

START-

ANNALIESE

How did you know the door code?

Graham gestures toward a ROW OF VACU-MOLECULAR CLEANERS.

GRAHAM

I sell vacu-molecular cleaners. I sold these. The hotel gave me the code for service and deliveries.

ANNALIESE

Get the fuck out of here.

Graham nods, okay, STARTS TO WALK OUT. She stops him.

ANNALIESE (CONT'D)

I mean get the fuck out of here you sell fucking vacuum cleaners?

Annaliese is unfailingly direct. At times deadpan.

ANNALIESE (CONT'D)

Annaliese Strickland.

GRAHAM

Alec Graham. Why are they after you?

ANNALIESE

Big picture? They're assholes. Are you working with Seth?

Graham doesn't know how to respond.

ANNALIESE (CONT'D)

He's an asshole, too, you know?

She takes out a CARD with an EMAIL ADDRESS.

ANNALIESE (CONT'D)

If, when, things get sticky with him. Maybe we can help you?

GRAHAM

Who's we?

ANNALIESE

(embarrassed)

The Australians.

GRAHAM

The Australians?

ANNALIESE

Don't laugh. It's an opportunity.

ANNALIESE

GRAHAM How do you know Seth?

ANNALIESE

Camp.

GRAHAM

Camp?

ANNALIESE

Summer camp. I know, it's crazy. When we were 14 he told everyone I gave him a blow job. I did not give him a blow job. But I was kind of slutty at camp so no one believed me. Now we're in the same business. Fucking ridiculous.

She starts to leave. Now he's who stops her.

GRAHAM

Wait... Did you know the man running in the street the other day, when I first saw you? Is that connected with Seth, with me? Why is this all happening? What's it all about?

She looks at him. How to put it?

ANNALIESE

Same shit. Different planet.

GRAHAM

The Moon's not a planet.

She smiles. Then she does something weird, even for her. She GRABS HIS CROTCH, his balls really, over his pants, with force. Difficult to tell what her purpose is: Intimidate him? Something sexual? A kind of test? Stares at him a beat. Then pulls her hand away and looks at him. WALKS OUT. OFF Graham.

INT. GRAHAM APARTMENT - GRAHAM'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Graham lay on his bed, his LAPTOP OPEN in front of him. CLOSE on LAPTOP SCREEN open to a GOOGLE-LIKE SEARCH WINDOW.

GRAHAM

Annaliese -- two N's, two N's -- Strickland. Blonde.... Striking.

We watch on-screen as various IMAGES POP UP on screen, most of women. Graham is voice navigating the internet.



Graham watches in horror -- fuck! Looks around the back of the car and spots something that can help.

GRAHAM

Wait! No!

Graham now LEANS OVER Dendra and, from out of another visible compartment in the backseat, pulls out a SMALL DUSTBUSTER-LIKE LUNAR CLEANING SOLUTIONS VACU-MOLECULAR CLEANER.

GRAHAM (CONT'D)

Much batter. Trust me.

Graham CLICKS on the cleaner, and VACUUMS UP THE LINT-BUG --But IT WON'T VACUUM CP. Clearly more bug than lint. Fuck! He PRESSES THE CLEANER'S VOZZLE DOWN HARDER on it.

DENDRA

Goddamn it, man get it!

And, finally, he does! Grahal looks up, relieved.

GRAHAM

I'll send you over a new model. Much more... Advanced.

Dendra looks at him. Smiles. Then takes out his WALLET and removes a CARD with an ADDRESS on it. Sraham stares at the WALLET -- it does indeed appear to be made of HUMAN SKIN.

DENDRA

(handing him a card)
Send one to me at home as well.

Graham takes the card. Nods. EXITS. OFF Dendra, witching him go, his fingers petting the wallet.

INT. ADVANCED LUNAR SOLUTIONS - NEXT MORNING

GRAHAM

So can your people protect me?

REVERSE on Annaliese. She is standing by Graham at his DESK. On which, were we to be especially observant, is a hard copy of the OBLITERATOR SCHEMATICS we saw on his laptop earlier.

In the B/G we see Bassi, watching with great suspicion.

ANNALIESE

START

Let me guess -- Seth casually hinted he might kill you if you didn't come through?

ANNALIESE

GRAHAM

Very casual, super informal.

ANNALIESE

(re: Bassi)
What? Because he's upper management
now? So tacky.

ANNALIESE (CONT'D)
You sure you trust this one?

BASSI

Tell this gash she could lose five pounds. Please? For me?

GRAHAM

(to Annaliese, re: Bassi) More than anyone.

We get sense there's an interesting backstory to this. Because there is an interesting backstory to this.

GRAHAM (CONT'D)
What about the Australians? Can
they help me?

ANNALIESE

Do you have a koala bear problem? You should meet Ugarte.

GRAHAM

Who's Ugarte?

ANNALIESE

But, shit, he might be on Earth. Said something about a colonoscopy.

GRAHAM

Of course, right, good for him.

ANNALIESE

Just give him what he wants.

GRAHAM

Ugarte? A healthy colon?

ANNALIESE

No. Seth. Espionage is like marriage. Not so much about always being right, as never being wrong.

Graham looks at her. How did this happen?

ANNALIESE

GRAHAM

You don't understand, we came here to get away from...

ANNALIESE

Get away from what?

But he's not going to answer.

ANNALIESE (CONT'D)

Look, it's not you Seth cares about. It's Dendra. Dendra's who everyone cares about now. His little security outfit is starting to look more like a private army — a quarter of a million miles away from anyone, and on top of the most valuable resource in the universe.

GRAHAM

This is crazy.

ANNALIESE

This is an opportunity. Seth is just a salesman, Graham. Like you, like all of us.

An opportunity. Not unlike what Hackler told him as well.

GRAHAM

Then I'll give him something he can sell.



INT. RESTAURANT - LATER - NIGHT

A commanding VIEW of the DESCARTES SPACEPORT. Various SHUTTLE-LIKE CRAFTS in process of taking off and landing. A small terminal. All framed against the BLACK SKY AND STARS of space, and the ever-looming EARTH.

PULL BACK to see this is the view through a LARGE WINDOW at the fanciest restaurant in Descartes. Up against which is a TABLE where Graham and Clarissa are sitting for dinner.

CLARISSA

Such an amazing view.

GRAHAM

Seemed an appropriate place to tell you that I've decided something.. When you go to college, to Earth, I'll go back, too. It's something I've wanted for a while now and--