Wolves In Sheeps Clothing

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E-mail: nickpaul2020@gmail.com Copyright 2024 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

-Matthew 7:15 KJV

#### FADE IN:

#### INT. OFFICE-WAREHOUSE-NIGHT

A woman in a **black cholo hat**. MICHELLE, 22. Leader of the joker's gang. A ruthless woman with zero empathy for human life.

Michelle cuts out newspaper articles and headlines. A wicked smile stretches across her face. She pulls a white envelope from the desk drawer. She stuffs the clippings into the envelope.

MICHELLE (SUBTITLE)

(In Spanish)

They're going to get what's coming to them grandmother.

Michelle grabs a **photograph** from the end of the desk. She looks at her grandmother and her two children.

MICHELLE (SUBTITLE) (CONT'D)

(In Spanish) I love you all.

She sets the photograph down. Michelle stands up and walks out of the office.

CUT TO:

## INT. OFFICE-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DAY

A woman sits in front of a desk, a **receiver** pressed against her ear. CHARLIE WHEELER, 30. Police detective. A cunning and driven woman.

CHARLIE

Can you tell me what you like me to do?

RUSS (V.O.)

You're his mother!!

CHARLIE

Don't yell at me!

RUSS (V.O.)

Why not!

Because it's damaging to my blood pressure.

RUSS (V.O.)

Says the woman that cheated on me with one of her cop buddies.

CHARLIE

I'll tell you what, I'll go pick him up and you sit on your ass while I do the parenting! Okay!!

Charlie hangs up the receiver.

POLICE OFFICERS #1 and #2, early 20s.

Charlie looks at Police Officers #1 and #2.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

What!!

POLICE OFFICER #1

Trouble in paradise?

CHARLIE

Mind your own business.

Charlie grabs her gun from the top of the desk. She grabs a paper cup and stands up.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Later.

Charlie walks out of the office.

CUT TO:

### INT. CHARLIE'S BMW-DAY

Charlie turns the steering wheel.

CUT TO:

### EXT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-DAY

Charlie steps towards the entrance to the school.

MISS ROSS, early 20s. Fourth grade teacher. A kind woman with a lot of patience.

MISS ROSS

Mrs. Wheeler?

Charlie looks at Miss Ross.

CHARLIE

Yes?

MISS ROSS

We have to talk about your son?

CHARLIE

What did he do now?

MISS ROSS

I found him kissing every girl on the playground. He told me that it's fine, just as long as he doesn't take them to the bathroom.

CHARLIE

That boy!

MISS ROSS

He told me it's how he found you and his father having sex on the toilet.

CHARLIE

I will talk to him.

Charlie steps towards the doors.

CUT TO:

#### INT. CLASSROOM-ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-DAY

A boy sits at a desk, drawing with **color pencils**. LUCAS, 10. A bright and kind boy.

Charlie steps towards him, and crouches down.

CHARLIE

Hey there Lukie Pookie.

LUCAS

Don't call me that.

Charlie kisses Lucas on the cheek.

CHARLIE

Come on, let's go.

LUCAS

Where?

CHARLIE

It's a surprise.

Lucas closes his notebook.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Come on, your sister's waiting.

CUT TO:

#### INT. CHARLIE'S BMW-DAY

A young girl sits in the front passenger seat, bouncing her head to the music on the radio. RAQUEL, 12. A sarcastic, funloving girl. "Ignition (Remix)" by R. Kelly plays.

CUT TO:

## INT. SKATING RINK-DAY

Lucas skates slow.

Raquel skates by him.

Charlie skates behind him, putting a **baseball cap** on Lucas's head.

Lucas takes the baseball cap off of his head. He throws it at Charlie. Charlie catches it and puts it over her head.

CUT TO:

## EXT. SUBURBAN STREET-DAY

Charlie's BMW pulls up to the curb.

CUT TO:

# INT/EXT. CHARLIE'S BMW-DAY

Raquel leans towards Charlie and kisses her on the cheek.

RAQUEL

Love you mom.

Charlie kisses her back.

Love you too.

Raquel opens the door and gets out of the passenger seat. The door slams shut.

Charlie looks back at Lucas.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Lucas, what's bothering you?

LUCAS

Nothing.

CHARLIE

Come on, something is bothering you.

LUCAS

I want to come and live with you.

CHARLIE

Sweetie, I know you do but I have to work.

LUCAS

I -- I only get to see you after school.

CHARLIE

Come here.

Lucas leans forward. She wraps her arm around him and kisses him on the cheek.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

I love you.

LUCAS

Love you too mommy.

CHARLIE

I'll see you tomorrow, okay.

Lucas opens the door. He gets out and shuts the door.

LUCAS

(wave)

CHARLIE

(wave)

Charlie turns the key in the ignition.

CUT TO:

## INT. OFFICE-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DAY

Charlie steps towards her desk. A stack of files rest at the top of it.

CHARLIE

What the hell is this?

CHIEF, early 40s.

CHIEF

Just some cases that I thought you could help me with.

CHARLIE

Is this some kind of punishment?

CHIEF

No. I know you have been getting help from Lola. Figured you could work with her on them.

CHARLIE

Why these ones?

CHIEF

She's an expert. Plus, she's been bored, sitting at home. Waiting. Put yourself in her shoes.

CHARLIE

I'm guessing Barry can't help her.

CHIEF

You know him. Get it done!

The Chief steps away.

CHARLIE

Yes, sir!

CUT TO:

## INT. BATHROOM-RESTAURANT-NIGHT

Charlie and a man are pressed against the bathroom wall. BARRY, 48. A police detective. A self-absorbed, selfish, and adulterous man.

(moan)

**BARRY** 

(grunt)

Barry zips up his pants. He steps back.

Charlie pulls up her panties.

BARRY (CONT'D)

Some lunch, huh?

CHARLIE

Yeah, really classy.

Charlie pulls up her pants.

BARRY

Hey, you wanted to make these arrangements!

CHARLIE

I have to see your wife tonight.

BARRY

Who ordered that?

CHARLIE

The chief.

**BARRY** 

Great.

CHARLIE

I'm guessing you won't be there.

**BARRY** 

Correct.

Charlie fastens her belt.

Barry steps towards the sink and washes his face.

BARRY (CONT'D)

Same time, same place.

CHARLIE

Sure.

Barry opens the door and steps out.

Charlie steps towards the mirror. She looks at the door and then looks at herself.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

I know.

CUT TO:

#### EXT. FRONT YARD-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

Charlie steps towards the front door. She raises her hand to ring the doorbell. Charlie hesitates to press the button.

CHARLIE (V.O.)

Why are you hesitating! You know you have to face her sometime. What's the worst she can do to you, run you over with her wheelchair!

Charlie presses the button.

The doorbell sounds.

CUT TO:

#### INT. LIVING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

A woman walks Charlie through the living room. ROSA, early 40s. Registered nurse. A down to earth and sweet woman.

Charlie looks at the broken glass on the hardwood floor.

CHARLIE

What happened here?

ROSA

Miss Lola got roses from Mr. Smith.

CHARLIE

Is that bad?

ROSA

She hates roses.

CHARLIE

Where is she?

ROSA

In the back yard.

CUT TO:

#### INT. DINING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

Rosa pulls a chair out from the table.

ROSA

Can I get you something?

CHARLIE

No, I'm fine.

LOLA, 49. A police detective. Now a paraplegic working as a consultant.

Lola wheels herself in.

LOLA

You should eat something. Rosa makes a bomb chorizo & eggs!

Charlie looks at Lola.

CHARLIE

Bomb?

LOLA

Sorry. It was a saying before your time.

Lola turns the wheelchair around.

LOLA (CONT'D)

Step into my office!

Lola wheels herself out of the dining room.

LOLA (O.C.) (CONT'D)

Two espressos', Rosa, please!!

ROSA

Yes, Miss Lola!

CUT TO:

#### INT. OFFICE-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

Lola looks through old newspaper clippings. She comes across a faded clipping. It reads: Nick Valens Dead! Lola looks at Charlie.

LOLA

Where'd you find these?

Not sure where they came from.

LOLA

Well, who gave them to you?

CHARLIE

The chief. Why?

LOLA

Curious why he sent you to me.

Lola drops the folder of clippings down on her desk.

LOLA (CONT'D)

Can I tell you a story?

CHARLIE

Does it have a happy ending?

LOLA

The ending hasn't come yet.

CHARLIE

Sure.

LOLA

I lost my father -- me and my sister -- Then she -- These clippings came from someone. Do you want me to help you?

CHARLIE

Yes.

LOLA

Good. Help me, help you? Right?

CHARLIE

Right.

Lola leans towards Charlie.

LOLA

How long have you been fucking Barry?

CHARLIE

What!!

LOLA

(laugh) (point)

Lola smacks her leg.

CHARLIE

(laugh)

LOLA

(laugh)

I couldn't resist, sorry!

Lola wheels herself towards the elevator.

LOLA (CONT'D)

I better get to bed. Sleep, right, Charlie.

Charlie watches Lola wheel herself to the elevator.

LOLA (CONT'D)

(wave)

Charlie grabs the folder.

LOLA (CONT'D)

You can leave the file.

Charlie stands up.

CHARLIE

Good night, Lola!

Charlie sets the folder down.

CUT TO:

# EXT. FRONT YARD-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

Charlie steps towards her BMW. She looks at the window. A silhouette of Lola sits, watching her leave.

CUT TO:

# INT. BEDROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

Lola sits in her wheelchair.

Rosa steps behind Lola.

ROSA

Arms ups, Miss Lola!

Lola raises her arms.

Rosa lifts her shirt up over Lola's head. She tosses the shirt to the bed.

LOLA

Am I pretty, Rosa?

ROSA

Yes.

LOLA

What's pretty about me?

ROSA

Your eyes.

Lola reaches her hand up to touch Rosa's face.

LOLA

You're pretty too.

Rosa turns the wheelchair towards the bathroom.

CUT TO:

#### INT. BATHROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

Lola sits on a shower bench. She lets the water hit her face.

CUT TO:

## INT. BEDROOM-NIGHT

Charlie lies down with her face pressed against the pillow.

CHARLIE

(moan)

Barry presses himself against her.

BARRY

(grunt)

CUT TO:

### INT. BATHROOM-NIGHT

Barry buttons his shirt up to the top.

Charlie steps in. She looks at him.

I guess you better get home.

Barry steps towards Charlie. He leans his head towards hers. Charlie turns her head away.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

I can't do this anymore.

BARRY

Why?

CHARLIE

You know why.

BARRY

Someone grew a conscience, huh?

CHARLIE

You should try it sometime.

Barry steps out of the bathroom. He grabs her from behind. He unfastens his belt and drops his pants. He flips Charlie's robe up and presses himself against her.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Ahh!

(grunt)

Barry goes back and forth.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

(moan)

BARRY

(moan)

Barry backs away. He pulls his pants up.

BARRY (CONT'D)

So long!

Charlie drops to her knees.

CHARLIE

(sob)

CUT TO:

## INT. OFFICE-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DAY

Charlie sits at her desk. She looks at the photographs of Lucas and Raquel.

A man steps towards Charlie's desk.

KAL

Excuse me, miss?

Charlie turns herself around in her desk chair. She looks at the man. KAL, 26. A computer technician. A sweet and well-mannered man.

CHARLIE

Yeah -- I mean, what can I do for you?

KAL

I'm here to update the computers.

Charlie stands to her feet. She grabs her coffee mug from her desk.

Barry steps through the office.

Charlie looks at Barry. She drives the mug into Kal's chest.

The mug drops to the floor, breaking.

CHARLIE

I'm so sorry!

KAL

It's fine.

Charlie crouches down to the floor and picks up the pieces of the mug. She looks up at Kal from the floor.

CHIEF

Charlie?

Charlie looks at the Chief.

CHARLIE

Yes?

CHIEF

Go take your lunch break.

Charlie stands up --

CHARLIE

-- Right! See you in thirty.

Charlie grabs her jacket from the back of the desk chair.

CUT TO:

#### EXT. STREETS-DAY

Charlie hands the HOT DOG VENDOR a five-dollar-bill.

HOT DOG VENDOR

Thanks.

Charlie walks away with her hot dog.

Police Officer #1 and #2 step past her.

POLICE OFFICER #1 I didn't know you like them in the bun!

CHARLIE

Haha! Shut up!

POLICE OFFICER #1

(laugh)

Charlie steps across the road. She takes a bite of the hot dog.

CUT TO:

#### INT. OFFICE-POLICE DEPARTMENT-CONTINUOUS

Charlie steps into the office. She looks at the brand-new mug on top of her desk. Charlie looks around the office. She looks down on her desk and sees a note. It reads: Keep drinking and stop dropping, K.

Charlie smiles.

CUT TO:

### EXT. SUBURBAN STREET-DAY

Charlie's BMW stops at the curb.

Raquel rushes towards the passenger door. She pulls the door open.

CUT TO:

### INT/EXT. CHARLIE'S BMW-DAY

CHARLIE

Where's your brother?

RAQUEL

He doesn't want to come.

Charlie opens the driver door. She stands up and gets out of the car.

Raquel's eyes follow Charlie as she walks around the BMW.

CUT TO:

### INT. BEDROOM-DAY

Lucas sits on the floor of his bedroom. A controller in his hands. Lucas shoves a handful of **popcorn** in his mouth.

The bedroom door flies open.

Lucas jumps out of his skin with a frightened look on his face.

Charlie grabs Lucas by his shirt and pulls him out by his arm.

CHARLIE

You're going!!

CUT TO:

### EXT. FRONT YARD-DAY

Charlie walks Lucas towards the BMW.

LUCAS

I don't want to go!

CHARLIE

Too damn bad!

Lucas falls to the pavement of the driveway.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Get up Lucas!!

Charlie lets go of his arm.

Raquel steps towards Lucas. She crouches down.

Charlie steps towards the BMW.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Come on Raquel.

RAQUEL

No.

Charlie looks at Raquel.

CHARLIE

What!

RAQUEL

No.

Charlie sits in the driver seat and slams the door shut.

CUT TO:

## INT. CHARLIE'S BMW-DAY

Charlie puts the GEAR in REVERSE and then in Drive. Her foot on the gas pedal. Charlie looks in the rear-view mirror. Her foot hits the brake pedal.

The BMW stops.

Charlie leans her head against the steering wheel. The horn sounds.

CHARLIE

(sob) (cry)

CUT TO:

## INT. OFFICE-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DAY

Charlie sits in her desk chair. Her feet resting on the top of the desk. She pours **whiskey** into the mug and gulps it down.

CHIEF

Charlie!

CHARLIE

Yeah?

CHIEF

Aren't you supposed to be somewhere?

CHARLIE

What's the rush? We can work all night, can't we?

The Chief steps towards Charlie. He takes the bottle from her and slams it down on the desk.

CHIEF

I'll make you some coffee.

The Chief walks out of the office.

CUT TO:

### INT. LIVING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

Charlie walks into the living room.

Rosa walks towards her.

A saddened look on Charlie's face.

ROSA

Oh, Miss Charlie, what's the matter?

CHARLIE

My son hates me.

Rosa hugs Charlie.

ROSA

It'll be alright.

CHARLIE

Thank you.

Rosa kisses her on the cheek.

LOLA (V.O.)

Hey!!

Charlie's eyes wander around, looking around the living room.

ROSA

Miss Lola!

LOLA (V.O.)

No hugging and kissing in front of my clown collection!

Charlie looks at the shelf across the living room. *Ceramic clowns* sit, spread out on the shelves.

CHARLIE

You collect clowns?

LOLA (V.O.)

Yes, I collect clowns. Now, get your ass up here!! Rosa, can you please bring me the coffee pot with two mugs. A bottle of whiskey too.

ROSA

Yes Miss Lola!!

CUT TO:

## INT. BEDROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

Charlie steps into the bedroom. She looks at the wheelchair and the back of Lola's head.

CHARLIE

Forgive me for my lateness.

Lola jumps onto Charlie's back. A gun pressed against Charlie's temple.

LOLA

Who are you!!

CHARLIE

Ahh!!!

Charlie pushes Lola back.

Lola falls to the floor, naked. She looks at Charlie.

LOLA

(laugh)

I got you!!

CHARLIE

What the --

LOLA

Shh!! Not in my house!!

Lola sits up. She wraps a towel around herself.

LOLA (CONT'D)

Do you mind brining me my chair?

CHARLIE

Yes.

LOLA

Yes, you'll get my chair, or you mind, which is it?

I'll grab it.

Charlie steps towards the wheelchair. She lifts a mannequin up. She looks at it with disgust.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Really!

Charlie tosses it to the floor.

LOLA

What? I'm not the dummy that fell for it. You got to be careful these days.

Charlie wheels the wheelchair towards her. Lola grabs a hold of the arm rest.

LOLA (CONT'D)

Ugh!!

CHARLIE

Let me --

LOLA

Back the fuck up!!

Charlie raises her hands up --

CHARLIE

Fine!

Lola turns herself and sits.

LOLA

Ahh!

Charlie looks at Lola.

Lola looks at Charlie.

Rosa steps into the bedroom. A tray in her hands.

ROSA

Coffee and whiskey, Miss Lola!

LOLA

Thank you, Rosa.

Rosa sets the tray down on the center table.

ROSA

Anything else Miss Lola?

LOLA

No, that's fine for right now Rosa. You can go to bed.

ROSA

Good night, Miss Lola.

Rosa steps towards Lola and kisses her on the cheek.

ROSA (CONT'D)

Good night, Miss Charlie.

Rosa steps out of the bedroom.

CHARLIE

Good night.

Charlie looks at Lola.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

What are we doing?

LOLA

You're helping me to bed.

CHARLIE

Then we work?

LOLA

No. We go to sleep.

CHARLIE

What?

LOLA

Take off your clothes!

CHARLIE

No way!

LOLA

I wasn't asking.

Charlie takes off her jacket. She drops it to the floor.

Lola looks at her in the corner of her eye.

LOLA (CONT'D)

More.

Charlie unfastens her belt. She drops her pants to the floor and kicks them.

LOLA (CONT'D)

Come on!

Charlie lifts the tank top over her head. Tossing it to the floor.

LOLA (CONT'D)

The rest too.

Charlie unfastens her bra, dropping it to the floor. She looks at Lola.

LOLA (CONT'D)

Take them off and get in bed.

Charlie lowers the panties slowly.

LOLA (CONT'D)

Good!

Charlie moves the comforter from the pillows and slides herself underneath. Covering herself. Charlie turns herself towards the wall. Her eyes wander.

Lola grabs the bottle of whiskey from the tray. She gulps it down. She pushes herself up and falls face down onto the pillow. She rolls herself towards Charlie. Lola drinks more from the bottle, finishing the bottle.

LOLA (CONT'D)

(burp)

Lola tosses the bottle to the floor. She wraps her arms around Charlie's chest, resting her head on her back.

CHARLIE

And Barry?

LOLA

Shh! He can't get in here. I change the codes every day.

CHARLIE

What about Rosa?

LOLA

Her room locks too.

CHARLIE

Aren't we going to --

LOLA

-- Shh! Sleep now. We'll talk in the morning.

Charlie rests her head against the pillow. She closes her eyes.

CHARLIE

(breath)

CUT TO:

#### INT. DINING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-DAY

At the table, Lola sits, looking at the newspaper.

Barry steps into the dining room. He sits.

BARRY

You changed the codes again.

LOLA

What gave me away?

BARRY

I punched the code in.

LOLA

I guess you don't know how to push the right buttons.

**BARRY** 

Did you have a man sent over or something?

LOLA

Did you fuck another girl?

**BARRY** 

Why, are you going to bring her over for a naked slumber party.

LOLA

Maybe.

CUT TO:

# INT. BEDROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-CONTINUOUS

An alarm sounds.

"Butterfly" by Crazy Town plays.

Charlie sits up. She looks at the alarm.

Early for that!

CUT TO:

### INT. LIVING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-DAY

Charlie steps into the living room.

Barry walks into the living room.

**BARRY** 

I see I met Lola's thunder buddy. Ain't that a kick in the head!

CHARLIE

Isn't!

BARRY

What?

CHARLIE

Isn't, not ain't! Someone needs to learn the English language again.

BARRY

You think you're so smart, right?

Charlie steps past Barry.

Barry grabs a hold of Charlie's hair, tugging at it.

CHARLIE

Ugh!

**BARRY** 

Remember, my stank is all over that. I can get to you no matter what!

Barry steps away from her and opens the door.

BARRY (CONT'D)

Have a nice day.

Barry opens the door. He steps out.

CUT TO:

## INT. DINING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-DAY

Charlie steps into the dining room.

LOLA

Good morning!

Charlie looks at Lola.

CHARLIE

Good morning.

LOLA

Breakfast?

CHARLIE

No thanks. I'll just take an apple.

Charlie grabs an apple from the counter.

LOLA

If you want diarrhea, be my guest.

Charlie sits at the end of the table.

CHARLIE

So, what did you come up with?

LOLA

This person really does know their history. It tells me they keep a scrapbook on a shrine. They want us to have copies of the clippings.

CHARLIE

Are they clues to who they are?

LOLA

No. We have to play their game first.

CHARLIE

What game?

LOLA

A smart game.

CHARLIE

If they sent these clippings, then why play with the cops?

Lola lifts a photograph of a DEAD BODY.

LOLA

Mila!

CHARLIE

What about her?

LOLA

She managed to break into all the files in the police departments database.

CHARLIE

Is there a way that someone could be following in her footsteps?

Lola looks around the room.

LOLA

No, they can't unless --

CHARLIE

What?

Lola wheels her wheelchair towards Charlie.

LOLA

Are you going in today?

CHARLIE

After I leave here. Why?

LOLA

Be safe, okay.

CHARLIE

Okay.

CUT TO:

## INT. OFFICE-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DAY

Charlie sits down at her desk. She looks around. Her eyes look at the *keyboard*. She presses the *ENTER button* on the keyboard. Charlie closes her eyes.

KAL

How are you!

Charlie gets a jolt, feeling frightened for a second. She looks at Kal.

CHARLIE

Hi.

KAL

Sorry.

CHARLIE

It's fine. What can I do for you?

KAL

I just came by to tell you that it's all facial now.

CHARLIE

Facial?

KAL

Security reasons.

CHARLIE

Ah.

KAL

I better get back to work.

Kal takes five steps away.

CHARLIE

Thank you for the mug.

Kal looks back at Charlie.

KAL

No problem.

Kal steps out of the office.

Charlie leans her face towards the monitor screen. It scans her face.

COMPUTER

Good morning detective Wheeler!

CHARLIE

(laugh)

Cool.

COMPUTER

What can I help you with?

CHARLIE

Hmm.

COMPUTER

Hmm is when someone thinks.

CHARLIE

Computer, pull up a picture of Mila Petrov.

COMPUTER SCREEN

A picture of Mila appears. An infant boy appears next to her.

BACK TO SCENE

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Computer, print!

The printer prints the picture.

Charlie lifts the picture up. She takes a closer look at the infant.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Who are you?

CUT TO:

INT. VAN-DAY

Hands type on a keyboard.

COMPUTER SCREEN

Charlie looks at the camera.

CHARLIE

Thank you.

BACK TO SCENE

Kal smiles.

KAL

No, thank you.

Kal hits the Enter button. He looks across the van at the latex printer. A face appears. Charlie's face.

HOPE, 24. Hacker. A cunning and dangerous woman.

Kal looks at Hope.

KAL (CONT'D)

You're up.

HOPE

Good. I've been bored.

KAL

(point)

There's the proper attire.

Hope stands up and steps towards the printer.

KAL (CONT'D)

One more thing.

Hope looks at Kal.

HOPE

Yes?

KAL

Have fun.

HOPE

You don't have to tell me twice.

CUT TO:

## EXT. STREETS-DAY

Charlie walks across the street.

HOT DOG VENDOR

How many hot dogs again?

HOPE

Twelve.

HOT DOG VENDOR

Alright.

CUT TO:

## INT. OFFICE-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DAY

Hope hands a hot dog to Police Officer #1.

POLICE OFFICER #1

Thanks, Wheeler.

HOPE

Anytime.

Hope sits the eleven hot dogs on each desk.

DETECTIVE #1 and #2. Early 30s.

DETECTIVE #1

Thanks.

Hope smiles. She steps out of the office.

CUT TO:

## EXT/INT. VAN-DAY

Hope opens the door and climbs into the back of the van.

Kal looks back at Hope.

KAL

Did it go well?

Hope reaches underneath her shirt and pulls the latex mask from over her head. She tosses the mask to the floor of the van.

HOPE

It went better than I expected.

KAL

Good.

HOPE

Now what?

KAL

You take over. I got to go back in there.

CUT TO:

#### INT. BATHROOM-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DAY

Kal steps into the bathroom.

POLICE OFFICER #1 (O.C.)

Ugh!!

The sound of something hitting the inside of the toilet.

Kal steps towards the urinal. He lowers his pants.

DETECTIVE #1 (O.C.)

Ugh!! Ahh!!

KAL

Oh man! What did you eat?

DETECTIVE #1

Hot -- dog.

KAL

Well, I hope you feel better.

Kal pulls up his pants and fastens his belt. He steps out of the bathroom.

CUT TO:

## EXT. FRONT YARD-SMITH RESIDENCE-DAY

Charlie leans down to the fresh cut grass and picks up a newspaper. She looks at the photograph of Barry on the front page. It reads: Hero cop gets hero reward!

CHARLIE

Bullshit!

Charlie steps towards the front door. Raising her arm to knock.

The door opens. Charlie steps in.

CUT TO:

## INT. LIVING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-DAY

Charlie steps in.

CHARLIE

Hi Rosa?

ROSA

Hi Miss Charlie?

CHARLIE

Rosa?

ROSA

Yes?

CHARLIE

You can call me Charlie?

ROSA

Yes Miss Charlie.

CHARLIE

(roll eyes)

Never mind. Where is she?

ROSA

In her bedroom.

CHARLIE

Can I?

ROSA

Go ahead.

CUT TO:

## INT. BEDROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-DAY

Charlie steps into the bedroom.

CHARLIE

Hey --

Lola looks at Charlie.

Charlie turns her back to Lola.

LOLA

What!

CHARLIE

You're naked.

LOLA

So!

CHARLIE

Why!

LOLA

Because I'm home.

Charlie steps closer.

CHARLIE

I brought your paper in.

Charlie hands Lola the newspaper.

Lola takes it. She smiles at the sight of Barry's face.

LOLA

(laugh)

Lola tosses it to the floor.

CHARLIE

Are you going?

LOLA

Why do you think I'm getting ready.

CHARLIE

But you're not dressed.

LOLA

Exactly! Can you hand me that robe?

Charlie grabs the robe hanging from the **coat rack**. She hands it to Lola.

Lola takes it.

LOLA (CONT'D)

Will you be there?

CHARLIE

No.

LOLA

I wish you would.

CHARLIE

I just stopped by to show you something interesting.

LOLA

Really, what?

Charlie reaches into her pocket and pulls out a picture. She hands it to Lola.

Lola takes it and looks at it.

LOLA (CONT'D)

(breath)

The last time I saw that face, I pulled the trigger. I thought I was ridding the world of pure evil. It turns out, I was adding to it.

CHARLIE

She had a baby.

LOLA

I'm as surprised as you are.

CHARLIE

She never --

LOLA

-- Not a word!

Doesn't that make you think --

Lola looks at Charlie while applying lipstick to her lips --

LOLA

-- That her child could be sending the clippings?

CHARLIE

Yeah!

LOLA

It's possible. If you excuse me, I have to have Rosa drive me around town.

CHARLIE

I guess I'll see you later then.

LOLA

Maybe. Don't do anything I wouldn't do! Hell, I'm about to go all out. Have fun!!

Charlie steps out of the bedroom.

CHARLIE

(laugh)

CUT TO:

### INT. BAR-NIGHT

Charlie sits at the bar table.

CHARLIE

Can I get another shot of whiskey!

BARTENDER, early 40s.

The Bartender pours whiskey into a shot glass.

Charlie slides a fifty-dollar bill to the Bartender.

He takes it.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Keep them coming, please.

Charlie takes the shot. She slams the glass down.

The Bartender pours another.

Kal steps towards the end of the bar table and sits.

Charlie looks at him.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Hey!

Charlie raises her glass.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Can I buy you a drink?

KAL

No thanks. I'll take a coke, please?

CHARLIE

Don't be a pussy! Have a drink with me!

Kal sits by Charlie.

KAL

I'll have what she's having.

The Bartender sets a shot glass down in front of Kal. He pours whiskey into it. Kal picks it up.

CHARLIE

One -- two -- three -- go!

Kal and Charlie take the shots. Kal slams the shot glass down.

KAL

What the -- How can you drink that!

CHARLIE

Easy!

The Bartender pours whiskey into Charlie's shot glass.

Charlie takes the shot.

The Bartender pours whiskey into Kal's shot glass.

Kal takes the shot. He slams it down hard enough to make the shot glass shatter into pieces.

KAL

Yeah!

Charlie looks at Kal's hand.

Your hand!

KAL

What!

Charlie grabs his hand.

CHARLIE

Come on!

Charlie stands up. She drops a twenty-dollar bill on the bar table.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

There you go barkeep!

Kal and Charlie step out of the bar.

CUT TO:

### INT. TAXI-NIGHT

Charlie looks down at Kal's wounded hand.

KAL

Where are we going?

CHARLIE

I'm just taking you home.

Kal's eyes become droopy.

Charlie looks at him.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

You're really a lightweight.

KAL

I told you.

CHARLIE

My place then.

CUT TO:

### INT. LIVING ROOM-NIGHT

Charlie pushes the door open. She walks Kal in. His arm around her back.

KAL

Where are we?

CHARLIE

My place.

Charlie walks Kal towards the sofa.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Just three more steps.

Step after step, Kal falls onto the sofa with Charlie on top of him.

KAL

Ah!

Charlie looks back at the door. She kicks it closed. Charlie pushes herself up.

KAL (CONT'D)

Wait!

CHARLIE

What?

KAL

You look good at this angle.

Charlie moves her mouth closer to his.

Kal grabs a hold of her butt. He leans his lips closer to her mouth.

CUT TO:

#### INT. BEDROOM-NIGHT

Charlie sits down on the bed, kissing Kal.

Kal pulls her shirt over her head.

Charlie unbuttons her pants and slides them down to her feet.

Kal pulls down his pants and kicks them off.

CHARLIE

Come here!

Kal climbs over her. He kisses her.

CUT TO:

#### INT. BALLROOM-HOTEL-NIGHT

Barry sits.

PRESENTER, early 50s.

PRESENTER

May I present to the man of the hour. A man that earned the reward for being an outstanding citizen and patrolman.

Barry grabs the hand of the woman sitting next to him. KAIT, 25. An escort. A naive but sweet young woman.

Barry reaches underneath her skirt.

KAIT

(moan)

PRESENTER

Mr. Barry Smith!

Barry stands up and walks onto the stage. He steps towards the **podium**. Barry leans towards the **microphone**.

**BARRY** 

Thank you. On behalf of my family and me. I greatly appreciate being rewarded with this reward.

The entrance doors open.

LOLA

Kudos to you, Barry!

Lola raises a shot glass into the air. She takes the shot. The whiskey drips down her chest.

BARRY

My wife everyone!! She can't stay away from a good party, right Lola.

LOLA

Right!!

Lola tosses the shot glass into the air.

LOLA (CONT'D)

Right here, Rosa!

Lola pushes herself to sit up. She grips onto the table in front of her.

LOLA (CONT'D)

(breath)

**BARRY** 

Rosa! Could you please!

ROSA

Miss Lola?

LOLA

Not until this motherfucker acknowledges me!

Lola stands herself up on her feet. She unties her robe.

LOLA (CONT'D)

Here's something to remember!

Lola lets the robe drop to the floor.

LOLA (CONT'D)

Take a look at that moon people!

Kait covers her mouth.

KAIT

(giggle)

Barry looks at Kait.

CUT TO:

## INT. BEDROOM-CONTINUOUS

Kal and Charlie sit up on the bed.

Charlie bounces up and down on his lap.

CHARLIE

(moan)

KAL

(grunt)

Charlie kisses him.

He pushes her down to the bed. His hands grip onto hers.

CHARLIE

(grunt)

Kal kisses her lips.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)
(breath)

CUT TO:

### EXT. HOTEL-NIGHT

Barry pushes the wheelchair towards the curb. He looks at Rosa.

**BARRY** 

You're fired!

LOLA

No. She stays.

Barry parks the wheelchair at the curb of the sidewalk.

**BARRY** 

Take her home, Rosa. We'll talk in the morning.

Barry turns around and walks towards the hotel.

LOLA

How much are you paying that little girl?

**BARRY** 

What!

LOLA

I guess enough for her to swallow.

BARRY

(laugh)

Barry pulls the hotel door open.

Rosa opens the passenger door.

ROSA

Come on, Miss Lola?

Lola looks at the hotel door close.

LOLA

(yell)

Lola pushes herself up.

LOLA (CONT'D)

Uqh!

CUT TO:

### INT. BEDROOM-CONTINUOUS

Charlie lays her head on his chest, asleep.

Kal looks at Charlie. A smile on his face. He closes his eyes.

KAL (breath)

CUT TO:

#### EXT. STREETS-DAY

Standing on the sidewalk, a newspaper in front of her face.

CHARLIE

Holy shit!

Kal steps towards her, handing her a paper cup.

KAL

What?

Kal takes the newspaper.

Charlie takes the paper cup.

KAL (CONT'D)

(read)

Hero cop gets more than a reward from his wife. Former detective, Lola Valens gives the people of Los Angeles an eye full when she went nude at her husband's award ceremony.

Charlie takes the newspaper and folds it.

CHARLIE

This is going to be an interesting day.

KAL

I guess I'll see you at the office.

Sorry, I can't.

KAL

Plans?

CHARLIE

I have to go pick up my kids.

KAL

Oh. We'll see each other later then.

CHARLIE

For sure.

She kisses Kal.

CUT TO:

### INT. DINING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-DAY

Lola wheels herself into the dining room.

Barry sits at the table. His eyes on the newspaper.

**BARRY** 

Do you feel better about yourself now?

LOLA

Do you? Any rug burns yet?

**BARRY** 

(laugh)

Barry folds up the newspaper and tosses it to the floor.

LOLA

(clap)

The clap!

Barry steps past Lola. He yanks her back by her hair. Lola rolls onto her stomach.

BARRY

Why can't you just stop. Lola!

Lola pushes herself up. She sits up.

Barry grabs a hold of her face. He leans in for a kiss.

Lola drives her fist into his groin.

BARRY (CONT'D)

(breath)

Barry drops to his knees.

Lola punches him across the face.

Barry falls to the floor, face first.

BARRY (CONT'D)

Ugh!

LOLA

Do you want some ice for those nuts!

**BARRY** 

Hmm --

LOLA

Rest up honey bear!

**BARRY** 

Okay.

CUT TO:

## INT. OFFICE-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DAY

Flying through the office in her wheelchair. Sunglasses on her face. Lola smiles as she passes by the POLICE OFFICERS. They stand.

POLICE OFFICERS

(applause)

The Chief steps out of his office.

CHIEF

Get back to work!

The Chief looks at Lola.

CHIEF (CONT'D)

Valens.

LOLA

Chief.

CHIEF

Come in.

Lola wheels herself into the office.

CUT TO:

## INT. CHIEF'S OFFICE-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DAY

Charlie stops at the desk.

CHIEF

Can I get you something? Coffee, water?

LOLA

I'm fine.

The Chief sits.

CHIEF

I must say, no one has balls like you, Valens. First time I saw someone brave enough to do what you did.

LOLA

Barry sends his regards. He's feeling down, if you know what I mean.

CHIEF

And Wheeler?

Lola reaches into her jacket pocket and pulls out a folded-up picture. She hands it to the Chief. The Chief looks at the picture.

CHIEF (CONT'D)

This is the same woman from --

LOLA

-- Two years ago --

CHIEF

-- Yeah. The baby.

LOLA

Your guess is as good as mine.

CHIEF

Hers. What's this got to do with her --

LOLA

Two years ago, some woman came in and hacked into the system.

CHIEF

You believe that her child could be seeking revenge.

LOLA

Exactly. Whoever it is, the job's not done yet.

A knock on the door.

Kal opens the door.

KAL

Good morning, chief!

CHIEF

(wave)

One minute Kal, okay?

Kal shuts the door.

Lola looks at the door.

The Chief looks at Lola.

CHIEF (CONT'D)

Lola?

Lola looks at the Chief.

LOLA

It's good seeing you. I better go.

CHIEF

Kal!!

Kal opens the door.

Lola wheels herself out of the office. Her eyes on Kal.

KAL

Have a good day.

LOLA

You do the same.

Kal closes the door.

CHIEF

What is it, Kal?

Kal looks at the picture on the Chief's desk. Kal goes into a daze.

CHIEF (CONT'D)

Kal?

Kal snaps out of the daze. He looks at the Chief.

KAL

Yes.

CHIEF

What do you need?

KAL

I need to install something on your computer, but I forgot my briefcase. Excuse me?

Kal steps out of the office.

CUT TO:

# EXT/INT. VAN-DAY

The side door opens.

Kal climbs in.

Hope looks at him.

HOPE

Is everything alright?

Kal shuts the door. He looks away from Hope.

HOPE (CONT'D)

Kevin!

BABY (V.O.)

You got this shot.

CUT TO:

#### EXT. FIELD-DAY-FLASHBACK

SUPER: 13 YEARS EARLIER

BABY, 41. A homemaker. A sweet and kindhearted woman raising her two children on her own.

A boy aims a gun at a mannequin's head. 12-YEAR-OLD KAL. Impressionable at times.

12-Year-Old Kal fires a shot. The bullet hits the head.

BABY

Nicely done.

A young girl rushes towards Baby. 11-YEAR-OLD HOPE. A sweet but eager to learn young girl.

11-YEAR-OLD HOPE

Can I try?

**BABY** 

Tomorrow.

12-Year-Old Kal steps towards Baby.

12-YEAR-OLD KAL

Am I ready now?

BABY

Soon.

CUT TO:

## INT. VAN-BACK TO PRESENT

Kal sits at the corner of the van, typing on a laptop.

HOPE

Kal!!

Kal looks at Hope.

KAL

Yeah?

HOPE

Are you alright?

KAL

I'm fine.

Kal grabs the briefcase from the driver seat.

KAL (CONT'D)

I'll see you in a bit.

Kal opens the side door. He climbs out and shuts the door.

CUT TO:

### INT. CHIEF'S OFFICE-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DAY

Kal steps into the office.

The Chief looks at Kal with a look of concern.

CHIEF

Are you alright?

KAL

Yes.

CHIEF

Good.

The Chief steps out of the office.

Kal steps towards the computer. He sets his briefcase down on the desk and opens it. He unscrews the screen to the monitor.

KAL

(laugh)

CUT TO:

## EXT. BASEBALL FIELD-DAY

A man tosses a **baseball** to Lucas. RUSS, 32. A marine veteran. A caring and protective man.

Lucas catches it.

RUSS

Nice catch!

CHARLIE

(clap)

Lucas looks at Charlie.

Russ steps towards Charlie.

RUSS

What brings you out?

CHARLIE

What, a mom can't come see her son?

RUSS

He seems to be doing better with you out of the picture.

What have you been telling him?

RUSS

I'm not the one out there screwing around.

CHARLIE

He hates me because of you!

RUSS

Stop playing the victim and wake up!!

Russ gets close to Charlie's face, making eye contact.

RUSS (CONT'D)

You broke my heart --

Charlie looks at Lucas.

CHARLIE

(sob)

Charlie steps away.

Lucas looks at Charlie.

LUCAS

Mom!

Charlie looks at Lucas.

Lucas rushes towards Charlie.

Charlie crouches down and hugs him.

CHARLIE

Love you buddy.

Lucas lets go. He steps back.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

I'll see you tomorrow.

Charlie kisses Lucas on the cheek. She stands up and steps away.

RUSS

Lucas, come on!

Lucas runs back onto the field.

CUT TO:

### INT. LIVING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-DAY

Charlie steps into the living room.

TECHNICIAN, early 30s.

A Technician drills holes into the wall.

She looks at the Technician.

CHARLIE

Hi.

TECHNICIAN

Hello.

CUT TO:

#### INT. DINING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-DAY

Lola sits in her wheelchair, sipping water from a glass.

CHARLIE

Extra security?

LOLA

Precaution.

CHARLIE

Barry's idea.

LOLA

Mine.

CHARLIE

What brought this on?

LOLA

You can't be too careful.

Lola sets the glass down on the counter.

LOLA (CONT'D)

I went to see the chief and I showed him your evidence.

CHARLIE

What did he say?

LOLA

I didn't finish. Some guy came in. Big tall guy.

Kal.

LOLA

Whatever his name is.

CHARLIE

What, you think it's him?

LOLA

I didn't say that but now I know who I should trust.

CHARLIE

I haven't told him anything.

LOLA

Keep this our business.

CHARLIE

Trust me, please?

LOLA

Okay.

Lola takes another sip of water from the glass.

CUT TO:

### INT. CHARLIE'S BMW-DAY

Charlie sits in the driver seat. She looks around. A hand reaches around the seat and pulls her head back. Another hand covers her mouth with a cloth.

CHARLIE

(muffle)

Charlie's eyes close.

CUT TO:

#### INT. OFFICE-WAREHOUSE-NIGHT

Charlie sits in a desk chair. Feeling groggy from the **chloroform** she inhaled. Charlie looks up, having a blurry vision. Her focus comes clear.

Hope crouches down.

CHARLIE

Wakey, wakey!

Charlie sees her own face.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

What is this!

Hope pulls the latex mask off.

HOPE

It's called latex skin. Some futuristic shit, huh!

Charlie looks around.

CHARLIE

Why am I here?

MICHELLE (O.C.)

The question you should be asking Mija is not why you are here, it's what you are going to do to stay alive!

Michelle reaches behind her back and pulls out a gun. She points it at Charlie.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)

I'm not getting anything here!

KAL (O.C.)

Stop!

Charlie looks at Kal.

Kal steps towards Charlie.

CHARLIE

Kal? Why?

KAL

Kevin. The name's Kevin.

CHARLIE

Who the fuck are you!

Kal pulls the picture up.

KAL

You had the first clue right. I am her son.

CHARLIE

So, you're working with her?

MICHELLE

Two great minds think alike. Kal, Kevin over there, he came to me one day and told me how we can get back at Lola. We set up a decoy. Hope. Oh, that was the beautiful part.

CUT TO:

### INT. LIVING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT-FLASHBACK

Lola stands in front of Hope.

Hope fires a shot.

Lola falls to the floor.

Hope turns and runs.

CUT TO:

### INT. OFFICE-WAREHOUSE-BACK TO PRESENT

Charlie thinks to herself.

CHARLIE

So, you want to finish the job?

KAL

She killed my mother.

Michelle leans down and looks Charlie in the eyes.

MICHELLE

Here's another -- Her father broke my grandmother's heart. Nine months later, pop! My mother is born. I'll kill as many of his children until I make it right.

CHARLIE

You're insane!

MICHELLE

Maybe. Lucky for you, I have something you really care about.

CHARLIE

What!

Hope pulls up a laptop and shows her.

LAPTOP SCREEN

Russ and Lucas sit in the car.

BACK TO SCENE

Michelle pulls out a remote detonator.

MICHELLE

Either you're in or you say goodbye to the scouts! Your choice.

Michelle's finger goes towards the button.

CHARLIE

Alright!!

MICHELLE

Wise choice!

Michelle smacks her gently on the face.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)

Now, when does she expect you?

CHARLIE

I have to bring new evidence.

MICHELLE

Okay. That's easy! What else?

CHARLIE

Security system.

KAL

Easy as pie.

MICHELLE

(laugh)

Kal steps towards a desk and grabs an **ankle bracelet**. He steps towards Charlie. He fastens it around her left ankle.

KAI

Remember, we're watching.

Kal stands up.

Hope covers her mouth with a cloth.

Charlie dozes off.

CUT TO:

### INT. CHARLIE'S BMW-DAY

Her eyes open. Charlie looks around. She looks down at her lap. She flips through a pile of blank pages of paper.

CUT TO:

### INT. BATHROOM-DAY

Charlie stands in front of the bathroom mirror. She brushes through her wet hair.

### MONTAGE

- -- Charlie blow dries hair.
- -- Charlie applies mascara.
- -- Charlie touches up her lips with lip gloss.

# BACK TO SCENE

Charlie looks at herself in the mirror.

CHARLIE

Awesome.

CUT TO:

### INT. LIVING ROOM-DAY

Charlie posts a note on her television and kisses her hand. She opens the door and steps out. The door slams shut.

CUT TO:

# INT/EXT. CHARLIE'S BMW-NIGHT

Charlie parks the car. She looks at the house. Her eyes close shut.

CUT TO:

# EXT. FRONT YARD-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

Charlie steps towards the front porch.

The front door opens. Rosa steps out.

ROSA

Miss Charlie!

CHARLIE

Rosa, where are you going?

ROSA

Miss Lola needs drink.

CHARLIE

Where is she?

ROSA

Living room.

CHARLIE

And Barry?

ROSA

He's working late.

Charlie opens the front door.

CHARLIE

Must be nice.

CUT TO:

# INT. HOTEL ROOM #256-HOTEL-NIGHT

Kait's face pressed against the pillow while she lays on her stomach.

KAIT

(muffle)

Barry goes back and forth behind Kait.

**BARRY** 

(grunt)

CUT TO:

# INT. OFFICE-WAREHOUSE-NIGHT

Kal looks at a monitor and sees Charlie.

TV SCREEN

Charlie walks through the security gate system.

BACK TO SCENE

KAL

Good girl!

COMPUTER SCREEN

A scan of the entire security system goes through.

BACK TO SCENE

MICHELLE

Yes!!

KAL

You're on!

CUT TO:

## EXT. PARKING LOT-SHOPPING MALL-NIGHT

HOPE

I'm just picking up some drink for Miss Lola!

KAL (V.O.)

Ahh! Don't ever do that voice to

me!

HOPE

This.

KAL

Ahh!

HOPE

(laugh)

# INT. LIVING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

Lola takes a sip from a wine glass.

CHARLIE

Are you drunk?

LOLA

Hammered! (laugh)

Aren't you tired? Let's get you to bed.

LOLA

Not yet. Rosa's coming back with more.

CUT TO:

### EXT. CAR-NIGHT

Hope holds the trunk open.

Gagged and tied up, Rosa looks at Hope.

HOPE

Sorry.

Hope shuts the trunk.

HOPE (CONT'D)

Stage two is complete.

KAL (V.O.)

Well done.

CUT TO:

### INT. OFFICE-WAREHOUSE-NIGHT

Kal stands up.

KAL

Time to join the party.

CUT TO:

## INT. BATHROOM-WAREHOUSE-NIGHT

Michelle stands in front of a mirror. Painting her face skeleton white. Half skeleton and the other half a clown face.

A knock on the door.

MICHELLE

Coming!

Michelle opens the door.

Kal looks at her face.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)

What?

KAL

You just look cool.

Michelle smiles.

MICHELLE

Let's go.

CUT TO:

## INT. BEDROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

Charlie wheels Lola into the bedroom.

LOLA

For she's a jolly good fellow, for she's a jolly good fellow, for she's a jolly good fellow!!

CUT TO:

### EXT. FRONT YARD-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

The car door slams shut.

CUT TO:

# INT. BEDROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-CONTINUOUS

LOLA

Did you hear that?

CHARLIE

No.

LOLA

She's back with the drinks.

CUT TO:

# EXT. FRONT YARD-SMITH RESIDENCE-CONTINUOUS

Hope steps towards the front door.

A car pulls into the driveway.

Hope drops down to the grass. She hides behind the **brick** wall.

HOPE

Abort, abort!

KAL (V.O.)

What!!

HOPE

We have a situation here!

KAL (V.O.)

We're almost there! Stay put!!

Barry shuts the driver door. Kait walks towards him.

HOPE

The husband is here. A woman too.

CUT TO:

# INT. LIVING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

BARRY

I'm home!

LOLA (O.S.)

Eh!

**BARRY** 

I love you too.

A knock at the door.

Barry steps towards the front door.

The Chief stands in front of Barry.

BARRY (CONT'D)

Chief?

KAL

Can I have a word with your wife, please?

CUT TO:

### EXT. FRONT YARD-SMITH RESIDENCE-CONTINUOUS

A lowrider Cadillac parks at the curb of the sidewalk. The door opens. Michelle steps towards the grass.

JOKER MEMBERS #1 and #2, early 20s.

Joker Member #1 pulls out his gun and cocks it.

MICHELLE (SUBTITLE)

(In Spanish)

Five minutes boys and then it's our turn.

## INT. BEDROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

The bedroom door slams shut.

LOLA

What are you doing!

CHARLIE

Shut up!!

Charlie rushes towards Lola and pulls her back by her hair.

Lola falls to the floor.

Charlie climbs on top of her. She begins to strangle her.

LOLA

Ahh!!

Charlie's hands grip tighter around her throat.

LOLA (CONT'D)

(choke) (gag)

CHARLIE

Die bitch!!

Lola's eyes begin to water and become wide. She fights to breathe. Her eyes close and she starts to lose the strength in her limbs.

BARRY (O.S.)

Lola!!

CUT TO:

### INT. LIVING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

Barry looks at the top of the stairs.

Charlie steps down the stairs slowly. Her eyes on the Chief.

She's dead. Satisfied?

A smile forms on the Chief's face.

Barry grabs his gun from behind his back. He aims it at Charlie.

BARRY

Bitch!!

Shots are fired.

CUT TO:

# EXT. FRONT YARD-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT

Sirens sound.

MICHELLE

Oh shit! It's five-o!!

Michelle rushes to the passenger door and sits.

Joker Member #1 sits in the driver seat and starts the ignition.

The lowrider drives away.

Joker Member #2 runs after the lowrider.

JOKER MEMBER #2 (SUBTITLE)

(In Spanish)

You bunch of assholes!! You forgot me!!

CUT TO:

# EXT. CEMETERY-DAY

At the end of the hole, Lucas looks down at the **casket**. From above, a tear drips down his cheek, hitting the steel top. Lucas drops a rose.

Russ wraps his arm around Lucas and Raquel.

RAQUEL

(sob)

RUSS

Come on.

Russ looks across. His eyes on Barry. Barry looks at Lola.

Russ steps away.

Barry steps towards Russ. He touches Russ's shoulder.

BARRY

No hard feelings?

Russ pushes Barry away. Russ walks by with Lucas and Raquel.

Barry looks at Lola.

Rosa steps towards Lola's wheelchair.

ROSA

Let's go, Miss Lola.

Rosa pushes the wheelchair off the grass.

CUT TO:

## INT. OFFICE-WAREHOUSE-DAY

A newspaper drops to a desk.

Michelle pounds her fists down in frustration.

MICHELLE

Ahh!!! Motherfucker!!

Joker Member #1 stands beside her.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)

I should've done it myself. You can't trust anyone these days.

JOKER MEMBER #1

What now?

MICHELLE

We move on, I guess.

JOKER MEMBER #1

To what?

MICHELLE

With Kevin's help.

Michelle picks up a newspaper photograph of two waitresses.

MICHELLE (CONT'D)
I found two more members of his family.
(laugh)

CUT TO:

### EXT. EVERGLADES-DAY

SUPER: ONE MONTH LATER

An **airboat** drives through the water. It parks close to the dock.

Kal looks back at Charlie.

KAL

We're here! (laugh)

Charlie smiles.

Hope ties a rope around the cleat.

Charlie steps onto the dock.

Kal grabs his backpack and steps off the airboat.

KAL (CONT'D)

See you soon?

HOPE

Yeah.

KAL

Take your time.

Kal and Charlie step away.

CUT TO:

## EXT. YACHT-NIGHT

Kal lies on top of Charlie. He goes back and forth.

CHARLIE

(moan)

KAL

(moan) (grunt) Kal sits up.

KAL (CONT'D)

(breath)

Kal pulls his pants up. He stands up.

KAL (CONT'D)

Do you want a drink?

CHARLIE

No.

Kal reaches into the **cooler** and grabs a **water bottle**. He opens the bottle and gulps down the water.

KAL

(breath)

Charlie wraps herself up in the blanket and steps towards the ledge. She looks at the lights.

Kal looks at what Charlie is looking at.

KAL (CONT'D)

Beautiful aren't they. Fireflies. They attract their mates.

CUT TO:

### INT. LIVING ROOM-SMITH RESIDENCE-NIGHT-FLASHBACK

Charlie's lifeless body lies on the floor of the living room.

Barry looks around the living room.

**BARRY** 

Where's Kait!

CHARLIE (V.O.)

Interesting! You know what happens
to the mate?

KAL

What?

CHARLIE

The female eats him.

CUT TO:

### EXT. YACHT-BACK TO PRESENT

Charlie turns her back to him.

CHARLIE

(sob)

Charlie aims the gun at Kal. She pulls the trigger. Charlie drops the blanket to the floor.

Kal feels his chest. He looks at the blood on his fingertips.

Charlie aims for Kal's head and fires a shot.

Kal falls over the ledge.

Hope rushes to the top of the stairsteps. She stops and looks at Charlie.

HOPE

Bitch!!

Charlie fires a shot.

Hope falls to the floor.

Charlie steps towards Hope.

HOPE (CONT'D)

(qurqle)

Hope covers the bullet wound in her throat with little strength she has left.

CHARLIE

So long!

Charlie steps down the stairs. She steps onto a **motorboat**. Charlie starts the motor and speeds off, heading towards land.

CUT TO:

### INT. CLASSROOM-ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-DAY

SUPER: EIGHT YEARS LATER

In a classroom full of Sixth grade students. Charlie sits at her desk.

The bell rings.

Charlie gets up.

Have a nice summer!

The students rush out of the classroom.

Charlie steps towards the doorway and switches off the light.

CUT TO:

#### INT. LIVING ROOM-DAY

Charlie steps into the living room. She sits down on the sofa and leans her back.

CHARLIE

(breath)

Charlie looks at a photograph of her with Lucas and Raquel.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

I'm coming home guys.

CUT TO:

#### INT. TAXI-DAY

Charlie looks around at the scenery of Los Angeles, knowing nothing much has changed over eight years, just the ages of time and people.

CUT TO:

### INT. FIELD-MILITARY SCHOOL-DAY

MARINE #1, #2 and #3. All eighteen years old.

DRILL SERGEANT, mid 40s.

The Drill Sergeant marches to the middle of the field.

DRILL SERGEANT

Left, left! Left, left!

A young man marches and follows Marine #3. LUCAS, 18. Impulsive at times but energetic and adventurous.

Lucas looks in the back of the bleachers. He sees Charlie in a bright yellow dress.

(wave)

A woman looks at Charlie. RAQUEL, 20. A college student. Strong-minded, and an independent young woman.

Charlie looks at Raquel. She smiles.

CUT TO:

### EXT. PARKING LOT-MILITARY SCHOOL-DAY

Raquel hugs Lucas. Her arms wrap tightly around his back.

RAQUEL

I'm proud of you little brother.

Raquel kisses him on the cheek. She backs away and touches his face.

RAQUEL (CONT'D)

Dad would be proud of you too.

Raquel looks back at Charlie.

RAQUEL (CONT'D)

I'll meet you at the car.

Raquel steps away.

Lucas steps towards the bleachers.

LUCAS

We thought you were --

CHARLIE

-- Dead -- no. I used a body of a girl as a decoy.

LUCAS

You lied --

CHARLIE

I had to. Sometimes you do stuff, even when it's wrong and it's to keep the ones you love safe.

LUCAS

So, you let a dead girl take your place so you can come back and make amends for time that you missed.

How can I make it up to you?

LUCAS

Be around. Make things right for the ones that you hurt. Stop being like the one that broke up your marriage.

A young woman steps towards the bleachers. HALLIE, 18. College student. A sweet and caring woman, expecting her first child with Lucas.

HALLIE

Is everything alright?

Lucas looks back at Hallie.

LUCAS

We're good!

Lucas looks at Charlie.

LUCAS (CONT'D)

My wife.

CHARLIE

Wife?

LUCAS

Yes. She's expecting too.

CHARLIE

Wow! Congratulations.

LUCAS

Do you want to join us for dinner?

CHARLIE

Sure.

Lucas turns around. He walks towards Hallie and wraps his arm around her back.

LUCAS

Hallie, this is my mom, Charlie?

HALLIE

Look, a ghost!

CHARLIE

A smart one too. It's nice to meet you.

HALLIE

Same.

Lucas walks with Hallie.

CUT TO:

#### INT. DINING AREA-RESTAURANT-NIGHT

Gathered around a table. Hallie sits next to Lucas. Her hand grabs onto his. Lucas looks at her and smiles.

Charlie cuts into her steak and takes a bite.

CHARLIE

So, how long have you been married?

LUCAS

A couple of weeks.

Raquel looks at Charlie. She sets her fork down.

RAQUEL

Mind if I ask you a question?

CHARLIE

No.

RAQUEL

Why didn't you come back?

CHARLIE

I didn't want to risk your safety. You were safer with your father.

RAQUEL

We needed you.

CHARLIE

I know. I'm sorry for the way things went. I was a mess. My personal life erupted and I made a mistake.

Charlie looks at Lucas and then back at Raquel.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

I want to be in your lives now. If I'm allowed.

Charlie lowers her head.

Hallie looks at Lucas and then at Raquel. She reaches for Charlie's hand.

Charlie smiles and touches Hallie's hand with hers.

Lucas grabs a hold of Charlie's hand.

RAQUEL

What the hell!

Raquel grabs Charlie by her wrist.

RAQUEL (CONT'D)

Back together again.

CUT TO:

# INT. SKATING RINK-NIGHT

Skating with Lucas and Raquel.

"Fly Away" by Lenny Kravitz plays.

Lucas looks at Hallie.

LUCAS

How am I doing!

HALLIE

You're doing great babe!

Charlie closes her eyes. She lifts her arms up, feeling the air brushing through her hair.

CUT TO:

### INT. LOBBY-HOTEL-DAY

Charlie steps towards a wall full of missing person's posters. She looks at each one and comes across Kait's. She looks at her face.

CUT TO:

## INT. LIBRARY-DAY

Charlie sits in front of a computer. She types out Kait's name.

### COMPUTER SCREEN

Kait's picture appears with a phone number underneath it.

BACK TO SCENE

Charlie pulls out her cell phone and dials in the phone number. She puts the cell phone to her ear.

ROSE (V.O.)

Hello?

CHARLIE

Hello? I have some information about Kait.

ROSE (V.O.)

Yes? What is it?

CHARLIE

Are you sitting down?

ROSE (V.O.)

(gasp)

CUT TO:

## EXT. CEMETERY-DAY

ROSE, 40. A homemaker. A mother dealing with her daughter missing for eight years. A caring and humble woman.

Charlie's eyes closed. She opens them and looks at Rose.

Rose looks at Charlie.

CHARLIE

I'm sorry --

-- Rose slaps Charlie across the face. She steps away. Charlie feels her face.

At another tombstone, Charlie stands.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

You did good, Russ. We have good kids and their happy. I hope you found it in your heart to forgive me.

Charlie turns around.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

I'm sorry.

She steps away.

CUT TO:

## INT. BEDROOM-NIGHT

Hallie stands in front of a mirror. She touches her stomach.

## MONTAGE

- -- Hallie at three months.
- -- Hallie at six months.
- -- Hallie at nine months.

BACK TO SCENE

Hallie feels around her stomach.

HALLIE

Daddy will be home soon.

Hallie steps away from the mirror.

CUT TO:

# INT. KITCHEN-DAY

Charlie stands at the sink, washing **silverware**. She sets them down in the **dish rack**.

HALLIE

Charlie!!

Charlie rushes into the bedroom.

CUT TO:

## INT. BEDROOM-DAY

Charlie stops and looks at Hallie.

HALLIE

What is it!

Hallie looks down at her legs. A big wet spot in between her pants.

Charlie looks down. She smiles.

CUT TO:

INT. TAXI-DAY

HALLIE

(breath)

CHARLIE

That's right. (breath)

TAXI DRIVER, early 20s.

TAXI DRIVER

What's up with all the breathing back there!

The Taxi Driver looks at the wet spot between Hallie's stomach and crotch.

TAXI DRIVER (CONT'D)

Oh shit!!

HALLIE

(breath)

Take a picture, it last longer!!

The Taxi Driver opens the driver door.

TAXI DRIVER

I'm out of here!

The Taxi Driver rushes off, leaving the taxi with Charlie and Hallie.

CHARLIE

Asshole!!

HALLIE

What are we going to do now?!

Charlie looks at Hallie's stomach and Hallie.

CUT TO:

## INT. WAITING ROOM-HOSPITAL-DAY

Raquel sits in the waiting room. She looks at her watch and then looks around.

CUT TO:

#### INT. TAXI-CONTINUOUS

Hallie grips her hand onto the head rest.

HALLIE

(pant) (breath)

Charlie looks away as her hands are on the head.

CHARLIE

One more push, Hallie!

HALLIE

(yell)

CUT TO:

## INT. WAITING ROOM-HOSPITAL-CONTINUOUS

PARAMEDIC #1 and #2. Early 30s.

Hallie rests on the **gurney** with the newborn while Paramedic #1 pushes and Paramedic #2 directs the gurney down the hallway.

Raquel stands up and looks at Hallie.

Charlie steps into the waiting room.

RAQUEL

Mom?

Charlie smiles. She closes her eyes and passes out on the floor.

RAQUEL (CONT'D)

Mom!

CUT TO:

## INT. PATIENT ROOM-HOSPITAL-DAY

Charlie opens her eyes. She looks at Hallie, Lucas and Raquel.

CHARLIE

Am I dead?

RAQUEL

No.

LUCAS

Thank you for what you did.

Hallie steps towards Charlie, holding the newborn.

HALLIE

Do you want to hold her?

CHARLIE

Sure.

Hallie hands the newborn to Charlie.

Charlie holds her close, rocking her gently.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

She's beautiful.

Lucas wraps his arm around Hallie.

LUCAS

She does get it from me.

HALLIE

(roll eyes)

Right.

CHARLIE

What'd you name her?

LUCAS

After her grandmother.

Charlie looks at Hallie and then at Lucas. She smiles.

CHARLIE

Beautiful name.

Charlie looks at the newborn sleep.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Beautiful girl.

CUT TO:

# INT. BEDROOM-DAY (DREAM SEQUENCE)

Charlie steps towards the bedroom window. She looks down in the back yard.

Lucas stands at the barbeque grill.

Hallie sets the picnic table.

Kal steps towards Hallie and wraps his arms around her waist.

KAL

(laugh)

CHARLIE

Hallie!!

Kal appears behind Charlie.

KAL

(laugh)

Kal drives a pitchfork through her stomach.

CUT TO:

# INT. BEDROOM-DAY (END DREAM SEQUENCE)

Charlie sits up.

CHARLIE

(breath)

Charlie stands up from the bed and steps towards the window. She sees Hallie sitting at the picnic table.

CUT TO:

## EXT. BACK YARD-DAY

Hallie sits and nurses the newborn. She looks at Charlie in the window.

Lucas puts the **grilled hamburgers** on a **pan** and walks them over to the table.

HALLIE

Do you think your mom is feeling alright with this new arrangement?

LUCAS

She's fine.

Hallie looks away.

CUT TO:

# INT. LOBBY-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DAY

Charlie steps up to the front desk.

FRONT DESK LADY, late 40s.

FRONT DESK LADY

Can I help you?

CHARLIE

May I speak to the chief?

FRONT DESK LADY

He's out for the day. How --

The Front Desk Lady looks to the wall and sees a photograph of Charlie.

FRONT DESK LADY (CONT'D)

It's you! I thought you were dead!!

CHARLIE

No. I'm very much alive. Is there anyone else that I can talk to. Barry Smith?

FRONT DESK LADY

Oh. You don't know.

CHARLIE

What?

FRONT DESK LADY

Barry's dead.

CHARLIE

How?

FRONT DESK LADY

Car bombing.

CHARLIE

His wife?

FRONT DESK LADY

Also deceased.

Charlie pounds her fist on the counter.

CHARLIE

Shit! Barry's son! What about him?

FRONT DESK LADY

Nick? I can page him.

CHARLIE

That works.

CUT TO:

#### INT. COFFEE SHOP-DAY

Sitting across from a man. A **wedding ring** he wears proudly. His hazel eyes shine from the sun hitting them. NICHOLAS, 38. Police detective. A down to earth man with a big heart. He takes a sip from his coffee cup.

CHARLIE

I'm glad we could see each other, you know, after all these years.

Nicholas sets his coffee cup down.

NICHOLAS

It's not a problem.

CHARLIE

Man, how far you have come.

**NICHOLAS** 

I was just a rookie detective, trying to make this place better.

Nicholas looks away.

NICHOLAS (CONT'D)

I'm sorry for what happened between you and my father. I really hated him.

CHARLIE

Is that why you didn't want to work with him?

NICHOLAS

I didn't want my wife working with him.

CHARLIE

Can you tell me why you hated him?

Nicholas leans towards her.

NICHOLAS

Do you promise not to say anything to anyone?

CHARLIE

Yes.

NICHOLAS

You know how a family has a secret, a dirty one. Only it's not dirty, it's something that breaks your mother's heart. It broke two hearts. My adoptive mother and my biological mother. My adoptive mother was already married to him, and he was out there, having sex with any woman that had a pulse or a heartbeat. It was her sister that got pregnant. Well, that's going on, my adoptive mother has a miscarriage. Good timing, huh?

CHARLIE

Yes.

NICHOLAS

He goes to the sister and tells her to give me to my adoptive mother. The sister had every right to hate him for that. Me too. He covered his tracks with his sin.

CHARLIE

How did you find out?

**NICHOLAS** 

He blurted it out in anger towards me. Telling me that my aunt was really my mother. I never spoke to him after that. My mother, I couldn't turn my back on her. She died happy knowing I loved her.

CHARLIE

What happened to the sister?

NICHOLAS

Ten months after having her second baby, she was murdered.

CHARLIE

Wow! I'm sorry.

NICHOLAS

Yes, it's tragic but it was a long time ago. Now you know.

CHARLIE

Michelle.

NICHOLAS

Michelle?

CHARLIE

She told me about your grandfather, a one-night stand her grandmother had with him. What happened to her?

**NICHOLAS** 

I wouldn't worry about her. She's dead.

CHARLIE

How?

NICHOLAS

My father killed her.

CHARLIE

Dang!

**NICHOLAS** 

Yeah.

Nicholas takes a sip from the coffee cup.

NICHOLAS (CONT'D)

So, you want a recommendation to get your old job back?

CHARLIE

Yes, if you could?

NICHOLAS

No problem.

Nicholas stands to his feet.

NICHOLAS (CONT'D)

Sorry, I have to go. My little girl is waiting for me.

CHARLIE

What's her name?

**NICHOLAS** 

Faith.

CHARLIE

Pretty name.

Nicholas pulls a ten-dollar bill from his pocket and lays it flat on the table.

NICHOLAS

That should cover the whole tip.

CHARLIE

Nick?

NICHOLAS

Yeah?

CHARLIE

Thank you. For sharing. It's good to be surrounded by someone that I can call a friend.

**NICHOLAS** 

Your welcome.

Nicholas steps towards the door.

NICHOLAS (CONT'D)

Have a good day.

Charlie smiles. Her hands rest against her head, holding her head up from hitting the table. The details of his story pierce her heart.

CHARLIE

Oh lord!

CUT TO:

## INT. BEDROOM-DAY

Charlie puts her gun in her holster.

CHARLIE

Duty calls.

CUT TO:

# INT. OFFICE-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DAY

A cup of coffee in her hand.

Charlie looks back at Nicholas's empty desk.

CHARLIE

Where's Smith?

DETECTIVE #3. Early 30s.

DETECTIVE #1

He called in sick.

CHARLIE

Hmm -- I hope he's fine.

Charlie sits. She looks at the newspaper.

CUT TO:

# INT. KITCHEN-DAY

Charlie washes a plate.

Hallie steps past Charlie.

HALLIE

I wish you wouldn't wash those.

CHARLIE

It's fine.

HALLIE

That's why we have a dishwasher.

Hallie opens the back door and steps out. The door slams shut.

CUT TO:

## INT. LIVING ROOM-DAY

The front door opens slowly. Hope peeks her head in. She steps in. She smiles.

CUT TO:

#### INT. KITCHEN-DAY

Hope looks at Charlie. An evil smile on her face. Hope steps towards her and drives a knife into her back. "Everybody Play the Fool" by The Main Ingredient plays.

A spark erupts in her.

CHARLIE (V.O.)

Futuristic shit!

A shot is fired.

Hope falls to the floor. A bullet to the head. Hope stares off into space.

CUT TO:

## INT. BEDROOM-DAY

Charlie rocks the newborn gently in her arms.

CHARLIE

So much for being subtle. Don't you agree, Charlie.

Charlie stands up.

"No Tomorrow" by MAD FVN plays.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Come on, grandmas got a duty to get out of the house. Besides the one in your diaper.

TITLE CARD: WOLVES IN SHEEPS CLOTHING

FADE OUT:

THE END