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## THREAT MATRIX

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## BLACKNESS:

Sound fades up. A cacophony of VOICES all overlapping in what seems like a thousand different languages. As if we are listening to a million cell phone calls AT ONCE.

## PICTURE FADES UP:

EXT. SAIELLITE POV: EARTH - AMERICA'S HEARTIAND - SUNRISE
We are 22,500 miles above Earth, inside an NSA satellite in geostationary orbit. The CHAPTER continues, then suddenly stops. A moment of serene calm, then we SNAP ZOOM down, breaking the sound barrier, roaring, roaring, roaring toward Earth at four thousand miles per second. The NOISE is deafening....Then SILENCE as our CAMERA stops six feet above the red-baked dirt of....Nebraska.
C.U. SATELLITE POV: We adjust to this remote, godforsaken outpost. A sign: "FT. McCLAIN AIR FORCE BASE. TRESPASSERS WILI BE PROSECUTED." CAMERA PULLS BACK until we have a birdseye view of one of the nation's 102 Atlas Long Range nuclear missile sites.

INT . CONTROL ROCM - ATLAS MISSILE SILO - NEBRASKA - DAY 1
Two uniformed TECHNICIANS sit at a launch console drinking Jolt and eating donuts. You wouldn't know they're in charge of a nuclear warhead.

TECHNICIAN \#1
She's all about the Krispy-Kremes. I mean they're good, but I'm like, 'Hey baby take it easy, it's just a damn donut'.

As they talk, a BEE crawls unnoticed through an air vent.
TECHNICIAN \#2
(taking a bite)
You don't get women at all.
First one bee, then another, and now hundreds-an invasion.
TECHNICIAN \#I
What the--
TECHNICIAN \#2
I'm allergic to bees, man.
The technicians are terrified, the bees swarming around their heads.

TECHNICIAN \#2 (cont'd)
They sting me, I'm toast.
He backs toward the door, scared, swatting at the buzzing invaders.

EXT. MISSIIE SITE - GUARD GATE - DAY 1 - ONE HOUR LAMER
KILMER (42), a country beekeeper, and ERANKIE (35) the beekeeper's wife, and TIM SUTTON (29), their side-kick, arrive in an old plank truck. (Kilmer, Frankie, and Sutton all speak with a mid-western twang until further notice.)

KIIMER
(out window, to guard)
Heard you got a little problem.
The guard waves them in.

ESXI. MISSIIE SITE - MISSILE SILO ROAD - DAY 1
The beekeepers' truck is escorted by an Air Force jeep. Ahead is the missile complex. A dozen bunker-like concrete slabs above ground.

INT. MISSILE LAUNCE COMPIEX - DAY 1
The beekeepers strap on protective gear and face masks. The two technicians stand around with a couple MPs. On monitors, they are watching the video feed of the bees swarming in the control room.

TECHNICIAN \#1
It's a hundred feet down. Don't know how they got in.

KILMER
Damndest thing I ever saw. A hundred feet, you say?

TECHNICIAN \#2
Yes, sir. A swarm of them.
SUTTON
(a bit slow and twitchy)
Looks like those Africanized bees. From Mexico.

FRANKIE
(to Kilmer)
I told you I felt something strange when I woke up this morning.

KIIMER
(to MPs)
It's incredible. My wife knows the day before that bees are going to swarm. She feels it in her eyelashes, right honey?

ERANKIE
Don't call me honey.
KILMER
The Mrs. and me are going through a rough patch.

FRANKIE
(to MP)
Anybody else down there?
TECHNICIAN
No, ma'am.
SUTTON
Good, because they don't call them killer bees for nothing. Five folks in California died last week. Stung one guy 61 times.
INT. / EXT . ELEVATOR - MISSILE SIIO - DAY 1 - CONTINUOUS
All suited up, our team heads into the elevator, carrying honeycomb cages, an old bag of equipment with nets sticking out. MP \#1 keys up the elevator.

MP \#1
I've got to escort you down. Regulations.
Kilmer, Sutton and Frankie exchange looks.
ERANKIE
(to Techs)
You two weren't eating donuts were you? They go crazy for donuts.

The two technicians look sheepish. Elevator doors slide shut.

INT. CONTROL ROCM - MISSILE SILO - 100 EF. UNDERGROMND - DAY

Out of the elevator, the MP leads the beekeepers to an entry way. Once inside, Sutton pulls out a STUN GUN and KNOCKS OUT earpieces, and sud their Midwestern accents, pop in ordinary beekeepers.

KIIMER
(into throat mike)
Jelani, Lark do you copy?
We hear a VOICE FEED in their eaxpieces.
VOICE (O.S.)
Five by five boss. You ready?
KILMER
Affirmative:-
INT. THE VAULT - UNKNOWN LOCATION - DAY 1 - SAME
The voice belongs to: JELANI (24), African-American. He's sitting at a console with a bank of flat-screen monitors. $A$ toggle switch in his left hand, he uses a satellite downlink, manipulating the silo's video surveillance, substituting pre-made footage for the live feed. on a split screen monitor.

On one side of Jelani is LARK (29), female, and on the other side is MO (34) Egyptian-American, both analyzing the feeds: Mo watches the guards and Lark zooms in on the silo's

JELANI
Override engaged. Initiating replacement
feed.
INT.
MISSILE SIIER - GUARD STATION - DAY 1 - SANG
All looks normal to the MPs watching on monitors. (They see a pre-made loop of our crew collecting the bees.)

INT. MISSILE LAUNCH CONTROL CENTIER - DAY 1 - CONTINUOUS
But inside it's Mission Impossible land.
The team takes off their bee gear. Bees are all around them, landing on faces and hands.

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But oddly, no one is getting stung. Everyone is calm, then precise. Kilmer is clear casually spits out a bee.

JELANI O.S.
Damn, that buzzing is loud.
LARK O.S.
(in Frankie's earpiece)
Frankie, go thirty feet...it's on your left...

KILMER
(sings and hums the old blues song to himself) I'm a King Bee, buzzin' around your hive.

FRANKIE
(to Kilmer)
Can you shut up? Sorry Lark, go ahead.
Frankie is at the control board, looking to her left.
IARK O.S.
(to Frankie)
....You should see four switches. Push them in sequence 4-1-3-2. Repeat 4-1-32.

Frankie does. Sutton has opened a circuit box, pulls specific wires. Kilmer has taken out his PALMPILOTX.

JELANI (O.S.)
(to Kilmer)
Hook the wires in: red to green, green to blue.
Kilmer hooks the wires into his PalmPilotX (it looks like a regular Palm Pilot, only slightly larger, but it's fully loaded with cutting edge technology). The fail-safe computers are immobilized, opening massive air-compression hatches.

INT. MISSILE SILO TUNNEL - DAY 1 - CONTINUOUS
Our crew is moving down a tunnel, carrying their duffel bag, through a series of hatch doors, to the--

INT. MISSILE SILO THRUST RING - DAY 1
Missile itself, rising above them in the silo.

KILMER
(to Frankie)
Damn that's big.
FRANKIE
Having missile envy?
KILMER
(playful)
You miss me, don't you?
Standing on the thrust ring, Sutton and Kilmer remove bowguns from their pack, shooting ropes onto a girder far overhead.

EXT. MISSILE SILO GUARD SHACK - DAY 1 - SANE
MPs watch the security monitors: they continue to see a prestaged loop of our team capturing bees and getting stung.

TECHNICIAN \#1
(grimacing)
Man, that's a crappy job.
INT. MISSIIE SILO THRUST RING - DAY 1 - MINUTES IATER
Our crew, all three now dangling from ropes hanging from the ceiling, opens the heart of the missile. There is no room for error. A masterful; efficient team, they talk to each other over throat mikes.

JELANI (O.S.)
Fourteen minutes and counting.
Kilmer and Sutton register that time is running out.
KILMER
(to Sutton)
Counter balance threading...
SUTTON
(all focus)
Got it covered.
(twitching a bee off his nose)
Dam it.
Sutton attaches three wires from his high tech harness into a digital security box near the warhead's casing. The digital read-out scrambles, then turns green, unlocking the system.

SUTTON (cent'd)
Weaponized plutonium. How much?
Kilmer ties off wires around the warhead.
KIIMER
On the black market--
FRANKIE
\$50 million--
KILMER
Easy.
(singing again)
Let me tell you 'bout the birds and the bees and the flowers and the trees....

He trails off as Sutton extracts the softball-size warhead. A few detonators stick out of the warhead.

SUTTON
Got it.
Kilmer and Sutton transfer the warhead into a Teflon safety case.

INT. MISSILE SILO THRUST RING - DAY 1
Frankie and Kilmer carefully stash the warhead inside the honeycomb--a perfect fit.

FRANKIE
We're running out of time.
JEIANI O.S.
You are out of time.
Frankie gives Kilmer a look, Kilmer winks at her: I told you this would work.

INT. MISSILE SIIO CONTROL ROOM - DAY 1 - CONTINUOUS
Sutton pulls the guard--still out cold--into the room, props him against the wall. He pulls a SYRINGE out of his bag, injects guard.

SUTTON
(smiling)
He won't remember a thing.

JELANI (O.S.)
(over earphones)
Time to break out, people.
Sutton pulls out canisters, throws one to Frankie and Kilmer; they spray it on the honeycomb.

FRANKIE
(to Sutton)
You sure this works?
KILMER
It better, I got it from a buddy at M.I.T. He said it took over a thousand queen bees to make the stuff.

Following the scent, the bees begin to descend on the honeycombs. Kilmer and Frankie exchange smiles.

EXT. MISSILEF SIIO - DAY 1 - MINUTES LAATER - NOON
Back in their bee suits, the three carry the honeycomb into daylight, a swarm of bees following. The guards keep a distance.

KILMER
(back with Midwestern accent)
We sprayed a nasty repellent down there. You should probably stay out for another half hour.

They put the gear onto the old truck and they're gone--out the gate, down a road, over a rise, leaving the audience to think: Who are these people, and what are they up to?

EXI. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY - WASBINGTON D.C. - dAY 1 - sUnset

Establishing shot.
PRELAP
GENERAL'S VOICE
How far could they have gotten in eight hours?

INT. D.O.E. GENERAI'S OFFTCE - DAY 1-EVENING
An AIR FORCE GENERAL is on the phone in his large flagadorned office. He is the D.O.E.'s Undersecretary of Security.

Behind his desk is a DOUBLE EAGLE CREST with the words, "Department of Energy." His agency is responsible for safeguarding our nuclear arsenal.

GENERAL
(on phone)
No, nothing showed up on the C-Sat, Mr. Secretary.
(beat)
Beekeepers! How the hell--
Kilmer and Frankie burst into the room as an ASSISTANT tries to stop them. Kilmer is carrying a TITANIUM SUITCASE. He and Frankie are no longer dressed as beekeepers. The general hangs up as...

The suitcase is put on his desk and unlocked.

KIIMER
Missing something in Nebraska, General?
General opens the suitcase, realizes what's inside.
GENERAI.
(to his assistant)
Who the hell is this cowboy?
KILMER
Special Agent in-charge, John Kilmer, sir, F.B.I. Working with the Department of Homeland Security.

The General registers this. And so do we. Kilmer is brilliant, relentless and charming. Imagine. Ted Turner inside the Bureau, he's that unorthodox.

GENERAL
Half of the federal government has been on alext looking for this warhead. You have a hell of a lot of nerve to come waltzing in here, you son of a bitch.

KILMER
(to Frankie)
He's insulting my mother.

FRANKIE
(to the general)
He's very sensitive about his mother, sir.

GENERAL
And who are you?
FRANKIE
FBI Special agent, Frankie Ellroy-Kilmer. (off the general's raised eyebrow)
His ex-wife.
KILMER
Irreconcilable differences.
GENERAL
I should have been given a heads up. That's protocol.

KILMER
Yes, sir, in the old world, you're right. But no terrorist is going to follow protocol.

FRANKIE
The White House got intel that your missile silos had been targeted. Our job was to see if they could be breached.

GENERAL
And you two, what, go around the country stealing warheads?

KILMER
When the President asks us to.

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MONTAGE: White House. Clock shows 7:26 am. Military brass and national security advisors, creased pants, getting into limos, black Suburbans. As they pull out, we see the crest of each agency: FBI, DEA, CIA, NSA. AERIAL SHOT of the nation's capital. LIMOS AND SUBURBANS are escorted through streets, past. American flags. Vehicles pull into the White House. CLOSE-UPs of hands, buttons, medals. No faces. Into a briefing room, a half-dozen military, intelligence and national security advisors, and the President. Again, no faces. PAN OVER portraits of former presidents. A report, bound in red, and stamped THREAT MATRIX/TOP SECRET, fills the frame.

## ACT ONE

EXT. WHITE HOUSE - DAY 2 - MORNING
Kilmer, driving his own car, approaches the white House gates, shows his ID, and is let in.

INT. WHITE HOUSE PRESS ROOM - DAY 2 - CONTINUOUS
COLONEL ROGER ATKINS (51), in uniform, the gruff and canny operations liaison to the President. He is the man responsible for evaluating and following through on threats to homeland security. He stands at a podium before the White House press corps, at the end of a press conference. He's being charming, as he always is when he's got something to hide.

ATKINS
Okay, if there are no more questions on this morning's briefing. Secretary Ridge asked me to give you a follow-up on the latest steps being taken to combat terrorism. Every morning at 0800, the President gets a list that updates the most active terrorist threats against the United States. This is the Threat Matrix.

INT. WHITE HOUSE PRESS ROOM - DAY 2 - CONTINUOUS
ATKINS
After 9/11, at the request of the President, we handpicked teams of agents from the CIA, FBI and NSA to analyze and respond to the Threat Matrix. Their job is to keep us safe.

INT. WHITE HOUSE PRESS ROOM - DAY 2 - CONTINUOUS
Kilmer walks through the hallways of the white House carrying a JAR OF HONEY. He adjusts his tie. He's been here before, but he never stops feeling a bit like a fish out of water.

INT. WHITE HOUSE PRESS ROOM - DAY 2 - A FEW MINUTES LATER
Atkins is responding to a question.
ATKINS
The goal, of course, is to never go Code Red. To prevent threats before they become realities.

JOURNALIST \#1
How far are we willing to go to prevent those realities? Does that include assassinations, sir?

ATKINS
(ignoring the question)
As of today, we have yet to exceed Code Orange, that means someone's been doing their job.

JOURNALIST \#2
Would you ever negotiate with terrorists to prevent an attack?

ATKINS
We do not negotiate with terrorists under any circumstances.
(wrapping it up)
Ladies and gentlemen that's all we have time for. The threat level today is low. Our number one goal is to keep it that way. The President wishes you all a safe and pleasant weekend.

Atkins exits room through a nearby door where--
INT. WHITEE HOUSE hALHMAY - DAY 2 - CONTMNUOUS
Kilmer is waiting. Kilmer tosses a jar of honey through the air.

KIIMER
Catch.
Atkins does. He and Kilmer walk together.
ATKINS
I've had calls from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, head of the House Arms Services Committee. Staffers are emailing...did you have to walk into his office carrying the damn thing?

KILMER
You asked me to get his attention.
ATKINS
And the damn bees. You pumped bees through the air vents?

KILMER
Yes, sir. Thirty-five hundred.
ATKINS
So you knew that one of their guys was allergic to bees?

KILMER
We did our research.
ATKINS
And Frankie went with you.
KILMER
She didn't want to miss the show.
ATKINS
So how come you didn't get stung?
KILMER
The bees were drones, no stingers.
Atkins begins to laugh.
ATKINS
Drones! Your idea?
KILMER
The Queen Bee herself.
ATKINS
Frankie.
(he's clearly in awe of her)
Can't figure out why you let that one get away. You must be quite an asshole.

KILMER
So she says.
INT. WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING ROOM - DAY 2 - TEN MINUTES LATER
Around the table. A dozen men and women--mostly men--a mixture of civilian and military. This is the senior staff that works the matrix. Atkins up front.

ATKINS
So, this is what we can't tell the press, folks.
(MORE)

ATKINS (cont'd)
I know your teams all got other priorities, but the White House is becoming increasingly concerned about these retirees throwing up on cruise ships, and what the hell's going on with these school kids getting bubonic plague in Arizona. People, this is hitting the President where he eats. He'd like to go on a cruise ship some day. Go figure. Team 1, the cruise ships; Team 2, Arizona. Coordinate with CDC, FDA, whoever you have to. The mosque in Portland--continuing surveillance: Team 4's got that. Team 6 is following up on some chatter about the Eifel Tower. And there's the 'plot' to kidnap Tony Blair's wife by some Basque splinter group.

KIIMER
Now there's an idea.
ATKINS
Kilmer, we need Team 5 to check out something that came in hot last night. A Swiss drug dealer being detained in Jakarta got in touch with our embassy there yesterday. Apparently, he's facing the death penalty for smuggling narcotics, and he's asking for asylum in the U.S. in exchange for sharing intel.

KIIMER
What's he trading?
ATKINS
He claims an A.Q. cell has been trained up and is headed for the U.S. He says they're going to arrive in the next 72 hours.

Everyone in the room reacts: that's only three days away.
KILMER
How credible is this guy?
ATKINS
You tell me.
TNT. WHITE HOUSE HALLMAY - DAY 2 - MOMENTS IATERR
Atkins catches up with Kilmer, hands him a disk.

ATKINS
You might need this.
KILMER
(pleased)
Jelani's gonna shit.
Kilmer picks up his PalmPilotX and hits the scramble button, paging his team.

We FREERE TTME on each of his team as their PalmPilotX's go off, scrambling them to the vault:

INT. HOME PROJECTION ROOM - DAY 2 - SIMULTANEOUS
Mo is watching a film in Urdu. The film flickers onto his living room wall from an old projector.

It's a love scene, and Mo mimics both parts, as a lesson in language, trying to get the accent and inflections perfect.

PalmPilotX goes off. Mo finishes off the scene, switches off the projector, and heads out.

INT. BARRACKS BATHROOM - DAY 2 - SIMULTANEOOS
Lark is having quickie sex in barracks with an ANONYMOUS SOLDIER. PalmPilotX goes off.

Lark leaves the young buck soldier with his pants down.
INT. KITCHEN - DAY 2 - SIMULTANEOUS
Sutton is gourmet cooking, wearing an apron, pouring white wine into a stir fry. Pager goes off.

Sutton takes off his apron. Turns off lights. Oh, shit. He's left on the gas, comes back in, turns off the stove.

EXI. HALF-PIPE - DAY 2 - SIMULTANEOUS
Jelani plays Internet speed chess on his PalmPilotX, taunts and dispatches his cyber-opponent while resting on top of a skateboard half-pipe. PalmPilotX goes off.

Jelani heads off the half-pipe with a kick-ass move, catching air before he heads down the tarmac.

INT. KARAYE DONO - DAY 2 - SIMULIXANEOUS
Frankie is teaching karate to a multi-racial class of ten year olds, a volunteer job. She's tough and kind as she instructs a young girl on how to block her upper body from a kick.

FRANKIE
Your body is your house, your arms are your gates....Don't let anybody in... Good.

Her PalmPilotX goes off in her pocket. Vibrating and sending out a flashing light. She tries to ignore it. Her CELL PHONE RINGS.

Erankie bows to her students, whispers to another INSTRUCTOR and takes her phone into the corner.

FRANKIE (cont'd)
Talk to me.
KILMER (O.S.)
We got a problem in Jakarta. They're giving us first crack.

FRANKIE
How soon?
KIIMER (O.S.)
Wheels up in ten minutes. You up for it Mrs. Kilmer?

Frankie looks at her class--a girl watches her, a lovely face, biting her lip.

FRANKIE
I'm not Mrs. Kilmer anymore.
KILMER (O.S.)
In that case, I can get the CIA to cover this.

## FRANKIE

You could.
(she can feel the adrenaline)
But the Charlie Brothers will never get you what you want.

And Frankie's out the door.

EXT . SATELLITE AERTAL SHOT - FORT MEADE - DAY 2 - AFTERROON
We see the NSA facility (aka Crypto City) with its glass towers, and the army base beyond.

INT. FORT MEADE - THE VAULT - DAY 2 - AFTERNOON
The vault is a secure war room located in a windowless NSA building on an army base near Washington. With plasma screen walls and a U-shaped hi-tech console up front, the room has the feel of an air traffic control center. All communication coming in and out of this room is encrypted. Even the walls are copper mesh to prevent eavesdropping. Kilmer is in his glass encased office, talking into a secure STU-3 phone line. We do not hear what he is saying.

Branching off from the main hub are smaller, glass-doored rooms. Here, Mo and his SIGINT TEKKIES sit in cockpits of technology with DAT machines and monitors; they are listening to intercepts of phone, fax and radio signals from around the world.

Sutton and Jelani are unpacking. Jelani still has his skateboard. Jelani, 24, possesses the rarest of things--a beautiful mind. He's John Nash from South Central. Sutton, 29, earned his bones in the DEA on international ops before joining Kilmer's team: he wants to be on the front line of the new war.

SUTTON
Where's the new girl?
INT. FORT MEADE - SECURITY PORTAL -- DAY 2 - AFTERNOON
Lark, running late, and snapping her gum, steps into the High Security Portal. It's a glass-enclosed booth for multibiometric authentication. She swipes her security card through the CONFIRM reader, then touches a fingerprint recognition screen.

COMPU'ER
Thank you. Please speak a random sentence.

LARK
I'm late. Whose feet do I have to kiss?
COMPUTER
Thank you.

Voice recognition complete, now her retina is scanned, recording the pattern of blood vessels at the back of her eye; these are compared with the pattern stored in the CONFIRM database. Lastly, her body weight is checked.

COMPUTER (cont'd)
One hundred thirty-one pounds. Anne D. Larkin confirmed.

Lark makes a face. Finally, the door opens.
int. fr. meade - the vault - day 2 - continuous
Lark enters into The Vault, tosses her bag.
LARK
What is this, Weight-Watchers?
JELANI
It checks your weight against the database to be sure there's only one person in the security portal. Don't worry, you're looking fine.

Lark joins Jelani and Mo around a central console. Kilmer gets their attention. Time to work.

KILMER
Listen up, Frankie is on an F-14, if they're able to refuel over the Pole, she touches down in Jakarta at 0700 hours. Our job is to get her ready for an interrogation. We need to find out everything we can on Mr. Marc Radenmacher. Swiss-German, arrested for drug trafficking. Sutton, call Interpol -let's get his sheet and his prints. Does he have an alias? I want to know everything about him. I want to know where he took his last bath. Lark, use your people at Justice to start running his financials. Who he owes. Where he lives. Who's paying his bills.

Lark, serious now, an absolute pro, is at her keyboard. A former Federal prosecutor on loan from the Justice Department, she is a huntress of financial trails. An action junkie, she loves being on the military base surrounded by male soldiers. Her sex life has never been better.

SUTTON
I'll check my DEA contacts in Jakarta, try to figure out if this guy is a player or a wannabee.

KILMER
(to Mo)
Can you pull Echelon off Europe?
LARK
What's Echelon?
JELANI
It lets us intercept any cell phone, fax, or radio transmission anywhere in the world. Mo once intercepted Bin Laden talking to his mother.

Mo is already heading into his listening chamber, with wall to wall DAT machines and mind-boggling access through NSA intercepts to every cell phone, fax, and radio transmission in the world.

MO
(suave radio announcer voice)
I'll be listening to the mellow sounds of Betawi, Indonesian and Balinese.

Kilmer tosses Jelani the disk.
KILMER
Atkins gave us access to a new toy.
Jelani is beyond happy as he inserts the disk in the console.
TEREAT MATRIX SHOT
From a satellite dish on a Ft. Meade lawn, we 200 M up and see Jelani's satellite floating out in space, a gleaming cocoon. We watch as the billion dollar satellite goes on line: it's a small, stunning thing of beauty, slowly unfolding its electronic wings.

INT. frt meade - the vault - day 2 - a few minutes later

JELANI
Does it have a name?

## KILMER

Papillon. This pipes us directly into NSA's entire network of floaters.

Jelani is giddy as he checks out the satellite's pre-set coordinates clicking through real-time images, from helmetcam footage inside the CAVES OF BORA BORA to a RUSSIAN MISSILE BASE in the snow in Siberia; from REBEL FORCES moving through Ethiopia to SOCCER RIOTS in Argentina.

SUPER: "CEANTRAL PRISON, JAKARTA"
INT. JAKARTA PRISOA INTERROGATION ROCM - DAY 3
Frankie is alone. A couple chairs, a table. Paint peeling. A video camera is set up on a tripod. Frankie hooks a feed from the camera into her PalmPilotX.

She sits in front of the camera, puts in an earpiece.
ERANKIE
(to camera)
Am I in frame?
INT. FT. MEADE - tHE VAULT - DAY 3 - SAME
Frankie is on screen. She is 10,000 miles away but this is real time. Mo, Jelani and Lark are busy with the feed, adjusting sound and picture.

MO
We got you, Frankie.
KILMER
You okay?
FRANKIE
(on monitor)
Long flight. Give me the 411.
As she begins to listen to her ear piece, we...
TIME DISSOLVE TO:
INT. JAKARTA PRISON INTERROGAIION ROOM - DAY 3 - LATER
MARC RADENMACHER (41), a Swiss-German drug smuggler, is handcuffed to a chair by two Indonesian PRISON GUARDS. Serious violence has been visited upon Radenmacher. His eyes are swollen, his upper-lip cracked.

An Embassy Escort, the well-meaning HORAS SIRAIT (45), is also in the room. Frankie walks over to Sirait.

FRANKIE
Thanks for the escort, but I work alone.
HORAS SIRAIT
(getting it)
Right, I'll get to work on the extradition papers in case you want them.
(whispers)
That man's a liar.
Frankie lets him out, shuts door. She looks at the prisoner. He has the air of a dissipated aristocrat who is surprised and frightened to find himself here but arrogant enough to believe he can bargain his way out.

RADENMACHER
You gonna get me out of here, right?
FRANKIE
And I should do that because...?
RADENMACHER
There are some terrorists on their way to America. I know how to stop them.

FRANKIE
If what you tell me checks out, I can have you on a plane out tomorrow morning.

INTP FTT. MEADE - THE VAULT - DAY 3 - CONTINUOUS
LARK
(to Jelani)
Can she handle him?
The team laughs.
MO
She did two tours at Gitmo.
SUTTON
Five years with Kilmer.
Lark gets it: enough said.
INT. JAKARTA PRISON INTERROGATION ROOM - DAY 3 - CONTINUOUS
RADENMACHER
Good, because, I'm in a spot of trouble here.
Franke opens up a briefcase sized AXCITON computerizedpolygraph, plugs a cable into her PalmPilotX.
She walks over and unbuttons his shirt.
RADENMACHER (cont'd)
You smell nice.
She ignores his comment and attaches electrodes to his chest,two more to his scalp.
FRANKIE
Brain scan polygraph. It detects lies.
RADENMACHER
I know...I'm not stupid.
FRANKIE
Good. This ain't your father's lie detector.
INTT. FI. MEADE - the VAULT - DAY 3 - CONTINUOUS
Lark and Kilmer are watching the polygraph readings on a three dimensional GEO-THERMAL screen. It looks very much like an MRI readout. We see fissures of green, now flooding the whole image.
LARK
Green. We're good.

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INT. JAKARTA PRISON - DAX 3 - CONTINUOUS
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RADENMACHER
(to Frankie)
These are not people to mess about with. They don't value life.
FRANKIE
And you do? Heroin?
RADENMACHER
Ah, your American ethics. Your country bombs the hell out of Afghanistan but you never bomb the poppy fields. You ever wonder why? (beat) Because somebody up high in America wants the drugs to come in, that's why.
ERANKIE
Why am I here, Radenmacher?

RADENMACHER
(leaning in)
A shipping container with a cell of terrorists inside left Jakarta three weeks ago.

INT. FT. MEADE - DAY 3 - CONTIINUOUS
Kilmer reacts: the threat is real, if the guys telling the truth.

KILMER
(to his crew)
People, they are moving by ship. I want to know everything about shipping out of Jakarta.

INT. JAKARTA PRISON - DAY 3 - CONTINUOUS
RADENMACHER
They tricked it out like a space capsule inside -- air purifier, toilet, hot plate, heater.

FRANKIE
How did you make contact?
RADENMACHER
I just played piggy in the middle, you know. I hooked them up. I sell a little on the side, keep the party going. Otherwise I import, export furniture.

INT. FORT MEADE - THE VAULT - DAY 3 - CONTINUOUS
The brain scan has turned a rose color.
LARK
He's a lying dog.
INT. JAKARTA PRISON - DAY 3 - CONTINUOUS
Frankie takes in what Lark has said over her ear piece. She gives nothing away to Radenmacher.

FRANKIE
I need names.
RADENMACHER
You get me on an airplane, I talk.

KILMER (O.S.)
(into Frankie's ear piece)
He tells you now or the deal's off.
Frankie starts to pack up her stuff.
RADENMACHER
What are you doing?
FRANKIE
(getting up)
The deal's dead. You're full of shit. You know it and I know it. They're going to execute you.

RADENMACHER
(a little panicked)
All right. Hold on.
Frankie turns: I'm listening.
RADENMACHER (cont'd)
You want to get something into America, you go in with the drugs. The drugs get in. Buy the route for one day and you're in. Everything's already greased: the ship captain, longshoremen. Everybody just thinks it's drugs, no big deal.
(a beat)
But while everybody's looking for terrorists, nobody's chasing drugs. Ironic isn't it?

INT. FT. MEADE - CONTINUOUS
FRANKIE
(forceful)
What port are they coming to?
RADENMACHER
Not until I'm on that plane.
FRANKIE
I'm your only hope. Don't piss me off. What's their target?

RADENMACHER
I don't know. I'm just the middle man. I don't know the details. They switch ships sometimes.

KILMER (O.S.)
He has a nine year old daughter, Hannah, lives with his ex-wife in Munich.

FRANKIE
How important is Hannah's safety to you?
RADENMACHER
(sweating now)
Leave my family out of this. She is innocent.

LARK (O.S.)
(into Frankie's earpiece) Frankie, I'm inside his bank records. One million dollar wire transfer to his account -- four weeks ago, Credit Suisse.

FRANKIE
(violence in her voice)
Don't talk to me about innocent. You helped.....hell, you didn't just help...you profited off terrorists trying to get into America, you scumbag. How much did they pay?

He shakes his head.
FRANKIE (cont'd)
Credit Suisse. A one million dollar deposit to your account. You put them on that ship, didn't you? Gave them your route, your container.
(beat)
What port, Radenmacher?
RADENMACHER
Not until I'm on the plane.
Fed up, Frankie pulls out a case from her pocket with a needle inside. The syringe is already full. His eyes go wide. She says nothing as she injects him in the neck.

INT. JAKARTA PRISON - TTME DISSOLVE - 20 MINUTES LATER

FRANKIE
Which port.
RADENMACHER
(finally)
Long Beach.

INT. JARARTA PRISON ISOLATION CRLI - DAY 3 --
Frankie and Horas Sirait are with a PRISON OFFICIAL as Radenmacher, still handcuffed and very drowsy is brought to the cell.

PRISON OFFICIAL
You finished?
FRANKIE
Almost. Let him sleep it off for a little bit. We'll be back in an hour with his paperwork.

As Frankie and Horas Sirait leave, we see a CORRUPT GUARD turns and make a phone call.

InT. FF. MEADE -- THE VAULT - DAY 3 - LATE NIGET
Kilmer addresses his team.

KILMER
Okay, here's what we know: we've got a shipping container coming our way from Jakarta. Who's in it? The target? We don't know. How long does it take to get from Jakarta to Long Beach in one of those ships?

SUTTON
About three weeks.
KILMER
Let's find out for sure. We're looking for US-bound ships leaving Jakarta within the last 30 days for Long Beach. The clock is ticking people.
(to Mo)
Somebody's got to be talking out there. Let's get every analyst you've got on this.

SUTTON
Shouldn't we shut cown Long Beach?
KILMER
It's one of the busiest seaports in the world. We shut Long Beach down, it will panic the entire West Coast and the terrorists will already have gotten half of what they want.

She pulls up a fluid chart on screen. Based on cutting-edge NSA software, this visual eye-candy allows her to see money as it moves around the globe in real time. With these highly encrypted money transfers, each particle of light represents millions of dollars.

LARK (cont'd)
I'm inside First Allied right now. The million dollars came from Global Hope Charities which is supposed to help orphans get medical treatment.

MO
An A.Q. front?
KILMER
Let's find out. Mr. Radenmacher may be many things, but he's not an orphan.

Kilmer moves to Mo's station.
`мо
I've pulled up all $A Q$ profiles for Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines. Two names keep showing up.

The faces of two men appear on the screen: one older, the other in this $30^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$.

MO
Abubakar Ba'asyhir, of course, he's the Godfather. Runs a training camp in Malaysia.

Hambali's picture comes up--he's the younger one.
MO (cont'd)
His protege Hambali. Probably even more dangerous.

KILMER
(reading aloud off big screen, which is scrolling/displaying info)
(MORE)

KILMER (cont'd)
Hambali. Right, bank robberies, murders. Chief suspect in the bombing of six Christian churches in Malaysia and Indonesia. Aliases: Hanjour, Abeen Jabara, Hossein Jafari.

LARK
Did you say Abeen Jabara?
(beat)
Gimmee a second.
She's back at hex keyboard, fingers flying, as Mo continues to brief Kilmer.

MO.
Hambali has been working with al-Qaeda since 1995. Ba'asyhir is getting older, and Hambali's influence is ascending. He wants to make an impression.

LARK
Look at this.
She transfers the bank records of Global Hope Charities onto a wall monitor and scrolls down, highlighting the name: Abeen Jabara.

LARK (cont'd)
Two million dollar transfer, also four weeks ago, directly into the account of... (beat, looking) Hello, Mr. Abeen Jabara aka--

KILMER
Hambali.
MO
Bingo.
KILMER
(to Mo)
Where is he now?
MO
Nobody's seen him for months. Vanished. NSA was monitoring his cell phones, then one day, nothing. CTC intel has the latest cell call intercept, but it's five months old.

KILMER
Let's hear it.

Jelani shoots him a little look: ha ha.
KILMER
(re: DEA)
Why isn't it online?
SUTTON
It's a current op.
MO
Okay, video's up.
On the video screen, almost life-sized, we see Hambali at his wedding, surrounded by family. Kilmer watches his prey, following him along the wall as Hambali dances, kisses the bride, holds children in the air. Kilmer watches and continues to talk and listen to his team.

SUTTON
The DEA has been watching the Jakarta shipping routes for 18 months. I've requested clearance.

KILMER
They're not going to be happy with us pissing on their parade. Can we have access?

LARK
Line 2. I've got the Deputy Chief of DEA. They want assurance that their intel will be used as background only.

Kilmer picks up his phone, hits line 2.
KILMER Background only. You've got my word. I'll keycode in.

He, hangs up, types in an access code.
Visuals and profiles stream instantly from the DEA mainframe to Kilmer's computer screens. He sees who the players are in Southeast Asia and what they're trafficking.

JELANI
We got 50 companies running cargo out of Jakarta.

SUTTON
DEA's got a watchlist of cargo ships that run out of Jakarta that are suspected of smuggling.

LARK
(at her terminal)
I'm crosschecking against ours.
(discovers)
We got 15 matches.
KILMER (O.S.)
Good. Let's start tracking those.
EXT./INTI JAKARTA PRISON - DAY 3 - AFTERRNOCN
Frankie and Horas Sirait enter the prison. Frankie is carrying a file: Radenmacher's extradition papers signed by the judge.
A prison official leads Frankie and Horas Sirait to the cell.
INTT. JAKARTA PRISON CELLL - DAY 3 - AFTERNOOR
Radenmacher is hanging from the ceiling in a 'suicide'. His hands are cuffed.

FRANKIE
Shit!

The three run in. Frankie grabs his legs, tries to lift him up.

EXI. JAKARTA PRISON - DAY 3 - AFTERNOON

Frankie and Horas Sirait cross the street, toward their car. Frankie is numb, pissed off. She takes out her cell phone to call Kilmer but before she can dial--two INDONESIAN THUGS are upon them. Horas Sirait is shot in the head. Trying to defend herself, Frankie drops her cell phone and palm pilot.
One thug, his knife to Frankie's throat, drags her over to a car, tries to force her into the back seat. A DRIVER is up front.

FRANKIE
(in English)
I hate knives.
She lets her neck go slack for an instant, and then KICKS back hard into her attacker's balls, then twisting, an elbow in his face, breaks his nose. Still holding on to her, he slices down with the knife, GASHES her across the shoulder. The other man gets out of the front with his gun, she has twisted away and is running.

END OF ACT ONE

## ACT TWO

INT. FT. MEADE - VAULT - DAY 4 - VERY EARLI MORNIMG
With the satellite, Jelani is tracking ships. Typing in coordinates, asking the satellite for real time imagery coverage of LAT 38 (degrees) 55 minutes/ LONG 77 (degrees).

JELANI
We got five Jakarta carriers that are within 36 hours of Long Beach Harbor.

LARK
I'm crosschecking ship names and cargo.
KIIMER
(to Jelani)
Papillon got any body heat?
JELANI
I'm looking.
(a beat, as he works)
Any news from Frankie?
KILMER
She said she'd check in after she picks up Radenmacher.
Jelani locks the satellite onto ships, looking for a heat signature inside containers. In a dark background field (the cold water accounts for this) the ship's engines glow red, and there are red people walking around the ship's mess and in the captain's area.

KILMER (cont'd)
Ramp up the bird's thermals so that we can read temperature spikes of even a few degrees.

In the dozens of ships he's locked on to, he's seen no heat differential in the half-mile long area where containers are stored.

No luck...until..
He finds the Ondine, a Jakarta ship.
JELANI
(to Kilmer)
Here....The Ondine - she's 18 hours from L.A....
(MORE)

JELANI (cont'd)
There's the heat signature from the engine, that's your crew; that guy's having a cigarette. But look down here where the containers are stored...

ANGLE ON THE COMPUTER MONITOR: At the front of the ship, we see the red glowing outline of three bodies amidst a sea of shipping containers.
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EXT. PACIFIC OCEAN - DAY 4 - EVENING
A helicopter moves across the ocean.
EXT. PACIFIC OCEAN - SHIP - DAY 4 EVENING
A SEAL TEAM, along with Kilmer, Mo and Sutton, board the ship by helicopter. Full assault team, guns to the head of the ship's puny crew. Miles of containers. A huge damn ship.

INT. FT. MEADE TEAM - THE VAULT - DAY 4 - NIGHT
On three-dimensional GEO-Display screens, Jelani monitors the infrared signals from the ship. He can now see the heat signature of the SEAL Team and of Kilmer, Sutton and Mo.

JELANI
(into mic)
Aft section, 221 meters from your current position.

EXT. CONTAINER SHIP DECK - OCEAN - DAY 4 - NIGBT
With handheld X-ray scanners (aka ultra-wideband modulation imagining, which sees through solid walls), Sutton and Mo scan dozens of containers in the aft section until--

MO
I've got something here.
The scanner's display shows THREE LIVE BODIES inside. Two are supine, the third is moving around.

The SEAL team takes up position, guns ready. A SEAL climbs quietly up the side of the container and drills a hole. A tube connected to a tank of gas is inserted into the container and sleeping gas is pumped in.

POV: SCANNER DISPLAY: One of the figures tries to jump up, as if to stop the gas, but to no avail, and he crumples on the floor within seconds. The other two figures barely stir

Using a torch, the SEAL team cuts through the hinges, and the side of the container falls open. Bright lights kick on. Inside, the three sleeping terrorists are revealed to be THREE INDONESIAN TEENAGERS.

KILMER
Jesus, they're kids.
The kids are carefully searched, cuffed and wrapped in blankets by a MEDIC for transport back to Fort Meade.

INT. CONTAINER - ON SHIP - PACIFIC OCEAN - DAY 4 - NIGHT
Wearing evidence gloves, Kilmer and Sutton are going through the contents of the container.

SUTTON
$\$ 21,000$ in cash. Headphones, the Koran on tape. 21 casettes. Food, water... Look at this, they ran the heater and the hot plate off these--six car batteries.... Whoa, lookie here.

Sutton, very, very carefully, holds up a kid-size vest, packed with explosives.

SUTTON (cont'd)
Three vests, all junior-sized. All packed.
Kilmer's fingers move carefully through the pockets, watching out for booby traps.

KIIMER
C-4 and semtex, detonators, timers.
SUTTON
(the cruelty of the plan breaking through) What kind of people send kids to be suicide bombers?

Kilmer opens a narrow, makeshift closet. He finds three blue blazers, neatly pressed, with a crest on the pocket, three sets of boys' white shirts and gray pants. Kilmer studies the crest.

KILMER
(holding up a coat)
They wanted to blow up a school.

INT. ATKINS' BASEMENT OFFICE - WHITE HOUSE - DAY 5 (MORNING)
Atkins with an agitated TOM SEABROOK, DEA Deputy Director.
SEABROOK
Damn right I'm pissed. He compromised a sting operation we'd been working on for 18 months... By the time we regroup, they' 11 have changed all their routes. He promised to use our intel for background only, not for ops.

It's clear that Seabrook doesn't know what Kilmer scored--a cell of suicide bombers. No one but Atkins (and a few others) will ever know. That's how the game works.

ATKINS
(for show only)
I'll make sure that Kilmer gets a letter of censure for this one.

SEABROOK
Eighteen months of work down the crapper. We're talking about people's careers here. Millions of dollars.
(beat, fishing)
Did they even find what they were looking for?

Atkins shakes his head, but we see a twinkle in his eye.
INT. FT. MEADE PRISONER INTAKE MONTAGE - DAY 5 (MORNING)
The three teens are de-loused, dressed in orange jumpsuits and put in separate glass-walled interrogation rooms.

Army guards at doors. Top secret rooms.
INT. FT. MEADE PRISONER HOLDING AREA - DAY 5
We watch along with Kilmer and Sutton through the one-way glass as Mo interrogates the oldest of the Indonesian teens in his native tongue. The younger kids were silent, but the older one is gesturing, defiant.

LARK
(carrying paperwork; to Kilmer)
You've got to get these kids lawyers. One of them is 13 years old.

KILMER
Classify them as enemy combatants.
LARK
We should get a finding from Justice.
KILMER
They're military prisoners; we keep them on base, we got no problems.

IARK
Press finds out we've got kids, this could blow up worse than Elian.

KILMER
(firm)
No lawyers. Nobody finds out.
LARK
They're kids, Kilmer.
KILMER
They're terrorists sent by terrorists. Keep a Chinese wall between us and your friends at Justice. You got a problem with that?

LARK
No, sir.
KILMER
(to Mo)
Get somebody to cross reference those school uniforms. What school? What city?

MO
Got it.
KILMER
(to Sutton)
And where the hell's Frankie? I need her back here to help interview these kids.

Sutton, dialing his cell, signals that he's on it.
Atkins arrives, his attitude triumphant; he joins Kilmer, watches the interrogation.

ATKINS
(to Kilmer)
You did a helluva job...The man upstairs, all of us are grateful. DEA's a little pissy, but--

Mo comes out of an interrogation room, pulls Kilmer aside.
MO
The oldest one is running the show. Something's wrong here, Kil. The kid keeps saying that it doesn't matter that we caught them. That a day of reckoning is coming.

ATKINS
They're trained to mess with your head.
Through the one-way mirror, the oldest kid seems to stare right at Kilmer.

Sutton, closing his cell phone, walks over to Kilmer and Atkins.

SUTTON
(quiet)
Frankie never boarded her flight.
KILMER
Where is she now?

SUTTON
We lost her.
(A beat)
Her Agency contact just turned up dead.
Atkins and Kilmer look to each other.
EXT. JAKARTA SIREETS - DAY 5 - IATE NIGHT

Frankie's on the run in Jakarta, down an alley, in a doorway. She's afraid to come up for air. We see why. A group of men are looking for her on foot and motorcycle, carrying walkietalkies and barely concealed weapons.

INT. FW. MEADE - - KIIMER'S PRIVATE OFEICE. - DAY 5 AFTIERNOON

Jelani downloads a cross-sectional, satellite map of Jakarta.
Kilmer breathes, tries to stay calm.

KIIMER
(to Atkins)
Reach out to your assets in Jakarta. Embassy security should have had her bumper-locked 24-7.

ATKINS
(talking to CIA on phone)
What do you mean you only had one person on her? What the hell.

He hangs up the phone.
ATKINS (cont'd)
(to Kilmer)
We'll find Frankie, you've got my word. We've got assets on the ground right now in Jakarta looking for her. We'll find her. She knows how to take care of herself.

KILMER her within the hour, I If you don't find hend-by for Jakarta. put it on my credit card. I don't care how you pay for it.

Mo comes into Kilmer's office.
MO
Something's hinky here. You gotta see this.

They walk down the hall into Mo's sound room.
ATKINS
(to Kilmer)
John, can you handle this? Or should I get Wilcox's team?

Kilmer shakes his head. He's back on mission. Jelani and Mo are streaming screens of codes on the entire wall of monitors.

JELANI
(to Kilmer)
NSA's been picking up chatter on Echelon. We've got 75 key words, keying on Hambali, all cross-references. NSA's channeling them all to us raw.

MO
We're getting word matches on five consistently. For the last six hours. Pakistan, Micronesia. Cell, e-mail. All encrypted, but saying the same thing--

Mo has their attention. He pulls it onto the big screen, a stream of scrolling encryption, words being translated before

KILMER
What are you hearing?
MO
The date: September 21.
LARK
That's the day after tomorrow.
Kilmer is watching the monitor as the computer decodes the encryption and translates.

MO
Five different languages, seven discrete e-mails.

We hear the voices from the intercepted calls, in five languages, and the English translation, all displayed simultaneously: THE FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING.

JELANI
Voice analysis shows that the tone of the voices seems to be congratulatory.

MO
We got the kids--so why are they still
celebrating? celebrating?

A horrible realization begins to dawn upon Kilmer.
KILMER
Maybe someone else got through.
int. FT. MEADE - the vault - day 5 - afternoon - Iater
The mood at the Vault has turned grim--as if Kilmer's team has been kicked in the gut. He gathers his team around.

KILMER
Now listen up. If anybody got past us, we've got to find them. What's your gut say? Don't be afraid to be wrong.

SUTTON
I don't know. We were once chasing heroin along the coast of Montenegro. They used switch boats. From power boat to power boat. It was like a relay.

KIIMER
(remembering something)
I want you to run Franke's interrogation tape.

JELANI
From the prison?
Jelani types a few keystrokes. On the big screen Frankie appears in the digital archive asking "Am I in frame?"

KILMER
Jelani, find Radenmacher's line about switching. He said something about switching.

They key it up digitally, we hear Frankie on video say, "I'm your only hope..." Now we hear Radenmacher: "Sometimes they switch ships."

KIIMER (cont'd)
Again.
We hear it again: "Sometimes they switch ships."
They are all paying attention now.
IARK
We've tracked everything bound for America from Jakarta.

KILMER
(thinking)
But what if the ship wasn't from Jakarta?

SUTTON
What do you mean?
MO
It's the bait and switch.

KIIMER
Exactly.
(to Lark)
Get inside the Jakarta Port Authority electronic files.

LARK
I'm already there. Here it is--ships that left Jakarta on or around August 20 for different ports.

She displays the information on the screen.

KIIMER
Now match those up with the DEA's watch list of all ships.

SUTTON
I'm not as smart as you guys, help me out

KILMER
(onto something)
Jelani, how often do our satellites over the Pacific take pictures?

JELAANI
Every two minutes.

KILMER
Here's what you're looking for. Go back and track all ships out of Jakarta that crossed paths with any ship bound for the U.S. I want to see satellite imagery of all ships that came within 600 yards of each other.

As Lark pulls up the matches, Kilmer studies Jelani's screens which are streaming digitized aerial photographs of ocean traffic.

LARK
Got one. The Illyria intersected with The Athena that left Jakarta two days before the Ondine.

JELANI
(calling up another screen)
Here's satellite footage, time-elapsed at six-to-one.

As the computer narrows down its search, images on the screen slow into still aerial photos. Jelani keystrokes, and two images slide out of the printer beside him. He tosses the photos on Kilmer's desk.
C.U. THE PHOTOS: We clearly see two large ships tied together at sea and a crane is lifting a container from one to the other.

KILMER
Where is the Illyria headed?
IARK
(grim) in San Francisco yesterday.
It docked in San Francisco
INT. HOIEG HATL - JAKARTA - DAY 5- IAIE NIGET
Frankie, in hiding, is at a pay phone in a flophouse, dials through to Kilmer.
INTERCUI INT. ET. MEADE - THE VAULT/INT. HOTEI HAIL - JAKARTA
KIIMER O.S.
Are you okay?
For now. I'm at a boy-joy flophouse at 42 Malawi.

KILMER O.S.
Are you in danger?
ERANKIE
Probably.
Kilmer reacts. He's worried.
KILMER
Can you get to the Embassy?
FRANKIE
They're watching the embassy and Radenmacher's dead.

KIIMER
I know. Stay put. We're gonna get you out of there, Frankie.

She hears a noise down the hail.

FRANKIE
I've got to go. Somebody's here. She hangs up. Kilmer's left with the phone in his hand. EXXT. SAN ERANCISCO PORT - DAY 5 - AFYERROCAT Thousands of containers being loaded on and off ships. Huge cranes, the works.

## INT: SAN FRANCISCO PORT AUTHORITY OFFICES - DAY 5 - AFIERNOOA

A PORT OFFICIAL at a front counter is talking to a hapless
LOCAL FBI GUY
We got a call from the Department of Homeland Security. They want ya to hold all containers coming off the Illyria.

PORT OFFICIAL
You gotta be shittin' me.
LOCAL FBI GUY
(conmiserating)
I know, they got me chasin' my ass backwards.

Port official
gets on the radio.
PORT OFFICIAL
Hey, Ralph, we got some G-man up here.
He winks at the FBI guy. Neither of them sees in the b.g that a flatbed truck loaded with containers--including one with a green stripe--is waved past the security gate and heads away from the docks, into America.

INT. TRUCK - HEADING RAST - DAY

- AFTEERNOON

The DRIVER is listening to country music, rolling a
cigarette, oblivious.
INT. FRANKIE'S HOTEL ROCM - JAKARTA - DAY 5 - NIGET bureau against the door. She rips a sheet, changes the put a dressing on her shoulder. She's clearly getting weaker. She Frankie is out the window, sliding door is getting bashed. escape.

Atkins is on the phone with his CIA operatives in Jakarta.
This is unacceptable. You've got to stay on this.

We gotta find her. She's not expendable. No.

He folds his hands, lets out a breath.
EXTY. JAKARTA STREETS - DAY 5 - NIGHT
Frankie is moving through a tunnel, down side streets.
intr. fT. Meade - tee vault - day 5 - afiernioon
Kilmer picks up his ringing phone. It's Atkins, who must keep Kilmer on mission without lying to him.
The terrorist team may now be in the country, and that must be Kilmer's priority.

ATKINS (O.S.)
Frankie got flushed out of her location. We think she's on her way to a safe house. I've got everybody on the ground in Jakarta tracking her. She'll make contact, and as soon as she does, I'll patch her through.
EXI. FREIGAT LOT - IONA CORNFTETD - DAY 5 - EVENINGG
A blow torch is cutting through the green-striped container from inside. Someone is trying to get out.
We watch a MAN climb out of the container. This is HAMBALI, the terrorist mastermind from Malaysia. His hair is cut short and he's clean shaven.
He rigs the container with explosives, sets the detonator. He puts his large rucksack over his shoulder and starts down the road. As he walks, the container explodes into flames behind him.

ACT THREE
EXTT. JAKARTA/INTERCUY FY. MEADE - TEE VAULT - DAY 5- PRE-DAKN
Frankie, at a Jakarta pay phone, punches in calling-card
numbers. Kilmer answers.

KILMER
Where are you, Frankie?
FRANKIE
I'm not sure. Near the Governor's
Palace.

KILMER
The Charlie Brothers have a safe house.
Can you--

FRANKIE
--Nothing is safe here.
Frankie winces, her breathing is shallow. Something's up,
and he knows it.

KILMER
Frankie--

ERANKIE
I'm fine, John. (beat)
My shoulder got in the way of a knife.
KILMER
How bad?

FRANKIE
(lying)
Just a flesh wound. I'm fine.
KIIMER
Don't hang up.
Jelani is tracking Frankie's coordinates.
JELANI
(finally)
We're locked.
KILMER
(to Jelani)
Get it to Atkins--
(MORE)

## CONTINUED:

KILMER (cont'd)
(into the phone)
Frankie, Atkins is getting your coordinates to our people there. Can you stay where you are?

Frankie looks down the street. There's activity at the far end-hard to know what it is.

ERANKIE
Maybe.
KIIMER
(senses it)
How's the cut?

FRANKIE
You know me, Kilmer. Impregnable. You said I was made of cast iron.

KILMER
That was on your good days.
Kilmer gives up a small smile. He looks over to Jelani. Jelani hangs up the phone, gives Kilmer a thumbs up.

KILMER (cont'd)
I'm there with you baby.

FRANKIE
I know.
Kilmer can feel her energy going.

KIINER
(keeping her on the phone.)
Weren't you in Bali once before?

FRANKIE
Yeah. My first husband took me here. For our honeymoon.

KILMER
Heard the guy was a jerk.

FRANKIE
On his good days.

KILMER
Now listen, Frankie. Atkins has people on the way.

FRANKIE
How will I know it's them?

KILMER
They'll call you by the name of your first husband.

Kilmer hears a MAN'S VOICE in the background behind Frankie-he can't make out what's happening. He hears Frankie start to answer, then her phone hangs up.

KILMER (cont'd)
Frankie--
But she's gone.

KILMER (cont'd)
(to Lark)
Shit. Get Atkins. I want to know exactly where his grab team is.

Kilmer's visibly shaken.
EXT. IOFA EREIGET LOT - DAY 5 - NIGBT
What's left of the green-striped container is engulfed in fire. A cornfield borders the freight lot. A highway patrol car stops on the road and approaches.

OFFICER
(into his radio)
Looks like some kids been up to mischief out here. We got us what looks like a container...

THRESAT MAIRIX SHOT
As the cop talks into his radio, we FOLLOW HIS CALL, which is intercepted by a satellite as it ZOOMS at light speed from the satellite through millions of miles of fiber optics within Ft. Meade's Echelon computer system, until it reaches--

INT. THE VAULT -- MO'S OFFICE - DAY 6 - MORNING
Mo leans back in his chair. He's got something. Calls Kilmer over.

MO
Listen up. You just won the Exacta.

KILMER O.S.
One of my words popped?
MO
Yeah. I set Echelon to scan all radio signals and transmissions over the last twenty-four hours. We're searching for any one of sixty key words-including 'container' and 'box.' This just came in.

KILMER
Let's hear it.
A highway patrolman's dispatch from Iowa.

Mo plays the audio.
HIGHWAY PATROL (O.S.)
Looks like some kids been up to mischief out here. We got us what looks like a container on fire. .blown to smithereens. Looks like one of those shipping containers."

Kilmer is already up, putting on his coat.
KILMER
We're going to Iowa, folks.
Kilmer's phone RINGS. He grabs it.
KILMER (cont'd)
Frankie.
EXIT JAKARTA ALTEY - DAY 6 - CONTINUOUS
Frankie is being escorted by TWO CIA OPERATIVES.
FRANKIE
(into cell phone) Charlie Brothers got I'm safe, Kilmer. Charlie Brat is leaving the alley. Get back to work.

KILMER
(so relieved)
See you soon.

EXT. IORA EREIGET LOT - DAY 6 - MORNING
What's left of the container is still smoldering as Kilmer, With a field lab has chopper. A regional FBI FORENSICS TEAM remains.

A SERIES OF SHOTS: Our team and the FBI agents hunt for clues; A FEMALE AGENT runs a Geiger Counter; A MALE AGENT inspects the remains of a radio; A FINGERPRINT MAN is at work; a team of BLOODHOUNDS arrives on a truck.
Ki'lmer supervises both teams, everywhere at once. Thinking.

FORENSICS \#1
(to Kilmer; analyzing residue)
Refined Semtex. This guy means business. It's high quality. Not domestic.

SUTTON
How many do you think there are?
FORENSICS \#2
Only one set of footprints.
AGENT 2
He was living like an astronaut inside there. Sir, we've found what appears to be the remains of a chemical toilet. Judging from its size, looks like only

As Kilmer digests this info, the bloodhounds start straining violently on their leashes.

AGENT 3
(near the cornfield)
We got a scent. Over here!
The bloodhound
SHOTS as Kilmer an over the prints. A SERIES OF QUICK
footprints into the cornf and the bloodhound crew follow the
cornfield. An agent leads them.
AGENT
He's carrying something over his shoulder. He's favoring his right side.
EXT. GAS STATION/COUNTRY MART PAY PHONE - DAY 6 - MORNING
The trail has led down a road to a gas station pay phone.

## KIIMER

(to Agents)
Dust the phone for prints.
(on cell phone, to Jelani)
Pull phone company records of all numbers dialed in the last twelve hours from 515-296-0467. Pay special attention to calls made with prepaid or international phone cards.

SUTTON
No prints on the phone.
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JELANI
(on phone to Kilmer)
One international phone card call was made at 3:12.

KILMER
To where?
JELANI
A coffee shop in Chicago.
EXT. GAS STATION/COUNIRY MART PAI PHONE - DAY 6 - MORNING
Sutton is inside the Gas Station talking to the OWNER.
SUTTON
See anybody unusual in the last 5 hours?
Owner shakes his head. There is a bus schedule on the wall.
SUTTON (cont'd)
Busses come through here?
GAS MAN
Twice a day. Buy tickets on board.
SUTTON
When was the last one?
GAS MAN
Three hours ago. Chicago bound.
INT. CHICAGO CAFE - DAY 6 - AFFERNOON
Mo is in the Chicago cafe interviewing the WAITRESS, trying to get a profile. A local EBI FORENSICS GUY accompanies him.

WAITRESS
Yeah, I remember the call. It was last night. There was a guy in a red shirt. A tall guy, blond hair. Tall. He waited five hours in the side booth for a pay phone call. He drank like six cups of coffee, barely said a word. Ordered peach pie, made a little bib out of a napkin-very, you know, tidy. Every time someone else wanted to use the phone, he waved them off. Left a crappy tip.

It's the only lead they have: a blond guy in a red shirt
The local FBI guy dusts the phone booth. They get a set of prints off the napkin holder that was on the table, a little PalmPilotX; local bureau guy is Mo runs it through his

INT. FTT. MEADE - THE VAULT - DAY 6 - AFTEERNOON
Jelani receives prints on his screen, scans them through Interpol and a hundred other data banks.

## INT. CHICAGO CAFE - DAY 6 - AFTERAOON

Within seconds, the photo that matches the fingerprints appears on the screen: FAYEZ AHMED, a 24-year-old with an Egyptian passport. They show it to the waitress.

WAITRESS
That's not the guy.
MO
Are you sure?
The waitress takes a closer look.
WAITRESS
Wait a minute..
EXT. CHICAGO FBI OFFICE - ESTABLISHING - DAY 6 - DUSK
We see downtown Chicago, the river, the Federal Building.
INT. CHICAGO FBI OEFFICE - DAY 6 - SAME
Kilmer is looking at the photo on his screen, trying to piece

Fayez Ahmed. Born in Yemen, arrested for petty theft in London, where he spent five years, then attended college in Hamburg. His immigration records show he came to the U.S. in 1999, arrived in New York, and then nothing.
One other passport stamp catches Kilmer's eye: Malaysia.
KILMER (cont'd)
(to the team) trips to Malaysia, Three different the including one just before he States.

The waitress is also here, amazed at all the pyrotec Kilmer studies the photo of Fayez Ahmed, the eyes...

KILMER
(to the waitress) blond guy?
You're sure he was a blond guy?
WAITRESS his red shirt
Yeah. And I remember brother might like because I thought my brother might it for Christmas.

HARD CUT TO:

EXI. CEICAGO CAFE - DAY 6 - EVENING
Sutton walks out into a busy street, sees several fast food restaurants nearby, all of which have security cameras, including one that watches the street. He's got an idea.

INT. FT. MEADE TM - The VAULT - DAY 6 - EVEANING cameras. The b\&w video for a few frames in the crowded can almo street.

INT another black and white blur. in the red shirt is just

KILTER
Can we get color, Jelani?
JELANI
No...but even though the film is black in it

Good, lose everyone not wearing red.
He makes some adjustments. Now people who
highlighted. Others are dropped off the sere wearing red are
KILMER (cont'd)
Can you isolate anyone ave eight?

Jelani does and everyone under five
we've only got thirty people in the eight disappears. Now
JELANI
The man was a blond
now to these five or six. narrows it down
KILTER
(to the Waitress)
Anything else you rec
a watch.. did he have a limp? he wearing
She thinks a minute.

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1 \text { the surveillance video. }
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> wave a limp?

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Everyone drops off the video except one man. They have a picture of the man in the red shirt. This is our man, and the threat is real. The threat now has a face.

END OF ACT THREE

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## ACT_FOUB

INT. CHICAGO FBI OFFICE - DAY 6 - EVENING
Kilmer and Lark have put an Interpol photo of Fayez on one screen, and the security camera photo of "Mr. Blond" on the other.

They are joined by an ARMY PLASTIC SURGEON.
CHICAGO FBI GUY
This is Captain McNamara, Army plastic surgeon, specializes in black ops reconstructive.

KILMER
(nods to the surgeon)
Captain.
(re: the two faces)
Could these possibly be the same person?
ARMY PLASTIC SURGEON
Let's take a look.
Using state of the art facial recognition software designed for plastic surgery, the surgeon morphs the two photos. He shows them the possible surgical scenarios.

ARMY PLASTIC SURGEON (cont'd)
This is how they modified his nose, and it looks like they shaved a bit off his cheekbones. His skin is already light tan but they probably had him take Hydroquinone to lighten it more.

The morphed photo leaves no doubt: Mr. Blond is Fayez. At least one terrorist, if not more, is in the heartland of America, and he looks like us.

INT. CHICAGO F.B.I. OFFICE - DAY 6 - LATE NIGHT
Kilmer and Mo tap into Echelor, the NSA's cutting edge supercomputer, to do a faceprint scan.

KILMER
We need an alias and address for Fayez. Where he works, anything.

Echelon FLASHES us through a vast network of photo databases worldwide, accessing and cross-checking file banks of photographic identification: driver's licences, passport and immigration photos, all government employees. The search reveals an Illinois DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTO of Fayez and an
address.

> We got a hit. Fayez is posing as "Thomas Smith." 2615 Dalehurst Drive in Oak Park. Time to start banging on doors.

EXI. JAKARTA STREETS - DAY 6 - SAME
Frankie is traveling in the safe car with the two local CIA operatives, one driving and one in the back seat.

A truck cuts them off. GUNMEN are on the car. Both of her protectors are shot. She is dragged from the car and a gun is placed to her head. Wrists are tied behind her head, a hood truck.

EXIT. SUBURBAN CHICACO HOUSE - DAY 7 - PRE-DANR
Establishing shot.
INT. SUBURBAN CHICAGO HOUSE - DAY 7 - SANE
A chilling scene.
Hambali is dressing Fayez, aka "Mr. Blond", outfitting the suicide bomb underneath his clothes. All the bomb components are graphite, so "Mr. Blond" will have no problems passing
through metal detectors.

The last thing he does is put on a blue smock. Stencilled above the pocket: The Chicago Commodities Exchange.

A wordless ritual between the bomb master and his protege.

## INT. CHICAGO COMODITIES EXCHANGE - DAY 7 - MORNING

Fayez walks up the steps to the building. His name tag reads "Tommy Smith." There is an easy familiarity between them smocks, in front and behind him. Other BROKERS, also in blue

BROKER \#1
Hey, Tommy, what's lip? A lot of security today.

BROKER
\#2
G-8 finance ministers from Europe are ringing the opening bell this morning.

TOMMY
Anna Nicole Smith, now that was fun.
BROKER \#2 She can ring my bell.

Fayez approaches the security check.
EXT./ INT. SUBURBAN CEICAGO HOUSE - DAY 7 - MORNING
CHICAGO SWAT TEAM pulls up to Fayez's house with Lark. They surround the house. Bust down front door. Nobody's home. Too late.
Lark rifles through Fayez's desk, finds employment papers.
LARK
Looks like our guy works on the floor at the Chicago Commodities Exchange.

An F.B.I. FORENSICS GUY waves Lark over. He's running a small, chemical analyzer over the kitchen table, and he's found something.
F.B.I. FORENSICS GUY

This is graphite residue. If your guy used this stuff to make a bomb, he'll pass right through any metal detector.

As Lark reaches for her cell phone, we...
CUT TO:

INT. CHICAGO COMMODITIES EXCHANGE - FLLOOR - DAY 7 - MORNING
Fayez passes through the metal detectors and enters the floor. BROKERS, getting ready for the intense day ahead, are already fielding calls even before the morning bell rings.

Fayez proceeds down a moving ramp and through a passage way, onto an elevator. One of the brokers tries to exchange financial tips with him.

BROKER 4
Missed you last night at the party. You unloading pork bellies?

Fayez just shrugs, no mind for small talk, but it's clear that most every one here knows him.

INT. F.B.I. BLACK SUBURBAN - DAY 7 - MORNING - DRIVING
Kilmer, Sutton and Mo are racing to the Commodities Exchange.
SUTTON
Do we call SWAT?
KILMER
Can't risk it. If he sees a uniform he'll detonate.

LARK O.S. (on speakerphone)
More bad news. Just spoke to the State Department. The G- $\varepsilon$ Financial Ministers are in Chicago.

KILMER
Let me guess where.
LARK O.S.
You got it. The Exchange.
Jelani chimes in over the speakerphone as well.
JELANI O.S.
Kilmer?
KILMER
Go ahead, Jelani.
JELANI O.S.
We got the results back on the C-4. What we found at Fayez's house matches what was in the container. This shit is like $\mathrm{C}-4$ on crack. I'm putting this through your PPX. Take a look.

Jelani uploads to Kilmer's PalmPilotX the specs on the probable type of bomb and detonation device based on the graphite residue found at the house and the traces of C-4. We see the dynamic simulation on Kilmer's PPX and intercut as necessary.

JELANI (cont'd)
These are the protocols. If he's wearing two pounds of $\mathrm{C}-4$, it'll blow the building. Ten pouncs, he'll blow the block. The blast radius increases exponentially the more there is.

The team reacts. It sinks in.
MO
If he knows we're onto him, he'll blow the place. A sniper won't help. We need to K-J him, no motor mobility at all. One dying twitch he could finger-trigger the bomb.

SUTTON
We've got to get close enough to either break his arms or inject him with Utoxin.

KILMER
(to Lark)
Call in the bomb squad. They are not to go into the building unless $I$ order them. Tell them to bring a truck, the biggest one they got.

INT. ROOM IN JAKARTA - DAY 7 - EVENTING
Erankie's on a chair, a hood over her head. She has been beaten. One of her captors runs a video camera.

FRANKIE
My name is Frankie Ellroy Kilmer. I am an American.

INT. CHICAGO COMMODITIES EXCHANGE - DAY 7 - MORNING
Kilmer, Sutton, and Mo, wearing blue smocks, like other traders, enter the floor from different sides. As they enter, the G-8 FINANCIAL LEADERS come into the gallery above. Kilmer's team sees the bomber on the floor; surrounded by other traders, he's looking up into the gallery.

As the G-8 leaders are ready to ring the bell, Kilmer and Sutton move in on the bomber, staying in his blind spot, until they are each two feet behind him.

Just as the bell rings, Kilmer and Sutton grab the bomber's wrists, snapping them back until they're broken.

As he stumbles into their arms, Mo is there injecting the bomber's arm with Utoxin. The bomber goes slack. All of this is done with nobody else noticing.

As they clear a path, they tell other brokers:
MO
It's okay, he just fainted. He'll be fine.

They look down and to their horror, they realize the bomb is on a timer.

The bomb is ticking.
They've got 57 seconds. Out the door, down the stairs, to the street.

The BOMB SQUAD is there, all geared up. The back of the truck is opened. They lay him inside.

BOMB SQUAD
(seeing the device)
No way to separate him from the device. You gotta leave him. If we separate him from the bomb it will blow.

The bomber opens his eyes, begins to move. Fifteen seconds. Kilmer slugs him, knocks him back out. The bomb squad cranks down the door. They all run. The force of the explosion knocks the axles off the bomb truck.

INT: UNDISCHOSED LOCATION -- SAME
Frankie in a room. The only light comes through barred clearstory windows high above. She is fatigued, frightened, clearly in pain. A GUARD enters, carrying a pistol.

SMASH CUT TO:
EXT. CHICAGO STREET - DAY 7 - MORNING
On Kilmer's face: Everything is clear. Like the animal he is, a man of instinct, still capable of the deepest love and loyalty, he senses something is not right from so far off, a world away.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY 7 - SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDWEST
Television is on, the evening news.

A bomber was killed today trying to blow up the Chicago Commodities Exchange. No one else was injured.
CU of Hambali, who we recognize from the mug shots, watching TV.
ON TV: President's address.
PRESIDENT
We have our best men working 24:7. But I can tell you this. The war against terrorism has just begun. It is a war fought by soldiers... unknown to you and me. Their job is to keep us safe. We are making progress.

CU of Hambali's face.

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Satellite POV. An aerial grid of the city seen from faster, outerspace, with our camera toward earth, everything coming an airstrip, and now closer, in a street grid,

EXT. TARMAC, FORT MEADE - DAY 7 - NIGET
Two men on the tarmac waiting for someone to disembark from a

KILMER
I thought we didn't negotiate with terrorists.

ATKINS
We don't. This didn't happen.

KILMER
The three kids?

ATKINS Jakarta five minutes ago.
They landed in Jakarta five minutes ago

KIIMER
They'll come back at us.
ATKINS
Maybe.
They see Erankie getting off the plane. She walks gingerly.
ATKINS (cont'd)
I didn't want to lose her. We need you-both of you.

But Kilmer doesn't hear him. Frankie is walking across the tarmac, away from the plane, and Kilmer is now moving toward her, first walking, and now running. They find each other for a brief moment...before the camera pulls up into the sky and the dark heavens beyond.

EADE TO BLACK.

