

QUANTICO

FADE IN:

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A look at the lives of young FBI recruits training at the Quantico base in Virginia when one of them is suspected of being a sleeper terrorist.

MIRANDA

Natalie Vasquez would you please step forward?

(Natalie steps down)

Natalie, we have reasons to believe that you have been less than candid on your application.

NATALIE

I didn't lie.

MIRANDA

How did you get that scar on your neck?
(Natalie remained silent)

I ask you again. How did you get that scar? One of the field counselors this morning saw that scar coming off your skin. It's not real is it?

NATALIE

No it is not.

MIRANDA

Explain yourself.

NATALIE

I had a boyfriend. He was bad news. He hurt me. Not physically.

MIRANDA

Emotionally?

NATALIE

He made sure I lived in fear of every move

he made. Made sure I knew I was never safe and I was too scared to leave. When someone hits you people can see the bruise, but no one can see what Eddie did to me. I got pregnant and that was it. I had to get away but he wouldn't let me and I couldn't have my daughter grow up with the same fear that I had. So when he said he'd sue for full custody, I gave that judge something she could see and I got to keep my girl.

MIRANDA

Where is she now?

NATALIE

After she was born he got his life together. When I applied here, he said if I got in and if I left even for 5 months, he'd find a way to get her back and he has. I never lied to you. Not to you, not to the agents that did my checks. I never mentioned it and they never asked.

MIRANDA

But you let them believe it. You kept wearing it. Why?

NATALIE

I was too afraid that if I took it off I would lose her for good.

MIRANDA

Well technically you didn't lie. You withheld. And withholding can compromise anyone of you as an agent. Any secret no matter how small can be used as a weapon by someone who wants something from you.

NATALIE

The scar isn't a secret. It's a reminder of who I use to be. It's a symbol. It's no different than Parrish's own bracelet or Wyatt's plane piece. How I chose to remind

myself of my sacrifice of being away from
my girl or my fight, that isn't anything
that anyone can compromise.

MIRANDA

The board will retire to deliberate. We
will return once we've reached the
decision.

FADE OUT:

THE END