

Low Co-Pays  
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INT. HALLWAY - DAY

PETERSON and CARRUTHERS flatten against a wall.

Throughout the scene a voice on the other side of the wall is threatening to kill anyone who comes inside.

CARRUTHERS

Any chance someone with a cape or a mask is heading our way?

PETERSON

Dispatch says they're all busy. We're on our own.

CARRUTHERS

Great. You and me against a super strong, freakishly fast, bloodthirsty supervillain.

PETERSON

Who's probably bulletproof.

CARRUTHERS

Who's probably bulletproof.

(beat)

What I wouldn't give for heat vision right now.

PETERSON

Or ice breath.

CARRUTHERS

Or laser fingers.

PETERSON

Ooh, laser fingers is good. I like laser fingers.

SUPERVILLAIN (O.C.)

I'll kill all you fuckers! I'll burn your bones inside your skin.

Beat.

PETERSON

You know. You ask me, this being a cop thing... gettin' kinda boring. Whattaya say we move someplace exciting like Cleveland. Get a job at the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame. I hear they got a great dental plan.

CARRUTHERS

Yeah?

PETERSON

Yeah. Free check ups. Low co-  
pays.

CARRUTHERS

HMO or PPO?

PETERSON

PPO, baby! I wouldn't stick you  
with an HMO.

Pause.

PETERSON

So?

Beat.

CARRUTHERS

Ask me tomorrow.

Carruthers yanks open the door. Rushes in.

PETERSON

God, I hate optimists.

He follows him inside.