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The Pearl Earring

Episode 1

(A Crime Drama For Television)

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**“How Far Would You Go in the Line of duty?”**

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**The world about them:**

This two part crime drama takes us into a police undercover operation set inside a pole dancing nightclub in London's Soho district.

On the whole the UK police do a pretty decent job, but in recent times there have been many bad examples that have hindered the respect we hold for them. It is with that in mind that I have written the first of two episodes that concentrates on a very significant undercover operation into Tiffany's nightclub. The club could be considered to be a "Titty Bar," however it is also a cover for drugs and money laundering, which has caught the attention of the National Criminal Intelligence Services. DC Carruthers and her colleague Shelly Peters are the undercover detectives in the mix.

**Their objective:**

To use surveillance to build a case against dodgy club owner Kris Savva.

**Mission:**

Infiltrate Tiffany's Nightclub as pole dancers.

To wear a surveillance camera, disguised as a pearl earring.

Report to the Commander after each and every shift.

Kris Savva is an ageing London hard man of Greek Cypriot descent. He's a no tolerance fella who'd made his wealth as a buyer of cabbage from the rag trade. With a four-hundred percent mark-up, he then put his cash into property dealerships around the UK: Buying up cheap, unwanted housing, before moving into the entertainment industry.

**Opening scene:**

DC Carruthers and Shelly Peters stand before the Undercover Operations Commander and are given their instructions to carry out an undercover surveillance, posing as pole dancers at Tiffany's Nightclub.

David, his only son's job is to oversee everything runs smoothly at his father's club, and when pole dancer Medusa (aka DC Carruthers), drops the pearl earring. It's spotted and confiscated by David Savva. He is drunk, violent and cocky, and what he desires from Medusa, he expects on a platter. With this in mind he approaches her with an offer to hand back the earring in exchange for a sexual favour to which she refuses. However, her refusal offends and he attacks her, leaving

the club with the earring still in his possession. She immediately calls a colleague to report the misfortune of losing the earring and reveals the person responsible.

Born in Paris to a promiscuous alcoholic English Mother and French Prosecutor. Kiki Carruthers parents had split up and she was brought back to England where she studied at Cambridge, then later went on to achieve Bachelors in criminal law and psychology. Her sexual needs are attended to by her work colleague and girlfriend Shelly Peters.

### **Scene two:**

Scene two provides contrasting events as DC Carruthers stumbles upon David Savva inside the NCP where she also parks her vehicle. Upon spotting him she takes the opportunity to search him for the earring, without success, since he has just been robbed by fugitive Bulgarian Roman Petrescu. Carruthers spots him hiding inside the NCP, so takes him on. She searches him for the earring, again without success. She's left with no choice but to call for back-up. Petrescu is then charged with the murder of David Savva. The motive - Murder with the intent to steal.

Nevertheless, DC Carruthers has a lot of explaining to do to her superiors. She is taken off the assignment when her cover is blown wide open by DCI Anthea Must. She discovers the pearl earring among David's possessions and sends it for data analysis. This causes great concern, after footage from Tiffany's reveals the undercover operation. DCI Must challenges her detectives, DI Steve Pearson, and Glaswegian DS James Johnson to come up with a credible solution to David's murder. Upon their failure to do so, she sends DI Pearson to another task force, then works with DS Johnson herself to unravel the investigation into David's murder. And It isn't long before she discovers an anomaly, before DC Carruthers becomes her prime suspect. DS Johnson, however, has strong links to Kris Savva, since they are Freemasons and share the same lodge. DS Johnson becomes his ears and eyes, and continuously feeds him information in regards to the progress and failures concerning the investigation.

For Roman Petrescu, his immediate fate couldn't have come at a worse time. He is a wanted man back in Bulgaria, for the rape of the Mayor of Velingrad's teenage daughter, and he seeks his own personal justice, so plans a visit to London to seek him out. However, Kris Savva also has plans for Roman Petrescu, and bides his time.

### **Dramatic Action**

The investigation takes an unexpected twist and DC Carruthers is arrested and charged with David's murder, due to forensics and CCTV evidence showing her to be complicit. Her colleague Shelly Peters is also arrested, due to DNA found on the murder weapon.

Roman Petrescu is later exonerated of David's murder, but is then charged with robbery. He is sent to a secure unit awaiting trial, until Kris Savva uses DS Johnson to devise a plan to kidnap and murder him. This all goes to plan, until the Mayor of Velingrad shows up and a deal is brokered to share a pound of flesh.