

Prudhomme - Jack
2nd Yellow Revision 15-10-22 REACHER

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Shapes move in the SHADOWS. A VOICE calls out:

VOICE

How much?

REACHER

More than he needs.

SEVERAL MEN appear out of the darkness.

JUNKIE #1

How much?

REACHER

You know Prudhomme...?

JUNKIE #1

Depends.

REACHER

It's a simple question.

JUNKIE #2

What you want with him?

REACHER

I told you -- to give him money.

JUNKIE #2

Maybe you give us some money.

REACHER

Maybe I rip your arm off and beat
you to death with it.

(the junkie backs off)

Who knows where I can find Daniel
Prudhomme?

A FIGURE appears in the shadows.

PRUDHOMME

I do.

127 LATER - THE WAREHOUSE - A TRASHED OFFICE

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Reacher and Turner sit across from DANIEL PRUDHOMME, 29,
strung out, wasted. Reacher notes the TRACKS on his arms.

PRUDHOMME

Don't know any ParaSource--

REACHER

You work for them.

PRUDHOMME

Never heard of 'em.

Reacher GRABS Prudhomme's collar, LIFTS him out of the chair.

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TURNER

Reacher, stop! This man's a soldier.
He's been through a lot--

Turner puts her hand on Prudhomme's shoulder, apologetically.

TURNER (CONT'D)

Tell us what you told the MP'S.

PRUDHOMME

Don't know nothing about no MP'S.

Thus far, Turner has managed to contain her rage over the death of her men, but it suddenly boils over -- she GRABS his hair and SLAMS HIS FOREHEAD INTO THE TABLE!

TURNER

(furious)

SERGEANTS MIRKOVICH AND CIBELLI!
THEY INTERVIEWED YOU IN BAGRAM.

128 FLASH CUT - PRUDHOMME IN MP UNIFORM BEING INTERROGATED BY
MIRKOVICH AND CIBELLI AT THE AIR BASE. 128

TURNER (V.O.)

Mirkovich had a six year old daughter.
Cibelli's wife is pregnant with their
first.

129 BACK TO THE ROOM 129

Prudhomme tries to look away. Can't.

TURNER

YOU'RE GONNA TELL ME WHO DID THIS--

130 FLASH CUT - BAGRAM AIR BASE - THE MP'S INTERROGATE PRUDHOMME.. 130
A FIGURE WATCHES FROM THE SHADOWS. IT'S THE HUNTER

131 BACK TO THE ROOM 131

Prudhomme starts to cry. Disgusted, Turner lets go of him.

PRUDHOMME

They'll kill me.

REACHER

She'll kill you.

TURNER

We'll protect you. But only if you
tell us all of it.

Prudhomme fumbles for a cigarette but his hand is SHAKING so hard he can't light it. Reacher pulls it out of his mouth.

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PRUDHOMME

....ParaSource ran the truck convoys out of Bagram.

132 FLASH CUT - PRUDHOMME SIGNS IN THE CONVOY. THE HUNTER SLIPS PRUDHOMME A FAT ENVELOPE. 132

PRUDHOMME (V.O.)

MP's ran security. All I had to do was sign the manifest that all weapons were accounted for...tag along for the ride.

133 FLASH CUT - A TRUCK CONVOY SNAKES THROUGH THE AFGHANI HILLS.. PRUDHOMME RIDES IN THE LEAD TRUCK. 133

PRUDHOMME (V.O.)

We're leaving behind enough shit to fight another war.

134 BACK IN THE ROOM-- 134

PRUDHOMME

Warlords wanted everything - jerking off over the RPG's and the M230's.

TURNER

Sounds perfect. What went wrong--?

PRUDHOMME

Friggin' warlords want to renegotiate. ParaSource says no. Next day the whole convoy gets lit up--

135 FLASH CUT - THE CONVOY IS ATTACKED. THE LEAD HUMVEE IS HIT BY AN I.E.D. AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. 135

PRUDHOMME (V.O.)

Total horror show. I was scared shitless.

136 FLASH CUT - AN RPG HITS A TRUCK. PRUDHOMME COWERS. 136

PRUDHOMME (V.O.)

Army has to mount a rescue. Three Search-and-Rescue guys get wasted saving us.

137 FLASH CUT - HEAVY FIRE. AMERICAN SOLDIERS CUT DOWN. THE HELICOPTER IS BLOWN OUT OF THE SKY. 137

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138 BACK IN THE ROOM

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Prudhomme is shaking his head.

PRUDHOMME

Two of the army guys were dudes I knew, man...

(looks at them)

ParaSource just offered so much money. I even bought my wife a house.

(starts to cry)

Whole time I'd say to myself, Mike, why you doin' this... I was studying to be an I.T. I had a real future.

TURNER

What happened after the investigators took your statement?

139 FLASH CUT - THE HUNTER FINDS MIRKOVICH AND CIBELLI BEHIND THE PARKED TRUCKS. HE SHOOTS THEM, POINT BLANK.

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PRUDHOMME (V.O.)

I was a dead man if I stayed. I went A.W.O.L. Hitched a ride back to the states.

140 BACK IN THE ROOM

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PRUDHOMME

Started shooting up over there. Thought if I could just get home, maybe I could get myself right.

REACHER

But you couldn't.

PRUDHOMME

Not as easy as it sounds, brother. More dope on the streets of Nawlins these days than Afghanistan.

Turner takes Reacher aside.

TURNER

Something's wrong. The numbers don't add up.

REACHER

What do you mean?

TURNER

Why put huge government contracts at risk selling weapons on the black market? ParaSource is smarter than that.

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PRUDHOMME

Oh, they're smart all right.

Reacher turns back to Prudhomme.

REACHER

What about on our end? Didn't anybody check to see the crates were empty?

PRUDHOMME

Yeah. Some other loser just like me.

REACHER

We need to get inside one of those transports.

PRUDHOMME

Plane leaves Bagram every Friday morning at 0600.

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