



Brenda and Fritz  
face work and  
personal turmoil

**EXCLUSIVE**

## A Closer Cliff-hanger

The murder room on *The Closer* will earn its name when two people are shot to death there during the September 4 season finale. The plot finds deputy police chief Brenda (Kyra Sedgwick) teaming with her FBI beau Fritz (Jon Tenney) on a case involving a mobster in the witness protection program. The wiseguy's wife has been killed, and so has one of the FBI agents assigned to protect them. The investigation leads to even more carnage—right in the presumably secure LAPD squad room.

This could be a real career-killer for Brenda, but fans won't have to wait until Season 3 starts next summer to see the fallout: In December, TNT will air a two-hour *Closer* special that picks up where the finale left off. "At that point, Brenda will be on paid administrative leave and fighting to keep her job," says series creator James Duff.

Of course, this wouldn't be *The Closer* without a domestic crisis. During the chaotic finale, Brenda's cat will run away. "She blames it entirely on Fritz," Duff says. "This will be a real 'Aha!' moment in their relationship."

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