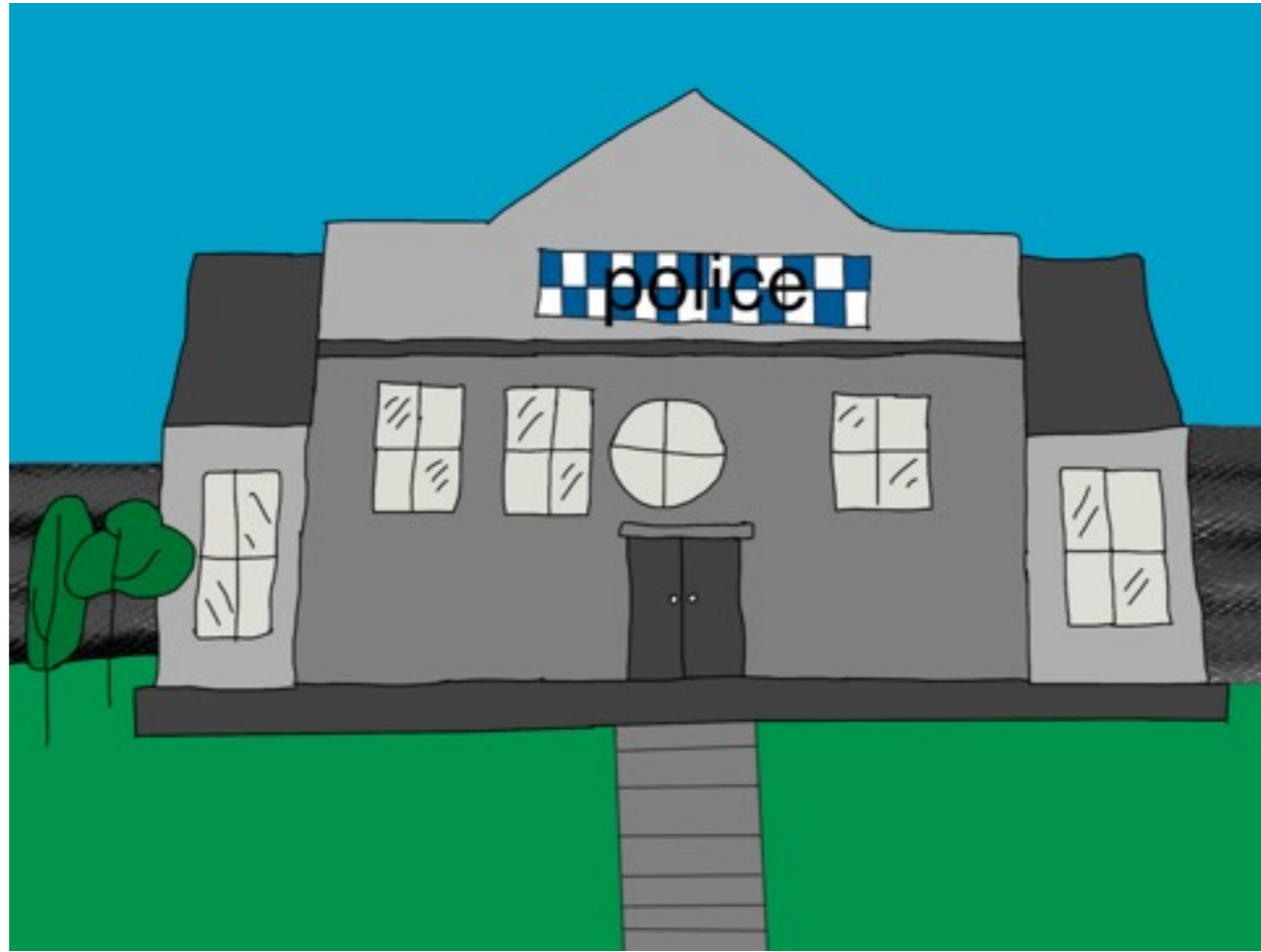




Perspective: Bust 101

Part 1: Jailbreak - Officer Sean



100 busts. A milestone deserving of a celebration. My partner Heath, our loyal canine Rusty and I make an amazing team. We are the best of best, so we always get the first call. On this day, we are headed to the local prison in our squad car. There has been a prison escape and we are on the case.

“Hold on Rusty” I exclaim as he pulls on the lead. Rusty is a gigantic German Shepherd we have by our side to help us fight crime. We enter the dry, dusty prison and find ourselves surrounded by tall steel fences with sharp barb wire wrapping the prison, like tinsel on a Christmas tree.

“They escaped through a small hole that they cut in the wire fence along the South wall, and stole a police motorbike parked outside” explains the warden. “The strange thing is, both of the prisoners were due to be released in just a few weeks. It doesn’t make sense that they would try to escape now after so being in here so long.”

The prisoners had a few hours head start, but that wouldn’t help them with our expert squad on their trail.

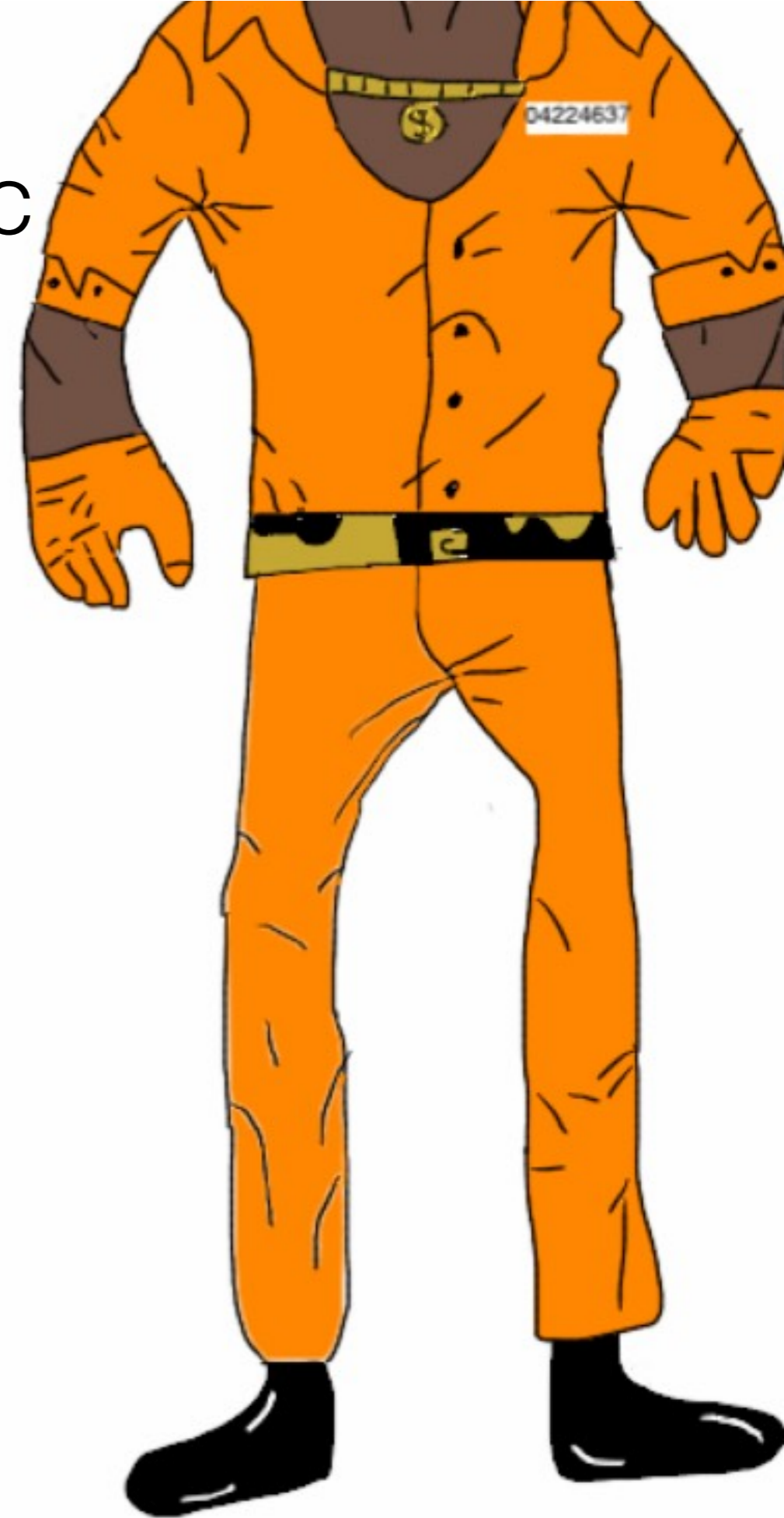


Part 2: Framed - Prisoner Zac

I was framed and then put in jail for a robbery I didn't commit.

I've been rotting in jail and plotting my revenge. My life got turned upside down when I refused to help a gang rob the very bank I was working at. The cops built a solid case against me after they found some marked bank notes at my house.

I was locked up and they threw away the keys.



Luckily, I met a friend, Nathan, who not only helped me survive the dreadful prison, he eventually helped me escape. Nathan wasn't a good man on the outside, he admitted as much. He never really shared how he ended up in prison, but it had to do with gangs and guns. All that mattered to me was that Nathan had my back.

Why escape now? Well, I had no choice. When a letter arrived in the mail with a photo of my daughter I knew I had to escape. The note that accompanied the photo said:

'It would be a pity if your young daughter was to disappear - Zannis'

Part 3: Stakeout - Officer Heath

The criminals are careless. We track their mobile phone to an old, abandoned warehouse. Sean, Rusty and I stake out the warehouse watching for movement. A few random people amble by walking their dogs, but no one that looks like our criminals.

Suddenly, a black SUV screams around the corner and drives into the warehouse carpark. Four masked men jump out of the car and run into the building. From inside the car we hear yelling and a single gunshot ring out. We leap from the car and head for the entrance.



Part 4: The Shootout - Zac

Nathan and I stand atop the rusty metal staircase waiting for Zannis and his gang. Suddenly, the doors burst open and the four masked thugs run inside. Each man is built like a bulldozer and covered in tattoos.

“Where’s the briefcase?” demands Zannis.

The brief case in question has an unbreakable Carbon fibre case and is filled with safe codes and a key card for the bank. Zannis couldn’t steal the money without these items and he would do anything to get it.

“Here it is” I reply as I hurl the briefcase towards Zannis. It lands on the concrete floor with a thud. Zannis pops open the lock on the briefcase like a little kid opening a present on Christmas day. His excitement is short lived. Zannis flies into a psychotic rage. He pulls out his weapon and points it squarely at me.

A gunshot rings out, but I feel nothing...

BANG!

Part 5: Zannis Explodes - Nathan

The veins in Zannis' neck begin to bulge. His face turns bright red. His eyebrows furrow. Zannis draws his gun from its holster and points it squarely at Zac. As Zannis squeezes the trigger, I have to move quickly.

The chamber clicks and a gunshot rings out just as I step in front of Zac. I feel a piercing pain in my shoulder as the bullet sinks into my muscles. I wince as I fall slowly towards the cold concrete.

Blood begins to pool all around as I gradually faint away...



Part 6: Bullets Fly - Officer Heath

”Get down on the floor!” I shout as we charge through the warehouse doors.

I give Rusty the command to disarm the culprits as he sprints towards one of the thugs. But there would be no quiet surrender today. Bullets fly as we dive to take cover. The shooting lasts for only a few moments before it falls quiet. The last bullet shell drops and bounces along the ground as bodies lay on the floor in silence. Sean, rusty and I, run to see who is still alive...

I grab my radio and shout,

“OFFICER DOWN, OFFICER DOWN!”

But the injured officer is neither Sean nor Rusty.

Nathan, who took a bullet to the shoulder, is in fact, an undercover cop. He was incognito in the prison trying to lure Zannis out of hiding so he could capture his gang. Now, rather than being sentenced to life in jail, Zannis and his thugs had lost theirs.

Fortunately, Nathan had only suffered a flesh wound, and would be fine. With Nathan alive to testify on his behalf, Zac would be free to reunite with his daughter. Nathan was able to explain that Zac had been set-up by Zannis in an elaborate plot to rob the bank.

Part 7: Award Season

“Here before us today are the four bravest police officers I have ever met on the force. Heath, Sean, Nathan, and last but not least, the brave German Shepherd, Rusty” the police Captain says with pride.

End.