him go, we don’t negotiate with terrori --

INT. MCGARRETT HOME - HONOLULU, HAWAII - INTERCUTTING:

HESSE
-- make an exception. Family’s... everything.

Behind Hesse, a tech weasel works a ruggedized military laptop on the kitchen table: JOVAN ELTSIN, late 20’s, makes a “keep talking” gesture by swinging a finger --

ON THE LAPTOP SCREEN: A MAP -- SOUTH KOREAN TOPOGRAPHY -- a GREEN TRIANGLE keeps getting SMALLER as it locks onto the cell signal, triangulating the motorcade’s location.

INT. M1126 STRYKER INFANTRY CARRIER VEHICLE - INTERCUTTING:

-- up front, the Vehicle Commander finishes a CALL and scribbles something on the other side of the paper McGarrett gave him: "PD ON THE WAY... 10 MINUTES OR LESS."
Little relief -- McGarrett -- mind racing -- knows he’s gotta try something else -- anything -- switches gears:

**MCGARRETT**

Alright, look... look... don’t do this. We can figure something out. But I’m not gonna negotiate like this --

**INT. MCGARRETT HOME - INTERCUTTING:**

**BEEP BEEP BEEP:** the laptop LOCKS ON to McGarrett’s phone -- and a SATELLITE THERMAL IMAGE APPEARS -- we see the moving convoy in GRAYTONE and WHITE HOT SPOTS. Eltsin grabs a WALKIE, MURMURES to someone on the other line as McGarrett keeps talking to Hesse:

**HESSE**

Oh, are we negotiating now?

**ELTSIN (INTO RADIO)**

One to Ghost: I have them heading South along Highway 3 toward Uijeongbu --

**INT. M1126 STRYKER INFANTRY CARRIER VEHICLE - INTERCUTTING:**

McGARRETT. Controlled fury -- but VULNERABLE. Scared. New territory for him:

**MCGARRETT (CONT’D)**

Kill him and you get nothing.

**JAMES**

Give me the phone.

Hesse looks over at JAMES in the chair, pleading:

**JAMES (CONT’D)**

Please. I can get him to help you.

*beat, emotional*

He’ll listen to me... he’s my son.

Hesse considers -- his eyes shoot to Eltsin, who mouths: “30 SECONDS...” Hesse Puts the gun and phone next to James' face again -- the old man wracked with fear, yeah, but something MORE: an insane GUILT he’s been shouldering for a lifetime:

**JAMES (CONT’D)**

Listen to me, Champ --

**MCGARRETT**

-- I’m gonna get you out of there, okay, Dad? Don’t worr--

**JAMES**

I’m sorry... I’m sorry I lied to you.

**MCGARRETT**

What’re you talking about? Lied to me about what?
And now TEARS come to James’ eyes -- trying not to break --

JAMES
I love you, Son.

McGarrett is STRUCK. Words he has rarely, if ever, heard from this man:

JAMES (CONT’D)
I didn’t say it enough -- that’s my fault, nor yours -- not Mary’s --
tell her that --
(looks up at Hesse)
And whatever these people want...

Eltsin signals: “10 SECONDS...” James stares right down the barrel of Hesse’s gun -- heartbroken, scared, but STRONG:

JAMES (CONT’D)
Don’t give it to them. Don’t you give it to them, you hear m--

-- WHACK! Hesse SKULL-CRACKS James, TOPPLING his chair sideways -- he lands HARD on the floor -- dazed, MOANING --

MCGARRETT
Dad?!!! Dad?!!!

HESSE
(into phone) I SWEAR TO GOD I WILL HUNT
NO MORE GAMES!!! I TOLD YOU YOU DOWN AND KILL YOU, YOU
WHAT I WANT!!! SONOFABITCH!

But the line is DEAD. McGarrett SHAKING -- FURY -- THEN:

Anton, who says -- simply:

ANTON
Boom.

EXT. MOTORCADE - DAY

-- “Boom” is an understatement: out of nowhere, a Chinese-made WZ-9 ATTACK HELICOPTER DROPS DOWN AND FIRES AN HJ-8 ANTI-TANK MISSILE. The lead VEHICLE is hit -- somersaults, on fire -- SLAMS back to earth in a horrendous impact!

INT. MCGARRETT HOME - INTERCUTTING:

SATELLITE COVERAGE OF THE ATTACK ON ELTSIN’S LAPTOP SCREEN: Hesse watches the STRYKER swerve, barely skis under a SECOND MISSILE which -- BOOM! -- KILLS everyone in the follow vehicle. WE SEE their WHITE HOT IMAGES strewn across the blast area, deathly still, “cooling off.”

INT. M1126 STRYKER - TRAVELING - DAY

The Driver speeds up, using evasive wheelman techniques.
Vehicle Commander barks into a radio, calling in the attack. McGarrett grabs a bullet proof vest -- straps it on Anton. The two lock eyes. Anton just fucking GRINNING -- loving every second of this.

MCGARRETT
We need cover! Head for that draw!

The driver throws the wheel left and OFF THE ROAD --

INT./EXT. WZ-9 HELICOPTER - MID-AIR - CONTINUOUS

The KOREAN PILOT engages the RMS (Rocket Management System) --

PILOT’S POV -- THE HEADS UP DISPLAY: Brackets the Stryker heading off the road. Fires four HIGH ENERGY MAGNETIC ROCKETS. WHOOSH! WHOOSH! -- WHOOSH! WHOOSH!

EXT. OFF ROAD - CONTINUOUS

-- the rockets OPEN UP in front of the Stryker and DOZENS OF BOMBLETS mushroom out, LANDING on the road -- they BOUNCE across the asphalt --

As it passes over the bomblets, the Stryker’s ARMOR ATTRACTS THE BOMBLETS, which JUMP toward the vehicle, MAGNETICALLY CLAMPING TO ITS HULL AND SIDES --

INT. M1126 STRYKER - TRAVELING - CONTINUOUS

The Driver jerks the wheel to the left -- then right -- trying to avoid the next volley --

EXT. M1126 STRYKER - TRAVELING - CONTINUOUS

But the BOMBLETS DETONATE -- not shrapnel, but HIGH-ENERGY PULSE BLASTS THAT SHORT OUT AND SHUT DOWN THE VEHICLE -- The Stryker rolls fast, with another swerve, clips on the right and TOPPLES ON ITS SIDE, SKIDDING HARD -- trailing SPARKS --

INT. M1126 STRYKER - TRAVELING - CONTINUOUS

The world is THROWN SIDEWAYS as everyone in the vehicle SLAMS into walls -- TUMBLING -- until it finally STOPS.

EXT. WZ-9 HELICOPTER - MID-AIR - DAY

For a moment, a split second really, all is still. The Stryker just sits there, like a crippled stagecoach about to be attacked.

The chopper HOVERS over the downed vehicle as... three EXTRACTION SOLDIERS fast rope to the ground --
EXT. M1126 STRYKER - CONTINUOUS

We’re CLOSE on McGarrett -- dazed -- as he starts to pick himself up -- CAMERA MOVES WITH HIM and as we REORIENT, now realizing he’s UPSIDE DOWN -- the roof of the Stryker has become the floor --

McGARRETT’S POV -- BLURRING IN AND OUT: We see people getting out of their cars, disoriented -- running scared -- and then he sees the EXTRACTION SOLDIERS LAND around the vehicle --

McGarrett reaches for Anton, grabs his flex cuffs and TORQUES his wrist -- Anton WINCES -- McGarrett SHOUTS to his men:

MCGARRETT
MOVE OUT! TAKE POINT, I GOT HIM!

-- he grabs an M-4 out of the weapons rack as --

EXT. M1126 STRYKER - ROAD - CONTINUOUS

The three Extraction Soldiers move in on the Stryker -- WHAM: the back ramp flies open as McGarrett, his Driver, the vehicle commander and the two MP’s leap out, GUNS BLAZING. As the MP’s bound toward an outcropping of rocks, they’re SHREDDED -- the Vehicle Commander makes it and lays down suppressive fire, killing one of the Extraction Team Members:

CLOSE ON McGarrett, crouched behind the downed Stryker --

HIS POV - THE HELICOPTER: Hovering over the road ahead -- POV WHIPS DOWN to one of the machine guns on the ground. Shielding Anton from the attack, McGarrett runs over and grabs the 240 -- aims it at the helicopter and OPENS FIRE with a stream of tracers --

THE HELICOPTER - AS BULLETS TEAR THROUGH ITS SIDE -- SMOKE starts to billow and the chopper VEERS OFF over the tree tops, damaged -- but it ain’t over:

Rounds PEPPER the ground around McGarrett -- he scrambles to the other side of the Stryker, still pulling Anton -- Out of bullets, McGarrett tosses the machine gun and draws a SIG .40 cal from his hip -- peers out -- UNLOADS on the last soldier standing -- turning his back on Anton for a SPLIT-SECOND -- when he wheels back, he finds Anton GONE -- scrambling away -- grabbing a SIDEARM off the dead MP --

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
NO!!! DROP IT!!!

-- but Anton WHIRLS, turns the weapon on McGarrett -- no choice -- BLAM! BLAM! MCGARRETT FIRES FIRST -- shoots Anton in the chest, into the body armor -- knocking him back like the sack of shit that he is. McGarrett rushes the body -- checking the armor, finds the SECOND ROUND missed the armor plate and punctured Anton’s chest. A last death gurgle -- COUGHING BLOOD --
And that’s it... Anton Hesse is DEAD.

ON McGARRETT. Mind tumbling, knowing with gut-wrenching certainty what this means -- as we PUSH IN ON HIM, backlit by the flames, the bodies, destruction.

RIIIING. He whirls -- the PHONE -- where? -- there, on the ground -- but McGarrett doesn’t move. Just STARES. The phone sits there like a rattlesnake you do not want to go near. But he has to:


HESSE (V.O.)

What happened?

Impossible silence. The worst moment of McGarrett’s life.

MCGARRETT

Victor...

HESSE (V.O.)

Put Anton on the phone.

A forever pause -- words catch in McGarrett’s throat -- he can’t bring himself to speak --

INT. MCGARRETT HOME - INTERCUTTING:

INTENSELY CLOSE ON HESSE -- eyes on the laptop. Only one VIBRANT HEAT SIGNATURE remains. Hesse knows what it means --

HESSE

My brother’s dead, isn’t he?

(rage + grief)

ISN’T HE?

INTENSELY CLOSE ON McGARRETT -- going insane -- tears flooding his eyes -- his silence confirms it --

HESSE (CONT’D)

So is your father.

BLAM! AS McGARRETT FLINCHES AT THE GUNSHOT -- WE SLAM TO THE MOMENT WE’VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR:

A POUNDING RENDITION OF THE FIVE-0 THEME KICKS IN OVER A BREAKING WAVE -- mind-blowing, rapid fire IMAGES from the story you’re about to see -- images that set the tone, introduce soon-to-be familiar faces, and showcase the islands of Hawaii -- it BUILDS and BUILDS until we SLAM TO:

END OF TEASER
ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. SKY OVER PACIFIC OCEAN - DAY

A MASSIVE USAF C-17 GLOBEMASTER TRANSPORT PLANE flies over the Pacific -- beginning its descent towards the Hawaiian islands. OVER THIS, Elvis Presley's "Rock-A-Hula" --

INT. C-17 COCKPIT - MID-AIR

-- BLASTING from a boombox. A vintage DASHBOARD HULA GIRL dances atop the instrument panel. As the crew prepares for final approach, McGarrett, in uniform, ducks in unannounced; CAPTAIN DEMARCO kills the music, stows the topless hula girl, as the rest of the crew lose their smiles --

MCGARRETT
At ease, Fellas.

MAJOR KNOWLES
Excuse us, Sir -- little ritual we do when we approach the islands.

MCGARRETT
Mind if I sit up here for landing?

MAJOR KNOWLES
Go right ahead.

McGarrett takes the jumpseat. As the plane breaks through clouds... THE ISLAND OF O'AHU IS REVEALED. McGarrett stares -- haunted. Old ghosts. The crew can sense this.

CPT. DEMARCO
Sir, how long since you've been home?

MCGARRETT
(beat, quietly)
I don't remember.

EXT. HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE - O'AHU, HAWAII - DAY

The C-17 hits the runway. TRACK as it taxis to a stop. The cargo bay door lowers and McGarrett dramatically steps out, DUFFEL over his shoulder. On a mission. Waiting for him is a black Suburban with official plates -- and RICHARD FEENEY, the Governor's young, eager Administrative Assistant:

RICHARD
Aloha! Commander McGarrett?

He offers a hand but McGarrett doesn’t stop. Richard trails:

MCGARRETT
I don't know you.
RICHARD
Richard Feeney, I work for Governor Jameson. She’d like a word.

He gestures to SECURITY AGENTS in sunglasses waiting by the Suburban. Off McGarrett, knowing he isn’t being asked --

EXT. USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL - PEARL HARBOR - DAY

TRACKING ALONG the memorial structure spanning the mid-section of the sunken battleship. Richard and the agents lead McGarrett past THE WALL OF HONOR. Names of men entombed here. One stands out -- "S. McGARRETT." His grandfather. McGarrett stares, confronting his family’s legacy.

Up ahead, a LONE FIGURE approaches to meet him -- GOVERNOR PAT JAMESON, a rather beautiful woman in her early 40’s; local Hawaiian with a Washingtonian’s backbone, she’s a unique mix of brilliance, grace, and compassion:

GOVERNOR JAMESON
Thank you for seeing me, Commander. (offers a hand; he shakes) I’m so sorry for your loss. There are no words to make this easy.

MCGARRETT
Is this about the investigation?

GOVERNOR JAMESON
We’re doing everything we can. We have alerts out across all the islands.

MCGARRETT
All due respect, you’re not going to find Victor Hesse with roadblocks and search warrants. He’s gone underground until he can find a safe way to leave the island. Now why am I here?

GOVERNOR JAMESON
I’d like to help you get what you came for. (off his look) ... let’s walk.

And they do... against the endless ocean horizon...

GOVERNOR JAMESON (CONT’D)
You know as well as I do: When people think of us, it’s beaches, Luaus, and Mai-Tais -- that goes for the wallets in Washington, until I reminded them our strategic importance hasn’t changed since World War Two: these islands were (MORE)
the early warning and first line of defense against invading armies, only now we do it with international terrorists -- to say nothing of the drug smugglers, organized crime, human trafficking and prostitution -- it all comes through here first. Except we can’t just close the roads and bridges when someone pulls the alarm -- we’re surrounded by water in case you haven’t noticed, and if the number eight arms dealer on Interpol’s watch list can just slip in undetected and murder a police officer... it’s time for a game-changer.

(stops walking)
Your father’s death was a wake-up call -- I can’t afford to wait for the next appropriations bill to pass: I’m putting together a task force. I want you to run it.

MCGARRETT
... you don’t even know me.

GOVERNOR JAMESON
I know your resume. Annapolis. Navy SEALs. Four years as a special investigator. Then five with Naval Intelligence. I can’t think of anyone bett--

MCGARRETT
Okay, lemme stop you right there: I’ve been tracking Victor Hesse for five years. His reach is far and wide, his sources are well hidden -- the man’s a ghost, like I’ve never seen in my career -- if he was bold enough to surface, I promise you he’s already planned an exit strategy and he knows I know it -- which means I can barely even afford the hour it’ll take to bury my father, let alone stand here talking to you.

With that, he turns and starts to go...

GOVERNOR JAMESON
According to the Director of Naval Intelligence, you’ve taken extended leave -- I assume that’s because the military isn’t in the revenge business?

That STOPS him. He turns back, eyes narrow.
GOVERNOR JAMESON (CONT’D)
Well I am. And going up against Hesse as a vigilante is a mistake. At worst, it’ll get you killed -- at best, incarcerated -- either way, your father will have died for nothing. So what I’m offering you isn’t just common sense, it’s a chance to go get the sonofabitch... with complete immunity and means.

MCGARRETT
Lady, I’m not a cop.

GOVERNOR JAMESON
I’m not talking badges and sirens. I’m talking results. A federalized unit empowered by the Patriot act, with full blanket authority to hunt big game and get ‘em the hell off my island. Your rules, my backing, no red tape.

(beat)
And I promise you, Commander, what you see with me is what you get.

He looks at her, steps closer -- shakes his head:

MCGARRETT
Here’s what I see: an election year coming up and a politician who needs the PR -- who’s willing to do whatever it takes... including bringing me here to Pearl Harbor, where my grandfather was killed -- knowing I’d have to walk past his name on that wall -- the same name my father gave me -- and feel compelled to fulfill my family destiny. That about right?

GOVERNOR JAMESON
(beat; a touch of emotion now)
None of that makes me feel any less responsible.

And he sees she means it. A real person here. But it doesn’t change McGarrett’s resolve:

MCGARRETT
Pass.

GOVERNOR JAMESON
Just think about it. Please. Mahalo.

She hands him her card, goes. McGarrett can’t deny he’s a little impressed by her. But fuck it. He starts to move --
MÄLÉ VOICE (O.S.)
She’s a smart lady, that one...

McGarrett wheels -- as CHIN HO KELLY (50s) approaches, Ex-Honolulu Police Detective turned Federal Security Guard. Something FAMILIAR to McGarrett, he SOFTENS...

MCGARRETT
I know you...

CHIN
You better: Chin Ho Kelly. I worked with your father in the 7th. Back in the day, he made me go to your little league games when he was working. I was your biggest fan.

Chin pulls McGarrett into a BEAR HUG; McGarrett GRINS:

MCGARRETT
I remember. You were very loud.

CHIN
Big lungs.

MCGARRETT
And good ears.

CHIN
Yeah, sorry about that. Old habit from my last job. You know... see and hear everything.

MCGARRETT
Looks like you’ve moved on to greener pastures.

CHIN
(a chuckle)
Thanks for putting it that way.

MCGARRETT
I’m sorry, I didn’t m--

CHIN
-- no, you’re right. Let’s just say the Honolulu PD and I had a disagreement over my job description.
(beat)
Your father understood. He was very good to me after I was let go; stayed my friend and I know it cost him something. Only wish I could pay some of that loyalty back. But now that you’re here, maybe you can do something.

MCGARRETT
What do you mean?
CHIN
I hear the brilliant minds calling
the shots put a Haole on your
father's murder investigation.

MCGARRETT
What do you know about this guy?

CHIN
Not much. Word is he's fresh meat
from the mainland, which means he
has no clue how the island works.

INT./EXT. HPD UNMARKED SEDAN – DIAMOND HEAD ESTATE – DAY

The man they're talking about, DET. DANNY WILLIAMS, is parked
outside a palatial ocean view gated estate in Diamond Head.
Danny’s ex-Baltimore PD, real working man in paradise. Only
guy on the island without a tan and always looks like he
slept in his clothes. Next to him, in the passenger seat,
sits a brand new stuffed animal -- a PINK BUNNY RABBIT. He
skims the McGARRETT CASE FILE as he talks on a cell:

DANNY
-- I need a warrant write-up for a
surveillance wire on a suspect in
connection to the James McGarrett
murder. Suspect name is Frank
Doran... D-O-R-A-N...
   (the gates start to OPEN)
Terrific, call me back --

He hangs up and gets out, greets the 7-YEAR OLD GIRL walking
down the driveway, wearing a backpack and carrying a small
cage with a REAL PET RABBIT inside. This is Danny's daughter
GRACE WILLIAMS. The only reason he smiles occasionally.

DANNY (CONT’D)
'Morning, sunshine.

GRACE
Hi daddy.

DANNY
Who's this?

GRACE
Mr. Hoppy. Stan bought him for me
for animal show and tell.

Danny keeps his emotions in check, but we see the hitch,
feeling like he's always coming up short.

DANNY
That's great... we better go. We
don't want Mr. Hoppy to be late for
his first day of school.
As they get to the car, Danny manages to toss his Pink Bunny into the back seat before Grace can see it. They drive off -- BAGPIPES FADING IN OVER --

**EXT. HONOLULU STREET - DAY**

Funeral procession. Street lined with civilians and cops in dress blues, saluting. McGarrett and his younger sister, **MARY ANN McGARRETT**, walk behind the hearse carrying their father's flag-draped coffin. Mary wears shades, we presume to hide her grief. Multiple bracelets and nose stud betray her punky roots. There's silent TENSION between them -- troubled history now forced back into the present.

McGarrett, for his part, seems anxious, distracted, eyes scanning faces. Does not allow himself time to grieve. Further up the road -- standing apart from the cops -- McGarrett notices CHIN HO KELLY paying his last respects.

**EXT. NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC - LATER**

Belly of the Punchbowl Crater. Post funeral. Last MOURNERS drift away. As McGarrett accepts condolences from a couple, he gets distracted by Mary, too-loudly FLIRTING with a group of cops. LAUGHING. *It could not feel more inappropriate.*

McGarrett leaves the couple and heads for his sister, gently but firmly takes her by the arm:

**MCGARRETT**

Scuze us, Gentlemen --

He pulls her to a secluded spot. She YANKS her arm away from him, like an annoyed teenager -- this goes to “11” FAST:

**MARY**

What --
-- nothing --
-- No --
-- you really wanna do this now? Here?
**MCGARRETT**

-- what’d you take?
-- take off your sunglasses--
-- you were never a good liar --

She takes off the shades to look him in the eye. Yeah, she's stoned -- and PISSED:

**MARY**

It’s a skill, you know? Starting a conversation this badly. How ‘bout: “Hi, Little Sister, how’s LA? How's work?” Y’know, like a person -- not a military drone --

**MCGARRETT**

You came to his funeral high.
MARY
It’s a Vicodin, why should I have to justify anything to you?

MCGARRETT
I dunno, Mary, maybe because I’m the one who let dad go to his grave believing you were his perfect little girl. You called me when you got arrested, you called me when you went to rehab -- and I’m glad you did, but don’t pretend I’m overstepping my bounds now when I’m trying to keep you from embarrassing yourself.

(them)
How’s LA?

MARY
(struck, quietly)
... traffic sucks....

MCGARRETT
How’s work.

MARY
Got fired.

MCGARRETT
Sorry.

For a beat, it’s quiet. Mary exhales and sits on a bench. Pause, then McGarrett sits beside her. Staring at the grave.

MARY
(sad smirk)
Last time we were alone with dad together was mom’s funeral... guess this is how we do family reunions.

Hear the pain in that, but anger too. He stares off.

MCGARRETT
He wanted me to tell you... that he loved you, Mar. That he should’ve said it more. And he was sorry.

MARY
For what? Shutting down completely? Shipping us away when we were teenagers? It’s a little late.

MCGARRETT
(looks off, troubled...)
He said something else... you ever remember him calling me “champ?”
"Champ?" And he apologized?
You sure it was dad?

MARY

MCGRARRETT
It wasn’t a normal apology. It was like a... confession.

She knows her big brother won’t rest til he’s solved this...

MARY
You’re gonna get the guy who killed him. Aren’t you.

He looks up at her. His eyes say “yes.” And her voice CRACKS a little, a thousand emotions pushing to the surface --

MARY (CONT’D)
Do me a favor? Hurt him.

Brother and Sister lock eyes: at least this they agree on.

EXT. MCGARRETT HOME - 404 PIIKOI STREET - DAY

A TAXI rolls up. McGarrett gets out, in civvies, duffel in hand. Been a long time since he's laid eyes on the place. Ducks under the crime scene tape to the backyard -- finds an old PLANTER by the back door. Underneath there's a KEY --

INT. GARAGE - MCGARRETT HOME - DAY

-- McGarrett uses it to let himself in. Turns on the lights -- and there she is -- his father's pride and joy, a 1968 MERCURY BROUGHAM. Tarp partially rolled back, a restoration project forever. Suddenly, we FLASH CUT TO:

INT. MCGARRETT HOME - GARAGE - DAY (FLASHBACK)

SIX-YEAR OLD STEVE MCGARRETT by his proud FATHER'S side -- as they circle the old beater --

JAMES
Feast your eyes -- The Park Lane
Brougham. Mercury’s flagship
vehicle. Steve, we’re going to
make her cherry and when the time
comes, she’s yours.

RESUME MCGARRETT. His face. He's just fed the fire.

INT. KITCHEN - MCGARRETT HOME - DAY

Light pops on: BLOOD STAINS SCREAM AT US from the already-processed crime scene. McGarrett just stands there a beat. Sick. Then:

JUMP CUTS: McGarrett conducts his own investigation. Using directionality of the blood spatter, he stands where Hesse shot his father. Looks to the wall. Sees more spatter.
Nearby, he spots a partial BLOODY SHOE PRINT. McGarrett measures it against his own shoe. Smaller. Cause for concern. Uses his iPhone to SNAP A PHOTO -- then notices something odd about the cluttered kitchen table across the room -- one area looks like someone made room for something -- and the chair is slightly backed away. This space is away from all the blood, not processed by crime scene.

McGarrett considers, opens his duffel for his laptop -- holds it over the small, empty space on the counter: perfect fit.

McGarrett mimics the same position -- gets an idea -- on a shelf, lined up, are PINewood DERBY CARS. Pristine. His father’s hobby. Grabs a tube of “Hob-e-Lube” dry graphite lubricant powder -- SQUEEZES the tube coating the table and BLOWS lightly:

The dust causes two PALM PRINTS to materialize at the edge of the table! McGarrett snaps photos. Speed dials a NUMBER:

INT. NAVY OPERATIONS CENTER - NO LOCATION - DAY

TRACK FAST through the NAVCENT OPERATIONS CENTER teeming with Intel and Tactical Officers manning various workstation -- NO REVEAL OF WHERE WE ARE YET -- as we STOP ON LT. CATHERINE ROLLINS (30), smart and beautiful, manning an INTEL PROCESSING NODE. BING: she receives and EMAIL on her console, non-navy. Email ID shows a photo of McGARRETT, smiling against a tropical backdrop -- a picture surely taken during off-hours. She reads: “NEED YOUR HELP. CAN YOU TALK?” Turns to her enlisted COUNTERPART next to her:

CATHERINE
Cover for me? Head call.

EXT. US NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND HQ - BAHRAIN - DAY

Catherine emerges from the front doors of her building, passes under the caption on the building -- US NAVY CENTRAL COMMAND HQ, US FIFTH FLEET. We are in the Persian Gulf -- hot, bright and everything a desert tone. Once clear of the building she dials -- RINGING -- then:

MCGARRETT
Hey, Sailor --

CATHERINE
I read about your dad in the Red Cross burst messages... God, Steve, I’m so sorry...

INT. MCGARRETT HOME - INTERCUTTING:

An INTIMACY between these two we’ll come to understand as our show progresses -- for now:

MCGARRETT
I need your help.
CATHERINE
Anything --

MCGARRETT
I’m e-mailing you two palm prints, can you run them against the CIA database and see what turns up? Has to stay out of the system.

CATHERINE
CIA files aren’t normal flash traffic -- could raise some flags.

MCGARRETT
Try. You get my flowers?

CATHERINE
Persian Gulf’s a little outside the Conroy’s delivery zone--

PING! A PHOTO OF ROSES appears on her phone. She SMILES:

CATHERINE (CONT’D)
You’re like the good-looking guy in high school who knows how cute he is, and won’t take no for an answer.

MCGARRETT
Next time I’ll give ‘em to you in person. Promise.

CATHERINE
Gimme a few hours. (then, soft concern) Steve... I know what you’re doing... please be careful.

The moment lingers -- then he hangs up. Leaves --

INT. GARAGE - MCGARRETT HOME - DAY

-- same way he came in -- through the garage -- Taking it all in one last time: the tools, the clutter, a man's workplace. And then he stops. Suddenly. Because he sees something on the shelf that he was totally unprepared for... an old toolbox with a faded CHAMPION SPARK PLUG logo -- but "CHAMP" is the only thing legible after years of use.

McGarrett pulls the box off the shelf. Opens it. Inside is AN OLD KEY and a stack of crime scene photos: the aftermath of a car bomb. All of them are marked with a date that means something to McGarrett. His mind spins -- what is all this?
Then -- a FLOORBOARD CREAKS. Someone’s in the house. McGarrett quick-draws his automatic, pins himself to the wall -- finger on the trigger -- ready to kill the intruder as he comes around the corner -- TENSION -- and when he does, it’s:

DANNY! GLOCK OUT. FRANTIC, OVERLAPPING:

DANNY
Don’t move -- !
-- who the hell’re you?
-- Detective Danny Williams, Honolulu PD, put your gun away --
-- you show me yours --
-- well I’m not either --

Pause -- eye lock -- neither gun lowering --

MCGARRETT
Fine: don’t put your gun down, just use your free hand to pull out your ID --

DANNY
After you --

MCGARRETT
At the same time --

DANNY
On three: one... two... three...

And they MOVE in tandem -- slowly -- drawing wallets -- now both aiming guns and ID’s at each other. The truth verified, each holsters their weapon...

DANNY (CONT’D)
Look, I’m sorry about your father, but you can’t be here -- it’s still an active crime scene --

MCGARRETT
Doesn’t seem that active.

DANNY
I can’t share information with you.

MCGARRETT
Then I’ll share some with you: Hesse wasn’t here alone -- someone was sitting at the kitchen table working on a laptop when my father was murdered.

(MORE)
There was space cleared on the counter, size of a 13 inch Macbook pro, and my father hated computers.

DANNY
Look, you need to leave now --

McGarrett nods, picks up the CHAMP box and heads out --

DANNY (CONT’D)
You can't take that, you know everything’s evidence --

MCGARRETT (bold lie)
I came with this.

DANNY
No you didn’t, I can see the dust void it left on the shelf. What’re you hiding in there -- ?

MCGARRETT (dodging)
How long have you been with Honolulu PD?

DANNY
None of your damn business, Barbara Walters --

MCGARRETT
It is if you’re investigating my father’s death --

DANNY
I’d really like to get back to that, so the sooner you leave, the sooner I can get on with it --

MCGARRETT
Anything you say.

Again, McGarrett starts to walk out with the box:

DANNY
Leave the box, or get arrested.

MCGARRETT
You gonna call for backup?

DANNY
An ambulance.

Stare off. Finally, McGarrett puts the box down.

DANNY (CONT’D)
Thank you.
MCGARRETT
Don’t thank me yet --

-- as he’s pulling the Governor’s card from his pocket, dialing his cell -- punches in the number -- waits --

MCGARRETT (INTO PHONE) (CONT’D)
Governor Jameson, please...

DANNY
(a chuckle)
Yeah, right.

McGarrett just grins to Danny: “Be with you in a sec” --

MCGARRETT (V.O.) (CONT’D)
I’ll take the job...
(with a look to the Champ box)
Let’s just say I found something that changed my mind.
(listens, then)
Immediately. But on one condition -- when the time comes, I don’t want to hear the words “red tape” or “I’ll get back to you.” That bureaucratic bullshit does not work with me.
(long beat)
Are you serious? Right now?

Danny staring. The hell’s happening? A little sheepishly, McGarrett raises his right hand. Takes the Oath of Honor:

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
I, Stephen J. McGarrett, do solemnly declare upon my honor and conscience that I will act at all times to the best of my ability and knowledge in a manner befitting an officer of the law. I will faithfully obey the orders of my superiors and will be ready to confront danger in the line of duty.
(for Danny; ultra-cheery)
Thank you, Governor.
(hangs up)
Now it’s my crime scene.

And with a flourish, he sweeps up the CHAMP BOX and heads OUT, leaving a stunned and furious Danny --

SLAM TO BLACK.

END OF ACT ONE
ACT TWO

FADE IN:

INT. HONOLULU POLICE DEPT - LATER

SEE DANNY behind closed doors with his boss, CAPTAIN HOOKANO -- Danny argues to keep his case, LOUD and ANGRY:

DANNY (O.S.)
-- I don’t care who he is, I’m working a solid lead here, making progress -- and I don’t like being benched for some gung-ho Jarhead --

FIND McGARRETT outside, listening. Finally, Danny storms out, looks surprised to see McGarrett -- who GRINS:

MCGARRETT
“Jarhead’s” slang for Marine. I’m Navy. You wanna insult me, call me a “Squid.”

Danny throws him the case file --

DANNY
Knock yourself out, Squid.

Off he goes, to his desk. Finds a gift waiting for him: a tube of INSTANT TAN wrapped in a bow. Looks over to DETECTIVE BEN KOKUA and the cluster of fellow Det’s nearby, chuckling --

DETECTIVE KOKUA
In case you need to go undercover, brah.

DANNY
Wow. That is funny. Sun tan lotion, how’d you think of that?

DETECTIVE KOKUA
You got some time on your hands now, solve it.

Danny watches as the Detectives drift off together, a camaraderie Danny’s not a part of... and never will be. He chucks the tube in the garbage and leaves the precinct, hating his job right now -- KICKS a trash can on the way out.

RACK FOCUS to McGarrett, having witnessed this. Behind him, Hookano has appeared in the doorway, beckoning...

MCGARRETT
What do you think of him?

As they enter...
INT. CAPTAIN HOOKANO’S OFFICE – CONTINUOUS

CAPTAIN HOOKANO
Bad temper, good cop. Probably best they had in Baltimore: Medal of Honor, bravery in the line of duty -- but that don’t make his job easier here.

MCGARRETT
You don’t seem bothered by that.

Hookano sits at his desk, leans the chair back:

CAPTAIN HOOKANO
He’s got an attitude that doesn’t wear well. Things run a little different here. Some of the guys work in their own time zone -- they call it “Island Time.” You either adjust to it or you don’t.

(offhanded shrug)
I give him a year before he quits.

There’s a “prejudiced” quality that McGarrett -- despite not knowing Danny, despite not even really liking Danny -- finds himself reacting to on Danny’s behalf:

MCGARRETT
And would that year be in “island time”?

Hookano looks at McGarrett -- now not liking him either. McGarrett holds the look, steely:

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
He said he was working a solid lead... what was it?

EXT. HONOLULU CLUB MOTEL - PALOLO, HAWAII - DAY

A $49-a-night-park-by-the-door nestled in the lush Palolo Valley. Neon blinks VACANCY. McGARRETT pulls into the parking lot -- JUMP CUT TO ROOM 47. He KNOCKS. A beat -- the door opens: DANNY. Sees McGarrett, case file in hand:

DANNY
What do you want?

MCGARRETT
You requested a wire put on someone named Frank Doran. Tell me about him.

DANNY
(“go away”) I got a pot pie in the microwave.

MCGARRETT
Sounds mouth-watering.
Beat: against his instincts, Danny lets McGarrett in --

INT. DANNY'S APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

A lonely little pit: king bed and a neatly-made kid-size cot. Clothes still in the suitcase. Empty six packs. Old take-out. McGarrett picks up a framed photo of Danny's daughter:

MCGARRETT (CONT'D)
Your kid?

DANNY
Stunning detective work.

MCGARRETT
You don't really let her stay with you here, do you?

DANNY
What are you, Nanny 911?

He snatches back the photo. Sets it down. McGarrett opens the case file, pulls a mugshot: FRANK DORAN. Real lowlife.

MCGARRETT
So who’s this guy Doran?

DANNY
Suspected arms dealer: two years in Maui Correctional for weapons possession. Currently a person of interest in an unrelated homicide, but the weapon was never found.

MCGARRETT
What’s he have to do with my father's case?

DANNY
When I ran a ballistics comparison on the bullet that killed your dad, I got a hit to the Doran investigation. I think the first thing Hesse did when he got to the island was get his hands on a gun. Only I couldn’t figure out why he’d hook up with a small fish like Doran... then I realized: small fish are harder to trace.

MCGARRETT
That’s Hesse’s M.O. -- less linkage. But since it hasn’t even been 48 hours, maybe Doran still knows where he is -- let’s go talk to him.
DANNY
Are you suffering from dementia? This isn't my case anymore.

MCGARRETT
I need you to help me cover more ground --

DANNY
Honolulu PD has over two thousand badges to choose from, I'm sure you'll--

MCGARRETT
You transferred in from Baltimore six months ago, so your eye's still fresh -- the take-out food, clothes still in a suitcase; you tell yourself this isn't permanent --

DANNY
Hey, guess what? My annual psych eval's not for six months --

MCGARRETT
-- single bed and no ring on your finger, obviously moved here to be close to your daughter. Which means between visits, all you got is your job, so you take pride in it; and your Captain, who seems like a pain in the ass, thinks you're good. That's what I'm looking for.

DANNY
Except guys like you think they know how to do everything better. And that just makes my job harder.

MCGARRETT
You got no choice, Detective. The Governor gave me jurisdiction and I'm making you my partner.

DANNY
I don't work partners.

MCGARRETT
You do now.
(CHUCKS Danny's shoulder)
We're gonna get along great.

And out he goes, leaving Danny to stew. BING goes the microwave: the pot pie's ready.

INT. DANNY'S UNMARKED SEDAN - TRAVELLING
McGarrett's shotgun, Danny drives with a scowl. His cell rings -- "THE THEME FROM 'PSYCHO.'" Danny hits "ignore."

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
Take it your marriage didn’t end well.

DANNY
It would’ve if my ex hadn’t re-married the Pineapple King of Waimea and dragged my daughter to this hellhole.

MCGARRETT
You don’t like the beach?

DANNY
I don’t like the beach.

MCGARRETT
Who doesn’t like the beach?

DANNY

MCGARRETT
... tell me you know how to swim...

DANNY
I know how to swim, I just choose not too. I swim for survival, not for fun.

(his cell rings)
Yeah --

(abruptly shifts gears)
Oh, hey baby, sorry, I thought it was your mom. I'm so glad everyone liked Mr. Hoppy... Yeah, I'm excited to see you this weekend too. We're gonna have fun. Bye, baby... Danno loves you.

MCGARRETT
(as Danny hangs up)
Danno?

DANNY
Forget it.

FULL BACK and follow them down the Farrington Highway -- along the rugged coastline. Ending up at --

EXT. FRANK DORAN'S MOBILE HOME - DAY

Real shithole near Ewa Beach. Meth labs and white trash.

INT. DANNY'S UNMARKED SEDAN - DAY

Danny parks, eyeballs the perimeter. Bad feeling.
MCGARRETT
-- you coming?

DANNY
Doran's a shooter and I don't like
this place. We shouldn't be doing
this without back-up.

MCGARRETT
You're my back-up...

Before Danny can respond -- McGarrett is out the door. Shit.

EXT. FRANK DORAN'S MOBILE HOME - DAY
Danny catches up to McGarrett, says low, sharp:

DANNY
Cowboy. Slow down...

They approach the front door -- HEAR shouting inside -- two
people fighting -- then suddenly, the door opens and Doran's
girlfriend storms out, catching our heroes off-guard. This
is JAYCEE, ex-arm candy turned sun bleached junkie. Danny
instinctively GRABS her, slaps his hand across her mouth,
stopping her from warning --

INT. FRANK DORAN'S MOBILE HOME - DAY

-- FRANK DORAN, who comes storming out of the bedroom:

DORAN
Where do you think you're going,
Jaycee? Get your ass back in here!
You hear me?

He looks to the half-open door. It's quiet out there. Maybe
too quiet. Paranoia takes over. Something's not right.

DORAN (CONT'D)
Jaycee -- ?

No response. Doran sees shadows out there. Oh shit.
Quickly moves across the room, pulls a CAR-15 ASSAULT RIFLE
from under a couch. Flips the safety selector to “Auto” --

EXT. FRANK DORAN'S MOBILE HOME - DAY
Jaycee BITES Danny's hand -- breaks free -- runs back inside:

JAYCEE
Cops!

INT. FRANK DORAN'S MOBILE HOME - DAY

Doran SQUEEZES A WILD BURST at the first thing that comes
through the door -- and it's JAYCEE. She’s cut down.
EXT. FRANK DORAN'S MOBILE HOME - DAY

Our heroes duck the assault -- but not before Danny drops, bleeding, GRAZED in the shoulder. As McGarrett makes his way over -- Doran unloads on a side window: GLASS EXPLODES. Doran splits into a side alley --

DANNY
Go! Get him!

EXT. SIDE ALLEY - DAY

DORAN -- RUNNING -- FAST, FRENETIC -- blazes across the alley -- a wild dash into a neighbors house -- SHOULDER CRASHES through the front door -- McGarrett chases after him --

INT. HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION - DAY

-- Comes in full stride. Place is empty. Under renovation. TRACK McGarrett and Doran as they duck and move through a maze of tools and supplies -- trading fire. McGarrett dodges a barrage as he RUNS OUT OF BULLETS. Gun CLICKING crazily on empty. Shit. He scrambles -- loses Doran -- takes cover in a side room. Trapped now. Trying not to breathe -- face streaked with sweat -- eyes constantly moving -- searching.

Doran stalks McGarrett. Dumps an empty clip. Quietly reloads. Getting warmer. McGarrett needs a weapon -- something -- anything. He lands on tools and supplies left behind. A plan is forming: he unscrews a LIGHT BULB -- fast -- quietly CRUSHES IT -- sprinkles the glass around the perimeter. Next, he grabs a box of NAIL GUN LOADS. Removes one. Moves to a dolly. Pulls off a wheel, empties the ball bearings into his hand.

Now he hears -- CRUNCH! CRUNCH! It's Doran approaching. McGarrett QUICKLY affixes the bearing to the tip of the load with electrical tape -- JAMS the make-shift round into the chamber of his gun: HE'S JUST QUICK-BUILT A BULLET OUT OF NAIL GUN CHARGE AND BALL BEARING.

And JUST IN TIME as Doran WHEELS around the corner and McGarrett FIRES! BLAM! Doran SLAMS into the wall -- belly leaking blood -- still doesn't stop him from moving --

EXT. ALLEY - DAY

-- Doran busts from the house, leaving a trail of blood. McGarrett on his heels -- they emerge from the alley -- running across Kuhina Street -- Cars SKID -- Doran looks back -- sees McGARRETT thirty yards behind -- Doran FIRES over a car, McGarrett can't fire back -- he's got no bullets --

EXT. EWA BEACH - DAY

People DODGE, SCREAM and DUCK as Doran blazes down Fort Weaver Road -- McGarrett, half a block behind -- running full-tilt through the crowd -- no way to get a clear shot.
Up ahead -- EWA BEACH PARK -- Doran cuts through -- Lei-wearing TOURISTS run -- SHRIEKING -- Doran grabs a FEMALE TOURIST and uses her as his shield --

DORAN
PUT YOUR GUN DOWN!

McGarrett hesitates -- The Woman, terrified, SOBBING --

DORAN (CONT'D)
YOU DON'T THINK I'LL DO IT?!!

As McGarrett puts down his gun -- BLAM! DORAN COLLAPSES. DEAD. McGarrett, stunned, turns to where the shot came from -- and there's Danny. Shaken. McGarrett grabs the screaming Woman and holds her as MUSIC RINGS OUT TO:

EXT. EWA BEACH TRAILER PARK - DAY

Hectic aftermath. Movement everywhere. HPD CRUISERS and CORONER arrive. Danny is getting patched up by EMS.

INT. FRANK DORAN'S MOBILE HOME - DAY

WHIP PAN TO McGARRETT, alone, searching for clues, connecting Doran to Hesse. He HEARS a noise coming from the bedroom closet. Two deadbolts on the door. McGarrett draws his Sig, cautiously unlocks the door -- finds a terrified 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL crouched in the dark. Chinese refugee turned sex slave. She flinches, recoiling, a wounded animal protecting itself --

MCGARRETT
It's okay... I'm not gonna hurt you...

He kneels. Regards her tenderly. The fresh track marks on her arms, soiled clothes hanging off her starved frame.

MCGARRETT (CONT'D)
What's your name? (she stares, shakes her head, he tries MANDARIN) What's your name?

She finally speaks, her mouth dry, words barely a whisper:

GIRL
... Chen-chi...

EXT. FRANK DORAN'S MOBILE HOME - DAY

As the EMS finish bandaging Danny's arm, he sees McGarrett exit and hand Chen-Chi off to two HPD Officers --

MCGARRETT (in Mandarin/subtitled)
-- go with them. They'll take good care of you. We'll find your parents. I promise...

CHEN-CHI
Thank you.
He watches her go -- then moves to Danny --

MCGARRETT
She says she was smuggled from China four days ago on a cargo ship with her parents and a couple hundred refugees, but when she got here, she was traded to Doran --

DANNY
Y’know, this is typically where you’d kiss my ass for saving your life.

MCGARRETT
You shot our only lead --

DANNY
-- you’ve gotta be kidding me --

MCGARRETT
-- if these same guys are moving people out of Asia, they could’ve smuggled Hesse into Hawaii--

DANNY
Hey: you took a stupid risk -- I am not getting myself killed for your vendetta. I have a daughter for chrissakes.

And he starts to walk off, furious --

MCGARRETT
That girl in there, she’s someone’s daughter too.

That STOPS Danny in his tracks. He turns, narrow-eyed:

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
What if she was yours? Is there anything you wouldn’t do? To hunt down the sonofabitch that did that to her? And kill him?

And despite his indignation, his instinct to flee, Danny can’t argue this one. McGarrett comes closer --

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
You don’t have to like me -- but right now? There’s no one else to do this job.

EYE-LOCK. Off this stalemate:

INT. DANNY’S UNMARKEDSEDAN – TRAVELING

Heavy silence. Danny two-hands the wheel, driving down the shoreline. Surly. McGarrett attempts to make an inroad:
MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
... how’s the shoulder?

DANNY
Let’s not talk.

MCGARRETT
Right now? Or ever again?

DANNY
Both.

Silence.

MCGARRETT
Can I just say one thing?

DANNY
If you wanna piss me off.

MCGARRETT
... hm. I think I know why your wife left you. You’re very sensitive.

DANNY
... Sensitive? When’d you notice? When a bullet was tearing through my flesh? Is that when I seemed sensitive to you? Look, I’m real happy you’re not afraid of anything -- that you got that GI JOE thousand yard stare from chasing shoe-bombers around the world -- but civilized society has rules, it’s the unspoken glue that separates us from hyenas and jackals --

MCGARRETT
-- hyenas and jackals?

DANNY
The animal kingdom, whatever, and rule number one is: if you get someone shot, you apologize --

MCGARRETT
(quietly)
I’m sorry.

DANNY
(on a roll, not hearing)
-- you don’t wait for a special occasion like a birthday or Christmas or President’s Day --

MCGARRETT
I said I’m sorry. Sincerely.
(Danny looks at him)
That’s what I wanted to tell you.
Last year. When this conversation first started.
There’s a pause. Danny straightens his tie:

DANNY
Your apology is noted. Acceptance is pending.

He says this with a straight face -- but there’s a little glint in his eye.

MCGARRETT
You’ll let me know.

And finally, despite himself, Danny sort of SMIRKS. The ice is breaking...

DANNY
That girl you found... how old was she?

MCGARRETT
Thirteen... fourteen...

DANNY -- ANGRY as this hits home, regains a sense of purpose.

DANNY
How’s she connect to Hesse?

MCGARRETT
He made a lot of money in the human trafficking business, so he’s got ties to the world. Which means he could’ve used those connections to smuggle himself into Hawaii.

DANNY
You’re talking organized crime on a federal level --

MCGARRETT
Governor gave us her umbrella -- if this thing goes Federal, it’s still our case.

DANNY
Even if we do find out who let Hesse in through the back door, if they’re local, no one in that world’s going to help two guys that look like you and me.

MCGARRETT
I think I know someone they might talk to...

INT. SECURITY OFFICES - PEARL HARBOR - DAY

ON CHIN HO KELLY, in full blown interrogation mode:

CHIN
Let's cut to the chase: you and I both know what went down here --
REVERSE TO REVEAL a very scared 8-year old BOY. A souvenir
USS ARIZONA snow globe on the table between them:

CHIN (CONT’D)
You saw that snow globe and had to
have it, so you went for the five
finger discount. I want the truth.

He waits for a response. And the kid bursts out in TEARS:

CHIN (CONT’D)
Kid, just-- stop crying -- hey --
take the globe -- just--

A KNOCK on the door. He answers: surprised to see McGarrett
and Danny, who see the kid crying:

MCGARRETT
We interrupting?

INT. SNACK SHOP - PEARL HARBOR - LATER

The three of them at a table. Chin looks up from a photo of
Chen-Chi on McGarrett's cell phone, troubled.

CHIN
-- where’d you find her?

MCGARRETT
Locked in a house.
(then, affected)
She came here to start a new life.
They drugged her and turned her
into a prostitute...

Chin turns to McGarrett -- sees something unexpected. Grins.

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
What -- ?

CHIN
You sound just like your father.

MCGARRETT
Then help me. You said you wanted
to. Here’s your chance.
(shows photo of Hesse)
Guy I’m looking for’s high profile:
Victor Hesse. FBI. CIA.
Interpol. He’s on everyone’s
radar, which means he
didn't just land here and get his
passport stamped. He was back-
channeled in.
And you think the same network that brought this girl to the island, smuggled Hesse in?

He made a fortune trafficking kids out of Malaysia --

Then you're looking for a Snakehead. Local Chinese gangs that specialize in human smuggling.

We need a name.

Are you kidding? Look at me. I'm a rubber gun now.

You were a cop here for twenty years.

Chin exhales a heavy SIGH, thinking...

I do know a guy who's got ties to that world, but--

-- get us an introduction --

-- forget it. He's a former Confidential Informant. Trusts no one. Especially Haoles.

Then you talk to him.

Chin saw this coming. We sense deep wounds somehow opening --

I'm busy.

You expecting a crime wave in the gift shop this afternoon?

Forget it. I can't be a cop anymore.

Why not?

Chin turns -- HARD -- and a little too LOUD:
Because I can’t be, you understand? HPD accused me of taking payoffs -- I’m the last person the department wants to see wearing a badge. (then, sees a few people staring) I have to go.

MCGARRETT
Did you take the money?

CHIN
What?

MCGARRETT
Did you. Take. The money.

CHIN
No.

MCGARRETT
Then come with us, and we don't need to talk about this again. Ever. This is your ticket back in the game. Call it payback. Call it whatever. But I need you.

McGarrett won’t let this go. And Chin knows it.

CHIN
How do you know you can trust me?

MCGARRETT
Because my father did.

This lands. For Chin, it’s a prayer answered -- the second chance he never thought would come. Off Chin, GALVANIZED:

INT. KAMEKONA’S SHAVED ICE - KAPAHULU AVENUE - DAY

Chin greets KAMEKONA, Ex-con turned Shaved Ice King, wearing an XXL Pro Bowl t-shirt. They grip hands and hug as McGarrett and Danny watch --

CHIN
What flavor’s good today?

KAMEKONA
Lilikoi, Lychee, Cotton Candy --

CHIN
How bout a name?

KAMEKONA
(wary glance at the guys)
They wait outside. After they pay.

Chin looks at his “partners”: “Pony up.” They do --
MCGARRETT
I’ll take Cotton Candy.

DANNY
Plain.

KAMEKONA
Two cones and two t-shirts to go.

Kamekona holds up a t-shirt with HIS OWN SMILING MUG on it. Chin's look says: "buy it now."

MCGARRETT
... okay. Medium.

KAMEKONA
Only comes in XL, Brah. My face don't fit on anything smaller.

McGarrett shells out a fifty. Kamekona shakes his head: "more." McGarrett looks to Chin, who holds out 5 FINGERS. Jesus. McGarrett pulls out 4 hundred dollar bills, hands them over. Kamekona pockets them, hands over the shirts:

KAMEKONA (CONT’D)
Cool. One more thing I need you two fine gentlemen to do...

EXT. KAMEKONA’S SHAVED ICE - DAY

MINUTES LATER, and McGarrett and Danny, now WEARING the oversized shirts, leaning against their car eating shaved ice -- looking RIDICULOUS and annoyed -- as people pass and grin. McGarrett notices a 7-year old GIRL staring at them. Looks at her. She keeps staring. His eyes say: “What?”

LOCAL GIRL
Are you a policeman?

MCGARRETT
No.

LOCAL GIRL
You look like a policeman.

McGarrett lowers himself to the girl. Eye-to-eye. Offers his uneaten shaved ice:

MCGARRETT
Go away.

LOCAL GIRL
I don’t like cotton candy.

DANNY
I got something you might like...

He reaches into the backseat of his car. Hands the girl the pink bunny he bought for Grace. She LIGHTS UP:
LOCAL GIRL

Thanks!

And takes off, thrilled. McGarrett throws Danny a look:

MCGARRETT

You always carry around pink bunny rabbits?

DANNY

What, you don’t?

-- and now CHIN exits the shack, sees our heroes, LAUGHS.

MCGARRETT

You better have a name.

INT. STATE POLICE TASK FORCE HQ - LOLANI PALACE - DAY

CLOSE on a computer screen -- surveillance photo of island crime lord SANG MIN (42):

CHIN

Sang Min.  Came here from China about eight years ago.  Wife’s originally from Rwanda.  Also here illegally --

And we POP WIDE to reveal McGarrett, Danny and Chin in Task Force HQ.  Raw space in a palatial suite.  A couple desks.  A computer.  Phone.  Hang tight folks, it'll get there.

CHIN (CONT’D)

-- they have one child.  A 7-year-old boy.  And according to my man Kamekona, Sang Min runs the island's human import export business.

DANNY

Even if Sang Min’s for real, he's got no reason to tell us where Hesse is.

MCGARRETT

Then we motivate him.

DANNY

Forget it.  Coercion won’t hold up in court.

MCGARRETT

I’m saying we find some leverage, use it to twist his arm.

CHIN

Define ‘leverage.’
MCGARRETT
Simple bait and trap with an undercover we wire up.

CHIN
Only one problem, keiki. That might work well on the mainland, but we're on an island with less than a million people. Which means the bad guys know the good guys, so we need to look for our bait outside the box.

MCGARRETT
I take it you have the perfect guy in mind.

CHIN
(a grin)
Oh yeah.

EXT. PIPELINE - DAY

KONO KALAKAUA (23) shreds a long, MASSIVE wave. The woman is spectacular. Not just because she's got wave cred and fills out a wetsuit, but homegirl's got serious akamai (smarts). Our heroes watch her from the beach, wowed...

MCGARRETT
That's your niece?

CHIN
Choose your next words carefully. Both of you.

DANNY
She’s very... talented.

CHIN
Kid’s off the charts: speaks 4 languages, including Japanese and Mandarin. 2nd degree black belt --

ON KONO, in the mix with a half dozen guys, all vying for the same set. She takes off, has the inside track --

CHIN (CONT’D)
-- and then there's surfing. Had offers to compete, but all she ever wanted was to wear a badge. Graduates the police academy in a month... unfortunately she's my niece, which means the HPD will never take her seriously.
Kono gets to her feet first -- drops down -- carving a BOTTOM TURN at the base of the wave -- carves back up the face and lines up to shoot the barrel... but ANOTHER SURFER suddenly DROPS IN on her. Kono YELLS at him to pull out. He ignores her -- and she EATS IT. Pummeled in the washing machine -- finally bursts to the surface. Pissed, she paddles in...

MCGARRETT
You sure about this? She's got no street experience.

Kono -- on shore now -- rushes up behind the surfer --

KONO
Ho brah -- !
(the guy turns; she SLUGS HIM HARD)
Think twice next time you wanna drop in on someone’s wave.

She makes tracks, stops: surprised to see Chin. Kisses him:

KONO (CONT’D)
Uncle...!

CHIN
You had it, Water Woman. Double-overhead, serious doughnuts...

KONO
Waste. First good pipe of the season.

CHIN
Tourists.
(them)
Kono, meet Commander Steve McGarrett and Detective Danny Williams.

MCGARRETT
(as they shake)
You got a nice left hook.

KONO
Nah, Man, that was a love tap.

DANNY
(chuckles; to Chin)
I think I found my Cinderella.

MCGARRETT
Your uncle tells me you're graduating from the police academy next week. How’d you like to earn a little extra credit before you do?

She looks at Chin, then back to McGarrett, intrigued:
KONO
I'm listening...

And as our latest team-member’s brought into the fold:

**EXT. MCGARRETT HOME - SUNSET - ESTABLISHING**

**INT. MCGARRETT HOME - SUNSET**

CLOSE ON THE “CHAMP” BOX, as McGarrett OPENS it. Removes the KEY. **JUMP CUTS:** McGarrett tries the key on EVERY LOCK IN THE HOUSE -- doors -- boxes -- NOTHING. Our cuts end on McGarrett in his father’s STUDY, at a loss...

Then. He notices a LOCK on his father’s DESK DRAWER. Slips the key in: BINGO. It OPENS and he starts sifting through the contents -- nothing of significance in here. But McGarrett knows his father -- feels around for a hidden compartment -- finds it -- removes a large MANILA ENVELOPE.

Dumps the contents onto the desk: A USED OPERA TICKET with a YAKUZA MON CREST sketched on the back, a dusty old FLOPPY DISK, POSTCARDS marked “Osaka, Japan” with a series of hand drawn STICK FIGURE DANCING MEN (ciphers for letters).

ON McGARRETT. Reeling. **What is all this?**

Then, an EMAIL PING from his laptop. He checks the sender: *rollinsc@navcentcom.navy.mil*  Clicks it. The email reads: **“HERE’S YOUR PALM PRINT... BE CAREFUL. LOVE, C.”**

Clicks the ATTACHMENT: A CIA FILE WITH A PHOTO OF JOVAN ELTSIN, matching McGarrett’s print to the same one on the CIA database. McGarrett scans -- processing DETAILS on the file -- then, a KNOCK at the door. McGarrett looks through... DANNY. Opens it:

**DANNY**
-- got the surveillance equipment you asked for. You hear from Chin?

**MCGARRETT**
Not yet.  
(the laptop photo)
Recognize this guy?

**DANNY**
No. Who is he?

**MCGARRETT**
Jovan Elstine. File says he used to work for the Russians as a computer programmer in SVR, the equivalent of our CIA. He was here when my father was murdered. I found his palm prints and partial boot print in the kitchen.
DANNY
How’d you know they didn’t belong
to the guy who killed your father?

MCGARRETT
Hesse wears size eleven, like me,
except double E. The one I found
was smaller, and Hesse gets his
footwear custom made. Direct
injected polyurethane midsole with
a nitrile rubber outsole. This
print was made from a Terra Steel
Toe EH GoreTex boot, footwear of
choice for a lot of mercenaries in
Eastern Europe.

Jesus. Danny can’t help but be impressed: this guy is good.

DANNY
... well I could’ve told you that.
(then; opens the fridge)
Need a beer.

MCGARRETT
Don’t touch that, it’s evidence --
this is still a crime scene.

He says that MOCKINGLY. The ice is thawing between these
two. Danny tosses him a beer -- McGarrett heads outside to:

EXT. MCGARRETT HOME - DECK - SUNSET

Golden sunset. They emerge onto the deck, staring out at the
water... McGarrett clearly deep in thought...

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
So you ever gonna tell me what
Danno means?

DANNY
Maybe. If you tell me what’s in
the box.

MCGARRETT
Truth is... I don’t know yet. All
I know it was important enough to
be the last thing my father said.
(then)
Right now... it’s just a puzzle.

Danny sees the pain, the confusion in McGarrett. Offers:

DANNY
Me and Grace... we love puzzles.

McGarrett stares, grateful.
MCGARRETT
You’re a good father.

DANNY
... yeah, well. I don’t know sometimes... guess there’s three ways of looking at that. I might just be stupid enough to get killed chasing some scumbag meth head... and then what kind of father would I be? Or maybe I’m just a selfish sonofabitch...
(beat, with some humility)
... cause truth is, I need this. I wanna do what I’m good at... and be reminded I’m good at what I do. And if that means having to put up with your twisted belief that you’re never wrong, so be it.

McGarrett sort of grins, appreciating the honesty...

MCGARRETT
... so what’s the third?

DANNY
Even though I do tell myself this isn’t permanent... it’s Grace’s home now.
(beat)
And my job’s to make it safe.

That RESONATES with McGarrett. Words his dad lived by. He raises his longneck in a toast. They CLINK glasses -- a nod of mutual determination. Then, his cell RINGS. He answers:

MCGARRETT
Yeah.

INT. KAMEKONA’S SHAVED ICE - KAPAHULU AVENUE - NIGHT

After hours. Chin and Kamekona.

CHIN
Sang Min bought the pitch. Kono sees him 9:00am. Tomorrow.

MCGARRETT
Good work.

EXT. MCGARRETT HOME - NIGHT

CLICK. McGarrett looks to Danny:

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
We’re on.

END OF ACT TWO
ACT THREE

FADE IN:

EXT. O'AHU - MORNING - ESTABLISHING

AERIAL: AS WE RAMP ACROSS THE ISLAND and pick off money shots: the resorts in Waikiki -- Honolulu financial District -- Chinatown -- Aloha Tower -- Waimanalo Polo Field -- the high stakes Banzai pipeline -- Dole Plantation -- and finally, landing on an outrigger canoeist battling the surf. The day has begun. And it's damn near perfect.

INT. STATE POLICE TASK FORCE HQ - LOLANI PALACE - MORNING

FIND McGarrett, Danny and Chin looking over a map of Sang Min's trucking facility. Kono exits the next room, wearing a well-worn dress. Hair tied back. Playing the role of poor immigrant. She's AMPED, feeling the adrenaline rush of her first real job:

KONO
How do I look?

DANNY
... great.

Chin throws him a look. Danny feigns innocent: "What?"

MCGARRETT
(approaches Kono)
This crew's our only link to Victor Hesse. Sang Min, the producer, you get him to talk, illuminate the network, we'll indict and use him to catch our fish.

KONO
(big grin)
Let's do this.

Now Chin moves CLOSER -- right up in her grill --

CHIN
Stop smiling.

Instantly, she DOES. Caught off guard --

CHIN (CONT'D)
This isn't an academy training exercise, these guys aren't tourists you can punch in the nose -- they kill for recreation. One more body on the pile means nothing. If you move wrong in there, and I mean one inch, your ass is smoked. So this is all on you, girl.

KONO
(chastened, quietly)
... I got it.

Chin stares...
CHIN
Feel that fear?  Use it.
(beat)
You’ll do good.

Uncle and Niece lock eyes: she’s a tough girl, and appreciates what he’s doing here -- getting her ready.

EXT. MAMALA BAY TRUCK REPAIR - DAY

A large, six-bay, heavy-duty truck and trailer repair facility near the airport. Welcome to the unglamorous side of the island. The part tourists seldom see. FOLLOW KONO as she enters the Manager’s Office --

INT. MANAGER’S FRONT OFFICE - MAMALA BAY TRUCK REPAIR - DAY

Two large SAMOAN MEN stop and frisk her at the door.

KONO
I'm here to see Sang Min.

INT. SURVEILLANCE VAN - DAY

McGarrett, Danny and Chin crammed in. Quiet, intense activity. They use a military grade Audio Surveillance System to monitor the room. Sound wave vibrations are transmitted and played over a speaker system. A THERMAL IMAGE of the office appears on a monitor. Players appear as four WHITE HOT SPOTS.

INT. MANAGER’S OFFICE - MAMALA BAY TRUCK REPAIR - DAY

The Samoans escort Kono into the room. Behind his desk is SANG MIN, fat and deeply-tanned. He takes his time looking up from paperwork, and when he does, he likes what he sees.

SANG MIN
My friend says you need my help.

KONO
I have an aunt and uncle in Nanjing... they would very much like to live here.

SANG MIN
I can have your family here within a week. Getting them out of China is easy. Paying for it is the hard part.

KONO
I have money.


INT. SURVEILLANCE VAN - DAY

They see this on the thermal. Danny tenses.

SANG MIN’S VOICE
What I require is a significant amount of money. Do you mind if I ask what you do?
INT. MANAGER'S OFFICE - MAMALA BAY TRUCK REPAIR - DAY

KONO
I work at the cannery on Pacific. And weekends as a housekeeper at the Royal Hawaiian.

SANG MIN
Two jobs. Very commendable. Only I'm afraid the kind of money we're talking about might be out of your reach.

He leans forward. Runs his hand through her hair.

SANG MIN (CONT'D)
Unless of course we find some other form of payment --

He suddenly reacts to something. Removes his hand from her hair. Feels something between his fingers...

SANG MIN (CONT’D)
Sand. What kind of person working two jobs has time to go to the beach?

It gets tense real fast.

INT. SURVEILLANCE VAN - DAY

DANNY
Pull the plug.

CHIN
Relax. The kid can handle herself.

INT. MANAGER'S OFFICE - MAMALA BAY TRUCK REPAIR - DAY

KONO
The Royal Hawaiian is on the beach. And I surf during my lunch hour.

Sang Min holds her look:

SANG MIN
Or maybe you’re a cop. Did anyone check her for a wire?

SAMOAN #1
When she came in.

SANG MIN
Maybe you missed it. (dark, to Kono) Get up. Take off your dress so I know you’re not wearing a wire. Prove to me you’re not a cop.
INT. SURVEILLANCE VAN - DAY

Frozen moment. Everyone waiting. How's Kono going to play it? FAVOR CHIN, now visibly unnerved. On the thermal we see her lift her hands over her head.

INT. MANAGER'S OFFICE - MAMALA BAY TRUCK REPAIR - DAY

Kono's dress hits the floor. And she's now standing before them in only her bra and panties. Sang Min rises.

SANG MIN (CONT'D)
Turn around.
(Kono hesitates)
I said turn around...

She does. Nothing but bronzed skin and cotton. Sang Min circles her. No wires. She can feel him behind her. His breath on her neck. His eyes narrow on a nasty reef scar. He says something in Mandarin.

INT. SURVEILLANCE VAN - DAY

DANNY
What did he say?

MCGARRETT
He asked how long she's been surfing.

INT. MANAGER'S OFFICE - MAMALA BAY TRUCK REPAIR - DAY

KONO
(in Mandarin, SUBTITLED)
Fifteen years. Ever since I came to the United States.

SANG MIN
You need to do a better job avoiding the reefs. A person can lose their life playing in dangerous waters.

He lets the threat hang there. Kono holds his stare.

KONO
I'd like to put my dress back on now.

Sang Min gestures; do it. Returns to his desk. As Kono dresses -- Sang Min brings up his iPhone and SNAPS a photo:

KONO (CONT'D)
What are you doing?

SANG MIN
I'm going to send this photo to a friend of mine. And he's going to show it to his friends. If anyone recognizes you, you're dead.

He hits SEND. And the mood goes from tense to lethal.
SANG MIN (CONT’D)
Take a seat. You're not going anywhere until I hear back.

He stabs a button on his desk -- triggering the front gate to CLOSE -- unfortunately our heroes are on the other side --

INT. SURVEILLANCE VAN - DAY

The audio surveillance starts to go STATIC -- in and out -- we’re hearing bits and pieces --

MCGARRETT
We got wires on his phone. Trace the call.

Danny works a laptop. Triangulates the call. Reads screen:

DANNY
It's a mobile number. Unlisted...

MCGARRETT
You got a location?

Danny does... then, SHOCK. Stares numbly at the screen.

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
Danny -- ?

DANNY
It's ringing inside my precinct.

CHIN
(holy SHIT)
-- you got a mole in there --

MCGARRETT
Chin, does anyone know your niece was in the police academy?

CHIN
(nervous as hell)
I don’t know... Maybe...

INT. HONOLULU POLICE DEPT - DETECTIVE'S BULLPEN - DAY

CLOSE -- A CELL LCD -- as an incoming text and PHOTO OF KONO appears with a note: “KNOW HER?”. TILT UP TO REVEAL...

BEN KOKUA, the same asshole who mocked Danny with the tanning lotion earlier. He glances around furtively, picks up a phone -- dials --

INT. MANAGER’S OFFICE - MAMALA BAY TRUCK REPAIR - DAY

Sang Min’s PHONE starts to ring -- Kono tenses, knowing full well she has seconds to come up with an exit strategy --

INT. SURVEILLANCE VAN - DAY

Through the CRACKLING AUDIO, the unmistakable sound of Sang’s PHONE RINGING -- SHIT --
DANNY
What do you want to do?

INT. MANAGER’S OFFICE – MAMALA BAY TRUCK REPAIR – DAY

-- And Sang Min ANSWERS ---

SANG MIN
Hello --

But before the conversation can happen -- THE SURVEILLANCE VAN EXPLODES THROUGH THE FRONT GATE! Shit goes flying -- McGarrett stomps on the brakes -- the three exit and crash through the front door, where they find the Samoans on their asses, Sang Min with his hands in the air -- and Kono with one of their guns in her hand. Holy shit. This girl is good. Only... what she doesn't know is that Sang Min has his eyes on a .45 he has stashed under his desk -- Kono looks back to our heroes, breathless --

KONO
Did you get it?

MCGARRETT
We got it.

DING! Sang Min’s iPhone CHIRPS. Kono picks it up. Reacts. Hands it to McGarrett. It reads: "SHE'S A COP."

-- That’s when Sang Min pulls the .45 from under his desk --

CHIN
Gun -- !

-- Sang Min OPENS FIRE. Chin throws Danny to the ground, saves his life -- McGarrett and Kono duck for cover -- Sang Min empties the clip and escapes through a back door. McGarrett is first after him. As Chin gets to his feet --

CHIN (CONT’D)
This is the part of the job I did not miss.

EXT. MAMALA BAY TRUCK REPAIR – DAY

As McGarrett bursts from the back door -- He HEARS an ENGINE FIRE UP, TIRES SCREECHING -- SANG MIN IN A VAN, BARRELING TOWARD HIM! McGarrett FIRES at it -- windshield SHATTERS, tires explode -- Sang Min loses control and SLAMS into the side of a container.

McGarrett is THERE, pulling Sang Min out of the driver's seat... as Danny, Chin and Kono arrive. That’s when they HEAR BANGING from inside the container Sang Min hit --

McGarrett OPENS the back door to find... The container’s filled with terrified Chinese refugees. Off this --

EXT. MAMALA BAY TRUCK REPAIR – DAY

Danny and Kono coordinate with HPD now on scene. The Samoans are loaded into patrol cars. REFUGEES into buses. Nearby, an HPD CRUISER rolls up. McGarrett OPENS the passenger door for Chen Chi, leads her over to...
HER PARENTS. Who immediately embrace her, overwhelmed, tears flowing. McGarrett takes a step back, watching the emotional reunion. He glances over, meets eyes with DANNY across the yard. Shared victory. Off the family reunited, we PRE-LAP:

SANG MIN V.O. (RECORDING)
-- I can have your family here within a week.

INT. MANAGER’S OFFICE - MAMALA BAY TRUCK REPAIR - DAY

Sang Min, wearing flex-cuffs, sits across from Chin. Photos of Hesse and Elstin between them. A laptop plays back a recording of Sang Min and Kono’s meeting:

SANG MIN (RECORDING)
-- Getting them out of China is easy. Paying for it is the hard part.

Chin PAUSES the recording.

CHIN
Like that? Laser Audio Surveillance. You don't need a wire to get a confession out of your hupo ass.

SANG MIN
I'm going to sue you for entrapment. And when I'm done collecting, I'm going to find that little hottie you sent in here and this time, I'm going to be less of a gentleman.

Chin takes a heavy ashtray off the table and SLAM! -- HITS Sang Min with it. Draws blood. McGarrett enters.

CHIN
Sorry, boss.

MCGARRETT
I didn't see anything.

SANG MIN
Sonofabitch hit me!!

MCGARRETT
If you want to file a report, you're going to need a witness. Do you want to file a report?

SANG MIN
Yes!

Chin HITS Sang Min with the ashtray again. Fuck, it hurts.

MCGARRETT
("oblivious")
My eyesight must be going --

SANG MIN
I wanna go to jail now.
MCGARRETT
We're not done yet.

He rises. Chin pushes him back into the chair. McGarrett holds up the photo of Hesse.

MCGARRETT (CONT'D)
Where is he?

Sang Min stares back, defiant, bloody. McGarrett places two photos on the table: Sang Min's wife and son.

MCGARRETT (CONT'D)
How about these two? Do you know where they are?

Sang Min is silent. "Fuck you."

MCGARRETT (CONT'D)
Listen to me very carefully. Right now, your wife's getting her nails done on Kalakaua avenue; your boy's at his private school in Diamond Head. I wonder what he'll think when he finds out his father takes children just like him and puts them on the streets to be pumped full of black tar heroin, then sold to strangers like animals.

Still, Sang Min is stone. Cold stare.

MCGARRETT (CONT'D)
You're going to jail, that's not up for negotiation. Your family's about to lose a husband and father -- in my eyes, now they're your victims too. Trouble is, the law doesn't see it that way since you all came here illegally. Your wife's from Rwanda, she'll be sent back -- they both will. If they're lucky, they'll make it to a refugee camp. And your son -- seven's old enough to carry a gun for the Hutu Militia. I can prevent all that... but I don't help people who don't help me.

Sang Min looks to Chin, then back to McGarrett -- and we see it now: he's SCARED.

SANG MIN
What kind of cops are you?

MCGARRETT
The new kind.

EXT. MAMALA BAY TRUCK REPAIR - DAY

On the cut, McGarrett BURSTS out of the manager's office -- finds Danny -- they MOVE together, fast --

MCGARRETT (CONT'D)
-- I need a car --
DANNY
-- what’d he tell you--?

MCGARRETT
-- he put Hesse and Elstin on a cargo ship headed for China --

EXT. N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY - DAY

Here comes the HPD cruiser they borrowed. McGarrett burying the accelerator -- driving like a madman.

EXT. PIER 39 - HONOLULU HARBOR - DAY

-- they come in hot. McGarrett hits the brakes. Our heroes scramble out and down the pier -- only to find it empty. McGarrett stops a passing DOCK WORKER--

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
There’s supposed to be a ship here. Where is it?

DOCK WORKER
The Emma Maersk. It left about a half hour ago.

DANNY
We’re too late.

Off their frustration, adrenaline pumping, CAMERA RAMPS BACK, leaving them alone on the empty pier, as we --

SLAM TO BLACK.

END OF ACT THREE
ACT FOUR

FADE IN:

INT. HPD CRUISER - TRAVELING - DAY

McGarrett and Danny -- totally on it -- pedal down -- blowing past light traffic. Up ahead -- the Nimitz Highway --

GOVERNOR JAMESON (OVER PHONE)
You want a helicopter to do what?

INT. GOVERNOR JAMESON'S OFFICE - LOLANI PALACE - INTERCUTTING

Governor Jameson, on the phone --

MCGARRETT
-- you promised me “immunity and means” --

GOVERNOR JAMESON
-- not to provoke a diplomatic incident by boarding a Chinese freighter in international waters -- even if I get support from the State department, I don’t have a lot of pull with the People’s Republic of China --

MCGARRETT
-- if they’re caught smuggling a terrorist, trust me, the People’s Republic won’t say a word. I did my job, Governor, I found Hesse, now do yours: get me in the air!

He hangs up, accelerates forward as we SMASH CUT TO:

EXT. JAYHAWK - MID-AIR - DAY

AERIAL -- TRACK A COAST GUARD CHOPPER -- an HH-60 JAYHAWK FROM ABOVE -- AS IT THUNDERS across a blanket of whitecaps and deep cerulean blue --

EXT. JAYHAWK - MID-AIR - DAY

McGarrett and Danny check weapons, strap on body armor. Grim, silent. Eyes scanning for the ship. Then, Danny’s ringtone: ‘PSYCHO’ THEME. He hesitates, then answers --

DANNY
Yeah...
(listens)
Rachel, don’t start with me, I left you a message, I told you I
(MORE)
couldn’t pick her up from school today.

(beat)
Don’t tell me you had to change your plans, you always send your driver for her anyway --

(louder)
I can’t help that, I'm in a helicopter...

As McGarrett racks the slide on his Sig with a loud CLICK -- an ominous sound the underscores how life-or-death this is --

DANNY (CONT’D)
Listen, just do me a favor? Tell Grace...

(beat: what if he never sees her again?)
... tell her Danno loves her.

... a beat, and he hangs up. Finds McGarrett’s eyes on him. A look that says: “Tell me already.” Fuck it:

DANNY (CONT’D)
When Grace was three, she’d try to say my name, but it always came out “Danno.”

MCGARRETT
That's it?

DANNY
That's it.

MCGARRETT
Cute.

DANNY
Shut up.

MCGARRETT
I’m not messing with you, Man. You don’t have to be embarrassed --

DANNY
I’m not embarrassed, just drop it --

MCGARRETT
-- why can’t I think it’s cute --?

DANNY
-- I don’t want you thinking about it at all. It’s between me and my daughter.

MCGARRETT
Are you blushing?
DANNY
No, the blood’s rushing to my head, from the -- from the altitude. (off McGarrett’s grin)
Leave me alone.

SUDDENLY -- OVER the headphones:

COAST GUARD PILOT
Commander, I have a visual. Three o'clock.

McGarrett looks out, and there’s the container ship just ahead. It's a big one. 15,000 TEU (Twenty-foot equivalent unit). Forty foot shipping containers stacked 6 high.

EXT. JAYHAWK - MID-AIR - DAY

The Jayhawk BANKS HARD, heading for the ship --

COAST GUARD PILOT (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Container ship Emma Maersk, this is Jayhawk 25 calling you on channel 16, over.

EXT. JAYHAWK - MID-AIR - CONTINUOUS

NO RESPONSE -- the pilot tries again:

COAST GUARD PILOT (CONT’D)
Captain Emma Maersk, you are ordered to alter your course and return to port. Do you understand, over?

Long, crackling silence. McGarrett and Danny meet eyes:

DANNY
Looks like we’re being ignored.

MCGARRETT
(to the pilot)
Get us as close as you can!

INT. CREW QUARTERS - CHINESE CONTAINER SHIP - DAY

HESSE -- urgent -- on a wall phone. ELTSIN behind him.

HESSE
They’ll try and board us.

INT. PILOTHOUSE - CHINESE CONTAINER SHIP - INTERCUTTING:

TIGHT: The CAPTAIN. On the phone --

HESSE (V.O.) (CONT’D)
Whatever happens, do not stop this ship.
EXT. JAYHAWK - MID-AIR - DAY

The Pilot swoops in low. McGarrett and Danny take off their helmets, SLIDE OPEN the cargo door, YELLING over the engine:

DANNY
How do you wanna do this?!

In response, McGarrett LEAPS. Hits the container, rolls onto his side -- a perfect military parachute landing fall (PLF).

DANNY (CONT'D)
Of course.

Danny hesitates -- no choice really -- JUMPS too:

EXT. CHINESE CONTAINER SHIP - TRAVELING - DAY

-- and hits the deck, smashing his left arm on a large valve.

As McGarrett runs to him: BANG BANG! They immediately take on gunfire. CREW MEMBERS with AK-47’s rush the deck --

McGarrett and Danny return fire, covering each other as they weave through the narrow passageways between containers. And our guys are dead-on shots, as one-by-one they pick off the crew -- leaving only Hesse and Elstin. The hunt is on.

At the end of the passageway, Danny breaks left -- going after Elstin, McGarrett right -- going after Hesse.

Eltsin is SHOT in the ankle, goes down, tries to get up but Danny is THERE to disarm him -- using his knee to keep him down, ties on the flex cuffs:

DANNY (CONT'D)
Don’t make me shoot you again.

MEANWHILE: McGarrett, in full pursuit -- reloading as he ducks for cover -- sees movement up ahead. Heads for it. Weapon aimed. Eyes over the sight. Comes around a corner -- rushing the container -- nobody. Then -- BLAM! BLAM!
There’s Hesse, climbing the side of a container.

INT. PILOTHOUSE - CHINESE CONTAINER SHIP - TRAVELING - DAY

The Captain, watching from the Pilothouse window, suddenly feels cold steel pressed against the side of his head. It’s:

DANNY (CONT’D)
Stop the ship now.

EXT. CHINESE CONTAINER SHIP - DAY

As the Captain kills the engines, the huge ocean swells begin to rock the slowing vessel as McGarrett climbs the container after Hesse. As he crests the top: BANG!
Hesse FIRES at him -- McGarrett catches a rung before falling -- but not before losing his Sig -- it CLATTERS to the deck, slides away.


As Hesse raises his CZ-TT .45. BLAM! McGarrett's leg explodes crimson just as he TACKLES HESSE -- Hesse’s gun slides away as they both SLAM down on the container top --

Adrenaline forces McGarrett on through the pain -- they stagger up -- brutal HAND-TO-HAND -- on unsteady footing -- exchanging punishing blows -- there's also the matter of Hesse being a master at mixed martial arts, which he breaks out to great effect on McGarrett. Meanwhile:

The .45 skitters across the container roof -- back and forth -- propelled by the motion of the ship -- McGarrett goes DOWN -- Hesse pulls a knife from his pocket -- that’s when McGarrett sees it -- the .45 -- just sitting there at the far end of the container -- the rocking of the ship about to slide it back -- But there's no time -- Hesse is advancing --

**MCGARRETT**
You should know something about your brother...

**HESSE**
What about him?

McGarrett buys himself an extra second. All the time he needs: the .45 slides back -- lands in McGarrett's reach --

**MCGARRETT**
He died the same way you did.

BLAM! Hesse is blown backwards -- off the container -- off the ship -- into the churning Pacific. Holy shit! McGarrett slowly gets to his feet. Body wracked. Leaking blood. His gun hand drops to his side as he steps to the edge of the container and looks down.

Hesse never surfaces.

Overhead, the chopper circles. Coast Guard cutters approach. McGarrett sees Danny leading Eltsin below.

**DANNY**
What do you want me to do with him?

**MCGARRETT**
Book 'em, Danno.

Danny drills him with a look -- though, with a smirk:
DANNY
What’d I tell you about calling me that?

EXT. WAIMEA BAY – DAY

Sitting in the sand, staring out at the water are McGarrett (crutches beside him) and MARY. He’s just filled her in -- she’s, upset, trying to make sense of it:

MARY
... I don’t understand...

MCGARRETT
When I opened the box, there were these photos... and a key to dad’s desk. I found an envelope inside with all these weird things: an opera ticket, postcards from Osaka --

MARY
-- what are they?

MCGARRETT
I don’t know. But he kept them for a reason.

(then, the kicker)
Mar, the photos were taken at a crime scene. Of mom’s car. The date she died was written on them.

Sledgehammer. Mary’s eyes -- blinking -- what?

MARY
What do you mean --

MCGARRETT
She didn’t die in a car accident. Mom was murdered.

(beat: her SHOCK)
A car bomb. I think Dad believed it was meant for him. That’s why he was apologizing on the phone.

She’s stunned silent. Mind tumbling.

MARY
Who-- who wanted to kill him? I mean, why would--

MCGARRETT
I don’t know yet.

And we watch her brain perform the impossible backflip of re-examining her father, her life, in a nanosecond:
MARY
... why didn’t he just tell us the truth?

MCGARRETT
We were kids.

MARY
So he sent us away... to protect us?

McGarrett stares: yeah. Mary looks off. For a long beat, she’s quiet. Then, softly:

MARY (CONT’D)
All those years he let me hate him for that.

MCGARRETT
Maybe hating him... was the sacrifice he lived with. So we could grow up without being afraid.

And that brings it right to the surface for her. Eyes well, as she stares at him...

MARY
Except now I’m scared for you.

MCGARRETT
Don’t be.
(beat, thoughtfully)
This is where I belong... I think it’s why I spent so much time running away from it.

And she sees he means it. Their look HOLDS.

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
Whatever happened. Why it happened. I’m gonna find out. I promise you.

MARY
You don’t owe me anything. I’m the one who should be--

MCGARRETT
-- no.
(warm smile)
Brothers don’t always tell their sisters how much they love them, Mar.
(beat)
But I do.
The dam breaks and she takes his hand. The first time they’ve been really connected, maybe ever. As we POP WIDE: brother and sister, sitting side-by-side as waves CRASH:

INT. STATE POLICE TASK FORCE HQ - LOLANI PALACE - DAY

Outside a MAMMOTH WINDOW is a stunning view of the ocean. DOLLY PAST WORKERS filling the space with equipment. INTO FRAME comes McGarrett, on crutches. Slowly, we TRACK AROUND to face him in CLOSE UP: his eyes. New beginnings. He sees Danny unloading boxes at a desk... hobbles over...

    MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
    We get a trace on the call Sang Min made to the precinct?

    DANNY
    No. Whoever it is is using a VOIP number. The trace ends at the server.

    MCGARRETT
    We got us a mole to find.

A beat. McGarrett drops a HOTEL KEY HOLDER on Danny’s desk:

    DANNY
    What’s that?

    MCGARRETT
    Three nights at the Kahala Hotel. (Danny stares: surprised) Look, I know you’re gonna say no --

    DANNY
    Yes. I’m gonna say no. What is it with you and my living arrangements?

    MCGARRETT
    Grace is coming over this weekend, right? I hear this place has a pool and you can swim with the dolphins. (then) Just take it.

Long beat. Finally, Danny does. Genuinely touched:

    DANNY
    ... thank you.

McGarrett GRINS. No way around it: they dig each other.

    KONO (V.O.)
    Seriously, guys, this group needs a name. Something cool --
INT. STATE POLICE TASK FORCE HQ - LOLANI PALACE - DUSK

It’s LATER, a glorious red SUNSET -- the place is empty now, only McGARRETT, DANNY, CHIN and KONO -- sitting around a table sharing celebratory BEERS -- and slowly, we DOLLY AROUND THEM -- LAUGHING -- a sense of improv, of fun -- a sense, above all, they’ll make one helluva team:

CHIN
How about: A'oehe hana nui ka alu'ia -- it means: ”No task is too big when done together.”

KONO
I was thinking more like "Strike Force." Or "Hawaii Special Police."
   (their looks: no)
"Hawaii Vice?"

DANNY
Slow down, girl, you ain’t even graduated yet --

KONO
-- next week --

MCGARRETT
Then it’s off to Turtle Bay: drunk tourists, golf cart accidents --

CHIN
-- how about "IIU."
   (Kono’s face: huh?)
"Island Investigation Unit."
   (Kono waves it off)
C’mon, you got something better?

McGarrett has NOTICED something on the wall: a map of the Hawaiian islands with every state numbered. He stands, ambles over... remembering something... they all watch him looking at the wall...

CHIN (CONT’D)
... Boss?

MCGARRETT
(beat; very quietly)
Five-0.

DANNY
What’d he say?

KONO
Five-0?
MCGARRETT
It’s what my father used to call our family because we weren’t native Hawaiians. It was his way of making us feel like we belonged someplace.

That LANDS on everyone. They feel it too: a sense of belonging... together. McGarrett steps closer to the map...

MCGARRETT (CONT’D)
See? That’s us. Hawaii. Five-0.

We PUSH INTO THE MAP, the promise of more adventures to come:

INT. GARAGE - MCGARRETT HOME - DAY

McGarrett closes the old “Champ” toolbox. Sets it down. Pulls the tarp off the Mercury Broughman. Cracks the hood. Assesses the work. Grabs a wrench. MATCH TO:

The same tool in the hands of six-year old STEVE McGARRETT -- as it’s handed off to his father --

RESUME McGARRETT. He gets to work -- under the hood -- his way of honoring dad. Our first real moment of peace... IS ABRUPTLY INTERRUPTED BY THE PRELAP OF SCREAMING SIRENS:

EXT. BEACH - PLUSH MAUI RESORT - DAY

Commotion. A LIFE GUARD ATV blazes by. Arrives at a crowd gathering around a FEMALE LIFEGUARD who just pulled someone out of the water -- got him breathing again: it’s Victor Hesse. Anemic and déhydrated. Despite the bullet hole in his shoulder and loss of blood, he tries to get up.

FEMALE LIFEGUARD
Sir, please, you shouldn’t move. You’ve been shot.

Hesse pushes her out of the way. Gets to his feet and cuts across the sand --

INT. PLUSH MAUI RESORT - DAY

-- Marches through the lobby -- attracting stares -- this waterlogged monster -- leaving puddles in his wake --

EXT. PLUSH MAUI RESORT - DAY

Outside he finds the first VALET on duty --

HESSE
I need a taxi.

SLAM CUT TO:

A BREAKING WAVE... and the adrenaline pumping guitar strains of our THEME.

END OF SHOW