

CHEMICAL ATTRACTION

Action Thriller

TV Series Screenplay by Alan J. Field



Adapted from 2016 novel entitled, "The Chemist."

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LOGLINE

A disgraced CIA operative obsessed with tracking down his wife's killer must retrieve the secret formula of a new chemical weapon from the tortured mind of its creator—a high-functioning, heroin addicted chemist—before the weapon can be sold to international death merchants.



SYNOPSIS

A new weapon of mass destruction is to be sold to an anonymous group of powerful death merchants, but Danny Strong, a Delta Force veteran and CIA operative who left the Agency after his military wife was killed in the Afghan war by friendly fire, has been reactivated to stop it. Should this new chemical weapon on steroids fall into the wrong hands, the deadly results of chemical warfare would affect untold millions more. Danny's mark: a brilliant but morally fractured and drug addicted young chemist, Dr. Katelyn Carrie, the creator of this weapon and the adopted daughter of cosmetic industry mogul Vanessa Carrie.

Under the watchful eye of Vanessa's ruthless security chief, Gunther McGore, Kate has developed a deadly new toxin that will save Vanessa's failing company and flagging reputation. But when Vanessa and Gunther use Kate to eliminate an undercover agent who gets too close to her secret, Kate steals the toxin vials and hides them as she reassesses her life.

Even more important than the toxin itself is its chemical formula locked inside Kate's mind. But her mother and the CIA aren't the only ones who want it: a Palestinian freedom fighter with a reputation for torture also intends to destroy Israel with it.

As Kate and Danny's relationship deepens, Kate begins to gather the strength to break free of Vanessa's psychopathy, deal with her addiction and accept responsibility for her deadly creation. Danny ultimately decides to protect Kate from anyone who wants her secret, but in doing so discovers the identity of his late-wife's killer.

Casting ideas - Aspirational Talent Only

CAST

**KATELYN
CARRIE**



Ana de Armas



*John David
Washington*

**DANNY
STRONG**



Mohamed Ramadan

**SABIR
AL-DHAR ZEZA**

**VANESSA
CARRIE**



*Helena Bonham
Carter*



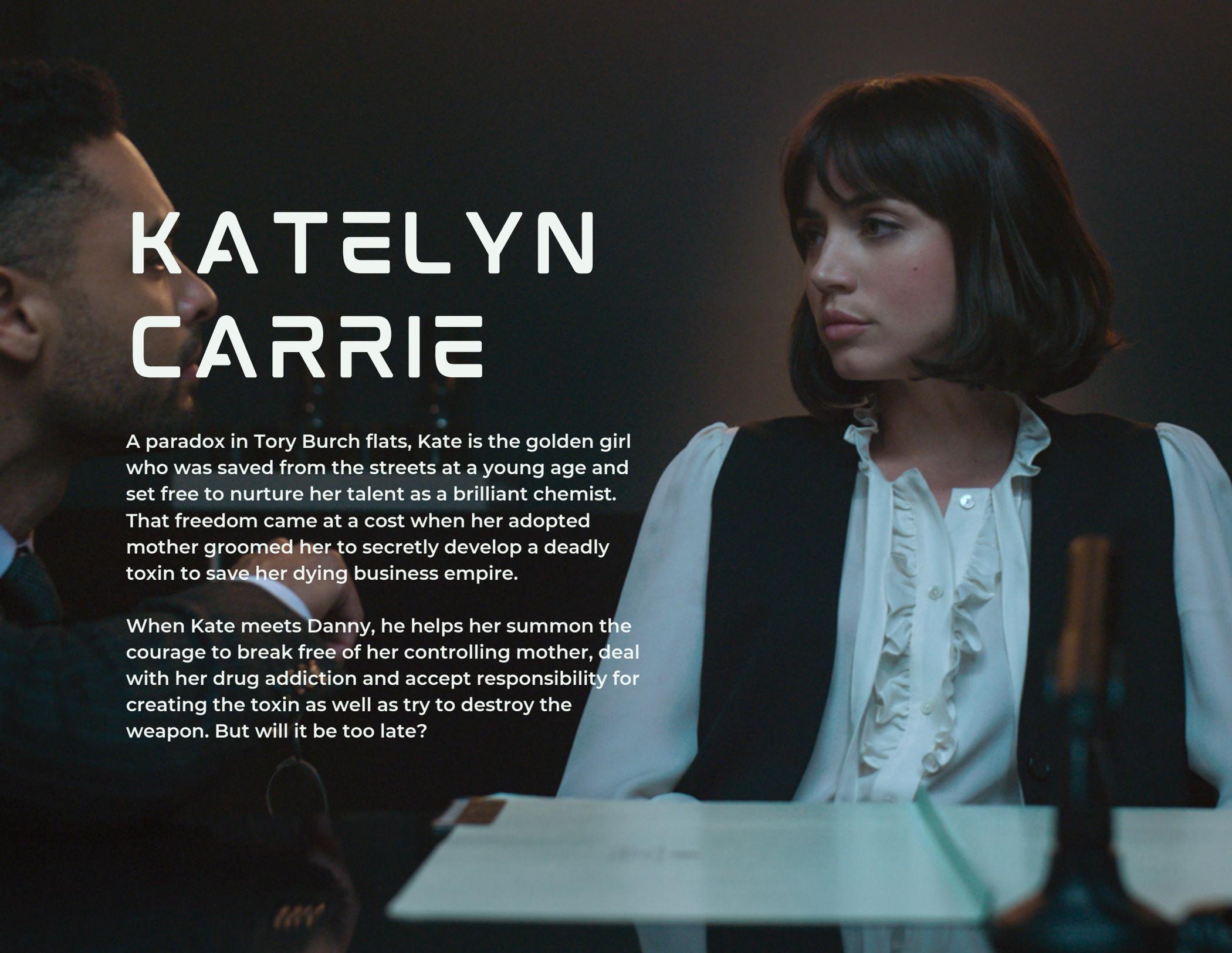
Sean Bean

**GUNTHER
MCGORE**



Viola Davis

**JOANNE
DAWSON**



KATELYN CARRIE

A paradox in Tory Burch flats, Kate is the golden girl who was saved from the streets at a young age and set free to nurture her talent as a brilliant chemist. That freedom came at a cost when her adopted mother groomed her to secretly develop a deadly toxin to save her dying business empire.

When Kate meets Danny, he helps her summon the courage to break free of her controlling mother, deal with her drug addiction and accept responsibility for creating the toxin as well as try to destroy the weapon. But will it be too late?



DANNY STRONG

A young widower whose wife died in a highly suspicious friendly fire incident during the Afghan war, Danny's life imploded once drug addiction took hold. A former Delta Force veteran and CIA operative, Danny eventually got clean and is reactivated as part of an elaborate plan to stop the auction of a new deadly toxin to death merchants and get Kate, a young chemist, to divulge its secret formula.

What he didn't count on was falling in love with her. So when he discovers that Kate will be killed once she gives up the formula, Danny goes rogue to protect her. Will he risk the success of the operation to save Kate's life?

A close-up, low-key photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing dark sunglasses and a dark jacket. She is holding a lit cigarette in her right hand, which is raised towards her face. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on her face and the cigarette, and deep shadows elsewhere. The background is dark and out of focus.

VANESSA CARRIE

A self-made woman, Vanessa's identity is one with her dying cosmetics empire. Desperate to save it, she employs her adopted daughter to develop a deadly toxin and sell it at an auction to avert a humiliating bankruptcy. Her regret over having been a bad mother does nothing to stop her daughter from stealing the toxin in an act of defiance.

Only Vanessa's life partner Brooke, the investment banker who arranged the auction, is there for her. When the chips are down, will she ultimately sacrifice her daughter for the love of her company?



GUNTHER MCGORÉ

A security chief with a checkered past that involves gunrunning in Afghanistan and MI-6 murders, Gunther is not one to ignore a golden opportunity working as Chief of Security for Vanessa Carrie's cosmetics empire. But when the vials that contain a deadly toxin worth millions disappear from right under his nose, Vanessa holds Gunther responsible and orders him to find her daughter, Kate, who could lead him to the missing vials.

Rather than take Vanessa's abuse, Gunther plans to profit from the toxin himself when he finds it. He quickly discovers that the new man in Kate's life is a CIA operative Gunther has dealt with before and intends to take him out before he ever discovers Gunther's role in his wife's military death.



**SABIR
AL-DHAR ESSA**

A Palestinian freedom fighter, Sabir is ready to make his mark on behalf of his disenfranchised Palestinian brethren. He and his first love Adalet are a team with the same goal: destroy the State of Israel. He has made a secret deal with the CIA that he believes can ultimately turn in his favor if he waits patiently for the right moment.



**JOANNE
DAWSON**

A devoted CIA handler and Psy-Ops expert, Joanne runs a top-secret operation to stop the auction of a deadly toxin at a secret location. Always in control of a room, Joanne constructs an elaborate operation to retrieve Kate's secret that involves Danny, who wants back into the spy game. What she won't tell him is that Kate will be eliminated once she reveals the formula.

LOCATIONS



FRUGÈRE COSMETICS CORP. HQ (FIFTH AVENUE, NYC)

This corporate headquarters is sleek and built to impress with windows, glass and a feminine feel, except for the chemistry lab which has claustrophobic enclosed rooms where scientists experiment with cosmetic color combinations. The building is surveilled very tightly by its security chief, Gunther McGore.

LOWER EAST SIDE HANGOUT (BAR AND/OR CAFÉ)

This is the neighborhood where Katelyn meets Jen for her weekly drug purchases and seeks refuge when she's on the run from Gunther, Vanessa, Sabir and Joanne.



LOCATIONS



CENTRAL PARK

Urban park in New York City, between the Upper West and Upper East Sides of Manhattan. This is where KateyIn buries the toxin vials—and allegedly meets her demise.

SAFEHOUSE INTERROGATION ROOM/HALLWAYS

A windowless, dimly lit interrogation room adjacent to a viewing room with a one-way mirror. It exudes a “government issue” low frills kind of decor, but it’s all a fake soundstage within a larger warehouse.



PILOT SUMMARY

The Chemical Attraction series was adapted from my 2016 novel, *The Chemist*. The story focuses on the lives of Danny, a CIA operative looking for closure after his wife's tragic military death and Kate, a drug-addicted chemist who needs to confront her role in the making of a weapon of mass destruction before she can break free of it. Together, they ultimately defeat the dark forces looking to destroy them but do not survive unscathed by the ordeal.

The pilot begins with a flash-forward of Kate's apparent demise in Central Park. We revert back in time to introduce all of the main characters and how their lives intertwine. Throughout, characters are presented with various options and exit strategies they choose not to take, setting up a race in future episodes to see who can access Kate's mind first.

Danny must deal with Kate's nihilistic drug addiction, having been there himself. Kate's mental state is a persistent question as she constantly experiences hallucinations like an ongoing interaction with her 8-year-old self. Kate also must deal with the emotional trauma of having a psychopath for a mother, who just might be willing to sacrifice her love for Kate to save her business.

ALAN J. FIELD

Alan's first television pilot, *Chemical Attraction*, was adapted from his 2016 novel, *The Chemist*. His female-driven elevated psychological thriller inspired by the novel recently earned finalist placements in the 2022 Breaking Walls Thriller and Richmond International Film Festival screenplay contests.

Not limiting himself to thrillers, Alan has written biopic dramas about a Mark Rothko-obsessed landscaper and a top-secret World War II military intelligence program that trained Holocaust survivors to be U.S. Army interrogators.

Based on his own experiences working in New York City law firms, Alan also has written a romantic comedy/spoof thriller about a global warming conspiracy.

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