# Beyond Suspicion

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## FADE IN:

1. INSERT - COMPUTER SCREEN.

PRESSES ENTER KEY TO COMPLETE TRANSACTION.

Hand presses Enter Key.

SCREEN READINGS

TRANSFER COMPLETED.

2. EXT. AERIAL VIEW OF WASHINGTON D.C. - DAY

REPORT (V.O.)

The market was in a total chaos today since the press release of the Faulkner Corporation, which suffered misappropriation of funds in the millions of dollars, this is the biggest case and a challenge for the newly appointed Chief of Financial crimes operations of the FBI, Agent Patricia Dupree, who took office just last week. The weather is clear...

3. INT./EXT. DUPREE HOUSEHOLD - DAY

PATRICIA DUPREE walks the stairs coming to the living Room and 16-YEAR-OLD BRIANNA DUPREE is with her 10-YEAR-OLD CORY DUPREE sitting in the living room. Cory plays video game, Brianna listen to music. AMANDA, the housekeeper, brings suitcase.

AMANDA

Good morning, Mrs. Dupree.

Good morning, Amanda. Did Mr. Dupree call?

AMANDA

No, Mrs. Dupree.

PATRICIA

(to the children)
Good morning, children.

Cory doesn't look at his mother.

CORY

Hi, mom.

Brianna closes her eyes and dances with the music's beat.

Patricia takes the headset off Brianna's ears.

PATRICIA

Good morning!

BRIANNA

Hi, mom. Good luck today.

Patricia leaves the house, SAMANTHA, personal secretary waits outside. TWO SECURITY GUARDS stand by the car.

Samantha gives Patricia some papers.

SAMANTHA

Good morning, Mrs. Dupree, this is for the press conference today.

## 4. INT - FBI HEADQUATERS - DAY

Patricia Dupree sits on her desk reading the files in the computer when AGENT DERRICK BOWLES enters.

DERRICK

Good morning, Mrs. Dupree.

Just call me Pat, you know I am not to fond of formalities.

DERRICK

(smiling)

Kind of hard to understand with your position and all.

PATRICIA

How long have we known each other?

DERRICK

Five years.

PATRICIA

So, you've known me before I got this position and you always called me Pat, what is your excuse now?

DERRICK

Ok, Pat. You win. What do you think of the Faulkner fiasco?

PATRICIA

This is the work of the Chameleon, isn't it?

DERRICK

It is getting to hard to trace this guy, he is always ahead of the game somehow, we think he has someone from the inside working for him.

PATRICIA

Please, don't even say that, You think that one of ours is helping him? That is preposterous!

DERRICK

He's been operating for over ten years, and we hope that you can bring him down.

I guess that will be my first assignment and the test of my worth.

Samantha, the secretary enters.

SAMANTHA

Mrs. Dupree, the press conference is ready.

Patricia gets up, turns the screen off and walks out of the room.

## 5. INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

REPORTERS fill the room; a table at the end of the room sits Patricia Dupree, Derrick Bowles and AGENT PATRICK SWAN. Patricia reads a paper and places herself over the microphone.

## PATRICIA

Good afternoon, all of you, I agreed with this interview to show that the FBI is a public service and as such the American people has the right to know that we are here to protect and ensure that our great country remain safe and that we have the best staff to ensure their security.

### REPORTER # 1

Agent Dupree, tell us what about the Faulkner scandal? Millions of Dollars have disappeared, can your people find where the money is or who is the mastermind?

I assure you that we will use our expertise to bring down this perpetrator. He will not be able to do that again and as a matter of fact, I challenge him to con any other company now that I am the head of this operation.

### REPORTER # 2

How is the feeling in your department as your appointment are they accepting the fact that you are a woman?

#### PATRICIA

Does your Station inquire your abilities because of your gender?

Reporters chuckle all around. Patricia looks at SYLVESTER DUPREE entering the room; he waves to her and hides behind a wall.

## PATRICIA

I've been working for the FBI for the last eight years, and in all these years I've been treated with respect and professionalism of my colleagues, I am confident that I will utilize my knowledge and the help of my wonderful staff to bring a resolution many of the unsolved cases. The Faulkner Corporation now is our top priority, but we will not ignore any other cases because a crime is a crime and punishment must be the price of it. I thank you all for coming.

Patricia gets up, Reporters AD LIB chatters. Patricia walks towards Sylvester, TWO SECURITY GUARDS push reporters away, Patricia and Sylvester kiss.

SYLVESTER

Let's have some Italian?

PATRICIA How did you know?

## 6. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

REPORTER AND CAMERAMAN points to Patricia and Sylvester.

## REPORTER (V.O.)

Agent Patricia Dupree, newly appointed the Head of Financial crimes division of the FBI did not voice any concern about the criticism towards her appointment, as the first woman ever to hold her position. As most know Agent Dupree is the wife of former Sport Newscaster for the KNPX Sylvester Dupree, and she is also a mother with two children. The public opinion regards to her appointment is controversial but it is too soon to drawn any conclusions on the matter according to the political analysts. Reporting live from Washington, FBI Headquarters, this is Claudia Simpson, back to you.

## 7. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Patricia and Sylvester walk the hallway. Security Guards impeach the Reporters from following Patricia

SYLVESTER

You look stressed, honey.

PATRICIA

What do you think?
I got a big trouble case on my hands.

SYLVESTER

All your cases have been trouble, it never stopped from being yourself.

PATRICIA

Didn't you hear the press conference? Your friends out there are trying to say I am incompetent for being a woman! SYLVESTER

I am sure that you will prove them wrong, so. Let's go?

PATRICIA

I can't right now.
I scheduled a meeting with
my staff, but I can meet you at
the restaurant?

SYLVESTER Okay, how long will you be?

PATRICIA

It will not be long, how about I call you when I'm done?

Patricia stops in front of an office, they kiss.

8. INT. FAULKNER CORPORATION HEADQUATERS - DAY

THEODORE FAULKNER sits with TEN ASSOCIATES. ROBERT AMES, SERGIO LOPEZ and EIGHT OTHERS sit in the conference room.

THEODORE

We must cooperate with the FBI in releasing all financial (pause) I am confident that with our effort working with them we will have a chance to recover at least some of our losses.

ROBERT

How are we going to keep operating some our subsidiaries without the funds? How about the employees?

THEODORE

I ordered a lay off.

The associates chatter.

THEODORE

It had to be done. We didn't have enough capital to run the payroll.

SERGIO

How many we had to lay off?

THEODORE

Two thousand from the Manhattan Office and five hundred from the Los Angeles office.

ROBERT

What information do we need to release to the FBI?

THEODORE

Every dealing with Edmund Fort.

# 9. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Patricia sits with agent Derrick.

PATRICIA

Did the Faulkner Corporation provided the information we've requested?

DERRICK

Not yet. They are still gathering release of information from their clients.

PATRICIA

I'm quite sure their clients will understand the urgency of these proceedings.

Derrick gets up.

DERRICK

You need some rest.

(picking up purse)

No, I need some food.

## 10. INT. ITALIAN RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Sylvester and Patricia sit at the table eating pasta.

SYLVESTER

(mockingly)

I am so happy you could attend this meeting, agent Dupree.

PATRICIA

(smiling)

Oh, cut that out.

SYLVESTER

You still look uptight, I was just thinking, after this wonderful dinner, a movie?

PATRICIA

May be, so how come you didn't call me when you arrived?

SYLVESTER

I just wanted to surprise you.

PATRICIA

I really missed you, the kids missed you too. Are you leaving us soon?

SYLVESTER

Not until two month from now, I am covering the Tennis Tournament.

PATRICIA

I wish I were there with you, tell me about it.

SYLVESTER

It is really amazing, the soccer fans were really emotional, I always had the hopes that soccer can be one day big here.

PATRICIA

I doubt that.

SYLVESTER

I really want to take you and the kids next World Cup, would you like that?

PATRICIA

Honey, did you forget I have my duties here?

SYLVESTER

Well, while I work you could spot for crooks amongst the Stadium, even in the soccer field.

PATRICIA

(laughing)

Why are you telling me these things? I am sure you didn't want to get me to have dinner and give me a report of your World Cup experience.

### SYLVESTER

See, you are laughing from my nonsense, I want you to lighten up, my dear, you are becoming too serious, where is my girl?

PATRICIA

I am sure you understand, I am the newest Chief of Operations of the FBI Financial Crimes Division, what would you expect of me? Sylvester picks up a small box and gives to Patricia.

SYLVESTER

You are Patricia Dupree, and I love you.

Patricia opens the box, a diamond ring is inside.

PATRICIA

(gasps)

Honey! It is beautiful,
it must cost you a fortune!

SYLVESTER

They say that a diamond is forever, just like us.

Sylvester places the ring on Patricia's finger.

SYLVESTER

I change my mind about the movie, I have something more romantic in mind.

CORY

PATRICIA

(smiling)

So do I.

## 11. EXT./INT. DUPREE'S HOME - DAY

Sylvester Dupree arrives at the house and enters carrying box of presents. Brianna is playing video game with Cory.

BRIANNA

Dad! Hi dad!

SYLVESTER

Hello kids!

Brianna and Cory walk to their father and pick up the boxes of presents. Sylvester gives one box to Cory and five boxes to Brianna.

CORY

That's not fair, why does she gets five and I get one?

Sylvester places his arms around Cory.

SYLVESTER

Listen, she is a girl, and girls always will get more gifts than boys.

Brianna chuckles.

CORY

Since when?

SYLVESTER

When you grow up you will understand that girls are more complicated, and we have to buy several presents and chances are they will only like one or two.

BRIANNA

Dad!

Cory laughs. Sylvester picks up a bag, gives it to Cory.

SYLVESTER

I have another present for you.

Cory picks up a soccer ball.

CORY

Oh my gosh! You got Ronaldo's autograph! Thanks dad!

SYLVESTER

Come, I'll take you guys out for breakfast.

BRIANNA

How about mom?

SYLVESTER

You know, she got a very important job now.

CORY

(upset)

I guess her job is more important than us. Besides she is a big boss now.

SYLVESTER

Don't say that, she loves all of us, she has a very tough job to do and we should be on her side, OK?

Brianna smells a perfume bottle.

BRIANNA

Come on, dad, I'm hungry.

Sylvester, Brianna and Cory walk towards the door, Amanda walks in.

AMANDA

Mr. Dupree! Good morning!

SYLVESTER

Good morning, Amanda, I'm going out with the children, Wait!

Sylvester picks up two boxes from a bag.

SYLVESTER

This is for you, and this is for your daughter.

**AMANDA** 

Thank you Mr. Dupree.

Sylvester walks out, the SECURITY GUARD outside nods.

SECURITY GUARD

Good morning, Mr. Dupree.

SYLVESTER

Good morning, Joe.

Cory, Brianna and Sylvester enter the car.

CORY

(looking at the security guard)
I wish Mom worked somewhere else.

SYLVESTER

Why?

CORY

I fell weird with all this security guards around us. Tell me dad, is mommy in a dangerous mission?

BRIANNA

Give me a break, Cory, Mom works getting the corporate crooks, not guys with guns.

SYLVESTER

Don't worry, my son.
I assure you, your mother is not
in any danger. These security guards
are just required because of her
position, besides they keep a good eye
on the house.

Sylvester turns the ignition on and drives off with his children.

## 12. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Patricia and Derrick look at files. Derrick handles seven files.

DERRICK

Star Corporation in Memphis, ninety-eight Dunn Corporation in Dallas, ninety-nine L.A. Money exchange on two thousand three.

Patricia reads the files, picks up other files and keeps reading.

PATRICIA

John Hart, Patrick O'Hara, Hans Schmidt, Eduardo Montenegro, Paul Finch, Terrence Williams and Edmund Fort. DERRICK

These are his known aliases.

PATRICIA

Aliases? Couldn't that be their accomplices too?

DERRICK

All of them avoided camera, our archives indicate that his personnel files mysteriously disappeared after the companies suffered the loss of funds.

PATRICIA

Are these companies still in operation?

DERRICK

Yes, but some of them had to merge in order to maintain their operations.

PATRICIA

Let's gather our task force, I'll be there in a minute.

## 13. INT. MOVIE THEATRE - DAY

Sylvester watch movie with the children.

SYLVESTER

(whispering)

I'm going to the bathroom, then I'm going to get more popcorn, do you want something else?

CORY

Just more soda.

Cory and Brianna don't pay attention. Sylvester gets up and enters the bathroom.

### 14. INT. FBI CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

Patricia stands in front of a panel with writings. Company names. SEVEN AGENTS sit around the table.

INSERT - PANEL

STAR CORPORATION DUNN CORPORATION L.A. MARKET EXCHANGE F & R INDUSTRIES.

Patricia look at the panels and reads through them.

PATRICIA

This is the work of the Chameleon.

She stops in front of the panel, look at the agents.

### PATRICIA

In the past ten years, these are some of the companies that been victimized by the Chameleon.

A total of fifteen, seven of them here In the U.S. two in Canada and six in Europe. Our intelligence is gathering information in cooperation with the Interpol to retrieve the European records.

### DERRICK

You will be assigned to work undercover In all these companies, and you will be also have access to their prior records.

#### PATRICIA

Your identity will only be known by the upper management of the company.

Samantha passes folders to the agents.

## PATRICIA

There are specific instructions you must follow, these are the names used by the Chameleon on these companies, you will gather a report of all his dealings until the misappropriation of funds. Good luck to all of you.

The agents leave, Derrick follows them. Samantha enters the room.

SAMANTHA

Mrs. Dupree, Theodore Faulkner on line one.

PATRICIA

(picking up the phone)
Thank you, Sam.

PATRICIA

Agent Dupree, speaking.

THEODORE (V.O.)

Mrs. Dupree, we have the information you requested about the transactions done by Edmund Fort, would you like to have your people to pick it up?

PATRICIA

I'll go myself, Mr. Faulkner, how about at five?

THEODORE (V.O.) I will be waiting.

## 15. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Patricia walks the hallway towards her office, TWO SECURITY GUARDS approach.

PATRICIA

What happened?

The security guard opens Patricia office's door, a vase with roses is on top of the table.

SECURITY GUARD

Mrs. Dupree, this came approximately at tree fifteen, and we have inspected the flowers.

Of course you have inspected, isn't this a standard protocol with all our mail?

SECURITY GUARD

Yes, ma'am. There was this.

The security guard handles her a card.

INSERT - CARD.

GREETINGS, AGENT DUPREE I AM TAKING YOUR CHALLENGE. REMEMBER WHEN THE TARGET IS TOO CLOSE YOU LOSE FOCUS AND BECOMES BLINDED.
Patricia opens the card.

INSERT - CARD

The card has a PICTURE OF A CHAMELEON.

PATRICIA

Get agent Bowles, now!

16. EXT. MOVIE THEATHRE - LATE AFTERNOON.

Sylvester, Brianna and Cory walk towards the car.

SYLVESTER

That was a funny movie, wasn't it?

CORY

Dad, do we have to go home now?

SYLVESTER

I want be home for dinner when mom is there. (looks at watch)
I guess we have some more time, what do you guys have in mind?

CORY

Arcade!

SYLVESTER

(sighs)

Okay, you win.

Brianna and Cory hug their father.

CORY

Can I go to your next news work?

SYLVESTER

I'm covering the tennis tournament, would you like that?

CORY

I guess I'm going to sleep in that one, I'll pass.

Sylvester, Cory and Brianna enter the car; Sylvester drives off.

## 17. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Derrick, Patricia, AGENT PHILLIP THOMPSON and CARL SUMMERS watch the front door surveillance tape.

INSERT - SCREEN

A BLOND MAN with mustache and beard wearing a red uniform and a hat delivers the flowers to the front security. The security inspects the flowers, the blond man walks across the street away from the camera.

BACK TO SCENE

DERRICK

If I am not mistaken this is the uniform of the Flower Co, on Mission Boulevard, let's get some agents there now.

# 18. INT. FLOWER SHOP - DAY

Agent Phil and Agent Summers stand in front of the counter, THE ATTENDANT looks at pictures.

PHIL

Does he work here?

ATTENDANT

This is our uniform, all right, But I never seen this dude, We got two delivery guys, they ain't nothing like this.

PHIL

Have you sold any roses in the past our?

ATTENDANT

Sure, dozens of it.

PHIL

Do you have any receipts, records?

ATTENDANT

You gotta be kidding me, uh? Why would I keep records from selling flowers?

SUMMERS

Do you at least remember how these people look like when they bought roses?

ATTENDANT

Two guys, one lady with a girl, I don't remember.

Agent Phil looks around and sees a security camera.

PHIL

(points at the camera) Where is the tape for that?

ATTENDANT

There ain't no tape, this is only for looks to scare off the crooks.

SUMMERS

(mockingly)

When a real crook shoots at you, we <u>ain't gonna</u> catch him.

The attendant sighs.

PHIL

Thank you for your cooperation.

## 19. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Patricia Dupree sits with Agent Summers, Phil and Derrick.

PHIL

We've checked every flower shop in the neighborhood, we could not find where he bought the flowers.

PATRICIA

This man is the only fresh link we have with the Chameleon. We must contact the local authorities to issue an A.P.B. for this man.

PHIL

Yes, ma'am.

Agents Phil and Summers leave, Derrick stands up.

PATRICIA

(looking at the screen)
This man is not the link to him.

DERRICK

(frowns)

What do you mean?

PATRICIA

(leans closer to the screen) This man, IS he.

DERRICK

Do you think he would expose He like this? He is too clever for that.

PATRICIA

When the target is too close you lose focus, that what he wrote me. It's a game.

DERRICK

We must reinforce your security, he is getting personal.

PATRICIA

He is not a violent criminal.

DERRICK

I'll be sending more security to your home.

PATRICIA

Thanks, Derrick, I have to go.

## 20. EXT./INT. DUPREE HOME - NIGHT

SECURITY GUARDS surround the property. The Dupree family gathers around the table, Amanda serves dinner.

CORY

Mom, can you tell us why these dogs are outside?

SYLVESTER

Cory, remember what I told you.

PATRICIA

That's all right. (beat)

Patricia sighs and looks at Cory.

PATRICIA

Honey, mommy is working in a special case and it is FBI rules that places them with us when we work these special cases, that's all.

CORY

Mom, I am a kid but I ain't stupid, they are here because you are in danger.

SYLVESTER

That's enough Cory, you don't talk to your mom like this.

CORY

Sorry, mom.

21. INT. DUPRE HOME - BEDROOM - LATE NIGHT

Sylvester and Patricia lay on bed.

PATRICIA

I wish Cory could understand.

SYLVESTER

I'll talk to him.

Sylvester gets up and walks to Cory's room. Cory lies on bed, watching TV.

SYLVESTER

Hey kiddo, wanna talk?

CORY

This show will be out soon.

SYLVESTER

Hey, I know you are upset about mommy's work but you don't have to be.

CORY

Dad, she is never with us. She never has any time for us. You are busy too, what is her excuse?

SYLVESTER

Listen, when I was a kid and I was upset my dad used to take me to the zoo, Would you like to go?

CORY

Sure, why not.

Sylvester kisses Cory's forehead.

SYLVESTER

Don't stay up late.

CORY

Sure, dad.

# 22. INT. STAR CORPORATION - DAY

Agent Phil picks up a cup of coffee passes by THREE EMPLOYEES and looks at the computer files.

INSERT - COMPUTER

INVOICE

TOTAL OF PURCHASES FROM F & R INDUSTRIES

US\$ 500,000 YTD 1998 US\$ 850,000 YTD 1999 US\$ 1,250,000 YTD 2000 US\$ 2,350,000 YTD 2001

END OF REPORT

Phil picks up the cell phone and dials.

PHIL

Derrick, I think we got something.

# 23. EXT./INT. SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL ZOO - DAY

Sylvester and Cory walk the zoo.

CORY

Hey, dad, let's see the snakes!

SYLVESTER

Let's go.

Cory enters the exhibition.

CORY

(looking at a snake)
Hey dad! Can we get a snake?

SYLVESTER

That will freak your mom and sister out.

CORY

(snickering)

Cool, let's do it!

SYLVESTER

Cory, you don't really mean that.

CORY

It's kind of tempting.

SYLVESTER

Hey, let's go with that group.

Sylvester and Cory follow THE ZOO GUIDE and SOME VISITORS.

# 24. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Patricia and Derrick sit across each other. Derrick brings a disk.

DERRICK

Agent Phil just downloaded this, the Star Corporation had transactions over the 4-year period in purchase of goods from F & R industries, it stopped in 2001.

PATRICIA

When the Chameleon attacked F& R. are these companies still doing transactions?

DERRICK

F & R merged with another company after the depletion of funds, since then they acquired a new clientele.

(reading files)

In 1998 the Chameleon conned Star Corporation and they started business transactions with F & R, then he pursued one of the clients.

DERRICK

He was jumping from branch to branch.

PATRICIA

Literally, he is a Chameleon remember. (chuckles) But why would he pick the companies he did?

DERRICK

Perhaps he was making his ground to attack bigger companies, it follows the pattern until he finally hit a bigger fish.

PATRICIA

Did we have any progress in that surveillance video?

DERRICK

We are still working on it.

PATRICIA

How about the local authorities?

DERRICK

We sent that picture to all districts in the D.C. area, we've got nothing so far. I still think he paid this guy to deliver those flowers.

PATRICIA

No, Derrick. It is he.

### 25. INT. DUPREE HOME - NIGHT

Sylvester and Patricia sit on the bedroom, Sylvester reads his mail.

PATRICIA

When are you leaving to New York?

SYLVESTER

The tournament starts on the  $28^{th}$ , I'll be leaving three days before, that gives me more time with you and the kids.

Sylvester shuffles to the envelopes and sees an envelope addressed to Patricia.

SYLVESTER

Hey, honey, you missed this one.

Patricia picks up the envelope and opens.

SYLVESTER

What is it?

PATRICIA

Ten-year College Reunion, Class of ninety-six.

SYLVESTER

I missed mine, last year you don't want to miss that, do you?

PATRICIA

(smiling)

It's kind of tempting to go, specially to look at the faces of some people, I wonder what have become of some of them.

SYLVESTER

Didn't you have friends?

PATRICIA

Let's say that some of them were not the friends I expected them to be. SYLVESTER

I think I know the feeling.

PATRICIA

What do you mean?

SYLVESTER

I remember that my years in College we have a lot of competition and sometimes your best friend could turn out to be your worst enemy.

PATRICIA

Aren't you getting to philosophical?

SYLVESTER

(picking up the invitation)
Here, it will be in two weeks,
I'm sure Uncle Sam will not
miss you over the weekend.

PATRICIA

I don't know, I have too much in my mind.

SYLVESTER

There is something important you are not telling me.

PATRICIA

My dear, we've been over this issue many times, you know I can't discuss my work with anybody.

SYLVESTER

But at least you can tell me why the security personnel doubled in the past week.

PATRICIA

(sighs)

Ok, I guess this I can tell you. (beat)

I got a note from the Chameleon.

SYLVESTER

(frowns)

A note?

PATRICIA

He sent me flowers too.

SYLVESTER

Why didn't you tell me?

PATRICIA

I don't want to worry you.

SYLVESTER

I worry about you and the kids all the time.

PATRICIA

I know how to take care of myself.

SYLVESTER

That's suppose to be my job since the day I married you.

Sylvester embraces Patricia and kisses her passionately.

SYLVESTER

Let's go to your reunion, besides has been a while we don't dance.

PATRICIA

I'll think about it.

They lie on bed and kiss.

26. INT. FAULKNER CORPORATION - DAY

Theodore Faulkner sits with Patricia and Derrick.

THEODORE

Thank you for coming, (clears throat)
As you know, his personnel files are missing. Even the computer information was deleted.

Mr. Faulkner, we are going back to ten years to trace this man, you said he was working under contract, wasn't he a contractor instead of a employee?

### THEODORE

He was an employee for one of our subsidiaries, the Star Corporation.

## DERRICK

The Star Corporation?
This was one of the companies he hit in the nineties.

### THEODORE

We no longer own that company. I had my associates prepare a full report of all Mr. Fort's transactions here and at the Star Corporation.

A SECRETARY enters with files.

## THEODORE

These are the files you've requested from our companies in Europe. They also have been hit by this man.

#### PATRICIA

(browsing through files)
But why wasn't this reported, it
happened over a week ago?

### THEODORE

We got a delayed report that our London subsidiary had four million dollars in missing funds on July  $4^{\rm th}$ , I guess it was a sick way of his Independence Day celebration.

This should have been reported to us.

THEODORE

(nervous)

We did report to the English authorities as well as notified all our clients, you will find the information on these files.

# 27. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Derrick and Patricia read files, Samantha brings folders to the table.

DERRICK

We don't know how we missed this.

PATRICIA

There had been transactions from company to company.

DERRICK

(reading folder)

Edmund Fort withdrew four million Dollars from Bank of London.

PATRICIA

Do we have access to the cameras?

DERRICK

What our agents have informed he is very careful to avoid the cameras.

PATRICIA

It's kind of impossible.

DERRICK

No, he uses several disguises, hats, coats, apparently he likes to visit the banks when it rains or snows, and of course he pays others to make deposits.

It would be suspicious to go to a bank overly dressed in a sunny day, but how come he does that? We are talking about ten years here.

DERRICK

(showing pictures)
These are from our archives,
for ten years these is all we
have of visual of him, the sketch
artists come up with several looks
and we can't match any of the
descriptions.

PATRICIA

That's why he calls himself the Chameleon, he blends in, he is a master of disguise.

DERRICK

But his latest move probably will be his downfall.

PATRICIA

You told me that we haven't any progress on that.

DERRICK

We will, Pat.

Derrick stands up.

PATRICIA

Let's sort this out tomorrow, Then we can get our field agents and put together this puzzle.

DERRICK

Aren't you coming, it's late.

PATRICIA

I want to be here for a while.

DERRICK

Good night, Pat.

Good night, Derrick.

Derrick leaves the room; Patricia picks up the files and reads.

# 28. EXT. FAULKNER HOME - NIGHT

Theodore Faulkner sits in the living room drinking. BARBARA FAULKNER arrives and sits by his side.

BARBARA

How did it go today with the FBI?

THEODORE

Fine, I guess.

BARBARA

You seem tense, come to bed.

THEODORE

I'll be there soon.

BARBARA

I'm sure the FBI will find this man, he will pay for it.

THEODORE

Yes, they will, just go on, I'll be right up.

Barbara leaves the room.

THEODORE FLASHBACK.

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD THEODORE wears school uniform and TWO OTHER TEENAGERS, MARK PARRA and GREGORY FINK also wearing school uniform, surround A THIRTEEN-YEAR OLD BOY with a school uniform and backpack. The boy holds a chameleon.

TEENAGER THEODORE
Give it to me, dorky!

I am gonna squish your baby!

The other teenagers laugh. The boy runs away, the teenagers run after him. Young Theodore pushes the boy to the ground and takes the chameleon from his hand and throws it to the middle of the street, the boy runs to get the chameleon and places himself in front a passing; A MAN rushes towards the boy in the opposite side he pushes the boy but the car hits the MAN.

BOY

DADDY!

The three teenagers stand shocked; Young Theodore hold his friends by the arm and tries to push them away.

TEENAGER THEODORE
Hey guys! Let's get out of here!

TEENAGER MARK We gotta help him!

TEENAGER THEODORE
You go help him, I'm out of here.

Teenagers Theodore and Gregory run.

TEENAGER THEODORE (O.S.)
Come on, Mark!

Teenager Theodore stops at a distance at the accident scene, the boy holds dead Chameleon and his unconscious father in the ground, PEOPLE surrounded a MAN performed CPR on the boy's father. The boy sees looks up towards Theodore.

BOY (crying)

I am going to make you pay for this! You took everything from me!
I will take everything from you!
DADDY!

Young Theodore runs away from the scene and stops. Mark and Gregory stops.

TEENAGER MARK Why did do it!

TEENAGER THEODORE
I didn't do anything, he is
the one who went in front of the car!

SFX SIRENS

END OF FLASHBACK

Theodore drinks the rest of the drink in the cup and pours another drink, picks up the cell phone.

THEODORE

Hi, Greg, it's me. I need your help.

GREGORY (V.O)

Hey, bulldog, long time we don't talk.

THEODORE

Don't call me that.
We've been talking and you know,
I need your help.

GREGORY (V.0.)

I'm listening.

THEODORE

We got a situation.

GREGORY (V.O.)

Just tell me, stop rumbling.

THEODORE

I got a note from (beat)
The chameleon.

GREGORY (V.0.)

You, see. I told you he was getting personal, but you didn't want to listen to me.

THEODORE

I'm afraid if the FBI finds him, you know...

GREGORY (V.0.)

I guess if the FBI gets to close you want me to take care of it, don't you.

THEODORE

Don't say that.

GREGORY (V.O.)

That hot agent of them is pretty smart, perhaps I should give her some scare to back off.

THEODORE

No, I didn't say that.

GREGORY (V.0.)

So, why did you call me?

THEODORE

Just do what you think will keep them from finding out the truth.

GREGORY (V.0.)

I will think of something.

THEODORE

Don't do anything until next week.

GREGORY (V.O.)

Why?

THEODORE

I'll be out of the country.

Theodore hangs up; Barbara returns to the room.

BARBARA

Who are you talking to?

THEODORE

Nobody. I will be with you soon.

Barbara leaves, Theodore picks up another bottle of drink and pours into a cup.

# 29. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Patricia, Derrick, Agent Phil and OTHER AGENTS sit in the Conference room.

#### PATRICIA

You all did a great job putting this puzzle together, I would like to thank you all for this excellent service. (pause)

This are the developments we have, we've established that the missing funds and insider trading and all transactions had a link, Derrick, please.

### DERRICK

Since 1998 until now, The Chameleon has operated from company to company and the previous investigations had missed an important detail, it was an oversight, rather than saying it was a mistake. (pause)

All companies were subsidiaries of the Faulkner Corporation.

Everyone chatter.

#### PATRICIA

This is a breakthrough, we are now convinced that this Chameleon has an agenda of his own. These findings can give us the conclusion that his actions are actually personal against one Company, or rather their owners.

DERRICK

The Chameleon is targeting Theodore Faulkner.

# 30. EXT. FAULKNER HOME - DAY

Phil presses the button on the intercom.

WOMAN'S VOICE (V.0.) How may I help you?

PHIL

This is Agent Phil, FBI.
I need to speak to Mr. Faulkner

WOMAN'S VOICE (V.O.)
I am sorry, sir. The Faulkners
left for Europe early morning.

## 31. INT. FBI HEADQUATERS - DAY

Derrick and Patricia sit together in a meeting room.

PATRICIA

I believe Theodore Faulkner knows more that he is telling us, don't you think that was too convenient for him to leave the country right after this crime, (beat)

He is avoiding us. I believe it is time for us to find more about Mr. Faulkner.

DERRICK

How do you want to play this?

PATRICIA

Let's go back to his past.

DERRICK

How far back?

PATRICIA

I don't care, since his the moment he was conceived.

DERRICK

(snickers)

We get to work right away.

Patricia picks up her purse, cell phone and starts to walk out of the office.

DERRICK

Hungry already?

PATRICIA

Parent-teacher conference.

DERRICK

I thought Sylvester was the worker on duty for that.

PATRICIA

Cory asked me, besides in the past ten years do you know how many parent-teacher conference I've been?

DERRICK

Tell me.

PATRICIA

Just one. Sylvester with his busy schedule hasn't missed any.

DERRICK

That doesn't make you less of a parent.

PATRICIA

How do your children handle your work?

DERRICK

I don't know, they just don't talk about it, why?

Cory got upset with the increase of my security, (sighs)
Sometimes I think you should be doing this work.

DERRICK

Come on! You are the perfect agent for this position.

PATRICIA

I love my children, Derrick.

DERRICK

That's why you are here, to give them a better future.

PATRICIA

I want to spend more time with them.

Patricia looks at the watch.

PATRICIA

I got to go.

Patricia walks the hallway. Behind her, comes Samantha rushing out of the door.

SAMANTHA

Mrs. Dupree!

Patricia turns around.

PATRICIA

Yes, what is it?

SAMANTHA

Mr. Robert Ames, CFO from Faulkner Corporation is on the phone and says it is very important.

PATRICIA

All right.

Patricia returns to her office, Samantha follows. Patricia stops at the door and walk out of her office.

PATRICIA

Just give him my cell phone.

SAMANTHA

(frowns)

But this is a classified number, Mrs. Dupree.

PATRICIA

I will declassify it tomorrow, I really have to go.

Patricia leaves, Samantha looks surprised, walks towards the desk and picks up the receiver.

### 32. INT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - DAY

Sylvester and Cory sit on the bench near the playground. Cory looks down, sad.

SYLVESTER

She will be here, just give her some time.

CORY

(disappointed)
She is not coming.
She doesn't care anyways.

SYLVESTER

Don't talk that way, son. Your mom loves us and cares a lot, you know, come on, let's wait.

# 33. INT. PATRICIA'S CAR - DAY

Patricia drives, uses her cell phone headset.

ROBERT (V.O.)

The day Theodore got the postcard he acted strange, he was kind of nervous.

(over phone)

What did he do?

ROBERT (V.O.)

I prefer to meet with you to discuss that, but I want to meet in a neutral place.

PATRICIA

(Over phone)

How about a restaurant?

ROBERT

The Japanese restaurant by the sixty-six.

PATRICIA

I'll be there tomorrow at noon.

Patricia parks in front of the Elementary School.

# 34. EXT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - DAY

Patricia and Sylvester watch Cory playing at the playground with A FEW OTHER CHILDREN.

SYLVESTER

Cory was so happy that you came.

PATRICIA

I was almost not making it.

SYLVESTER

It doesn't matter, you know how important this is to him.

PATRICIA

Do you think of me a bad parent?

Sylvester hugs her and they observe Cory playing

SYLVESTER

You are a wonderful mother, don't even say that again.

# 35. INT. JAPANESE RESTAURANT - DAY

Robert Ames, Patricia and Derrick sit at the table. THE WAITRESS serves food.

PATRICIA

Now, Mr. Ames. Tell us what happened?

ROBERT'S FLASHBACK

Robert arrives at Theodore Faulkner's office, Sergio sits with Theodore; Theodore gets up.

THEODORE

Bob! How much so far?

ROBERT

We are making an assessment of all the accounts, Theo this has been the work of Edmund Fort.

MAGGIE, the secretary enters the room holding an envelope

THEODORE

Are you sure?

ROBERT

His cell phone is disconnected, we can't find him.

Maggie stands by the table holding the envelope.

THEODORE

What is it, Maggie?

MAGGIE

A messenger left this to you, and said that this is strictly for your hands.

Theodore picks up the envelope.

THEODORE

Thank you, Maggie.

Maggie leaves the room. Theodore opens the envelope.

THEODORE

(startled)

My God!

ROBERT

What is it, Theo?

THEODORE

(holding the note)

It's all my fault!

Theodore gets up and paces back and forth the room. Robert approaches.

THEODORE

Let me see, Theo.

Robert picks up the card.

INSERT - CARD

THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL WHEN

YOU ARE ROBBED.

Robert turns the card over and a picture of a Chameleon is shown.

Theodore picks up the card.

THEODORE

Please, don't tell this to anyone, especially to the authorities!

Theodore runs out of the office.

END OF FLASHBACK.

Patricia and Derrick remain silent.

ROBERT

That's all I remember.

PATRICIA

How long have you been working for him?

ROBERT

Eight years.

PATRICIA

Why didn't you tell this to us before?

ROBERT

I was a little bit uncomfortable with the situation, think about I am the Chief Financial Officer of the Faulkner Corporation and millions of dollars disappear, what does that sound?

DERRICK

You would be afraid only if you <u>have</u> something to hide.

ROBERT

But I don't! I came here,
didn't I?

Robert gets up.

ROBERT

I just thought you guys had to know. This creep is destroying everything.

PATRICIA

Do you understand that we will get make this an official statement don't you?

ROBERT

(sighs)

I do.

Robert leaves.

DERRICK

This events definitely confirm our theory that Theodore Faulkner knows more that he is not telling us.

# 36. INT. FBI HEADQUATERS - DAY

Patricia looks at the computer information. Derrick enters.

DERRICK

We've gathered all the information on Mr. Faulkner.

PATRICIA

(reading the file)
Palm Springs?

DERRICK

We've contacted our agents in California they are locating other names on the list.

PATRICIA

This is good, it will be couple hours drive.

DERRICK

About couple hours drive?

PATRICIA

To Los Angeles, I'm going.

DERRICK

Would you like me to come too?

PATRICIA

You will be in charge here, unless you would like to dance.

DERRICK

Dance?

(laughing)

I was invited to my ten year College reunion in Los Angeles, I guess this is my incentive to go.

DERRICK

Why don't you let our agents to take care of it, I believe you are getting too personal on this case, Pat.

PATRICIA

He sent me flowers, remember? He made it personal.

# 37. INT. DUPREE HOUSEHOLD - BEDROOM - NIGHT

Patricia is sitting on the bed, Sylvester arrives with two cups of drink.

PATRICIA

What is this?

SYLVESTER

Something different, I learned from the Brazilian fans, it is very good.

Patricia sips the drink

PATRICIA

Wow! It's strong, but is good.

SYLVESTER

Tough day?

PATRICIA

Actually, no. Listen, do you remember that invitation I got for my College reunion?

SYLVESTER

Are you going?

Yes.

SYLVESTER

Good, when do we leave?

PATRICIA

Friday, but I don't want to be in Los Angeles. I want to be in Palm Springs.

SYLVESTER

(frowns)

Why Palm Springs?

PATRICIA

I don't Los Angeles, I prefer to stay away, around the mountains, I lived in Los Angeles and I never been to Palm Springs.

SYLVESTER

All right but I think that is something you are not telling me.

PATRICIA

You know me that well?

SYLVESTER

Well enough.

PATRICIA

Don't worry, it is just a vacation for you and I. You said I need to relax, so I decided to relax.

Sylvester embraces Patricia and they kiss passionately.

## 38. INT. FBI HEADQUATERS - DAY

Patricia sits with Derrick.

DERRICK

(handling a folder)
Here, these are the
known past acquaintances
of Theodore Faulkner.

PATRICIA

No word of him yet?

DERRICK

No, he was last seen in Paris but we missed him.

PATRICIA

What have we got so far?

DERRICK

For the past eight years, there had been consistent withdrawals from Mr. Faulkner's personal account, every third of the month and the accounting has no record were the money is going.

PATRICIA

How much?

DERRICK

Twenty thousand up to eighty thousand every month, different accounts, but on the same day.

PATRICIA

He was being blackmailed, or paying someone off.

DERRICK

Could it be the Chameleon?

Who else could be?
He could very well put up that scene in front of Robert just to cover up his own scam,
For all we know he could also be involved on the disappearance of funds.

DERRICK

As far as the investigation is concerned he is beyond suspicion.

PATRICIA

That's why I want to interview this people in California myself.
I'll get to the bottom of this.

39. EXT. AEREAL VIEW OF THE TRAMWAY - PALM SPRINGS - NIGHT

Patricia and Sylvester dine on top of the Tramway. They observe the mountains.

PATRICIA

Isn't this a great place?

SYLVESTER

I love the mountains, It's a good place for hiking.

PATRICIA

This is very beautiful.

Patricia and Sylvester kiss passionately

40. INT. HOTEL ROOM - DAY

Patricia gets up early, Sylvester is sleeping, wakes up.

SYLVESTER

Where are you going?

PATRICIA

Just rest, honey, I want to buy a dress for tonight, kind of a surprise.

SYLVESTER

I know you are not alone anyways, who is your bodyguard?

PATRICIA

I can't tell you.

SYLVESTER

(getting up)

You know I can stay in bed when I wake up, I'll find something to do.

Patricia kisses him and leaves the room.

### 41. EXT. HOTEL - DAY

Patricia walks in the front lobby, Carl Summers dressed up as a hotel porter follows her to the car. ONE HOTEL EMPLOYEE looks puzzled when he sees the porter entering Patricia's car.

PATRICIA

Good morning, Carl.

SUMMERS

Good morning, Mrs. Dupree.

PATRICIA

Enjoying the city?

SUMMERS

It is nice.

Agent Carl Summers drives off.

# 42. EXT. HOUSE IN PALM SPRINGS - DAY

Patricia gets off the car, Summers waits on the car.

SUMMERS

Wouldn't be better that I come with you?

No, Carl, I will be all right.

Patricia RINGS DOORBELL A TEENAGER GIRL answers.

TEENAGER

Hello?

PATRICIA

Is mister Mark Parra in?

TEENAGER

(turning head to the side)

Dad! It is for you!

MARK PARRA arrives at the door. He looks surprised as he sees Patricia.

PATRICIA

(showing badge)

I am agent Patricia Dupree from the FBI, may I speak with you?

Teenager girl frowns.

MARK

Go inside, Jackie.

The girl enters the house, Mark steps outside and closes the door behind him.

MARK

What can I do for you?

PATRICIA

Were you acquainted with a man name Theodore Faulkner?

MARK

(sighs)

You know I was, that's why you are here, but I will tell you ahead that I don't know anything about his money.

Have you been in contact with him?

MARK

No, I watch the news.

I knew the guy when we were
in Junior High, after he became
a big shot he forgot me,
but he kept his old buddy, Greg.

PATRICIA

Greg?

MARK

Yeah, Gregory something with an F, I forgot his last name. He was just as bad as Theo.

PATRICIA

What do you mean?

MARK

They were the big bullies of the school.

PATRICIA

What else do you remember of Theodore, did he have any enemies?

MARK

(laughing)

You gotta be kidding me, Theo was the boss, people don't associate with him for friendship, he was bad.

PATRICIA

But you were his friend, weren't you?

MARK

No, ma'am, I kept him close. Haven't you heard the old saying, keep your friends close and your enemies even closer?

When was the last time you heard from him?

MARK

It's been a long time, he moved to his grandpa's home when we were still in High School, why don't you ask his buddy Greg, they were always together.

PATRICIA

Do you know where he lives?

MARK

Nope, have no clue and really don't care, I haven't seen him since High School.

PATRICIA

(handling a business card) Thank you, Mr. Parra. If you do remember anything, would you contact me?

MARK

Sure.

Mark picks up the card and enters the house. Patricia returns to the car.

PATRICIA

I need you to run the name of all students name Gregory that matches the last name Fist. He wasn't sure about Theodore's friend's last name. (beat)
And now, the most important mission is to drive to the nearest mall you can find.

### 43. INT. HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

Sylvester looks at the mirror fixing his tie; Patricia enters the room with a red dress.

SYLVESTER

(hugging Patricia)

Wow! I think I change my mind, I don't want to go to this reunion.

Patricia pushes Sylvester away.

PATRICIA

You will get all wrinkled!

SYLVESTER

That's the idea.

Patricia turns around.

PATRICIA

Do you like it?

SYLVESTER

I like what is inside.

PATRICIA

Honey!

Sylvester chuckles.

SYLVESTER

Of course I like it, you look beautiful.

SFX. CELL PHONE RINGS.

PATRICIA

(picking up cell phone)

Sorry.

SYLVESTER

I know, duty calls.

Patricia walks into the bedroom.

Yes, Carl.

SUMMERS

I know you have your engagement, but I think you should come to my room to take a look at the information I got.

PATRICIA

I'll be there.

Patricia hangs up cell phone and walks towards the exit.

SYLVESTER

Is anything wrong?

PATRICIA

No, I'll be right back.

44. INT. AGENT CARL SUMMERS' HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

Patricia looks at the computer files on the laptop.

INSERT - COMPUTER SCREEN

PHOTO SHOWN OF GREGORY FINK

NAME: GREGORY ANTHONY FINK

CHARGES: FORGERY, LARCENY, AND EMBEZZLEMENT

SUMMERS

This guy is a career criminal.

PATRICIA

Is he in prison?

SUMMERS

He served time years ago, He is divorced, one child, and lives in Long Beach.

We'll see him tomorrow. I have to go.

Patricia leaves the room.

EXT.INT. HOTEL - NIGHT

INSERT - SIGN

WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 1996 REUNION

BACK TO SCENE

Patricia and Sylvester walk in the ballroom and look at some GUESTS and SERVERS. LIVE MUSIC BAND plays.

PATRICIA

I feel that I went back in time.

SYLVESTER

I told you it would be good for you, didn't I? Wait a second I fell like a drink, do you?

PATRICIA

Sure, something not too strong.

45. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DERRICK'S DESK - NIGHT

Derrick looks at the computer files. Samantha walks in.

SAMANTHA

Do you need anything, sir?

DERRICK

(frowns)

Sam, what are you doing here, It's way past your time, I am the one doing overtime, Go home, rest.

SAMANTHA

I was typing up back reports, sir. I got backlogged myself. I'll be leaving but I made some fresh coffee.

DERRICK

(over phone)

Thank you, Sam.

Samantha leaves the office. Derrick continues looking at the files. Derrick picks up the phone and dials.

DERRICK

(over phone)

Carl, I need you to give this additional information to Patricia.

SUMMERS (V.O.)

Yes sir.

DERRICK

(over phone)

She may have a few names already, but our agents found more.

Carl Summers waits.

INSERT COMPUTER SCREEN.

NEW MAIL

Carl Summers open email.

Theodore Faulkner's acquaintances and associates.

NAME: GREGORY FINK

NAME: MELISSA COLLINS

NAME: MARK PARRA

SUMMERS (V.O.)

We will interview Gregory Fink

tomorrow.

46. INT. SCHOOL REUNIOUN - NIGHT

Sylvester walks toward the bar. EDWARD POLK and his wife GLORIA POLK approach Patricia.

**EDWARD** 

Pat? Is that you!

PATRICIA

Eddy! Good seeing you too?

EDWARD

This is my wife, Gloria.

GLORIA

Nice meeting you.

EDWARD

I heard of your latest accomplishment, congratulations.

GLORIA

I'm a little lost here.

EDWARD

She became the first woman Chief of the FBI.

GLORIA

Wow!

PATRICIA

(smiling)

You are always exaggerating. I am only a Chief of one department, how about you?

**EDWARD** 

I decided to change careers and became a lawyer.

PATRICIA

Very good!

GLORIA

And I am an actress, plays mostly, but I was just called to play a minor part in a movie.

PATRICIA

Well, congratulations.

Sylvester arrives holding two cups.

SYLVESTER

Here is (pause)

GLORIA

Sylvester? Sylvester Dupree?

SYLVESTER

I guess you must be a sport's fan.

GLORIA

No, I hate sports, don't you remember me?

Sylvester looks at Patricia and Edward puzzled.

GLORIA

Shakespeare.

SYLVESTER

Of course, fair Ophelia!

PATRICIA

Now I am lost.

GLORIA

Sylvester and I were in a drama class together years ago and we performed Hamlet, he was amazing, didn't he tell you? (turning to Edward) This is my husband, Edward.

**EDWARD** 

(shaking hands with Sylvester)

Nice to meet you.

PATRICIA

I never knew you did acting?

SYLVESTER

It was just a hobby, the sports took me away from that.

GLORIA

(excited)

It is a shame, he was the best in our group. I am still working in plays, sometimes, you could've done so well.

PATRICIA

Was he that good?

GLORIA

Like I said, he was the best.

**EDWARD** 

It's nice seeing you again, Pat, Sylvester, nice meeting you, Let's give them some breath, Gloria.

GLORIA

(smiling)

Okay, I'm sorry, I know I talk to much.

Sylvester and Patricia walk towards the ballroom and start dancing a romantic music.

PATRICIA

How come you never told me you were an actor?

SYLVESTER

It was just a hobby, I am what I want to be, and right now I am holding the most beautiful woman in my arms.

They embrace and dance.

#### 47. EXT. INT. GREGORY FINK'S HOME - DAY

Patricia and Carl Summers wait in front of the house. HOUSEKEEPER opens door.

HOUSEKEEPER

How may I help you?

PATRICIA

(showing badge)

I am agent Dupree and this is agent Summers from the FBI, we need to speak to Gregory Fink.

HOUSEKEEPER

Mr. Fink is not here, he usually goes to visit his son in San Diego.

PATRICIA

Do you have the address in San Diego?

Housekeeper hesitates.

HOUSEKEEPER

I am not sure.

SUMMERS

Ma'am, it is very important.

HOUSEKEEPER

Just a moment.

Housekeeper enters home, Patricia and Summers observe her by the phone book looking at an agenda, the housekeeper writes on a piece of paper and brings it to Patricia.

HOUSEKEEPER

(giving paper to Patricia)

Here it is.

PATRICIA

Thank you for your help.

Housekeeper closes the door.

SUMMERS

Mrs. Dupree, you know we could be doing all this work for you.

PATRICIA

I know, Carl, but I want to do it. I got a desk job but my real passion in the fieldwork, I am not taking your merits from it but you must understand that would be very hard for me to be sitting and waiting.

SUMMERS

I know how you feel.

The car drives off.

### 48. INT. GREGORY FINK HOME - DAY

The housekeeper picks up the phone and dials.

HOUSEKEEPER

(Over phone)

Mr. Fink, there were two FBI agents Looking for you, they are going to see you in San Diego.
I am sorry, they made me give your address there.

GREGORY (V.O.)

That is OK, Maria. You did what you have to do.

#### 49. EXT. BEACH - DAY

Gregory hangs up the cell phone. He observes A BOY playing in the water. He lights up a cigarette.

GREGORY FLASHBACK

16-YEAR OLD GREGORY and 17-YEAR OLD THEODORE, they see 18-YEAR OLD MIGUEL FUENTES leaving the library. Theodore points to a car parked.

THEODORE

Hey, isn't that the dorky's friend?

GREGORY

(mischievously)

Yeah, what do you have in mind, flatten some tires, Bulldog?

THEODORE

I have a better idea.

Theodore breaks the driver's window, opens the hood.

THEODORE

Keep an eye out, OK?

**GREGORY** 

Sure, bulldog.

Theodore is touching the wiring.

GREGORY (O.S.)

(whispering)

Bulldog! The dorky is coming!

BOY'S VOICE (O.S.)

Theodore! Greg!

What are you doing there!

Theodore and Gregory look at the boy and run towards the mountains, Gregory and Theodore look at a distance the boy arguing with Miguel, pointing to the car and to the mountains. they observe Miguel popping the hood and looking, he closes the hood and enters the car. The other teenager boy walks away, looking at the mountains.

GREGORY

What did you do?

THEODORE

I messed up with his clutch, He will be crawling home.

GREGORY

But the dorky saw you, he will tell someone.

THEODORE

I don't think he would dare say anything.

The boys laugh.

END OF FLASHBACK

Gregory lights another cigarette, smiles at the boy waiving at him. He picks up the cell phone.

**GREGORY** 

Bulldog, it's me, I think we got a problem.

50. INT. HOTEL - DAY

Sylvester and Patricia eat breakfast in bed.

SYLVESTER

It's been ages we don't do this.
(beat)
So, what do you have in mind for today?

PATRICIA

San Diego Zoo.

SYLVESTER

That's about two-hour drive, why can't we find something closer.

PATRICIA

I am enjoying my short vacation, and I would like to go there, OK?

SYLVESTER

OK, San Diego Zoo it is.

## 51. EXT. PARK - DAY

Patricia and Sylvester walk along the park.

SYLVESTER

How are you enjoying your little vacation?

PATRICIA

Let's spend one day here, and tomorrow go back to reality.

SYLVESTER

That's my girl. Always having fun.

They cross the street and walk into a hotel.

### 52. INT. HOTEL ROOM - DAY

Sylvester is in the shower. NOISE OF SHOWER, Patricia is dressing up.

PATRICIA

I am going to get something to eat, I'll be right back.

SYLVESTER (O.S.)

OK, honey.

Patricia picks up her gun and walks away.

# 53. EXT. HOTEL IN SAN DIEGO - DAY

Agent Summers wait by the car. Patricia arrives.

PATRICIA

Let's get this Chameleon.

Agent Summers gives a disk to Patricia.

SUMMERS

Derrick sent you this.

PATRICIA

Derrick? What is it?

SUMMERS

A list of addresses of all known friends of Theodore Faulkner.

PATRICIA

And enemies, I suppose.

### 54. INT. SAN DIEGO HOME - DAY

Gregory Fink sits in the living room with Patricia and Agent Summers stands by the door.

GREGORY

Theo and I were friends in school, I don't know what this has to do with anything.

PATRICIA

Do you still talk to him?

**GREGORY** 

Yeah, I do. We call each other, from time to time.

PATRICIA

He posted your bail when you got arrested.

**GREGORY** 

Yeah, that's was very cool of him. But, hey, that's what friends are for.

PATRICIA

How about enemies, do you know anyone who could try to hurt Mr. Faulkner?

**GREGORY** 

Not that I know of, Theo was the coolest guy, He had a lot of friends.

PATRICIA

When was the last time you talked to him?

**GREGORY** 

I called him after the problem with his company, you know the money missing and all. (pause)

He was really upset, I just want to see if he was OK.

PATRICIA

What do you know of the Chameleon?

**GREGORY** 

Besides that he is wiping out the money of my friend's company? Nothing.

Patricia handles a card.

PATRICIA

Mr. Fink, would you please call me if remember anything that could be relevant.

GREGORY

(picking up card)
Yeah, sure.

Patricia gets up, Gregory walks her at the door, Agent Summers opens the door and they walk out.

# 55. INT. SAN DIEGO HOTEL - DAY

Sylvester drinks in the bar, Patricia arrives with a wrapped box.

SYLVESTER

Where have you been,
I thought you only went out
to get something to eat.

Patricia gives him a box.

PATRICIA

I got carried away, I couldn't resist and ended up in the mall. SYLVESTER

(frowns)

You know you are not a good liar.

PATRICIA

What are you saying?

SYLVESTER

You are here on an assignment, but you prefer to omit that from me and make up all this stories about relaxing.

PATRICIA

You know my line of work.

SYLVESTER

Yes, I know very well you can't disclose anything. Pat, stop lying. It is better to tell me upfront. I am on a mission and I don't expect you tell me your mission, but you are lying to yourself and that will consume your life.

PATRICIA

What's got into you? You were never like this.

SYLVESTER

I am tired of deceits, half-truths, it is a burden.

PATRICIA

Is that how you feel about my work?

SYLVESTER

No, it is not your work that concerns me, it is that you try so hard to hide yourself that you end up isolating you from the children and me.

Okay, you win, I am here on a mission.

SYLVESTER

From all the trips we took together I always knew you were in a mission. Even when you picked our honeymoon in Vegas, remember?

PATRICIA

You knew that?

SYLVESTER

I never thought it was a coincidence that right after our honeymoon that banker from Las Vegas got indicted.

PATRICIA

After all these times, why are you telling me of this now?

SYLVESTER

Because I don't want to see you suffer. Lies and deceits only consume your life.

Sylvester walks out of the bar, Patricia stands surprised as he leaves.

# 56. INT. FAULKNER CORPORATION - DAY

Robert Ames and Sergio sit in the office.

ROBERT

I think Theo must return to the U.S., our clients are edgy about his departure.

**SERGIO** 

He had to take care of the European accounts, it's taking him more time to negotiate than we've planned.

#### 57. EXT./INT. FAULKNER HOME IN EUROPE - NIGHT

Theodore sits on the library in front of the computer. Barbara Faulkner walks in well dressed.

BARBARA

Are you sure you don't want to come, my dear. It will be good for you.

THEODORE

I have to fix this mess, honey.

BARBARA

I know.

Theodore gets up and kisses his wife.

THEODORE

Go, have fun.

Barbara leaves. Theodore picks up the cell phone.

THEODORE

It's me.

GREGORY (V.O.)
Bulldog, finally!

THEODORE

You know it's too risk for us to be talking, I got a message from Bob, you said we have a problem.

GREGORY (V.O.)

The hot girl from FBI paid me a visit yesterday, she's been asking about the Chameleon.

THEODORE

I am returning to the U.S. next week, on Friday. Can you get rid of the problem before that?

GREGORY (V.O.)

You finally came to your senses! Should I take care of both problems?

THEODORE

Do what you have to do.

### 58. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Patricia, Derrick, Agent Phil and Agent Summers sit in a conference room.

DERRICK

This is what we have so far. Theodore Faulkner companies have been victimized by the Chameleon for the past ten years. We also know it is a work of a pro and a personal statement.

Derrick handles folders to the agents.

DERRICK

This is Gregory Fink.

He is one strong link to this case,
he's been arrested for extortion,
embezzlement and he is an acquaintance
of Theodore Faulkner who has posted
his bail back in the eighties.

PATRICIA

We suspect Gregory Fink is the Chameleon. It seems that Mr. Faulkner is diverting money from his own company to appear he is the victim. The only problem, we still have nothing on Mr. Faulkner.

DERRICK

But we still have those constant withdrawals twenty thousand dollars on his personal account, and we intend to inquire him when he return from his trip in Europe.

Agent Summers and Phil leaves the room.

Derrick stands in front of Patricia.

DERRICK

Something wrong?

PATRICIA

Why are you asking?

DERRICK

You seem so spaced out since you return from California.

PATRICIA

I am thinking in resigning.

DERRICK

Why? You've been doing such a great job here.

PATRICIA

As an FBI agent, perhaps, but not as a wife, mother.

DERRICK

What's going on, you know you can tell me.

PATRICIA

I am tired of deceiving my family. Sylvester knew I was in San Diego on a mission.

DERRICK

And?

PATRICIA

Sometimes I think he is right, I should be upfront with him.

DERRICK

Pat, don't you think in leaving us, you know you are needed here.

PATRICIA

Thanks, Derrick.

Derrick leaves the office, Patricia dials phone.

PATRICIA

Can you pick a restaurant for tonight?

SYLVESTER (V.O.)

Wait a minute, are you inviting me?

PATRICIA

(smiling)

I just thought that would be nice for us to have a romantic dinner. This will be my mission, before you leave for your tournament.

SYLVESTER (V.O.)

I'll pick you up at six.

PATRICIA

I'll be waiting.

59. INT. DUPREE HOME - DAY

Sylvester packs his suitcase. On the side of the suitcase PRESS PASS with his picture on it. He picks up a colorful clothing and places aside.

60. EXT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - EVENING.

A car parked far corner, Gregory Fink wears hat and glasses, watching the building. He sees a car arriving, the security checks the car. Gregory frowns, leans over paying attention to the movement. He sees the car coming out and Patricia Dupree on the passenger's seat.

He observes the car leaving and another car following.

**GREGORY** 

(sighs)

Security.

Gregory drives off following the second car.

### 61. INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Patricia and Sylvester dance.

SYLVESTER

Do you like here?

PATRICIA

I love it, so romantic.

Sylvester kisses her forehead and continue dancing.

### 62. EXT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

The black car is parked with TWO MEN inside. Gregory is parked on the other side of the street. He picks up the cell phone.

GREGORY

(over phone)

Make your move.

The two men sit quietly. A MAN approaches the driver.

MAN# 1

Can you please help me, I am a little lost here.

DRIVER

Where do you want to go?

The man points a gun to the driver and on the other side of the car another man points a gun to the passenger.

MAN # 1

Please don't move.

## 63. EXT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Gregory sees a black Van leaving the parking lot, the Man# 1 waves to Gregory from the drives seat and drives off the van. Gregory waits, picks up a gun.

#### 64. EXT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT - SOME TIME LATER

Patricia and Sylvester walk out of the restaurant, Gregory prepares himself to shot, he aims the gun towards the couple.

GREGORY (frowns)
I'll be dammed!

He SHOTS.

The gunshot hit the wall first, Sylvester embraces Patricia and Gregory SHOTS again, Sylvester falls, Patricia holds him to break the fall.

PATRICIA Help me! Help me!

Sylvester is unconscious. His arm is covered in blood. Restaurant security personnel run; people in front of the restaurant duck for cover.

## 65. EXT. RESTAURANT - SOME TIME LATER - NIGHT

Police and FBI cars are parked in front of the restaurant. Patricia enters the ambulance. Her clothing is covered in blood. Sylvester is half conscious.

SYLVESTER I'll be all right.

PATRICIA (crying)
It's all my fault!

SYLVESTER
You were not the one who pulled the trigger.

Patricia smiles and cries.

PARAMEDIC
Are you coming with us?

Derrick walks by the side of the ambulance.

DERRICK

Are you all right?

PATRICIA

Yes, meet me at the hospital

The ambulance closes and leaves with the SIRENS sounding. Derrick looks at the car parked in front of the restaurant.

DERRICK

Where are the security people?

SUMMERS

We haven't seen them.

## 66. EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

The black van goes into a dirty road the two men driving, leave, they also take their mustache and wig placing into a bag. The men walk up a small hill and move the branches and reveals a hidden vehicle. They enter the vehicle and drive off.

#### 67. INT. HOSPITAL - NIGHT

Patricia sits in the waiting room. Brianna and Cory sits with her, THE DOCTOR arrives. Patricia, Brianna and Cory run towards the doctor.

DOCTOR

He will be fine, he was shot in the arm, he is out of danger.

Derrick arrives with OTHER AGENTS.
REPORTERS park outside of the hospital.

REPORTER # 1

Sports journalist Sylvester Dupree has been shot at a Restaurant near Highway 66.

REPORTER # 2 (V.O.)

An attempt to the life of the Chief of Operations of the FBI, Patricia Dupree has wounded journalist Sylvester Dupree.

Reporters run after the FBI car Derrick Bowles drives away.

## 68. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Derrick sits with Agents Summers and Phil and SEVERAL OTHERS in the conference room.

DERRICK

The attempt on agent Dupree's is definitely the work of the Chameleon.

Derrick handles pictures of Gregory Fink.

DERRICK

Three days after we contacted him he left California, we are still looking for him.

Derrick turns to agent Phil.

DERRICK

Has our technical team analyzed the surveillance pictures in comparison to Gregory Fink?

PHIL

No match.

DERRICK

(to everyone)

We must now concentrate in California where we will find leads to him, meanwhile Agent Dupree and her family are in a safe location.

#### 69. INT. THEODORE FAULKNER'S EUROPEAN HOME - NIGHT

Theodore Faulkner paces around the room.

SFX. CELL PHONE RINGS.

THEODORE

(Over phone)

Are you crazy! What have you done!

GREGORY (V.O.)

What I had to do. The FBI is getting to close.

THEODORE

(angry)

I didn't tell you to kill anyone, now that you started you should finish it!

Theodore hangs up the phone, pick up objects on top of the desk and throws it against the wall.

## 70. INT. FBI SAFE HOUSE - NIGHT

Brianna and Cory play video game with ONE FBI AGENT.

Patricia sits in the bedroom, Sylvester has his left arm wrapped in bandage. Patricia sits by him.

PATRICIA

I am so sorry.

SYLVESTER

It's not your fault.

PATRICIA

It is. I am going to get him, Sylvester. I'll be leaving to California soon. The Chameleon will pay for this.

SYLVESTER

Stay here, let your people work for you.

PATRICIA

No, this is personal I have to go, you and the children will have to be escorted wherever you want to go.

SYLVESTER

When are you leaving?

PATRICIA

Friday.

SYLVESTER

I want us to have a night for ourselves before you leave.

PATRICIA

I can arrange that.

Sylvester kisses Patricia.

SYLVESTER

No matter what happens, I love you.

PATRICIA

I will not this happen again. That's why I will go.

Patricia kisses Sylvester and they lie on the bed.

71. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Patricia and Derrick read some files.

DERRICK

As you can see, Theodore Faulkner's personal account's withdrawals.

Derrick clicks the screen and opens another file.

DERRICK

This is Gregory Fink's personal account.

Patricia looks at the files.

PATRICIA

Either Theodore was paying him for services or paying him off, but why the deposits are five thousand short?

DERRICK

Perhaps Gregory took the money for spending.

PATRICIA

It's kind of odd, though. Mr. Faulkner has a lot of explaining to do.

DERRICK

He is still in Europe, Gregory is missing.

PATRICIA

We'll find our answers on their past, I want to go back to California.

DERRICK

I advise you to stay here, an attempt against your life. . .

PATRICIA

(interrupting)
That almost killed my husband!
I have to find this guy,
it is my duty and now, personal.

DERRICK

Then I am coming with you.

## 72. INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Sylvester and Patricia sit in a booth, eating spaghetti and drinking.

SYLVESTER

Pat, can I ask you one favor?

PATRICIA

Anything!

SYLVESTER

I know that you are eager to find this Chameleon, when you find him, before you arrest him I want to share another night like this.

PATRICIA

Why?

SYLVESTER

I want to celebrate with you your moment of triumph.

PATRICIA

All right. I'll do it.

ROMANTIC MUSIC PLAYS, Sylvester stands up, offers his hand to Patricia.

SYLVESTER

Shall we dance?

## 73. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Derrick sits on his desk reading files. Samantha enters.

SAMANTHA

Excuse me, Mr. Bowles, There are some representatives of a Charity that insisted in speaking with you.

DERRICK Charity? Well, let them in.

## 74. INT. SAFE HOUSE - EVENING

Patricia paces back and forth, nervous. Derrick stands observing her.

PATRICIA

Are you serious about that?

DERRICK

It is possible.

PATRICIA

You think he gave money to charities?

DERRICK

That's what it seems.

PATRICIA

It doesn't make any sense, a man that gives money to charities trying to kill me?

DERRICK

What do you mean?

PATRICIA

It is very odd.
It is very possible that
The Chameleon didn't try
to kill me, perhaps,
Gregory Fink was.

DERRICK

Why?

PATRICIA

He lied to me about his association with Faulkner, then and he disappears right after I speak to him and this attempt to my life.

This Gregory Fink doesn't fit the profile of a philanthropist.

DERRICK

We tracked another old acquaintance of Greg Fink, he had a long time girlfriend by the name...

75. EXT./INT. MELISSA COLLINS' HOME - DAY

MELLISSA COLINS answers door.

MELISSA

Yes, I am Melissa Collins, how can I help you?

PATRICIA

(showing badge)

I am agent Dupree, FBI.

Melissa looks behind Patricia and sees two parked cars.

MELISSA

Come in.

Patricia enters the house.

PATRICIA

I came to ask you about Gregory Fink.

MELISSA

Greg? I don't know why You came here, I haven't seen him in ages.

PATRICIA

I just want to know if you remember his relationship with Theodore Faulkner.

MELISSA

The bulldog.

PATRICIA

I beg you pardon?

**MELISSA** 

At school Theo was called the bulldog.

PATRICIA

What was the relation between Greg and Theodore?

MELISSA

They were always together.

PATRICIA

Did Theodore had any enemies?

**MELISSA** 

(laughing)

You gotta be kidding, he didn't have any enemies, he was the enemy.

PATRICIA

Tell me about it.

MELISSA

Theodore was always getting Greg in some trouble, he was a big bully.

PATRICIA

What else do you remember?

MELISSA

That was this kid, I don't remember the name, Theo used to beat a crap out of him, I hated him for that.

PATRICIA

What was the name of this kid.

MELISSA

Don't know, they used to call him dorky.

PATRICIA

Where can I find him?

**MELISSA** 

I don't know, he kept for himself, Bulldog wouldn't let anybody near him but there was Miguel, a kid that stood up against the bully and was dorky's best friend. He wasn't afraid of anyone.

PATRICIA

Where can I find him?

MELISSA

You can't. He is dead.

PATRICIA

How did he die?

MELISSA

Car accident. Very sad, I remember that after he died Bulldog moved away, that was the last I saw him, I mean personally, he is very famous, he inherited his family's fortune.

PATRICIA

When was the last time you saw Gregory Fink?

**MELISSA** 

About four years ago, I went to his wedding.

PATRICIA

(handling a card)
If you hear from him,
or remember this dorky's name,
please call me.

**MELISSA** 

Sure.

Patricia gets up, and steps outside. Melissa is closing the door but she stops suddenly.

**MELISSA** 

Wait!

Patricia looks back.

MELISSA

About this dorky kid, I remember only one thing, It's kind of silly but It is all I can remember.

PATRICIA Anything helps.

MELISSA

This dorky kid, used to carry a pet to school for a long time, I heard some stories that Bulldog killed his pet.

PATRICIA

Thanks for letting me know, and just call me if you hear of Gregory.

Patricia walks towards Derrick's car. Melissa is returning to the house, Patricia stops turns back.

PATRICIA

What kind of pet he had?

MELISSA

Kind of a lizard,
 (pause)
No not a lizard,
It was a chameleon,
yeah, a chameleon.

Patricia gasps.

# 76. INT. HOTEL - DAY

Gregory Fink prepares luggage, picks up a suitcase, and opens the hidden pocket and places pieces of a weapon. He picks up a semiautomatic gun and put on his pocket. He picks up the Canadian passport on top of the bed, opens the door and leaves.

#### 77. EXT. DERRICK'S CAR - DAY

Patricia enters the car.

DERRICK

Any progress?

PATRICIA

You are not going to believe this, We've been tracking the wrong man all along.

DERRICK

How do you know?

PATRICIA

Now I understand. We've established that The Chameleon has been targeting Theodore's companies exclusively, which has been proven the work of a vendetta.

DERRICK

What did you find out from her?

PATRICIA

She told me about a boy, whose Theodore used to beat up at school.

DERRICK

Pat, you don't actually believe that this boy masterminded all of this based upon a school fight years ago. Besides, what makes you think this kid had something to do with it?

PATRICIA

Because this kid owned a pet chameleon.

# 78. INT. LOS ANGELES FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Patricia looks through the window, Derrick approaches with a cup of coffee.

DERRICK

You must rest, let me take over.

PATRICIA

No, Derrick we are getting close to bring him down, I'm not giving up.

DERRICK

Not giving up, taking it easy, He is out there, he just tried to kill you, we must proceed with extra caution.

AN AGENT approaches with a folder.

AGENT

Sir, this is the information you've requested.

Derrick opens the file.

DERRICK

Thank you.

The agent leaves. Derrick handles the folder to Patricia.

PATRICIA

What is it?

DERRICK

This is the information on the mysterious kid's friend. Miguel Fuentes.

## 79. INT. FAULKNER CORPORATION HEADQUARTER - DAY

Robert Ames sits on his desk.

KNOCK ON DOOR

ROBERT

Come in.

Gregory Fink walks in. Robert gasps.

ROBERT

(nervous)

Are you crazy! What are you doing here?

GREGORY

You were not answering my calls.

ROBERT

Let's talk somewhere else.

Robert picked up a suitcase, his car keys and left.

## 80. INT. SAFE HOUSE - DAY

Sylvester sits on the couch observing Brianna and Cory playing games.

SYLVESTER

Aren't you guys bored?

CORY

I am.

BRIANNA

I am too, dad, but we have to stay here, after what happened to you.

SYLVESTER

(to the agent)

I am going out, I want you to keep an eye on my children. AGENT

Sir, you will be escorted too, we have strict orders.

SYLVESTER

I know.

AGENT

(over radio)
Joe, do you copy?

JOE (V.O.)

Yes.

**AGENT** 

Mr. Dupree is leaving, you are to go with him.

JOE (V.O.)

Ten four

Sylvester hugs Cory and Brianna.

CORY

What's in to you, dad?

SYLVESTER

Can't I hug my kids?

Brianna and Cory look at each other and laugh. AGENT JOE enters the house and Sylvester leaves with him following behind.

## 81. INT. RESTAURANT - DAY

Robert and Gregory sit on a booth.

ROBERT

We can't be seen, the FBI has been poking around the accounts, they can track down our transactions!

**GREGORY** 

You did a good job, Bob, besides you took money from the bulldog's account, they will never know you got a cut on the deal

ROBERT

What do you want?

**GREGORY** 

You know. We got a problem hiding out, I need you to contact the FBI hot chick and ask to speak to her personally.

ROBERT

Why?

**GREGORY** 

The answer is for me to know and you not to find out. Let's say, you are better off not knowing.

ROBERT

(whispering)

Were you involved on the attempt of her life?

GREGORY

Stop asking questions, just get a meeting with her and call me as soon as you locate her.

ROBERT

What do I tell her?

**GREGORY** 

For a CFO that has cheated on the boss so well on the past seven years, I am pretty sure you will come up with something. Don't wait for long.

Gregory stands up and leaves.

#### 82. INT. SYLVESTER'S CAR - DAY

Sylvester drives through the road. He parks at the TV Station.

SYLVESTER

I am safe here, you can wait in the car.

JOE

Sorry, sir. I have to go with you.

SYLVESTER

Okay, let's go.

Joe accompanies Sylvester inside the station.

## 83. INT. FBI LOS ANGELES HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Patricia looks at the file and writes down an address on a piece of paper. Derrick enters.

DERRICK

Pat, Robert Ames left a message at our office that he needs to speak to you personally.

PATRICIA

Arrange a meeting with him here.

DERRICK

Aren't you going to visit the Fuentes family?

PATRICIA

Yes, let's see what Robert has to say first, I hate having to open an old wound to his family, let's not forget, Miguel Fuentes is dead, it must be hard for them to talk about it.

## 84. INT. TV STATION - DAY

Sylvester walks through the hall PEOPLE greet him. Joe steadily following him.

SYLVESTER

Joe, I have to go to the bathroom, you don't have to go.

Joe smiles.

JOE

All right.

Sylvester leaves the room.

## 85. INT. FAULKNER CORPORATION - DAY

Robert Ames opens drawers, looking at files.

SFX. PHONE RINGS.

SECRETARY (V.O.)

Mr. Bowles on line 1

ROBERT

Thank you.

Robert picks up the receiver, press the button.

ROBERT

(over phone)

This is Robert Ames.

DERRICK (V.O.)

Mrs. Dupree agree in meeting you, how about in two days, we will pick you up at LAX.

ROBERT

(over phone)

Yes, I'll be there.

Robert hangs up, picks up cell phone and dials.

ROBERT

(over phone)
I'll be in L.A.
Friday morning,
they will pick me up
at LAX.

GREGORY (V.O.) Good job, Bob.

#### 86. INT. FBI LOS ANGELES HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Derrick enters the room. Patricia sits and looks at the computer.

DERRICK

Robert Ames is coming Friday morning.

PATRICIA

Good, look here, the deposits from Gregory Fink's accounts compared to the withdrawals of Faulkner's accounts started to change a lot, I believe there is a middleman involved.

DERRICK

Robert Ames is the CFO of Faulkner Corporation, I am sure he can shed some light to this puzzle.

PATRICIA

But this is Theodore Faulkner's personal account we are talking about, but you may be...

AGENT enters suddenly.

DERRICK

Having it you heard of knocking?

AGENT

(nervous)

I am sorry Agent Dupree, there an urgent message from Washington.

Patricia stands up nervous.

PATRICIA

What happened?

AGENT

Your husband, Sylvester Dupree is missing.

PATRICIA

Missing?

AGENT

Agent Joseph Miles lost him at the TV station, and he found a note.

PATRICIA

What note?

AGENT

A sort of postcard, with a message saying that if you find the Chameleon your family will be hurt.

PATRICIA

Derrick we have to go back!

DERRICK

Let's reschedule your meeting with Ames, we are leaving now.

#### 87. EXT. AEREAL VIEW OF WASHINGTON - DAY

TV ANCHORMAN (V.O.)
Still a mystery the disappearance
of sports newscast Sylvester Dupree,
authorities are linking his disappearance
to the recent assassination attempt
to the life of his wife, the Chief of
Financial Crimes Operations of the FBI

## 88. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Patricia stares at the postcard.

Patricia Dupree.

INSERT - CARD

PICTURE OF A CHAMELEON DISPLAYED

If you find the Chameleon, your family will be hurt.

Patricia opens her purse, picks up a cell phone, a piece of paper falls on the ground.

INSERT - PAPER
Miguel Fuentes 32 Fountain Ave.

Agent Phil enters.

PHIL

Mrs. Dupree, the meeting with Mr. Ames has been rescheduled for tomorrow afternoon.

PATRICIA

Thank you.

PHIL

Do you need anything?

PATRICIA

No, thanks.

PHIL

We will find him, Agent Dupree.

PATRICIA

(smiles)

Thank you, that's all.

Patricia picks up the phone.

PATRICIA

(over phone)

Sam, cancel my appointments for today, and send me agent Summers.

89. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Derrick sits on his desk. Agent Phil enters the room

PHIL

Agent Dupree left to Los Angeles ten minutes ago.

DERRICK

She is an open target, notify the Los Angeles headquarters to meet her at the airport.

90. EXT.INT. - FUENTES FAMILY HOME - DAY

Patricia arrives with SEVERAL AGENTS at the Los Angeles home.

PATRICIA

Wait here, I don't want to intimidate the family with our presence.

**AGENT** 

Yes, ma'am.

Patricia RINGS the doorbell.

A TEENAGER GIRL answers door.

TEENAGER GIRL May I help you?

PATRICIA

(showing badge)
I am agent Dupree, FBI,

is this the Fuentes home?

TEENAGER GIRL

My aunt's last name is Fuentes. Come in.

Patricia enters the home.

TEENAGER GIRL

Aunt Liz! You got a visitor!

ELIZABETH FUENTES enters the room.

ELIZABETH

I am Elizabeth Fuentes, It is so good to finally seeing you in person.

PATRICIA

In person?

ELIZABETH

I've seen you through pictures and T.V. you are prettier in person.

PATRICIA

So, you know why I am here.

ELIZABETH

It's about Theodore Faulkner.

PATRICIA

Yes, so you are aware that the criminal that calls himself the Chameleon has kidnapped my husband.

ELIZABETH

You should sit down.

Patricia sits. Looks around the house, sees pictures and trophies on top of a mantel.

The teenager girl stands looking.

ELIZABETH

(to the girl)

Angela, go bring some water for the guest.

PATRICIA

No, I'm all right.

ELIZABETH

Just bring water.

Angela leaves.

PATRICIA

I am trying to find information on Theodore Faulkner's past acquaintances, I can't disclose the details of our investigations but I can tell you that we found out that the misappropriation of funds on Faulkner Corporation was the work of a vendetta.

ELIZABETH

I call the work of justice.

PATRICIA

I beg you pardon?

ELIZABETH

Mrs. Dupree, you are here because you probably know what happened, otherwise you wouldn't knock on my door.

PATRICIA

I am sorry but I don't understand.

ELIZABETH

My son protected him while he could but Theodore killed him.

PATRICIA

Killed him?

Angela brings the water jug and two cups. Elizabeth picks up the jug places on the table, She walks towards a desk, opens a drawer and picks up a picture frame.

PATRICIA

I am sorry who was your son protecting?

Elizabeth handles the picture frame to Patricia.

INSERT - PICTURE FRAME

Picture of young Sylvester holding a Chameleon, hugging Miguel Fuentes. Patricia drops the picture on the ground, shocked.

ELIZABETH

Oh my God, I thought you knew.

PATRICIA

This is my husband!

ELIZABETH

Sylvester, yes. Miguel and him was a friend since the cradle. He never told you?

PATRICIA

(shocked)

No, ever.

ELIZABETH

Theodore used to beat him a lot,
Miguel protected him. His father,
my late husband was a Environmentalist
from Peru, Sylvester and Miguel
were always together. My husband was like a
second father to him after his own
father passed away.
(pause)
Then I lost him too.

Patricia starts to cry.

ELIZABETH

Listen to me, my dear, before making harsh conclusions.

Patricia picks up the picture on the ground.

ELIZABETH

Theodore threw this little pet Sylvester had on the middle of the street, Sylvester ran to pick up but it was too late, Sylvester's father ran to save his son from a car and got hit himself. He was paraplegic. Theodore's family was paying for the treatments to keep him alive.

PATRICIA

(crying)

He never told me that either.

ELIZABETH

It was horrible, it took a long time for him to get over, my Miguel was helping him.

PATRICIA

But your son, he died of a car accident.

ELIZABETH

The day my son, Miguel died
Sylvester came to and told
me that he saw Theodore
tampering with his car. He
tried to convince Miguel but
he didn't listen. Miguel's car fell
on the cliff. He overheard Theodore
saying that he had disabled the clutch,
but he disables the brakes. He told me
also that he was threatened.
If he told the police his
father's treatment would stop,
I told him to remain quiet.

Elizabeth is crying. She picks up the picture from Patricia's hands.

ELIZABETH

He promised that he would make Theodore pay. He even mentioned that he would blend in to his society and attack him as a prey. (pause) Like the Chameleon.

PATRICIA

You knew all along?

ELIZABETH

Sylvester visited me often, but his busy schedule wouldn't allow it. He told me of his plan, I guess you could arrest me too, he told me he was going to hurt Theodore by depriving of the things he valued most. His wealth.

Patricia gets up. Crying.

PATRICIA

I have to go. I can't stay here.

ELIZABETH

You have to find him, before something happens to him.

PATRICIA

What do you mean?

ELIZABETH

Don't you get it? You thought they were trying to kill you? No, my dear, the real target was him! He must be hiding to protect you and your family, find him.

Patricia wipes her tears takes a deep breath and walks out of the house.

#### 91. EXT. FUENTES HOME - DAY

Patricia walks in the car. Carl Summers frowns.

SUMMERS

Is something wrong?

PATRICIA

We have to find my husband, he is in great danger.

The cars leave; Elizabeth looks through the door, hugging the picture frame.

## 92. INT. WASHINGTON LIBRARY - DAY

Robert Ames sits on the library, reading a book, Patricia approaches.

PATRICIA

What is so important, That you failed to say To us before, Mr. Ames.

ROBERT

Theodore has been blackmailed.

PATRICIA

And?

ROBERT

You knew it?

PATRICIA

Mr. Ames, what is your involvement on the Faulkner deviation of funds?

ROBERT

None! I have nothing to do with it, I just thought you should know.

PATRICIA

Why didn't you tell this before?

ROBERT

I don't know, I was afraid.

PATRICIA

Do you know Gregory Fink?

ROBERT

No.

PATRICIA

Can you explain telephone conversations between the two of you in the past month?

ROBERT

This conversation is over, I will not say anything to you without the presence of my attorney.

Robert gets up, AN AGENT steps in front of Robert, Patricia waves the agent to let him pass.

AGENT

Do you wish him to be detained? PATRICIA

No, let him go, he is playing some sort of game with us but we will deal with him later.

Patricia and agents walk through the library, she looks at a computer monitor. Patricia picks up the cell phone, dials.

PATRICIA

(over phone)

Sam, schedule another press conference.

Patricia and agents leave the library, on the other side of the library, reading a book Gregory Fink seats, watching from a distance.

#### 93. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Patricia sits in front of REPORTERS

#### PATRICIA

I called this press conference to give an update on the Faulkner case. We have issued a subpoena for Mr. Theodore Faulkner to answer questions in regards to other deviation of funds. Our investigations are not yet conclusive but we are aware of the identity of this man which calls himself the chameleon.

REPORTER # 1
Did the Chameleon made any demands in regards to your husband's disappearance?

#### PATRICIA

I am not in a position to disclose the developments of the investigations, but I am here to inform that the Chameleon will soon be brought to justice.

Reporter AD LIB chatters.

REPORTER # 2 Who is the chameleon?

PATRICIA
will soon have

You will soon have him in front of your cameras.

REPORTER # 3

Is it truth that the chameleon gave all the money to charities?

PATRICIA

It has not been confirmed nor denied, nevertheless regardless of how noble were his actions, he committed a serious crime. This is all, thank you.

Reporters chatter, Patricia leaves the room straight to her office. Derrick follows.

DERRICK

Pat, have you realized what you did?

PATRICIA

What?

DERRICK

You have just told the chameleon you know who he is, this could jeopardize your husband.

PATRICIA

Trust me, Derrick I know what I am doing.

94. EXT. FBI SAFE HOUSE - NIGHT

Gregory Fink observes the house from a distance.

95. INT. FBI SAFE HOUSE - LATE NIGHT

Patricia sleeps.

SFX CELL PHONE RINGS

PATRICIA

(over phone)

It's me.

PATRICIA

(over phone)

Hello?

PATRICIA

(over phone)

I know it is you, lets have that meeting you mentioned, remember? The dinner, you know where to meet me.

Patricia hangs up, cries over her pillow.

96. EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

Patricia drives up the hill, Gregory Fink follows at a distance. He observes her parking in front of a restaurant.

97. INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Patricia enters, THE WAITER guides her to a secluded booth, she gasps as she sees Sylvester standing up and pulling a chair.

SYLVESTER

I am so sorry.

She stares at him, crying.

SYLVESTER

How much do you know?

Patricia sits down, Sylvester adjusts her coat on the chair, dropping her purse down. He picks the purse and places on the side.

PATRICIA

I spoke to Elizabeth Fuentes...
(pauses)
you are sorry?
(pauses)
I...you lied to me!

SYLVESTER

Before you say another word, listen to what I have to say. (pauses)
I planned everything, the disguises, I learned business finance, and held a job that made me travel from place to place without raising suspicions. (pauses)
I even married an FBI agent.

PATRICIA

(shocked)

Our sudden meeting...was not a coincidence.

SYLVESTER

I followed you, learned your likes and dislikes, but, one part of the plan went wrong.

Sylvester holds her hands.

SYLVESTER

I felt deeply in love with you.

PATRICIA

(taking hands off) I don't believe you. After your lies, all these years.

SYLVESTER

It was not a lie, Pat, it was justice, you know what I mean, you hunt criminals those go unpunished.

PATRICIA

Why the chameleon?

#### SYLVESTER POV

Young Sylvester walks in the zoo with his father, they stop at a Chameleon display.

YOUNG SYLVESTER I can't see it, dad.

SYLVESTER'S FATHER
The chameleon is very intelligent,
the defense mechanism allows it
to blend in to the environment and
creating a cloak to take its prey.

YOUNG SYLVESTER
I wish I could be like him
around Theo.

SYLVESTER'S FATHER
Don't worry, I already have
a schedule with the Principal.

END OF FLASHBACK

BACK TO SCENE

SYLVESTER

Miguel's father arranged me
to have a chameleon and
it was the day my father went to talk to
the Principal, Theo took my pet
from me and threw in the middle
of the street.
(beat)
I was too late. My father ran
to save me...

Sylvester starts crying.

SYLVESTER

My father became a vegetal,
I guess this was not enough for him,
years later he killed my friend.
He had to pay, so I blended into his
environment, I cloaked myself
and took him as the prey.

PATRICIA

So you became a criminal too.

SYLVESTER

The ends justify the means.

PATRICIA

(crying)

I am sorry what happened, but I have a duty...

SYLVESTER

Are you going to handcuff me here?

PATRICIA

Do I need to?

SYLVESTER

You don't think I would surrender without a fight.

PATRICIA

What?

SYLVESTER

Don't worry, I would never hurt you, I would rather die.

PATRICIA

How do you suggest ...

The waiter returns.

WAITER

Forgive me, there is call from Mr. Bowles for you ma'am.

Picks up her cell phone, tries to use.

PATRICIA

The battery is dead, Can I trust you are not leaving here? SYLVESTER I will behave.

Patricia gets up and walks towards the restaurant's telephone. Sylvester picks up the cell phone's battery and places over the table.

Patricia picks up the phone, no one is on the line. She rushes to the waiter.

PATRICIA

Why did you tell me there was a call?

WAITER

Your companion, ma'am, he asked me, he said he was planning a surprise, is there a problem?

PATRICIA

No, thank you.

Patricia walks towards the table, it is empty and she picks up the cell phone battery on top of the table.

## 98. EXT. HIGHWAY - NIGHT

Sylvester drives fast, Gregory follows, on the other side of the road Patricia follows.

Gregory sees Patricia on his rear mirror, he lets her pass, then he goes from behind slamming on the car, Sylvester sees Gregory's car attacking Patricia, Sylvester turns back and drives in the wrong way, he crashes his car into Gregory's as he was about to throw Patricia's car through a cliff, Gregory car falls off the cliff, Sylvester's car follows. Patricia looks terrified at both cars plunging and an EXPLOSION occurs, Patricia runs towards the end of the cliff, a second EXPLOSION occurs. She falls on the ground.

PATRICIA

No!

The two cars burn on the end of the cliff, Patricia cries.

## 99. EXT. PARK - DAY

Robert Ames sits on a bench, Theodore Faulkner arrives.

THEODORE

Why are you so secretive?

ROBERT

I want to come out clean.

THEODORE

(laughing)

Clean? You've been getting a cut of Greg's blackmail, right?

ROBERT

I was.

Theodore punches Robert who falls on the ground.

ROBERT

You should come out clean too, Gregory told me what you did.

THEODORE

(laughing)

But he is not here to say anything else is he?

ROBERT

Why did you do it?

THEODORE

I missed, I meant to kill Sylvester. My father was paying a fortune for his father's treatment, so I messed up the breaks of his friends car, I could've killed them both, but I wasn't so lucky, he didn't take the ride with his best buddy.

ROBERT

You should be arrested for that.

THEODORE

(laughing)

It's been so long ago, and the only ones who knew the truths are dead.

Robert looks around, Theodore is surround by the POLICE. Robert shows Theodore a surveillance device. Theodore is on handcuffs. Patricia walks near Theodore.

PATRICIA

There is no statute of limitations for murder.

The POLICE OFFICER handcuffs Theodore and takes him away.

100. EXT. AERIAL VIEW OF WASHINGTON - DAY

REPORTER (V.O.)

Wall Street has been shocked with the arrest of Theodore Faulkner in a murder charge of a death that occurred in nineteen-ninety seven, and the indictment of Chief Executive Officer of Faulkner Corporation for extortion.

101. INT. FBI HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Patricia packs her belongings. Derrick enters the room.

DERRICK

Are you sure about this?

PATRICIA

Of course, and you will be a great successor.

DERRICK

What I meant is the Chameleon, it wasn't Gregory, and you know it.

PATRICIA

My husband saved my life, The Chameleon is dead.

DERRICK

I just thought you could get the record straight.

PATRICIA

What would I tell Brianna? How about Cory?

Derrick nods, leaves the room.

#### 102. INT. DUPREE HOME - THREE MONTHS LATER - DAY

Patricia walks to the mailbox, picks up letters, she frowns at an overseas envelope, green and yellow borders, she opens.

SYLVESTER (V.O.)
Besides acting classes I took
stunt classes too,
It is wonderful the tropic
weather of this non-extradition
county South of the Equator,
together we can save the rainforest,
I miss you and the children.

Patricia is crying she kisses the postcard of a Chameleon and run inside the house.

#### 103. EXT. BEACH - DAY

Cory plays soccer with KIDS, Brianna lies on the sand, Patricia lies on Sylvester's chest sleeping, she startles when a chameleon crawls on her leg, Sylvester picks up the chameleon, sets it aside and kisses Patricia.

Suggested ending music: Iris, Goo Goo Dolls

FADE OUT