

CHEMICAL ATTRACTION

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EXT. VANESSA'S SUMMER HOME - THE CATSKILLS - NIGHT

Gunther's car drives up to the front entrance. Brooke and Vanessa exit the car and walk inside. Two of Gunther's MEN guard the front door. A SNIPER assembles her sniper rifle atop the roof.

INT. VANESSA'S HOME - SAME TIME

More of Gunther's Men are stationed at various parts of the home. Nils stands at the bottom of the stairway leading up to the den.

Deion stands at the top of the stairs. DeMarco and Shane stand guard at the far end of the living room. Another stands guard in the secret stairwell landing that connects the den with the garage and basement.

EXT. VANESSA'S HOME - SAME TIME

Other cars arrive one by one. The two door-men direct them to park in the grassy area in the center of the circular driveway.

INT./EXT. TWO VANS - RURAL HIGHWAY - CONTINUOUS

A lone B-M-W turns into the dirt road.

JAVI

Who'd that be?

DANNY

Someone very important, I'd say.

EXT. VANESSA'S HOME - MOMENTS LATER

The B-M-W pulls up to the entrance. An OLD CHEMIST steps out slowly and gives the keys to one of the door-men.

INT. VANESSA'S HOME - DEN ENTRANCE - SAME TIME

Gunther speaks into his com-link as the five bidders and their security guards line up outside the den. He holds a metal detector.

GUNTHER

They're all here, mates.

(to bidders)

Just a precaution, gentlemen.

EXT. DIRT ROAD - SAME TIME

MONTAGE:

- Agents exit the two vans, dress in special ops uniforms, gear, N-V-Gs and helmets.
- They disperse into the woods toward the glow of the home, surrounding it from different positions.
- Danny and his East Group, Trae and another Male Agent surveil the house with a parabolic microphone.

DANNY (V.O.)

Attack team north circle around the eastern perimeter. Kitchen entry. South--scale the balcony and take out the power in the garage. I'll lead East Group. Seal off the second floor. I want that door to the garage covered but if Carrie or Sato try to escape through there, take 'em alive.

END MONTAGE

INT. DEN - SAME TIME

Seated at the oak desk with an open laptop, Brooke speaks to the men with Vanessa by her side.

BROOKE

Welcome, gentlemen. Shall we start with the verification?

EXT. WOODS - SAME TIME

The three teams, each comprised of three Agents, move toward their assigned positions.

BROOKE (V.O.)

After the third round, I will declare a winner. All the rest of you will have your deposits wired back to you.

INT. DEN - SAME TIME

BROOKE

You have all chosen this gentleman to verify the item.

The Old Chemist tests a sample with a chemistry set and a computer. After a moment, he nods his head and gives a thumbs-up to the group.

OLD CHEMIST

And there you have it, gentlemen:
the most powerful chemical weapon
on earth.

All the men in the room APPLAUD.

INTERCUT WOODS AND DEN

- Teams arrive at their positions, awaiting Danny's signal.
- Danny listens to the audio feed.
- Bidders type in bids on their cell phones.
- Shannon scales the balcony to where the den is.
- Brooke and Vanessa beam with confidence.
- The Female Agent from North Group takes out one door-man with a crossbow.

INT. DEN - CONTINUOUS

Brooke rises.

BROOKE

Gentlemen, Mr. Basar is the winner
at \$134 million. Congratulations. I
regret that this is a winner-take-
all proposition, but you are all
welcome to participate when more
product is available. Thank you all
very much for coming. I will
arrange to return all of your
deposits.

EXT. VANESSA'S HOME - SAME TIME

Lindsey from South Group takes out the other door-man with
her crossbow.

INT. DEN - SAME TIME

Brooke begins to access the escrow account on her laptop.

EXT. VANESSA'S HOME - SAME TIME

DANNY
Wait for it...

INT. DEN - SAME TIME

Brooke types in a password to see:

INSERT: "ACCOUNT CLOSED"

Brooke looks up to get Vanessa's attention, but Vanessa doesn't get it. Sweating, Brooke rises.

BROOKE
Gentlemen, I'll make a call to my office to release your funds in short order. If...if you would all please wait downstai--

BIDDER #1 steps up and grabs her arm.

BIDDER #1
Where the hell is our money!

BIDDER #2 grabs the laptop to see the "Account Closed" notice, then throws it on the floor.

BIDDER #2
They fucked us! Slice 'em up!

BIDDER #2 grabs a letter opener he spots on the desk, grabs Vanessa, then slices the opener across her face. Vanessa screams as she crumples to the floor.

Gunther stands by the double door den entrance and draws his weapon.

GUNTHER
Easy does it gentlemen. No one needs to die here, tonight.

EXT. DEN BALCONY - SAME TIME

Shannon raises his weapon.

EXT. WOODS - SAME TIME

Danny nods to Trae.

DANNY
(to self)
Bingo.
(to all)
Execute now!

EXT. DEN - SAME TIME

Shannon FIRES his machine gun through the den's plate glass window and curtain.

INT. DEN - CONTINUOUS

Glass SHATTERS as a BURST of gunfire cuts down all of the bidders, their bodyguards and the Old Chemist. Bidder #1 takes the bullets that would have struck Brooke.

Still on the floor, Vanessa watches the bullets sail overhead.

Gunther, closest to the door to the hallway, somehow evades the bullets as he too, hits the deck.

INT. GARAGE - SAME TIME

Lindsey's group blows up the fuse box.

INT. DEN - SAME TIME

Vanessa and Brooke huddle on the floor behind the desk.

Gunther is splayed on the floor near the door. As Shannon enters, Gunther looks up and SHOOTS him through the head.

GUNTHER
(to Vanessa and Brooke)
Ladies, my man is downstairs. I'll follow.

Gunther rises to assist them. Shell-shocked and bleeding, Vanessa still has the presence of mind to grab the vial case.

Gunther hustles them out behind the bookcase to the garage.

EXT. VANESSA'S HOME - SAME TIME

Danny, Trae and a THIRD AGENT take gunfire from a sniper on the roof. They use the parked cars as cover. The Agent is taken out before he reach for cover. Danny radios Lindsey.

DANNY
Rooftop shooter! Priority take-out!

LINDSEY
On it.

INT. VANESSA'S HOME - SAME TIME

Javi, and two agents encroach from the north end of the home through the kitchen. Another agent SHOOTs one of Gunther's Men, but Nils and Shane still stand.

NILS
Blendgranate!!!

Nils throws a flash bang grenade that EXPLODES in front of a Male Agent who falls to the floor, holding his ears. Shane cuts his throat from behind.

INT. SECRET STAIRWELL - SAME TIME

On the top landing, Gunther hears a BURST of gunfire one level below, followed by screams. Devon has just taken out one of his men and holds Brooke and Vanessa at gunpoint.

Gunther pounces on another Male Agent from behind and strangles him. Gunther gives Vanessa the dead Agent's knife.

GUNTHER
Take this. Run outside and hide in the woods. I'll stay here to finish this.

Vanessa and Brooke escape through the garage as Gunther grabs both his Man's and the dead Agent's machine guns and runs back upstairs.

EXT. VANESSA'S HOME (REAR) - SAME TIME

Lindsey scales the home right where Shannon did and sees the Sniper through her N-V-Gs. She radios Danny.

LINDSEY
Shooter in sight.

EXT. VANESSA'S HOME (FRONT) - SAME TIME

The Sniper FIRES as bullets strike the car Trae is hiding behind. It EXPLODES into a fireball, taking him out.

DANNY

Damn it!

EXT. ROOFTOP - SAME TIME

Before Lindsey reaches the Sniper, Javi grabs the Sniper's gun, but she pushes Javi away as he loses his balance and falls off the rear of the house, crashing with a THUD onto the deck below, an umbrella breaking his fall. Javi GROANS.

Lindsey and the Sniper struggle. A lone sniper round rings out. The Sniper loses balance and tumbles off the roof down the front of the house. Lindsey is perplexed.

DANNY (O.S.)

(filter)

I got your back.

LINDSEY

Thanks.

EXT. VANESSA'S HOME (REAR) - CONTINUOUS

Lindsey quickly repels down to attend to Javi. Nils and Shane approach her from behind and are about to fire, but GUNFIRE from a Female Agent take them out.

EXT. VANESSA'S HOME (FRONT) - SAME TIME

The home is a raging inferno, along with the row of cars. Danny circles around to the garage entrance.

INT. VANESSA'S HOME - CONTINUOUS

GARAGE

Danny runs through the garage.

SECRET STAIRCASE

Danny sees the dead Agent on the landing, then climbs up to

DEN

Danny runs through to door looking out to the hallway, where he sees Gunther and Dieon taking fire from the Female Agent.

HALLWAY

Dieon throws a live grenade in her direction, which EXPLODES, taking her out.

DIEON

Yeah!

Danny activates one of his own grenades and throws it at Gunther and Dieon. Gunther sees it and rolls away into an adjacent bedroom in time, but Dieon has nowhere to take cover. The grenade EXPLODES, taking him out, along with a section of the mezzanine where he was.

Danny hears GUNFIRE and SHATTERING GLASS from the adjacent room Gunther entered.

Danny follows and catches Gunther out on the balcony. Danny aims and fires:

CLICK-CLICK,

but is out of rounds. Danny retreats to the Den through the hallway as Gunther continues out onto the balcony.

INT. DEN - CONTINUOUS

Danny hides under the desk. Gunther enters.

GUNTHER

I know it's you, Strong. There's nowhere to hide.

Gunther raises his machine gun and points it toward the desk as he walks over bodies and broken glass.

GUNTHER (CONT'D)

It's over for you, Strong. You're out of rounds or you'd have used them by now.

Gunther FIRES a few rounds of bullets at the desk.

Bullets WHIZ by Danny, but find the oak desk, reducing a portion to kindling. He lays flat and low and spots the bloody letter opener, which he grabs. When Gunther's leg comes into view, Danny strikes, ramming the opener through Gunther's calf. Gunther GROWLS in pain as Danny rolls, leaps and SMASHES the laptop against Gunther's head.

Gunther swoops his machine gun like a baton, catching Danny's ribs. Danny blocks the next swing with both hands and kicks Gunther's gut.

The gun sails across the room and lands with a CLACK on the floor.

Gunther responds, rushing Danny, pinning him hard against the desktop.

Danny's foot catches Gunther in the groin, enraging him even more.

Danny rolls off the front of the desk, a corpse breaking his fall.

Gunther pulls the letter opener out of his leg.

Danny makes a preemptive kick that just misses the kneecap, while ducking under Gunther's knife arm and moving left, looking to take him down in the process. Gunther drops the letter opener, but uses his larger body weight to pull Danny to the floor with him, landing one kick of his own into Danny's gut.

Heaving, both stand and eye each other. Gunther charges again, but this time, he uses his lower body strength to limit the blow, both of them now grappling arm in arm, grabbing what they can of each other, shifting in the darkness through the doorway onto the second floor landing.

INT. SECRET STAIRWELL - CONTINUOUS

In a rough and tumble fight, they both downward to the landing, both eying a machine gun. Danny grabs it first, but Gunther wrests it away. Danny escapes down the stairs to the basement, as Gunther FIRES two more bursts where Danny had been, chipped paint and dust flying.

INT. BASEMENT - CONTINUOUS

Danny runs to the open basement area's only refuge: the lab floor cabinets behind the island. With no weapon, he merely prolongs the inevitable. Then he sees the heating pad with the beaker containing the crystallized substance and gummi bears Kate had placed there. He switches on the heating pad and pours a double-helping of gummi bears into the beaker.

Gunther enters the darkened room with only moonlight to illuminate it. He walks toward the island and FIRES the last of his machine gun rounds that sail over the island. The hail of bullets sprays the open cabinets, SHATTERING the neat racks of beakers, flasks and test tubes that shower down on Danny. Gunther approaches the island and points his machine gun above the counter.

GUNTHER

Get up so I can get a clear shot of you.

Gunther climbs up onto the counter. Danny sits against the cabinets. Gunther, on his knees, has his "clear shot".

DANNY

Just do it. You know you want to.

GUNTHER

Thanks to you, I now have the compound. I'll sell it myself, disappear and die rich.

DANNY

Tell me how you did it. Killed Kelly. Those villagers. I deserve to know.

INSERT: The beaker starts to bubble.

MEMORY FLASH: Gunther's men harass the villagers then gives the order to gun them all down, like dogs.

GUNTHER (V.O.)

No one misses those pathetic villagers. They're main cash crop was poppy. It was so easy to cover it up.

INTERCUT: Gunther's man speaking to Kelly on the radio.

GUNTHER (V.O.)

Blocked radio transmissions are my specialty.

MEMORY FLASH: Gunther's men set up a mounted R-P-G on the ridge overlooking the village during the day.

MEMORY FLASH: Gunther presses a remote control that activates the R-P-G as it FIRES upward at the F-16 later that night.

GUNTHER (V.O.)

Then we fired at the F-16, so they'd believe the platoon were hostiles. It all worked perfectly.

INSERT: Gunther puts his finger on the trigger.

INSERT: The beaker bubbles ferociously.

GUNTHER

And speaking of lost loves, your
wife cried like a pathetic little
girl when she died.

As Gunther laughs out loud, the beaker UNLEASHES A FIREBALL
upward engulfing Gunther's face, his beard catching on fire,
then his entire head.

Gunther's semi-automatic falls to the floor as he grabs his
face, trying to put out the flames, screaming as he gyrates.

He cannot see.

Danny picks up the weapon and FIRES all the remaining rounds
into Gunther.

DANNY

DID SHE SOUND LIKE THAT ASSHOLE!!!!

Gunther staggers backward over the balcony to his death.

Danny falls to his knees, then vomits.