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Intensely suspenseful music.

A bloodied Derek is barely sitting up against a wall, too battered to stand.*

Phil, smoldering with rage, stands in front of him, pointing a gun at his head.

PHIL
You killed my uncle.

Derek looks scared of what's to come.

PHIL (CONT'D)
And you know how I work. An eye for an eye.

Phil kneels down, ready for EXECUTION.

DEREK
You're... going to kill... my eye?

PHIL
I'm going to kill... your LIFE.

Slowly... the boom mic drops into the shot... and bops Phil on the head.

PHIL (CONT'D)
Hey!

He looks to the camera.

PHIL (CONT'D)
Chris!! Get the stupid mic out of the shot!!

Chris, the off-screen cameraman and boom operator responds:

CHRIS
Just keep going.

PHIL
What?!

Chris waves the boom pole around.

CHRIS
Just keep going!! It's good.

Phil watches the pole dance.

PHIL
How is that good?

CHRIS
It picks up sound better like this.

Chris rubs the mic on Derek's face.

He knocks off his glasses.

PHIL
Stop it. Cut.

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They try the shot again:

PHIL
Action.

DEREK
You're... going to kill... my eye?

PHIL
I'm going to kill... your LIFE.

The boom mic drops into the shot again...

Chris points it at Derek and pretends to shoot it like a gun:

CHRIS
Bang bang bang!!

Phil's furious:

PHIL
CHRIS!!

CHRIS
Just keep going.

PHIL
NO!!

Derek speaks timidly:

DEREK
...Well, maybe we could just try it
with the mic?

PHIL
Are you crazy?! Why!?

DEREK
It could, um, represent your anger.

Chris starts to shake the boom pole.

CHRIS
Yeah look, I'm shaking it, it's
angry.

Phil grabs the pole.

PHIL
Stop it!! No more boom pole!!

CHRIS
...Fine.

PHIL
Cut.

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They try the shot once more:

PHIL
Action.

DEREK
You're... going to kill... my eye?

PHIL
I'm goi--

Chris throws a pie at Phil's face.

...Phil says nothing for a moment.

Then:

PHIL (CONT'D)
I like the pie idea.

CHRIS
Thanks!

The boom pole drops in and smacks Derek's head, knocking him unconscious.**

THE END.

*[OR: They are standing face to face.]

**[OR: Chris uses the boom pole to shove Derek, who falls backwards with a shriek]