

# COLLATERAL DAMAGE

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FADE IN:

1A INT./EXT. NYFD FIREHOUSE - VARIOUS SHOTS - NIGHT 1A

One A.M. on a hellish summer night in Spanish Harlem.

1B FIREFIGHTER 1B

snores like a chainsaw in the upstairs sleeping quarters.

1C INT. LIVING AREA 1C

A FAN WHINES as a firefighter channel surfs.

1D TRUCK BAY 1D

A rookie firefighter shines chrome on the pumper.

1E BAY'S OPEN DOORWAY 1E

A firefighter plays chess with a neighborhood kid. SALSA BLASTS from somewhere.

1F OLD FIREHOUSE 1F

spills light onto a street of aging, neglected buildings as people beat the heat in open windows, on stoops and street corners.

1G FIREHOUSE DALMATION 1G

laps water from a dripping hydrant.

2 INT. FIREHOUSE - KITCHEN - NIGHT 2

NYFD Lt. GORDY PITT strains as he works the handle of an old-time, hand-cranked ice cream maker. It's a tough job requiring strength, patience and determination. In a nutshell, that's Gordy.

Firefighter JUNIOR MONTINE, black Panamanian descent, watches Gordy crank away.

JUNIOR

Hear the big news, Lieutenant?  
It's the twenty-first century. We  
got electricity now.

Gordy keeps cranking.

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JUNIOR

Got these supermarkets, too. Big places, freezers full o' ice cream.

Gordy stops. Pops the lid. Spoons out a dollop.

GORDY

Open up.

He sticks the spoon in Junior's mouth. Junior eats. Junior loves it. Gordy smiles.

GORDY

Screw the twenty-first century.

The FIRE BELL SOUNDS.

3 INT. FIREHOUSE - VARIOUS SHOTS

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Everyone scrambles. The choreography's practiced, automatic. It's achieved without conversation.

The channel surfer slides down the fire pole. He's followed by the man who was upstairs snoring.

Junior rips a sheet from the teleprinter. He hands the printout to the snorer, the company's "chauffeur."

Feet jam into boots. Yellow trousers are hauled up and hitched with suspenders.

Yellow jackets are whipped on.

The chauffeur TURNS OVER the PUMPER'S huge MOTOR.

Firefighters take their stations on the truck. Headsets go on. As the fire company's lieutenant, Gordy rides shotgun. The chauffeur hands him the printout. As the engine moves out under lights and SIREN, Gordy speaks to the men over the headsets --

GORDY

Second alarm. Multiple dwelling between Third and Lex.

4 EXT. SPANISH HARLEM - STREETS - NIGHT

4

The ENGINE SCREAMS and HONKS through the city.

5 EXT. SPANISH HARLEM - TENEMENT - NIGHT

5

FLAMES ROAR from the upper stories of this slumlord's shitbox. An engine and ladder company are on-scene attacking the fire with hoses. Neighbors gawk. Gordy's engine company arrives. Gordy hits the ground, moves to a battalion chief. The chief's terse orders are drowned out by the NOISE of the EQUIPMENT, fire and men. Gordy moves back to his company, who have already hooked the engine up to water.

GORDY

Top story's fully involved. We're supporting inside. Two lines up the stairs.

He points to Junior and then to the channel surfer, MIKE SHEA, a veteran firefighter of Irish descent.

GORDY

Junior and Mike --

He points to the chess player, SAL DIBIASE, another FD veteran, Mediterranean descent, and then to the rookie, RONNIE BOOK, a New York melting pot mutt.

GORDY

-- Sal and Ronnie.

The chauffeur, ART WESTPHAL, German-Irish, stays with the engine as Gordy grabs a fire axe and leads his two two-man hose teams into...

6 INT. TENEMENT

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Gordy and his men charge the stairs dragging the heavy hoses. Rats head past in the opposite direction, deserting the burning building.

7 THIRD FLOOR

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They meet fire on the third floor. On goes the water. Gordy quickly checks rooms on the floor for occupants, using the axe to open locked doors, then taps Junior and Mike, indicates "up." Begins leading the hose team up the stairwell. Sees something and yells a warning --

GORDY

Stairs're screwed. Hug the wall.

8 FOURTH FLOOR

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They reach the fourth floor. There's fire everywhere. And then...

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They see a FIREFIGHTER from the other company. He has fallen through a gaping hole in the floor of the hallway above. He's pinned under a large section of heavy debris, coughing and screaming for help as fire rages around him. To Junior and Mike --

GORDY

Knock it back!

They turn the hose on the flames as Gordy moves to the trapped firefighter. Gordy tries lifting the debris, can't budge it. He starts chopping at it with the axe.

Chunks of plaster fly as the axe bites again and again.

Gordy hacks off a large piece of debris. He levers his axe under the portion still trapping the firefighter. Mike moves to help. Gordy heaves up on the axe. The debris lifts. He heaves harder. It lifts more, until...

Mike slides the firefighter out. Gordy yanks his axe free. The debris collapses. Gordy moves to the firefighter.

FIREFIGHTER #1

Two floors up. I heard screaming... Couldn't get there.

GORDY

Where?

FIREFIGHTER #1

End of the hall.

9 GORDY

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takes off. Charges the next flight of stairs. Reaches the fifth floor. Tries to reach six, but there's too much fire. He's beaten back... but not before he hears the FAINT sound of SCREAMING.

10 NEW ANGLE

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Gordy looks down the fifth floor hallway to an apartment door at the end. Between him and the door is the gaping hole in the floor. It's too big to jump. He starts running. He's gonna jump it.

Gordy reaches the edge of the hole. Leaps with all he's got. At the same time, he swings the axe, point-first. Slams it into a spot high on the wall, and...

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- 10 CONTINUED: 10
- Gordy swings over the hole on the axe handle.
- He hits the other side running. Drives a shoulder into the door at the end of the hall.
- 11 INT. TENEMENT APARTMENT 11
- Gordy bursts in. It's an inferno. He looks up. Knocks his axe on the ceiling. Hears desperate POUNDING back.
- Gordy climbs a table. Starts whacking upward with the axe, attacking the peeling, crumbled plaster overhead.
- Gordy is trying to hack a hole into the room above, but he's not doing it fast enough. He won't beat the fire.
- 12 INT. TENEMENT - HALLWAY 12
- Gordy calls down to his men.
- GORDY  
Give me the hose!
- MIKE  
This place is gone! It could  
flashover any second!
- GORDY  
Give me the goddamn hose!
- Beat. Mike and Junior pass the hose up.
- 13 INT. TENEMENT APARTMENT 13
- Gordy aims the nozzle at the hole he started in the ceiling. Turns it on full jet.
- Gordy's barely able to hold the hose as the high-pressure stream bites into old, decayed plaster.
- Bit by bit the ceiling falls away. Gordy's almost through to the room above, when...
- Falling debris severs the hose. Gordy's lost pressure. He hasn't broken through. The building's coming down. He's gotta get outta there.
- Gordy's not going anywhere. Picks up the axe. Attacks the hole again furiously, until finally...

14 GORDY 14

breaks through! A small hole, which he quickly widens, to reveal... a terrified Latino family gaping down at him, their room ablaze around them. Gordy reaches up. Speaks to them in Spanglish --

GORDY  
It's okay... Esta bien, esta bien... Come with me... Con mio...

15 INT. TENEMENT HALLWAY 15

Gordy lowers the family through the floor hole.

16 EXT. TENEMENT 16

Gordy carries the family's small child outside. He passes the child to its grateful parents, while...

The rescued Firefighter sits on a curb looking at a hero and shaking his head in disbelief and admiration.

17 INT. UPPER WEST SIDE APARTMENT - BEDROOM - MORNING 17

ANNE PITT, thirties, reaches out and KILLS the ALARM. She rolls over. The other half of the bed's empty. We hear a CHILD'S VOICE from another room.

18 INT. MATT'S BEDROOM 18

Anne opens the door to find an exhausted Gordy sitting on the floor with their four-year-old son, MATT. They're building a K'nex spaceship.

MATT  
Look what we made!

ANNE  
Nice rocket... That took a while.

GORDY  
He was awake when I got home. His throat still hurts.

ANNE  
Shit.

MATT  
That's a bad word.

GORDY  
You're right.

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ANNE

Sorry.

She feels Matt's forehead. Gordy's done it already.

GORDY

No fever.

ANNE

(to Matt)

You better see Dr. Bob.

(to Gordy)

And this time, no opening fire hydrants to play in till he's completely well.

GORDY

Yes, ma'am.

She leans down and kisses him. There's passion in it.

ANNE

How was your shift?

GORDY

(shrugs)

The usual.

She yawns. Starts heading out.

ANNE

Dreamed I did a triple axel in an ice skating championship.

GORDY

(beat; calls after her)

Come back and let me see those legs again.

Gordy holds Matt in his arms as water pours over them. It's the second child he's held in the last few hours. This one is his, this one is safe at home and unafraid: what a father wants for his child. We see the deep affection Gordy has for his son. He holds Matt tightly, skin to skin, and kisses the boy's wet head...

Anne opens the shower door. She's on the phone.

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ANNE

Dr. Bob can squeeze him in at twelve. I have a patient relations meeting at twelve-fifteen. Can you take him?

GORDY

I have a game. But yeah, if we do the handoff at the doctor's.

ANNE

(into phone)

Yes, he'll be there... Thanks.

(hangs up; to Gordy)

Five-of in front of Dr. Bob's.

Don't be late.

(to Matt)

Let's get you out, sweetie. Your father just can't keep you dry.

She leads Matt out. Closes the shower door. Gordy sticks his face into the water. Looks back, finds...

Two bare butts, Anne's and Matt's, are pressed against the shower door's foggy glass. OFF Gordy, laughing --

20 EXT. SPANISH HARLEM - BASKETBALL COURT - DAY

20

It appears the entire neighborhood's crammed against the chain-link fence around the court, yelling and cheering as a team of local kids from the NYFD Athletic League plays a team of local kids from the NYPD Athletic League.

Gordy's an NYFD coach, exhorts his team at the top of his lungs.

The rivalry's intense. The game close. The noise deafening. Bets are going down.

NYFD goes up by one in the final minute.

Gordy disses a cop coaching the opposing team.

LUIS is one of Gordy's kids. A small but talented fifteen-year-old. Luis steals the ball. Drives for an unguarded lay-up to put the team up by three... And misses. An opponent recovers the ball. The flow shifts toward the other end, but Luis is slow adjusting, devastated at missing the easy "two." Gordy yells at him to defend.

GORDY

Luis, get back! Pick up your man!

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Luis shakes it off. Hustles back on "D" as his man gets the ball. The opponent's a step ahead. Goes up... And Luis gets there to reject him. The crowd loves it. The BUZZER SOUNDS. NYFD wins.

21 SAME SCENE - GORDY AND LUIS - MOMENTS LATER 21

In the game's immediate aftermath. NYFD celebrating around them. Gordy's proud of Luis.

GORDY

We lose, win, whatever. But one thing we never do. We never, ever give up. Right?

OFF Gordy, smiling at Luis...

22 SAME SCENE - LATER 22

The crowds are gone. Gordy checks his watch and starts off, when a SOUND draws his attention.

23 GORDY'S POV 23

Luis walks along the inside of the chain-link fence around the court. A neighborhood gangbanger and his crew match Luis step for step outside the fence, rattling the fence, clearly trying to intimidate him.

24 BACK TO SCENE 24

Gordy stalks walking toward them. Calls --

GORDY

Luis...

Seeing Gordy approach, the gangbanger and crew drift off. Reaching Luis --

GORDY

What was that about?

LUIS

Told 'em I wouldn't play with 'em anymore.

But Gordy sees Luis is scared. And he sees the gangbanger and crew hovering nearby waiting for Gordy to go.

- 25 EXT. SPANISH HARLEM - BODEGA - DAY 25
- THROUGH the window, we see Gordy delivering Luis to a Latin man, clearly Luis's father and the bodega's owner. We don't hear the words, but we can tell Gordy's complimenting the boy to his dad.
- Gordy emerges. Checks his watch. Whistles up a taxi.
- 26 INT. TAXI - DAY 26
- Traffic jam on Park Avenue South. Gordy's anxious. Checks his watch. He's late. To the cabbie --
- GORDY
- Try Fifth.
- 27 EXT. 68TH AND MADISON - DAY 27
- Anne waits on the corner with Matt, playing with his spaceship. She checks her watch. It's five of twelve.
- 28 INT. TAXI - DAY 28
- Fifth Avenue's also a parking lot.
- GORDY
- Shit.
- He jams money in the pay dish.
- GORDY
- I'm getting outta here.
- 29 EXT. FIFTH AVENUE 29
- Gordy exits the cab and takes off running.
- 30 ANNE 30
- checks her watch again. She's pissed now.
- In b.g., a cop leaves his police cart to write a ticket.
- A caravan of Lincoln Navigators passes Anne and turns east on 68th.
- 31 GORDY 31
- turns onto 68th. As he runs, he jumps, trying to see Anne and Matt over other pedestrians.

- 32 ANNE 32
- In b.g., the Navigators pull up at a building flying the Colombian flag. Latin and American men in suits get out of the Navigators.
- 33 EXT. 68TH - BETWEEN FIFTH AND MADISON 33
- Gordy dodges pedestrians. Still trying to get a glimpse of Anne and Matt.
- The cop we saw writing tickets earlier is walking the other way. Gordy nearly collides with him. At the last moment, the traffic cop shuffles Gordy aside.
- GORDY
- Sorry.
- Gordy reaches the corner. Sees Anne and Matt. Whistles. In b.g., behind Gordy, we see the cop get into a brown Ford.
- 34 ANNE AND MATT 34
- hear the WHISTLE. Matt sees Gordy.
- MATT
- There he is.
- Matt waves.
- 35 GORDY 35
- waves back, shrugs an apology to Anne as he starts across the street, when...
- 36 INTENSE FLASH 36
- suddenly lights up the intersection.
- In SLOW MOTION:
- 37 SHOCK WAVE 37
- wave rolls up 68th past Madison...
- 38 HUGE BALL OF FLAME 38
- erupts behind Anne and Matt...
- We hear the ENORMOUS BANG of the explosion...



44 CONTINUED: 44  
Gordy screams out his agony --  
GORDY  
Noooooooo!!!

45 EXT. COLOMBIAN CONSULATE 45  
The blast detonated here. Some men from the Navigators are dead. MIKE BRANDT is not. Rises from the devastation, gun in hand, as SIRENS wail in the distance.

46 EXT. 68TH AND MADISON - LATER 46  
Emergency personnel - EMS, NYPD, NYFD -- swarm the area.  
Two white plastic sheets cover two bodies.  
Across the street, PARAMEDICS work on Gordy's leg.  
PARAMEDIC #1  
We're gonna give you a shot.  
Gordy's oblivious to the pain. Shoves him away.  
GORDY  
I need to see them!  
PARAMEDIC #1  
We gotta help you right now.  
PARAMEDIC #2  
We've done all we can for 'em,  
Gordy.

47 ANOTHER ANGLE 47  
FBI agent JOE PHIPPS ducks under the police tape. REGGIE DRAY, a young agent, meets him. As they walk --  
DRAY  
Device functioned in front of the Colombian Consulate just as a motorcade full of brass arrived.  
PHIPPS  
Who were the brass, and why were they here?

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DRAY

No one's talking yet, but it smells high-level. There were Colombians and Americans in the cars. Three of 'em ate it. Guy on the phone --

He indicates Brandt, talking on a cell phone.

DRAY

-- is one of the survivors.  
Name's Brandt. C.I.A.

That gets Phipps' interest momentarily. Then, as they continue toward the consulate, he notices security cameras on the building.

PHIPPS

Check the surveillance cameras?

DRAY

We're pulling up the video now.

PHIPPS

(stops; looks around)  
Where's N.Y.P.D. on this?

DRAY

They know it's ours. They're helping with shoe-leather.

Phipps' eyes go to the white sheets up the street.

DRAY

We got two dead bystanders, a mother and four-year-old son. The father's over there with a leg wound.

(indicates Gordy)

Guy's a lieutenant with the New York F.D.

PHIPPS

Anybody talk to him yet?

DRAY

We've been giving him room.

48 BACK TO GORDY

48

In b.g., Mike, the veteran firefighter in Gordy's engine company, looks under the sheets with a cop.

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Junior puts a gentle hand on Gordy's shoulder.

JUNIOR

Gordy.

Gordy looks up him, meets his eyes.

JUNIOR

Me and Mike are here.

GORDY

... I was late... They shouldn't have been there...

JUNIOR

It's not your fault.

GORDY

I need to see them.

Mike has walked up, lays a comforting hand on Gordy.

MIKE

No. You don't need to see 'em that way, Gordo.

Junior spots a news camera crew focusing on Gordy's grief, calls at a cop.

JUNIOR

Get those goddamn people outta here!

Phipps, approaching with Dray, addresses the same cop.

PHIPPS

Put that tape out fifty more feet.

The cop begins moving the camera crew back. Phipps continues to Gordy.

A Paramedic looks up at Mike.

PARAMEDIC #1

He needs to go to the hospital. We can't take that glass out.

MIKE

If he's not bleeding to death, leave him. He's not moving till they do.

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Phipps has heard and understands. To Dray, re:  
bodies□--

PHIPPS

Chalk 'em and move 'em.

Dray goes. Phipps turns to Gordy and the two  
firefighters standing with him. Addresses Mike --

PHIPPS

We gotta get on this quick. I  
need to talk to him.

Beat. Mike nods. To Gordy --

PHIPPS

Mr. Pitt, if you can you tell  
me... What'd you see?

GORDY

(looks up; beat)  
What'd I see? I saw my family  
die.

Mike puts a restraining hand on Gordy.

MIKE

This guy didn't do the bombing,  
Gordo. He's just trying to get  
the people who did.

Beat. Gordy eases up. Then, after a moment, defeated --

GORDY

I didn't see anything except the  
explosion.

Beat. Phipps sees that's all he's gonna get.

PHIPPS

I know this is hard. I'm sorry I  
had to bother you.

Phipps goes. Gordy looks over as the bodies of Anne and  
Matt are placed on gurneys and rolled away. Chalk  
outlines are all that remain of his family. Beat.

MIKE

We're gonna roll you to the  
hospital now and get that glass  
out.

49 ANGLE - PHIPPS

49

Walking back to the consulate. He approaches Brandt.

PHIPPS

Joe Phipps. F.B.I. Counter-  
terrorism task force.

BRANDT

Mike Brandt.

PHIPPS

What got this place blown up?

BRANDT

We'll have this discussion  
somewhere else more secure, after  
I get your clearance.

PHIPPS

Whatever it takes. But I got a  
bomber in the wind. I need  
everything you can give me, and I  
need it now.

50 INT. HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM - NIGHT

50

Gordy's on a gurney on an I.V., his thigh heavily  
bandaged. Junior and the rookie, Ronnie, are with him,  
but there's no chatter -- Gordy's shut down, oblivious to  
everyone around him.

ANOTHER ANGLE

Mike is on a cell phone nearby as Sal, the other veteran  
from the engine company, enters and approaches him. Into  
the phone --

MIKE

Hang on.

Mike turns his attention to Sal, who's clearly blown away  
by the bad news that brought him here --

SAL

Dammit...

MIKE

Tell me about it.

SAL

How's he holding up?

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MIKE

He's shut down... We were hoping they'd keep him here, and he wouldn't have to go home right away, but they're cutting him loose.

SAL

Want me to stay at home with him?

MIKE

Rookie's taking the first shift. I'm just getting the schedule at the firehouse rearranged now.

Mike goes back to the phone, and Sal crosses to Gordy. He puts a hand on Gordy's shoulder, grips it firmly.

SAL

Hey. Got here as fast as I could.

Gordy sees him, but says nothing.

SAL

I know it sucks... It really sucks...

Gordy can't go there. Beat. Sal releases his grip.

SAL

How's the leg?

RONNIE

Cut's deep, but no major vessels were severed. He's got a load 'o silk holding it all together.

Junior, who stepped off to talk to a cop, now comes back.

JUNIOR

Just came over the police radio... Consulate surveillance cameras caught the bomber in the act. He was disguised as a cop.

Gordy looks over. What Junior just said has triggered something.

GORDY

... I saw him... I saw a cop.

Gordy yanks out his I.V., and starts to get up.

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50 CONTINUED: (2)

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SAL

Christ. Gordy...

But Gordy's already on his feet, already moving.

GORDY

I gotta help 'em get the bastard.

51 INT. UNDERGROUND GARAGE - FBI INCIDENT CENTER - NIGHT

51

A well-lit, sectioned-off area of the garage secured by a chain-link fence.

Phipps enters. As he passes Dray, already there --

PHIPPS

How long before we have a secure computer network?

DRAY

An hour. They're building it now.

Phipps moves to a FORENSIC EXPERT hovering over a table of small fragments.

PHIPPS

What do you got?

FORENSIC EXPERT #1

Pieces of a pager oxidized with trace elements of Semtex. Probably the triggering device. They dial it up, probably from a cell phone, and boom...

He picks up a microchip.

FORENSIC EXPERT #1

... This is the memory chip. I can build it into a working pager and maybe get a number readout.

PHIPPS

Do it.

Phipps moves to the next work area, where another FORENSIC EXPERT studies video from a consulate surveillance camera.

52 ON SCREEN 52

in super slow-mo, we see a cop -- the one who later bumped into Gordy -- in front of the consulate. His hat is pulled down over his eyes, almost concealing his tinted glasses. As the cop faces more toward the camera, the expert freeze-frames. To Phipps --

53 FORENSIC EXPERT #2 53

FORENSIC EXPERT #2

That's as much face as we get. He was careful to duck the camera.

PHIPPS

Run a total analysis. I want to know if this asshole's right or left-handed. I want everything you can get outta this film.

Phipps keeps moving, enters an eerie recreation of the blast site. Streets, buildings, etc. are marked out on the garage floor. Pieces of the Navigators rest in front of the area marked "consulate;" parts of an NYPD traffic scooter rest in front of the Navigators; "X's" mark where Anne and Matt were standing.

Phipps crosses to another AGENT.

PHIPPS

Any helpful information coming outta Colombia?

AGENT

Not yet. Sat-Intel hasn't picked up any related data-traffic, either.

Dray walks up.

DRAY

Gordon Pitt's here. He says he saw a cop at the scene.

54 SAME SCENE - LATER 54

Gordy, accompanied by Mike and Ronnie, sits in front of a video monitor. Phipps and Dray look on.

55 ON SCREEN 55

a police cart pulls up outside the consulate.

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PHIPPS

The cart was stolen from the  
Central Park Precinct yesterday.

The cop gets out of the scooter.

GORDY

That's him. That's the son of a  
bitch I bumped into.

The cop tickets a vehicle, then walks west out of frame.

PHIPPS

The bomb's in the cart.

56 PHIPPS

56

reverses the video, freeze-frames on the cop.

PHIPPS

We think the bomb was triggered by  
a cell phone. The guy doesn't  
have one in his hands here. Did  
you see a cell phone when you ran  
into him?

GORDY

... No.

PHIPPS

How much time passed between then  
and the explosion?

GORDY

... Seconds... Five, ten...

PHIPPS

We think maybe he got into the  
brown Ford. You see him then?

GORDY

All I cared about was getting to  
my wife and boy.

DRAY

(to Phipps)

Guy still had enough time to get  
out a phone and dial it in.

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56 CONTINUED: 56

PHIPPS  
 (beat, then, by way  
 of ending it)  
 We might need to call you in again  
 to look at some photos.

Beat. Gordy looks back at the grainy image of the cop.

GORDY  
 ... I touched him...

57 EXT. CEMETERY - DAY 57

A bagpiper plays "Amazing Grace."

REVEAL Gordy holding Matt's small coffin as Anne's is lowered into the ground. Gordy's men are around him, along with many other NYFD personnel, family and friends.

A second bagpiper farther away in the cemetery, picks up the song, begins playing it in a round with the first.

Matt's coffin is taken from Gordy. As it is lowered...

A third bagpiper, farther away still, begins playing the song with the other two. One by one the first and second bagpipers finish their rounds, until there is just the third -- a haunting, mournful wail off into the distance. And then...

There's only silence.

58 INT. GORDY'S APARTMENT - MATT'S BEDROOM - NIGHT 58

Gordy stands at an open closet door. He leans in, buries his face in Matt's clothes and smells them. Smells his son.

59 INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT 59

The TV is ON LOW, tuned to the NEWS. Gordy is alone, slumped in a chair.

60 NEWS ANCHOR 60

NEWS ANCHOR (V.O.)  
 ... The bombing that left a mother  
 and son dead and New York City  
 numb took on a new dimension today  
 when a notorious Latin American  
 terrorist took credit for the  
 attack.

61 GORDY 61

has roused from his despondency, TURNS UP the VOLUME as the report (containing visuals) continues --

62 NEWS ANCHOR 62

NEWS ANCHOR (V.O.)

In an e-mail to the New York Times, a Marxist extremist known only as 'The Wolf,' states that the bombing was, quote, 'not an act of terror but an act of war, aimed at stopping your C.I.A. murderers and their fascist puppets from committing further acts of repression against the people of Colombia,' unquote... Two Colombian officials and an American military officer died in last Thursday's blast. Also killed were Anne Pitt, wife of a New York City firefighter, and their only child, four-year-old Matt... The President has vowed that the United States will avenge what he called 'this monstrous act of barbarism and cowardice'... Intelligence sources say the identity and whereabouts of The Wolf remain a mystery. They believe he has worked closely with radical elements in Latin America for more than twenty years and have linked him to numerous terrorist bombings, including the 1983 downing of a Peruvian airliner, which killed forty-two people, eleven of them Americans... The head of the Latin America Indigenous People's Committee, a group known to be sympathetic to the radicals in Colombia, talked to News Six in Queens.

63 GORDY 63

watches as Ephraim Ortiz-Dominguez a Latin man in his forties, comes on the screen.

64           ORTIZ-DOMINGUEZ

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                  ORTIZ-DOMINGUEZ (V.O.)

I cannot speak for The Wolf or his actions. I would only repeat that the leftist guerrillas in Colombia are not terrorists but freedom fighters in a war being waged against them by the U.S. and Colombian governments. Governments who wish only to protect a system that lines the pockets of corrupt politicians and multi-national profiteers.

                  (jump cut)

The deaths of the woman and little boy are regrettable, but your government inflicts them all the time. Yugoslavia, Iraq... You call it 'collateral damage'...

65           INT. VACANT SECOND-FLOOR OFFICE (QUEENS) - NIGHT

65

An FBI SURVEILLANCE TEAM has taken over the office. Three agents work video and audio recording devices.

A camera points out the window to a line of storefronts across the street. The lights are on in one building with a sign reading "IPC" (Indigenous People's Committee).

The FBI agents listen to live audio from the IPC office.

                  ORTIZ-DOMINGUEZ (V.O.)

Rosetta, I said mustard on the side. You'll have to go back.

                  FBI SURVEILLANCE AGENT

Know what cracks me up about commies? They're all 'equality this, equality that,' and they're all chauvinists. Listen to that fucking guy.

What they hear, however, is ROSETTA SCREAM as a DOOR CRASHES open.

                  ORTIZ-DOMINGUEZ (V.O.)

What do you want?

GLASS SHATTERS. THINGS are BROKEN.

66           VIDEO MONITORS

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The video monitors show Gordy wrecking the IPC office with a baseball bat.

67 INT. IPC OFFICE - NIGHT

67

Gordy smashes office equipment left and right. ORTIZ-DOMINGUEZ and ROSETTA cower as Gordy vents his pent-up, end-of-the-world rage using the bat the way we saw him use a fire axe.

Gordy approaches Ortiz-Dominguez with the bat. Backs him up against a desk.

ORTIZ-DOMINGUEZ

Please...

The FBI agents crash in.

FBI SURVEILLANCE AGENT

Mr. Pitt!

Gordy just stares down at Ortiz-Dominguez.

FBI SURVEILLANCE AGENT

This isn't the way to do things.

Gordy still doesn't move.

FBI SURVEILLANCE AGENT

These guys're only mouthpieces.

Beat. Then Gordy swings the bat. Hard. And...

Destroys the computer monitor next to Ortiz-Dominguez.

Gordy tosses the bat aside. To the shaking Latin --

GORDY

How's that for collateral damage?

68 INT. FBI (NEW YORK) - PHIPPS' OFFICE - NIGHT

68

Gordy sits across from Phipps. Dray is present.

PHIPPS

Mr. Ortiz-Dominguez has agreed not to press charges if you make full restitution.

GORDY

I've already paid. With my family.

Beat. Phipps sees it's pointless to insist. To Dray --

PHIPPS

Take care of it.

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Dray heads out, passing Mike Brandt, who enters.

PHIPPS  
Gordy, this is Mike Brandt.

BRANDT  
Mr. Pitt.

Gordy just looks at him.

BRANDT  
I'm very sorry for your loss... I  
lost people, too.

PHIPPS  
... Mike was in the motorcade that  
day... He's the chief U.S.  
intelligence officer overseeing  
Colombia.

BRANDT  
Don't worry, Mr. Pitt, we're gonna  
get the son-of-a-bitch.

GORDY  
You know where he is?

BRANDT  
We believe The Wolf's in hiding  
in an area of Colombia controlled  
by the E.L.C., extreme Marxist  
guerrillas... He thinks he's in  
a safe haven.

Brandt lets "thinks" sink in.

PHIPPS  
I know it's hard for you right  
now, Mr. Pitt. We're all sorry.  
But why don't you go home.  
We're taking care of things.

Beat. Brandt proffers a business card.

BRANDT  
Here's my card. Call me any time.

Gordy takes it. Just sits there a long moment, then --

GORDY  
What kind of twisted people do  
things like this?

Beat. Brandt and Phipps don't have an answer.

69 INT. NEW YORK TIMES - BULLPEN - DAY

69

Gordy talks to a Latin reporter, ERNIE OROSCO.

OROSCO

You interested in the big picture  
or all the unpleasant details?

GORDY

My family died because of what's  
going on down there. I want to  
know all I can.

Orosco searches for a starting point. Then --

OROSCO

Well, basically, the situation in  
Colombia sucks...

As Orosco continues...

70 MONTAGE - DAY/NIGHT

70

Over the course of a week:

1. Gordy takes pictures, etc., off a wall in his home.  
He pins up photos of Anne and Matt at the top of the  
wall. Beneath them he pins up a large map of Colombia.

OROSCO (V.O.)

... The government's been fighting  
different Marxists factions for  
over thirty-five years. For most  
of that time, it was winning...

71 NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

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2. At the New York Public Library, Gordy uses microfilm  
files and computer access to the web to search out  
information on Colombia and The Wolf.

OROSCO (V.O.)

... Suddenly the guerrillas began  
chopping 'em up. High-tech  
weapons and equipment, well-  
trained troops, aggressive hit-  
and-run tactics, all financed by  
extortion, kidnapping and  
collecting taxes from dope  
growers. It's big money, and they  
put it to use...

72 GORDY

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3. Gordy pins up various Colombia-related articles and pictures on the wall, including the surveillance camera still of The Wolf from the front page of The New York Post.

OROSCO (V.O.)

... The government got scared. In 1998, to jump start peace talks, it gave a coalition of guerrilla groups temporary control over much of southern Colombia... The first communist stronghold on an American continent...

73 GORDY

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4. Gordy draws a line around the guerrilla zone.

OROSCO (V.O.)

... But there've been few talks and no peace. And the Colombian military can't get near the guerrilla zone, especially around the town of Caguan, where the E.L.C. kicks ass and takes no prisoners...

74 GORDY

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5. Gordy circles and labels the ELC-controlled area.

OROSCO (V.O.)

... And that's where we come in. Supposedly, to help eliminate narcos operating in the guerrilla zone. But some well-informed people think that's just an excuse to hit the guerrillas themselves, since they're wrapped around the drug trade... We're there, we're involved... If we stay, the only real question is which Vietnam War we're gonna have. The one some feel we could've won or the one we lost...

75 GORDY

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6. Gordy watches a documentary about Colombia which shows rebels, army troops, death squads, firefights, and with atrocities and bodies on both sides.

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OROSCO (V.O.)

... Bottom line? The place is as dangerous as a snakepit. You've got the different guerrilla groups, C.I.A., F.B.I., D.E.A., Colombian military, U.S. military, right-wing death squads -- and the only thing they've all managed to do is destroy a beautiful country and inflict suffering on the real people... Hey, I'm Colombian, and I'll never go back...

OFF Gordy's packed wall...

76 SAME SCENE - ANOTHER DAY

76

As Gordy closes the front door, REVEAL Mike, the firefighter, who's just come in and now stands staring at the wall, clearly whelmed by the level of compulsion this must have required.

MIKE

Haven't heard from you in a couple days.

GORDY

Been busy.

MIKE

Yeah. I can see that.

Gordy's obsessed, totally consumed by his project. He points at a picture of heavily-armed guerrillas.

GORDY

E.L.C. attack platoon... These assholes kill innocent people all the time in Colombia.

Gordy indicates a newspaper article.

GORDY

Thirteen dead in a bus.

(indicates another)

A market. Twenty-seven dead.

(another)

A whole family... Anne and Matt didn't mean shit to them.

(indicates The Wolf)

Or him.

Mike interrupts, trying to divert him to something else.

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MIKE

Hey, we never turned down free beer, and rookie's buying, you believe that? He certified today, he's off probation.

GORDY

(still looking at wall)

Ronnie couldn't find a fire with both hands.

MIKE

(smiles)

Yeah. Let's go tell him that.

Gordy doesn't react. Beat. More serious now --

MIKE

C'mon, Gordo.

Gordy hears the tone. Looks over and meets Mike's eyes, seeing the genuine concern there.

MIKE

We aren't gonna let 'em drink all the beer, are we?

OFF Gordy...

77 INT. BAR - DAY

77

TV ON in b.g. Gordy's with Mike, Sal, Junior and Ronnie. They've emptied a few pitchers.

MIKE

Low on beer, Ronnie.

RONNIE

Yeah. I'll get more.

He gets up and heads for the bar. To Gordy --

MIKE

I'll tell you what'll be great: when you get back to work with us.

JUNIOR

Yeah, how long is it?

SAL

Week, two weeks?

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77 CONTINUED:

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GORDY

Shrinks say ten more days.

SAL

Like I said.

MIKE

Fucking doorknob they put in  
temporary command...

GORDY

Morgan, the guy from 23, right?

JUNIOR

What a jerkoff.

SAL

Even makes you look good, Gordo.

Ronnie yells over from the bar --

RONNIE

Hey, Gordy --

The guys look over as the bartender TURNS UP the VOLUME  
on the TV.

78 ON SCREEN

78

we see the President's National Security Advisor step up  
to a podium to give a statement.

NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR (V.O.)

Today, at 0700 hours Eastern  
Daylight Time, a joint United  
States/Colombian strike force  
launched a full-scale assault at a  
base camp of the Army of Colombian  
Liberation, or E.L.C., in Southern  
Colombia. The purpose of the  
mission was to punish the people  
behind the brutal bombing in New  
York City ten days ago... We are  
presently evaluating after-action  
reports from Special Operations  
Group, but feel confident that we  
have accomplished our mission...

Cheers throughout the bar. Mike quiets them.

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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR (V.O.)

... At this time, we believe the man responsible for carrying out the New York bombing, the terrorist known as The Wolf, is among the enemy dead.

79 NEW ANGLE

79

Big cheers now. Toasts all around. Everyone in the place is happy for Gordy, who sits there a moment trying to absorb the news, then buries his face in his hands.

80 INT. FIREHOUSE - TRUCK BAY - NIGHT

80

The Dalmatian whizzes on the hydrant outside.

Sal plays chess in the open door with the neighbor kid.

Ronnie polishes chrome on the truck.

Gordy holds up the broken remains of his ice cream maker as Junior looks on.

GORDY

I'm gone three weeks and this place falls apart.

JUNIOR

The temp lieutenant put it out back, and Art hit it with his truck.

RONNIE

(calls to Gordy)

We're having problems with the portable pump again, too.

GORDY

Who backed over that?... My tools still here?

SAL

Upstairs in your locker.

GORDY

Figured you guys would've sold my stuff at a yard sale by now.

81 INT. SLEEPING QUARTERS - NIGHT 81

Art's sleeping. Gordy opens his locker. There are old pictures of Anne and Matt still taped inside. He glances at them quickly, then pulls out his tools.

82 INT. LIVING AREA - NIGHT 82

Mike's channel-surfing again. Gordy goes by the door, carrying his tools and looks in.

GORDY

You ever stay on one channel long enough to hear what they're saying?

Whereupon Mike lands on CNN.

CNN ANCHOR (V.O.)

-- a surprise today --

And then we're on another channel.

GORDY

Go back! Go back!

MIKE

What?

But Gordy has charged in and grabs the remote from Mike, switches channels back to CNN.

83 ON SCREEN 83

we see a CNN anchor with an over-the-shoulder graphic showing the still of the cop from the consulate surveillance camera with "The Wolf" superimposed.

CNN ANCHOR (V.O.)

... videotape from the terrorist who calls himself The Wolf...

On screen, we now see a homemade video of a masked figure wearing a camo floppy hat and a hunter's mesh face mask with a strange-smiling face painted on it in camo earth tones. The Wolf's body is hidden shadow, the voice digitally altered to a deep bass growl.

THE WOLF (V.O.)

You thought you killed me. You didn't. I'm still here...

We see Gordy's demeanor shift, retreating to the obsessive, seething hatred he showed before.

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THE WOLF (V.O.)

... I swear that for every freedom fighter you killed, ten Americans will die. And I will pick the time and the place. And I will enjoy it...

The Wolf slaps his palm for emphasis.

THE WOLF (V.O.)

... Venceremos.

The tape ends. Mike shakes his head.

MIKE

This guy, Quaddafi, that Bin Laden... We never get these assholes.

OFF Gordy, his spark of life suddenly extinguished...

83A EXT. ROW OF TOWNHOUSES (WASHINGTON, D.C.) - DAY

83A

The four connected townhouses sit behind gates on a tree-lined street in Georgetown. A sign reads: Latin American Institute.

83B INT. LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE - BRANDT'S OFFICE - DAY

83B

Brandt's on the phone. He's pissed.

BRANDT

... Senator, the failure of one operation shouldn't cause your committee to question financing everything else we're doing down there...

DONALD UPDEGRAF, Brandt's number two, enters.

BRANDT

... I know it looks bad, and I appreciate your support. Together we'll get it done... Yeah. 'bye.

(hangs up; to  
Updegraf)

Without his father's money, that asshole'd be keeping bees for a living... What?

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83B

UPDEGRAF

Gordy Pitt's on the phone.

BRANDT

No.

UPDEGRAF

He's called every day.

BRANDT

I don't need it.

Beat. Updegraf picks up the phone.

UPDEGRAF

Mr. Pitt, Mr. Brandt'll have to  
get back to you.

84 INT. GORDY'S APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - DAY

84

Gordy's mood is dark. It's not improved by hearing the  
bullshit in Updegraf's reply.

GORDY

Tell him not to bother.

He slams down the phone. Rips up Brandt's business card.  
He's alone with his frustration, with his rekindled  
hatred and rage. OFF Gordy, glaring at the photo of The  
Wolf on his wall...85 INT. AEROPUERTO EL DORADO (BOGOTA) - IMMIGRATION AND  
CUSTOMS AREA - DAY

85

Armed police lead Rottweilers through the newly-arrived  
passengers. FIND Gordy in line. He wears jeans, polo  
shirt, Timberlands, carries a backpack.Gordy advances to an IMMIGRATION OFFICER, hands over his  
documents. The agent studies Gordy's passport.

IMMIGRATION OFFICER

Business or pleasure, senior?

GORDY

... Pleasure.

The agent looks up at Gordy. Looks back at the passport.  
Beat.

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IMMIGRATION OFFICER

One moment, senor.

The agent gets the attention of an IMMIGRATION SUPERIOR, and the two of them confer out of earshot a moment. The Superior looks over at Gordy. Then approaches.

IMMIGRATION SUPERIOR

If you would come with me,  
please.

86 INT. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS - OFFICE - DAY

86

GORDY

Is there a problem?

The customs Superior closes the door. Beat.

IMMIGRATION SUPERIOR

We know who you are, Mr. Pitt.

GORDY

Says so right there in my  
passport.

IMMIGRATION SUPERIOR

We're aware your wife and child  
were killed in the bombing in New  
York.

(off Gordy's look)

We have C.N.N. here, too.

(then)

It's better for you to visit  
another country. For your own  
sake.

GORDY

... You giving me a choice?

IMMIGRATION SUPERIOR

Yes. But not about staying in  
Colombia.

He opens the door, addresses two armed policemen in Spanish. Turning back to Gordy --

IMMIGRATION SUPERIOR

These men will escort you onto  
whatever flight you wish.

He holds out Gordy's passport. Beat. Gordy takes it, starts out. As he goes --

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IMMIGRATION SUPERIOR  
It's The Wolf you're after, yes?

Gordy stops, turns back. He says nothing, but the look on his face speaks volumes.

IMMIGRATION SUPERIOR  
... Then I've just done you a  
bigger favor than you know.

Gordy doesn't respond. Just turns and goes.

87 INT. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS AREA - OUTSIDE OFFICE - DAY

87

Gordy's flanked by the armed policemen, one with a Rottweiler. As they walk, a PA announcement in Spanish is repeated in English...

PA ANNOUNCEMENT (V.O.)  
... Avianco flight 42 to Panama  
City is now open for boarding...  
Avianca flight 42 to Panama City  
is now open for boarding.

OFF Gordy, having heard the announcement --

88 EXT. PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY (PANAMA) - DAY

88

The highway terminates here, far short of Colombia. The idea is to inhibit the northbound migration of people and drugs. From this point south lies the Darien Gap, a thick rain forest traversed only by rough trail.

A cab with a Panama City logo pulls up at road's end. Gordy gets out with the Panamanian CAB DRIVER. The Cab Driver indicates a Panamanian man waiting there with a .9mm on his hip.

CAB DRIVER  
My cousin, Ever.

Ever and Gordy exchange nods.

GORDY  
How far's Colombia?

The Cab Driver indicates distant mountains.

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CAB DRIVER

Beyond those mountains... The trail is very dangerous, but do not worry, Ever will get you there... You can pay him then... You can pay me now.

Gordy pulls out his wallet, pays the Cabbie.

CAB DRIVER

Gracias, senior.

The Driver gets back inside the cab. Out the window --

CAB DRIVER

Que la vaya bien.

He drives off. Gordy looks to Ever. Ever smiles, motions him to follow, then turns south and starts walking. As Gordy falls in behind...

89 EXT. DARIEN GAP - VARIOUS SHOTS - DAY

89

Gordy and Ever pass through pristine tropical rain forest.

90 NEAR STREAM

90

rushing fiercely through the jungle, Ever uses his machete to cut two lengths of bamboo. He hands one to Gordy and indicates how they'll ford the stream. Gordy nods, then follows Ever's lead into the perilous, belly-deep water. They struggle to maintain their balance, even with the sticks. When they reach the opposite bank, Ever signs okay to Gordy and smiles.

91 HELICOPTER CARCASS

91

They pass the carcass of a crashed and burned-out helicopter, when...

Two dangerous-looking men armed with assault rifles step out of nowhere onto the path ahead of Gordy and Ever. Gordy and Ever stop. Gordy glances at Ever. Ever's focused on the men and clearly doesn't like what he sees. Gordy looks back. The armed men advance toward them carefully, rifles in the ready position. Gordy watches them approach, wondering who they are and what they're going to do. Ever, frightened, takes a half-step back, then swings the length of bamboo fast and hard, and...

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He smashes it into the base of Gordy's head, knocking Gordy out.

The men run up. One man covers Gordy, while Ever and the other man rifle his pack and toss his pockets. They take his passport, wallet, and an NYFD T-shirt. And then they're gone.

92 CLOSE ON HUMMINGBIRD 92

Hovering over Gordy as he comes to. As it flies off...

92A GORDY 92A

sits up. Feels the bloody lump on his head. It hurts, but it's not serious. He searches his pockets and backpack, realizes the passport and wallet are missing.

Gordy stands. Looks around. He's alone. He's in the jungle... He keeps heading south.

93 EXT. DARIEN GAP - VARIOUS SHOTS - DAY 93

Gordy trudges on. The thick jungle's hot and humid, full of STRANGE SOUNDS and shadowy animal movements.

Gordy's going uphill, when he rounds a bend in the trail, and...

He meets a man coming the other way. Alarm gives way to the realization that the man is followed by a number of people, including women and children. As they pass Gordy, it's apparent they're refugees from their haunted expressions and crude backpacks heavy with possessions...

Gordy addresses the passing people. Indicates where he's standing.

GORDY

Aqui? Colombia?...

No one replies. Then a small COLOMBIAN GIRL comes up and gets his attention. She runs back up the trail a short distance and stops. She draws a line in the dirt.

COLOMBIAN GIRL

Panama.

She jumps backward over the line.

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COLOMBIAN GIRL

Colombia.

She does it again.

COLOMBIAN GIRL

Panama... Colombia.

She smiles. At the sound of a sharp WHISTLE, however, she runs back quickly, passing Gordy and rejoining her family. Her father hands her a machete and a Zippo lighter, says something to her. Whereupon the little girl returns to Gordy and holds the items out to him. Beat. Gordy takes them.

GORDY

Gracias.

The little girl runs back again, and Gordy watches the refugees disappear around the bend. Then turns back uphill and approaches the line the little girl drew in the dirt. Looks down at it. Crossing over means he walks into a world dangerous enough to cause these people to flee for their lives, and...

Just as Gordy charged into the fire-engulfed tenement past a tide of more sensible rats going the other way, he now steps over the line and advances into Colombia.

94 EXT. PARQUE NACIONAL LOS KATIOS (COLOMBIA) - DAY/NIGHT

94

Where the rain forest of Darien continues in Colombia.

Darkness sets in as Gordy follows the trail downhill. At night, the JUNGLE'S EVEN NOISIER. When...

EVERYTHING GOES QUIET. Gordy slows. And suddenly, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS begin to POP somewhere. Not close, but not far, either. A FEW BURSTS, some SINGLE SHOTS -- the call and response of an ambush -- and then SILENCE. And then the nighttime JUNGLE NOISES return.

As Gordy walks on...

95 EXT. PARQUE NACIONAL LOS KATIOS - MORNING

95

The sun is already cooking the jungle as Gordy reaches a break in the trees, sees a small town ahead.

96 NEARBY - MOMENTS LATER 96

Gordy has left the trail. He lowers his pants just enough to expose his injured thigh. A bandage covers the wound made by the glass shard. Gordy unwraps the bandage, revealing...

A wad of cash is hidden inside, along with a photo of Anne and Matt. A long, livid scar marks the wound.

Gordy studies the photo of Anne and Matt a moment, then removes some cash from the wad and re-wraps the money and photo inside the bandage.

97 BACK ON TRAIL 97

Gordy heads into the town.

98 EXT./INT. CHIVA - NIGHT 98

One of the colorful, wretchedly overcrowded buses that ply Colombia's back-country roads.

As the chiva jolts and shudders over the dirt road, Gordy sleeps. He's an object of some curiosity -- not only a gringo, but a virtual Gulliver in comparison to the small-statured Colombians pressed in around him.

99 EXT. FINCA (COLOMBIA) - DAY 99

A sprawling farm/estate deep in the countryside. Beyond the hacienda, we see a military compound containing tents and three heavily camouflaged helicopter shelters. A recently arrived Light Observation Helicopter (LOH) sits on a chopper pad with its rotors still turning.

100 INT. HACIENDA - DAY 100

Full of manned hi-tech command-and-control and surveillance equipment. A Colombian military operations officer, ROCHA, waits with an aide.

Brandt arrives with Updegraf.

BRANDT

Find your fucking leak?

ROCHA

Not yet. And it could be your fucking leak.

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BRANDT

All due respect, Noel, it's not likely... And we don't need the whole world looking into what we're doing down here... We find the son-of-a-bitch again, we're bypassing protocols...

Updegraf has had papers handed to him and interrupts --

UPDEGRAF

Check this out.

He hands a paper to Brandt. Brandt reads it.

BRANDT

Jesus Christ...

UPDEGRAF

(to Rocha)

The man whose wife and son died in New York. One of your units found his passport and credit cards on some gunrunners near Panama. Gunrunners say they left him alive.

BRANDT

What, he thinks he can get The Wolf himself?

ROCHA

We have too much time and too many people invested to have a loose cannon walking around.

BRANDT

(beat; hands papers to Rocha)

Throw out the net. Have him picked up... Just make sure no one kills him.

FLASH-CUT TO:

101 EXPLOSION

101

Boom! An ENORMOUS EXPLOSION. And...

102 EXT./INT. CHIVA - NIGHT 102

Gordy bolts awake from the nightmare with a scream. He looks around at the startled faces in the crowded bus, unsure where he is for a moment before he gets his bearings. The dream lingers, depressing him.

103 ANGLE - AHEAD OF CHIVA 103

An oncoming bus flashes its headlights. As the buses pass, the ONCOMING DRIVER yells to Gordy's chiva driver.

ONCOMING DRIVER  
 Inspeccion militar. Chequeo de papeles.

104 SECOND CHIVA 104

keeps going. Gordy's chiva slows to a crawl, and the Driver calls back.

GORDY'S CHIVA DRIVER  
 Inspeccion militar. Chequeo de papeles.

Various passengers gather their things and begin to disembark in a hurry. To anyone who'll answer --

GORDY  
 Habla Ingles?... Que pasa?

A MAN IN A YANKEES CAP is among the people getting off. He answers in accented English.

MAN IN YANKEES CAP  
 There is a military checkpoint up the road. They inspect everyone's papers.

105 BUS 105

starts to pick up speed again. Gordy gets off just in time. To the Man in the Yankees Cap --

GORDY  
 Where are all of you going?

MAN IN YANKEES CAP  
 We walk around.

The man heads into the forest. Beat. Gordy follows.

106 EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

106

To the Man in the Yankees Cap as they walk --

GORDY

None of these people have papers?

MAN IN YANKEES CAP

Some have the wrong papers. Some have none...

The man puts a finger to his lips, hushing Gordy. They've come abreast of the checkpoint, which can be seen in the distance through the trees. Colombian soldiers have the chiva blocked as they perform their inspection. The chiva's DIESEL GROWLS loudly. When suddenly...

107 FIGURES

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We see figures moving in the forest between the group and the checkpoint. And then...

The forest erupts in a deafening fusillade of AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE being directed at the soldiers at the checkpoint. In the same instant, an RPG takes out a Colombian Army humvee in a bright, fiery EXPLOSION.

MAN IN YANKEES CAP

Alsuelo!

108 MAN

108

The man pulls Gordy down as the group hits the dirt. The GUNFIRE continues. On the ground, to Gordy --

MAN IN YANKEES CAP

Guerrilleros.

The attack rages furiously for twenty seconds, then wanes to sporadic GUNFIRE. Other WEAPONS are FIRING now, too-- clearly the Army is finally mounting a defense. And then...

109 FOREST

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We hear the sound of PEOPLE CRASHING through the forest. They're running toward Gordy and the group. The CRASHING GETS CLOSER. And now Gordy begins to hear the BREATHLESS PANTING of the guerrillas in retreat. BOOTS THUD past Gordy's head. When suddenly...

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One of the running guerrillas trips over Gordy and goes sprawling. The guerrilla, wearing the motley uniform of an irregular soldier, whips a look back, and...

Gordy finds himself staring into the battle-hardened eyes of a fierce young woman. In a heartbeat...

The woman jumps back to her feet, and joins her comrades laying down a suppressing FIRE at the soldiers. Spent cartridges rain down around Gordy, as the AK-47 ON FULL AUTO chops loudly over his head. And then...

110 NEW ANGLE

110

The guerrillas are gone.

The Man in the Yankees hat hauls Gordy up, yells --

MAN IN YANKEES CAP

Vaya!

The group is in the greatest danger now -- caught between the fleeing guerrillas and the soldiers, who are giving chase and will shoot anyone or thing in front of them. Everyone in the group scrambles to his or her feet and begins to run. And...

Soldiers do notice them and begin to FIRE.

111 FOLIAGE

111

BULLETS SHRED the foliage around Gordy, whipping past his head... He and others keep running. A man goes down when a BULLET BITES into his leg. Gordy slows, but the Man in Yankees Cap won't let him stop to help. Slams him hard on his back. Keeps pushing Gordy forward. A few moments later, we hear M-16's on FULL AUTO back where they left the man.

MAN IN YANKEES CAP

His trouble is over.

112 EXT. SMALL RIVER

112

The powerful TORRENT ROARS through the forest.

Gordy and the others reach the near bank, where the path drops into the water to reappear on the opposite bank. The Man in the Yankees Cap is in the lead. He plunges into the fast water up to his waist. Gordy and the rest splash in behind, struggling to cross against the swift current. The Man in the Yankees Cap reaches the far bank. Takes two steps, and...

113 EXPLOSION 113

BOOM! An EXPLOSION rips into him.

114 GORDY AND OTHERS 114

stop mid-stream, but one of the group, a young woman, believing the blast was caused by the pursuing military, continues struggling to cross. An OLDER MAN looks, sees the blast-hole.

OLDER MAN

Mina.

Gordy realizes the old man's saying "land mine." To the young woman --

GORDY

No!

Gordy moves to catch her. Just manages to stop her as she reaches the far bank. Gordy points to where the land mine detonated.

GORDY

Mina... Mina...

Beat. Slowly, the terrified young woman responds to the strong, calm tone of command in Gordy's voice and the unpanicked, reassuring look on his face.

Gordy brings her back to the group, which fights to stand in the rushing river. He indicates for them to hold hands for stability. Motions for them to stay.

GORDY

Alto.

115 GORDY 115

leaves the group in the middle of the river. The GUNFIRE is now FAR-OFF AND SPORADIC. He crosses to the water's edge on the far bank. Pulls the Zippo from his pack and leans over. Uses the flame to illuminate the mud and rock immediately in front of him. Scratches lightly at the ground with the machete, searching for mines. Finds nothing in that spot. And steps onto it.

Searching the ground and scratching at it with the machete before each step, Gordy inches toward the Man in the Yankees Cap. Three steps from the river...

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He finds a small, round anti-personnel mine the size of a hockey puck. He inches past it. Moves past another. And another. To the writhing Man in the Yankees Cap--

GORDY

Don't move... Don't move...

116 NEW ANGLE

116

Finally, Gordy reaches him. One of the man's legs is missing below the knee. He's bleeding from various other wounds as well. Gordy uses the Zippo to inspect the area for more mines. Then kneels in a footprint.

GORDY

You'll be okay... You'll be okay.

He takes a bandanna from the man and ties a tourniquet around his thigh. By way of distracting him --

GORDY

Guerrilla bastards.

MAN IN YANKEES CAP

No... Military... To stop guerrillas.

Beat. Gordy finishes the tourniquet, when he sees...

117 YOUNG MAN

117

has left the group and emerged from the river in a different place to avoid the mines.

Gordy's eyes go to something glistening in front of the young man -- a taut nylon line ten inches off the ground. The kid's about to hit it. Gordy shouts --

GORDY

No! Alto!

The young man hears the alarm in Gordy's voice and stops... But not before he plants his next step, and...

The trip wire bows against his shin, and...

Gordy ducks, covers the Man in the Yankees Cap, and...

Nothing happens. The young man just stands there, frozen in position, his leg still bowing the line.

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- 117 CONTINUED: 117
- Using the Zippo again to light his way, Gordy advances to the young man. He follows the trip wire to where a Coca-Cola can hangs from a nearby tree. On closer inspection, Gordy can see the can is sleeved around a grenade. There's no pin in the grenade. The can keeps the grenade's arming spoon in place. The trip wire's designed to yank the can off, allowing the grenade to explode at chest level... And the can's almost off.
- Gordy burns through the monofilament trip wire. Then carefully slides the Coke can back over the grenade.
- 118 MAN IN YANKEES CAP - MOMENTS LATER 118
- When Gordy returns, the man's dead. OFF Gordy, looking down at the NY logo on the cap...
- 119 EXT./INT. ANOTHER CHIVA - DAY 119
- Gordy sees a sign for a town as the chiva rumbles along. He pulls out his map.
- 120 INSERT - MAP 120
- Gordy finds the town, which lies along a river. He traces a road from the town. The road runs south through the town of Mompos, and eventually reaches Caguan, the ELC capital.
- 121 BACK TO SCENE 121
- A COLOMBIAN WOMAN is looking over Gordy's shoulder.
- COLOMBIAN WOMAN  
No autobusses para este lugar.  
Solamente el barco en el rio.
- She leans over, traces the river, which also runs to Caguan.
- COLOMBIAN WOMAN  
El rio.
- 122 EXT. FERRY DOCK - DAY 122
- The FERRY'S WHISTLE TOOTS. Lines are cast off.

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122 CONTINUED:

122

Two plainclothes federales have been watching the ferry load and now relax their vigil. One man holds a Xerox of Gordy's passport photo. The other bites into an empanada, which breaks open and spills its contents down the front of his shirt. His partner finds it funny. He doesn't. And while their attention's occupied...

Gordy hurries by, oblivious to the federales' presence, and just manages to hop onto the ferry as it pulls away.

123 EXT. FERRY - DAY

123

The ferry's the only means of travel south, and it's packed. Gordy picks his way through. The only other gringo on the boat is a geek in a plaid shirt and gimme hat that says "Deerborn." The geek, PHILIP ARMSTRONG, looks like a talker, and Gordy tries to avoid eye contact. He's too late.

ARMSTRONG

Hey, yo, dude, here's a seat, man!

GORDY

No, that's okay --

But Armstrong's already throwing a bag off the bench.

ARMSTRONG

I was hoping for someone I could communicate with.

He sees Gordy hasn't moved.

ARMSTRONG

Only room's at the back near the bano, and I'd advise against it, unless you like poop.

Beat. Gordy sits. Immediately --

ARMSTRONG

Philip Armstrong. Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Canada.

(indicates his hat)

Deerborn Heavy Equipment.

GORDY

... Gordy Pitt.

ARMSTRONG

Hey, howya doing? I love Germany.

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GORDY

Austria. American now.

ARMSTRONG

I love America. Never been to Austria. Where from in America would that be?

GORDY

New York City.

ARMSTRONG

I don't like New York City. Buildings're too big. What kinda work you in?

GORDY

(hesitates, then)

Coffee. I buy beans.

ARMSTRONG

Can't drink caffeine. Makes my stomach do the rumba. I like that commercial guy with the sombrero and the mule, though. Headed upstream, eh? Where to?

GORDY

Caguan.

ARMSTRONG

... You've never been to Caguan, eh?

GORDY

How do you know?

ARMSTRONG

'Cause no one in their right mind would ever go back. Caguan's in the guerrilla zone run by the E.L.C. E.L.C. as in 'Extra Loathsome Communists.' They don't care, and they kill. I'm going there myself. But I have a 'get outta jail free' card.

Armstrong doffs his cap, undoes a safety pin securing a card inside the crown. Shows it to Gordy. Sotto --

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ARMSTRONG

E.L.C. travel pass. I can go  
anywhere I want.

(by way of  
explanation)

Everyone needs equipment fixed.

Armstrong carefully returns the card to the hat. And now his voice takes on a noticeably more measured tone --

ARMSTRONG

If you don't have one of these,  
you don't want to be up there,  
Gordy.

Beat. Gordy's contemplating the warning, when his eyes go to a small, sleepy boy standing nearby on the cramped deck, leaning against his father. Gordy reaches over and taps the boy. The boy looks over. Shrinks away at the sight of the large gringo. The father notices and looks at Gordy, who stands, indicates his seat.

GORDY

Por favor.

The father's also apprehensive, doesn't move.

GORDY

Con mucho gusto.

Finally, the father accepts, sits down with the sleepy boy on his lap. Nods his thanks at Gordy, who then gazes down at the son. A kid about Matt's age. Armstrong recognizes the look of a caring dad.

ARMSTRONG

Got kids, eh?

OFF Armstrong, as Gordy walks away...

Two Colombian armed man wearing guerrilla uniforms bearing a distinctive ELC patch are walking a trail, when the man in front notices something odd. He stops. Leads the other man back a few steps. Looks into the foliage along the trail. Something doesn't seem right. He extends his AK-47. Prods a hump of greenery with the rifle butt, and in a flash...

The greenery suddenly transforms into two men wearing face-paint and full-body military camouflage gear and pointing twin cocked-and-locked CAR-15 assault rifles at the heads of the startled guerrillas.

125 EXT. CIA HACIENDA - DAY

125

Brandt stubs a butt as a Colombian SOG group does killer training nearby. Updegraf opens the door. To Brandt --

UPDEGRAF

One of Rocha's infiltration teams just radioed in... We got our big break...

126 EXT. FERRY - DAY

126

Gordy stands along the rail looking out at the lush, beautiful countryside sliding past.

Armstrong joins him.

ARMSTRONG

That little kid and I had a nice, long snooze... We're almost to Mompos.

(gazing out)

Beautiful country.

GORDY

It better be. A lotta people're dying for it.

ARMSTRONG

(looks overboard)

Y'know, I haven't noticed one darn body floating downstream this whole trip, have you?

Gordy doesn't respond. Beat.

GORDY

I was thinking... Maybe we could travel together into Caguan. You could show me around.

ARMSTRONG

(shakes his head)

Pass is only good for one person, if that's your idea, which I think it is... Besides, I can't risk traveling around up there in the company of a big gringo with a dumb-ass cover story about coffee beans.

Gordy looks over. Armstrong smiles back. Beat.

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GORDY

I've got money. I'll buy the pass from you.

ARMSTRONG

I've worked too hard for it. And you don't have that kind of money on you.

GORDY

I'll be getting some life insurance money --

ARMSTRONG

(shaking his head)

It's all cash and carry down here, Gordy.

The FERRY WHISTLE TOOTS.

ARMSTRONG

Mompos... You want to have some fun, we'll hook up later. I always schedule a stopover. To sample the local wares and such.

(winks)

Life can be what you make it here on the frontier.

GORDY

No, thanks.

ARMSTRONG

Gotta get off the boat anyway. Mompos is the last stop. From here into the guerrilla zone you can only travel by panga... If you change your mind, I'll be at the Tropicale later. It's a gringo bar. Just follow the cockroaches.

They see the beginnings of Mompos. Two 4x4 trucks are parked on the riverbank. Lean, clean-cut men in jeans, tight shirts, cowboy boots and sunglasses lean on the truck and watch the ferry pass.

ARMSTRONG

Sicarios. Death squads. Avoid those dudes at all costs.

128 SAME SCENE - FEW MOMENTS LATER

128

The ferry pulls up to the dock. The dock street is a culture clash of shanty bars and Amazon Indian traders, of big-wheel SUVs and mule carts. There's a definite air of menace.

ARMSTRONG

Federales are looking for someone.

Gordy follows Armstrong's look to two plain-clothes federales, one fat and one thin, standing near the dock watching the boat pull up.

When Gordy glances back, Armstrong is gone.

129 EXT. MOMPOS FERRY DOCK - DAY

129

Gordy disembarks amid the throng of passengers, when the FAT FEDERALE confronts him.

FAT FEDERALE

Senor Pitt?

Gordy looks up in surprise at him and the thin federale backing him up.

FAT FEDERALE

You'll have to come with us.

GORDY

Why?

FAT FEDERALE

Come with us, please.

He clamps a hand on Gordy's arm. Gordy shakes it off and starts running. Almost immediately, he's tackled to the ground by the thin federale. Two more federales join in.

Gordy's not gonna go down easy, though.

Even as only one against four, Gordy's a formidable challenge. He's strong, and he's committed all the way. He's not getting kicked out of this country again. It's not a clean or artful fight. There's no karate. It's four men trying to tackle a bull, and...

The bull gets away.

130 EXT./INT. MOMPOS - VARIOUS SHOTS - DAY

130

Gordy sprints down streets with the federales in pursuit.

- 131 GORDY 131  
jukes into a local bar.
- 132 ANOTHER ANGLE 132  
Gordy pounds out the back of the bar into a littered courtyard, where he's surrounded by ten-foot walls.
- 133 FEDERALES 133  
blast through the bar.
- 134 GORDY 134  
runs, jumps, launches off a beer keg, and...
- 135 TOP OF WALL 135  
He reaches the top of the wall and pulls himself up. He's looking out across a block-long run of corrugated tin roofs. Takes off across the roofs, each step thundering, as...
- 136 FEDERALES 136  
burst into the courtyard. Two men hastily build a stack of boxes, etc., against the wall.
- 137 GORDY 137  
runs as fast as he can across the rooftops, when...  
A section of roof gives way beneath his feet, just as...
- 138 NEW ANGLE 138  
One of the federales finally mounts the wall, looks across the rooftops... and Gordy's gone.
- 139 GORDY 139  
lands inside a warehouse room amid sacks of rice, beans and coffee. The building is dark and dusty. He lies still and listens. FOOTSTEPS approach across the tin roof overhead. Gordy burrows into the bags of rice, pulls them over him.



Armstrong's still having trouble with the second girl's spoon.

ARMSTRONG

I never met a nose I couldn't hang  
a spoon on.

Gordy reaches the bar, snags the cap. Glances back, sees the thin federale closing in, turns to run out the back, when...

A strong hand stops him. The hand belongs to the Fat Federale. And now the thin federale's there, too, wielding a stun gun where Gordy can see it. People in the bar fall silent. Everyone but Armstrong, who's finally hung the spoon on the second girl's nose.

ARMSTRONG

Yahtzee!

And now Armstrong also realizes something's up. Turns and sees Gordy. Sees the cap in Gordy's hand as the Fat Federale addresses Gordy --

FAT FEDERALE

Come along, Mr. Pitt.

Whereupon Armstrong shouts drunkenly at Gordy --

ARMSTRONG

Police catch you trying to steal  
my hat, you asshole?!

He staggers toward Gordy. Grabs the hat.

ARMSTRONG

Fucking hat thief!

Armstrong takes a drunken swing at Gordy, but...

Instead of hitting Gordy, Armstrong accidentally-on-purpose clocks the fat detective. Then hisses into Gordy's ear, clearly not that drunk --

ARMSTRONG

Get outta here --

But then Armstrong's legs won't work as the thin federale jams the stun gun against his neck, and 10,000 volts surprise the Armstrong neural network.

Gordy moves against the thin federale in anger, when...

The Fat Federale ZAPS him with another STUN GUN, just behind the ear... And Gordy gets to know the floor, too.

144 EXT. MOMPOS JAIL - NIGHT 144

The building's ancient, constructed of wood and adobe.

145 INT. MOMPOS JAIL - CELL - NIGHT 145

The jail might be old, but the cells are secure enough. They're also unsanitary and thoroughly unpleasant.

Gordy and Armstrong are led in by the federales. The Fat Federale has Armstrong's hat. He looks it over, wondering why Gordy wanted it. Then decides he could give a fuck and tosses it to Armstrong. Clangs the cell door shut and locks it. Leaves shaking his head.

FAT FEDERALE

Gringos...

Armstrong's still unsteady on his feet and sits down on the metal bunk.

ARMSTRONG

That stun gun wasn't cool.

Armstrong looks down at himself.

ARMSTRONG

Haven't peed my pants in a real long time.

GORDY

(beat)

You shouldn't have helped me.

ARMSTRONG

Yeah, well, I guess all these assholes down here are just starting on my nerves.

Gordy's silent. It's over. He's come up short. He's going home.

ARMSTRONG

So what the hell did you do to land us in here? And don't jerk me around, eh?

Beat. Gordy sits.

GORDY

The Wolf killed my wife and son in New York.

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ARMSTRONG

... Oh, you're that guy, eh? I'm sorry, man... And what, you came down here to even things out?

Gordy just looks at him.

ARMSTRONG

Did you even have a plan?

GORDY

Yeah. Go to Caguan, find The Wolf and kill him.

Armstrong just shakes his head. Beat.

146 DOOR TO CELL AREA

146

BANGS open. Federales lead in two men -- the two guerrillas surprised earlier by the heavy-camouflaged infiltrators. The federales are armed with batons and stun guns, taking no chances. It's clear the rebels weren't brought here without a struggle, either -- both are cut and bruised. The tougher-looking of the two has taken a real beating. This beaten man is jammed face-first against the bars of Gordy's cell. He makes eye contact with Gordy while the other rebel is unbound and put into a cell. Then the beaten man is shoved into the cell. A solid, brick wall separates them from Gordy and Armstrong. Armstrong's seen the patches on their uniforms. To Gordy, sotto --

ARMSTRONG

E.L.C.

Beat. Armstrong sees the look on Gordy's face. By way of a warning --

ARMSTRONG

If you can't kill them, don't even talk to them.

The GUERRILLAS are MURMURING in the other cell. One of them LAUGHS. OFF Gordy, listening to the LAUGHING...

147 INT. GORDY AND ARMSTRONG'S CELL - NIGHT

147

Two or three A.M. Armstrong's dozing. Gordy's still listening to the MURMURING of the REBELS on the other side of the wall, when...

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There's a flurry of activity outside the cell area. The door opens. Soldiers enter with some federales.

Gordy watches the soldiers move past his cell. Rocha is with them. And then...

Brandt appears at the bars, looks in at Gordy.

BRANDT

Enjoy your trip?

Gordy stands, approaches.

BRANDT

We asked you to leave it to us.

GORDY

And you guys still haven't got him.

BRANDT

It's not over yet... The guys next door are in The Wolf's elite bodyguard unit. Where he goes, they go. We're gonna ask questions. And we're gonna get answers... And you're staying right here till our bomber's dead.

Brandt goes. Moments later, a TORTURED SCREAM is heard on the other side of the brick wall, waking Armstrong with a start.

148 EXT. MOMPOS - VARIOUS SHOTS - NIGHT

148

In a field near Mompos, a canopied truck backs into position. Men in guerrilla uniforms with ELC patches get out and pull back the canopy, revealing mortar tubes pointing skyward on a bed of sand.

149 ELC GUERRILLA

149

unit armed with AK-47s and Light Anti-Tank Weapons (LAWs) infiltrates the town.

150 ANOTHER TWO-MAN ELC GUERRILLA TEAM

150

sets up a single mortar position overlooking the town. One of the men checks his watch. Beat. He signals. The other man drops a MORTAR down the tube. WHUMP.

- 151 TWO MORTARS 151  
go in the tubes on the truck. WHUMP, WHUMP.
- 152 ANOTHER ANGLE 152  
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! A water tower, the Mompos fire station and the town's power supply are direct hits.  
WHUMP, WHUMP, WHUMP...
- 153 INT. JAIL - CELLS 153  
People react to the sounds of the MORTAR ATTACK on the town. The lights go out. Brandt, Rocha and their men quickly lock the guerrillas in their cell and head out.
- 154 EXT. JAIL 154  
As MORTARS CONTINUE to fall on the rest of the town, the unit of guerrilla infiltrators open up on the front of the jail with LAW ROCKETS.
- 155 EXT./INT. JAIL 155  
KA-BOOM! The front door and wall of the jail disintegrate under the multiple LAW attack.
- 156 NEW ANGLE 156  
Brandt, Rocha and the soldiers, approaching the front door inside, are hammered by the massive concussion of the BLAST and flung across the room, apparently dead.
- 157 ANOTHER ANGLE 157  
The powerful, concussive shock-wave channels into the cell area. Gordy's slightly protected by a wall. Armstrong, standing at the bars, is thrown into the opposite wall and knocked unconscious.
- 158 GUERRILLAS 158  
charge inside with AKs BLAZING. Surviving soldiers and federales SHOOT back.  
The blasts have caused fires in the building. Severed wires spark, creating more fire. Flames begin to spread through the tinder-dry structure.

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- 158 CONTINUED: 158
- The guerrillas take out the soldiers and federales, with few casualties to themselves. They make their way toward the cell area.
- EXPLODING AMMO and stored FUEL CANS accelerate the fire.
- 159 NEW ANGLE 159
- The guerrillas reach the cells. Two men see Gordy and draw down on him. The others move to the next cell.
- Guerrillas plant small explosive charges on the hinges of the cell containing their two captured comrades. Beat. The HINGES BLOW. The beaten man and the rebel with him are freed, and the guerrillas quickly retreat the way they came.
- Gordy sees flames spreading into the cell area.
- 160 GUERRILLAS 160
- exit the fiery jail past Brandt. We see Brandt's not dead.
- 161 EXT. MOMPOS STREET - OUTSIDE JAIL 161
- A truck pulls up. The guerrillas get in. The TRUCK SCREECHES OUT as...
- 162 4X4 162
- full of sicarios SKIDS onto the street, far ahead of the truck. The sicario driving punches it, and...
- 163 TWO TRUCKS 163
- ROAR toward each other. A game of chicken. With GUNS. Men in both vehicles OPEN UP -- the sicarios with magnums and Uzis, the guerrillas with AKs. SLUGS RIP through automotive steel. Casualties are taken. When...
- 164 SICARIO 164
- driving the 4x4 receives a round in the forehead, cranks over the steering wheel, and...

165      SPEEDING 4X4      165

does a Paris-to-Dakar road rally flip, twisting and somersaulting, and...

166      NEW ANGLE      166

The 4x4 catapults completely over the guerrillas' truck, disintegrating into spare parts and dead occupants, as...

167      GUERRILLAS      167

ROAR off.

168      EXT./INT. JAIL      168

A severely-dazed Brandt, bleeding from the nose and ears, slowly gets to his knees, crawls out of the burning building and collapses outside.

169      INT. GORDY AND ARMSTRONG'S CELL      169

There's fire and smoke everywhere. Gordy picks up the metal bunk and slams it against a wall. Slams it again. Breaks the metal apart. Then levers a long side rail in the cell door. He heaves. Heaves again. The fire's licking at him, but Gordy's undeterred. He heaves again, and...

This time, the door gives. Gordy picks up Armstrong's cap, then picks up Armstrong, who's starting to come around. Puts Armstrong over his shoulders in a fireman's carry.

GORDY

Don't breathe.

ARMSTRONG

(weakly)

You're not running through the fire, eh?

GORDY

Close your mouth.

Because running through the fire is just what Gordy's gonna do. As he disappears into the flames...

170      EXT. JAIL - NIGHT      170

The town's in complete chaos. There are fires everywhere.

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Still stunned and bleeding, Brandt looks from where he lies on the ground as...

Gordy bursts out of the inferno carrying Armstrong. They're singed and smoking, but they're alive. Gordy drops Armstrong, pats himself and Armstrong down, knocking out the burning embers on their clothes and hair, when...

Gordy's eyes meet Brandt's. The two men hold the look for a moment. If Brandt could speak, he'd be yelling at Gordy to stop, not to go on. And Gordy knows it. But Gordy's not stopping. Picks up Armstrong again and moves off toward the waterfront.

171 EXT. MOMPOS WATERFRONT - NIGHT

171

There's less chaos here. The fires are in the distance.

Gordy arrives carrying Armstrong. Sets him down.

GORDY

I'll find a boat to take us  
upriver.

He starts to go. Armstrong stops him.

ARMSTRONG

No. I told you. The pass is only  
good for one person. And you're  
too dangerous to travel with.

Beat. Gordy reaches over and takes Armstrong's cap. He looks inside. There's no pass.

ARMSTRONG

It hasn't been there since we  
landed.

Gordy's at a loss. He tosses the cap back. Just looks at Armstrong. Beat. Armstrong sighs.

ARMSTRONG

Aw, hell... I was through with  
this place anyway...

He takes off a boot. Shakes out some money and the pass. He hands the pass to Gordy.

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ARMSTRONG

I'll call ahead and tell Felix I'm not coming, and you're my replacement. He'll meet you in Caguan and take you to the plantation... What do you know about diesel engines?

GORDY

All the fire trucks are diesels.

ARMSTRONG

You'll have to be Austrian, eh? They hate Americans. Name's gotta change, too, in case they're watching the news.

(beat)

It'll buy you a little time to look around Caguan. But you'll never find The Wolf.

Beat. Gordy sticks out his hand.

GORDY

Heinrich Beckmann.

ARMSTRONG

Huh?

GORDY

My Austrian name.

Armstrong shakes hands with Gordy. Armstrong doesn't let loose right away. Beat.

ARMSTRONG

Luck got you this far. But up there, luck doesn't make it. I hope you know you're gonna die.

OFF Gordy, about to step over another line...

172 EXT. RIVER - VARIOUS SHOTS - DAY

172

As dawn breaks over the river, FIND Gordy sitting in a motored panga being steered by a local BOATMAN. Gordy reaches into a pocket and pulls out the photo of Anne and Matt. He looks at it for a few moments. Then pockets it again.

173 SAME SCENE - LATER

173

The panga passes a dead body floating downstream.

174 SAME SCENE - LATER 174

The panga passes revolutionary banners and signs lining the riverbank.

BOATMAN

La zona guerrillera.

175 SAME SCENE - MOMENTS LATER 175

The panga rounds a bend, and...

Two souped-up bass boats filled with heavily-armed ELC guerrillas move to intercept it.

The Boatman slows, puts the panga in neutral and keeps his hands in sight.

One boat of guerrillas pulls alongside. The other sheers off and stops a short distance away, ready to open fire.

Gordy shows the guerrillas his travel pass. One of them takes it. Reads. Looks Gordy over. Then starts to rip the pass in half, when...

He stops. Grins. It's a big joke. He hands back the pass, searches the boat quickly and waves the panga on.

OFF Gordy's relief as the panga heads on...

176 EXT. CAGUAN TOWN DOCK - DAY 176

The panga arrives, and Gordy gets out. He's met by FELIX. Felix has a 9mm in a shoulder holster. Felix doesn't look the least bit happy.

FELIX

Beckmann.

GORDY

Yeah.

FELIX

Come with me.

Felix leads him towards a Land Cruiser.

FELIX

Armstrong should have called sooner. We don't like changes here... If I didn't need the equipment fixed, I'd send you back.

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They reach the Land Cruiser.

FELIX

But now we have to see the E.L.C.  
Supervisor for Caguan.

It's a prospect that seems to concern Felix almost as much as Gordy. Off which, as they get into the Toyota...

177 INT. ELC SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE - DAY

177

The ELC SUPERVISOR for Caguan may be a Marxist, but the clean, well-ordered office is nicely appointed, with a big-screen Sony and leather furniture. The TV's TUNED TO CNN. A photo on the wall depicts him as a younger man wearing guerrilla cammies bearing with an ELC patch and holding an AK-47. A brass nameplate reading "Supervisor" rests on a neat desk, behind which stands the man himself -- a hardened, former guerrilla fighter proud of his position. He's not in cammies now -- his uniform now consists of casual but nice tropical clothing and a fat Rolex.

Felix is a subordinate here. He and Gordy stand across the desk as the Supervisor examines Gordy's travel pass. Gordy's nervous about what could appear on the TV in the b.g., but tries not to show it.

ELC SUPERVISOR

Your passport was stolen.

GORDY

In Mompos.

ELC SUPERVISOR

... Mompos is a shithole. Not like Caguan... Why didn't Armstrong come?

GORDY

He was arrested in Ecuador. He got drunk and fooled around with a police officer's wife.

The Supervisor just looks at him, assessing Gordy's face for signs he's lying. Gordy's expression stays the same.

Felix respectfully interjects. It's almost a plea.

FELIX

(in Spanish)

We need to fix the equipment. We have delivery deadlines to meet.

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A long beat. The ELC Supervisor hands the travel pass back to Gordy. In a hard tone to Felix --

ELC SUPERVISOR

(in Spanish)

He's your responsibility. Don't let him out of your sight.

FELIX

Si. Gracias.

As Felix leads Gordy away...

178 INT./EXT. LAND CRUISER (CAGUAN) - DAY

178

Gordy and Felix pull away from the Supervisor's H.Q. Felix resumes his former tone of command.

FELIX

The Supervisor made you my responsibility... You don't go anywhere without me, you understand?

GORDY

No problemo.

Gordy peers out the window intently as they drive, looking for a lucky break, looking for The Wolf, searching the face of every man. He doesn't see The Wolf, but what he does see surprises him. The ELC Supervisor was right: Caguan's no Mompos. It's a third-world town, armed troops are visible, and there's a lot of bad shit behind Colombia's revolutionaries, but here the streets are calm and orderly. It's quiet, almost eerie, as people go about their business. OFF Gordy, seeing another side of the guerrillas...

179 INT./EXT. LAND CRUISER/COUNTRY ROAD - DAY

179

Felix turns off at the entrance to a lane leading to the plantation. The entrance is guarded by a 4X4 "Rat Patrol" assault truck and four heavily armed ELC guerrillas.

GORDY

The E.L.C. guards your coffee beans?

Felix thinks he's joking. Until he looks over and sees Gordy's actually being sincere.

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- 179 CONTINUED: 179
- FELIX  
... Coffee beans? Shit.  
Armstrong didn't tell you much...
- 180 INT./EXT. LAND CRUISER - PLANTATION - DAY 180
- They approach a hacienda and outbuildings. The accoutrements of agriculture are present -- tractors, sheds, cats, etc. -- but clearly, this is no family farm. There are lots of serious-looking men around. More ELC guerrillas stand guard.
- 181 FELIX 181
- stops the car. He and Gordy get out. Felix begins leading Gordy toward two rows of long, open-walled sheds.
- FELIX  
The problem's with the diesel generators. The sons-of-bitches keep breaking down.
- 182 NEW ANGLE 182
- They pass four very large pits, where green leaves steep in a thick, foul-smelling liquid.
- FELIX  
We're using portables to keep production going, but they don't supply enough power to the heat lamps, and we have to dry a lot of... 'coffee beans.'
- 183 ANOTHER ANGLE 183
- They're now walking between the two rows of sheds, where portable gas GENERATORS THRUM, and...
- Gordy can see long, wide platforms inside. Above the platforms are multiple arrays of powerful heat lamps. Spread out and drying beneath them is a half-acre or two of converted cocaine.
- 184 IN ANOTHER SHED 184
- workers pack and wrap one-kilo bricks of coke for shipment.

185 GORDY AND FELIX

185

approach the two giant diesel generators.

FELIX

We can fix anything, but these keep dying on us... You'll start now. I'll have tools brought to you.

(beat)

Armstrong's a magician with them. Let's hope you have his skill.

Felix walks over to a guerrilla with an AK-47 and speaks to him. Then goes. Whereupon the guerrilla crosses to Gordy and takes up a sentry position over him.

186 SAME SCENE - LATER

186

Gordy has the diesels partially dismantled. The guerrilla sentry is still right there. Felix returns.

FELIX

Well?

Gordy has to think of something fast. Beat. He throws a machine part against a wall angrily.

GORDY

I can't work with these pieces of junk.

FELIX

Junk? These generators cost a fortune.

GORDY

Then treat them that way.

FELIX

(beat, then)

Armstrong always fixes them.

GORDY

Armstrong wants your money. He makes them work, but he doesn't fix them... To do this right, we gotta order parts from Europe. In the meantime, I can make something temporary. There must be a machine shop in town.

FELIX

... Yes.

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Gordy stands.

GORDY

Let's go.

OFF Felix, forced to acquiesce...

187 INT./EXT. LAND CRUISER (CAGUAN) - VARIOUS SHOTS - DAY 187

Felix is driving. Again, Gordy uses the opportunity to look for The Wolf. It's a long-shot, and he knows it. But it's all he can do.

188 EMPTY STOREFRONT 188

They pass an empty storefront. A sign on the large, front plate glass window says "Cine" and "Sabado."

189 BAR 189

They pass a bar. Felix watches it go by with something like a look of desire. Gordy registers the look and the connection to the bar.

190 INT. MACHINE SHOP - VARIOUS SHOTS - DAY 190

Gordy selects spare parts.

A clerk wraps the parts in an old newspaper, and...

Gordy realizes his picture is on the paper. He smears grease from his hands over it.

191 EXT. MACHINE SHOP - DAY 191

Gordy finishes loading the parts into the Land Cruiser.

FELIX

Let's get moving.

GORDY

I'm thirsty. How about you? Want to get something to drink?

Felix pauses. We see the look of desire again. Gordy's definitely struck a chord. But Felix quickly stifles it.

FELIX

We have to get back.

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GORDY

I've been working all day out in the sun. I need a drink... nice cold beer? How about it? I saw a bar in town.

Felix really wants to, but still hesitates.

GORDY

With the spare parts, I'll have the generators running in two hours... We have time for a couple beers.

Beat. Finally --

FELIX

Okay. Just a beer. Maybe two.

192 INT. BAR - NIGHT

192

They've had a lot more than two beers. Felix has, anyway. He's drunk. He's also in love with a waitress on his lap, a cute gordita named BERTA. He pats her.

FELIX

This is mine. This is the reason I come here... right, Berta? Me amas?

BERTA

(playing along)

Si, amor.

Somebody whistles for a drink, and Berta goes.

FELIX

... She's hot, isn't she?

GORDY

Yeah.

Long beat. Gordy makes the play he's been contemplating.

GORDY

Armstrong said to watch my butt around here. I guess the fucking Americans come down and shoot everyone all the time.

FELIX

Especially now, since the bomb in New York.

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GORDY

Yeah, I heard about it. Who did it?

Felix is just loose enough.

FELIX

The Wolf, and they'll never catch him.

GORDY

Ever see him?

FELIX

Once.

GORDY

Where?

FELIX

(beat; eyes Gordy)

If you know too much around here, it can get you killed.

Gordy's gotten all he'll get from Felix. He feigns nonchalance, smiles.

GORDY

Tell me what doesn't get you killed around here.

Gordy takes a swig of beer. When...

Gordy sees the Beaten Man from the jail in Mompos. The man has just walked in with another guerrilla.

Gordy barely avoids being seen as the guerrillas cross the room. At the bar, the bartender puts out two crates of beer. The guerrillas take the beer and head out. No money's changed hands. When they're gone, to Felix --

GORDY

We'd better get back, huh?

FELIX

(checks his watch)

... Shit. It's late.

193 EXT. BAR - NIGHT

193

The two guerrillas are just driving away in a big-wheeled, high ground-clearance Suburban as Gordy and Felix emerge. Felix is weaving.

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Gordy keeps his eyes on the Suburban's tail lights and opens the Land Cruiser's passenger door for Felix.

GORDY

You're too drunk. I'll drive.

194 EXT./INT. LAND CRUISER

194

Gordy gets in. Felix hands Gordy the keys. Then slumps against his door and closes his eyes.

FELIX

One day, I'm going to screw Berta.

Gordy STARTS the CAR and drives after the Suburban.

195 EXT./INT. LAND CRUISER (CAGUAN) - NIGHT

195

Gordy follows the Suburban as Felix rambles --

FELIX

... I'll take her to a small restaurant... We'll have lobster and drink lots of wine... I'll get her drunk... We'll drive home... I'll carry her inside... I'll kiss her... And then, I'll screw her in my bed...

The Suburban pulls up next to a house. There are armed guerrilla guards outside.

FELIX

... And when I am done screwing her, she'll never want to look at another man again...

Gordy drives past the house as the Beaten Man and the guerrilla with him get out of the Suburban and start carrying the beer inside. And a moment later...

Felix comes around with a start.

FELIX

What the fuck are you doing?!

He unholsters the 9mm and points it at Gordy.

GORDY

Hey, easy... What's the problem?

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FELIX

You're going the wrong goddamn way!

GORDY

I am?... Looks different in the dark...

FELIX

Turn around!

Gordy turns the car around. Felix keeps the gun on him.

FELIX

You drive where I say... Or the Supervisor will have us both shot.

Gordy drives back. They approach the Suburban and the house once more. This time it's on Felix' side. Felix gives the guerrilla guards a wave as they go by, and...

Gordy's eyes go to something he couldn't see coming the other way: a large propane tank next to the house.

196 EXT. PLANTATION - VARIOUS SHOTS - NIGHT

196

The work in the sheds continues. Heat lamps dry down the long tables of coke.

197 GUERRILLA GUARDS

197

are more vigilant at night, patrolling the grounds with posted teams.

198 WORK LIGHTS

198

illuminate the two big diesel generators as Gordy continues his overhaul. He has two sentries now. One wears a combat vest, and as Gordy works, his eyes go to the grenades hanging on the vest's front.

199 EXT. PLANTATION - DIESEL GENERATORS - DAY

199

The sun's over the yardarm now, blazing hot, and Gordy's still working under the watchful eyes of the guards.

Nearby, a group of guerrillas is playing soccer, when...

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A man is injured, and his teammates call for one of Gordy's guards to substitute. The man in the combat vest responds. The game is shirts and skins, and he's joining the skins. Puts down his AK, strips off his combat vest and shirt, and runs in.

Gordy's eyes go to the vest and the attached grenades. With the other guard still watching him closely, however, there's nothing Gordy can do.

200 SAME SCENE - LATER

200

The soccer game rages back and forth. Suddenly, an open man gets the ball. Breaks toward the goal.

Gordy sees the player about to go one-on-one with the goalie. He cheers the action loudly, whereupon...

Gordy's guard turns to see what's happening, and...

Gordy grabs a grenade. Almost gets it into a tool box, when...

The player kicks wide, the guard looks back, and...

Gordy covers the clattering of the grenade's dropping into the tool box by picking up a large wrench... But the grenade's still visible as now...

Felix comes around the corner. He's sleepy and hungover. And pissed by Gordy's lack of progress.

FELIX

It's afternoon. Yesterday, you said it would only take two more hours.

Gordy wipes his hands on a rag, throws it on the grenade.

GORDY

I have this one ready to go.

Gordy reaches up and hits the start button on the GENERATOR. It SPUTTERS, but won't catch. Felix just looks at him. Gordy makes an adjustment, and...

This time, the ENGINE TURNS OVER. PURRS like new. The heat lamps brighten in a row of sheds. Felix winces as the DIESEL ROAR makes the hangover hammers in his head pound even harder.

FELIX

What about the other one?

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GORDY

I just need another part from town, and it's five more minutes.

FELIX

... Shit. Fine. Let's go.

Gordy grabs the tool box.

FELIX

Why're you bringing the tool box?

GORDY

The old part's in there. I need to match it, and it's all greasy.

Felix buys it and heads off. As Gordy follows him...

201 EXT./INT. LAND CRUISER (CAGUAN) - VARIOUS SHOTS - DAY

201

They pass the "Cine" in the storefront. The ELC Supervisor's big-screen TV is being wheeled in.

202 GORDY

202

sees an attractive woman playing with some children.

203 GORDY AND FELIX

203

drive past the bar. Gordy notices Felix doesn't even glance at it.

GORDY

Berta working today?

FELIX

Ha! Puta!

We see that, whatever this means, it's an unexpected complication for Gordy.

204 INT. MACHINE SHOP - VARIOUS SHOTS - DAY

204

Gordy chooses the spare part.

The clerk wraps the part in newspaper.

205 EXT. MACHINE SHOP - DAY

205

Gordy loads the part into the Land Cruiser. To Felix --

GORDY

You as thirsty as I am?

FELIX

No.

Felix gets into the Land Cruiser.

206 EXT./INT. LAND CRUISER (CAGUAN) - DAY

206

Gordy climbs in. Felix starts driving. Gordy's down to final straws.

GORDY

We can't stop for one beer?

FELIX

There's beer at the plantation.

GORDY

(thinking fast)

There's no Berta at the plantation. I like drinking beer around pretty girls, not a bunch of guys with automatic rifles.

FELIX

To hell with Berta.

GORDY

What happened? Last night you were in love with her.

There's a beat. Felix glances at Gordy. Decides it's safe to confide.

FELIX

... I had a dream... I fed her lobster, got her drunk, and she rejected me for another man.

(off Gordy's look)

Dreams tell the future.

GORDY

... That wasn't a dream, that was the alcohol talking... You saying two men can't go have a beer and look at women's breasts because of pink elephants?... Nothing makes any sense down here.

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Felix pulls out his .9mm. Gordy doesn't blink an eye.

GORDY

Go ahead and shoot me, and you  
fix the goddamn generator. Part's  
in the back.

Beat. OFF Felix, thinking it all over...

207 INT. BAR - NIGHT 207

A replay of last night. Felix is pretty wasted. Berta's  
in his lap again. In Spanish --

FELIX

You know I'm your man, baby.

Someone whistles for a drink. Berta starts to stand.  
Gordy slips her twenty US dollars to stay. She does.

GORDY

I have to piss.

Gordy crosses, exits into the bano.

208 EXT. BAR - BACK - MOMENTS LATER 208

Gordy drops out the bathroom window.

209 EXT./INT. LAND CRUISER - MOMENTS LATER 209

Gordy gets the grenade from the tool box. He slides it  
just inside the top of his pants, with the spoon hooked  
over the waistband. He finds some wire. Then searches  
for something else. Finds a piece of string and checks  
its length. From Gordy's reaction, we understand it's  
too short.

Gordy opens doors and checks seat pockets. Nothing. He  
checks the glove box. No long string there, either. But  
he does find two rubber bands. Gordy studies them a  
moment, thinking. Tests their elasticity. Then pulls  
out the Zippo and thumbs it. The lighter still works.

As Gordy pockets everything and walks off...

210 EXT. CAGUAN - VARIOUS SHOTS - NIGHT 210

Gordy steals through town, hiding when he sees someone  
coming. He's re-tracing the route he took the night  
before, when he followed the Beaten Man's Suburban.

211 "CINE" 211

He passes the "Cine" in the storefront. A movie's beginning to play on the supervisor's big-screen TV. The place is packed. No one sees Gordy, who moves on.

212 GORDY 212

continues to make his way through Caguan, when...

He rounds a corner, and there's a four-man ELC patrol, two in a truck and two out. Gordy turns, starts heading back, when...

One of the GUERRILLAS calls to him.

GUERRILLA

Alto!

Gordy stops. The two standing men walk toward him. The other two men get out of the truck to provide backup.

One guerrilla approaching Gordy stops short and stands off, cocked-and-locked, as the other comes up. Gordy carefully produces the travel pass. The guerrilla looks it over. In butchered Spanish --

GORDY

Yo trabajo con Felix. Felix --  
(indicates)  
-- la cantina. Con Berta.

The attractive woman we saw earlier playing with the children now walks up holding the hand of a small boy. A guerrilla waves them on. The woman and boy hustle by, glancing at the face of this big gringo in trouble as they pass. They hurry on toward the nearby "Cine."

OFF Gordy, as the guerrilla indicates for him to start walking to the truck...

213 INT. BAR - NIGHT 213

The guerrilla patrol has taken Gordy to Felix, still sitting with Berta in his lap.

FELIX

Are you trying to get us both  
killed?

GORDY

I went for a walk. I figured you  
wanted to be alone with Berta.

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FELIX  
(to the guerrillas;  
in Spanish)  
I'll make sure he's on a shorter  
leash.

The patrol leader looks at Felix hard. Then nods. The guerrillas go. Felix dumps Berta onto her feet, stands. Felix looks at Gordy, shakes his head.

FELIX  
Shit...

214 INT. LAND CRUISER - NIGHT

214

Gordy and Felix get in.

FELIX  
You're working all night,  
Beckmann. That generator gets  
fixed, and you're out of my hair  
in the morning.

Felix jams the car in drive.

Gordy looks down, sees the spoon of the grenade exposed. As he readjusts his shirt to cover the spoon...

215 EXT. PLANTATION - DIESEL GENERATORS - NIGHT

215

Felix is right there supervising for himself as Gordy finishes working. Gordy stands. He stares hopefully at the MACHINE. Then pushes the starter, and... VRROOM! The heat lights in the second row of sheds brighten.

Gordy turns to Felix.

GORDY  
That make you happy?

No response.

GORDY  
Where's my money?

FELIX  
You'll get it in the morning.

216 INT. HACIENDA - STOREROOM - NIGHT

216

Felix yanks the dangling cord and turns on the lights. The room's a mess. All kinds of rubbish. There's a washtub sink. There's a cot.

GORDY

This where Armstrong stays?

FELIX

This is where you stay... A boat will take you down river at seven.

Felix closes the door. We hear a LOCK TURNING. Gordy moves to the door and tries it. It's definitely locked. Through a small window, he can see the lights in the sheds and the ever-vigilant nighttime ELC sentries patrolling the grounds. The DIESELS ROAR in the b.g.

Gordy turns back. Readjusts the grenade digging into his belly, then hooks it back inside his pants. He turns off the light. Moves to the adobe wall opposite the door. THROUGH another small window, he can see it's dark in this direction.

Gordy rummages through the refuse lying around the room. We see some rubber tubing. We see some rope. Gordy finally finds a piece of sharp metal. He moves to the wall with the window. With the DIESELS covering the noise, Gordy starts chiseling away at the adobe.

217 EXT. PLANTATION - NIGHT

217

The big-wheeled guerrilla Suburban drives in.

218 INT. STOREROOM

218

Gordy is making slow progress through the wall, when he hears the VEHICLE arrive. He moves to the window by the door and looks out. Sees the Suburban. Four guerrillas are getting out, including the Beaten Man. Felix meets them. The Beaten Man exchanges words with Felix. Felix indicates Gordy's room. As the Beaten Man continues to question Felix...

Gordy realizes he's fucked. He can't get through the wall fast enough. His eyes go to water dripping from a pipe leading to the washtub sink. He moves to it. Finds the water pipe underneath that feeds the tap. Cranks shut the master valve on the pipe. Wraps his hands around the pipe and pulls. Nothing. Jams his feet against the wall for leverage and pulls harder... And this time, he yanks the pipe free from the sink. He finds the rubber hose. Fits an end over the pipe.

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- 218 CONTINUED: 218
- Quickly lashes it on with some wire. Then cranks on the master valve. High-pressure water streams from the hose.
- Gordy sneaks a peek out the window. The Beaten Man's still questioning Felix. The sound of the hose water is being covered by the DIESELS.
- Gordy crosses the room, extending the hose to the hole he's made in the wall. He aims the stream at the hole. Thumbs the end of the hose to make the water jet even harder... And watches the jet begin eating away at the old adobe and brick, just as it ate through the crumbling plaster in the Spanish Harlem tenement.
- 219 EXT. PLANTATION 219
- The Beaten Man finishes with Felix. Felix begins leading the guerrillas toward the storeroom.
- 220 INT. STOREROOM 220
- Gordy's made progress, but hasn't broken through yet. And he won't, not in enough time. Under his breath --
- GORDY
- Come on, baby... come on, baby...
- And just then...
- 221 EXT. PLANTATION 221
- WHAM-WHAM-WHAM, one of the DIESELS Gordy repaired suffers a spectacularly loud internal breakdown. The heat lights dim in a row of sheds. Felix and the guerrillas stop to see what's happening. At which point, the generator now BURSTS into FLAMES.
- 222 BACK TO GORDY 222
- He smiles.
- GORDY
- Just in time...
- And we realize that he'd planned on the diversion, as...
- The water jet breaks through. The hole's still small. Gordy begins to widen it.

- 223 EXT. PLANTATION 223
- Felix, the Beaten Man and the other guerrillas resume their march toward the storeroom.
- They reach the storeroom. Water's pouring out under the door. Felix unlocks the door and opens it to find...
- 224 INT. STOREROOM 224
- Gordy's gone. The Beaten Man signals two men to go out the hole. To the other man --
- BEATEN MAN  
(in Spanish)  
Organize the others. Find him.
- The man goes. Outside, we hear him SHOUT orders to the guerrillas guarding the plantation. The Beaten Man turns to Felix. Felix is terrified. In a pleading tone --
- FELIX  
(in Spanish)  
He can't be far. You'll catch --
- BANG! The Beaten Man SHOOTS Felix in the head. Then exits. OFF Felix, dead, his blood mixing with the water still streaming across the floor...
- 225 EXT. PLANTATION - MOMENTS LATER 225
- The guerrillas report to the Beaten Man. They can't find Gordy. To the men guarding the plantation --
- BEATEN MAN  
(in Spanish)  
Keep looking.
- He signals his men to come with him. They get into the Suburban. Whereupon we FIND...
- 226 UNDER SUBURBAN 226
- Gordy's hanging onto the chassis. With the large tires and high ground-clearance, there's just enough room to get his legs over the rear axle. He's just finishing rigging up a rope he took from the store room -- the rope's slung from one side of the chassis to the other, to support Gordy's back. He hears the ENGINE START, grabs the transfer case, and...

- 227 SUBURBAN 227
- ROARS off with Gordy suspended below.
- The rear DRIVE SHAFT WHIRS madly, inches from Gordy's face. And, with each bump in the road, even with heavy-duty off-road shocks and springs, the undercarriage of the Suburban comes within inches of crushing Gordy's legs. ROCKS are PINGING everywhere. The dirt and the dust are choking. Even for a short distance, it's going to be a long, dangerous ride.
- 228 EXT. SUBURBAN (CAGUAN) - NIGHT 228
- As the TRUCK BLASTS down back roads and through the darkened town...
- 229 GORDY 229
- continues to suffer underneath. Even with the rope supporting him, he has to hold on with two hands.
- A vicious jolt suddenly loosens a grenade. It starts to slip free. Gordy can't stop it without letting go. The grenade falls, and...
- Gordy shoots out a hand and grabs it. Barely. The spoon just hanging on the end of his fingertips. Gordy can't use his other hand to get it. He needs the hand to hold onto the car. The grenade begins to slip. He's going to lose it. And just as it falls...
- Gordy does the only thing left. He slips a finger through the loops of the grenade pin. Just barely snags the grenade before it drops to the road. And then...
- Carefully, slowly -- praying that each bump doesn't jar the grenade off the pin -- with his other arm shaking and screaming in pain as he maintains a grip on the transfer case -- Gordy eases the grenade back onto his stomach, where he gets a better grip. Jams the grenade back. Then grabs onto the undercarriage once more, in time to relieve the muscle-tearing strain on his arm.
- 230 ABOVE GORDY'S WORLD 230
- the Suburban passes the "Cine." The movie's over, just letting out.
- 231 EXT. GUERRILLA HOUSE - NIGHT 231
- The Suburban pulls up to the well-guarded house Gordy saw the night before. The men get out and go inside, leaving the SUBURBAN RUNNING, clearly planning to leave again right away.

- 232 GORDY 232  
carefully lowers himself to the ground. Slides out on the side away from the house. Hides behind a large wheel. The brightly-lit house is surrounded by coconut trees. Gordy watches the guards. When the guards aren't looking, he runs to the nearest tree. The sounds of the SUBURBAN'S ENGINE covers his footsteps.
- 233 TREES 233  
Gordy moves from tree to tree when the guards aren't looking, when he reaches one tree, and...
- 234 NEW ANGLE 234  
THUNK! A coconut hits the ground next to him, and...  
One of the guards comes to investigate.  
The guard gets closer. Gordy inches around the tree. He can't get away without being seen. He nudges the coconut with his toe. Nudges it harder, causing it slowly to roll away, and...  
The guard picks it up. Never sees Gordy in the shadow of the tree, pressed against the trunk. The guard shows the coconut to a guard near the house, then walks back.
- 235 GORDY 235  
sneaks to another tree. Then reaches the house. He moves to a window. Peers into a room. No one's there. But we hear the sound of VOICES. Gordy creeps along the wall. Looks into another room, and...
- 236 INSIDE 236  
is a group of ELC guerrillas, including the Beaten Man, packing suitcases, etc. Leaving in a hurry.
- 237 GORDY 237  
scans the faces. Except for the Beaten Man, no face is familiar. A man with his BACK TO us stands, and there's nothing familiar about him, either. When...
- 238 ANOTHER ANGLE 238  
Directly in front of us, another man emerges from a room. He's also in ELC guerrilla camo.

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238 CONTINUED: 238  
 OFF Gordy, looking intently at the man.

239 FLASHBACK - SURVEILLANCE TAPE 239  
 The face of the cop outside the consulate.

240 MAN (PRESENT) 240  
 in the room. His face looms larger as he ADVANCES  
 TOWARDS us.

241 FLASHBACK - COP'S FACE 241  
 when he bumped into Gordy on E. 64th Street.

242 CLOSE ON MAN (PRESENT) 242  
 in the room. It's the same face.

243 BACK TO GORDY 243  
 He's found The Wolf, when...  
 Suddenly, a guard appears, and...  
 Gordy freezes. Eases into the shadows. His dirty face  
 and clothes blend in just enough. The guard moves past.

244 ANOTHER ANGLE 244  
 When the coast is clear, Gordy moves to the large propane  
 tank. He takes out the grenade. Puts the rubber bands  
 around it, spoon and all. Grips the grenade in his hand,  
 holding the spoon down, and yanks the pin. And then...  
 Slowly, slowly, Gordy begins releasing his grip, allowing  
 the rubber bands to take on the pressure of the spring-  
 loaded spoon. If they'll do it... if the spoon goes now,  
 Gordy's going up in the blast.  
 Gordy continues to relax his grip. The rubber bands  
 stretch. Stretch more. Keep stretching until they're  
 barely holding the spoon... but they're holding it.  
 Gordy quickly, carefully wires the grenade to the propane  
 tank. Then takes out the Zippo, pulls it apart and  
 removes the lighter fluid-soaked cotton. Holds the  
 cotton just above the grenade and squeezes with his  
 fingers. And...

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244 CONTINUED: 244  
Lighter fluid drops onto the rubber bands. Gordy squeezes out as much as he can onto them.  
Then Gordy gets the hell out of there. He finds cover. Ducks down. And waits.

245 CLOSEUP - GRENADE 245  
The lighter fluid is dissolving the rubber bands.

246 BACK TO SCENE 246  
Gordy suddenly hears a woman's gentle SINGING. He looks in the direction of the sound, and...  
Gordy sees the attractive Woman and the boy approaching on the road. She's singing a gentle song in Spanish.  
Gordy's eyes flash with alarm. He glances at the house.

247 CLOSEUP - GRENADE 247  
The lighter fluid continues dissolving the rubber bands, which are now beginning to lose their elasticity and stretch from the pressure of the spoon.

248 BACK TO SCENE 248  
Gordy looks back at the Woman and boy, closer now, walking toward the house.

249 FLASHBACK - NEW YORK 249  
Anne and Matt wave to him across Madison Avenue.

250 BACK TO SCENE (PRESENT) 250  
Gordy sees the Woman pull the boy close to her, lovingly.

251 FLASHBACK - NEW YORK 251  
The BOMB EXPLODES, and Anne moves to protect Matt.

252 CLOSE ON GORDY (PRESENT) 252  
He realizes the horror of what will happen. And...

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252 CONTINUED: 252

WIDER

Gordy bursts from his hiding place.

GORDY

No! Stop! Alto!

The Woman and Boy look over in alarm, see Gordy running toward them and yelling.

GORDY

Get back!

253 INSERT - GRENADE 253

The rubber bands are about to break.

254 BACK TO SCENE 254

The Woman sees Gordy. Screams toward the house --

WOMAN

Claudio!!

255 GUARDS 255

see Gordy running. They OPEN FIRE.

256 MEN 256

pile out of the house.

257 GUARDS 257

STOP FIRING. Gordy's too close to the Woman and Boy now.

258 GORDY 258

reaches the Woman and Boy now. Pulls them down. Covers them protectively with his body, when...

259 NEW ANGLE 259

KA-BOOM! A gigantic EXPLOSION lights up the night and utterly destroys the house.

260 DEBRIS 260

rains down for what seems like forever. Dust fills the air.

261 GORDY 261

opens his eyes. Gets to his hands and knees. Sees the Woman and Boy are safe, when...

A vicious kick in the ribs lifts Gordy off the ground, rolling him away from the Woman and child.

THE WOLF

You bastard!

The Wolf's alive and unhurt. Angrily punts Gordy again.

THE WOLF

You think you can kill The Wolf?!

A boot in the face this time.

THE WOLF

You think you can kill The Wolf?!

A piece of paper has fallen from one of Gordy's pockets and fluttered to the ground nearby. The woman picks it up, and we see...

It's the photo of Anne and Matt.

The woman stares at the photo a moment, as...

Gordy absorbs another blow. He tries to stand.

GORDY

You killed my wife and son --

Whack! The Wolf slams the butt of an AK-47 against Gordy's skull. Gordy drops hard. The Wolf reverses the AK. Points it at Gordy's head, about to pull the trigger, when...

The Woman lays a hand on The Wolf's arm.

WOMAN

Claudio.

The Wolf doesn't take his eyes off Gordy. The Woman squeezes his arm. Implores him --

WOMAN

Claudio.

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261 CONTINUED:

261

The Wolf glances over. Meets her eyes a moment. Sees the photo in her hand. Glances up into her eyes again. They hold the look. A whole conversation exchanged without words. Then The Wolf turns back to Gordy, lying in a pile on the ground. Beat. To Gordy --

THE WOLF

You were just saved by your guardian angel.

262 INT. UNDERGROUND BUNKER - DAY

262

Dark and dank. Excavated clay walls and floor. Heavy door. A bare overhead bulb provides some light.

Gordy lies on a metal bed frame. One of his legs is chained to the bed. He's in pain from being kicked -- but the physical aches are nothing compared to the anguish he feels for having failed.

The door's unlocked and opens. Daylight streams in from above as The Wolf enters with two guerrilla bodyguards. He moves to the middle of the room. Looks at Gordy.

THE WOLF

One of the men in the jail with you in Mompos is dying. He was burned in your explosion.

Gordy just looks at him.

The Wolf signals a bodyguard, who crosses to Gordy and frees his leg from the chain.

THE WOLF

You want to kill me? Come and kill me.

The bodyguards are smiling. Gordy hesitates, then springs for The Wolf, and...

The Wolf immediately fells him with a choppy-looking karate combination. The Wolf's no Jet Li -- his style's a throwback, even ugly, but it's well-practiced and brutally effective. Even still, Gordy springs back right away... and The Wolf drops him again.

THE WOLF

You Americans think you have all the answers. And really, you're so naive...

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262 CONTINUED:

262

Gordy comes up swinging. Gordy's a barroom fighter. If he can touch you, you're in trouble. He never gets close. A vicious front kick folds him, and a fist drives him to the floor. The Wolf stands over him.

## THE WOLF

... You see one peasant with a gun, and you never ask why he has to have it. You just run to give your billions to the nearest soldiers, no matter how merciless or corrupt they are.

The last kick really hurt Gordy. He's slow rising.

## THE WOLF

That's why I'm teaching America a lesson... that's why there'll be more bombs... and more families like yours will pay the price.

The Wolf wants to pique him, but this is pouring gasoline onto fire. Gordy explodes off the ground. The suddenness and fury of the rush catch The Wolf off guard. Gordy drives him backward. Slams him against a wall. Then hooks an arm around the back of The Wolf's neck and drives the other fist like a piston into his abdomen. All his weight behind the punches. Trying to break ribs and crush them into The Wolf's heart, when...

A bodyguard slams the butt of an AK into Gordy's kidneys. Gordy takes the blow standing. The guard delivers a second, much harder shot, and Gordy drops to his knees in agony. Beat. The Wolf recovers from the hammer-blows to his midsection. And then...

He makes Gordy pay for the punches. Lands blow after blow on Gordy's face. Beats the living shit out of him... and leaves him unconscious on the dirt floor.

263 BLACK

263

we hear a gentle CLACKING sound. It's unidentifiable.

264 GORDY'S POV

264

The black becomes a BLUR. The BLUR becomes a hazy glimpse of Selena. She's sitting on the metal bed frame nursing Gordy's wounds. The CLACKING sound CONTINUES -- it's made by SEA SHELLS that dangle from a bracelet on Selena's wrist. The shells knock together as she washes Gordy's wounds.

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264 CONTINUED: 264

SELENA  
Are you alright?

265 INT. UNDERGROUND BUNKER - NIGHT 265

Gordy's still in a deep fog from the beating, barely there at all.

GORDY  
... Who are you?

SELENA  
My name is Selena.

GORDY  
... His wife?

SELENA  
Yes.

Beat. The sea shells clack. Gordy loses consciousness again, and everything goes...

266 BLACK 266

The CLACKING sound CONTINUES. And...

267 GORDY'S POV 267

This time, when Gordy opens his eyes, there's no blurriness. It's a new day. He's better. Selena's walking to him with a tray. The SHELL BRACELET CLACKS as she approaches.

SELENA  
I brought you food.

268 INT. UNDERGROUND BUNKER - DAY 268

Gordy slowly sits up. Beat.

GORDY  
Why feed me? Why not just kill me?

SELENA  
Are you so anxious to die?

Gordy doesn't have an answer. Beat. He tastes the meal.

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GORDY

... Thanks.

Selena watches him a moment, troubled by something.

SELENA

The men in jail with you in Mompos... They say you talked to a man from the C.I.A.

GORDY

I'm not one of them. I'm here for my own reasons.

Selena watches him another moment. Decides he's telling the truth. She reaches into a skirt pocket, then extends her hand toward Gordy. He looks up. She's holding the photo of Anne and Matt. Beat. Gordy takes the photo. Looks at his wife and son. Selena sits next to him. Another beat. Then, off the photo...

SELENA

Claudio used to be a teacher. I was a medical aid worker. We met in Guatemala, in an Indian village called Guamaunco. We were married there. Sophia, our daughter was born there. Claudio was kind and loving, and we were happy... We were there four years when the civil war broke out... The guerrillas were all around us, but left us alone... Then they made an attack on the army nearby. The next night, soldiers came to our village. They were led by American 'advisors'... They accused us of helping the rebels. Our women were raped. Our men were tortured. Our homes were burned... We crawled out into the fields, but they threw grenades, and Sophia...

Selena hesitates, choking back her emotions.

SELENA

... my baby girl was hit by shrapnel... she bled to death in Claudio's arms.

She looks into Gordy's eyes. The look says she understands and shares Gordy's pain because she's suffered her own painful loss. She looks away again.

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268 CONTINUED: (2)

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SELENA

Claudio joined the guerrillas.  
When that war ended, we moved to  
the next war, and the next... Each  
fight has only deepened his  
hatred. And poisoned his soul.

(beat)

He's unable to love anything  
anymore...

GORDY

Why are you still here?

SELENA

Because I know he was a good man,  
who's been consumed by rage  
because of what he lost... Just  
like you.

GORDY

I'm not like him.

SELENA

Not yet.

GORDY

He kills innocent people.

(then)

He's planning to kill more.

Beat. Selena suddenly stands, uncomfortable, not wanting  
to discuss it. She goes to the door and knocks. OFF  
Gordy, as the door opens, and Selena exits...

269 CLOSEUP - SATELLITE IMAGE

269

A laser pointer indicates the photo.

UPDEGRAF (O.S.)

This is a satellite shot of the  
Caguan region last night.

The laser indicates an area of the photo.

UPDEGRAF (O.S.)

Here's Caguan town.

FOLLOW the laser TO:

269A SECOND IMAGE

269A

the same night shot with a bright spot in the town area.

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269A CONTINUED:

269A

UPDEGRAF (O.S.)

At 2250, we get a large heat-and-light anomaly consistent with an explosion.

FOLLOW the laser TO:

269B THIRD SATELLITE IMAGE

269B

a high-resolution, infrared enlargement.

UPDEGRAF (O.S.)

This is the explosive area two minutes later. We got a house blown to shit and burning. We got Colombians in cammies, a gringo down, a woman and kid, and some bodies. This guy --

The laser indicates The Wolf.

UPDEGRAF (O.S.)

-- is giving all the orders.

BRANDT (O.S.)

... I don't fucking believe it. That lucky son-of-a-bitch found The Wolf.

UPDEGRAF (O.S.)

... He's paying for it now.

FOLLOW the laser TO:

269C FOURTH SATELLITE IMAGE

269C

an infrared shot of people and vehicles near the burning house.

UPDEGRAF (O.S.)

A little later, an E.L.C. convoy arrives, and everyone loads up... The convoy travels thirty-two minutes upriver and stops here...

FOLLOW the laser TO:

269D FIFTH SATELLITE IMAGE

269D

an infrared night shot of parked vehicles, buildings, people, etc.

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269D CONTINUED:

269D

BRANDT (O.S.)

An E.L.C. compound...

UPDEGRAF (O.S.)

More like a small village. It's mobile, and it's not just guerrillas -- it's women and kids, too. Here it is by day...

FOLLOW the laser TO:

269E SEVENTH SATELLITE IMAGE

269E

a day shot of the jungle village. The laser indicates:

UPDEGRAF (O.S.)

Houses, barracks, school for the kids, cooking sheds, H.Q., latrines, gun pits...

BRANDT (O.S.)

They're not just hiding The Wolf.

UPDEGRAF (O.S.)

Here it is on the map...

PULL BACK to reveal:

270 INT. CIA HACIENDA - DAY

270

Updegraf highlights a map for Brandt, who thinks aloud --

BRANDT

It's well-sited... can't surprise 'em, so you gotta outgun 'em...

(beat)

So that's what we're gonna do.

UPDEGRAF

We're gonna hit it?

BRANDT

We're not just gonna hit it, we're gonna wipe it off the globe. Cats, rats, dogs and mice. If it's moving, it's dead.

UPDEGRAF

Hitting the whole village could make for a P.R. problem.

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270 CONTINUED:

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BRANDT

I don't care what the Puerto Ricans say.

(then, off Updegraf's look)

Which part of the word 'war' don't you understand? Our mission down here isn't just about catching The Wolf.

UPDEGRAF

... What about Gordy Pitt?

BRANDT

He was told not to be here... The first choppers'll hit it at 2200.

271 EXT. ELC JUNGLE VILLAGE - NIGHT

271

It's RAINING buckets. Most of the people inhabiting the village have been driven under roofs or indoors.

Guerrillas drag Gordy roughly up out of the bunker into the tropical DOWNPOUR. They march him out into the open. Throw him to the ground. A man draws his pistol as Gordy gets to his hands and knees. The GUERRILLA puts the pistol to Gordy's forehead.

GUERRILLA

It's time, gringo.

Beat. He extends a bar of soap with his other hand.

GUERRILLA

Bath time... You stink, gringo.

The guerrillas laugh. Gordy throws the soap in the mud. Gets to his feet. Points his face up into the soothing rain... When he hears ARGUING and looks over to see...

272 WOLF AND SELENA

272

are inside a small house nearby, obviously fighting about something. Selena emphasizes her argument by slapping her hand. The Wolf storms off, and we hear a DOOR SLAM. Selena is left alone, disconsolate, framed in the window. She looks up and sees Gordy outside. Her eyes meet his. OFF their look...

273 EXT. CIA HACIENDA - FRONT PORCH - NIGHT

273

It's POURING here, too. In b.g., assault preparations are underway in spite of the rain. Brandt checks his watch. Then lights another butt from the one he just smoked. Stares off into the distance, his thoughts intense and far away. Updegraf emerges, crosses.

UPDEGRAF

The weather system's intensifying.

BRANDT

(distracted; beat)

What?

UPDEGRAF

The storm's gonna be real bad for at least twelve hours. Here's the data.

He hands a paper to Brandt. Cops a puff off Brandt's cigarette while Brandt reads.

UPDEGRAF

Air ops says it's too heavy for the Blackhawks. Also, Sat-Intel is saying the clouds're too thick, and we're blind.

BRANDT

(beat; pissed)

Got any good news?

UPDEGRAF

Yeah. The creeks are rivers around Caguan. Unless The Wolf's a fish, he's not moving... And there's fresh coffee.

BRANDT

Only good thing down here... Put everyone on red till tomorrow night. And then, I don't care if there's a typhoon, I want those fucking rotors turning.

Beat. Updegraf goes. Brandt crumples the fax and pitches it. Then sees he got fax ink on his hands. OFF Brandt, holding his mitts out in the rain, trying to wash off the stains...

274 INT. UNDERGROUND BUNKER - DAY

274

Selena brings Gordy food. She's extremely subdued. Leaves the tray and starts back to the door.

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274 CONTINUED:

274

Then stops. Turns back to Gordy.

SELENA  
I tried to stop him.

She holds Gordy's eyes a moment. Her look is grim, haunted.

SELENA  
He's gone back.

GORDY  
(beat; realizes)  
The United States? Another bomb?

SELENA  
Yes.

GORDY  
Where?

She doesn't answer.

GORDY  
Where?

SELENA  
... Washington D.C.

GORDY  
Where in Washington?

SELENA  
... He had pictures of a building...

GORDY  
Which building?

SELENA  
I don't know.

GORDY  
We can't let it happen.

SELENA  
It's too late. No one can stop him now.

GORDY  
We'd never make it.

SELENA  
I got down here from New York...

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274 CONTINUED: (2)

274

Beat. She just looks at him, weighing her chances.

GORDY

How many more kids have to die?  
And for what?

SELENA

... I'm his wife...

GORDY

If you don't stop it, you're as  
much to blame as he is.

Beat.

SELENA

I can't.

She moves to the door and knocks. The door opens.  
Selena's gone. OFF Gordy, sagging...

275 INT. AIRPORT (QUITO, ECUADOR) - DAY

275

Passengers are lined up to board a flight to Mexico City.  
FIND a man in line wearing a crisp business suit and tie.  
The clothes, a haircut and horn-rims have made The Wolf  
nearly unrecognizable.

276 EXT. SKY - NIGHT

276

The front's moved through. The night is clear.

277 EXT. ELC JUNGLE VILLAGE - NIGHT

277

Water drips from jungle leaves and the eaves of  
buildings. We see the bustling life of the place, the  
families, the women and children who live with and  
support the well-organized and high-tech guerrilla  
military. The village is simple but decidedly not  
primitive. These people have generators, a satellite  
dish and a school with a computer. At night, the school  
is a TV room. Right now on the tube Daffy's getting his  
beak blown off.

278 SOLDIER

278

pets his child and kisses his wife as he goes off to  
guard duty.

- 279 ELC OFFICER 279  
talks on satellite phone inside camp headquarters.
- 280 MAURO 280  
sits next to Selena on the porch of a house. He plays with the shells of her bracelet as she stares off into the night.
- 281 EXT. CIA FINCA - NIGHT 281  
The Blackhawks, black and menacing, sit on an illuminated tarmac as:  
Heavily armed troops in black uniforms and assault vests load up.  
Door gunners check mini-guns.  
Ground crews yank arming ribbons on rocket pods.  
A co-pilot in a specially rigged helmet tests his forward mini-gun: wherever he looks, the gun points.  
Pilots finish checklists, and...  
Chopper ENGINES start WHINING. ROTORS begin to TURN.  
The noise mounts to an incredible ROAR.
- 282 ANGLE - L.O.H. 282  
The small helicopter's rotors are also turning. Brandt stands at the chopper door with Updegraf. Slams the magazine on a Glock .45, making sure it's in solid, then slides the pistol into his shoulder holster. He checks his watch. Loud, to Updegraf --  
BRANDT  
It's time to make The Wolf howl.  
He takes a last drag on his cigarette, passes the butt to Updegraf to finish and gets in the rear of the L.O.H. as Updegraf scoots clear.
- 283 L.O.H. 283  
THROTTLES UP and SCREAMS away.
- 284 BLACKHAWKS 284  
one by one in quick succession, lift off the deck and follow the L.O.H. into the night sky.

285 INT. UNDERGROUND BUNKER - NIGHT

285

Gordy's on the bed. The guard lets Selena in. She crosses toward the food tray near Gordy... but she's not there for the tray. Moves past it to Gordy's leg and, to Gordy's surprise, begins unlocking the shackle.

SELENA

We're going with you.

When Gordy's free --

GORDY

How do we get out?

She hands Gordy a length of pipe secreted in her dress.

SELENA

The guard is the only one close. When we're past him, we can slip into the jungle. Mauro's waiting for us there.

286 EXT. SKY - HELICOPTERS - NIGHT

286

The Blackhawks and L.O.H. fly map-of-the-earth, a few feet over triple-canopy rain forest.

287 INT. L.O.H. - NIGHT

287

Brandt's in the rear seat wearing a headset. The L.O.H. PILOT, wearing night-vision goggles, checks his GPS, speaks to Brandt via headset --

L.O.H. PILOT

Lead chops are twenty seconds out.

288 INT. UNDERGROUND BUNKER - NIGHT

288

Selena whispers to Gordy at the door.

SELENA

He's on the right... No needless killing.

Gordy moves to the right side of the door. Selena knocks. The door swings inward to the left. Selena exits with the tray. The guard reaches to close the door, and Gordy brings the pipe down hard on his head, knocking him out. Gordy retrieves the guard's AK-47.

- 289 EXT. ELC JUNGLE VILLAGE - NIGHT 289
- Gordy and Selena ascend the bunker steps. They stop at the top and peer into the village. An armed guerrilla approaches, unaware of their presence. Gordy fumbles with the AK-47, looking for the safety switch on the strange weapon. Selena reaches over and expertly flicks it off. When...
- They hear the sound of the CHOPPERS.
- The guerrilla approaching them stops and looks up. And...
- 290 ANOTHER ANGLE 290
- WHOOM! The first wave of BLACKHAWKS FLASHES OVER the village. Selena and Gordy barely have time to duck as ROCKETS EXPLODE into ground targets, and front and door MINI-GUNS SPIT BULLET-STREAMS that RIP THROUGH people and STRUCTURES. And then the first wave's past.
- 291 GUERRILLAS 291
- In the momentary lull after the first wave, guerrillas run to pre-arranged fighting positions. Women and children are screaming.
- 292 SELENA 292
- pulls Gordy from the steps. They start to run. But not far. Just seconds after the first wave of Blackhawks has left, the second wave hits.
- 293 BLACKHAWK CO-PILOT'S POV (NIGHT-VISION) 293
- The village and all its details are visible as different shades of green.
- We see rockets streak toward parked guerrilla vehicles.
- We see rockets trail fire toward the TV in the school, which is then obliterated in a FIERY EXPLOSION.
- Wherever the co-pilot looks, the forward MINI-GUN aims its hellish RAIN OF BULLETS. We TRACK WITH a running guerrilla and see him chopped down, then SWIVEL TO a gun pit and watch the men there eat lead.
- 294 GORDY 294
- He sees the burning school. Watches the continuing slaughter caused by the ROCKETS and MINI-GUNS.

- 295 INT. L.O.H. 295
- Circling over the action. Brandt listens to RADIO CHATTER from the Blackhawks. The village is being decimated. Brandt's dream come true.
- 296 GUERRILLA 296
- He LAUNCHES a shoulder-fired SURFACE-TO-AIR-MISSILE (SAM) at the L.O.H., just before a MINI-GUN GETS him.
- 297 INT. L.O.H. 297
- The Pilot sees the SAM launch.
- L.O.H. PILOT
- SAM coming.
- He hits a button, and...
- 298 EXT. L.O.H. 298
- Two thermite parachute FLARES SHOOT from rocket tubes and IGNITE. Immediately after, the L.O.H. banks. And...
- The SAM ZIPS past the hot, bright flares.
- 299 EXT. ELC JUNGLE VILLAGE 299
- The second wave's gone. Gordy and Selena start to run again. Buildings burn. The SCREAMING's endless. Gordy almost trips over the burned body of a child. And now...
- 300 THIRD WAVE 300
- BLASTS in over the treetops. These are the Blackhawks carrying the assault troops. They use a "skid 'n' git" maneuver to insert the men, coming in hot, MINI-GUNS BLAZING, barely touching down as the soldiers spill out, then tipping forward to gain speed and quick peeling out in a hard right turn.
- Gordy and Selena hit the dirt again as the choppers come in and land the troops, and the ground BATTLE ERUPTS.
- The assault team's GROUND COMMANDER, an American Army Captain, radios his men via comm-link --
- GROUND COMMANDER
- We're going for body count.



307 EXT. RIVER 307

Selena, Mauro and Gordy reach the fast-flowing water.

SELENA

We have to swim.

Gordy spies two empty fuel cans nearby. He gets the cans, throws them in. Then picks up Mauro.

GORDY

Go!

Selena jumps in. Gordy and Mauro follow. They swim for the fuel cans. Gordy, with Mauro clinging to his neck and still clutching the doll, gets an arm over one can. Selena just manages to grab the other.

308 SOLDIER'S POV (NIGHT-VISION) 308

He REACHES the river. Sees Gordy, Mauro and Selena bobbing downstream hanging onto the cans. OPENS FIRE.

309 EXT. RIVER 309

BULLETS WHIP the water around Gordy, Mauro and Selena. They hide behind the cans. BULLETS PING OFF the METAL.

They're swept through some rocks, blocking them from the Soldier, who FIRES anyway. BULLETS CHIP the STONE.

There's one more clear shot after the rocks. They're almost around a bend. The Soldier aims. BANGS! And...

Selena's hit. Gasps. Gordy looks over, calls.

GORDY

You okay?

Selena endures the pain. Hides it behind iron eyes.

SELENA

Your hired soldiers can't shoot.

310 EXT. ELC JUNGLE VILLAGE 310

The village is a silent, smoking ruin. Everyone who lived there is dead. Troops check the faces of the bodies of the men against the freeze-frame of The Wolf outside the Colombian consulate in New York.

The L.O.H. lands. Brandt's met by the Ground Commander.

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- 310 CONTINUED: 310
- GROUND COMMANDER  
No sign of The Wolf. Two people,  
possibly a third, got away.  
They're in the river.
- Brandt moves back to the L.O.H., gets in. A moment later, the chopper's up and away.
- 311 EXT. RIVER 311
- Gordy, Mauro and Selena are still floating, hanging onto the cans, when they hear the sound of a HELICOPTER. Gordy looks, sees the L.O.H. flying downstream ten feet off the river.
- GORDY  
Under the water!  
(to Mauro)  
Uno, dos, tres...
- He takes a big breath and holds it. Mauro understands and does the same. They go under. So does Selena.
- 312 INT. L.O.H. 312
- The Pilot scans the river with his night-vision goggles. Brandt studies the night-vision monitor in front of him. There's nothing but river.
- They zoom by the two fuel cans, but see nothing.
- 313 EXT. RIVER 313
- Gordy, Mauro and Selena surface, gasping for air.
- 314 INT. L.O.H. 314
- The chopper rounds a bend in the river... And there are the two armed guerrilla "customs" boats. The boats open up, and the L.O.H. Pilot banks away.
- 315 EXT. RIVER 315
- The L.O.H. sweeps back in on the customs boats. ROCKETS LAUNCH from the pods. One customs BOAT goes up in a massive EXPLOSION. The other boat scoots.

316 INT. L.O.H. 316

The Pilot sees the second boat go.

L.O.H. PILOT

Not tonight.

He sweeps in again. Triggers more missiles. We watch the second customs boat go the way of the first.

Brandt only cares about the primary target.

BRANDT

They couldn't have made it this far. Go back upstream.

As the chopper banks...

317 EXT. RIVER 317

Gordy hears the L.O.H. again. The three of them duck again, and...

WHOOM! The CHOPPER ZIPS by just overhead. And continues on. A moment later, Gordy, Mauro and Selena re-surface. OFF them, as the copper recedes upriver...

318 EXT. RIVER - DAWN 318

Gordy and Selena float side-by-side, still holding onto the cans. Mauro's asleep on Gordy's back, his arms around Gordy's neck. Weakened by her wound, Selena keeps bobbing below the surface. Gordy pulls her up.

GORDY

Hang on. We just have to keep floating a little bit more...

Suddenly, in the growing light, Gordy sees Selena's blood in the water and realizes she's wounded.

GORDY

You were shot.

SELENA

... I'm okay.

GORDY

We gotta get you outta the river.

319 GORDY 319

kicks them all to shore.

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319 CONTINUED:

319

He climbs out of the river carrying Mauro. As Gordy ascends the bank, Mauro wakes up, terrified. Gordy tries to soothe him.

GORDY

Esta bien. Esta bien.

But Mauro squirms free, and immediately, Mauro runs back to his mother. Selena uses sign language to tell him everything's okay. OFF Gordy's surprised look --

SELENA

He can't hear or speak.

Gordy just looks at them a moment. Then moves to Selena. Re: Mauro, as Gordy examines her arm --

SELENA

He's a war orphan. I adopted him.

Beat. Gordy finishes checking the bullet wound.

GORDY

You're lucky.

He uses part of his shirt to make a pressure bandage. As he ties it around Selena's arm, she looks around.

SELENA

I know where we are. There's a secret trail nearby that leads toward Mompos.

GORDY

Can you walk?

SELENA

It's just my arm.

Gordy admires this woman's bravery. Selena stands. Mauro's clutching her skirt. Gordy looks at him.

GORDY

How do you say 'hello'?

Selena looks at Gordy a moment. She signs "hello" for him, her seashells clacking as she does it.

Gordy taps Mauro to get his attention. Tries out the sign for "hello." The boy just looks at him... then reaches out and takes Gordy's hand, shows him the correct way to do it. Gordy tries again. Mauro nods "yes" and smiles. Gordy smiles back.

320 EXT. JUNGLE - DAY 320

Selena, Mauro and Gordy follow the secret trail, which ends below a large waterfall. Gordy wonders what they do now, when Selena keeps walking, suddenly disappears behind the ROARING CASCADE. Beat. Gordy follows.

321 BEHIND WATERFALL 321

The trail continues, curtailed by the falls. Gordy joins Selena and Mauro. Mauro's excited by the experience of being inside the waterfall. Gordy holds him, lets him touch the sheet of water flowing past.

They walk to the other side of the waterfall. Gordy follows Selena and Mauro through.

322 EXT. JUNGLE 322

Gordy emerges from the waterfall, and...

He's surrounded by Colombian soldiers with guns. More soldiers point guns at Selena and Mauro. Gordy raises his arms.

GORDY

Yo soy Americano... Gordy Pitt...  
Gordy Pitt...

323 INT./EXT. TAXI (WASHINGTON D.C.) - DAY 323

Claudio, The Wolf, rides into the capital from Dulles.

324 EXT. JUNGLE CLEARING - DAY 324

A Blackhawk lands in the clearing. The Colombian soldiers escort Gordy, Selena and Mauro to the chopper. The chopper door opens. Brandt's inside.

325 INT. BLACKHAWK - MOMENTS LATER 325

Everyone's aboard and buckled in. Everyone's tired. The chopper lifts off. Selena's glaring at Brandt, who pushes a headset at her, shouts over the ENGINE WHINE --

BRANDT

F.B.I.'s on the radio. Tell 'em  
everything you know.

Gordy's her protector, intervenes. Grabs Brandt's arm.

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325 CONTINUED:

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GORDY

They both get asylum. And she needs a medic.

BRANDT

On the plane.

GORDY

What about the asylum?

BRANDT

(beat)

They'll get it. But she's in my custody till we're done with her.

Beat. Gordy hates going along with Brandt, but has no choice, nods to Selena. She takes the headset. As she puts it on, Brandt sees her pack. Takes it and opens it. He inspects it, then hands it back. Gordy glares at him. Brandt meets his eyes. A long beat. Then --

GORDY

He wasn't even there.

Brandt doesn't reply. Just holds the look a moment longer. Then looks out the window and ignores Gordy.

326 INT. UNION STATION (WASHINGTON, D.C.) - DAY (AFTERNOON)

326

The daily tide of humanity flows through the railway terminal. We see people in business suits, tourists, families, a group of kids on a field trip. And standing in the middle of it all, we FIND...

CLAUDIO

Now in casual clothes. He's looking over the beautiful and busy station. Contemplating the devastation and death that a bomb planted here would wreak.

327 EXT. ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE (MARYLAND) - DAWN

327

A Lear stops by a convoy of black government Suburbans parked on the tarmac. FBI agents Joe Phipps and Reggie Dray are among those waiting by the cars. The Lear's door pops, and Gordy, carrying a sleeping Mauro, emerges with Selena. Brandt and a medic follow.

328 INT. GOVERNMENT SUBURBAN - MOMENTS LATER

328

Driving.

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328

Mauro, still sleeping, is buckled up in the far back seat between Gordy and Selena. Phipps, Dray and Brandt crowd the second row. Phipps extends photos to Selena.

PHIPPS

These buildings best match what you described to us.

Selena leafs through the photos of various Washington monuments, government buildings, etc. She reaches the last photo.

SELENA

I don't recognize anything... I saw only parts of the building... I'm sorry.

Phipps wants to keep her positive and willing.

PHIPPS

That's okay. We'll keep trying.

SELENA

I think it's a public place. He said he wanted the people of America to feel the terror. 'Terror is all they understand.' He said it over and over...

PHIPPS

(to Dray)

Double up on public venues: museums, theaters, transport... Put in all the extra undercover we can.

Selena looks over at her son sleeping in Gordy's arms. She lovingly brushes the hair off his forehead, rattling her seashells. The leather doll is about to fall from Mauro's fingers. Selena takes the doll and puts it into her bag. Then looks out at the passing scenery. OFF Selena, in the land of her husband's enemy --

329 EXT. GEORGETOWN STREET - DAY

329

The convoy slows outside the Latin American Institute. An attached garage opens.

330 INT. GOVERNMENT SUBURBAN

330

As the Suburban turns into the garage --

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GORDY

Where're we going?

BRANDT

Inter-agency headquarters for our efforts in Latin America.

PHIPPS

It's secure, and we can coordinate all departments here.

OFF which, as they're swallowed up by the dark garage --

331 INT. LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE - VARIOUS SHOTS - DAY

331

Brandt, Phipps, Dray, Selena and Gordy -- along with the rest of the entourage -- walk through the interagency nerve center. Gordy carries Mauro, still asleep.

They stop at the door to a large conference room. Selena's ushered in. Gordy starts to follow. Phipps stops him.

PHIPPS

My people will debrief you in another room... We'll take the boy to a safe house across the street... He'll be well cared for.

Gordy exchanges a look with Selena. Beat. She nods her reluctant approval. Gordy hands the boy to an agent.

332 INT./EXT. LOCKUP GARAGE - DAY

332

Claudio opens the door of a cheap rental garage in an old commercial strip. He steps inside. There's a rental van and a big Ducati motorbike against a wall. Claudio straps a black bag onto the bike, then rolls it out and shuts the garage. Pulls on helmet and STARTS the BIKE. As Claudio speeds into traffic --

333 INT. LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE - LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

333

Selena is seated at a table covered with photographs, Washington, D.C. coffee table books, guide books, etc. Brandt, Phipps, et al stand around her. Phipps flips through the pages of a large coffee table book for Selena to see.

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333 CONTINUED:

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SELENA

No... No... No...

That book's done.

SELENA

I'm sorry.

PHIPPS

That's okay.

He grabs another. Opens it to the first photo.

SELENA

No...

334 INT. LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE - "THE WOLF" ROOM - DAY

334

A small conference room devoted to everything having to do with the interagency interest in The Wolf. Photos of evidence, time lines, charts, etc. cover the walls.

Gordy's tired, being debriefed by two FBI AGENTS.

FBI AGENT #1

... Did Claudio leave with anyone else?

GORDY

I was underground. I couldn't see anything.

FBI AGENT #1

Did you hear anything about his contacts in the United States?

GORDY

No.

335 INT./EXT. WASHINGTON LOCATIONS - MONTAGE - DAY

335

Security tightens all over the city. Among the images we see:

A forklift places huge planters -- really decorative barricades -- to re-route traffic near vital buildings.

336 UNDERCOVER PEOPLE

336

with earpieces patrol public structures. Some lead dogs that sniff for explosives.

336A EXT. WASHINGTON, D.C. - STREETS - DAY 336A

Claudio weaves the Ducati through heavy traffic.

337 INT. LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE - LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM 337  
- DAY

Phipps flips to the last photo in the book.

SELENA

... No...

He reaches for another book. As he does, he topples a stack. Selena's eyes fix on one book cover.

SELENA

He had that book! Let me see it!

Phipps hands it to her. It's a guidebook to Washington. Selena flips through it. Stops at a photo.

338 CLOSE ON PHOTO 338

It's of the redesigned lobby of Union Station.

339 BACK TO SCENE 339

Selena glances up.

SELENA

That's it!

BRANDT

Union Station.

PHIPPS

(to Dray)

Put it under total surveillance. Get a bomb team in there with dogs. Make 'em seeing-eye dogs if you have to. And pull whatever security video they have for the last two days.

DRAY

Why not just shut it down?

PHIPPS

If we spook him, we don't know what his secondary target'll be.

Dray gets on the horn. Beat. To Brandt and Phipps --

SELENA

Please don't kill him.

340 EXT. UNION STATION - DAY 340

A man sits on a bench. He's wearing sunglasses and a baseball cap. He puts a shoulder bag on the bench, takes something out, then gets up and walks away, when...

Suddenly, two tourists and a hot dog vendor are right on him. One of 'em jams a concealed gun jammed into his ribs, while the other two hustle him forcefully to a van. He's shoved inside. His bag's tossed in. The van drives away.

341 INT. VAN 341

Agents press the man hard to the floorboards. His bag's tossed. It's empty. The guy's clean. It's not Claudio. OFF the agents, holding an innocent man...

342 OMITTED 342

343 INT. LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE - LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY 343

Selena watches as Phipps plays a surveillance video of Union Station. Phipps suddenly freezes the image. Zooms in on a man in the middle of the crowd. Claudio.

PHIPPS

That's him, isn't it?

SELENA

(hesitates, then)

Yes.

PHIPPS

He was there yesterday. Just stood there and left... So far, the dogs haven't found anything, so maybe we're ahead of him.

BRANDT

What's he waiting for?

SELENA

He takes his time. Like he told you, he enjoys it.

Beat. Selena's overwhelmed by the experience of seeing her husband on the tape, by her betrayal of him. She grows queasy. Leans on the table for support.

PHIPPS

Are you okay?

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343 CONTINUED:

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SELENA

I'm sorry... I think I'm going to be sick.

Brandt opens a door to a bathroom.

BRANDT

In here.

Selena grabs her pack and rushes in. When the door's closed, Phipps turns to Dray, indicates monitor.

PHIPPS

Get copies of this freeze frame to all the undercover people and the sniper teams.

DRAY

You got it.

PHIPPS

And nobody caps him until we get that bomb tagged. After that, I don't give a shit what happens to him.

Dray goes. There's a long beat. Brandt looks at the freeze frame.

BRANDT

He always hid his face. Why's he giving us a clear picture now?

Beat. The bathroom TOILET FLUSHES. Selena emerges.

PHIPPS

Feeling better?

SELENA

I think I'd feel better if I could rest a little and see my son.

Phipps nods to Brandt, who turns to two of his agents, one a female.

BRANDT

Escort her.

344 INT. LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE - "THE WOLF" ROOM - DAY

344

Gordy's on his feet, looking at The Wolf evidence, etc., on the walls. He can't keep his eyes off it. It's reminiscent of what he constructed on his wall at home. The second Agent's not in the room.

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FBI AGENT #1

... Let's go through it again, Mr. Pitt.

GORDY

I've told you all I know.

FBI AGENT #1

We gotta be sure.

Gordy's eyes go to numbered evidence photo. It's a picture of a seashell. He points to it.

GORDY

What's that?

FBI AGENT #1

What's the number on it?

GORDY

Eleven.

The Agent refers to an index sheet as the Second Agent returns. He's holding a document. To Gordy --

FBI AGENT #2

Mr. Pitt, you said Selena told you she had a daughter.

GORDY

She was killed in Guatemala.

FBI AGENT #2

According to tests on the blood we drew on the plane, Selena's Rhesus F-six. She's genetically barren. She couldn't possibly have had kids.

Gordy doesn't understand. Why would she have lied?

The first Agent finds what he's looking for in the index.

FBI AGENT #1

Number eleven, small seashell with a hole in it... That was found in the getaway car used in the bombing in New York.

OFF Gordy's face...

345 FLASHBACK - SELENA'S SEASHELL BRACELET

345

There's a gap where one of the shells is missing.

346 BACK TO SCENE (PRESENT) 346

GORDY

Shit...

347 INT. LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE - VARIOUS SHOTS 347

Gordy blasts through the building. As he runs...

348 FLASHBACK - ELC JUNGLE VILLAGE 348

Selena expertly flicks the safety off on the AK-47.

349 FLASHBACK - FBI INCIDENT CENTER 349

Phipps addresses Gordy.

PHIPPS

We think the bomb was triggered by a cell phone.

JUMP CUT:

350 CONTINUE FLASHBACK 350

PHIPPS

Did you see a cell phone when you ran into him?

GORDY

No.

351 FLASHBACK - ELC JUNGLE VILLAGE 351

Selena and Claudio argue inside the house. Selena slaps the back of one hand into the palm of the other.

352 FLASHBACK - THE WOLF'S VIDEO TAPE 352

The Wolf does the same hand slap.

353 EXT. LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE - DAY 353

Selena emerges with the two CIA agents.

354 ANGLE - DOWN BLOCK 354

Claudio sits on his parked motorcycle. He sees Selena emerge. Drops his helmet visor and STARTS the BIKE.

- 355 INT. LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE - LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM 355  
- DAY
- Gordy bursts in, sees Selena's not there.
- GORDY  
Where's Selena?!
- PHIPPS  
She went to see her son.
- GORDY  
She's lying! She's The Wolf!
- Gordy runs out. Phipps and others follow. OFF Brandt...
- 356 INT. BATHROOM 356
- Brandt bursts in. He searches. Finds Mauro's leather doll behind the toilet. The head's detached. Brandt looks inside, and...
- We see a block of reddish Semtex plastic explosive and a chemical fuse.
- BRANDT  
Everybody out! Clear this floor!  
Now!
- 357 INT. STAIRWELL 357
- Gordy jumps downstairs, four steps at a time.
- 358 INT. CORRIDORS 358
- Institute personnel evacuate offices.
- 359 EXT. LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE - STREET - VARIOUS ANGLES 359
- Selena and the agents cross the street toward the safe house.
- Claudio GUNS the BIKE toward them.
- Selena hears the BIKE. Sees Claudio coming. Uses the front edge of her hand to strike the female agent hard in the throat. The agent falls to her knees trying to suck air through a crushed windpipe. Selena whip-kicks the other agent to the ground.
- Claudio brakes hard next to Selena, who takes the female agent's pistol and spare magazines as...

- 360 GORDY 360  
bursts outside, followed by Phipps et al.  
Claudio OPENS FIRE with a MACHINE PISTOL, hitting two agents and scattering Gordy, Phipps and the rest. Selena SHOOTS the two escort people dead, then BLASTS away at the other people pouring out of the institute as she straddles the Ducati behind Claudio, and the powerful BIKE SCREAMS off down the street.  
Gordy jumps to his feet and runs after them.
- 361 EXT. BUILDING'S TOP FLOOR 361  
BOOM! A MASSIVE EXPLOSION spits flame out of the windows of the building's top floor.
- 362 PEOPLE 362  
dive for cover. Debris showers the street.
- 363 GORDY 363  
keeps moving.
- 364 STREET IN FRONT OF INSTITUTE 364  
runs one way in the direction the Ducati's headed. Far down the block, the bike turns right onto another one-way street.
- 365 GORDY 365  
spots an alley on his right and turns into it.
- 366 EXT. ALLEY 366  
Gordy's now moving parallel to Claudio and Selena, sprinting hard toward another one-way street, which crosses the alley ahead. He doesn't know if he'll intercept the bike, but it's his only shot.
- 367 EXT. STREET 367  
Claudio GUNS the BIKE down the second street, parallel to Gordy's alley. He and Selena reach an intersection with the one-way street. A right turn will complete the "U" and take them back toward Gordy. Straight ahead, the street they're on is one-way in the opposite direction. Claudio hangs right and cranks on the speed.

- 368 EXT. ALLEY 368
- Gordy's almost to the next street. He can hear the WHINE of the DUCATI growing closer. When...
- A truck stops ahead of him and blocks the alley.
- Gordy veers into a walkway between buildings.
- 369 EXT. STREET 369
- A parked car suddenly pulls out in front of the speeding Ducati. Claudio can't swerve around it. SLAMS ON the BRAKES. The car's driver, frightened and flustered by the near collision, is slow moving out of the way.
- 370 EXT. TOWN HOUSE - BACK YARD 370
- Gordy bursts through a gate. Sees back steps leading to the open door of a second-story over a garage and charges the steps.
- 371 EXT. STREET 371
- The driver of the car finally backs up. Claudio aims the DUCATI through a narrow gap and ZOOMS on.
- 372 INT. TOWN HOUSE GARAGE 372
- Gordy blows into the second story of the garage, a converted old-time carriage barn. He's in the old hayloft. On the opposite side of the loft, a double door built for loading in hay is open above the street. Gordy sprints for the opening, and...
- 373 EXT. STREET 373
- The Ducati tears around traffic, when...
- Gordy leaps out of the hayloft, launches himself off a parked car as the DUCATI SCREAMS past, and...
- He just manages to grab Selena and yank her off the bike.
- Selena's arms are wrapped around Claudio -- when Gordy rips her out of the saddle, Claudio goes, too. The three of them tumble to the ground as the speeding Ducati spins, flips and disintegrates.



- 383 EXT. WALKWAY 383
- Selena has ten yards on Gordy, but he's closing. She knows she can't outrun him in a straight line. Jukes through a gate into...
- 384 EXT. ANOTHER TOWN HOUSE - BACK YARD 384
- A shovel lies in the grass. Selena scoops it up and in one motion, spins back toward the gate, launches it blade-first with all her strength, timing it perfectly, as Gordy runs through the gate, and...
- 385 GORDY 385
- just barely evades the sharp shovel edge headed for his face. It doesn't hurt him, but it stops him, and Selena breaks toward an open door of the house.
- 386 INT. TOWN HOUSE - VARIOUS SHOTS 386
- Selena blasts into the bottom floor, runs through a playroom. Gordy's right behind her.
- 387 SELENA 387
- mounts a stairwell. A girl's descending. Selena grabs a pigtail and flings her down the stairs, and...
- 388 GORDY 388
- gets there just in time to keep the screaming girl from falling all the way to the bottom. He sits the uninjured girl down and continues on.
- 389 SELENA 389
- runs toward the living room, which is undergoing a renovation. Without stopping, she tears through the plastic covering the doorway to seal in dust from the rest of the house. She topples what she can into Gordy's way. Throws nails down behind her. Grabs a circular saw and hurls it back at Gordy, just missing him and shattering a large wall mirror.
- Selena's a soldier, taught to pick up and use whatever weapons she finds as she moves through a battlefield -- this battlefield gives her a crowbar, which she keeps as she runs out through plastic covering the other doorway.

- 390 ARCHWAY 390  
 leads into the dining room. Selena runs in. Gordy's right on her heels. Selena pulls down dining room chairs in front of Gordy. He vaults one but trips over the second and falls.
- 391 SELENA 391  
 blows through a swinging door into the kitchen, slamming into a Hispanic maid, who's coming to investigate all the noise. Both women tumble. Selena gets right back on her feet. She breaks out a window with the crowbar and exits onto a fire escape as Gordy blasts in from the dining room.
- 392 OMITTED 392  
 thru thru  
 394 394
- 395 EXT. TOWN HOUSE - FIRE ESCAPE 395  
 The window Selena slipped through easily is small for Gordy. He gets hung up on the glass, losing precious seconds. Selena's already halfway up when Gordy hits the fire escape steps.  
 The fire escape ends at a top floor window. Selena BREAKS out the GLASS with the crowbar and goes in.
- 396 INT. TOWN HOUSE - VARIOUS SHOTS 396  
 Selena's in a teenager's bedroom. The teenager's got headphones on, oblivious to everything. Selena darts through a bathroom into a second bedroom.
- 396A GORDY 396A  
 enters the first bedroom behind her.
- 397 WOMAN 397  
 IN GARDENING CLOTHES and holding a digging tool stands on a stairwell landing, alarmed and confused by the chaos she hears in her house. She had started down the stairs but now has turned back at the sound of the WINDOW BREAKING on the top floor. Calls.

WOMAN IN GARDENING CLOTHES  
 What's going on?

- 398 SELENA 398
- runs into the hallway at the top of the stairs, above the woman.
- WOMAN IN GARDENING CLOTHES  
Who are you? What are you doing  
in here?
- 399 SELENA 399
- sees an open rooftop door at the top of a flight of stairs and charges upward without answering.
- 400 GORDY'S 400
- in the hallway a second later. Meets the Woman In Gardening Clothes, who's now come up the stairs. She screams. Swipes at him with the digging tool, making three deep scratches in his face. Gordy doesn't stop.
- 401 OMITTED 401
- 402 EXT. TOWN HOUSE - ROOF/ADJOINING ROOFTOPS 402
- This is where the woman was gardening, tending a rooftop flower bed. Selena emerges, crushes plants as she runs to the next town house roof.
- Gordy hits the roof behind her.
- 403 SELENA 403
- As Selena runs from rooftop to rooftop along the row of town houses, we see her warrior determination and discipline. She's thinking ahead and she never hesitates. Her big problem is she's being pursued by an equally well-trained and determined firefighter. And he's not far back. One tumble, and he'll catch her. Selena strains harder.
- 404 SELENA 404
- vaults a gap. Moments later, Gordy vaults it.
- 405 SELENA 405
- finally runs out of roof. She looks down. A fire escape ladder leads down to an interior, ground-level courtyard of a small foreign embassy. Still holding the crowbar, Selena takes the ladder down.

405A MOMENTS LATER

405A

Gordy reaches the ladder. Selena's ahead of him by a floor, hurrying down two rungs at a time. Gordy doesn't fuck with the rungs. Just swings over the edge of the roof, grabs the side-rails lightly with his hands, squeezes the rails with the insides of his boots and lets gravity take over.

406 EXT. EMBASSY - COURTYARD

406

The fire escape leads down to a second-story balcony running around the inside wall of the courtyard. Twin staircases lead from the balcony to ground level, where, across the slate-paved car court, a wrought-iron gate opens onto the street.

Gordy hits the balcony a half-second after Selena. He grabs her. Selena swings the crowbar to break his arm. Gordy has to let go. Selena heads for the stairs leading to the ground.

407 GORDY'S

407

got one chance to intercept Selena. The balcony's too high for him to jump, but the courtyard's ringed with trees -- they're not close, but they're not far, either. Not for a man craving revenge for the deaths of his wife and son, a man who also slides down fire poles for a living.

Gordy runs down the balcony. Gains speed. Jumps. Launches off the balcony railing. And hurtles himself at the trunk of a medium-sized tree. He hits the trunk. Hangs on. And slides to the ground. And now...

408 ANOTHER ANGLE

408

He's between Selena and the only way out. And there's no way she's getting past him.

But that's not what Selena's thinking. She attacks with the crowbar, and Gordy can only retreat in the face of the vicious onslaught. He finds a nearby garbage can. It's full, heavy, but he manages to lift it, spilling garbage as he uses the can to block the blows from the crowbar. The CROWBAR THWOCKS into the can over and over, the sound ECHOING LOUDLY in the small courtyard.

Selena swings again, and Gordy moves to block the hit. It's a feint. She swings under the can and hits a leg. It hurts like hell, he stumbles, but he stays on his feet, still holding the can. Selena goes for his head.

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Gordy raises the can. Thwock! Thwock! The can's all dents. There's garbage everywhere. She feints high and then swings low again, a wicked blow to the knee. Gordy stumbles badly this time. Selena breaks for the gate. Gordy sees her and, with all his might slings the can across the slate pavers, and...

The can takes Selena's legs out from under her. She falls hard. Gets back to her feet quickly and starts to run, when...

Gordy hits her like a linebacker. Slams Selena against a brick wall. Gets behind her and slips a mighty arm around her thin neck. Selena squirms hard, kicks backward, going for the balls, kneecaps, insteps, doing whatever she can to hurt Gordy and get free. But she's not in a position to do a lot of damage -- and she'd have to kill him before he'd let go.

Gordy's got his arm locked in a police chokehold around Selena's neck. Uses his weight to force the smaller woman down onto her knees. Presses her harder, till she's sitting back on her legs. Selena can't drop out of the hold, and her legs are immobilized. All she can do is scratch. But Gordy's oblivious. They're alone in the courtyard. Body to body. Head to head. He's pumped with fury and hatred. He tightens the chokehold. Hisses in her ear --

GORDY

You killed them.

SELENA

(beat; with  
contempt)

One woman, one boy -- they mean  
nothing next to the thousands  
who've been slain.

Gordy hears it. It only drives him to a deeper fury.

GORDY

They were my family.

Gordy's blind with rage. Chokes her neck hard. Summoning all the power in him, first to shut off her air and blood, and then to continue squeezing, relishing her every dying moment, until he's snuffed out the life of the person who took Anne and Matt from him. And...

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He can't... it's all he's wanted since he saw Anne and Matt die, but now he can't do it. He's a firefighter. He saves lives. If he kills Selena, Gordy crosses into her world, into Brandt's world, into the brutal nightmare destroying Colombia and all the places like it, and becomes part of that sadness and death... And...

Gordy relaxes the chokehold enough so she can breathe. Selena gasps for air. The impulse to murder has left Gordy. There's a new resolve...

GORDY

The killing ends here.

Beat. Selena pants.

SELENA

It will never end.

409 NEW ANGLE

409

Under which an EMBASSY SECURITY GUARD emerges from the building. He sees Gordy and Selena -- a large man holding a smaller woman in a chokehold. Draws his gun.

EMBASSY SECURITY GUARD

Let her go!

Gordy looks up at the nervous guard pointing his gun. Selena screams.

SELENA

Please help me!

EMBASSY SECURITY GUARD

Let her go!

GORDY

No. You don't understand.

SELENA

He's trying to kill me!

EMBASSY SECURITY GUARD

Let her go, or you're dead!

He's going to shoot. Gordy has no choice. As he lets Selena go and stands --

GORDY

Hold us both till the police get here.

- 410 ANOTHER ANGLE 410  
It's too late. Selena stomps a heel into the Guard's knee, crushing it, then twists the gun from his hands. She points it at him and pulls the trigger, and...  
In his agitation, the guard never took the safety off. Selena glances quickly at the gun to find the safety.
- 411 ANOTHER ANGLE 41  
In the same moment, Gordy grabs the crowbar from the ground.
- 412 SELENA 412  
flicks off the safety and points the gun again.
- 413 GORDY 413  
hurls the crowbar with all his might, and...
- 414 NEW ANGLE 414  
The GUN FIRES, just as the crowbar hits Selena, spoiling her aim. The bullet creases the guard's arm. Selena recovers. And the next BULLET...
- 415 ANOTHER ANGLE 415  
Isn't hers. It's from Phipps' GUN. It takes Selena in the middle of the back and explodes her heart on its way through her body. She's dead on her feet. Her body crumples to the ground and empties its blood in a large pool that quickly spreads over the slate.
- 416 OTHER AGENTS 416  
move in to help the guard as Phipps holsters his pistol. He walks to Gordy. The two men share a long, silent look. It's over. Gordy looks again at Selena's body in its pool of blood. Then turns and goes.
- 417 BRANDT'S 417  
entering the courtyard as Gordy walks out. Brandt's seen Selena. He's smiling.

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BRANDT

We got the bitch.

Gordy hits him. One of the jackhammer blows he slammed into Claudio in the bunker. A hard fist deep in the gut that drives all the wind from Brandt and drops him to his knees. Beat. Gordy's voice is cold and hard --

GORDY

You're no better than she is.

And Gordy goes.

418 INT. FIREHOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

418

Gordy cranks away on the repaired ice cream maker. He's wearing civvies. He stops cranking, spoons out a huge dollop into a bowl.

419 INT. FIREHOUSE - TRUCK BAY

419

Gordy hands the bowl to Mauro, who's playing in the front seat of the pumper. Mauro tastes it. Thumbs up. Gordy smiles.

Mike and the other men on Gordy's old shift are watching. To Gordy --

MIKE

It'll be good to get you back.

Gordy turns to them. Looks into the faces of these men, the people closest to him in the world. Beat. Then --

GORDY

It's good to be home.

Gordy's still in pain, still missing the wife and son he'll never see again. But Gordy's gonna be alright.

Mauro's gonna be with him. There'll be fires to put out and lives to save and basketball games and the multitude of miseries and joys the firefighters in Spanish Harlem see each and every day.

As we PULL BACK, OUT and AWAY from the old brick edifice from which the big red truck will come, bringing help...

FADE OUT.

THE END