INT. CLARK'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Clark and Ronnie enter.

CLARK
So, congrats on the new job.

RONNIE
You, too.

Ronnie notices the items on the floor.

RONNIE (CONT'D)
I would've thought it came with a desk.

CLARK
No desks. All the recent psycho-ergonomic studies prove that desks impose an artificial hierarchy that impedes communication and productivity.

RONNIE
Oh, that's right. You're some kind of professor.

CLARK
(smiles)
What tipped you off?

RONNIE
What didn't?

CLARK
You know, I loved teaching. But Dad got sick, and my brother decided to become a...

RONNIE
Yeah, I heard --

CLARK
None of us saw it coming. When we were kids we had a Yorkie. He was terrified of it.

RONNIE
We had a Yorkie. They're pretty feisty.

CLARK
They are. But hardly terrifying.

(then)
What was I talking about?

RONNIE
I can't remember.
CLARK
Neither can I. Let's start over.

RONNIE
Okay. Why is there a tuxedo on your coat rack?

CLARK
Ah, I have this fund-raiser tonight at the country club.

RONNIE
(brightens)
My girlfriend's going to that.

CLARK
Who? I'll ask her to dance.

RONNIE
Make it a slow one. She'll be balancing a tray of shrimp.

CLARK
Oh,
(an awkward beat)
So, you wanted to talk.

RONNIE
Right. Some of the guys on the line were a little freaked out when you showed up at the honeywagon.

CLARK
Yeah, it did seem kinda weird. You know, in Japan, everyone eats together. They also bathe together.

RONNIE
Where are you going with this?

CLARK
Absolutely nowhere.

RONNIE
The thing is, the guys see the honeywagon as their turf. Where they can relax, and kid around...

CLARK
No problem. I get it. I just wanted to show we're all on the same team.
CLARK: My dad used to go on and on about how your dad acted like a king, standing on the back of the truck, throwing turkeys to the peasants down below.

RONNIE: Yeah, but he really had a problem with the whole attitude.

CLARK: My father loved getting into that hokey Santa on the roof scene and dressed up in that hokey Santa outfit and rammed his fist inside and made it talk like a puppet.

RONNIE: Remember that flight they had at the Christmas party? We were all eating the leftovers and a couple of the turkeys fell on the floor, and he got all instituted when your dad took his and... you know...

CLARK: That's my thesis. If we're going to turn this company around, we've all got to pull on the same end of the rope.

RONNIE: Why couldn't our dads have seen that?

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