

AMERICA 2.0

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FADE IN:

INT. ICE SKATING RINK - NIGHT

The rink is totally dark except for a serene "star light" above ARIELLE DENOVO, 20. Arielle is a beautiful girl with long, dark hair and a flawless, very feminine physique.

Arielle wears a unique and sensually stunning ice skating leotard that reflects the "star light" from above.

Arielle projects a sensual gracefulness as she gazes serenely up at the "star light". The music is a beautiful, surreal melody.

She rotates flawlessly through a series of impossibly beautiful spins at different levels, speeds and poses. They each involve sensual contortions that excite the senses in visceral ways. Her every move stimulates fascination.

The sequence ends as she gazes up at the "star light" above.

FADE TO BLACK.

SUPER: CRIMEA 2019

EXT. CRIMEAN COAST - AIRBORNE - NIGHT (MOVING)

We track above huge waves that ominously crash onto the rocky coastline to a massive mansion compound set on a high cliff above the narrow beach below.

INT. ANTON'S MANSION - CORRIDOR - NIGHT

YURI ROMANICH, 35, leads Arielle down the corridor to a large door. Arielle is stunningly beautiful in her sensational evening dress that makes her appear much older than her age. Yuri opens the door and motions for Arielle to step inside.

ANTON'S OFFICE

ANTON SHEKOV, 38, stands at a group of picture windows and gazes out at the sea as Arielle enters the room. Yuri closes the door and leaves Arielle alone with Anton. They both speak with slight but sophisticated Russian accents.

Anton is a handsome Slavic man with dark eyes. He exudes extreme intellect and power in his tuxedo. He is visibly impressed by Arielle's appearance. He muses as he gazes at her for several moments.

Arielle forces an uneasy smile as Anton approaches her and kisses her affectionately on the cheek. Arielle smiles through her distaste for his gesture as he savors being close to her for a moment. Arielle eases away from him.

ARIELLE

So what's your plan this evening?

ANTON

Exploring what we can accomplish together.

Arielle reacts with tired indifference. Anton opens a door onto an outside deck and motions for Arielle to exit onto the balcony. Arielle complies.

EXT. ANTON'S MANSION - UPPER DECK - NIGHT

Anton follows Arielle onto the large balcony that is four floors above the ground below. The deck is ringed by a wrought iron railing that permits visibility of the beautifully landscaped compound below and the sea beyond it.

A formal table for two is set with candles and a bottle of wine in an alcove that extends from the center of the deck toward the sea. Arielle walks to the railing.

Anton joins Arielle as she gazes impassively at the moonlight reflecting off of the sea. Her gaze shifts to Anton as he removes a small electronic device from his pocket.

ARIELLE

A new toy?

Anton sets the device onto the railing beside Arielle.

ANTON

Give it a try. Just press 123.

Arielle gazes at the key pad with trepidation.

ANTON (CONT'D)

Go ahead.

Arielle types 123 onto the key pad. Suddenly three bright flashes of light briefly appear in the heavens above them. Arielle registers concern.

ARIELLE  
Satellites.

ANTON  
Not anymore.

Arielle grimaces.

ARIELLE  
So you're operational sooner than  
you expected?

Anton demurs.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
What's your real purpose, Anton?

Anton considers his response as he moves to the railing.

ANTON  
This earth is in a death spiral of  
civilization in a nuclear age and  
that cycle must be broken...

Arielle rolls her eyes as Anton wraps his arm around her.

ANTON (CONT'D)  
Without my intervention, humanity  
will destroy itself in senseless  
wars of religion and idiotic  
geopolitical games.

ARIELLE  
So you've appointed yourself to  
take charge and fix everything?

ANTON  
Who else can enforce a new order  
for the benefit of all mankind?

Arielle flashes an incredulous expression.

ARIELLE  
Seriously? The benevolent dictator  
delusion?

Anton's eyes narrow in a menacing way.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
You may have noticed that idea  
never works out well for the  
dictator or the people who support  
him.

Anton smiles.

ANTON

I think you underestimate me.

Arielle turns toward Anton and looks straight into his eyes.

ARIELLE

No, I understand you completely.

You're the most brilliant and wealthy man on earth but basic psychology and humanity elude you.

You're a borderline psychopath with an insatiable God complex and now you think you've devised a perfect system to control the world as you see fit.

Anton is briefly taken aback by the harshness of her retort.

ANTON

Nonsense. Your amateur psychology is nothing more than the meaningless ramblings of a self-adulating narcissist.

Arielle laughs.

ARIELLE

Anton, I've seen your system and all its flaws that'll doom your grand scheme to certain failure.

Arielle stares down Anton as he glares at her in barely suppressed fury.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

You're little more than a self deluded control freak with no positive vision of a better world.

Anton's eyes flare with anger that he tries to control by pacing.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

And you're still thinking that you can control me to perfect your system... Or erase my memory if I can't be controlled.

Anton forces himself to relax into disappointed acquiescence.

ANTON

So what's your point?

Escape is impossible and there's no place you and Nika could go that I wouldn't find you.

You'll cooperate if you care about her.

Arielle glares at Anton in a very menacing way.

ARIELLE

Don't threaten us... I can toss you off this balcony right now and solve a lot of problems for everyone.

Brief fear flashes into anger in Anton's eyes.

ANTON

We both know that you'd never do that. Yuri!!!!

Arielle blasts Anton with a series sensational martial arts blows that project extreme artistry in their delivery. Anton collapses face down and out cold as Arielle rips away the lower portion of her evening gown.

Yuri bursts onto the deck and surges at Arielle. Arielle devastates Yuri with three powerful blows that stun him unconscious and knock him hard onto the deck.

Sirens blare in the compound below as Arielle jumps up onto the railing and grabs the heavy gutter above. She artfully lifts her legs up and onto the roof just before more guards burst onto the deck below.

EXT. ROOF

Arielle races across the roof and disappears into darkness.

EXT. COMPOUND - CLIFFS - NIGHT

Arielle moves gracefully but desperately through the darkness down the narrow cliff side trail that runs precariously above the huge crashing waves hundreds of feet below.

Armed GUARDS move rapidly down the trail behind her. One guard slips and falls to his death below.

A helicopter appears above and focuses a spotlight on another set of GUARDS as they move up the cliff side trail from below. The spot light moves up the trail until Arielle appears in the light.

Arielle frantically surveys the approaching guards from below and above as they close toward her. The cliff is too steep to climb above and there is a severe drop to the crashing waves below.

Arielle focuses on the waves and huge rocks below as the guards close in. At the last possible moment she places her back against the side of the cliff and races to the edge of the cliff where she explodes into a forceful and spectacular dive toward the waves below.

The guards watch in disbelief as Arielle sails gracefully through the air and disappears into the turbulent sea below. The guards and the chopper focus their spotlights on the water but Arielle does not reappear.

SUPER: RONALD REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT

INT. RONALD REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT - TERMINAL - NIGHT

BRIT HASTINGS, 38, paces near the international customs door. Brit projects a very attractive and intelligent persona in her business suit.

The doors open and KENNETH HASTINGS, 61, appears. He wears a suit. Brit smiles and approaches Kenneth. They engage in a profound embrace.

BRIT

Hi, Dad, I've missed you.

KENNETH

(Whispering into Brit's ear)

I need to go to the Justice Department immediately.

Brit registers concern. Kenneth leads Brit away and into an elevator.

INT. PARKING GARAGE - ELEVATOR AREA

Brit emerges from the elevator with her Glock drawn. She surveys the area as Kenneth steps out behind her. Kenneth is suddenly devastated by two heavy silenced rounds that knock him violently to the ground.

Brit instinctively drops to the ground as shots blast the area around her. Brit bolts for Kenneth and drags him into the elevator. Bullets shatter the area as the doors close.

PARKING GARAGE

CARTER WILSON, 32, exudes an efficient, military demeanor as he disassembles his weapon and places it into a briefcase. He lifts the briefcase and disappears through a staircase door.

INT. ELEVATOR

Brit is devastated and crying as she holds bloody and dying Kenneth in her arms.

SUPER: CRIMEA - ONE WEEK LATER

EXT. AN AERIAL VIEW - DAY (MOVING)

An aerial panorama of the sensational coast line with huge cliffs and crashing waves. Anton's cliff side mansion compound appears.

INT. ANTON'S MANSION - BASEMENT

Several very large, ultra high definition video screens display videos of Arielle playing the piano and the violin with extraordinary ability and sensuality. The music is very captivating.

The video feeds shift to brief sequences of Arielle ice skating, performing ballet, engaging in a modern dance routine and acrobatic tumbling with stunning artistry.

The videos are all sequenced in a way to create a very profound effect on the viewer. There is an awe inspiring flawlessness to everything Arielle does.

Anton sits at a console surrounded by computer monitors and large video screens filled with images of Arielle. He has aging bruises on his face.

He is silhouetted against the video sequence as it ends with Arielle singing a poignant song. Her five octave voice accentuates the transcendent melody.

Anton's focus shifts to a huge wall with a multitude of stunning drawings and art photography of Arielle.



The song ends as Anton focuses on a shockingly beautiful and much larger than life size photograph of Arielle staring deep into the soul of the viewer.

Her almost other worldly expression reveals an extraordinary inner world and a stunning higher awareness. Anton struggles to control his emotions.

Anton shifts his view to another large screen that displays a high definition satellite view of the Washington D.C. Mall. The view scans the city until it focuses on a night club that is emanating a laser light display into the sky above.

EXT. WASHINGTON, D.C. - AIRBORNE - NIGHT (MOVING)

A panoramic view of the Washington Mall and beyond. A large nightclub sign reads "APOCALYPSE". A laser light display fills the sky above the area. A large crowd waits in line to enter the club.

INT. "APOCALYPSE" NIGHTCLUB - MAIN ROOM - NIGHT

Pulsating dance music plays. The large and ultra modern room is crammed with REVELERS. The huge dance floor is a sea of skilled dancing motion.

Very beautiful WOMEN and handsome MEN in designer clothes fill the surrounding areas. WAITRESSES in sexy couture work the room. BARTENDERS in tuxedos do their thing behind the many well appointed bars.

IVAN, 30, and DMITRI, 29, watch VERONIKA DENOVO, 40, as she dances alone near the center of the dance floor. Ivan and Dmitri are very large Slavic men of a similar appearance.

Veronika is a very attractive woman with long dark hair who wears a sexy designer dress. She is a sensational dancer who exudes a captivating sensuality. Her body seems to move in perfect harmony with the music.

The song ends and Ivan rises as Veronika grabs her small handbag from a table and moves away from the dance floor.

Ivan follows Veronika through the crowd until she disappears into the lady's restroom.

INT. LADY'S RESTROOM

Veronika enters and disappears into a toilet stall as four other GIRLS wash their hands or apply make up at the sink area. Veronika closes and locks the stall door.

Ivan enters the room and all the girls exit in fear. Ivan locks the restroom door. Ivan waits impassively as the sound of toilet flushing can be heard from Veronika's stall.

The stall door opens and Veronika's eyes flash with terror as she sees Ivan. They both speak with a Russian accents.

IVAN  
(Russian with English subtitles)  
Hello, Nika.

Veronika's mind races in extreme distress.

IVAN (CONT'D)  
(Russian with English subtitles)  
Did you really imagine that he  
wouldn't find you?

Veronika's expression shifts from terror to cold eyed determination. Ivan smirks.

IVAN (CONT'D)  
(Russian with English subtitles)  
It's time to go home, Nika.

VERONIKA  
Never...

IVAN  
Your mind will change if you ever  
want to see Arielle again.

Veronika's eyes darken as Ivan moves toward her in a menacing way. In one lightening fast motion, she extracts a small revolver from her hand bag and fires a shot into his forehead.

Ivan staggers in stunned disbelief before he collapses to the floor. Veronika freaks out briefly and then drags his body into the handicapped toilet stall in the corner.

STALL

Veronika closes and locks the stall from inside.

LADY'S RESTROOM

Veronika emerges from under the partition. She looks at her blood covered hands. Her hands shake in terror as she washes the blood off in the wash basin while she looks into the mirror.

Veronika snatches paper towels and cleans up the blood spatters on the floor. There is a knock at the door as she pushes the bloodied towels into a trash can with a lid. Veronika surveys the room as the knocking continues.

#### RESTROOM HALLWAY

The door to the lady's room opens into the dark hallway. Several WOMEN surge into the lady's room as Veronika shields her identity and moves down the dark hall.

#### CLUB LOBBY

Veronika appears in the lobby. She slips through the crowd and out the front door of the club.

#### EXT. "APOCALYPSE" - PARKING LOT

Veronika dials her cell phone as she hurries across the parking lot in distress.

#### INT. COMPUTER CENTER - NIGHT

Arielle sits at a sophisticated multi screen video array in the rear of the complex of state of the art computer stations. Arielle is intensely focused on the computer screens as she types furiously.

#### ONSCREEN

An image of a book cover appears with a flowing American flag and the words "AMERICA 2.0" printed in bold type. Her cell phone rings. She checks caller ID. She answers. She listens. Her eyes flash with terror.

She jams the cell phone into her jacket pocket and types frantically for several moments on the computer. She removes her flash drive from the computer and shoves it into her pocket.

Arielle rushes through the large room and out the door.

#### EXT. COMPUTER CENTER - NIGHT

Arielle appears through the door and surveys the parking area carefully. She spots LEONID approaching from her left. She bolts to her right. Leonid chases her onto a narrow and empty freeway overpass.

OLEG appears on the opposite end of the overpass. Arielle freezes in the middle of the overpass sidewalk as Oleg points a Glock with a silencer at her. Arielle glances down at the crowded freeway and landscaped esplanade below.

Oleg reaches Arielle with his gun pointed at her face. Leonid removes plastic cuffs from his pocket. Arielle relaxes against the freeway bridge railing.

ARIELLE

Toss your weapons onto the freeway  
and go home to your families.

They both smirk in disdain.

LEONID

Shut up and put your hands behind  
your back.

Arielle does not obey. Leonid moves to grab her arm. Arielle flies into a sensational martial arts display.

She knocks the pistol from Oleg's hand with her foot and over the freeway railing as she staggers Leonid with a hand strike to his Adam's apple.

She then stuns Oleg with a vicious shot to his nose with her palm. Oleg slumps to his knees with blood flowing profusely from his nose. Leonid gags as he surges toward Arielle and lands one hard blow to her head.

She is stunned briefly but she recovers and spins in a blazing fast contortion move that lands her foot on the side of Leonid's head. It hits him with tremendous force and knocks him off of his feet and over the freeway railing.

Oleg struggles to his feet. He flies into a blind rage and rushes Arielle. She calmly dodges his assault and flips him over the freeway railing. Arielle looks over the railing.

EXT. FREEWAY

Oleg and Leonid have landed on huge shrubs on the esplanade. They are both writhing in pain. Arielle bolts away.

INT. "APOCALYPSE" NIGHTCLUB - MAIN ROOM

Dmitri checks his watch as he gazes toward the restroom hallway. Suddenly there are numerous screams from the direction of the restroom hallway.

Six WOMEN surge out of the hallway screaming. Dmitri rises and moves quickly toward the hallway. He flashes a badge above his head and forces his way through the crowd and into the restroom hallway.

INT. LADY'S RESTROOM

Dmitri surges into the room and sees a pool of blood pouring out from under the toilet partition. Dmitri forces the partition door open and sees Ivan. Grief flashes across his face as he sees Ivan's forehead. Dmitri bolts away.

INT. VERONIKA'S APARTMENT - DEN - NIGHT

The door opens. Veronika appears and Arielle follows her into the dark apartment. Veronika bolts the door without turning on the light.

Arielle hurries into a bedroom. Veronika retrieves a Glock pistol from under a couch cushion and engages the clip. She disappears into her room.

ARIELLE'S BEDROOM

Arielle quickly stuffs clothes into a backpack. She stops for a moment in apparent dizziness as she touches a large bruise on her forehead. She steadies herself as she examines the bruise in the mirror above the dresser.

Arielle is overcome with dizziness and staggers back onto the bed. Her eyes close as she lays onto her back on the bed.

DEN - LATER

Veronika reappears in jeans, boots and a sweater. She opens a closet and grabs an MP5 with a clip case. Veronika removes a magazine from the case.

The front door explodes open and is followed by heavy pistol gunfire. Veronika grabs the Glock and scrambles on her knees as gunfire rakes the area around her.

DEN

Heavy caliber gunshots are fired back and forth between Dmitri and Veronika. Veronika shoots Dmitri in his lower left side. He returns fire and hits Veronika in the upper right chest. The blow knocks her hard onto her back.

Dmitri stalks toward Veronika for a kill shot. Dmitri is suddenly hit by a devastating shotgun blast from Arielle's room. It knocks him violently to the floor.

He struggles to rise but he is hit by another violent blast and then another. He collapses and dies. Arielle staggers into the room with a smoking sawed off shotgun. She sees Veronika unconscious and bloody. She dials her cell phone.

ARIELLE

Yes... My mother's been shot!

(a pause)

1713 Pearson boulevard apartment

11. Please hurry!!!

Arielle hangs up. She retrieves bandages and wraps Veronika's shoulder to stem the bleeding but the blood quickly flows through the white bandages. Arielle breaks down in despair and sits down beside Veronika.

Arielle gently lifts Veronika into her arms with the greatest affection. She listens for sounds from the hallway.

Veronika barely regains consciousness. Their eyes connect in a moment of poignant affection. Veronika dies. Arielle's eyes fill with tears as she is overwhelmed with grief and dizziness. Her eyes drift into a trance like state before they close.

LATER

A pistol appears at the open doorway. SWAT OFFICER BOB PATTERSON, 31, enters the room in full SWAT uniform and surveys the area with his gun. He notes Dmitri's body.

Arielle lies unconscious with Veronika in her arms. Bob searches the other rooms quickly.

BOB

(Into ear set)

All clear!

Detective Brit Hastings enters the room with her gun drawn. She sees Veronika and Arielle and hurries to their side. Veronika is clearly dead. Brit checks Arielle's pulse.

BRIT

We have a live girl in here!

Bob rushes to the doorway.

BOB

Get the Med Techs up here now!!

Brit tries to pry Arielle loose from Veronika with no success. Brit is emotionally overwhelmed by what she sees.

INT. AMBULANCE - REAR COMPARTMENT (MOVING)

Arielle lays on a gurney unconscious. Brit holds her hand as the MED TECH sits nearby. Brit dials her cell phone.

INTERCUT AS NECESSARY:

INT. CHIEF OF DETECTIVES OFFICE

PAUL CONNER, 54, sits at his desk. His cell phone rings. He notes the caller ID and answers.

INTERCUT AS NECESSARY:

PAUL

What's the situation?

BRIT

Two down. A man and a woman. It looks like they shot each other.

PAUL

Any IDs?

BRIT

Check with Taylor. I'm on the way to the hospital with a girl who just lost her mother.

Paul frowns.

PAUL

Social work is not our responsibility, Brit.

Brit's eyes flash with anger.

BRIT

Sorry, but I'm still a human being.

Paul grimaces.

PAUL

Return to the crime scene and do your job, Detective Hastings.

Brit's mind races.

BRIT  
Please assign someone else to the  
case.

Paul registers his frustration.

PAUL  
No!

Brit hesitates briefly.

BRIT  
Then accept my resignation.

Brit hangs up. The Med Tech looks at Brit in amazement. Brit gazes down at Arielle and strokes her forehead with affectionate concern.

INT. HOSPITAL - ARIELLE'S ROOM - DAY

Arielle lies unconscious on the bed. Brit sits on a chair nearby and reads a laptop with interest. DR. PALMER enters the room. Brit rises to greet him. They shake hands.

DR. PALMER  
Hello, I'm Dr. Palmer.

BRIT  
Nice to meet you. I'm Detective  
Hastings.

DR. PALMER  
And your interest in the patient  
is?

BRIT  
She's a material witness to a  
double homicide.

Dr. Palmer smiles.

DR. PALMER  
Forgive me, but I sense that your  
interest in her has little to do  
with the homicides.

Brit and Dr. Palmer exchange a long glance.

BRIT  
Is compassion a vice?

Dr. Palmer pauses to assess Brit.



DR. PALMER

No, and I admire your interest in her welfare.

BRIT

Do you have a diagnosis?

DR. PALMER

Yes, she's suffering from severe emotional trauma that's compounded by evidence of a substantial cranial concussion.

BRIT

Is she in a coma?

DR. PALMER

No, I have her sedated.

BRIT

Do you have a prognosis?

DR. PALMER

It's too early but her issues are likely to be more psychological than physiological.

BRIT

So she'll need the greatest care to deal with her reality.

DR. PALMER

Yes, her brain will heal but her mind may not... The thing she'll need most is nurturing affection.

Brit nods in understanding.

BRIT

But she's lost her mother.

DR. PALMER

And our society does a poor job of dealing with these situations... Do you have anything on the father?

BRIT

Nothing... Her mother was never married and they arrived here recently on green cards from Ukraine.

DR. PALMER

How'd they get green cards?

Brit gazes at Arielle.

BRIT

A special request from our embassy  
in Kiev.

DR. PALMER

Have you talked to the ambassador?

BRIT

Yes. He was very upset by the news  
but claims the situation is highly  
classified.

Dr. Palmer and Brit exchange a long glance.

DR. PALMER

Then surely they must know  
something about this girl's family.

BRIT

He says they're all dead.

Dr. Palmer examines Arielle carefully for several moments.  
Brit reflects with great empathy as she gazes at Arielle.

BRIT (CONT'D)

How long should she stay here?

DR. PALMER

A few days.

Brit hands a business card to Dr. Palmer.

BRIT

I'd like to be with her when she  
regains consciousness.

Dr. Palmer inserts the card onto his clip board and nods with  
a smile.

INT. 5 STAR RESTAURANT - ALCOVE - NIGHT

Brit and GREG PERKINS, 37, sit on opposite sides of a two  
seat table in an alcove with a stunning view of the Capitol  
Building and the Washington Monument.

Greg is a very handsome guy who wears a sharp Italian  
business suit. Brit wears a stunning evening dress that  
reveals her many physical attributes. A glass of red wine  
sits in front of each of them. Greg's expression is pensive.

GREG

So you've quit your new undercover assignment to become a guardian for a Crimean girl who was the object of your mission?

BRIT

You've read her file. She's not your average orphan.

GREG

No, she's radioactive.

Brit eyes Greg carefully without responding. Greg senses the importance of the moment.

GREG (CONT'D)

I admire what you're doing.

Brit takes a drink from her wine glass as she continues to observe Greg. Eventually she speaks in a tone of serenity.

BRIT

Losing my Mom and Dad in such terrible ways has had an effect...

This is something I must do if she'll accept me.

Greg's mind races with thoughts. He shifts uneasily in his chair. Brit watches him intently.

GREG

This is a big risk, Brit.

Brit sets her wine glass down on the table.

BRIT

I understand.

Greg takes her hand in a gesture of real concern. He scans the restaurant nervously.

GREG

(Whispering)

No, it's not what you think...

BRIT

Yes it is. You're just terrified of selfless commitment to anyone.

Brit stands with serene confidence.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
Thank you for dinner, Greg.

Greg sits in stunned disbelief as Brit stalks away. She could not look more sensational in her form fitting dress and Jimmy Choos.

INT. BRIT'S BMW - LATER - NIGHT (MOVING)

Brit drives. Her phone rings again. She checks the number and answers on her car speaker system.

BRIT  
Yes, Sir.

PAUL (O.S. ON CAR SPEAKER)  
Hello Brit. How's your crusade going?

BRIT  
So far, so good.

PAUL (O.S. ON CAR SPEAKER)  
I respect what you're doing and I wanted to apologize for my tone last night.

BRIT  
No apology needed, Sir. You were just doing your job.

There is a pause.

PAUL (O.S. ON CAR SPEAKER)  
There are some things you should know about this girl.

BRIT  
What?

PAUL (O.S. ON CAR SPEAKER)  
The girl took out the shooter.

Brit considers the information.

BRIT  
You're sure?

PAUL (O.S. ON CAR SPEAKER)  
Positive. She unloaded three shotgun blasts into him... Her prints are on the weapon.

There is a long pause as Brit considers the implications.

PAUL (O.S. ON CAR SPEAKER) (CONT'D)  
This is no ordinary girl or  
homicide situation. We need to talk  
to her as soon as she's stabilized.

BRIT  
Understood.

PAUL (O.S. ON CAR SPEAKER)  
A few more things. The male shooter  
is Russian and we have a Russian  
male murder victim at the  
"Apocalypse" and two more in the  
hospital with head injuries and  
multiple fractures.

Brit absorbs the revelations with concern.

BRIT  
That makes four total.

PAUL  
Yes, and the system shows all of  
them to be classified by the Feds.

Brit sits in concerned silence.

PAUL (O.S. ON CAR SPEAKER) (CONT'D)  
Be very careful, Brit... Something  
big may be going down with this  
girl and we don't know how many  
more shooters may be out there.

BRIT  
Thanks for the heads up.

EXT. AERIAL VIEW OF CIA HEADQUARTERS - DAY

A brief view of the large building.

INT. CIA HEADQUARTERS

We focus on an office sign that says "DIRECTOR".

INT. CIA DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

RICHARD DEMPSEY, 62, sits at his large desk and scans his  
computer screen. The door opens and Brit enters. Richard  
rises with a smile and greets Brit with a warm embrace.

RICHARD  
How are you, Brit?

BRIT  
As well as possible under the  
circumstances.

RICHARD  
We're still working every lead we  
can to find your father's assassin.

Brit's fights off her emotions.

BRIT  
I know you are, Sir, but that's not  
why I'm here.

RICHARD  
Yes... I'm up to speed on your  
project. It looks like you've blown  
your domestic cover.

BRIT  
Yes, I found her but got there too  
late.

RICHARD  
And decided to go sentimental?

BRIT  
No, I created a much better cover,  
but I need all the missing pieces  
about this girl.

Richard motions for Brit to have a seat as he considers his  
response. They sit down in the sitting area by the window.

RICHARD  
We got an urgent request two weeks  
ago from your dad to put her and  
her mother into the witness  
protection program.

BRIT  
Why?

RICHARD  
One of our high priority targets  
discovered that her mother was  
working for us and abducted the  
girl from her school in  
Switzerland.

BRIT  
Why was she there?

RICHARD  
Protective custody in a place that  
would allow her to develop her  
artistry.

BRIT  
Artistry?

RICHARD  
Yes, she's very gifted.

BRIT  
At what?

RICHARD  
Everything apparently.

Brit's eyes flare incredulously. Richard nods in affirmation.

BRIT  
So what happened?

RICHARD  
The girl somehow escaped a month  
later and then showed up at our  
embassy in Kiev with her mother.

BRIT  
What can you tell me about the  
target?

Richard shifts uneasily.

RICHARD  
His name is Anton Shekov... He's a  
computer genius and a merciless  
psychopath who operates the largest  
private army and arms trafficking  
business on the planet.

BRIT  
I've heard the name from Dad. He  
supposedly made a fortune in the  
2008 stock market crash.

RICHARD  
Yes, and before that he specialized  
in inciting conflicts and then  
selling arms to both of the  
adversaries.

(MORE)

RICHARD (CONT'D)

He also offers mercenary and assassination services and invests in stocks and real estate worldwide.

BRIT

So he has unlimited resources...

RICHARD

Yes, he may be the wealthiest man on earth.

BRIT

Why not take him out?

RICHARD

He's very careful to avoid evidence of his involvement in anything illegal and he has a global army of attorneys and mercenaries to protect him.

BRIT

Where is he?

RICHARD

He has homes all over the world but his base is in Crimea where he donates huge amounts of money to the Russian elite.

BRIT

So he's untouchable?

Richard nods.

BRIT (CONT'D)

Do you think he'll come after Arielle?

RICHARD

Absolutely... Our sources tell us that he's obsessed with her artistry and views the girl as his personal possession.

Brit shakes her head in dismay.

BRIT

That explains the Russians here in Washington.

Richard nods.



RICHARD

It seems that she's become very lethal.

Brit stands and reflects as she walks to the window.

BRIT

But she left two of them alive...  
Is there anything else you can tell me?

RICHARD

She's hyper intelligent and has vast knowledge in every aspect of the most vital technologies and Shekov's global systems.

She could be a major national security threat to us if she falls into the hands of our adversaries.

The President wants her working for us.

Brit's mind processes the concept.

BRIT

Is Arielle safe at the hospital?

RICHARD

We have it covered but we want her here for evaluation and debriefing on Shekov's systems as soon as she's stabilized.

Richard stands and glares at Brit for emphasis.

RICHARD (CONT'D)

Beware, Brit. This man is evil incarnate and he'll stop at nothing to get what he wants.

BRIT

Why does he want her so badly?

RICHARD

He has some problems with a highly advanced global network of computers and satellites that he's created.

(MORE)

RICHARD (CONT'D)

We believe his system will become the largest national security threat that America has ever faced if he works out the defects.

BRIT

And Arielle is the key to perfecting it?

Richard nods.

RICHARD

It's a deadly serious situation.

BRIT

What exactly does this system do?

RICHARD

Only the girl knows for sure and your job is to win her trust and cooperation.

Brit reflects for several moments.

BRIT

What's the agency's strategy, Sir?

Richard hesitates briefly.

RICHARD

Shekov must be stopped and your father believed that his obsession with the girl is the key to bringing him down.

Brit registers concern.

BRIT

So she's the bait?

RICHARD

No, she's the key to saving countless lives and avoiding the launch of his new system that could unleash a global catastrophe.

BRIT

So he's unlikely to harm her under any circumstances.

Richard nods and projects concern for Brit.

RICHARD

But everyone close to her is in mortal jeopardy at all times.

Brit nods and extends her hand. Richard shakes it. Brit hugs Richard with trepidation. Richard hesitates.

RICHARD (CONT'D)

One last thing... We believe Shekov ordered the hit on your father.

Brit's eyes flash and she fights her emotions. Richard takes her hand in a comforting gesture.

RICHARD (CONT'D)

We're going to get this guy and the girl is the key.

Brit nods. He opens the door and she departs. Richard closes the door. His demeanor shifts to deadly serious. He returns to his desk as Carter Wilson enters the room.

CARTER

How'd it go?

Richard paces slowly.

RICHARD

They both must go. Make it quick and clean and appear like a hit from Shekov. Do it tonight.

CARTER

I thought the President wanted the girl alive?

RICHARD

To hell with the President! She's a threat who can take us both down at any time.

Carter nods. Richard is agitated.

RICHARD (CONT'D)

What's the hold up on our Greg Perkins problem?

CARTER

I've been working it but he's disappeared.

Richard cuts his eyes at Carter.

RICHARD

Do you not understand the danger?!!  
Use your team and find him!!

INT. ANTON'S - MANSION - BASEMENT

Anton sits at his computer array console. He focuses on a very detailed satellite view of Brit's BMW exiting the parking garage at Langley.

ANTON

He's setting you up, Brit.

INT. EMPTY HOSPITAL ROOM

Brit and Dr. Palmer each take a seat in the empty chairs.

DR. PALMER

Thank you for coming so quickly.

Brit reaches into her purse and removes an envelope. She hands it to Dr. Palmer. He opens it and reads.

BRIT

I obtained a temporary  
guardianship.

DR. PALMER

Very impressive. It must be some  
sort of world record for an adult  
guardianship.

Brit considers his response carefully.

BRIT

I got help from some friends at the  
State Department.

Dr. Palmer processes her response with incredulity.

DR. PALMER

Well, Arielle will be very  
fortunate to have you in her life.

BRIT

I feel the same way about her.

Dr. Palmer reflects briefly.

DR. PALMER

We aren't sure if she speaks  
English.

BRIT

It won't be a problem. I speak Russian fluently.

Dr. Palmer raises his eyes in amazement.

DR. PALMER

Very fortuitous.

BRIT

My father was the station chief in Belarus after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Dr. Palmer focuses on Brit's eyes with disbelief.

DR. PALMER

That's good news but her particular head and emotional trauma may make it difficult for her to speak.

Brit nods in understanding. Dr. Palmer removes a neural scan photo from a large envelope and attaches it to a display cabinet on the wall. He flips on the light on the display cabinet to reveal an image of a young girl's head.

DR. PALMER (CONT'D)

This is a neural scan of a twenty year old girl.

Dr. Palmer mounts a second scan on the display. There is a stark contrast between the two images.

DR. PALMER (CONT'D)

This is Arielle's scan. The contrast in memory, brain function and intellectual capacity indicators are radically different.

BRIT

What does that mean?

DR. PALMER

Arielle's mind has at least 10 times the capabilities of normal people.

In fact, her mind is so extraordinary that our technology can't fully measure her mental capabilities.

Dr. Palmer points to a darker area near her forehead.

DR. PALMER (CONT'D)  
This is where the head trauma  
occurred. It's not severe enough to  
create permanent damage but not  
fully healed.

Brit glares at the scans. Dr. Palmer turns toward Brit with  
concern.

DR. PALMER (CONT'D)  
I've read the police report and the  
extreme violence concerns me...

You're dealing with a very  
exceptional mind...

That can be a good thing but it  
could also be very dangerous if  
it's misdirected.

Brit nods her understanding.

INT. WHITE HOUSE - OVAL OFFICE

TOM WATKINS, 39, sits across the desk from PRESIDENT CURT  
FOSTER, 57, and scans his laptop. They watch a video screen  
display of Dr. Palmer talking to Brit.

BRIT (ONSCREEN)  
Her mind could be of limitless  
value to governments and businesses  
everywhere.

DR. PALMER (ONSCREEN)  
And of extreme danger to anyone who  
stands in their way.

Brit absorbs the implications. She stands and shakes Dr.  
Palmer's hand and exits the room. President Foster turns off  
the video. Tom reads his laptop. Tom's eyes flash with  
amazement. He shakes his head in disbelief.

TOM  
I just found a data point on the  
girl that confirms the doctor's  
assertions.

President Foster looks at Tom.

TOM (CONT'D)  
She attended MIT on a special  
scholarship at age fourteen.

President Foster is taken aback.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
Really? What'd she study?

TOM  
Apparently everything... The university president wrote a letter to her file.

It says she quickly mastered all the courses she took at unprecedented levels in multiple scientific realms over three months.

She then conducted ground breaking lectures to the faculty while she led rewrites of their highest level computer science and physics methodologies, curricula and textbooks.

She offered extraordinary insights that redefined these scientific disciplines into the realm of artistry.

These changes led to quantum leaps in computer programming and satellite technology with vast industrial, military and economic implications.

There is a long pause of amazement.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
How long was she there?

TOM  
Six months and then she vanished.

President Foster and Tom look at each other in wonder.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
Stay on top of her 24/7 and keep me posted.

Tom takes the cue to exit. President Foster presses the speed dial on his sat phone. He waits for several moments.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (CONT'D)  
Assemble the national security counsel immediately.

INT. ARIELLE'S HOSPITAL ROOM

Brit sits in a chair next to Arielle who remains unconscious. She reaches out and takes hold of her hand in an affectionate way.

Arielle's eyes open and she gazes deeply into Brit's eyes. Arielle's eyes fill with tears. She removes her hand from Brit's hand. She turns on her side away from Brit. Brit registers her disappointment but gathers her composure.

BRIT  
(Russian with English sub-titles)  
Hello, Arielle. My name is Brit  
Hastings and I'm here to help you.

Arielle remains turned away. She raises the palm of her hand toward Brit in a sign for Brit to stop talking.

Brit hesitates for a few moments. She rises and walks toward the door. She stops and looks into Arielle's eyes. Arielle turns over to face away from her.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
(Russian with English sub-titles)  
I'll be back soon.

Brit exits the room. Tears fill Arielle's eyes and she pulls the blanket over her head.

INT. AN EMPTY HOSPITAL ROOM

Brit dials her cell phone.

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INT. DR. PALMER'S MERCEDES (MOVING)

Dr. Palmer drives as he answers his cell phone.

DR. PALMER  
Hello, Brit. How's it going?

BRIT  
Okay... Is she in a condition to  
leave the hospital?

DR. PALMER  
Yes.

BRIT  
Then I want to take her home.



DR. PALMER  
Alright, I'll approve her release.

INT. ARIELLE'S HOSPITAL ROOM - LATER - DAY

Arielle remains under the blanket as the door opens. Brit enters with shopping bags and Arielle's backpack.

BRIT  
(Russian with English sub-titles)  
Arielle, it's me. I've brought some things for you... Please take a look.

Arielle does not respond. Brit gently tries to remove the blanket but Arielle resists. Brit patiently takes a seat and speaks softly.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
(Russian with English sub-titles)  
I understand how you must feel... My mother died in a car accident when I was six and my father was murdered recently.

Brit struggles for a moment to maintain her composure.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
(Russian with English subtitles)  
These are terrible things to experience but I'm hoping we can help each other.

Brit waits for a response that does not come.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
(Russian with English sub-titles)  
I do not want to impose myself on your life but your mother is gone now and I have arranged for you to come live with me if you want to.

Brit waits for a response that does not come.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
(Russian with English sub-titles)  
You have the choice to return to Crimea if you do not want to stay here with me.

Arielle appears from under the blanket and violently shakes her head. Brit waits for her to calm and sets Arielle's backpack onto the bed.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
(Russian with English sub-titles)  
I brought some of your things.

Brit opens the backpack. Tears flow as Arielle removes a framed photo of Veronika and gazes at it for several moments.

Arielle erupts into a rage and violently kicks the backpack onto the floor in tears. Brit sits back and allows Arielle to calm down.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
(Russian with English sub-titles)  
I'm sorry these things upset you...  
I was hoping they would help.

Arielle stares into Brit's eyes with a look of cold indignation. Brit reflects for several moments.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
(Russian with English sub-titles)  
Okay, you're upset and you do not  
want me here... I guess I should go  
now.

Arielle watches Brit carefully as she rises and moves toward the door. Brit points to the shopping bags on the floor.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
(Russian with English sub-titles)  
I bought you some nice things to  
wear. You are welcome to keep them  
for your trip back to Crimea.

Arielle screams in anguish. Brit moves slowly toward Arielle and extends her hand. Arielle stares at her hand but resists the temptation to touch it.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
(Russian with English sub-titles)  
I want to take care of you,  
Arielle... I want to keep you  
safe.

Arielle's will finally breaks. She takes Brit's hand and pulls her to sit down beside her on the bed. Brit embraces Arielle as she breaks down completely in tears of grief and despair. Brit gently strokes her hair.

LATER

Brit brushes Arielle's long beautiful hair as Arielle eats some food from a cart. Arielle gently pushes the tray away and gazes at the shopping bags on the floor.

Brit rises and sets the bags onto the bed beside Arielle. Arielle peeks inside the bags and removes a very stylish sweater with matching leggings. Brit sets some black leather boots onto the bed. Arielle nods her approval.

LATER

Arielle emerges from the bathroom dressed in the new outfit. She moves to Brit and gives her a hug.

BRIT  
(Russian with English sub-titles)  
You're welcome.

Brit looks into Arielle's eyes.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
(Russian with English sub-titles)  
Do you understand English?

Arielle nods.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
Would like to see my home?

Arielle considers her offer for several moments.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
If you decide to stay with me, it  
will become your home to.

Arielle registers some distress.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
It's okay. It's a big place but I'm  
the only one who lives there. It's  
very safe.

Arielle flashes an incredulous glance.

EXT. THE HASTINGS ESTATE COMPOUND - DAY

The weather is clear and the trees are in full autumn color. The huge front gate opens and Brit's BMW appears. SAM the guard waves from the guard shack as they drive by. Sam is a large muscular man with a friendly demeanor and an MP5.

INT. BRIT'S BMW (MOVING)

Brit drives. Arielle rides in the right passenger seat. Arielle registers concern as she watches Sam disappear behind them.

BRIT

He's okay. He's here to protect us.

Arielle's gaze shifts to the beautiful estate compound. The car stops near the front door. SHERMAN, 65, appears and opens the door for Arielle.

EXT. HASTINGS ESTATE DRIVEWAY

Arielle steps out of the car and gazes up at the mansion. Sherman drives the car away. Brit opens the front door and they enter.

INT. HASTINGS MANSION - FOYER

Arielle looks to the left at the immaculately appointed dining room. She looks to the right at the music room. Her eyes flash with excitement.

Arielle walks into the spacious music room that includes each instrument of a symphony orchestra arranged on stands. Arielle examines the instruments carefully.

BRIT

Can you play these instruments?

Arielle nods and focuses on the concert piano. Brit follows her to the grand piano. Brit raises the key cover to reveal the flawless piano keys. Arielle looks to Brit for permission. Brit nods. Arielle sits on the piano bench.

Arielle gazes at the pristine keys. She reaches out and touches a single key. She smiles at the sound it makes. Arielle begins to play slowly. From the very first keys, it is obvious that Arielle is extremely gifted.

Brit listens in awe as Arielle plays a sensational melody with flawless precision. Arielle seems to drift into a transcendent state of serenity. The music is so beautiful and inspiring that it pulls Brit into the same state of mind.

Arielle finishes with a very sad melody as tears roll down her cheeks. Arielle stops playing and Brit gives her a hug.

BRIT (CONT'D)

That was very beautiful, Arielle.

Arielle points to her heart. Brit reacts with amazement.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
You wrote the music?

Arielle nods as she closes the key guard.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
Thank you for playing for me. You  
have a great gift.

Arielle nods appreciation and focuses on the violin nearby. She looks to Brit for permission and Brit nods with a smile. Arielle picks up the violin and examines it closely. She softly touches the components of the violin with affection.

Arielle lifts the violin into position and closes her eyes as she begins to play the instrument. Brit sits in captivated serenity with her eyes closed as the beauty of the sounds unfold in a way that seems to tell a beautiful love story.

The music ends on a poignant note. Arielle's eyes open and connect with Brit's eyes for several transcendent moments in the afterglow of the experience. Arielle sets the violin carefully back onto its stand and rises to her feet.

Arielle extends her hand and leads Brit back to the foyer as Brit recovers from the experience.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
Would you like to see the rest of  
the house?

Arielle nods respectfully.

INT. THE HASTINGS - MANSION - ARIELLE'S BEDROOM

The door opens into large bedroom with a princess bed, a media center, a computer desk and a sitting area. Arielle is visibly impressed by the room. She takes it in for a few moments and walks toward the balcony. She opens the door.

EXT. ARIELLE'S BALCONY

Arielle steps onto the balcony and gazes down at the huge pool that is surrounded by immaculately landscaped grounds. The large estate grounds taper down a hill to the river and a boat house.

Arielle stares at a yacht that appears around a bend on the river.

Arielle's eyes flash with concern as the boat drifts to a stop about 100 yards from the boat house. Men in dark clothes appear on the outer deck.

Brit joins Arielle on the balcony and notes her concern.

BRIT

We have a state of the art security system on the whole compound.

ARIELLE

Your security is all very well but nothing will stop him if he finds me here.

Brit reflects surprise at her speaking.

BRIT

Who?

ARIELLE

Anton Shekov... I call him Shek.

Brit hesitates before speaking.

BRIT

Is he the man who hurt you?

Arielle winces with emotion. She whispers into Brit's ear. Brit nods and leads her into the house.

INT. KITCHEN

Brit leads Arielle through the huge kitchen and opens a small door. Brit motions for Arielle to descend the staircase.

INT. WINE CELLAR

The room is filled with a large wine collection. Brit leads Arielle to a large cabinet. She presses a hidden button that causes the cabinet to slide to one side to reveal a metal door.

Brit places her palm on a sensor screen that reads her palm print. It flashes and the metal door opens.

INT. SECURE ROOM

Arielle enters the room followed by Brit who shuts the door.

BRIT  
It's sound proofed.

The room has a small arsenal of weapons. Arielle admires them like she did the musical instruments.

ARIELLE  
Residue of your CIA career?

Brit nods in surprise at her knowledge.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
I couldn't be more grateful for what you're trying to do for me but surely you must understand that neither of us are safe here.

BRIT  
I'll do everything that's necessary to protect you.

Arielle sighs.

ARIELLE  
He'll trace me here through his global surveillance system or the guardianship.

Brit reflects surprise.

BRIT  
How do you know about the guardianship?

Arielle considers her response.

ARIELLE  
I have certain gifts. One of them is omniscience.

Brit absorbs the information.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
Call it an intuition about certain things including human psychology.

Brit reflects her understanding.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
I'm very sorry for your terrible losses... You were right that we share a common bond of great misfortune with our parents.

Arielle paces in a way that reveals her natural gracefulness.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

All of this is how I know that I  
can trust you, Brit.

Brit is moved by her words. Arielle stares directly into  
Brit's eyes.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

You won't want to accept what I'm  
about to tell you but you must  
believe me for either of us to  
survive this scenario.

Brit nods for her to continue.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Your father was murdered by your  
CIA Director.

Brit is visibly stunned by the revelation.

BRIT

How could you know that?

ARIELLE

I can access Shek's systems and  
satellite surveillance whenever I  
want.

BRIT

So your abilities extend to the  
world of computers?

ARIELLE

Of course.

BRIT

How do you access Shek's system?

Arielle considers her words.

ARIELLE

Shek took me captive as your father  
planned but it took time to win his  
trust.

Eventually he thought he could  
control me and use my skills to  
perfect his systems.

Brit anguishes for several moments.



BRIT

But why would Richard murder my father?

ARIELLE

My abduction was a charade that your father devised to get me into Shek's computer center.

BRIT

To what end?

ARIELLE

To learn his systems and create a portal to access Shek's database.

I set it up and conveyed the access codes to your father in Kiev.

I escaped and he arranged for us to fly immediately to Washington and go into the witness protection program.

Brit registers her understanding.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Your father called us as soon as we arrived.

He warned us that he'd discovered shocking revelations in Shek's database after he passed them on to the agency...

A few minutes later he was murdered before he could reach your justice department to reveal his findings.

Brit anguishes.

BRIT

But that doesn't mean Richard ordered his murder. It could've been Shekov.

Arielle flashes a determined glance at Brit.

ARIELLE

The information was not dangerous to Shek but it was to your Richard Dempsey because he was using Shek and his systems to commit major federal crimes.

Brit puzzles for several moments.

BRIT  
How do you know that?

ARIELLE  
Because your father explained it to me.

Brit is taken aback and then reflects.

BRIT  
Did he indicate the nature of the information?

ARIELLE  
Only that it could bring down the American government.

The terrible reality rushes over Brit.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
We escaped our surveillance after your father's call.

I told Mother that we must run away but she insisted that we wait for help from a contact she trusted here.

BRIT  
Why'd she take such a terrible risk?

ARIELLE  
He was creating new identities for us.

Brit absorbs the heart wrenching reality.

BRIT  
Then why would Richard risk putting me on this assignment?

Arielle hesitates out of compassion.

ARIELLE  
Because you became the perfect psychological profile for him to manipulate after your father's death.

Brit is stunned by the reality. Arielle anguishes.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
The worse truth is that he's  
setting you up to die by putting  
you with me.

Brit's eyes flash with anger.

BRIT  
Why?

ARIELLE  
To relieve the pressure on the  
investigation of your father's  
death.

Brit fights to maintain her composure.

BRIT  
Was the President involved in my  
father's death?

Arielle considers the question.

ARIELLE  
Richard likely did it on his own.

All the schemes with Shek were his  
ideas to further his career and he  
knew he'd take the fall if it was  
exposed.

Brit is devastated.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
Richard had your father killed and  
then conveniently blamed it on  
Shek.

Tears fill Brit's eyes. Arielle steps toward Brit and gives  
her a hug. Brit loses emotional control for several moments.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
Richard has to view both of us as a  
mortal threat and he or Shek or  
your NSA could make a move on this  
place at any time....

Brit considers the dire situation.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

And then there are the Russians and Chinese who are certain to know all about this scenario by now and are very likely to make a move on me because I'm the key to perfecting Shek's global control system.

Brit is overwhelmed with thoughts. Arielle touches her hand.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Please focus. I don't want to lose you too.

Brit nods and takes a deep breath.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Have you got infrared suppression suits?

Brit registers brief surprise at her knowledge before she opens a cabinet and removes a box. She opens it to reveal six suits rolled up in small rolls.

BRIT

We should take the boat. There's a tunnel down to the dock.

ARIELLE

No. They've got the river covered.

Arielle focuses on a medical aide kit in the corner. She retrieves it along with a military knife. She opens the medical kit and shoves it across the bench toward Brit.

Arielle carefully slashes her left wrist and it bleeds. Brit's winces but then her eyes flash with understanding. Brit quickly dresses and bandages the wound as Arielle surveys the weapons. She examines a box of C4 plastique.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Do you have any cash?

Brit unlocks a large cabinet to reveal stacks of cash.

INT. THE FOYER

Arielle lies lifeless under blankets on the floor. Brit wears a full length coat. A siren nears from outside the door. Brit opens the door and two MED TECHs enter with a gurney. They check Arielle's wrist and lift her onto the gurney.

## EXT. THE MANSION DRIVEWAY

The Med Techs load Arielle's gurney into the ambulance. Brit carries a suitcase and a large briefcase. She steps inside the rear of the ambulance. A Med Tech shuts the rear doors. The ambulance leaves with lights flashing and sirens blaring.

## INT. THE AMBULANCE - REAR COMPARTMENT (MOVING)

The female Med Tech monitors Arielle. Brit stealthily reaches into her pocket and removes a small packet. She tears it open. The Med Tech notices a smell.

Brit forcefully restrains the Med Tech and places the cloth from the packet over her nose. The Med Tech passes out.

## AMBULANCE - CAB

The driver is caught in heavy traffic. He blares on his warning horn as the door to the rear compartment opens. Brit appears wearing the Med Tech's uniform. She points a Glock at the driver.

BRIT

Do what I say and you'll be okay.

The driver nods as he puts the ambulance in park. Brit motions to move to the rear compartment. He complies.

## AMBULANCE - REAR COMPARTMENT

Arielle places another cloth over the driver's face and he passes out. Arielle ties plastic cuffs onto the driver's wrists as the ambulance moves forward.

## AMBULANCE - CAB (MOVING)

Brit drives at a high rate of speed through red traffic lights. She checks her rearview mirrors and spots two heavy SUVs following her with blue lights flashing. Arielle appears at the compartment door.

BRIT

We have two trackers. We need to lose them.

ARIELLE

No problem.

Arielle retrieves an MP5 from the suitcase. She slams a clip into the weapon and engages the chamber.

INT. LEAD SUV (MOVING)

The DRIVER drives. Carter sits in the passenger seat with an MP5 on his lap. He engages the MP5 chamber and rolls down his window.

EXT. BOULEVARD

Two SUV's track closely behind the ambulance. The rear doors of the ambulance suddenly burst open and Arielle opens fire with the MP5. Bullets rake the radiators and front tires of both SUVs. They both skid and crash to a stop.

A black helicopter suddenly appears above. Arielle opens fire on the chopper and it spins to a hard landing in an empty field. Two MEN quickly exit before it explodes.

INT. AMBULANCE REAR COMPARTMENT (MOVING)

Arielle reloads the MP5 and searches for other trackers. She spots none and closes the rear doors.

INT. AMBULANCE CAB (MOVING)

Brit drives with concern. Arielle appears at the rear compartment doorway.

BRIT

Great job but we want to avoid killing people.

ARIELLE

I take great care to avoid killing except in extreme circumstances. We haven't killed anyone so far.

BRIT

It wasn't an agency chopper.

ARIELLE

No, it was Shek's. Welcome to my world.

Brit nods understanding.

BRIT

Where'd you learn to handle  
weapons?

ARIELLE

Extensive CIA training before going  
on the mission.

BRIT

Why were you on this mission in the  
first place?

ARIELLE

Shek met mother at a party in  
Yalta. He was attracted to her and  
she was attracted to his lifestyle.

Then he discovered my abilities and  
tried to force me to work with him.

We eluded him for awhile but got  
tired of running so we found your  
father and offered to help him with  
Shek in exchange for protection...

There was no other way to escape  
him.

Brit registers the revelation.

BRIT

And killing Shek wasn't an option.

ARIELLE

No, your dad wanted him alive to  
keep his global system operational  
so that the CIA could see  
everything that was going on in his  
network and shut it down if  
necessary. That information is  
invaluable.

Brit shakes her head in wonder.

BRIT

How'd you get into his system?

Arielle hesitates in some embarrassment.

ARIELLE

I had to win his trust so I seduced  
him into showing off his entire  
system.

Brit reflects her dismay.

BRIT  
Seduced?

ARIELLE  
Relax, Brit... It was my idea and  
it seemed like a small price for me  
to pay to save countless lives and  
win my freedom.

Arielle watches Brit as she processes the logic. Brit is  
disturbed by the information.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
Brit, I'm sorry if this upsets you  
but I was never meant to live a  
normal life...

Please don't judge the choices I've  
had to make.

Brit anguishes.

BRIT  
I'm not judging you... It's just a  
travesty that you've been forced to  
live such a life.

They exchange a brief moment of compassionate understanding  
as the ambulance passes into a tunnel.

INT. THE BOULEVARD TUNNEL

The ambulance stops in an emergency alcove. Brit wears the  
full length coat as she exits the cab. She opens the rear  
doors. She grabs the suitcase and Arielle follows with the  
large briefcase. They open a door to reveal a staircase.

EXT. BOULEVARD - ABOVE THE TUNNEL

Brit emerges alone from the staircase and surveys the area.  
A silver SUV skids to a stop nearby and Greg emerges in a  
hoodie and jeans. Greg surveys the area as sirens blare in  
all directions.

Arielle bolts out of the staircase with the large briefcase  
and disappears into the rear of the SUV. Brit grabs the  
suitcase and hands it to Greg. Brit rushes into the SUV and  
Greg follows close behind.



INT. SILVER SUV (MOVING)

Greg drives nervously as he scans in all directions.

ARIELLE  
We have to ditch this SUV.

GREG  
Why?

ARIELLE  
Shek is tracking us with  
satellites.

Greg's eyes flare with terror.

GREG  
Great!!!

ARIELLE  
Find a parking garage near a metro  
station.

GREG  
Sure, no problem!

BRIT  
Three blocks up, take a right and  
go four blocks.

Arielle climbs into the rear compartment. She removes an MP5 from the suitcase and hands it to Brit. Arielle skillfully assembles a sniper rifle. Arielle kicks out the rear window.

Arielle sets up with the sniper rifle. A chopper suddenly appears and opens fire on Greg's SUV. Arielle tries to aim as Greg swerves wildly.

ARIELLE  
Steady, Greg... I need two seconds.

The SUV stabilizes. Arielle fires two quick shots that cause the chopper to spin out of control. Arielle calmly watches as the chopper crashes into trees behind them. TWO black SUVs appear and close toward them in traffic.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
Cut through the park!!

Greg swerves into the park. PEOPLE scatter to get out of the way. Gunfire thumps against the side of Greg's SUV.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
All yours.

Brit opens fire with the MP5. It causes one of the closing SUVs to crash into the other.

Gunfire resumes and shatters the other side window. Arielle lines up the sniper rifle and fires a quick round. She watches calmly as the SUV spins out of control and crashes into a tree. Police cars appear from several directions.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
Are we there yet?!!

EXT. PARK

Greg's SUV appears from the park and pulls into a high rise parking garage.

INT. PARKING GARAGE

Greg's SUV drives up the ramps. The garage is largely empty. They reach an empty floor and stop.

Greg, Brit and Arielle all pile out of the SUV and move rapidly toward the staircase with the suitcase and briefcase. Greg carries a silver briefcase as well.

The elevator opens and PHYLLIS, 80, appears. Phyllis smiles as Arielle, Greg and Brit pass by and into the elevator. The elevator door closes. Phyllis walks around the corner and spots Greg's destroyed SUV.

PHYLLIS  
Oh, my... Wrong floor again.

INT. ELEVATOR (MOVING)

Greg stands in shock across from Brit and Arielle.

GREG  
You two are dangerous!!!

ARIELLE  
(British accent)  
Bloody hell, bloke... Time to man up.

Greg glares at Arielle.

GREG  
So your artistry extends to crass Limey humor?

Arielle smiles.

UNDERGROUND TUNNEL

Greg, Brit and Arielle walk calmly hand in hand along the subway platform. They are the picture of a happy family. Four SWAT OFFICERS appear. Arielle rushes to meet them.

ARIELLE

(British accent)

Officers! We just saw four ruffians  
with guns board the train over  
there!

The train pulls away as the SWAT officers rush toward it. Arielle motions toward the restrooms.

LATER

Arielle, Brit and Greg all wear their infrared suppression suits with hoods under their clothes as the train arrives. They board the first car and it pulls away.

INT. THE SUBWAY TRAIN - FIRST CAR (MOVING)

Greg sits across from Brit and glares at her. Arielle stands with the cases and gazes intently out the forward windows.

GREG

This is a deadly serious situation.

ARIELLE

I hate to interrupt the party but  
Shek's men are waiting at the next  
station.

Arielle jerks the emergency stop cord and the train squeals to a stop. The doors open and Arielle exits. Brit bolts through the door and Greg follows with the cases.

EXT. FOREST

Arielle leads Greg and Brit rapidly through the dense forest. Helicopters pass by overhead. Arielle stops and opens Greg's briefcase. She removes the laptop.

GREG

If you turn that on, it'll give  
Richard our position.

ARIELLE

Let me worry about that.

The screen turns on and Arielle races through series of keystrokes.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Goodbye CIA.

She then types rapidly for several more moments.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Goodbye Shek.

GREG

What'd you just do?

ARIELLE

I disabled the CIA's monitoring system and released a virus into Shek's system that will disrupt his satellite access.

Brit and Greg look at each other in wonder.

GREG

Can he fix it?

ARIELLE

Eventually but it gives us some time to disappear.

EXT. POTOMAC RIVER BANK - DUSK

Arielle, Brit and Greg appear in the trees near a riverbank. They spot a marina in the distance and all move in that direction through the forest.

EXT. THE MARINA CAMPGROUND - NIGHT

Arielle, Brit and Greg all sit at a picnic table and eat sandwiches.

BRIT

Greg, I think we should part ways on this. You can plead ignorance about our situation and blame it all on me lying to you.

GREG

And leave you two on your own?

ARIELLE

Brit's right... We can handle it from here.

Greg searches his conscience.

GREG

The problem is that I care about both of you...

Greg anguishes.

GREG (CONT'D)

And the whole truth is that I knew Nika, Arielle. I was her control in Ukraine... I worked for Brit's dad on this...

I was the one who was working on the IDs for you and Nika...

I couldn't feel worse about what has happened to you.

Arielle registers the information that she already knew.

BRIT

Do you know what happened with Dad?

GREG

I don't know for sure. I got recalled to Washington before it all went down and lost my clearance to follow the situation.

I was completely out of the loop until Nika called me and asked for help.

BRIT

What do you think happened?

GREG

Your dad said Richard was using Shekov to raise foreign donations to finance political campaigns here in the USA.

BRIT

That's illegal as hell!

GREG

Yes, but untraceable in small denominations that were orchestrated by Shekov.

BRIT

How much?

ARIELLE

Billions of dollars to both political parties over time.

BRIT

That would certainly bring down the government if it's exposed.

ARIELLE

And your Richard was taking a substantial cut on the funds for himself.

Greg nods.

GREG

And he believes I know everything.

Brit reflects briefly.

BRIT

So you're in as deep as we are?

Greg nods.

GREG

Well, we're all dead if we don't find a way out of this country immediately.

Greg contemplates for several moments.

GREG (CONT'D)

We need transportation. How much cash do you have on you?

BRIT

About \$500 thousand and \$5 million more in an account in the Caymans.

GREG

Does anybody know about it?

BRIT

No, Dad called it his disaster contingency fund.

ARIELLE

That's great, but you can't move  
the funds by wire transfer.

BRIT

So we withdraw it in cash.

Greg lifts his silver briefcase onto the table and opens it.  
He removes three passports and tosses them on the table.

GREG

We're the Robertsons.

ARIELLE

(British accent)

You know... This ruddy bloke might  
be useful after all.

Brit smiles. Greg grabs a piece of ice from his glass and  
stuffs it down the back of Arielle's suit. Arielle squeals  
and chases Greg around the grassy area until she takes him  
down with a leg scissor move.

Greg bounces up playfully and Arielle takes him down again  
with an extraordinary sequence of graceful martial arts  
moves. Arielle stands with one bare foot on Greg's chest.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Yield?

GREG

Absolutely.

Arielle extends a hand and pulls Greg to his feet with a  
smile. Arielle does a series of armless back flips to the  
picnic table. Greg holds his back as he struggles to join  
them.

GREG (CONT'D)

Is there anything that you don't do  
extremely well?

ARIELLE

Of course not.

BRIT

(Smiling)

What about boys?

Arielle turns red with embarrassment that turns into a cold  
eyed glare.

ARIELLE  
(British accent)  
Do you want to go for a rumble too?

Brit laughs and holds up her hands in surrender.

INT. ANTON'S MANSION - BASEMENT

Anton sits at his console gazing at the screen in disbelief. He stands and lets out a scream of extreme frustration.

Anton storms about in a fury until he slips, falls and hits his head hard on the desk on his way down. Anton writhes in severe pain on the floor.

ANTON  
VLADIMIR!!

VLADIMIR, 60, appears and helps him to his feet. Anton's head bleeds. Anton touches his head and looks at his bloody hand. He passes out at the site of his blood.

INT. AMTRAK TRAIN - CARTER'S CABIN - NIGHT

The train is in the station preparing to depart. Carter sits nervously as he drinks a scotch. A silenced Glock lays on the seat beside him.

A single silenced round pierces the glass and strikes Carter in his left temple. He rolls forward and onto the floor.

EXT. TRAIN PLATFORM - NIGHT

Richard conceals his identity as he walks calmly away from the platform.

EXT. THE MARINA CAMPGROUND - NIGHT

Brit and Greg watch Arielle as she breaks into a series of sensational tumbling moves across the grass.

Brit reaches over and touches Greg's hand affectionately.

Brit and Greg share a romantic glance. Arielle drifts into the darkness and watches them kiss. She sits on the grass and crosses her legs. She looks up at the stars. There is one very bright star that stands out from the others.



ARIELLE

I miss you, Mom... I don't understand why they took you from me...

Arielle's eyes moisten. Greg watches Brit as she walks over to Arielle.

BRIT

Want to talk about it?

Arielle shakes her head. Brit takes a seat beside her and wraps her arm around Arielle's shoulders. Arielle tries to collect herself without success.

ARIELLE

I had the chance to kill Anton and couldn't do it and then I was too late to save her life...

My mother's death is my fault.

Brit hesitates before replying.

BRIT

I feel the same way about my dad... I was suppose to be protecting him when he was gunned down...

They both reflect in somber silence for several moments.

BRIT (CONT'D)

It's a terrible thing to live with but there must be some larger purpose in what's happened.

Arielle wipes away tears.

ARIELLE

(Indignant)

Oh, yes... There's always some great purpose for me but my happiness is never their concern...

They don't care that I'm just a young girl with a mind I don't understand and a heart I can't ignore.

Arielle stands in frustration and paces.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

It's like a curse that never ends.

(MORE)

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

I don't give a damn about being brilliant or saving the world from itself.

I just want to be free to be happy and live my life with the people I love.

Brit absorbs the implications of her words.

BRIT

My father once told me that every blessing comes with a responsibility and you're more blessed than anyone else.

ARIELLE

That's easy to say but I'm not some comic book super hero!

I'm just a girl with no family who the most powerful people on earth want to kill or control!

Brit registers her concern and reacts with compassion.

LATER

Arielle, Brit and Greg all sit around the table.

GREG

We need a boat.

ARIELLE

A big boat to get to the Caymans... Preferably one with a piano.

Brit and Greg smile.

GREG

Do you have a master plan to suggest?

ARIELLE

Yes, buy a big boat.

They all gaze at the marina.

EXT. SMALL YACHT - DAY (MOVING)

Greg man's the upper deck controls of the small yacht as it motors slowly along the Potomac River.

Brit and Arielle admire the scenery from the lower deck as they pass by the Kennedy Center.

ARIELLE

The Kennedy Center. I want to perform there some day...

The Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials come into view along with the Washington Monument.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

All these great symbols of liberty...

What would our world be today without the courage and foresight of these great men?

Arielle reflects for several moments and looks at Brit.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Are there any such men today?

Brit considers the question and takes Arielle's hand.

BRIT

I fear not but I have great hopes that a certain young woman will use her many gifts to serve humanity in a similar way.

Arielle gazes at Brit.

ARIELLE

That's my mission... and I have a plan.

Arielle gazes seriously into Brit's eyes.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Government of the people, by the people, for the people must not perish from this earth.

EXT. ATLANTIC OCEAN - LATER

The small yacht glides through the sea on a clear day.

SUPER: CAYMAN ISLANDS - TWO WEEKS LATER

EXT. LARGE YACHT - DAY

The large yacht is much bigger. It rests at anchor in a beautiful cove. The water is clear. The sand is white. The weather is perfect.

Greg and Brit sip Pina Coladas on the rear deck. They watch Arielle as she does a sensational dive off of the diving board that protrudes from the side of the upper deck.

Arielle emerges from the water in her bikini. The view of her is awe inspiring and Greg cannot help but notice. Brit catches Greg watching Arielle and flashes a playful death stare at him. Greg smiles and stands.

GREG

Now it's time for some serious diving!!

Arielle guffaws as Greg scrambles up the steps to the upper deck. He arrives and mounts the board with great fanfare.

He moves forward quickly and tries to do a double flip but lands flat on his back. Brit and Arielle laugh as Greg struggles back onto the deck in great discomfort. Greg reaches for his Pina Colada. Arielle applauds.

ARIELLE

(British accent)

You're one amazing blighter! You've mastered the "Epic Fail" dive completely!

Greg shakes his head.

GREG

(To Brit)

Okay, hot shot, your turn.

Brit rises in her bikini to reveal her sensational body. She climbs up the steps to the board as Arielle arrives on deck. Brit moves forward and does a very sexy spinning dive into the water with no splash. Arielle claps enthusiastically.

Greg shakes his head and takes a drink from his Pina Colada.

INT. LARGE YACHT - ENGINE COMPARTMENT - NIGHT

Arielle finishes screwing a large piece of cloth onto the top of the engine cover. Greg enters the engine room.

GREG

What're you doing?

ARIELLE  
Infrared image suppression.

INT. LARGE YACHT - MASTER SUITE - NIGHT

Greg and Brit lie on the bed. They wear infrared suppression suits that include hoods. There is a hard knock at the door.

BRIT  
Arielle?

ARIELLE (O.S.)  
Yes, it's me.

BRIT  
Come in.

Arielle enters in distress. She wears her infrared suppression suit.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
What's wrong?

ARIELLE  
Think Bin Laden raid coming for us!

EXT. LARGE YACHT - NIGHT

Greg mans the controls as Arielle leaps onto the dock and unhooks the tie down lines. She tosses them onto the boat deck and returns to the yacht. Brit appears with the MP5. She scans the area behind them.

(MOVING)

The sound of helicopters approaching can be heard. The yacht engines fire up and the yacht slowly pulls away from the dock. Arielle turns off the lights and grabs the sniper rifle that is wrapped in a plastic sheath below the couch cushion.

She carries the rifle up the steps to the upper control console. She snaps off the lens cap and scans the area behind them while they motor away as the sound of helicopters approaches.

EXT. THE DOCKS

Two military choppers arrive and hover above the docks. Numerous SEAL TEAM MEMBERS rappel down onto the dock.

EXT. LARGE YACHT - DECK (MOVING)

Greg drives. Brit is ready to fire her MP5. Arielle lines up the sniper rifle.

ARIELLE  
KEEP IT STEADY!!!

The two choppers turn toward the large yacht. Arielle fires four high impact rounds in rapid succession.

EXT. THE DOCKS

The two choppers spin out of control and fall into the bay. The Seal Team members scatter for cover but hold their fire.

EXT. LARGE YACHT - DECK (MOVING)

Greg, Brit and Arielle remain in their positions.

The yacht motors along as the terrifying shrieks of jet fighters passing overhead explodes through the sky.

ARIELLE  
No wake!!

The yacht slows.

INT. CIA DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Tom sits at a computer station. He and Richard watch the satellite feeds on the large wall mounted display screens.

RICHARD  
What the hell happened?

TOM  
We lost both the Seal Team choppers  
into the bay.

RICHARD  
How's that possible?!!!

Tom shakes his head in dismay.

EXT. LARGE YACHT - DECK (MOVING)

Arielle opens the silver briefcase and types furiously as the jets shriek thunder above.

EXT. AIRBORNE ABOVE THE BAY - NIGHT

The two jets close on the yacht. Suddenly they spin out of control. Rockets fire from the jets in all directions. Two parachutes appear before they both crash into the sea.

INT. CIA DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Tom sits at a computer station. He and Richard watch the satellite feeds on the large wall mounted display screens in stunned disbelief.

RICHARD

What happened to the F-35s?!!!

TOM

Some sort of controls failure.

RICHARD

How's that possible?!!

Tom shrugs.

RICHARD (CONT'D)

Switch to infrared!

The screen shifts to infrared images. A series of hot spots appears at the chopper and jet crash sites as well as numerous PEOPLE in the small bay area. They frantically search the screen.

RICHARD (CONT'D)

Where's their damn boat?

TOM

Not seeing any human or engine images moving in the bay area.

RICHARD

How's that possible?

TOM

Infrared suppression suits.

Richard pounds his fist on the table in frustration.

RICHARD

But it doesn't explain the engine.

TOM

Oh, yes it does.

Richard reflects until the light goes on in his mind.

LATER - NIGHT

Richard and Tom sit on each side of the director's desk and look at the speaker box. President Foster sits at his Oval Office desk on a wall screen.

INTERCUT AS NECESSARY:

PRESIDENT FOSTER (ON VIDEO SCREEN)  
 So you're telling me this girl  
 downed two Seal Team choppers and  
 two F-35s all by herself without  
 killing anyone?

RICHARD  
 Yes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (ON VIDEO SCREEN)  
 Unbelievable.

TOM  
 Yes, she is.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (ON VIDEO SCREEN)  
 More evidence that she's an asset  
 we must control.

RICHARD  
 We'll try, Sir, but we don't want  
 her to fall into the hands of our  
 adversaries... Especially Shekov.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (ON VIDEO SCREEN)  
 Let me be clear, Richard. It's your  
 job to find her and employ her  
 abilities on our behalf.

INT. ANTON'S COMMAND BUNKER - TIBET - DAY

The equipment in the room is even more impressive than his mansion basement. Anton sits at a very large, state of the art computer and video array console and listens on his speaker system.

RICHARD (O.S. ON SPEAKER)  
 Yes, Sir, but that means Shekov  
 must be eliminated before he finds  
 her first.

He has murdered two of our agents  
 and he's outlived his usefulness.

(MORE)



RICHARD (O.S. ON SPEAKER) (CONT'D)  
He's a national security threat and  
the girl can take over his system  
for us.

There is a long pause.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S. ON SPEAKER)  
Okay, but I want the girl alive.

The sound goes dead. Anton fumes.

ANTON  
Okay, Richard, two can play that  
game.

Anton types furiously on his keyboard.

INT. CIA DIRECTOR'S OFFICE - NIGHT

Richard sits alone in his office at his desk as he scans satellite images on the wall video displays. A laser beam suddenly bursts through the ceiling. The extreme intensity of the light and heat kills Richard instantly.

EXT. THE WHITE HOUSE - NIGHT

A view of the south side of the White House.

INT. THE WHITE HOUSE - PRESIDENT'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

President Foster enters the room. He removes his smoking jacket and climbs into bed.

EXT. WHITE HOUSE LAWN - NIGHT

A laser beam suddenly bursts from the sky and destroys the Presidential Marine 1 helicopter.

INT. THE WHITE HOUSE - PRESIDENT'S BEDROOM

The President bolts out of bed as Agents PARKER, DUNN and CONKLIN burst into the room and pull him away.

INT. ANTON'S COMMAND BUNKER - TIBET - DAY

Anton smiles.

## INT. WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

President Foster sits nervously at the table surrounded by his National Security Team MEMBERS. MARTIN CROSS, 53, enters the room.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
Are the laser satellites shut down?

MARTIN  
Yes, Sir, but not before a burst destroyed the office of the CIA Director.

President Foster flashes concern.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
Casualties?

MARTIN  
Director Dempsey.

The President grimaces in anguish for several moments. He considers the situation.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
It looks like Mr. Shekov is sending me a message so it's time to play hardball.

MARTIN  
But we don't know where he is and we just lost our top intelligence officer.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
Then take out the places we know about and send him a message.

## EXT. THE REMOTE ISLAND COVE

The yacht drifts into an isolated, small island cove. Greg eases the yacht up to a pier that sits below huge overhanging palm trees.

Arielle leaps onto the pier and ties off the yacht. Greg kills the engines.

INT. LARGE YACHT - ARIELLE'S CABIN - NIGHT

Arielle enters her room with the silver briefcase. She removes the laptop and lies down on the bed exhausted. Brit and Greg appear at the doorway.

GREG  
How'd you down the jets?

ARIELLE  
Targeted electromagnetic pulses  
from one of Shek's satellites.

Brit and Greg are stunned by the implications.

BRIT  
Then he can destroy anything that  
operates on electricity?

Arielle nods.

ARIELLE  
He also has a variation that uses  
electrostatic discharges.

GREG  
Unreal. He can control the world.

ARIELLE  
Only if he perfects the system to  
address countermeasures. That's  
what he wants me to do.

BRIT  
And how far did that project get?

ARIELLE  
The less you know about that, the  
better for both of you.

BRIT  
Understood.

Brit leads Greg from the room. Arielle boots the laptop. Her expression shifts to determination as she types furiously on the keyboard.

INT. LARGE YACHT - MASTER SUITE - DAWN

Greg and Brit sleep. There is a door knock. Brit sits up.

BRIT  
Come in.

Arielle enters the room in distress.

BRIT (CONT'D)  
What's going on?

ARIELLE  
Your CIA Director has been killed  
and the Presidential helicopter has  
been destroyed by laser bursts from  
American satellites.

GREG  
Shekov?

ARIELLE  
Yes, and he planted stories in the  
media that I did it.

Brit and Greg sit in shock.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
I countered by exposing his global  
network and making the strong case  
that he's the only person who's  
capable of such an attack.

BRIT  
Shekov's completely out of control.

ARIELLE  
And things will get a lot worse if  
he debugs his system to control all  
of the global satellite networks,  
power grids and communication  
systems.

GREG  
I presume that includes the  
internet?

Arielle nods. Brit and Greg are stunned by the revelations.

BRIT  
Is there a way to stop him?

ARIELLE  
Yes, but I need the source code for  
his entire system.

BRIT  
How do you get it?

ARIELLE

A physical download from his control center in Tibet is the only way.

GREG

So what's the plan?

ARIELLE

I triggered a virus in Shek's system and managed to disable the CIA's satellite surveillance in the western hemisphere.

I hired a sea plane out of Cuba to pick us up and fly us to Jamaica where we can charter a private jet to Israel.

Arielle exits the room and closes the door behind her. Brit and Greg look at each other in amazement.

INT. PRIVATE JET - AIRBORNE (MOVING)

Greg and Brit sip on glasses of red wine as Arielle types on the laptop.

GREG

Any ideas where Shekov may be?

ARIELLE

I'm guessing Tibet but he could be anywhere.

GREG

Tibet makes sense... He has a strong relationship with China because he feeds hundreds of millions of dollars to all the right people.

ARIELLE

He also has the support of a mercenary army led by a General Chang.

Brit reflects for several moments.

BRIT

So how do we get to him in China?

ARIELLE

That's why I approached the Israelis for help.

BRIT

Why would they help?

ARIELLE

They want Shekov for selling arms to Hamas and Hezbollah that have killed many Israelis.

Brit considers the concept.

BRIT

That sounds plausible but how exactly do you access and manipulate these complex systems so easily?

Arielle sighs.

ARIELLE

I use a fully functional back door into Shek's system that I created for myself.

BRIT

What's the difference from teh version you gave to Richard?

ARIELLE

Their's is read only and mine allows the full use of the systems.

GREG

But not access to the source code.

Arielle nods.

ARIELLE

Exactly. And I must have the source code to disable Shek's access and optimize the technology to it's full potential.

Brit registers concern.

BRIT

For what purpose?

Arielle considers the question carefully.

GREG

To insure our dominance in the event anyone else gains access to the system.

Brit absorbs the enormity of the situation.

ARIELLE

My system exploitation capabilities are much better than Shek's.

BRIT

In what way?

ARIELLE

In every way...

Brit puzzles for a moment.

BRIT

How do you improve something that's already so extraordinary?

Arielle searches for the right words.

ARIELLE

Think of it this way. If current technology is a one, then an advancement to five is impressive but it is still a small fraction of its 100 potential.

Brit's eyes flash with recognition.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

You see, the limitations on knowledge and artistry are the level of intellectual awareness of the human mind and the time to focus on the subject matter.

Brit absorbs the comment briefly.

BRIT

So every program or system is limited by the awareness of the mind that created it?

ARIELLE

Yes, and if your mind intuitively grasps intellectual progressions at the highest level of artistry, everything below that level becomes obvious.

Brit nods her understanding.

GREG

And your mind has much higher  
limits than everyone else so your  
biggest limitation is time.

ARIELLE

(British accent)

Blimey! I think this bloke's got  
the bloody concept!

Greg rolls his eyes and smiles.

SUPER: JERUSALEM

EXT. OLD JERUSALEM CAFE - DAY

Greg, Brit and Arielle all sit on the extended edge of the outdoor deck high above a ravine below. There is a sensational view of the city and the sunset. Arielle wears a long white cloak with a hood as she gazes at the scene.

ARIELLE

I've often dreamed of coming  
here... My mother visited here  
before I was born.

Brit considers the information carefully.

BRIT

Did something happen while she was  
here?

Arielle gazes serenely at Brit.

ARIELLE

She said she had a very spiritual  
experience when she visited the  
site of Christ's crucifixion.

BRIT

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre?

ARIELLE

No, she said she had a vision in  
her sleep that led her to the  
actual site.

Brit and Greg are awestruck by the revelations. Arielle shifts her gaze to the spectacular sunset.



ARIELLE (CONT'D)

I'd like to visit the site. Would you mind if I take a walk alone?

BRIT

Sure... We understand.

Arielle rises and leaves the cafe.

EXT. JERUSALEM STREETS - SUNSET

SERIES OF SHOTS:

Arielle walks in a very serene and almost trancelike state through the streets of the old city past one beautiful scene and vista after another. She eventually reaches a high point outside the main city walls with a great view.

She absorbs the scene for several moments and begins to sing. The sound of her voice resonates across a wide area. The beauty of her voice transcends all cultures and religions. The melody and words of the song are very inspirational.

Gradually JEWS and ARABS and CHRISTIANS emerge from their houses and places of worship and restaurants to listen to her voice. They all watch her sing in awe. Arielle eventually stops singing as the sun gradually sets.

A tremendous applause erupts from the CROWDS that have gathered in all directions. Arielle bows graciously and departs down a dark, narrow street.

EXT. OLD JERUSALEM CAFE - DUSK

Brit and Greg remain at the table. Brit notices Arielle as she appears in the distance.

EXT. STREET

Arielle walks in a trancelike state. Her vision focuses on Brit and Greg. They both wave at her from their table at the edge of the deck that protrudes above the ravine below. There are about 15 other PATRONS and WAIT STAFF on the deck.

Arielle waves and moves toward them. Brit rises and exits the cafe deck toward Arielle. They draw close to each other.

Suddenly the cafe building erupts in an enormous explosion. The force of the blast blows Greg off of the deck and into the ravine.

Brit flies forward and slams violently into Arielle. They both crash to the ground where they lie bloody and unconscious as screams of terror fill the area.

INT. ISRAELI MILITARY HOSPITAL - ARIELLE'S ROOM - DAY

Arielle lies unconscious on the bed on a respirator. Her face has several severe scratches. DR. MEDEV, 45, and GENERAL EFREM BRECHER, 55, enter the room in uniforms.

Dr. Medev sets his clip board down and examines Arielle's eyes with a pin light. He then checks the vitals monitor as General Brecher watches Arielle. Dr. Medev shakes his head.

DR. MEDEV

She has had severe cerebral trauma and has been in a persistent coma since the incident.

GENERAL BRECHER

Do you have a prognosis?

DR. MEDEV

It's very unlikely that she'll ever emerge from the coma.

GENERAL BRECHER

That's very unfortunate. This is an extraordinary young woman who could be vital to our national security.

Are there other treatment alternatives anywhere on earth?

DR. MEDEV

No. We've searched international data bases and we can find no instances where a patient with this profile has emerged from the coma.

GENERAL BRECHER

Then we need a miracle.

DR. MEDEV

That's the only hope.

LATER - NIGHT

Arielle remains on the bed. The lights are off. A soft moonlight illuminates the room. TALIA, 21, suddenly appears from the darkness.

Talia looks just like Arielle but she projects a mystical, translucent appearance. Her eyes exude serenity.

She gazes down at Arielle with great affection. She gently touches Arielle's forehead with her hand. She says a silent prayer and a light flashes from her hand into Arielle's mind.

Talia carefully removes the respirator from her face. Arielle coughs briefly and then breathes on her own.

Her eyes suddenly flash open and focus on Talia's eyes. They exchange poignant glances for a few moments as Talia fades into darkness.

FADE TO BLACK.

LATER

Israeli Captain MARY SHALON, 32, enters the room and finds Arielle lying asleep in a fetal position on the bed. Mary touches Arielle on the arm.

Arielle's eyes open and she sits up with a scream of terror. Mary tries to comfort her as she continues to scream.

Two NURSES enter the room. One holds Arielle while the other injects her with a needle. Arielle stops screaming and gradually relaxes. Her eyes rapidly scan her surroundings.

MARY

Are you okay now?

Arielle nods. Mary motions for the nurses to leave. She pauses a few moments to let Arielle orient herself.

MARY (CONT'D)

I'm Captain Mary Shalon of the IDF.  
I've been assigned to you.

ARIELLE

Where am I?

MARY

An IDF hospital.

ARIELLE

How long?

MARY

10 days.

ARIELLE

Where are Brit and Greg?

Mary anguishes.

MARY

The reports say that they both died  
in the explosion.

Arielle lets loose an almost supernatural scream of grief.

LATER

Arielle lies alone in a fetal position on the bed. A time  
lapsed sequence follows as the sunlight through the window  
shifts from day to night several times.

LATER

Arielle remains on the bed asleep. General Brecher enters the  
room in uniform. He removes his hat and takes a seat as  
Arielle gradually regains consciousness.

Arielle's eyes eventually focus on Efrem. He reaches forward  
and touches her hand in a comforting manner.

EFREM

Hello, Arielle. I'm General Efrem  
Brecher of the IDF... You've made  
quite a miraculous recovery.

Arielle shifts her gaze out her window.

EFREM (CONT'D)

I'm very sorry about your friends.

Arielle's eyes fill with tears. She closes her eyes as she  
tries to compose herself.

ARIELLE

Thank you, Sir... I'm very sorry  
that I brought this destruction on  
your people.

Efrem searches for a response.

EFREM

Please don't blame yourself. The  
man who likely ordered this has  
been helping others to kill our  
people for a very long time.

ARIELLE

Thank you for that perspective but I missed many chances to kill this man.

Efrem searches for an appropriate response.

EFREM

Be that as it may, now it's time to end his reign of terror and relieve your conscience.

ARIELLE

I couldn't agree more.

EFREM

You've been here for two weeks and the doctors tell me that you're physically recovered.

Arielle nods.

EFREM (CONT'D)

The concern is your state of mind.

Arielle breathes deeply several times to control her emotions.

ARIELLE

My state of mind is destroyed, Sir.

EFREM

I understand completely but we must move forward to disrupt further acts of terror...

Arielle nods.

EFREM (CONT'D)

Should I assume that you're not well enough to assist us?

Arielle reflects on the question.

ARIELLE

Assist you in what way?

EFREM

He's in China and they refuse to assist us without hard evidence of his involvement in the bombing and we can't launch an operation inside China.

Arielle reflects briefly.

ARIELLE

But I'm Crimean and a Christian.

EFREM

With the ideal profile for the mission.

Arielle considers the situation. Eventually her expression shifts to grim determination.

ARIELLE

More people could die at any time so we must go now.

Arielle rises out of bed. Efrem reflects caution.

EFREM

This mission is very complex and physically demanding. You need to eat and train and get outfitted.

ARIELLE

Yes, Sir.

Efrem rises and shakes Arielle's hand.

EFREM

Thank you for your courage. We'll support you every way we can.

ARIELLE

I need a full spectrum computer array set up in here to operate and prepare to optimize the system.

EFREM

What system?

ARIELLE

Shekov's system. We need it for our purposes.

Efrem nods and exits the room.

LATER - NIGHT

Arielle sits at a highly advanced computer screen array that is set up in her room.

SERIES OF SHOTS:

A time lapsed sequence of Arielle working with extreme speed and intensity on the various computer stations and screens. Standing and pacing and stretching as she thinks through issues. More furious typing.

Sunrises and sunsets through the window. Eating food. Drinking coffee. Her appearance becomes gradually more disheveled over time. Illumination fills her eyes at the end of the sequence.

Arielle extracts flash drives from the computer and places them into a specialized booklet that is filled with other flash drives. She zips it shut. She places it into a secure stainless steel briefcase and slides it under her bed.

ARIELLE

It's time to get the source code.

INT. HATZERIM AIRBASE - GYMNASIUM

Music plays as many SOLDIERS and Efrem watch Arielle in amazement as she does an incredible tumbling routine on the performance mat.

She achieves great height and precision on all of her moves, spins and landings.

The music shifts tempo and Arielle transitions into a modern dance routine on the wood floor of the gym. The CROWD grows as they all watch Arielle's artistry in disbelief. The music ends to thunderous applause.

Arielle bows gracefully in appreciation as she spots Efrem and Mary. She joins them.

ARIELLE

I'm ready to go, Sir.

EFREM

Yes, you are. Please follow me.

Efrem leads Arielle and Mary toward the door.

HALLWAY

Arielle walks beside Efrem. Mary follows behind them.

EFREM

We'll be employing our most  
classified technology to support  
you.

They proceed through double doors.

INT. HATZERIM AIRBASE - UNDERGROUND HANGER

Efrem, Arielle and Mary enter the hanger where two very sophisticated fighter bombers are parked. They are both black and unlike other aircraft. Arielle circles the jets.

ARIELLE

The F double X.

EFREM

Yes, the only true stealth fighter bomber in the world. We created them with American support at a cost of over \$2 billion each.

ARIELLE

Specifications?

EFREM

They're silent even at high RPMs and they have the capacity for vertical take off and landing as well as extended hovering range.

ARIELLE

Mach 5?

EFREM

Yes, with its cockpit compression chamber.

ARIELLE

It's a one seater.

EFREM

Yes, but it's the only option for this mission to achieve full stealth insertion and extraction.

ARIELLE

So I'll have to fly it.

EFREM

Yes, we obtained unanimous cabinet approval to allow you to fly it on this mission.

ARIELLE

But we can't let this aircraft fall into their hands.



EFREM

No, and we'll be monitoring it at all times to insure that doesn't happen.

It's equipped with a very thorough self-destruct mechanism that's satellite actuated.

ARIELLE

What's the blast radius?

EFREM

200 metres.

ARIELLE

Can I actuate the self-destruction?

EFREM

Yes, and there's a delay feature. You'll also have a warning on the system to allow you to eject if we must destroy the aircraft.

Arielle nods her understanding. Efrem leads Arielle over to a table. There is a mission suit on the table.

EFREM (CONT'D)

This is our new zero visibility insertion suit. It's bullet and shrapnel proof with radiation, infrared, heat and cold protection.

Efrem lifts a small but highly sophisticated weapon and hands it to Arielle.

EFREM (CONT'D)

This is the Z-300. It discharges very small, super high velocity rounds with high explosive impact.

Efrem picks up the quarter inch sized shell and holds it up between his fingers.

EFREM (CONT'D)

The magazine holds 300 of these.

He takes the weapon from Arielle and fires a single silenced shot into a human dummy target the end of the hanger near the stone wall. It blows a six inch hole through the target's chest and shatters the stone wall behind it.

Efrem points to a piece of armor plate mounted next to the dummy.

He fires a single shot that blows a one inch hole in the armor plate and a twelve inch blast into the stone behind it with almost no sound.

EFREM (CONT'D)

That's the armor plate for America's most advanced battle tank.

ARIELLE

Very impressive... It can't fall into their hands.

Efrem nods and slides a small plate on the side of the weapon to reveal a small red button that is flashing.

EFREM

Press this button and it self-destructs in twenty seconds with a thirty yard blast radius.

ARIELLE

Got it. Do you have anything that will disable without killing?

Arielle follows Efrem over to a large cabinet. Efrem opens it and removes an unusual pistol and a small cannister.

EFREM

A dart gun and a cannister with a special gas formulation that delivers near instantaneous effect. The victim stays out for an hour.

Arielle nods and reflects.

ARIELLE

Are we sure he's still in Tibet?

EFREM

Communication intercepts indicate that he's deep inside the mountain at the coordinates you provided. There's no safer place he could be.

ARIELLE

How soon can we go?

EFREM

It'll be dark in seven hours. Spend some time familiarizing yourself with the aircraft controls and weapon systems. Then join me to review the mission plan.

INT. MISSION PREP ROOM

Mary helps Arielle pull on the mission suit as her mind processes a pantheon of thoughts. Her eyes suddenly flash.

ARIELLE

Mary, I need a physician right now.  
Have him bring his kit.

LATER

Arielle sits in a chair. Dr. Medev examines her right ear canal with an ear scope.

DR. MEDEV

Nothing in there.

He moves around to her left ear and scopes it.

DR. MEDEV (CONT'D)

Nothing obvious.

ARIELLE

It would appear like normal tissue.

Dr. Medev examines her ear more carefully.

DR. MEDEV

Okay, I've got something here.  
It's attached to your cartilage.

Arielle braces herself on the arms of the chair.

ARIELLE

Go ahead.

Arielle sinks into a trancelike state. Dr. Medev inserts an instrument into Arielle's ear canal. He gently twists the instrument and removes a very small object from her ear.

Arielle remains in the trance until Mary shakes her shoulder. Arielle's eyes open as Dr. Medev sets the object into a small medical pan nearby. Arielle gazes at the object.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

This explains everything.

EXT. ISRAEL DESERT - NIGHT

A large section of desert lowers and slides under the earth around it in total darkness other than star light.

A FXX rises out of the earth below in total silence. It hovers briefly and flies away at incredible speed.

INT. ANTON'S COMMAND BUNKER - TIBET

Anton sits at a conference table with GENERAL CHANG, 52, in a business suit. They watch a large and highly sophisticated wall mounted video screen with a satellite view of the Middle East and Western China.

A small light traverses the screen from Israel and moves toward Tibet. General Chang speaks with a Chinese accent.

GENERAL CHANG

How do you do this?

ANTON

I inserted a small implant while she was in my custody. It's undetectable to anything but my specialized sensors.

GENERAL CHANG

And you're certain this is the FXX she is flying?

ANTON

There's no image of the aircraft itself and her implant is travelling above Mach 4.

General Chang smiles.

ANTON (CONT'D)

Are your forces in place?

GENERAL CHANG

Yes.

ANTON

You get the aircraft and I get the girl.

GENERAL CHANG

That's our arrangement as long as we maintain control of her here.

Anton smiles with excitement. Chang grimaces.

GENERAL CHANG (CONT'D)

Why do I feeling that this girl is more than a professional interest for you?

ANTON

You enjoy ice skating, correct?

GENERAL CHANG

Yes.

Anton types on his computer and a life size video display appears on the wall to their left. All of the lights go out except for the screen which shows a view of an enormous ice skating rink that is surrounded by darkness and silence.

ANTON

Everything you see and hear was created and performed by Arielle.

ONSCREEN

Serene music begins to play as Arielle appears from the darkness on skates in a skin colored outfit with slight reflective glitter. The video is extreme high definition.

Arielle's beautiful long hair flows freely and sensually as she begins to skate in perfect harmony with the music.

Arielle proceeds through a skating routine that defies all description in terms of flawless serenity, athleticism, artistry, grace and captivating sensuality.

General Chang watches Arielle in stunned awe until she fades back into the darkness as the music ends. The lights turn back on. General Chang remains in awestruck silence.

GENERAL CHANG

Transcendent artistic perfection in feminine form...

ANTON

Yes and her mind's the most valuable thing on earth.

General Chang's mind races to absorb the implications.

GENERAL CHANG

How much for the girl?

ANTON

Not negotiable... She's priceless.

General Chang flashes a menacing glare at Anton.

ANTON (CONT'D)

You should be aware that I've created a special program that's designed to devastate the entire satellite and power networks of China.

General Chang stands in indignation. Anton remains calm.

ANTON (CONT'D)

The program is on standby and it requires that I intervene daily to prevent it from unleashing its catastrophic effects.

General Chang struggles to contain his anger.

ANTON (CONT'D)

Relax, General... If it's of any consolation, I've written similar programs for Russia and the entire western world.

General Chang fumes.

GENERAL CHANG

I suppose that makes you God.

ANTON

Pretty much... I suggest that you take all measures to protect my life and happiness if you want to complete your takeover of China.

Anton types on his keyboard and smiles.

INT. MISSION PREP ROOM

Arielle enters in her flight suit to find Efrem and Mary.

EFREM

We have a very big problem.

ARIELLE

What?

EFREM

All of our satellites and our national power grid and communications systems have been shut down.

Arielle bolts over to a computer station in the corner.  
Efrem follows her.

ARIELLE

I need your full access.

Efrem types in his access codes quickly. Arielle begins to type furiously on the keyboard.

LATER

Arielle continues to type rapidly as she observes the screen.

ARIELLE

Shek is getting a lot smarter but here it is.

Efrem looks over her shoulder at the screen.

EFREM

What is this?

ARIELLE

Shek's current system schematic.  
He's set up programs to shut down the global power grids, communications systems and satellites.

He just executed the shutdown for Israel.

EFREM

Can you reverse it?

ARIELLE

Yes, but I've left Israel down for now so we don't tip him off that I have access to his system.

I need your best techs in here so I can explain this to them so they can reactivate the systems once the mission is complete.

Efrem nods and Mary exits the room.

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SUPER: TIBET

EXT. AIRBORNE ABOVE TIBET MOUNTAINS - NIGHT (MOVING)

An extraordinary panoramic view of the snow capped mountains of Tibet illuminated by a full moon.

EXT. TIBET MOUNTAIN VALLEY - NIGHT

A FXX descends between the mountain ranges through the moonlight to a hover just above the ground in the remote and deserted mountain valley. The FXX hovers down to the tree line and lands near a grove of conifer trees.

The engines shut down and Arielle emerges from the cockpit onto the wing in her mission suit. Arielle pulls on a backpack and grabs the Z-300 from the rear of the cockpit. She closes the canopy and eases down onto the ground.

She stops to admire the snow covered mountains illuminated by the moonlight for a few moments before pulling on her night vision goggles. Arielle bolts away toward the mountain nearby.

INT. ANTON'S COMMAND BUNKER - TIBET

Anton and General Chang watch the satellite screen. The beacon indicator is stationary in Afghanistan.

GENERAL CHANG

Why the delay in Afghanistan?

ANTON

Not sure.

The beacon begins to move again toward Tibet.

ANTON (CONT'D)

Here we go.

EXT. TIBET MOUNTAIN VALLEY - NIGHT

Arielle moves rapidly through the mountain terrain. She reaches a high view point and stops. She looks up at a huge cavern above her.



EXT. TIBET MOUNTAIN CLIFF

SERIES OF SHOTS:

Arielle climbs the rugged mountain face with extreme skill and speed toward the cavern. She eventually reaches a ledge at the base of the cavern. Arielle gazes into the cavern. She adjusts her goggles view to infrared.

EXT. THE CAVERN - ARIELLE'S INFRARED GOGGLES VIEW

The cavern is ablaze with a series of infrared security beams. Numerous MERCENARY GUARDS patrol in the cavern beyond the beam array.

INT. CAVERN

Arielle moves skillfully through the beam array with a series of impressive athletic moves.

She emerges beyond the beam array into the deeper cavern. She stops and surveys the infrared images of ten MERCENARY GUARDS. She removes a cannister from her back pack. She pulls the pin and rolls it under the beam array behind her.

Heavy smoke erupts from the cannister without sound. The guards react in confusion as the smoke quickly fills the cavern. Numerous silenced shots are fired as Arielle moves through the smoke to the door beyond the guards.

Arielle watches as a MERCENARY types a code into the security pad and opens the door. Arielle stuns the guard with a swift head shot. He collapses as she steps into the doorway. She faces back toward the cavern as bullets fly.

Arielle uses the heavy door as a shield. She pulls the pins on two gas cannisters and tosses them into the cavern as she closes the door.

One cannister bursts and sprays gas that causes the mercenaries to quickly collapse. The second cannister goes off as the RESERVES arrive.

INT. CAVERN CORRIDOR

Arielle walks softly down the subterranean corridor. She reaches the security control console and catches the two TECHS off guard. She fires darts into each of their chests and they quickly succumb.

Arielle moves to the console and deactivates the security system. The screens all go dead. Arielle stalks down the dark hallway.

INT. ANTON'S COMMAND BUNKER - TIBET

Anton and General Chang watch the infrared satellite display as the beacon becomes stationary in Tibet near their location. Hundreds of infrared MERCENARY SOLDIER images converge on the beacon.

Anton pours two glasses full of champagne. He hands one to General Chang. They cling their glasses together.

ANTON  
To the future.

General Chang smiles and they both take sips of champagne.

EXT. TIANANMEN SQUARE - BEIJING - NIGHT

CROWDS circulate through the square. All the lights go out.

EXT. TIBET MOUNTAIN PLATEAU

Many MERCENARY SOLDIERS pour into a ravine to find a small drone aircraft at the bottom of it. They approach the drone and it unleashes a huge explosion of gas that quickly overwhelms and incapacitates the approaching soldiers.

INT. ANTON'S COMMAND BUNKER - TIBET

Anton and General Chang watch the infrared view of the explosion. General Chang's eyes flare in anger.

ANTON  
Stay calm, General. I'm still going  
to use my systems to make you the  
leader of China.

General Chang considers his assertion and his expression shifts to an uneasy smile. He is suddenly stunned by a dart to his neck. He collapses to the floor.

Anton scrambles for a weapon in a drawer nearby. He raises the pistol as a round from the Z-300 devastates the computer screen beside him. Anton drops the gun. Arielle appears from the darkness at the other end of the table.

Anton collapses into his chair.

ANTON (CONT'D)

Go ahead... You win... End it now.

ARIELLE

No.... I'm on a rescue mission.

ANTON

Rescue?!!

ARIELLE

Yes, I'm here to save you from yourself and the division of soldiers who're on their way here to kill you.

ANTON

They're coming for you!!!

ARIELLE

No, they think you're the one who just shut down their satellites and the entire power grid and communications systems in China.

Anton winces at the implications.

ANTON

Why would they think that?

ARIELLE

Because I convinced them that you're the only one with the ability to do it.

Anton considers the terrifying reality.

ANTON

But why rescue me?

ARIELLE

I'll let you figure that one out. You can come with me or die now.

ANTON

What choice is that? Death by you or the Jews?!!

Arielle flashes anger that terrifies Anton.

ARIELLE

Those Jews are offering you a detention sanctuary in Israel where you can live out your days in safety if you cooperate.

Anton contemplates the scenario.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

It's a chance for you to become a positive resource for humanity for the first time in your pathetic life.

Arielle points the Z-300 at Anton's face.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

I need your source code.

Anton anguishes. Arielle fires a burst just past Anton's left cheek. It obliterates a bookshelf and books behind him.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

NOW!!

Arielle hands a small stainless steel box to Anton. He opens it to reveal high capacity flash drives. He removes two of them and inserts them into his computer.

Anton types furiously as Arielle watches him carefully with the Z 300 pointed at his head. A download countdown visual appears on screen. The cycle completes and Anton returns the flash drives to the box. He hands the box to Arielle.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Now execute the self destruct sequence.

Anton shakes with dread.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

DO IT!

Anton types rapidly. A series of small detonations occur throughout the computer banks nearby.

An enormous explosion shudder rocks the room and the power goes out. Arielle turns on a flashlight.

ANTON

What was that?!!!

ARIELLE

His men barging into your security beams in the cavern.

Anton grimaces.

ANTON

Not good. That leaves only one way out.

ARIELLE

Yes, but they'd blow your little escape jet out of the sky.

Anton is freaking out as Arielle removes a mission suit from her backpack and tosses it onto the table.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Just calm down and put this on if you want to live.

Arielle opens fire and devastates all the computer equipment with the Z-300 as Anton pulls on the suit.

INT. ESCAPE CORRIDOR - LATER

Arielle stops at a small jet aircraft. She climbs up to the cockpit and opens the canopy. She reaches inside. She presses a button and the door at the end of the escape tube opens. Wind surges into the tunnel.

INT. SMALL JET COCKPIT

Arielle adjusts the controls on the jet and sets a timer that begins counting down from two minutes.

INT. ESCAPE TUBE

Arielle leaps down from the jet and moves quickly up the steep, dark and narrow launch tube. Anton struggles along the tube behind Arielle in his mission suit. They reach the opening. Anton is freaking out.

ANTON

Why not just give the jet a try!

They reach the tunnel opening.

ARIELLE

Take a look.

Anton looks outside and sees four attack choppers with full missile armament. His eyes flash with terror and he steps back quickly.

ANTON

Okay, what's plan B?

ARIELLE

Did you see the jets above?

Anton shakes his head.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Whose are they?

ANTON

Chang's. He doesn't want the Chinese military to know anything about this.

ARIELLE

How many jets?

ANTON

Up to twelve at last count.

ARIELLE

Just do everything I do and pull that ring on your suit when I do.

Anton's eyes flash with terror again and he shakes his head.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Okay, it's up to you.

Arielle drags Anton into an alcove near the opening. Suddenly the small jet launches past them with a loud roar.

EXT. THE ESCAPE TUBE EXIT - NIGHT

Four heavily armed attack helicopters hover in the area outside the dark tube exit. The exit is high above the rock and snow covered landscape over 10,000 feet below.

The tube exit sits beneath a large and protective outcropping that obscures its location. The small jet explodes from the opening and all four helicopters open fire on the small jet.

The small jet bursts down and away and the helicopters give chase. Jets target the small jet from above and unleash a wave of missiles that obliterate the small jet.

INT. THE ESCAPE TUBE EXIT

Arielle briefly looks outside and observes the choppers and jets moving away. She straps the Z-300 to a harness on her chest. She unleashes a big smile as she pulls a pin on a grenade and tosses it nearby.

ARIELLE  
Dosvedanya!

EXT. THE ESCAPE TUBE EXIT - NIGHT

Arielle leaps from the escape tube and spreads her arms to reveal that her mission suit has jump wings. She soon shifts into a smooth and controlled flight.

Anton screams continuously as he leaps right after her. The grenade explodes inside the tube behind him. She circles on the wind currents as she waits for Anton.

He spreads his jump wings but he spirals downward and tumbles several times until he gains control just before crashing into a high ridge. He catches a thermal wind that lifts him.

Arielle adjusts her flight pattern to join up with Anton. Anton stabilizes and stops screaming. They soar together for awhile to get to the right landing point as the sound of military jets fills the air around them.

Missiles suddenly fly past them from behind and explode into the ground below. Arielle spots two military choppers tracking them from behind. The choppers open fire with high explosive rounds. The tracers fill the air around them.

Arielle opens fire with the Z-300 and the two choppers instantly lose control. One spins into a cliff side as the other crashes into the ground far below.

An intense sequence of missile flares from above fills the air around Arielle as she takes sharp evasive actions among the mountains to avoid them.

Arielle turns her focus to Anton who is landing on a snow field below with his parachute open.

EXT. HILLSIDE

Arielle adjusts into a steep dive and quickly closes on Anton as he releases his chute. He leaps to his feet and runs toward a treeline. Arielle reaches Anton from behind and stuns him with a blow from both her feet.

Anton loses control and stumbles violently down the snow field end over end. Arielle pulls her ring and a small black parachute appears. Arielle sets down gracefully near Anton. Arielle releases her chute and the wind carries it away.

She slaps plastic cuffs onto Anton and jerks him to his feet.

ARIELLE

Are you a complete idiot?! I'm  
your only chance to survive this.

Anton nods in dejected acquiescence. They move quickly into the treeline as she surveys the area with the Z-300. They stop as Arielle checks her small GPS monitor.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

This way.

Arielle moves deeper into the trees. Anton struggles along behind her. Suddenly explosions erupt all around them and devastate the trees. The force of the blasts knocks them to the ground. Debris rains down on them.

Arielle jerks Anton to his feet and down the hillside deeper into the trees.

EXT. HILLSIDE - LATER

Arielle drags Anton by the hand across open ground and down a ravine toward another grove of trees. Arielle stops and looks back as a huge number of MERCENARIES pour down the ravine above and behind them in the distance.

Arielle grabs Anton's hand and breaks into a full run down the hill toward the trees as gunfire tracks behind them.

They stumble and fall to the ground as the gunfire shatters the trees around them. They crawl behind large boulders. Arielle watches the advance of the mercenaries in terror. She prepares to open fire.

Suddenly the mass of mercenaries is devastated by a barrage of heavy gunfire and two huge bomb blasts from above. She looks up and catches a glimpse of an FXX passing overhead. Arielle grabs Anton and pulls him down the hill.

EXT. TIBET MOUNTAIN CLIFF

Arielle and Anton work their way down treacherous mountain ledges. They stop under a large outcropping while Anton catches his breath.

ANTON

How do you keep going at this pace  
at this altitude?

ARIELLE

It's called mind over matter.



Arielle pushes Anton down the path. Arielle follows.

EXT. TIBET MOUNTAIN VALLEY - NIGHT

Arielle emerges from the trees and leaps up onto the FXX wing. She opens the canopy and removes a pressurized flight helmet. She tosses it to Anton.

Arielle reaches inside the cockpit and presses a button. The bomb bay doors open beneath the FXX. Anton examines the situation as he pulls on the helmet.

ANTON

No way.

Arielle raises the Z-300 and points it at Anton.

ARIELLE

You know I can't leave you here  
alive.

LATER - UNDERNEATH THE FXX - NIGHT

Arielle secures the bomb hangers around Anton. She connects his helmet to an oxygen hose.

ARIELLE

The bomb bay is pressurized and  
I'll try to keep it sub-sonic so  
you should be okay.

ANTON

Should be?

ARIELLE

Take it or leave it.

Anton shakes his head in acquiescence.

INT. FXX COCKPIT - AIRBORNE - DAWN (MOVING)

The FXX moves vertically. The sky is filled with enemy aircraft as she rises above the tree tops where the sunrise appears.

ARIELLE

We've got big trouble!

Arielle shifts the FXX from hover into hyper speed at a steep vertical incline.

Arielle fires flares as missiles fill the sky around them. The detonations of the missiles with flares jolts the FXX several times.

Arielle fires more flares as she steers straight vertical in a spiraling motion as Anton screams over the intercom. Eventually she levels out and shifts to much higher speed.

Arielle checks her radar screen. Aircraft are tracking her visually. She shakes her head in dismay and fires two missiles in reverse as she does a 180 at higher altitude.

Suddenly her two missiles and a four missile array from her right devastate the lead chase aircraft. Arielle fires her four missiles as well and more jets explode. Arielle changes directions and ascends vertically to avoid oncoming missiles.

EXT. AIRBORNE - DAWN

Missiles track directly behind the FXX. Suddenly the FXX explodes into hyper speed and leaves the missiles behind. The FXX disappears into clouds and jerks hard right ascending.

INT. FXX COCKPIT - AIRBORNE - DAWN (MOVING)

Arielle flies as she checks the radar. The remaining fighters are moving away from her.

ARIELLE

Hallelujah... Anton, are you there?

There is no response.

LATER - AIRBORNE - DAY (MOVING)

Arielle flies and raises her outer visor to reveal her face.

GREG (O.S. ON RADIO)

Strike leader, this is your wing.

ARIELLE

Thanks for the rescue.

GREG (O.S. ON RADIO)

No problem. I hope we didn't start World War 3.

ARIELLE

Rogue mercenaries don't launch world wars.

GREG (O.S. ON RADIO)  
 (British accent)  
 Well, Lassie, I'm relieved you  
 didn't cock up the bloody mission.

Arielle freezes in thought.

ARIELLE  
 Greg Perkins, is that you?

GREG (O.S. ON RADIO)  
 (British accent)  
 What other plonker would be daft  
 enough to fly this mission with  
 you?

Arielle's eyes smile through tears.

ARIELLE  
 How'd you survive the blast?

GREG  
 Not sure. I blacked out and woke up  
 in a tree top below the deck.

ARIELLE  
 Why'd they imply you were dead?

GREG  
 I thought you'd object to me going  
 on a suicide mission with you and I  
 had to be sure you survived...

I also wanted to help deliver  
 justice to that son-of-a-bitch.

Arielle's eyes reflect that she is very moved by his words.

ARIELLE  
 Thanks for being there for me when  
 I needed you.

GREG  
 No problem.

There is a long silence.

ARIELLE  
 Her death saved my life, Greg.

GREG  
 Yes, and we both want you to  
 complete your mission.

ARIELLE  
So you know?

GREG  
Yes...

Arielle reflects surprise.

GREG (CONT'D)  
I'll do anything I can to help you.  
I have a PhD in computer science...

That's why the agency put me on  
this assignment in the first place.

ARIELLE  
Yes, they wanted you to keep an eye  
on me...

Greg hesitates for a moment.

GREG  
That's the way it started but there  
are much more important things at  
stake now.

Arielle considers the situation.

GREG (CONT'D)  
You need a back up and I can help  
you.

ARIELLE  
Sounds good. There's a lot of work  
to be done to interface the source  
code with my enhancements and test  
the whole system.

INT. HATZERIM AIRBASE - NIGHT

Arielle and Greg sit at separate stations of a highly  
advanced computer screen array. They both type frantically.

SERIES OF SHOTS:

A time lapsed sequence of Arielle and Greg working with  
extreme speed and intensity on the various computer stations  
and screens.

Sunrises and sunsets through the window. Eating food.  
Drinking coffee. Their appearance becomes gradually more  
disheveled over time. Illumination fills her eyes at the end  
of the sequence.

Arielle extracts flash drives from the computer and places them into a specialized booklet that is filled with other flash drives. She zips it shut. She places it into a secure stainless steel briefcase.

ARIELLE

Time to change the world.

INT. GREG'S HOTEL ROOM - DAY

Greg sits at a computer console reading the screen. Arielle enters the room in a somber mood. Greg registers concern.

GREG

What's wrong?

ARIELLE

The Israeli government has received a very strong extradition demand for both of us from your government.

Greg is taken aback.

GREG

I thought we were reported as dead?

ARIELLE

Yes, but your country has many resources.

GREG

So what're the charges?

ARIELLE

Treason for you... Espionage and murder of the CIA Director for me.

Greg sits in stunned disbelief.

GREG

That's complete nonsense.

ARIELLE

Yes, but the media in America believes I'm responsible for the death of their CIA Director so they're demanding justice.

GREG

Or what?

ARIELLE  
They withdraw all aid and support  
from Israel.

Greg winces with concern.

GREG  
What's the Israeli position?

ARIELLE  
They're offering us Israeli  
citizenship and sanctuary here.

GREG  
Wow... Have they conveyed that  
message to my government?

ARIELLE  
Yes... The Americans responded by  
offering to withdraw their  
sanctions threat and a pardon for  
you if they turn me over.

GREG  
No way, Arielle.

Arielle sighs.

ARIELLE  
Thank you but we'd be living in  
fear and we'd never be free.

Greg anguishes.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
Try not to worry about it. I'm  
really tired now but I'll figure  
this out.

Arielle walks over and hugs Greg.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
How are you doing?

Greg anguishes.

GREG  
As bad as bad can be... She's  
irreplaceable.

Arielle is overcome with emotion.

ARIELLE

Yes, she is... And I'm so angry with myself for dragging you both into this... I couldn't feel worse... It's all I can do to keep going.

GREG

It's not your fault, Arielle, and now is not the time to dwell in false perceptions.

You must stay focused on your mission.

ARIELLE

(Sarcastic)

Yes, the almighty mission that's killing the people I love most.

GREG

And that's why you must succeed...

Arielle is taken aback. She reflects for several moments and nods in acquiescence. She pulls away from Greg.

ARIELLE

I'll be back.

GREG

Where are you going?

ARIELLE

To visit Shek.

GREG

(Incredulous)

Why?

ARIELLE

It seems he's offering 100 billion dollars to Israel in exchange for a luxury house arrest arrangement.

GREG

Will the Israeli's go for that?

ARIELLE

Maybe... They have no hard evidence that Shek ordered any bombings or killings.

GREG

Is there a danger that they'll turn him loose?

ARIELLE

No, the Americans and China both have extradition demands filed with the Israelis.

Greg shakes his head in dismay. They maintain a somber silence for several moments.

GREG

But why should you see Shek at all?

ARIELLE

Because the Israelis have asked me to assess his psychology and sincerity...

It's the least I can do for their generosity.

INT. ISRAELI MILITARY PRISON - INTERROGATION ROOM

Arielle waits in melancholy. The door opens and Anton enters the room. The door closes behind him. Arielle glares at Anton as he takes a seat.

ANTON

Thank you for saving my life.

Arielle nods indifferently.

ANTON (CONT'D)

Why was I worthy of your mercy after what happened to Nika?

ARIELLE

I know you didn't order her death.

ANTON

No, that idiot Dmitri spun out of control after she killed his brother.

Arielle loses her composure momentarily but recovers it.

ARIELLE

Why did you try to kill my friends here in Jerusalem?



ANTON

I didn't. General Chang ordered that without my knowledge.

ARIELLE

Why?

ANTON

Because he feared the Israelis wouldn't commit the FXX without a devastating event that would be blamed on me.

Arielle shakes her head in disgusted understanding.

ARIELLE

And he wanted to ensure that you'd remain isolated in China where he could control you.

ANTON

And he wanted to eliminate you as a threat to my system.

Arielle nods.

ARIELLE

What was the deal with Chang?

ANTON

He wanted to use my system to seize power in China and combine it with the FXX technology and my systems to dominate global airspace and the world.

Arielle shakes her head in dismay.

ARIELLE

The never ending folly of small men's minds...

The Chinese army just executed him for treason.

ANTON

Then justice is done... Why'd you bring me here?

ARIELLE

Because you're a very gifted man who can do great things for humanity if you focus your abilities in a positive direction.

Arielle glares forcefully into his eyes.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
You need to do a lot to atone for  
all the harm you've done.

ANTON  
I'm very sorry for all I've done...  
Especially Nika... It was a  
terrible mistake.

Anton projects real remorse.

ANTON (CONT'D)  
I want to help you if I can.

Arielle reflects for several moments.

ARIELLE  
I need someone who's an expert at  
manipulating power grids.

ANTON  
Why?

Arielle stands and approaches Anton. She whispers into his ear for several moments. His eyes flash with excitement.

ANTON (CONT'D)  
I'd need computer access.

ARIELLE  
Let me handle that.

INT. ISRAELI MILITARY PRISON - SMALL ROOM

Anton sits at a computer terminal. Arielle looks over his shoulder at the screen.

ARIELLE  
I think this will work.

ANTON  
And you can count on me, Arielle.  
I won't take advantage of this  
situation. I want you to be free.

INT. GREG'S HOTEL ROOM - DAY

Greg sits and reads a laptop screen. Arielle enters the room in a business suit and high heels with makeup that makes her look much older. She carries the stainless steel briefcase and a cylindrical tube. Her hair is now blonde.

Greg rises and gives her a warm hug.

GREG

Look at you!

ARIELLE

Yeah, sorry I haven't been by recently but I've been busy.

GREG

Preparing to save America from itself?

ARIELLE

Pretty much. It takes some time...

GREG

Is there anything else I can do to help you?

Arielle hands the briefcase to Greg.

ARIELLE

You're the keeper of the code.

Greg stares in awe at the briefcase.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

It's the most powerful weapon for good or evil ever devised.

Greg nods respectfully.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Just keep learning the systems and keep an eye on Anton for me.

GREG

Will do. Thanks for trusting me.

Arielle nods and extends the tube to Greg.

ARIELLE

I found myself with the inspiration to draw. I hope you enjoy it.

Arielle looks at her watch.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
I have to go catch my flight.

GREG  
D.C.?

ARIELLE  
Yes, it's time to launch America  
2.0.

Arielle hands a copy of a book to Greg. It says "AMERICA 2.0" on the cover. Arielle gives Greg a profound hug.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
Efrem will fly you to D.C. with the  
code when this is done.

Greg nods. Arielle gazes into Greg's eyes.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
I need you in my life, Greg.

Greg is visibly moved by her words.

GREG  
Thanks... I'm here for you.

Arielle pauses in anguish.

ARIELLE  
Where did they take Brit?

GREG  
To her family plot at her estate in  
D.C.

Arielle chokes back tears. Greg retrieves an envelope and hands it to Arielle.

ARIELLE  
What's this?

GREG  
A copy of Brit's last will and  
testament... She left everything  
to you.

Arielle cannot restrain her tears. Greg embraces her as she struggles to collect herself.

ARIELLE  
It's all so horrible...

Greg looks into her eyes.

GREG  
You can do this.

Arielle nods and hugs Greg one last time.

ARIELLE  
See you Friday in D.C.

She exits the room and closes the door. Greg removes a drawing from the tube and unrolls it. His eyes moisten as he looks at the drawing and shakes his head in wonder.

It is a portrait of Brit and Greg together touching foreheads and gazing into each other's eyes in a very romantic and poignant way. Greg cannot hold back his emotions.

INT. 767 JET - FIRST CLASS - AIRBORNE (MOVING)

Arielle sits in the last row of first class alone. She is in full intensity mode as she types rapidly on her laptop.

She stops typing and drops into a trance like mode where she seems to be thinking like a super computer. She breaks out of the trance and begins typing frantically.

ONSCREEN

A sophisticated view of earth and the global satellite system around it appears. She launches a sequence that creates a progressive connectivity imagery between various satellites.

LATER - 767 JET - FIRST CLASS

Arielle's suit jacket lies in the empty seat beside her. Arielle is relaxed as she peruses her laptop screen.

ONSCREEN

A photo appears of a very handsome guy, Chase Foster.

ARIELLE  
(Smiling)  
Wow...

The caption reads: "President's Son to Attend Harvard Graduate School".

INT. THE WHITE HOUSE - OVAL OFFICE

President Foster sits at his desk. Martin Cross enters the office and closes the door behind him.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
What's happening on the Russian  
girl situation?

MARTIN  
The Israelis say she's innocent and  
they'll go public with the whole  
truth of the situation if we don't  
back off.

President Foster shakes his head in frustration.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
Have you read this girl's file?

MARTIN  
Yes. She's some sort of super human  
genius.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
Do you grasp the political and  
economic power she represents and  
what her skills could mean to any  
field of human endeavor?

MARTIN  
Yes, Sir, but the reports also say  
that she's a young woman who just  
wants to practice her artistry.

The President wrinkles his forehead.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
I get that but I must consider what  
could happen if she falls into the  
hands of the Russians or the  
Chinese or Al Qaeda or ISIS.

MARTIN  
Do we have evidence of that threat?

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
Yes, the intelligence shows that  
everyone is on to her and taking  
aggressive steps to seize her in  
Israel.

MARTIN  
Then we must act.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Yeah, we need a covert solution to take her from the Israelis.

MARTIN

Do you really think we have anyone who can outwit her to accomplish that goal?

PRESIDENT FOSTER

That's exactly why we must have her!!!

Get with Tom and find a way or I'll be faced with a terrible choice about her life!

EXT. THE HASTINGS ESTATE COMPOUND - SUNSET

Arielle plays a sad and very beautiful melody on a violin as she sits on a stone bench in a small cemetery. There are a dozen headstones under the branches of a huge oak tree.

Tears flow as she gazes at a headstone with "BRITNEY ANN HASTINGS" engraved on it. The music seems to tell the story of Arielle's distressed emotions.

The melody shifts to even greater poignancy as her gaze shifts to the headstone next to Brit's. It reads "VERONIKA MARIA DENOVO". The melody eventually ends and Arielle sets the violin down into the case and closes it.

Arielle eventually gazes to the heavens in tears.

INT. HASTINGS MANSION - MUSIC ROOM - NIGHT

Arielle plays an extraordinary and very poignant melody on the piano as a fire burns in the huge stone fireplace. Arielle is in a trancelike state of profound sadness as she plays the piano and stares at the blazing fire.

There is a sudden and forceful pounding on the front door. Arielle stops playing and focuses on the pounding. She rises and moves toward the foyer.

FOYER

Arielle opens the door to find Greg in great distress.

GREG

They know you're here.

Arielle reacts immediately and jerks Greg into the foyer. She slams the door and locks it.

GREAT ROOM - LATER

Arielle rushes from the kitchen and into the great room. She carries two MP5s. She tosses an MP5 to Greg and opens a door on the rear of the house to reveal a down staircase. She races down the steps and Greg follows.

INT. BOAT HOUSE TUNNEL - NIGHT

Arielle and Greg rush down the tunnel until they reach a door. They open the door and bolt through the doorway.

INT. BOAT HOUSE - NIGHT

Arielle and Greg appear through the doorway and look through the window toward the mansion. The sound of two helicopters can be heard overhead.

EXT. MANSION COMPOUND - NIGHT

Two searchlights appear and scan the compound as SEALS in full combat gear appear from all directions.

INT. BOAT HOUSE

Arielle releases the tie downs as Greg mans the controls and fires up the engine. Arielle leaps onto the yacht as Greg eases the boat backwards out of the boathouse.

EXT. THE YACHT

The yacht backs out of the boat house. Arielle takes aim at the searchlights. She fires two short bursts that take out the lights. The choppers take evasive action.

Seals race down the hillside toward the dock as the yacht backs out of the stall. Arielle fires a barrage of bullets in front of the Seals that causes them to collapse to the ground. Greg turns the yacht and shifts it into forward motion.

Greg slams the yacht into full speed as the Seals unload a barrage of bullets all around the yacht. Arielle takes cover but no bullets strike the yacht as it speeds away.



EXT. POTOMAC RIVER - NIGHT

The two choppers track the yacht as it races down the river. Arielle opens fire and strikes each chopper. Both choppers move away into controlled crash landings on the river bank.

Two "Seal Team Assault Boats" suddenly appear and close on the yacht at high speed from behind the yacht. Arielle fires two bursts into the pontoons with no effect and they continue to close on the yacht.

GREG

Take the shot!

ARIELLE

No!!

Arielle tosses her MP5 to the deck as the boats close. There are four SEAL TEAM MEMBERS on each boat. One boat closes from directly behind as the other moves to take a position on the starboard side.

Arielle eyes the fishing outrigger bar. She runs to Greg.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Kill it on my signal!

Arielle moves to the outrigger pulley.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

NOW!

Greg kills the engine as Arielle releases the starboard outrigger. The bar drops and swipes over the top of the speeding starboard boat. The bar crashes into the boat driver and knocks him into the water. The boat tail spins until it flips over with the other Seals.

Simultaneously, the other Seal boat crashes into the rear of the yacht. Three of the Seal team members fly into the water. The FOURTH SEAL crashes onto the yacht deck.

Greg guns the engine to move away from the Seal boats. The soldier devastates Greg with a violent blow that knocks him unconscious into the control panel. The boat surges into high speed. The soldier and Arielle crash to the deck.

They both scramble to their feet and engage in a violent martial arts display back and forth. The soldier is highly skilled but Arielle is so fast that she dodges the severity of his blows as she lands one devastating hit after another.

Eventually, she unloads a barrage of blasts that stuns the soldier.

A final blow topples him over the rail and into the water. Arielle looks up as the boat moves at high speed toward a huge dock.

Its too late to stop. Arielle jerks Greg up, over the rail and into the water. She follows close behind just before the yacht crashes into the dock with tremendous force.

INT. JEFFERSON MEMORIAL - NIGHT

Arielle and Greg enter the memorial still wet. Arielle slides down onto the pavement on one side of the memorial and crosses her legs. Her mind races with anxiety.

Greg sits down next to her and crosses his legs. They both look up at the statue of Thomas Jefferson. There are no other people in the area.

ARIELLE

Thanks for the rescue.

GREG

Ditto.

Arielle takes Greg's hand in hers and gazes at the statue in a poignant silence. Arielle drops into her sad trancelike state. Greg observes her with concern for several moments. He shakes her firmly. Arielle is startled into consciousness.

GREG (CONT'D)

It's not like you to leave yourself so vulnerable. What's going on?

Arielle looks away in melancholy and does not respond.

GREG (CONT'D)

Arielle... I understand how you must feel but there's no time to dwell on the past.

They exchange a profound glance.

GREG (CONT'D)

You must focus on the future and your mission.

Arielle's eyes fill with supernatural hatred.

ARIELLE

To hell with what they want me to do! They've taken everything from me!!!

Arielle rises and storms away and onto the outer portico. Greg is taken aback at the severity of her words. Greg joins her and his expression reflects compassion.

GREG

I get it but this is too important  
to EVERYONE... You have to let your  
feelings go for now...

Brit and Nika are counting on you  
to honor their sacrifice...

Arielle is affected by his words. She searches her conscience for several long moments as she gazes at all the great buildings and monuments.

Arielle is overwhelmed with emotions. She embraces Greg in a moment of profound sentiment. Arielle looks over his shoulder at the illuminated White House in the distance.

GREG (CONT'D)

Everyone is searching for you...  
This is your only chance for  
freedom.

Arielle reflects for several moments and nods in acquiescence.

INT. WHITE HOUSE - CHASE'S ROOM - DAY

CHASE FOSTER, 22, sits on his bed and flips open his laptop. Chase is an exceptionally handsome young man who projects a GQ appearance.

ONSCREEN

Chase checks his e-mail. One mail stands out in red. Chase opens it to find a breath taking photo of Arielle. He reads the message.

ARIELLE (V.O.) (O.S.)

I understand how you must feel  
without freedom. Please check out  
the link and meet me ALONE at the  
Highlands Mall Ice Rink at 7  
o'clock tonight. Wear a black  
hooded jacket.

Chase clicks on the link. Arielle appears in a video in the glow of a soft spotlight seated at a piano. Incredible piano music begins to play.

INT. HIGHLANDS SHOPPING MALL - SKATING RINK - EVENING

A sparse crowd is gathered on the three levels that surround the rink. Arielle checks her watch and approaches the SKATING MANAGER. They speak inaudibly. He smiles and nods. Arielle hands him an Ipod.

LATER

Arielle stands beside the rink in ice skates and a beautiful skating outfit as the Zamboni surfaces the ice. Arielle spots Chase as he appears in a hooded jacket as the Zamboni disappears into its stall.

SKATING MANAGER

(Into microphone - speakers)  
That's all for public skating today  
but we now have a very special  
feature performance for you this  
evening.

The skating area goes dark. A spotlight appears on the ice. Arielle's music begins to play as she glides onto the ice. The music attracts a larger CROWD as Arielle proceeds through an awe inspiring skating routine.

Arielle eventually moves to the end of the rink where Chase is watching. Arielle focuses on Chase and seduces his imagination with a series of stunningly graceful and sensual ice dancing moves.

The whole crowd is captivated in silence as the song ends and the spotlight turns off.

The lights remain off for several long moments as the crowd applauds furiously. The lights come back on but Arielle has vanished. Chase searches desperately for her in vain.

MALL HALLWAY - LATER

Chase walks alone down the darkened hallway. Arielle appears wearing a sweater, boots and jeans. Chase freezes in amazement at her beauty.

CHASE

Who are you?

ARIELLE

Arielle... But you must tell no one  
about me.

Chase nods and she hands him a shopping bag.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Please go home and keep this for me  
in your bedroom...

Read the book immediately and  
you'll understand everything...

I must go now. I'll see you later  
tonight.

Arielle gives Chase a brief kiss and drifts away gracefully  
and out the door. Chase smiles in stunned amazement. He bolts  
for the door.

EXT. HIGHLANDS MALL - NIGHT

Chase appears and searches the area. Arielle has vanished.

EXT. WASHINGTON D.C. - LAFAYETTE PARK - NIGHT

Arielle wears a black trench coat and a head scarf as she  
sits on a park bench and eats an ice cream cone. She  
carefully observes the White House across the street. She  
gazes up at the cloud covered skies.

ARIELLE

(Into ear set)

The sky is perfect. Make sure the  
back up power goes down too. Moving  
now.

Arielle stands and eats her ice cream as she walks slowly  
toward the east gate of the White House.

EXT. SIDEWALK

Arielle walks south close to the fence. She eyes the fence as  
she walks past the east gate and beyond the line of the south  
side of the White House. She tosses her ice cream cone into a  
trash bin.

ARIELLE

(Into ear set)

Now.

Every light in the area goes dark. GUARDS scramble in all  
directions. Arielle removes a set of small night vision  
goggles from her fanny pack and puts them on.

She removes her trench coat and scarf to reveal her black mission suit. She shoves the scarf and the jacket through the fence under a large shrub.

EXT. WHITE HOUSE COMPOUND

Arielle effortlessly scales the fence and lands like a cat inside the White House compound. Police cars converge from all directions with their lights on and sirens flashing.

More armed GUARDS appear and take up stations at intervals along the inner perimeter of the compound. Each turns on their flashlights and searches the area near them.

Arielle weaves her way through the gardens and trees and shrubs to the southeast corner of the south portico. She surveys the area and scales the steps to the lower portico.

She moves behind the east column nearest the house and scales it with her specialized rubber gloves and shoes. She reaches the portico railing and pulls herself up onto the balcony.

TRUMAN BALCONY

Arielle freezes in terror as one of the balcony doors opens. Arielle crouches down in the darkness near the wall. Martin appears onto the deck and surveys the area to the south.

MARTIN

The whole power grid is down.

Martin disappears into the house and the door closes behind him. Arielle listens at the window as the voices fade.

Arielle rises and looks through the window. She sees no one. She moves to the door and turns the knob softly. The door opens and Arielle disappears inside.

INT. WHITE HOUSE - YELLOW OVAL ROOM

Arielle moves to her left and through an open doorway.

PRIVATE SITTING ROOM

Arielle moves through the empty room and out the doorway.

PRESIDENT'S BEDROOM

Arielle moves across the empty bedroom and into the closet.

## CLOSET

Arielle enters the very large closet and closes the door. She surveys for a security camera. She finds none.

ARIELLE

(Whispering into ear set)

On now except the security systems here. Thanks for the help. I'm turning you off for now.

Arielle turns off her ear set and places it into her back pack. She flips the light switch up. The lights come on. The large closet is loaded with clothes including two manikins with tuxedos. Arielle turns off the switch.

## PRESIDENT'S BEDROOM - LATER

President Foster enters the room and closes the door. He removes his suit jacket and tie and walks into the bathroom. He turns on the shower and moves through the dressing area to the closet.

## CLOSET

President Foster opens the closet door and walks inside. He turns on the light and freezes as the door closes behind him and Arielle appears. President Foster looks over his shoulder and sees a Glock with a silencer pointed at him.

ARIELLE

Speak softly and take a seat.

President Foster complies. Arielle slides down onto the floor with her back to the door and her knees bent upward near her chest. They both speak in whispers.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Ms. Arielle Denovo, I presume.

ARIELLE

Sorry about this, Sir, but you left me no choice after your false accusations and your Seal Team games.

President Foster winces in some embarrassment.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Your conversation with Martin this afternoon sealed the deal.

President Foster shakes his head in dismay.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
So you heard it all?

ARIELLE  
Of course...

President Foster shifts uneasily.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
Then you know I want to protect  
you.

ARIELLE  
And use me for your purposes.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
To offer you a secure platform to  
explore your full potential.

ARIELLE  
And deny me to anyone else... Even  
if it means killing me.

President Foster winces in extreme embarrassment but collects himself.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
You'd feel the same way in my  
position.

Surely you understand that you're  
the greatest potential asset or the  
worst possible nightmare for me.

They stare each other down for several moments as he focuses on her hand on the Glock.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (CONT'D)  
So you've succeeded in commanding  
my attention and proving that you  
can be anywhere and shut down  
everything at will. Now what?

Arielle muses wryly.

ARIELLE  
You're very perceptive for a  
President.

President Foster smiles.



ARIELLE (CONT'D)

I get your concerns about me but I mean no harm to anyone. I just want to be left alone to pursue my life in my own way.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

On the run with no protection from people with far worse intentions than me?

ARIELLE

No, I want to work with you but only on my terms.

President Foster nods.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

I see. So what're you offering?

Arielle speaks with a determined serenity.

ARIELLE

First, you need to understand the hard reality of this situation.

Shekov engineered a scheme to control, manipulate or destroy satellites, power grids and computer systems globally.

He then hired the top four programmers in the world for three years to write the code to make the system operational.

He offered them \$50 million each but when they finished, he purged their memories completely.

President Foster winces.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Is that possible?

ARIELLE

Yes and he tried to do it to me but he had a major flaw.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

What's that?

Arielle glares into Curt's eyes.

ARIELLE

He thought I was just some girl he could easily manipulate.

President Foster nods his understanding as it applies to himself.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Note taken... So how'd you escape?

ARIELLE

Martial artistry.

The President flashes a dubious glance. Arielle rises. She gracefully extends her left leg up into a vertical position. She spins lightening fast and knocks the head off of a manikin without a sound.

The manikin head lands near President Foster. President Foster is stupefied. Arielle leans against the door.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Impressive... So how does Shekov's system operate?

ARIELLE

He paid China billions of dollars to build and launch his own network of controller satellites with software that overwhelms computer security systems so he can manipulate them.

He then built other satellites that rapid fire targeted electromagnetic pulses or electrostatic discharges that can destroy almost any type of electronic equipment.

President Foster shakes his head in dismay at the implications.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

How'd he raise enough cash to pay for all that?

Arielle smiles.

ARIELLE

He triggered the recession of 2008 to create a huge put option opportunity on stocks and then he used the proceeds to buy call options at the bottom of the market.

President Foster swallows hard and nods in understanding.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

His technical work is impressive but his system wasn't flawless or self-perpetuating or invulnerable.

The satellites didn't self actuate destruct sequences of the global satellite and other systems if attacked themselves.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

And you solved those problems?

ARIELLE

Yes, and I have his source code and database that I've perfected in ways that would blow his very brilliant mind.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

... And you've seized control of his satellite network?

ARIELLE

And his two trillion dollar fortune.

President Foster is visibly shocked by the reality.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Very impressive... What're you going to do with the money?

ARIELLE

Invest it to benefit humanity.

Arielle shifts her tone to higher consciousness.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Think of this scenario as an expression of technological, political, sociological and financial artistry at it's highest level...

Arielle observes President Foster carefully.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

The system requires my regular input. It will automatically unleash devastating consequences for America if you break faith with me.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

(Indignant)

Is blackmail really necessary?

ARIELLE

I prefer to call it mutually assured destruction...

President Foster glares at Arielle.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Would you trust any politician in this town if you were me?

President Foster considers the question and shifts to acquiescence.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

No... So I need to insure your personal security without being too oppressive.

Arielle nods and smiles.

ARIELLE

I'll even accept your invitation to move into the White House to ease your security challenges and enable us to work closely together.

President Foster is stunned by the audacity of the suggestion.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

And enable you to better control me?

Arielle smiles.

ARIELLE

So cynical... I'm just trying to introduce you to the ultimate forms of political artistry.

President Foster is shocked by her hubris.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

I want to be your best friend, not your worst enemy.

I want to use my system to enforce global peace and prosperity and I'm the only person who can be trusted to do it.

President Foster's mind is completely blown. He searches for words.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

So you want to control the world?

Arielle rolls her eyes.

ARIELLE

No, I'm not a witless, self serving politician with delusions of grandeur.

President Foster nods in amazed acquiescence.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

I want to optimize the world through artistry.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Artistry seems to be a big thing with you.

ARIELLE

Yes, and you don't get it and that's why you need an experience that unlocks your higher awareness.

President Foster starts to roll his eyes but catches himself.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Okay... What're you suggesting?

ARIELLE

I want you and Chase to be at the Kennedy Center alone in two hours to experience performance artistry at its highest level.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Chase?

Arielle nods with a mischievous smile.

ARIELLE

Hey, a girl's got to have fun too.

President Foster smiles and shakes his head in amusement.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

You laugh but just imagine who your brilliant son can become with me in his life.

The concept startles President Foster but he nods in agreement.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

What's your purpose in doing this?

ARIELLE

Once you observe the transcendent power of artistry, you'll begin to understand the much bigger vision.

President Foster hesitates in dubious confusion. Arielle rolls her eyes.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

It'll guaranty your reelection without all the fund raisers.

President Foster smiles with enthusiasm.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Seriously?

Arielle nods as her expression shifts to cold eyed intensity.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (CONT'D)

But you have an agenda beyond my reelection.

ARIELLE

Can you handle brutal candor?

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Fire away.

ARIELLE

Can we agree that America should be a beacon of super achievement for the world rather than a bastion of mediocrity?

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Yes, but it's not the reality.

Arielle moves about the very large closet in a series of graceful and athletic gestures as she speaks during the following sequence.

ARIELLE

Because your government is a dysfunctional disaster that's incapable of productivity or innovation...

The only thing it efficiently produces is debt at levels that threaten your nation's future and the global economy.

Over 100 million of your adults are not working because your stagnant economy is producing and importing adults 4 times as fast as it creates jobs while it is incurring debt and entitlements 5 times as fast as economic growth.

Your politicians behave like petulant adolescents with a no limit credit card when they're not busy paying off their supporters from the federal treasury.

Your political system is designed to create senseless conflict through partisanship rather than prosperity through consensus.

Your leaders deliberately divide your people for petty political advantage rather than unite them for the common good.

Your economy languishes because your government relentlessly suppresses all the success factors of the free enterprise system and consumes prosperity faster than your nation creates it.

Your education system produces multitudes of government dependents rather than legions of super achievers that can dominate the global economy.

(MORE)

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Your wealthy elites brazenly buy and sell political outcomes with little regard for the best interests of your people.

Your federal government is the largest and the most costly, acrimonious and unproductive enterprise on earth...

Your governing system couldn't produce much worse results if it was designed to make the economy fail.

President Foster is staggered by the truth of her assertions. He shakes his head in dismayed acknowledgment. Arielle hesitates briefly out of compassion.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

I apologize if reality offends you...

PRESIDENT FOSTER

(Mild sarcasm)

Thanks... I'm okay, keep going. You're on a roll.

Arielle glares at President Foster.

ARIELLE

Two questions for you.

The President nods.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

What's the largest organization in the history of the world?

The President ponders a moment.

THE PRESIDENT

Our federal government.

ARIELLE

Yes, and it consumes over \$4 trillion of the wealth of the American people every year with almost no accountability and very poor productivity in fostering the free enterprise system that is the only source of wealth and prosperity.



The President nods in acquiescence.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
You were a business executive  
before politics?

The President nods.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
What organization could succeed if  
it was managed by 536 people who  
were divided into 2 groups of  
ruthless political partisans who  
spend most of their time trying to  
undermine each other for political  
advantage???

The President nods in understanding.

THE PRESIDENT  
Our system is not ideal.

Arielle laughs.

ARIELLE  
Not ideal??? It could hardly be  
worse if it was structured to  
squander the wealth of your people  
and minimize their prosperity.

THE PRESIDENT  
So what can we do?

Arielle shakes her head in dismay.

ARIELLE  
The obvious. You reform your broken  
political system to unify your  
people and unleash their full  
prosperity potential....

The President appears dubious. Arielle glares at his  
expression as she continues to move gracefully about the  
closet.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
Newsflash, Mr. President. There are  
obvious solutions to all your  
issues but your country has no will  
or system to develop or implement  
them.....

(MORE)

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

The first step is converting your failed political culture into a consensus building contest of productive ideas for the common good rather than a competition of failed ideologies that divide your people for partisan advantage to the collective detriment.

The President's mind struggles with the concepts.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

You don't have to be a genius to grasp that people achieve a lot more by working together than fighting with each other.

The President nods.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

You'll be amazed what can be accomplished when you outlaw political donations and political parties.

Arielle smiles at his alarmed expression.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Relax, Mr. President... Imagine what happens when you convert your federal government from a massive consumer of national wealth and prosperity into a highly productive facilitator of the free enterprise system...

You'll be stunned by what happens when you start fully developing your human resources instead of fostering ignorance for political advantage.

President Foster shakes his head in frustration.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

It's a lot easier said than done.

Arielle shakes her head in dismay.

ARIELLE

You've just expressed your nation's biggest problem.

(MORE)

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
 Acquiescence to a failed status quo  
 is the opposite of excellence.  
 It's a loser mentality!

The President is taken aback.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
 Where would your nation and the  
 world be today if your founding  
 fathers had acquiesced to their  
 failing status quo???

The President nods in weary acquiescence

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
 So what exactly can I do?

ARIELLE  
 We can make you the most popular  
 and transcendent political leader  
 in history by offering a compelling  
 vision of global reconciliation and  
 prosperity.

President Foster considers her words carefully with  
 skepticism.

PRESIDENT FOSTER  
 It sounds great but it's not  
 realistic.

Arielle sighs in disbelief.

ARIELLE  
 But it's realistic to think your  
 government can create prosperity by  
 taxing and spending and borrowing  
 and printing money while consuming  
 40% of your national economy?

President Foster is taken aback by the power of her  
 assertions.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
 Your founding fathers would be  
 appalled by this partisan madness  
 and yet it persists...

President Foster is stung by her words but a light goes on in  
 his mind.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Prosperity is the key to everything and it's created by people who produce economic value in a free enterprise system that rewards productivity and innovative artistry.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

So government should facilitate a culture of free enterprise artistry to create prosperity for everyone.

Arielle nods.

ARIELLE

While consuming as little prosperity as possible.

There's artistry in government achieving a lot more with a lot less...

President Foster considers the implications.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

All this would require a huge shift in social and political psychology.

ARIELLE

Exactly. The human mind is culturally conditioned to avoid difficulty and acquiesce to mediocrity.

This is true in politics as well.

Artistry begins when anyone refuses to accept mediocrity in any endeavor.

Arielle glares into his eyes.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Great leaders don't divide their people to create hollow political victories.

They unite their people to create a consensus for action to achieve the common good.

President Foster shifts uneasily in some embarrassment.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

America needs a reset and it's not difficult.

All that's missing is visionary leadership and a plan that inspires a consensus.

President Foster raises his right eyebrow.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

And you have the plan?

Arielle looks into President Foster's eyes as she removes a book from her backpack. She tosses it to President Foster. He focuses on the cover that has a flowing American flag with "America 2.0" printed boldly over the middle of it in large letters.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (CONT'D)

What's this?

ARIELLE

A comprehensive plan for an American reformation that redesigns the American education, political, economic and governing systems to unleash a new age of reconciliation and prosperity.

President Foster's eyes flash in terrified astonishment.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

The goal is to optimize the prosperity facilitation quotients of all these systems.

Curt's mind boggles.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

The book summarizes everything that is wrong with your government and education systems along with the obvious solutions.

President Foster nods in disbelief.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

You wrote this?

Arielle nods.

ARIELLE

Yes, but I'd like to have your help  
in making it a reality.

President Foster considers the concept with some trepidation.  
Arielle rolls her eyes.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Of course, I'll be happy to  
distribute e-books to your entire  
voting population if you don't want  
to take the lead on this.

Fear flashes across President Foster's face.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

No, no, no... I'll be happy to take  
the lead.

Arielle smiles.

ARIELLE

You haven't read it and you won't  
like everything in it.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

It's okay... I'm certain it's  
perfection like everything else you  
do...

Arielle smiles incredulously. President Foster shrugs  
sheepishly.

Arielle takes his hand in hers. He is amazed by the serene  
sensation of her touch. A light seems to go off in Curt's  
mind. He nods in understanding.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (CONT'D)

Thank you for bringing this to me  
first.

Arielle smiles adroitly as she gauges President Foster's  
state of mind.

ARIELLE

America needs major reforms, Mr.  
President, and you should lead the  
way.

President Foster reflects his stunned amazement as he  
gradually absorbs the scenario. He nods his understanding.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

So what's your personal end game in all of this?

ARIELLE

The freedom to live my life as I choose in a world at peace that is optimizing it's prosperity potential.

President Foster considers the concept and nods his understanding of her vision.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Enough for now... You need a transition point so I created my performance tonight just for you...

It won't last long but you'll want it to never end.

President Foster nods in acquiescence.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

So how do we get you out of here?

ARIELLE

Let me worry about that.

Arielle pulls President Foster to his feet and hands her gun to him.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Don't worry, it's not loaded.

President Foster smiles as he shakes his head. He sets the gun on a shelf nearby.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

I need assistance from the theater.

President Foster nods. He then searches for the right words.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Thanks for coming tonight, Arielle.

You're an amazing human being...

ARIELLE

...Thank you for your words but tonight isn't about me.

(MORE)

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

You're the only person who has the power to change everything for the better...

I'm just a messenger.

President Foster reflects on her words carefully.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

... A messenger for who?

President Foster and Arielle exchange a profound glance.

ARIELLE

Interests who're concerned about all the people who can only dream of peace and freedom and prosperity...

They aren't your problem but they're your opportunity for greatness.

President Foster reflects.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

If I can master political artistry.

Arielle nods with a smile and becomes more passionate.

ARIELLE

These aren't idealistic abstractions, Mr. President...

They're a very realistic vision in search of a great leader...

President Foster absorbs his full responsibility for the first time. They gaze into each other's eyes deeply for several moments. They make a brief but profound connection.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Imagine what America and the world can become if Americans start demanding excellence of themselves and their government.

Arielle gives President Foster a quick hug and exits. She closes the door behind her. President Foster sits down in stunned disbelief.



INT. CHASE'S BEDROOM

Chase sits alone on the bed with "America 2.0" the book beside him. His door opens and Arielle enters in her mission suit. Chase smiles as she quietly closes the door.

CHASE  
Thanks for the book.

ARIELLE  
So you read it?

CHASE  
Yes, it's way beyond sensational.

Chase stands.

CHASE (CONT'D)  
You did quite a number on Dad.

Arielle smiles innocently.

CHASE (CONT'D)  
I heard everything.

ARIELLE  
Oh, really?

CHASE  
I knew you were up to something and I was sure when the power went off.

So I watched for you and followed you to the closet.

ARIELLE  
And you decided not to intervene?

CHASE  
No, I hacked Dad's system some time ago so I read your file after I received your e-mail.

Then I read the book and sensed why you came here tonight.

ARIELLE  
Very impressive. You passed with flying colors.

Chase smiles.

CHASE  
So this was all a test?

Arielle smiles.

ARIELLE

And I wanted you to hear the conversation.

Chase shakes his head in amazement. He looks into her eyes.

CHASE

How'd you feel about a partner in crime?

ARIELLE

So you want to be free too?

CHASE

And be part of what you're doing. I get artistry and the book completely.

ARIELLE

Of course you do. I've read your file too. Your functional intellect is off the charts.

CHASE

Not in your league.

ARIELLE

The gap will close quickly... But right now I need to get out of this suit.

Chase's eyes flash with understanding. He grabs the shopping bag and hands it to Arielle. She removes a designer evening dress and shoes from the bag and begins to undress. Chase watches in amazement as her bra and panties appear.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)

Bashful?

CHASE

No, I've just never seen anyone like you before.

ARIELLE

Well, you need to put on your tux.

Chase smiles. Arielle places her stealth outfit into the shopping bag.

CHASE

I'd much rather watch you.

ARIELLE

Get moving if you want to see more  
of me tonight.

Chase disappears into his closet and returns with his tuxedo.  
There is a knock at the door.

CHASE

Yes.

PARKER (O.S.)

Your Dad wants you to put on your  
tuxedo and prepare for departure.

CHASE

Okay.

WIDE HALLWAY - LATER

President Foster appears from his bedroom in a tuxedo. He  
walks across the wide hall and knocks on Chase's door.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Are you ready?

The door opens to reveal Chase and Arielle dressed to  
perfection. Arielle is devastatingly beautiful.

CHASE

Dad, I'd like you to meet Arielle.

President Foster smiles in amazed amusement.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Very nice to meet you, Arielle...  
Why don't you two go ahead of me.

Arielle smiles serenely at President Foster. Chase and  
Arielle walk arm in arm past Parker, Dunn and Conklin who  
watch them in puzzled amazement. They all look to President  
Foster. He shrugs.

INT. THE KENNEDY CENTER - MAIN THEATER

President Foster and Chase sit alone on the front row behind  
the orchestra pit. The room goes to complete darkness as the  
music begins to play.

From the first note sequence it is clear that the melody is  
extraordinary. Serene and exalting in its complete perfection  
in every way. A compilation of notes unlike any other.  
Otherworldly in its beauty.

A very soft spotlight flashes onto the stage. Arielle appears in a sleek black leotard with silver streaks that contrasts with her flowing and shining blond hair.

Arielle engages in a series of magnificent modern dance and ballet moves that are in complete harmony with the sensational music that flows seamlessly from one variation of tempo and melody to the next.

The perfection of Arielle's body and sensual gracefulness have a very captivating effect on the viewer. She displays all the ultimate beauty of femininity in artistry.

Transcendent music, dancing, athleticism, contortions, and aerial leaps and spins choreographed with beyond sensational modern ballet variations in a way that inspires complete awe at an almost spiritual level.

The performance eases down as Arielle drops to her knees and bows toward President Foster and Chase. The music shifts and Arielle begins to sing in a voice and language that are so beautiful that the human heart and emotions are forced to respond.

Arielle gradually rises as she sings along with her gracefully sensual movements. Suddenly the spotlight vanishes into complete darkness as the music fades away.

The low lights of the theater come on slowly to reveal the President locked in a state of awe. His eyes are moist with emotion. He wipes his eyes as Agent Parker joins him.

AGENT PARKER

Are you okay, Sir.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

Yes... Never better.

President Foster stands and searches the room for Chase and Arielle. Agent Conklin appears on the stage.

AGENT DUNN

They seem to have vanished, Sir.

PARK

Do you want us to find him, Sir?

PRESIDENT FOSTER

No, he's in the safest hands on earth.

President Foster turns and walks slowly toward the exit.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (CONT'D)  
Surreal... Artistry... Go figure.

EXT. THE WASHINGTON MALL - NIGHT

It is so late that the area is devoid of people. Arielle wears her performance leotard covered with a translucent shawl. She walks hand in hand with Chase toward the Lincoln Memorial.

ARIELLE  
How'd you feel about helping me out  
with your dad?

Chase grins and muses.

ARIELLE (CONT'D)  
He's a full time job and I won't  
have the time or patience to do it  
and I need someone I can trust.

CHASE  
(Kidding)  
I don't know... He's difficult to  
manage and he has a big ego.

ARIELLE  
(Smiling)  
It'll get you out of the Harvard  
thing and let you be a big part of  
changing everything for the better.

CHASE  
(Kidding)  
Well, it's a huge sacrifice... But  
I'll do it for YOU if you promise  
to stick around to help me deal  
with the brain damage... And teach  
me everything you know.

Arielle nods with a smile. They stop and turn toward each other. They kiss tenderly for several moments and then focus on the Lincoln Memorial as they walk again.

ARIELLE  
Freedom is a very beautiful thing.

CHASE  
Yes, it is. Thank you.

They approach the Lincoln Memorial steps. There are no other visitors in the area.

CHASE (CONT'D)

I'm really sad about what happened  
to your mom... What about your dad?

Arielle reflects for several moments.

ARIELLE

I don't know who he is... Mother  
always insisted she was a virgin  
when I was born.

Chase considers the revelation as Arielle bounds up the steps  
to the outside platform in front of Lincoln's statue.

"Arielle's Theme" begins to play as Chase watches from below.

Arielle looks straight up and begins to spin in a similar  
routine to the one she did in the opening scene on ice. Her  
fantastic dress gently reflects the ambient light and seems  
designed to enhance the emotional and visual effects.

The view expands to show a very bright shining star above the  
Lincoln Memorial as Arielle continues to spin with her  
sensational artistry.

GREG

Amazing, isn't she?

Chase is startled and turns to find Greg nearby.

CHASE

Yes, she is. Who're you?

GREG

Greg Perkins. We're friends.

Greg extends his hand and they shake hands and turn to watch  
Arielle in awe.

CHASE

It's almost like she's an alien  
from a much better planet.

GREG

Close... She was designed to embody  
the most beautiful part of the  
human spirit.

Chase is taken aback by the information.

CHASE

But isn't she from Crimea?

GREG

No, she's from a very different place.

Greg considers his words.

CHASE

And how would you know that?

Chase turns toward Greg's previous position and he has vanished. Chase searches the area for Greg in vain. Arielle approaches and takes his hand. They walk toward the Washington Monument hand in hand.

Loud and extended applause can be heard.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.)

Thank you. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

Thank applause abates.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

I appreciate the opportunity to address this joint session of congress as well as the American people this evening.

After long a careful thought, I come before you tonight with major announcements that are designed to unleash a new age of reconciliation and prosperity in our great nation and the world beyond our borders.

The audience applauds enthusiastically.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

America faces a multitude of very serious social, economic, fiscal and national security problems that cannot be resolved in the atmosphere of acrimonious partisanship that dominates the culture of this city.

No organization or nation can achieve it's optimum productivity and prosperity if it is led by a group of 536 people who are divided into two groups that loathe and systematically try to undermine each other.

The audience applauds.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

It is long past time that our great nation move beyond debilitating partisanship to a new age of government by national consensus.

The audience vigorously applauds.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

In the interest of advancing this transition, I'm announcing my resignation from my political party.

There is a collective gasp and murmurs in the room.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (CONT'D)

I do this in the spirit George Washington's final address to the American people in which he warned of the dangers of political parties that would divide our nation against itself.

The audiences applauds

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

I'm also renouncing any fealty I may have had to any political ideology because such philosophies are devices for dividing Americans for partisan advantage.

I'm also expressing my personal regret for being part of a political culture that has divided the American people for partisan political advantage.

I have made mistakes in this regard in the past but I am in a unique position to help insure that this culture does not persist in the future.

The crowd vigorously applauds.



PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

In the spirit of our founding fathers, I encourage all of my colleagues in this room to renounce their commitments to political parties and ideologies and join with me to create a new culture that is focused on leading America's and solving its problems through consensus.

The crowd forcefully applauds.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

The concept of government by debate to achieve consensus is not some impossible ideal. It is the system that is employed by every successful organization in the world.

It's also the system that was employed by the great Americans who devised our Declaration of Independence and later created the most successful governing constitution in the history of mankind.

Those great men were not politicians who sought personal wealth and partisan advantage.

They were statesmen, merchants, lawyers, soldiers and other concerned citizens who gathered in common cause to challenge their failing status quo for the collective advantage of all Americans.

There would be no United States of America as we know it today if they had operated under the acrimonious partisanship that dominates modern America.

The crowd explodes in enthusiastic applause.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S) (CONT'D)

To advance this reformation, I'm presenting an agenda for reforms to the constitution and the systems of the federal government that are devised to unleash a new age of government productivity and American prosperity.

The crowd applauds loudly.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

The agenda is too large to summarize here but it will be made available online for all of you to consider. I will offer a few key points for now.

Political parties and donations to politicians must be relegated to the dust bin of history in the collective interests of all Americans.

Parties should no longer be used to divide Americans for partisan advantage.

Billionaires and other special interests should no longer be able to buy political outcomes.

The people should fund elections so that their best interests will be served.

A cost versus benefits analysis should be conducted on every policy, procedure, organization, law and regulation of the federal government. Major changes should be implemented based on the outcomes of this process.

The goal should be to maximize the productivity of the government and the free enterprise system that is the only source of prosperity for all Americans.

Vigorous standing applause.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

The federal government must be converted from a massive and unproductive consumer of taxpayer wealth into a much smaller and highly effective facilitator of wealth and prosperity creation.

Vigorous applause.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Much stronger economic growth is the only means to solve our nations problems, elevate our prosperity and insure our national security. Therefore, 10% economic growth will become the number one priority of the federal government.

Strong applause.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

This goal will be achieved by organizing the government to facilitate all of the success factors of our free enterprise system.

This will include maximizing the life productivity of America's human resources through the most advanced education, reeducation and socialization systems on earth.

These systems will insure equal opportunity of education, socialization and job training to all Americans throughout their lives.

Explosive applause.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Some will say that we can't afford a state of the art education and socialization system. I say that it's much less expensive to prepare our citizens for life success than to lose their productivity, their income, their tax payments and subsidize their failure.

Explosive and protracted applause.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (CONT'D)

It's in the interest of every American for every American adult to be productive. It is therefore imperative that America create the systems to train and employ most of the 40% American adults that are not currently working, not contributing taxes and economic productivity and are often subsidized by other Americans.

Strong applause. President Foster pauses for a moment and speaks with excited conviction.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (CONT'D)

It is important for all of you to grasp the enormity of the America 2.0 vision...

As just one example, Imagine a digital age education system that allows us download the knowledge, wisdom and insights of the most brilliant minds on earth into minds of everyone.

President Foster pauses for a moment to allow the thought to sink in as the crowd vigorously applauds.

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The technology exists to do this. All that is missing is the will to make it a reality and the determination to reform our government to help supercharge the free enterprise system to channel the surge of knowledge, abilities and awareness into economic productivity and prosperity.

The crowd applauds with great enthusiasm.

PRESIDENT FOSTER

I'm proposing the creation of online national clearinghouses for venture capital, education resources, human resources and health insurance that will foster capital formation, career development, economic growth, productivity and prosperity.

The crowd engages in a standing ovation.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (CONT'D)

These clearinghouses will spawn new technologies and industries that produce jobs, economic growth and productivity.

The applause continues.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (CONT'D)

I'm also advocating the replacement of the federal income tax system for incomes below \$500,000 with federal consumption taxes that include exemptions for the disadvantaged. This approach will reduce costs and insure compliance.

The crowd applauds vigorously.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (CONT'D)

I'm suggesting that every American receive a rebate of 35% of all the social security taxes they have paid to date into an account that they can self direct for investment purposes so that its value can increase along with the national economy and its markets.

Another standing ovation.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

We all live in a very troubled world that is immersed in a multitude of senseless resentments and conflicts that are taking a terrible toll on millions of people and threatening human civilization.

Geopolitical tensions are high and rising to a point that mankind is once again on the precipice of global conflict for no rational reason.

This reality can't be allowed to continue in a nuclear age and America cannot reach its goals without global peace and prosperity.

Accordingly.

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PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

I'm calling for a global reconciliation initiative that is designed to resolve international conflicts and usher in a new age of global peace, reconciliation, cooperation and prosperity.

Enormous and extended applause.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Imagine for a moment a world where all the energy and resources that are devoted to conflicts, defense and military expenditures were redirected to elevate the prosperity of all mankind.

This concept isn't an impossible ideal. It's a future reality in search of visionary and determined global leadership to achieve this goal in the interests of everyone.

Thunderous applause.

PRESIDENT FOSTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Tonight I extend the hand of friendship and reconciliation to my domestic and foreign adversaries.

The time has come for all of us to move beyond senseless animosities and work together to create a much better world.

This is how we solve the problems that all Americans and humans face together and unleash a new age of reconciliation and prosperity.

Please join with me to make this great vision a reality.

God bless the United States of America and the world beyond.

Deafening applause.

FADE OUT.

THE END