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Time: The Present

Place: San Francisco

Characters: POGO, 19 and SKYLAR, 17, both street kids

SCENE I: THE BALLET SCHOOL

SKYLAR and POGO are sitting on the sidewalk sharing a joint.

POGO

This is some fucking good shit.

SKYLAR

Benny's the man, brah.

POGO

Fuckin' A.

SKYLAR

Hey, Dude?

POGO

What?

SKYLAR

You think Dante's, like, gonna be cool and shit?

POGO

It's not the first time.

SKYLAR

Yeah, but it's been, like a week.

POGO

It's been three days. He'll turn up in an alley somewhere, he'll come back and everything will be cool. You'll see.

SKYLAR

Yeah. Dude?

POGO

What?

SKYLAR

What if he's...you know?

POGO

He's not. He's fine.

SKYLAR

How would Mikey handle it? I mean they're all tight and shit, you know?

POGO

It'll be fine, stop worrying.

SKYLAR

Dude. That would suck.

POGO

Yeah.

SKYLAR

I mean Dante's like cool and shit, you know?

POGO

I know.

SKYLAR

Dude.

POGO

Yeah.

SKYLAR

You sure he's all right?

POGO

I'm sure.

SKYLAR

Cool. Dude, there she is.

POGO

Which one?

SKYLAR

The one in pink, with the red socks.

POGO

Pink?

SKYLAR

Dude, the one in pink with red socks, over there.

POGO

With the pigtails?

SKYLAR

Yeah, Dude.

POGO

Those tights aren't pink.

SKYLAR  
Yeah they are.

POGO  
They're purple, Dude.

SKYLAR  
That's purple?

POGO  
Yeah.

SKYLAR  
Serious?

POGO  
Purple.

SKYLAR  
Dude. I thought that was pink.

POGO  
You'd think you'd know.

SKYLAR  
What?

POGO  
Nothing. So what's so special about this chick?

SKYLAR  
She likes me, Dude.

POGO  
Yeah, right.

SKYLAR  
Dude, that chick digs me, I shit you not.

POGO  
Why would a rich little chick like her dig you.

SKYLAR  
I'm a sexy mother-fucker, brah.

SKYLAR starts dancing like he's Prince.  
Then after a moment he starts imitating  
the ballet moves the girls are doing  
inside.

POGO  
Dude, serious, you really gotta stop doing that.

SKYLAR

It's hella' fun, brah.

POGO

It looks stupid, people will think you're a fag. And stop calling me a bra.

SKYLAR

What?

POGO

Knock it off.

SKYLAR

Whatever you say, brah. Dude? She's hot right?

POGO

A babe.

SKYLAR

Dude?

POGO

What?

SKYLAR

Can I ask you somethin'?

POGO

I don't know, can you?

SKYLAR

What?

POGO

What is it?

SKYLAR

Well, it's that, I was wondering if you really, you know?

POGO

What the fuck you trying to ask me?

SKYLAR

Well, on Sunday Dude?

POGO

It was nothing.

SKYLAR

Dude, you were fucked up.

POGO

No I wasn't.

SKYLAR

Are you still?

POGO

I told you I quit didn't I?

SKYLAR

Yeah.

POGO

Then why're you fuckin' askin' me?

SKYLAR

Well, it's just...

POGO

Did Jubilee put you up to this? She thinks I'm lyin' so she got you to ask me about it, didn't she?

SKYLAR

Hell no, Dude. She wouldn't do that.

POGO

Then why you askin'?

SKYLAR

I was just wonderin'. I mean I know that shit can be hard to break, you know?

POGO

Yeah, I know.

SKYLAR

Well, I'm just sayin', if you are...you know, Dude. I understand and shit. Cause you're my brah, you know?

POGO

You're a deep mother-fucker you know that?

SKYLAR

Sexy too, brah.

POGO

Just don't dance anymore.

SKYLAR

No problema' Dude. Look, Dude, she's wavin' at me.

POGO

She's stretching you moron.

SKYLAR

Shut up, I'm not a moron.

POGO  
She's not waving.

SKYLAR  
How do you know?

POGO  
Wave back and see what she does.

He waves...sulks and sits down.

POGO  
See.

SKYLAR  
Dude.

POGO  
Sorry.

SKYLAR  
Bummer.

POGO  
She would never understand you Skylar.

SKYLAR  
Really?

POGO  
Hell no. I've known you for years and I have no idea what the fuck is wrong with you.

SKYLAR  
Dude!

POGO  
Let's get some beer.

SKYLAR  
Dude.

SCENE II: SKYLARS' JOB

Skylar's hangin out on a bench. He spots someone off stage and walks to the edge. He addresses the 'friend'.

SKYLAR  
Hey man, what's up?--  
Me, nothin'.--  
Skylar, yours?--  
Nice to meet you, Peter.--  
Yeah, I'm available.--

I'm clean Dude, I always wear somethin'.-  
Fifty.-  
Cool, man. Where do you live?-  
Nice area, let's go.-

Skylar exits.

SCENE III: SOCKS THE SEA LION

POGO and SKYLAR hang at Pier 38  
watching the Sea Lions.

POGO  
Who's that?

SKYLAR  
Which one?

POGO  
The one with black spots down his back.

SKYLAR  
Dude, that's Spot. Duh.

POGO  
Of course.

SKYLAR  
See that one?

POGO  
Which one?

SKYLAR  
The one biting the smaller one.

POGO  
Yeah.

SKYLAR  
That's Jaws.

POGO  
Jaws?

SKYLAR  
Yeah, Dude, he's always biting the others.

POGO  
You really get into this huh?

SKYLAR  
Kills time.

POGO

You think they know your name?

SKYLAR

Dude, they're Sea Lions. How would they know my name?

POGO

Hey guys! His name's Skylar!

Skylar waves.

SKYLAR

Hey Dude's!

POGO

I think they heard me.

SKYLAR

Cool, brah.

POGO

You don't think they understood do you?

SKYLAR

You think so?

POGO

They're Sea Lions dumbass! Of course they didn't. Numbnuts.

SKYLAR

Fuck you man.

POGO

What?

SKYLAR

Fuck you!

POGO

Relax, I was just giving you shit.

SKYLAR

You suck, Dude. I'm not a dumbass.

POGO

I'm sorry.

SKYLAR

Serious?

POGO

Serious. I'm sorry.

SKYLAR  
You don't really think I'm a dumbass do you?

POGO  
No, I don't.

SKYLAR  
'Cause I'm not.

POGO  
I just said you weren't.

SKYLAR  
Okay. Don't do that again.

POGO  
I won't, swear.

The Sea Lions begin barking loudly.

SKYLAR  
They're laughing at you.

POGO  
Maybe they're laughing at you.

SKYLAR  
No way Dude, they're my buds. They know me. They're laughing at your ass.

Pogo does his best DeNiro impression.

POGO  
You laughing at me? You laughing at me?

SKYLAR  
Hell yeah, brah.

POGO  
You better not be laughing at me!

SKYLAR  
You tell 'em, brah!

POGO  
This is kind of fun.

SKYLAR  
Told you.

POGO  
That one there.

SKYLAR

Yeah?

POGO

The one with white patches on his feet, or whatever those things are.

SKYLAR

Yeah?

POGO

Socks. Socks the Sea Lion.

SKYLAR

Socks the Sea Lion. Sweet Dude.

SCENE IV: A LITTLE SKYLAR LOVIN'

POGO and SKYLAR hanging out in front of the ballet school.

SKYLAR

Dude, there.

POGO

The one in blue?

SKYLAR

Yeah.

POGO

She's cute.

SKYLAR

She's bitchin' Dude.

POGO

What happened to Pink?

SKYLAR

She would never understand me Dude.

POGO

You're totally right. You think Blue would?

SKYLAR

Yeah, brah, Blue's cool.

POGO

Cool. Hey Skylar?

SKYLAR

Yeah?



POGO

Do you like having sex with guys?

SKYLAR

I guess. Sure, it's cool.

POGO

So, you like guys?

SKYLAR

I like everyone, Dude. I like you, you're my brah.

POGO

You do know what I'm tryin' to ask you, right?

SKYLAR

You askin' me if I'm like gay and shit?

POGO

Yeah.

SKYLAR

This is how I see it dude. I pick up those guys to make money for us. For the family. I don't mind it too much, sometimes I kinda dig it. But if we didn't need the cash I wouldn't do it.

POGO

That's what I thought.

SKYLAR

Why're you askin' me?

POGO

I was just curious.

SKYLAR

You need a blow job or somethin'?

POGO

Shut up!

SKYLAR

You want some Skylar lovin' brah?

POGO

I'm gonna punch you in the face asshole.

SKYLAR

Skylar lovin's the best, Dude.

POGO

Look, Blue's lookin' at you.

Dude! SKYLAR

She likes you. POGO

Dude. SKYLAR

SCENE V: POGO'S BACK

A public bathroom. POGO enters and goes to the sink. He pulls out a spoon, matches, a syringe and a bag of heroin. He cooks the heroin and fills the syringe. He exposes his neck, locates a vein and shoots up. He sits down on the floor and leans back against the sink. After a minute he passes out.

SKYLAR enters and sees POGO on the ground. He quietly picks up all the equipment and packs it into POGO'S bag. He then sits on the floor next to POGO and holds him trying to comfort him. POGO quietly mumbles to himself.