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# 'FALCONMAN'

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'NO BIRD SOARS TOO HIGH IF HE SOARS WITH HIS OWN WINGS...' WILLIAM BLAKE WE ARE A BIRDS EYE VIEW, FLYING OVER THE ICY GLACIERS OF THE TIAN SHAN MOUNTAIN RANGE. KAZAKHSTAN.

EXT. SNOWY MOUNTAIN PEAKS - DAY

AS WE GLIDE down towards AKBULAK SKI RESORT.

CLOSE IN ON:

A FATHER and his SIXTEEN YEAR OLD DAUGHTER. He's wrapped in a very expensive fur and she wears the latest Channel ski suit. They are in heated discussion.

ALEXANDER (Russian) I'm not allowing it -

GALINA (Russian) I'm not a child anymore!

ALEXANDER You're my child always.

GALINA And I love you. But how can I grow up with your bodyguards watching my every move?

We now see the black SUV behind them with four big mean looking men sitting in it. Alexander thinks for a moment.

> ALEXANDER Alright. You can go. But Pavel goes too.

> > GALINA

Father!

ALEXANDER What? He's like an uncle! You said you can ski better than him. So lose him.

Galina smiles as:

With an effortless billow of our WHITE FEATHERS WE SUDDENLY take FLIGHT again.

EXT. TYROL MOUNTAINS - DAY

And we fly back towards the peeks.

Where on the highest peek -

We find a PERFECT FIGURE OF A GIRL dressed in black with a pony tail and black thermal bandanna covering her lower face - waiting with her arm out.

This is MAGDALENA FALCONGRAF, early twenties with striking green eyes. The beautiful WHITE GYRFALCON lands on her arm.

The Falcon's name is DIVA.

We now see behind her - four more PERFECT WOMEN in skin tight white ski suits.

The words 'FALCON - FORCE' embroidered above their chest.

Magdalena strokes her falcons head - feeding her.

CUT TO:

EXT. AKBULAK SKI RESORT - DAY

Alexander steps into his SUV turning back to the mountains smiling.

A SKI CHOPPER takes off in the BG.

CUT TO:

EXT. MOUNTAIN PEEK - DAY

Magdalena watches as the chopper heads away from the town to a mountain ridge just below her.

He nods to the Falcon Force girls who all PUT ON SKIS.

EXT. LOWER PEEK - DAY

Galina and a nervous looking 'uncle' PAVEL are dropped off and the chopper leaves. Galina clicks on her skis smiling.

> GALINA Keep up. My father will kill you if you lose me.

With that she is off - plowing down through fresh powder. Pavel panics desperately trying to put on his skis. EXT. UPPER PEAK - DAY

Magdalena watches this speaking to the head girl of Falcon Force, MAYA - a stunning Eurasian (20's).

MAGDALENA (English) Keep your distance. She mustn't see us.

Maya nods and the girls take off down the slope. We now see two falcon wings embroidered over each cheek.

Its then that Magdalena SPOTS SOMETHING.

MAGDALENA POV:

TEARING OVER the opposite ridge -

SIX SKIERS all dressed in BLACK.

And they carry SUBMACHINE GUNS instead of poles. And they're all HEADING FOR GALINA.

Magdalena whispers into her Falcons ear.

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MAGDALENA (CONT'D) Show time.
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The bird takes flight as Magdalena clips into her SNOWBOARD.

EXT. GLACIER - DAY

Powder has turned to ice as Galina cuts through it expertly. Pavel - surprisingly, is gaining on her.

> PAVEL Galina! Slow down!

He doesn't notice the six skiers coming over the horizon behind him.

ON THE PARALLEL SLOPE:

Diva CRIES OUT to the Falcon Force girls below.

They then spot the Men in Black and CARVE RIGHT to cut them off.

BACK ON THE GLACIER:

Galina, oblivious to any of this smiles to herself.

## GALINA (teasing) Come on old man! Keep up!

She turns just in time to see poor Pavel being KNOCKED from behind by one of the men in black.

SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL into a BONE BREAKING mess on the ice.

TERRIFIED - Galina realizes what is happening and she tuns back to the slope spotting the TREE LINE below her..

But within a moment, one of the men is skiing BESIDE HER, machine gun raised.

But he doesn't shoot, just SMILES signaling her to stop...

NO WAY!

She crouches down to pick up MORE SPEED. The man FIRES a burst at the front of her skies TEARING THE TIP off the right one.

But she manages to keep balance.

Suddenly cutting left and across his ski's causing the man to nearly lose his gun.

The other five men are now onto her and we can see that she is about to GIVE IN.

When suddenly the falcon Force girls are right there - in the MIX!

The men all look at the four stunning girls confused. The girls just SMILE back. All eleven of them now hitting !00MPH.

Galina turns to one of the girls.

MAYA Don't worry princess. We're the good 'quys'.

With that, Maya pulls a BLADE OUT OF HER SKI POLE and SLASHES it across the lead man's neck.

Blood SPLATTERS the white snow like a 'Pollack' as the man wipes out.

Maya just WINKS at the terrified Galina.

Then the FIRING STARTS!

ON THE NEXT SLOPE:

Magdalena WATCHES as she expertly carves through powder.

But not the battle below - THE RIDGES.

As a BLACK HUEY HELICOPTER bursts up over them.

Two men in BLACK and CHROME SUITS sit out either side on the skids.

Diva spots it too.

BACK ON THE GLACIER:

GUNS VS BLADES: As they all RACE towards the tree line.

One of the F-force girls manages to SLAM HER BLADE onto the one of the pressures left binding - releasing his ski.

But as he WIPES OUT he takes HER WITH HIM.

Now it is FOUR against FOUR.

As the open white face of the glacier becomes a nightmare of WOOD AND BRANCHES.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

If we didn't know how fast we were going before, WE DO NOW.

Every tree and branch nearly hits us at INCREDIBLE SPEED.

One WRONG MOVE and we are history.

Which one of the men finds out as he tries to shoot at the girl next to him.

STUPID. He took his eye off the trees.

Then there were THREE.

Galina is good as she navigates her way through the maze.

Behind, her pursuers and Falcon-force FIGHT AND DODGE their way through the trees.

One of the men and a Falcon-force girl are now SIDE BY SIDE as they dodge trees IN SYNC.

Amazingly she starts to UNZIP HER SKI SUIT showing cleavage.

The man can't BELIEVE HIS EYES. Until she blows him a kiss, DUCKING.

The oncoming branch HITS him in the neck FLIPPING him 360! ABOVE THEM no one hears THE CHOPPER.

EXT. SKY ABOVE FOREST - DAY

As the two men in WINGMAN FYING SUITS sit on the skids, following the pursuit below -

Calculating the time it will take the skiers to get out of the trees.

EXT. MOUNTAIN - DAY

Magdalena is parallel to the trees on her board keeping up with the chase. She spots Diva hovering behind the chopper.

Then amazingly - the two men JUMP from the chopper opening their chrome 'wings'...

Gliding like BATS over the trees. Magdalena signals to her falcons who takes off after them.

Magdalena pushes her board off piste - heading for the tress with the mastery of an EXTREME SPORTSWOMAN.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

The fight continues as another Falcon-force girls WIPE OUT.

Galina can now see the snowy opening at the edge of the tree line and pushes her skis faster.

EXT. SKY ABOVE FOREST - DAY

The two winged men SKIM across the tree tops at INCREDIBLE SPEED.

Not realizing the falcon is DIVING at them from above.

Diva HITS the first man on his left wing sending him into a TAIL SPIN.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

And into the trees where he cuts through branches like a CANNON BALL:

Taking out one of his own men who was just about to take out Maya. She looks up into the tree tops confused.

EXT. SNOWY RIDGE - DAY

As Galina breaks free of the trees. She cant believe she actually made it, looking behind her.

Only to see the surviving wing man SWOOPING OVER HER head pulling his parachute in front of her.

She tries to avoid him - but he's TIMED IT PERFECTLY.

But so has the falcon. It manages to grab the parachute - DRAGGING the wing man out of reach...

As Galina shoots past amazed at what she just saw. But not seeing the fast APPROACHING CLIFF FACE!

Above her, Magdalena has raced onto the ridge behind her.

## MAGDALENA

Look out!

But too late as suddenly, Galina is AIRBORNE!

A moment's realization as she starts to FALL BACKWARDS towards the rocks 300 METERS below.

A beat later and she sees Magdalena airborne above her - expertly RELEASING HER BOARD and turning her body into a BULLET...

Diving down towards her.

A moment later and she CATCHES HER, the impact nearly knocking her out.

They fall a moment more as she wraps a nylon belt around her CLIPPING it too her.

MAGDALENA (CONT'D) Shouldn't you be in school?

With that Magdalena pulls her CHUTE.

A BLACK PARACHUTE with TWO SILVER WINGS on it.

CUT TO:

EXT. AKBULAK, MAIN SQUARE - DAY

Alexander sits with a bevy of beauties at a cafe, his bodyguards on the next table as people around start pointing to the sky. Alexander looks up.

Can't believe his eyes as Magdalena and his daughter FLOAT DOWN into the square. He rushes to her as Magdalena unclips her parachute.

They embrace for a moment.

ALEXANDER What happened! Are you alright?

GALINA (besotted) It was incredible! She was like a bird...

Alexander looks up as the police arrive. But Magdalena is gone. Only her parachute remains.

And a WHITE FALCON circles silently above.

We close in on the chute blowing in the wind. It's Falcon wings becomes a myriad of psychedelic colors eventually becoming giant wings.

TITLES START (think early BOND).

The graphic HISTORY of the Falcon's through ancient cultures...

Ending with a FALCON FLYING from an Egyptian Pyramid at SUNSET:

#### FADE UP

CU: A DESERT RAT, meanders peacefully on the sand -

When it is suddenly grabbed by the giant claws of a FALCON.

As the rodent's carried into the air ...

WE SEE an AUDIENCE cheering in the BG.

The bird takes us up to:

CUT TO:

EXT. SKIES ABOVE DUBAI, FAZZA CHAMPIONSHIPS - DAY

A HOT AIR BALLON.

4000 meters below: The DUBAI CONSERVATION RESERVE.

TWO ARAB FALCONERS stand with FALCONS on their arms -

One bird, BLACK the other one BROWN.

#### AASIM

(looking down on Dubai) Can you believe this was just once a camel farm...

With that, they let the birds go:

They fly at INCREDIBLE SPEED -

Diving down until they are only meters above the dunes.

PULL BACK: We are in an OASIS surrounded by tents and with hundreds more people cheering below.

This is the BIGGEST FALCON event in the world the Fazza Championship

Sellers here are offering birds for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The black falcon lands on the arm of a FALCONER who isn't happy. He turns to:

A CHARISMATIC, HANDSOME PERSIAN in his 50's - with perfect hair, and an air of superiority.

He's taking MONEY from a man next to him. We realize, this was a private bet.

The is: PRINCE AMIR SULINAIM.

AMIR SULINAIM I told you my friend. Nothing flies faster -

ARABIC MAN Apart from Graff Otto's... (he holds up what's left of his money) I'll bet all of this -

AMIR SULINAIM He will be too busy taking applause. The Arabic man leaves.

Amir tries to compose a smile - but we can see it's really anger.

He reaches out to his bird. The Falcon reacts, scared.

Tries to BITE HIM.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) I think I'll have this one for dinner... (smiles) In a white wine sauce.

Off the shocked Falconer's look.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE BURJ AL ARAB, DUBAI - DAY

VARIOUS SHOTS. HUGE EVENT. GUN RANGE CONTESTS. CAMEL RACES.

FAST CUTS: A Fashion show. A Yacht race.

THIS IS DUBAI - AT IT'S FINEST.

AND COMING THROUGH THE ARCH: A procession of the most beautiful MODELS in DESIGNER CLOTHS and HIGH END CARS we've ever seen.

FOLLOWED BY: GRAFF OTTO VON FALCONTSONE (50's, unfairly handsome)-

His legs are split between two camels in a show of MARTIAL ARTS FITNESS.

He flips him self off the animals - landing on a stage perfectly.

The crowd goes wild.

The ANNOUNCER tells us. His Falcon's have won all their races - ONCE AGAIN.

Graff Otto takes a bow.

Two YOUNG MEN start causing trouble in the crowd. Turns out they lost money betting against FALCONSTONE'S BIRDS.

They push past SECURITY climbing onto the stage.

Graff just smiles - signals security to stay back:

They get into a FIGHTING STANCE. Graff rolls his eyes.

GRAFF OTTO Do you really want to do this?

The attack. Within seconds it's all over.

Now he crowd goes REALLY WILD.

CUT TO:

INT. VIP BOOTH - DAY

Amir watches this all take place below. Sips his champagne, smiling:

AMIR SULINAIM I couldn't pay for better advertising.

ANOTHER SKY - AS WE SWOOP TOWARDS:

CUT TO:

EXT. FALCONSTONE CASTLE - MORNING

An incredible castle in the mountains overlooking A HUGE LAKE.

It's a masterpiece of design made out a collection of castle architecture from across Europe. But also badly in need of repair.

A SMALL WHITE DRONE hovers into frame. Only for a beat.

Before it's suddenly CRUSHED by the HUGE BEAKS of a GOLDEN EAGLE.

EXT. FALCON TRAINING FIELD - DAY

The castle looms magnificently in the background.

Magdalena, her hair now down we can see her incredible beauty - she holds out a leather gloved arm.

But we also see the SCAR OF A OLD BURN down her left her cheek.

The Eagle lands on her. She strokes it, feeding it.

### MAGDALENA

Good boy.

IN THE BG: The other Falcon-force girls. Maya, holds a Falcon while the others that sit watching, some bandaged from the ski chase.

A single applause OS:

She turns to GRAFF OTTO VON FALCONGRAF.

Magdalena's father (50's), an UNFAIRLY HANDSOME man stands at the entrance of the field.

We can tell by the girls reaction that this is a rare public appearance.

MAGDALENA (CONT'D)

Father?

Diva spots Graff Otto from a tree -

Immediately taking off, swooping down and gently landing on Graff's ungloved arm.

Their connection is nearly audible as the bird rubs her head against his cheek.

GRAFF OTTO (Austrian accent) I hope you're taking care of my girl?

MAGDALENA Of course I am, father -

GRAFF OTTO I was talking to the bird.

He kisses his Diva, sending her back into the air.

GRAFF OTTO (CONT'D) (turns to his daughter) You didn't happen to hear of that foiled kidnapping a few days ago in Kazakhstan? They say a falcon was involved.

MAGDALENA (shrugs) Dressed like a Batman? GRAFF OTTO No. But the person who heroically parachuted in with the princess. They say <u>she</u> was. (glancing at the bandaged girls) You wouldn't know anything of it of course?

MAGDALENA

No, why?

GRAFF OTTO All that money on an English education and you still never learned how to lie.

Her father turns walking away. Magdalena follows.

MAGDALENA (back to Maya) Keep working them.

CUT TO:

EXT. MOUNTAIN ROAD, AUSTRIA - MORNING

A silver ASTON MARTIN DB6 comes to a stop on the road.

In the distance Falconstone castle sits on Its hill like Olympus. Down below in the DONAU VALLEY:

The UNITED NATIONS BUILDING (VIENNA).

INT. CAR - MORNING

Amir Sulinaim lowers his RAY BAN WAYFARERS to admire the view.

He puts his car into gear - speeding towards the castle.

CUT TO:

INT. FALCONSTONE CASTLE, ENTRANCE HALL - DAY

Both father and daughter are dwarfed by the massive hallway. It's size is magnificent but it's also badly in need of repair.

GRAFF OTTO You said Falcon-force wasn't ready. We weren't.

GRAFF OTTO So I see. Are the girls alright?

INT. LIBRARY - DAY

Graff Otto goes to the bar pouring himself a whiskey.

MAGDALENA They'll recover.

Graff Otto hands Magdalena a newspaper.

HEADLINE: 'Falconman's return? Princess saved!'

There's a 1940's illustration of an old school superhero in a FALCON SUIT. Mask, cape and all.

Magdalena can't help smiling.

MAGDALENA (CONT'D) Austria had a Superhero?

GRAFF OTTO Only in the comics... (looks at her) But you risked their lives for real. <u>Your</u> life.

MAGDALENA It was our first opportunity to test ourselves in the field. And they did well -

GRAFF OTTO You already do well.

MAGDALENA Just shadowing the IAEA? We're nothing but escorts...

GRAFF OTTO

<u>Bodyguards</u> -

MAGDALENA Who never see action. We do nothing but eat and look pretty -

GRAFF OTTO Something that won't matter on your next assignment... (MORE) GRAFF OTTO (CONT'D) (hands her a file) You'll all be wearing Habibs.

MAGDALENA Not exactly the answer I was hoping for.

GRAFF OTTO You can always refuse.

She rolls her eyes. Opens the file.

GRAFF OTTO (CONT'D) The IAEA found something strange while inspecting the Iranian nuclear site at Ardakan. Not nuclear materials. They found something else. One of the plants water cooling system had been adapted...

## MAGDALENA

For?

GRAFF OTTO A Supercomputers.

MAGDALENA So the data scientists that've been kidnaped recently?

GRAFF OTTO The UN thinks it's all connected.

MAGDALENA So my ski trip wasn't a total waste of time after all.

### GRAFF OTTO

Seems not. Alexander Salkind is the head of Russia's *Roscosmos* program. The UN think they were going to use his daughter to blackmail him for code.

Her mind working.

MAGDALENA

Who are <u>they</u>?

SUDDENLY OS:

AMIR SULINAIM Ah, Magdalena! My beautiful Goddaughter -

They both turn to Amir who stands in the door.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) It wasn't locked.

Magdalena immediacy leaves, pushing past Amir.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) No kiss?

GRAFF OTTO

Magdalena!

But she's gone.

AMIR SULINAIM Leave her. She's old enough to choose her own friends... (hands Graff a list) Sadly - we're too old to choose ours.

Graff cringes as he reads the list.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) I do admire your courage. And quite a display in Dubai. But you know these events you're doing... They'll never raise the money you need to save Falconstone.

GRAFF OTTO You know I have to try.

AMIR SULINAIM Support of a friend is part of Persian culture...

Amir walks to the windows.

AMIR'S POV: The UN building at the end of the valley.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) (takes out a contract) Amazing view.

GRAFF OTTO I'm <u>Just</u> renting you the lake and its surrounding lands -

AMIR SULINAIM The caves below. GRAFF OTTO Those too. AMIR SULINAIM (turns to Graff, smiling) Do I believe your water has magical powers? That it makes your Falcon's what they are ... (laughs) No. I know that's all you. But as long as the rest of the world does... (points at the contract) You keep this crumbling wreck, you call home - a while longer. GRAFF OTTO This will aways be my home. AMIR SULINAIM I hope so, my friend. I really do. In the meantime... (hands him a pen) My trucks arrive tomorrow. We'll use the underground tunnels the other end of the lake. You'll never

other end of the lake. You'll neve even know we're here...

Graff stands - tries to hold back anger. Amir just smiles.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) You could never fence as well as I, my friend...

Graff looks out of the window. Sees his daughter with the birds.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) But if you have any rusty swords laying around?

GRAFF OTTO I don't need a weapon to fight anyone.

AMIR SULINAIM But you <u>do</u> need money.

Graff just stares at him. Amir points.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) Just sign there.

Graff has no choice. Picks up the pen.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) You're too sentimental Graff Von Otto. Sentimentality can get you killed -

Graff signs.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) I can lend you my security for the Gala's. Your daughter and a couple of trained parrots? They're no match for men with guns...

CUT TO:

BLAM! AS AN EXPLOSION OF FEATHERS AND BLOOD.

EXT. CLEARING IN THE WOODS - DAY

As a GROUSE falls to earth.

LUTHOR a shell out of his shot gun. He's dressed like perfect British nobility.

Nearby is a range rover with four beautiful girls also straight out of 'Country Life'.

Another jeep pulls up. Two well dressed, albeit Aryan men - Step out with hand guns.

One is CASH KARY - Luthor's trusted right hand man.

Three other men step out BANDAGED AND BRUISED (we recognize them from the opening ski scene). They look terrified.

All flinch as there is another GUN SHOT. Luthor turns to them as another bird drops from the sky in the BG.

LUTHOR (German) Come my faithful soldiers. Don't be frightened...

They're pushed to the ground by the Aryan men.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) Do you know why I kill birds? They're useless. (MORE) LUTHOR (CONT'D) They fly around shitting everywhere, thinking they own the fucking sky?! Well <u>they don't</u>. I <u>do</u>. And there is only one thing I hate more than birds -

The kneeling men look at each other confused.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) Chickens. Not the factory kind. They're not very tasty. No. The human kind...

One of the bandaged men tries to talk. Luthor stops him.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) And as annoying as failure is, it is just a fact of life. But you men failed but still live...

He loads one shell into his shot gun staring at the three men.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) That makes you chickens.

One of the men can't take it anymore. Stands, making a break for the tree line.

The two men with guns are about to go after him but Luthor calmly shakes his head.

Looks at ANOTHER MAN wearing a VR HEADSET and A PHONE.

THEN WE SEE IT:

A TINY 'VULTURE DRONE' floating above.

Maybe the size of a matchbox. But much more TERRIFYING. Like a METALLIC INSECT only designed to kill.

Luthor lets the man think he'll make it before sending the DRONE after him.

It FLIES AT FULL SEED - attaching itself to the back of the mans neck like a spider.

A SMALL EXPLOSION takes the mans head off.

The man falls to the ground like a sack of potatoes. Luthor turns to the two remaining skiers.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) I guess we found the bird... (he throws the shotgun) If either of you fail me again. I suggest you die trying. It will save so much time and melodrama.

They both nod nearly wetting themselves. Luthor walks off towards the guests.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) Lunch time ladies. I do hope It's fish.

SMASH CUT TO: 25

A FORMULA ONE CAR COMING STRAIGHT AT CAMERA!

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EXT. ÖSTERREICHRING RACE TRACK, AUSTRIA - DAY

Fast cuts of a FORMULA ONE CAR speeding alone on the track.

Only to find a DARK FEMALE FIGURE standing in the middle of the tarmac.

Magdalena - The car JUST MISSES her skidding to a halt. The driver jumps out removing his helmet.

This is RICHARD SULINAIM, Amir's adopted son. 'Eurasian' handsome and he knows it.

RICHARD (French accent) One day you'll get your self killed doing that -

MAGDALENA The day you can't drive anymore?

RICHARD That day will never happen.

MAGDALENA Then why should I worry?

Richard smiles. Walks towards the pit stop.

RICHARD Are you excited...

MAGDALENA I don't go to parties. Now at the pit stop Richard hands her a gossip magazine. On the cover - a picture of a BEAUTIFUL BLOND.

RICHARD Then guess I won't be seeing you there.

Magdalena looks confused.

RICHARD (CONT'D) Olga Dymov? Biggest pop star in the world.

MAGDALENA What has that got to do with me exactly?

RICHARD She's debuting her new single at your fathers opening gala...

Magdalena reacts to this.

RICHARD (CONT'D) Still not going to the ball Cinderella?

MAGDALENA You have no interest?

RICHARD Of course I do!

MAGDALENA Then I might as well not.

He doesn't get the subtext.

RICHARD You hide behind those birds as an excuse for not living.

MAGDALENA I'm happy as I am.

RICHARD I give up. So, give me the lowdown. Three events. Gala, fashion show and then the race -

MAGDALENA Which you have to win.

RICHARD Obviously. MAGDALENA I'm serious... (she looks away) But I doubt we'll raise what we need either way. He comes up, holding her. RICHARD Let me get this straight. If I lose? I get the castle. Quite the conundrum... Magdalena looks at him. He breaks the embrace. RICHARD (CONT'D) Don't worry! I've no idea why my dad is so obsessed with that piece of rubble anyway -MAGDALENA That rubble is my home. RICHARD (sincerely) Sorry. Look. I'll win as I always do and it will be your children's home too... MAGDALENA How did you ever end up with such a dick of a father? RICHARD (points to his eyes) Adopted? Hello... (motions to his race car) Want to take her for a spin? MAGDALENA (grins) Hell yeah! SMASH CUT TO:

INT. FALCONSTONE, KITCHEN - NIGHT (FLASHBACK).

FLAMES SURROUND US.

A YOUNG GIRL Magdalena (7), hides under the stove -

THROUGH THE FLAMES:

TWO MEN FIGHT in SILHOUETTE. As a TRAPPED FALCON desperately tries to escape.

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT. CASTLE CAGES, BIRD SANCTUARY - NIGHT

Magdalena wakes from her dream confused. She has fallen asleep in the corner of Diva's cage.

The bird looks at her pain - cries out.

CUT TO:

INT. FALCONSTONE, DINING ROOM - NIGHT

Once filed with servants and revelry. The dinning room is now just dimly lit by few candles.

Graff Otto and Magdalena eat alone. We can see that she is still troubled by her dream.

GRAFF OTTO Do you want to talk about it?

She looks up at him.

MAGDALENA Why do you never want to talk about my mother?

We see how deeply this affects him.

GRAFF OTTO Because everyday I look at you. I remember more and more how much I loved her -

She gets up and sits next to him taking his hand.

MAGDALENA Then let her live on. Through <u>me</u>.

Graff look at her a moment.

GRAFF OTTO Will that make me miss her less? She squeezes his hand.

MAGDALENA No. It's how we live that counts.

Graff smiles. Knows how much she cares.

GRAFF OTTO I have a present arriving for you tomorrow -

MAGDALENA You've done enough for me already!

GRAFF OTTO You did well the other day. They all did.

Graff stands. She still holds his hand.

## MAGDALENA

Please, father. Just tell me one more time, about how Grandpa foiled that Nazi attempt on Churchill!

Magdalena waits in anticipation. He takes away his hand.

GRAFF OTTO Get some sleep. Fatigue is the enemy of instinct.

He exits leaving Magdalena alone with her thoughts.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. FALCON FIELD - MORNING

The Falcon-force girls are in full martial arts training. Maya is the teacher.

Magdalena and Diva (on a perch) watch from the benches.

Graff Otto comes walks onto the field with an ARAB MAN wearing a Kandoora (traditional Emirati robes).

He carries a covered cage.

GRAFF OTTO Everyone works better as a team...

Magdalena looks confused as Graff nods to the man who pulls the cover off the cage to reveal a beautiful MALE SAKER FALCON.

We see Diva react to this.

GRAFF OTTO (CONT'D) Maybe you'll have a team of baby falcons.

Magdalena can't believe it:

MAGDALENA Where did you get him?!

GRAFF OTTO Mohammed Al Maktoum owed me a favor.

Magdalena opens the cage, holding out her gloved hand.

MAGDALENA He's so beautiful.

The Falcon hesitates a moment as they both stare into each others eyes...

Then the bird climbs out onto her arm.

GRAFF OTTO What will you call him?

Magdalena thinks for a moment.

MAGDALENA

SINBAD.

The Arab man smiles. Magdalena lets Sinbad go. He flies high into the sky...

Moments later Diva joins him. They both circle each other. Graff turns to his daughter quietly.

GRAFF OTTO There's something I must show you.

CUT TO:

INT. FALCONSTONE CASTLE, CELLAR STAIRWAY - DAY

Graff Otto leads his daughter through the labyrinth of passages below the castle. He carries a flaming torch.

They stop huge wooden door which Graff unlocks, but he doesn't open.

GRAFF OTTO Did you ever wonder why you love what you do?

MAGDALENA The stories you told me as a child -

GRAFF OTTO Did you think them fiction?

MAGDALENA I didn't care.

CUT TO:

INT. BASEMENT - DAY

The door opens. Dust and cobwebs show as it has been along time. Graff Otto lights the torches on the walls.

Magdalena can't believe her eyes. In the center of the room:

The FIGURE OF A MAN: FALCONMAN.

Until we realize it is JUST A COSTUME.

A MASKED LEATHER COSTUME with a CAPE and a FALCONER GLOVE.

A gleaming SWORD hangs from it's belt.

Magdalena spots a (taxidermy) PEREGRINE FALCON on a perch behind it.

GRAFF OTTO Venus. She was the most faithful bird I'd ever seen...

Magdalena tries to take this all in as she sees a myriad of ANTIQUE WEAPONS and GADGETS on the wall.

Some for defense - most for ATTACK.

MAGDALENA I still don't understand?

Graff Otto moves to an old BLACK and WHITE picture of his in father in his thirties -

In the FALCONMAN COSTUME. Venus perched on his gloved hand.

Behind him a group of girls all dressed similarly.

MAGDALENA (CONT'D) (trying to process) There was actually a <u>Falconman</u>?

Graff Otto laughs.

GRAFF OTTO Graff Horus Von Falcongraf. He and his Falcons were the Hapsburg's secret guard...

FLASH BACK: We see Graff's father and his Falcons battling the Nazi's in the streets of Vienna.

GRAFF OTTO (O.S.) (CONT'D) An integral part of the Nazi offensive. Austria's resistance. Forcing Hitler to send needed units to Vienna, rather than to the Russian front.

BACK IN REALITY:

Graff takes a dagger from the wall. Magdalena still looks shocked.

GRAFF OTTO (CONT'D) They also fought the communists in the Cold War that followed -

MAGDALENA You never wanted to fight... To wear the costume?

GRAFF OTTO (lying) Fight against <u>who</u>? Need, breeds necessity. The world i grew up in was at peace...

He turns to her, handing her the dagger.

GRAFF OTTO (CONT'D) For a brief moment at least. Not anymore.

We can see a sadness in his eyes. Magdalena tries to take this all in.

MAGDALENA I thought you disapproved?

Graff takes the Falconer glove from the costume.

GRAFF OTTO On the contrary. I've never been prouder...

Putting it on Magdalena.

GRAFF OTTO (CONT'D) You are the new breed now.

CUT TO:

EXT. COURTYARD - DAY

The gala preparations are in full swing, a stage being set up at the far end of the courtyard.

Magdalena trails her father who is giving instructions to a very 'gay' party planner - all the while scanning the walls.

GRAFF OTTO The enemy would lay siege on these castles for months. Maybe years. They were impregnable. So they relied on starvation and disease to eventually conquer it.

#### MAGDALENA

That was a long time ago. Who ever's been doing this recent spate of kidnappings seems to have an army on hand.

GRAFF OTTO And a bigger plan than we know... (he shows her a picture on his phone) Dr. Sebastian Frankel. Germany's top AI specialist is a guest tonight.

MAGDALENA You think they'll -

The moment is interrupted by a TOWN CAR entering the courtyard.

They both turn to see OLGA DYMOV (20's) stepping out. She's dressed in a tiny skirt and high heels and she immediately lights a cigarette.

OLGA DYMOV (Russian/American accent) Jesus its cold. <u>Cate</u>! Her assistant Cate (18) gets out the front nearly dropping her papers, just managing to keep her horn rimmed glasses on.

CATE (English) I'm here!

OLGA DYMOV Did it cross your mind to tell me we were going to Siberia?

CATE Er... Austria?

OLGA DYMOV Whatever? I can't sing in this. Look there's smoke coming out of my mouth!

She blows out tobacco smoke.

CATE Because you're smoking?

OLGA DYMOV No, dumb ass! Because I just stepped out into a fridge -

GRAFF OTTO (0.S.) Maybe I can be off assistance?

She turns to Graff Otto who has removed his fur lined coat. She smiles as he wraps it around her shoulders.

> OLGA DYMOV They don't make 'em like you anymore. Me? I'm just lucky if a guy doesn't try it up the ass.

GRAFF OTTO (tries not to look shocked) I'm Graff Von Falacongraf. This is my home.

OLGA DYMOV (looks around) You get to live in Disneyland. Cool.

GRAFF OTTO And this is my daughter -

She turns - but Magdalena is gone.

WE ARE NOW ON THE RAMPARTS HIGH ABOVE THE COURT YARD:

Magdalena, crouched like a bird - watches below as her father takes Olga's bags.

GRAFF OTTO (CONT'D) (from below) Let me show you to your room.

She follows Graff.

OLGA DYMOV Next door to Dracula?

GRAFF OTTO That's Romania.

OLGA DYMOV Cate! Make a note of that...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. FLACON FIELD - NIGHT

Magdalena watches Sinbad and Diva interact.

INT. DINING ROOM - NIGHT

Graff Otto, Olga (all dressed up) and Cate are at the table eating dinner. The small talk is really small. In fact non existent.

There is an empty place setting laid for Magdalena.

OLGA DYMOV So, Mr G. Is there anything to do around here after dark? Internet isn't exactly 'high speed'.

GRAFF OTTO I have a rather extensive library.

OLGA DYMOV Cool! You got any unreleased movies?

Graff looks at her.

GRAFF OTTO A library of books.

Oh, right.

Cate cant help smiling.

CUT TO:

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Olga sits on the bed trying to get on line. No luck. Pissed off she moves to the window to draw the curtains.

She sees something.

POV ACROSS COURTYARD:

A FIGURE stands on top of one of the towers with it's back to us.

It's dressed in the FALCON COSTUME - cape blowing in the wind.

The full moon silhouettes it like a giant bird against the night sky.

We can't tell if its a man or a woman.

Olga opens the window. But the figure already is gone.

CUT TO:

EXT. FALCON FIELD - DAWN

As Magdalena swirls his black leather SWING LURE around his head like a lasso. Sinbad dives at it just missing it. Diva follows.

Their speeds are incredible. So is Magdalena's talent with the lure -

Managing to pull away at the last moment.

OLGA DYMOV (O.S.) Can you teach Fuji to do that?

Magdalena turns.

OLGA DYMOV (CONT'D) My Chihuahua.

MAGDALENA They might think it's dinner - OLGA DYMOV

Not a problem. I hate small dogs. Manager thinks it makes me approachable. I think it makes me look like a slut. You must be Magdalena?

She calls down her birds.

MAGDALENA I know who you are.

OLGA DYMOV Famous in Siberia. Who knew?

MAGDALENA My friend Richard Sulinaim is a fan. He thinks you're attractive.

OLGA DYMOV The race car driver? Bit too obvious...

She comes close which unnerves Magdalena.

OLGA DYMOV (CONT'D) I like mystery. How come you didn't join us for dinner?

MAGDALENA I had to take care of the birds.

OLGA DYMOV Not that your father wasn't the perfect host. He must kill the ladies.

Olga stares into her eyes.

MAGDALENA I have to get back to training.

OLGA DYMOV Sure. Maybe we can have a drink after my performance tonight?

MAGDALENA I don't go to parties.

OLGA DYMOV Even your own? How very Gatsby.

MAGDALENA Good luck with your show. With that she walks back to the field.

#### CUT TO:

#### EXT. PRIVATE AIRFIELD - NIGHT

Luthor and his heavy, Cash pace in front of thirty heavily armed men in black 'WING SUITS'.

There are three twin engine BEECH 99 JUMP PLANES behind them.

Beside them five heavily armed MOTORCYCLES with riders on each of them.

LUTHOR Tonight we become the greatest criminal organization the world has ever known. And all I want is this man... <u>Alive</u>.

An image of Dr. Sebastian Frankel appears projected on the trees.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) And you <u>all</u> commit the greatest heist since the Great Train Robbery. I've estimated there will be over \$500 million in jewels in that castle tonight. \$500 million of <u>Your</u> jewels.

The men all cheer.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) But remember It's an honor that we can never boast about - not even to loved ones. But an honor you'll feel every time you look proudly in the mirror of your Ferrari 458.

More cheering.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) The castle is our advantage not theirs. Once we are in and we secure the walls nobody can get in. Not until we are far, far away...

He points to the sky. They all look up.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) And you all have <u>guardian angels</u>. An army of a hundred VULTURE DRONES hover above them.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) Any questions?

A nervous arm raises up at the back of the line.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) (rolling his eyes) That was a <u>rhetorical</u> question, but yes.

WINGMAN What about this Falconman and his army?

The other men cringe.

LUTHOR (loses it) Falcon what?! It's just a fuckin' headline! He doesn't actually <u>exist</u>! (takes a deep breath) Ok... Any other questions?

A moments silence. The same man raises his arm again. Luthor cant believe it.

WINGMAN (very nervous) Er... Then why didn't we manage to kidnap that princess?

Cash cringes. Luthor tries not to loose it.

LUTHOR I don't fucking know?! Maybe she's got a guardian fuckin' angel too! Maybe Spiderman is real?! All I know - If I find this wannabe superhero. I'll tear his guts out like any other fuckin' bird! Now... ANY OTHER FUCKING QUESTIONS!?

Silence.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) OK. Lets do this!

All the men rush to the planes. Motor cycles take off. Luthor turns to Cash.
LUTHOR (CONT'D) Do you know that idiot? (Cash nods) He's 'fired'. Send his family \$100,000.

CUT TO:

EXT. FALCONSTONE CASTLE - NIGHT

Lit up like a Christmas cake in the snow. Falconstone has never looked more MAGNIFICENT.

On the snowy winding road leading to its drawbridge a line of LUXURY cars that would make the king of Saudi jealous.

At the gates - girls in SILVER JUMP SUITS check the guest list.

ON THE PARAPETS:

Magdalena (now in her Falcon costume and mask) -

Watches below with two Owls perched beside her.

She looks up at the three OTHER TOWERS surrounding the castle.

On each a F-FORCE girls dressed in black. They each have a bird.

Magdalena crosses the parapet to look down into the courtyard.

EXT. COURTYARD - SAME

It looks incredible. Something out of a Bond movie.

The stage has a runway leading off it into the center of the courtyard: 'SAVE FALCONSTONE' is written in diamanté on HUGE SCREENS behind it.

The DJ plays a soothing, welcoming score. The guest list couldn't be RICHER or PRETTIER.

Graff is being introduced to the guests. Amir and Richard come up. All the girls cant help staring.

AMIR SULINAIM Magnificent.

GRAFF OTTO Thanks to you, my friend.

AMIR SULINAIM I want to win Falconstone fairly. If these events let you keep it, then *ce la vie*. Our friendship is more important...

RICHARD

Will you both excuse me before I puke. I'm hunting Californian tonight.

Amir shakes his head.

GRAFF OTTO You might want ear protection.

Richard doesn't get it, leaves. Amir turns to Graff quietly.

AMIR SULINAIM They deserve each other, trust me.

Amir suddenly smiles, waving over a spectacled man surrounded by girls.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) Meet, Michel Adam. Michel, Graff Otto Von Falcongraf.. (they shake hands) Michel's broadcasting these events on his fashion television channel.

GRAFF OTTO People watch fashion on television?

MICHEL ADAM I'm sure they just watch it for the girls.

More polite laughter.

AS WE PULL AWAY:

And back through the crowd of wealthy and affluent. Light catches some of the incredible pieces of jewelry being worn by the guests.

Until WE CRANE UP above the crowds and over the parapet where MAGDALENA looks down at the front gates below.

The last of the guests are in and she signals the f-force girls to secure them.

The music fades.

Suddenly we hear loud applause and gasps from the party goers.

TRACK BACK: With Magdalena OVERLOOKING the COURTYARD again.

DOWN BELOW: Amir steps onto the stage. He waves down the applause.

AMIR SULINAIM Welcome, ladies and gentlemen! Princesses and Princes... (the applause continues) Thank you. But you are embarrassing me.

Slowly a hush amongst the crowd.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) First of all I must thank you all for coming to support my dear friend Graff Otto and what I think is an incredibly important cause. Austria's heritage...

Raucous applause.

ON THE SCREENS:

We now see some of the most beautiful castles in Austria.

BACK UP ON THE PARAPETS:

Maqdalena releases his two OWL'S INTO THE NIGHT SKY.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) Because in its past lies its future!

EXT. SKY - NIGHT

Falconstone now sits on the mountain top far away from us.

As THREE TWIN ENGINE planes FLY INTO FRAME heading towards it. But we still hear Amir's speech as if we were in the party.

AMIR SULINAIM (V.O.) As you know, and if you didn't help yourselves already... (MORE) AMIR SULINAIM (V.O.) (CONT'D) Falconstone makes some of the best wines in the region and is also open to the public certain days a week...

CUT TO:

# INT. PLANE - NIGHT

Luthor's WINGMEN sit in silence as WE CLOSE in on Luthor.

AMIR SULINAIM (V.O.) But without government subsidies. It isn't nearly enough to pay for its up keep. You think your property taxes are high...

CUT TO:

EXT. COURTYARD - NIGHT

The audience laugh and applause.

NOW ON THE SCREENS: Clips of a massive Airbus A380 and its CONVERTED FASHION SHOW INTERIOr and the ÖSTERREICHRING race track during formula one.

#### AMIR SULINAIM

With these three events my friend hopes to raise enough money to pay Falconstone's \$20 million debt, while he works to make Falconstone self sufficient...

Graff Otto watches the reactions of the crowd. Amir has a permanent grin.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) Otherwise my friend will have to sell it to one of you. And well... We'd hate for it to become a hotel!

More laughter. Graff Otto forces a smile.

INT. BACKSTAGE - NIGHT

Richard talks his way in (which his easy for him). Models and chaos ensue. Richard adds to it as he searches for Olga.

AMIR SULINAIM (V.O.) With that in mind, we have quite a show for you tonight. First a fashion show showcasing Austria's most interesting and influential new designers...

CUT TO:

EXT. MOUNTAIN ROAD - NIGHT

As Luthor's FIVE MOTORCYCLES climb the road stopping about half a mile below the castle.

AMIR SULINAIM (V.O.) Then a performance by the worlds hottest pop star and child of my second home California, Olga Dymov!

The riders dismount checking their weapons, heading into the woods.

AMIR SULINAIM (V.O.) Then dance the night away to the worlds hottest DJ - Tiesto!

CUT TO:

EXT. COURTYARD - NIGHT

Music suddenly surrounds the courtyard as the lights dim.

AMIR SULINAIM But remember my friends. Nothing this good is ever free. Donations can be made at falconstone.co. But for now. Enjoy!

The place erupts in applause. The music for the show starts to build as the runway lights up and the courtyard goes dark.

Graff Otto comes up to Amir.

GRAFF OTTO Thank you for that.

AMIR SULINAIM Thank me when I make your lake water Evian - INT. BACKSTAGE - NIGHT

Richard still searches for Olga. He spots Cate. Smiles. She freezes as he comes up to her. She tries to subtly check her hair.

# RICHARD

Hey, there...

She can't speak.

RICHARD (CONT'D) I'm looking for Olga? You wouldn't happen to know where she is. Wanted to wish her luck tonight.

Cate just points. He smiles and kisses her on the cheek.

He doesn't see her nearly faint as he walks away grabbing some flowers off a table.

CUT TO:

INT. OLGA'S DRESSING ROOM - NIGHT

She smokes a joint while practicing her song dancing in the middle of the room. She's just in underwear. Her body perfect. A knock on the door.

OLGA DYMOV

It's open.

She doesn't turn to the door, still dancing.

OLGA DYMOV (CONT'D) Get me more of that local wine. It rocks -

Richard just stares at her, the flowers behind his back. The silence makes her turn.

OLGA DYMOV (CONT'D)

Jesus!

She doesn't know whether to hide her joint or body. Somehow she manages both.

OLGA DYMOV (CONT'D)

SECURITY!

Richard tries to calm her down.

RICHARD I'm sure I can find them...

She stares at him a moment, confused.

OLGA DYMOV You're that speed racer?

He takes her robe off a chair holding it out. She takes it.

RICHARD It's the tradition of suitors to give flowers to the women he secretly loves before her performance.

He holds out the flowers.

OLGA DYMOV It's Russian tradition to shoot stalkers -

RICHARD Then I'm lucky you're not armed.

She begins to soften, taking the flowers.

RICHARD (CONT'D) Just another humble fan.

OLGA DYMOV I've got to get ready. Maybe if your around after...

RICHARD (bows) It would be a pleasure.

EXT. BACKSTAGE - NIGHT

He comes out of Olga's dressing room grinning - bumping straight into Cate.

She falls into his arms, her glasses falling off. Richard looks at her a moment - immediately attracted.

RICHARD Are you all right?

CUT TO:

EXT. PARAPETS - NIGHT

Magdalena watches as the fashion show ends below. The lights change once again as a band walks on stage plugging in their instruments.

DOWN BELOW: The lead guitarists comes to the mike.

LEAD GUITARIST And now, for the first time outside the <u>US of A</u>! The new sensation... Please welcome - Olga Dymov!

The crowd goes silent as she begins her set. This isn't her usual audience.

But as she starts her performance, we can see why she is a pop star.

ABOVE: Magdalena watches her, smitten.

BELOW: Richard comes out, backstage. But instead of looking at Olga, all he can do is stare at Cate waiting in the wings.

CLOSE IN: Amir. He LOOKS AT HIS WATCH.

Then to the skies.

CUT TO:

EXT. SKY ABOVE FALCONSTONE - NIGHT

Luthor's WINGMEN jump from the planes in perfect synchronicity. One by one they open their WING SUITS.

The last to jump is Luthor. It's quite a beautiful sight.

If it wasn't so scary. The twin engines peel away.

Until there is nothing but silence and air.

As thirty wing men glide towards Falconstone.

# EXT. PARAPET - NIGHT

Magdalena hears the WARNING CRY of her OWLS above her. She looks to the sky as the OWLS CRY out again.

> MAGDALENA (quickly, into her radio) This is it! We're under siege.

ON EACH TOWER: The F-force girls release their Falcons. The wingmen silently GLIDE INTO POSITION above the castle -Opening parachutes. Dropping into the courtyard. CU: Luthor's chute opens - he checks his machine gun. Suddenly spotting: An EAGLE racing towards him.

> LUTHOR Son of a bitch...

Before he can finish -

The eagle's is on him CLAWS BARED. He tries to beat it away with his gun.

AS NEXT TO HIM: Another Eagle manages to TEAR the chute of another Wingman who SPIRALS downward...

EXT. COURTYARD - NIGHT

SMASHING into the stage right in front of Olga. She tries not to break tune as she also glances SKYWARD.

The guests aren't sure if this is part of the show.

Graff Otto knows it isn't.

EXT. CASTLE PARAPETS - NIGHT

The FIRST of the wingmen lands on the parapet releasing his chute.

F-FORCE GIRL (from behind) Are you on the guest list?

He spins around as the blonde swings her perfect leg into his jaw -

Knocking him out.

As the rest of the Wingmen's 'first wave' land on the parapets and the other F-force girls - spring into action.

DOWN BELOW: Olga continue singing to a confused audience still don't realize what's happening above.

Richard rushes to the lighting deck -

TURNING SPOT LIGHTS UPWARDS: Amir grabs Graff Otto POINTING TO THE SKY. It's FILLED with parachutes.

AMIR SULINAIM So much for Falcon-force.

Graff pushes him away rushing towards the castle.

EXT. CASTLE MAIN GATE - NIGHT

Four Wingmen land, taking out DRILLS - securing the gate s from the OUTSIDE.

EXT. ABOVE COURTYARD - NIGHT

Luthor still fights with the EAGLE -

Eventually knocking it away, giving him enough time to aim.

He blasts it into a mess of BLOOD and FEATHERS.

LUTHOR KFC, motherfucker!

DOWN BELOW: Panic!

Guests, realizing they're UNDER ATTACK - rush to the exits.

The Wingmen OPEN FIRE while descending. Bullets blocking any escape.

IN THE AIR:

Sinbad and Diva working as a TEAM, managing to RIP the chute of another Wingman sending him SPINNING to the ground.

But a SECOND WAVE of wingmen, pass the castle walls on the way down into the courtyard.

Magdalena rushes along the parapets and up onto a tower using her momentum to  ${\tt JUMP}$  –

GRABBING onto a Wingman in MIDAIR.

Driving him down into the courtyard -

And then using his body as a cushion. Rolls off him as other wingmen land around her pulling out machine guns.

One aims his at Magdalena. Maya flips her foot, sending her STILETTO into the air -

Catching it in her hand and THROWING it like a DAGGER. It LODGES into the Wingman's neck.

# MAYA

Eat your heart out Cinderella.

Magdalena nods 'thanks' as the other F-force girls DESCEND the castle walls (on ropes).

Luthor, lands in the courtyard.

He spots Graff Otto running for his daughter - raises his gun.

LUTHOR I'd hate us to be introduced at your funeral...

Graff has no choice but to stop.

ANOTHER ANGLE: Olga has jumped from the stage. A Wingman is about to grab her when he recognizes her, grinning.

OLGA DYMOV (smiles back) Autograph?

He goes for a pen. She KNEES him in the CROTCH.

ANOTHER ANGLE: Cate is grabbed by a Wingman. Richard jumps on him. But is easily flipped - crashing unconscious on the ground.

The Wingman is about to kick him:

CATE Not the face!

Amir sees this but is also grabbed.

ACROSS THE COURTYARD: Magdalena takes down two more Wingmen.

LUTHOR (shouting, OS) Hey!!! Bird shit!

Magdalena turns.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) Yes you - <u>bird brain</u>.

Luthor has A GUN against her fathers head. He DRAGS him up onto the stage.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) Call off your McNugget's or Graff goes night - night.

Magdalena freezes. She is grabbed by Cash.

GRAFF OTTO Don't listen to -

Luthor SMACKS Graff across the head.

LUTHOR

Shhhh.

MAGDALENA (quietly into her radio) F-force. Stand down.

The F-force girls all do as told. Hiding back into the shadows. Guests are pushed up against the walls.

UP ABOVE: The BIRDS circle silently.

BELOW: An idiot guest goes for his MOBILE. Luthor shoots him in the shoulder.

LUTHOR And of course mobiles should be switched off at all times...

SILENCE. He pushes Graff Otto away. Two other Wingmen grab him.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) Now where were we?

Amir steps in to help but is knocked to the ground.

Magdalena is pushed onto the stage by Cash. Luthor comes up to her.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) This is the second time you ruffled my feathers. But we still haven't been formally introduced...

He stares at Magdalena smiling. Graff struggles against the two men holding him.

Looks to the sky and Diva hovering above.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) I know why I wear a mask. But you? You're the Hero. What are you hiding?

He reaches out to Magdalena's mask. Magdalena struggles. Cash holds her tight.

OLGA DYMOV (OS, over mike) Who the fuck do you think you are?! You cut me off before my second fucking song?!

Luthor takes his hand back turning to Olga. Two Wingmen grab her. Luthor smiles.

LUTHOR Warhol said everyone would have their fifteen minutes. And that was before social media. Now I'm sure it's less... (he aims his gun at her) Hope you enjoyed yours.

As he cocks it. Graff WHISTLES - signaling his birds.

Diva dives. KNOCKS THE GUN out of Luthor's hand.

Sinbad goes for Cash who's holding Magdalena.

Magdalena using this distraction to knock him back, ROLLING off the stage and grabbing Olga.

Graff swings around knocking his two captures out. Looks at Luthor who dives for his gun as other wingmen open fire.

> GRAFF OTTO (diving off the stage) Follow me!

He pulls his daughter and Olga towards a solid STONE WALL.

But they are suddenly through it.

VANISHING from sight. Luthor looks confused.

Two of his men rush to the section of wall stopping in front of it.

One reaches out his hand. It disappears into the wall.

Cash looks up. Spots a PROJECTOR. Shoots at it.

The HOLOGRAPHIC WALL fritz's out - revealing A DOOR. Wingmen hesitate.

LUTHOR So?! After them! (they do as they're told) Jesus! Good help is so hard to fucking find these days.

Luthor turns back to the rest of the guests.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) Ladies and gentlemen may I ask you all please stay calm. We are not some random terrorists who have any desire to hurt you. Unless of course we have to. We are only here to relieve you of your jewels, nothing more. If you all would kindly put your valuables into the bags that my colleagues are going to pass around we can make this very simple and let you get back to your revelry a soon as possible ... (points to the sky) But I'm afraid if you don't comply...

IN THE SKIES: A swarm of Vulture Drones hover.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) Each 'Vulture' has your facial recognition attached to its AI.

UP ON A PARAPET: Maya sees Diva about to attack ...

She cries out like a bird. Diva and the other birds stand down.

INT. TUNNELS, BELOW FALCONSTONE - NIGHT

Graff leads Magdalena and Olga through the maze of tunnels.

OLGA DYMOV (whispering) Thank you.

Graff suddenly pulls them into the shadows.

Two Wingmen are close behind. Graff waits for just the right moment before TAKING THEM BOTH OUT.

Olga grabs a machine gun off a Wingman, handing it to Graff.

GRAFF OTTO I don't believe in guns -

Olga expertly opens the chamber checking the ammunition.

OLGA DYMOV It's in my constitution.

They move off into the darkness.

EXT. COURTYARD - NIGHT

The wingmen now have all the guest's jewels in bags. The drones still hover above:

LUTHOR Thank you all for being such a captive audience.... (does a mock bow) Oh, I do have a special request. Could a Doctor Sebastian Frankel, please make himself known?

The English scientist slowly raises his hand.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) And now. I bid you all a sweet goodbye...

Luthor jumps from the stage as Cash grabs the scientist and leading his Wingmen toward the castle. As they go through the doors, Luthor turns back to the crowd:

LUTHOR (CONT'D) And I'm sorry... I lied. I do need it to look like a random terrorist act. A stunned silence as the guests look up. The drones start to dive.

Maya steps forward - calling out to her birds.

Who seemingly all come out of nowhere - knocking drones out of the skies.

BEAST against MACHINE.

CUT TO:

INT. CASTLE ENTRANCE HALL - NIGHT

Luthor, Cash and his Wingman rush through it.

LUTHOR Those sneaky kings of old. Not only did they want to keep invaders out...

He starts to head down stairs.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) But they also needed an escape plan while letting the peasants die.

CUT TO:

EXT. COURTYARD - NIGHT

Birds knock drones out of the sky as Amir rushes to Richard.

Maya signals the F-FORCE GIRLS who are tending the wounded guests.

F-FORCE GIRL (to a handsome man she's tending) We'll have to do this again sometime.

With that she aims her right arm at the top of the Parapets as do the other girls...

All shooting METAL HOOKS attached to wires (from devices on their wrists) into specific points around the parapets.

Which pull them all into the AIR all at the SAME TIME.

They fly upwards, landing PERFECTLY on the walls above (think 'Assassins Creed').

AMIR SULINAIM (to himself) OK. That was pretty impressive.

As the SURVIVING FALCONS land on each of the girls arms.

CUT TO:

INT. STAIRCASE, BELOW FALCONSTONE - NIGHT

Olga follows Graff and Magdalena down a spiral stone staircase.

OLGA DYMOV Your not taking me to some secret sex dungeon?

> MAGDALENA (shocked)

No!

OLGA DYMOV

Shame.

CUT TO:

INT. CASTLE, KITCHEN - NIGHT

Luthor and his Wingmen pull back the HUGE TABLE revealing a secret escape hatch underneath.

CUT TO:

INT. TUNNELS BELOW FALCONSTONE - NIGHT

Graff, Magdalena and Olga have come to a door. He looks at his daughter before opening it.

INT. FALCON NEST, CELLAR - NIGHT

They enter the cellar that seems to be a a cross between 'The Phantom' and the 'Batcave'.

And we should immediately notice everything was once modern in the 90's

Falconman's various updated (twenty years ago) MASKS and COSTUME line one wall.

On the other, a work station of old school screens and computers.

Another wall: Nothing but WEAPONS.

Magdalena can't believe what she's seeing.

MAGDALENA I don't want to seem nosey, dad but

# GRAFF OTTO

Not now.

In the centre of the room a TRIUMPH MOTORBIKE which has been designed with the two wings of a FALCON in Chrome and Black.

In front of it a passage leading into darkness.

Graff moves to a BANK OF MONITORS. Sees Luthor, the scientist and his Wingmen heading down the tunnels.

He hooks a BLACK PISTOL to his belt.

OLGA DYMOV I thought you didn't -

Graff grabs a MOTORCYCLE HELMET putting it on.

### MAGDALENA

Alright then. I guess we'll just wait here and play the pipe-organ.

GRAFF'S'S POV:

His helmet is decked out with full NIGHT VISION and as we see

When he turns to the girls: HEAT SENSORS.

GRAFF OTTO Please don't touch anything.

Magdalena steps onto the bike. The tunnel in front of him LIGHTS UP like a runway.

And in an EXPLOSION of ACCELERATION. He's gone.

OLGA DYMOV (to Magdalena) Jesus... Batman complex or what? She spins around to see Graff SPEEDING down a tunnel on one of the screens.

She puts her hand to her mouth pretending to speak through phone 'crackle'.

OLGA DYMOV S..or.y.ou.r.b.rea.kin..u.p.

INT. UNDERGROUND PASSAGE - NIGHT

Graff smiles as he heads at FULL SPEED towards another HOLOGRAPHIC WALL.

CUT TO:

EXT. SNOW COVERED MOUNTAIN ROAD - NIGHT

Graff's 'F-bike' seems to EXPLODE out of nowhere -

Hitting the tarmac in a mess of SPARKS and BURNING RUBBER. He speeds off down the snowy road.

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Luthor and his men come out of the SECRET TUNNELS.

The FIVE MOTORCYCLES are waiting for him FOUR have riders sitting on them.

The fifth has a rider standing beside it. Luthor takes his helmet and gets on throwing the scientist on the back.

The other Wingmen hand the RIDERS the bags of jewels. Luthor smiles.

LUTHOR You have done well tonight. There will be bonus's for all of you. Now go home to your families. Make sure your alibis are all air tight... (he turns to the other riders) Last one down's a chicken.

With that he SPEEDS OFF. The other rider's are taken off guard. Scramble to keep up.

Cash signals the other the Wingmen who all vanish into the surrounding woods.

In the distance: POLICE SIRENS.

EXT. SKY ABOVE THE FOREST - NIGHT

The TWO OWLS circle silently.

EXT. MOUNTAIN ROAD (HIGHER) - NIGHT

Graff watches the action below as Luthor and his bikers hit the mountain road below...

He signals to the Diva and the Falcons that circle above him and they all take off in the direction of the riders.

Graff restarts his bike.

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT. SNOWY MOUNTAIN ROAD - NIGHT

Luthor and the four bikes HURTLE down it. The scientist screaming in terror all the way.

And around a bend. Coming face to face with FOUR ON-COMING POLICE CARS!

The bikes weave in between the police cars at incredible speed..

The lead police car LOOSES CONTROL, spinning 180 - until it's BLOCKING the road.

The second police car crashes into it head on:

Its LIGHT RIG flying off, making a RAMP on the boot.

The third police car catches the ramp and goes AIRBORNE as Graff's bike comes around the corner...

He just managing to pull his bike on its SIDE as the police car MISSES HIM - exploding in a FIRE BALL behind.

But Graff is still traveling SIDEWAYS on the tarmac at 60MPH..

Straight towards the police car blocking the road. Cops RUN FOR COVER!

Graff quickly AIMS HIS WRIST at a passing tree.

A hook SHOOTS out - IMBEDDING itself in bark.

Just in time: The wire goes TAUGHT - yanking Graff FREE of his machine which continues on, ploughing into the police car.

Graff RELEASES the wire, using his MOMENTUM to roll up onto his knees.

DOWN BELOW: He sees Luthor and the three bikers still getting away below.

He looks at his wrecked bike and then at the shocked cops.

GRAFF OTTO The city's paying for this...

He grabs a broken car door HOOKING HIS BOOTS into it's handles. And PUSHES OFF.

EXT. MOUNTAIN FOREST - NIGHT

Graff - using the door like a snowboard - dodging trees as he picks up speed.

UP ABOVE: His Falcons follow.

BELOW: Graff sees the bikes heading around another bend and onto a bigger stretch of road below.

He smiles taking the 'pistol' off his belt and aiming it at the riders.

But Luthor is blocked.

So he shoots at the one with the JEWELS.

EXT. LOWER MOUNTAIN ROAD - NIGHT

CU BAG: It's not a bullet that hits it but some kind of HOMING DEVICE.

Which starts sending out a SIGNAL.

Up above the FIRST FALCON DIVES.

AS BELOW: Graff shoots anther homing device into the SECOND BAG...

CATCHING AIR.

And FLYING UP, over the road - SPINNING IN 360 and SHOOTING the THIRD BAG while UPSIDE DOWN.

EXT. MOUNTAIN - NIGHT

Graff lands on the other side of the road perfectly - a wave of snow WHITING OUT THE SCREEN.

EXT. MOUNTAIN ROADS - NIGHT

The three bikers don't know WHAT'S HIT THEM as Falcons dive bomb them PULLING the three bags off their bikes.

It's not pretty as the first bike GOES DOWN.

And the other two HIT trees straight on sending them INTO THE AIR LIKE RAG DOLLS.

Luthor, his hostage and the last rider are oblivious to what's just happened behind them as they turn onto a road which runs along a CLIFF EDGE.

ON THE HILL SIDE ABOVE:

Graff bends down getting up as much speed as possible.

DOWN ON THE ROAD:

Luthor looks back - suddenly REALIZING what's happening.

And just in time to see Graff LEAP OFF the police car door, rolling into the snow.

LUTHOR What the fuck?!

The car door SIDE SWIPES his bike KNOCKING it side ways. The Scientist spins off into the snow...

Luthor flies over the CLIFF EDGE!

The last rider tries to BREAK.

But that just puts him into a tail spin which ends him upside down in the hillside like an inverted snowman.

Graff hasn't stopped moving all this time -

As he hits the icy road SKATING across it just stopping at the cliff edge in time.

A moments relief. Then ANGER as down below - he spots a parachute.

And Luthor LANDING SAFELY in a field.

EXT. FIELD - NIGHT

Luthor - furious, unhooks his shoot.

He looks up at Graff -

Who stands on the cliff edge above. His falcons circling above him.

LUTHOR OK, Tweety bird. Now it's personal.

CUT TO:

EXT. FALCONSTONE CASTLE, COURTYARD - NIGHT

Amir a tends to shocked guests. Cate nurses Richard. A Russian woman weeps angrily over her lost jewels:

RUSSIAN WOMAN I hope Graff is insured, or this relic is mine!

CATE (pointing up) Look!

They all look to the skies terrified. It's not drones anymore. But Falcons.

Who swoop down emptying the contents of their bags.

SLOW MOTION:

As DIAMONDS and JEWELRY rain down into the courtyard like giant SNOW FLAKES.

The guests rush desperately to catch their belongings.

Richard wakes to see Cate staring down at him - diamonds fill the sky.

RICHARD Am I in heaven? CATE (pulling him to her breasts) Yes my sweet. Yes.

We notice Amir. He's not so happy.

CUT TO:

# DREAM SEQUENCE:

This time we are in her bed room as she hears shouting coming from the kitchen downstairs.

She rushes into the kitchen just at the same moment the falcon knocks over the giant candle starting the FIRE.

She hides by the stove as the Falcon flies around terrified as TWO MEN FIGHT.

This time the Falcon knocks over the pot of boiling WATER.

CUT TO:

INT. FALCON NEST, BASEMENT - MORNING

Magdalena wakes from her dream as Graff Otto enters.

GRAFF OTTO Magdalena... (sees her) I'm so sorry.

MAGDALENA It's alright.

Olga wakes on a chair. Confused where she is (and a little relieved that she's still clothed).

Graff Otto hands his daughter the local papers. 'Falconman's' second adventure is headlines on all of them.

GRAFF OTTO Not only have you saved Falconstone. You have become a legend in the proses.

MAGDALENA Wasn't my intention. OLGA DYMOV (quoting) With great power comes great responsibility...

They both turn to her.

OLGA DYMOV Amazing Spiderman. Issue one? (looking around) Do any of these make coffee?

Magdalena cant help smiling.

GRAFF OTTO We have a kitchen upstairs.

She stares at him a moment. He just smiles back.

OLGA DYMOV Alright, already. I can take a hint!

She hops off the 'bed' and heads out.

OLGA DYMOV (CONT'D) But if I was building a 'Batcave' first thing I'd add was an espresso machine...

Once she has gone Graff Otto turns to Magdalena, who looks around.

MAGDALENA You were a Falcon? Why didn't you tell me...

GRAFF OTTO Secret service. One day I realized you were more important.

He walks to the bank to the bank of old school monitors. Rewind a VHS. It plays back the courtyard attack in grainy color.

> GRAFF OTTO (CONT'D) You did well last night -

MAGDALENA But they shouldn't have got through our defenses. ..

He pauses the image on Luthor. His face covered by a mask.

GRAFF OTTO Whoever this enemy is. They have a trained army and <u>money...</u> (knows whats coming) So I need you to do something.

MAGDALENA

But –

GRAFF OTTO The head of the UK's AI is our guest tomorrow. There's no way, they won't try and take the aircraft down...

Magdalena, as the stress overcome her:

MAGDALENA So we cancel the show?! Cancel everything -

GRAFF OTTO And let the terrorists win? (he takes her hand) Do you really want to live in a world of fear. That's how they'll win. Your Grandfather. He knew that. Himmler even said: People will live in fear, if they think they can survive...

She knows he's right.

GRAFF OTTO (CONT'D) One of us has to survive this... (hugs her tight) You are the future of Falconstone.

She knows she has no choice. Tears stream from her eyes.

MAGDALENA What ever you wish, father.

GRAFF OTTO (smiles) There is someone I want you to meet...

CUT TO:

EXT. FALCON FIELD - DAY

An ARABIC MAN (80's) stands watching the Falcons above. Graff and his daughter come up. He puts his hands together .

GRAFF OTTO This is Sa'dan. The resistance would've been nothing without him -

SA'DAN You are too kind, my friend. But as Allah says: One hand can not clap alone. The news of Falconman's resurrection was a dream too joyous to resist!

(turns to Magdalena) Your Grandfather saved my life. It's a debt I will always repay -

SA'ID (0.S.) Have you ever thought about attaching cameras?

Magdalena turns to:

A HANDSOME YOUNG SAUDI (20's), glasses and a Star Trek T-shirt, standing by the cages.

The birds like him. Magdalena sees this.

GRAFF OTTO This is Sa'dan's grandson, Sa'id.

MAGDALENA Attaching the camera's to the birds?

SA'ID I've designed one, lighter than a button. If they'd had cameras last night. You could've followed the thieves back to their base...

He excitedly reaches into his satchel taking out a girls Adidas sneaker.

SA'ID (CONT'D) I designed this on the way here.

He hits the side of it and a blade flicks out of the front. Magdalena reaches for it.

SA'ID (CONT'D) I wouldn't. It's <u>poisoned</u>. Magdalena pulls her hand back.

GRAFF OTTO Sa'dan's father designed your my father's original suit -

SA'DAN The son of a goose is usually a good swimmer...

GRAFF OTTO That's why I've asked Sa'id to join F-force.

MAGDALENA But how can we afford -

AMIR SULINAIM (O.S.) Interrupting) Not your problem anymore. After last night - I've decided to invest in F-force.

Amir steps up smiling. Magdalena turns to Graff, confused.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) Don't worry, back! I have no interest in interfering with your work. Unless I see a way to improve it... (picking up a stick) After all. I was a master swordsman.

He 'pares' Magdalena.

MAGDALENA Don't even go there.

She storms off. Amir turns to Sa'id:

AMIR SULINAIM Show me that shoe again.

Graff is deep in thought.

GRAFF OTTO After last night. Maybe we should delay -

AMIR SULINAIM You couldn't buy publicity like this, Otto! 'Falconman'? A real life superhero! Amir approaches Sa'id.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) (terrible Connery impersonation) What do you have for me today, Q?

Sa'id just looks at him blankly. Amir can't believe this.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D)

Bond?

CUT TO:

EXT. PARAPETS - DAWN

Magdalena stands alone watching the roads leading to the lake.

Amir's trucks are lining up to enter the MOUNTAIN TUNNELS that lead under it.

OLGA DYMOV (O.S.) Penny for your thoughts?

MAGDALENA They're not for sale.

OLGA DYMOV Ok. But you gotta tell me. What's up with you and Speed Racer?

Magdalena turns to her. Olga shrugs.

OLGA DYMOV (CONT'D) Not much else to do around here but snoop -

MAGDALENA Don't you have a plane to catch?

OLGA DYMOV I can afford to re-book. Anyway, volunteered to be in the show tomorrow...

She steps close to Magdalena.

OLGA DYMOV (CONT'D) You're <u>gay</u> right?

MAGDALENA Do I look happy? Laughs.

## OLGA DYMOV

You kick ass like Spiderman and live in a castle - without having to suck dick of some Prince paying for it. Why shouldn't you be?

MAGDALENA It's a little more complicated -

OLGA DYMOV Ok. So, you never got this fixed... (touches Magdalena's scar) I've a great therapist in LA. Really. But, an <u>expensive</u> one. She doesn't actually do shit.

Olga reaches out gently pushing Magdalena's hair back revealing the scar.

MAGDALENA (pushes Olga's hand away) I'm not looking for a friend -

OLGA DYMOV Best time to find one.

MAGDALENA Why do you care?

OLGA DYMOV Because you were <u>given</u> everything I never had. So why do you still feel so... (doesn't know how to say it better)

Alone?

MAGDALENA

I'm not.

OLGA DYMOV The birds?

MAGDALENA They give me peace.

OLGA DYMOV From what?

MAGDALENA Constant questions. Magdalena walks off leaving Olga alone.

CUT TO:

EXT. VIENNA OPERA HOUSE - NIGHT

Mozart's 'Magic Flute' fills our ears.

INT. OPERA HOUSE - NIGHT

It is the moment that PAPAGENO comes onto the stage covered entirely in bird feathers.

Up above, Luthor (in black tie) watches alone in a box.

INT. BOX - NIGHT

Luthor pretends to be interested in the opera playing out below.

But, as we are about to find out - he's just a player of his own design.

AMIR SULINAIM (from darkness behind) I hired you under the misguided impression that you were the best...

On the stage Papagano sings of his life as a bird catcher.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) But as it turns out. All it takes to defeat a 'master criminal', is a couple of fuckin' *PUTAIN OISEAUX*?!

LUTHOR (sweating with fear) It won't happen again. I promise -

Amir holds his hand out from the shadows...

There's a RED LASER on his palm (a SNIPER RIFLE).

AMIR SULINAIM Your promises are worthless to me.

The red dot moves to the CENTRE OF LUTHOR'S FOREHEAD.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) You failed. The robbery was to be a perfect cover.

LUTHOR I underestimated -

AMIR SULINAIM (cutting him off) <u>Shhhhhhh</u>. Now not only did you not get the scientist. Donations are coming in that may let Graff keep the castle. My bosses won't let that be an option...

Luthor shuts up.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) So you do <u>understand</u>. There Can be no excuse for failure again.

LUTHOR (nodding franticly) I understand.

AMIR SULINAIM That wasn't a <u>question</u>. (Amir leans forward) But if you if you fail me again you know what happens...

Luthor is frozen in SILENCE.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) That was a question.

CUT TO:

INT. UNDERGROUND CAVES, BELOW LAKE - NIGHT

Amir's 'WATER' TRUCKS are unloading their CARGO. It's anything but bottles...

More like giant COMPUTER PARTS.

INT. FALCONSTONE CASTLE, DINING ROOM - NIGHT

This time the table is full, Graff Otto, Magdalena, Sa'id, Richard, Cate and Olga sit at it. Wine is flowing.

RICHARD We did well. Ten million Euro's in donations today alone -

They all raise their glasses.

CATE (a little tipsy) To <u>Falconman</u>!

OLGA DYMOV (to Graff) Magdalena tells me your father was the original -

For the first time Graff Otto actually looks embarrassed.

GRAFF OTTO He was just a man protecting his king -

CATE

Wow!

RICHARD (mock jealousy) Hey.

OLGA DYMOV Please tell me he wore a costume -

GRAFF OTTO He wore a uniform that functioned best for his purpose. And of course - hid his identity.

RICHARD Did he happen to have dinner with Stan Lee?

SA'ID If he did. Someone owes your family a lot of royalties.

CUT TO:

EXT. FALCON FIELD - MORNING

A MONTAGE OF SHOTS as Sa'id shows falcon force their new weapons, wardrobe, Falcon camera etc.

Amir is watching all of this.

END MONTAGE:

As Maya brings Diva to Magdalena. Sinbad circles above.

MAYA I can't work her today. She's just not herself...

Magdalena takes her stroking her, examining her.

MAGDALENA Maybe just tired. If she's not OK tomorrow take her to the vet.

CUT TO:

INT. FALCON NEST - DAY

Up dated computers and screens have been installed.

Magdalena and Sa'id watch the 'falcon-cam' on the screens. Sa'id looks rather proud.

SA'ID A living breathing drone. But nothing beats this...

He switches it off standing and moving to a switch which lights up the two new FALCONMAN SUITS.

One male. One female. They're modern versions of the original suit. But all new.

SA'ID (CONT'D) I've still got to find a way to make them fully bullet proof and still flexible -

Magdalena loves it. Reaches for the newly designed belt.

SA'ID (CONT'D)

No!

She turns to a very nervous Sa'id.

SA'ID (CONT'D) I need to explain a few things before you take it for a test drive

Off Magdalena's Look.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARAPETS - NIGHT

Graff Otto is alone with Diva. They are sparring like boxers in a ring. He blocks her ever attack with perfect martial arts moves.

A full moon above them.

CUT TO:

INT. LIBRARY - NIGHT

Magdalena is alone reading. A fire burns in the huge fire place. Olga enters.

OLGA DYMOV Mind if I join you? Maybe there's a copy of '50 Shades' lying around.

MAGDALENA Thought you'd be practicing for your big day tomorrow.

OLGA DYMOV Your not jealous are you! That's so cute.

MAGDALENA Of course not! I just don't know why you're doing it?

Olga sits on the table above Magdalena. She tries not to see that she is only wearing a robe.

OLGA DYMOV Turns me on. All those dirty old men looking at my body. But never able to have it...

Magdalena slams her book shut. olga.

OLGA DYMOV (CONT'D) (sits on the arm of Magdalena's chair) You know what? I don't think you've ever kissed a boy. Am I right?

Magdalena looks flustered and confused.

MAGDALENA I think you should go.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. FALCONSTONE, BREAKFAST ROOM - DAWN

Graff Otto is eating his boiled egg staring at Magdalena who is pouring himself a coffee.

GRAFF OTTO There is something different about you today?

MAGDALENA

No. I'm fine.

GRAFF OTTO That's what I mean. You have lightness about you I haven't seen for a -

Olga enters singing to herself. Graff Otto catches the look between she and Magdalena.

Suddenly shocked. Not only about what he's realized but his reaction too it.

GRAFF OTTO (CONT'D) (changes the subject) Are you okay with today?

MAGDALENA (she isn't) Better than ever. Sa'id's been amazing. Thank you.

GRAFF OTTO Always remember. As much as we have prepared for every eventuality. Our enemy has done the same.

OLGA DYMOV (quoting) Once you eliminate the impossible what remains, however improbable, must be the truth?

They both turn to her again.

OLGA DYMOV (CONT'D) Sherlock Holmes? Said I didn't read much. Didn't say I was illiterate.
Off Graff Otto's look.

CUT TO:

EXT. SCHWECHAT AIRPORT - DAY

The CHARTERED AIRBUS A380 DOUBLE DECKER sits on the tarmac. Crowds of people and press are held back by ropes.

DESIGNERS and FASHIONEASTA'S line up at the bottom of the airstairs, being x-rayed and searched by f-force security now in their NEW UNIFORMS.

ANTHER ANGLE: As drinks and food are being loaded on. F-force are searching and x-raying everything.

ANOTHER ANGLE: we see Graff Otto and Amir arriving and being swarmed by press.

REPORTER (to Graff Otto) Are you exited for the show?

GRAFF OTTO It was sold out. There's no seat for me.

Laughter.

BACK ON THE TARMAC: An FTV HOST speaks into a camera.

FTV HOST Welcome to FTV live and the worlds first ever lingerie show at 30,000 feet. That's right. Coco Del Mar and some of today's hottest models will be showing their latest collection over the skies of Paris, London and Rome...

INT. AIRBUS A380, TOP DECK - DAY

The interior of the top deck is spectacular. It's been designed it like an ART DECO 'BIBA' dream.

GEOMETRIC SHAPES and lavish ORNAMENTATION finished with plushest leopard skin seats you have ever seen.

The whole thing is colored in BLACK GOLD AND CHROME with spectacular spot lighting.

FTV HOST (V.O.) And it will all be broadcast live on FTV from an Airbus A380. Guest have paid 50,000 euros a ticket for the privilege of not only history in the making. But of becoming part of it, as all proceeds go to saving the famous Falconstone castle in Austria...

Sa'id is scanning the seats of the plane with the latest technology.

Satisfied he heads down to the lower deck.

Passing the CO-PILOT on the way. Its strange because we've never seen him before -

But somehow, we RECOGNIZE HIM.

INT. LOWER DECK - DAY

What was done upstairs, COCO DEL MER has done down here. FRENCH BORDELLO circa 1800's. All red frill and velvet.

Down the center of the deck is a RUNWAY with small tables and stools down either side.

FTV HOST (V.O.) The broadcast will last three hours and we will be talking to some of the guests; designers, editors and of course the models on what will prove to be an un-missible event in television history being watched by over 500 million people around the globe...

Sa'id enters velvet curtains at the front of the plane.

Scantily clad models all turn to him. He goes bright red, trying not to look.

SA'ID I'm so sorry!

He tries to back out but TRIPS, dropping his machine which starts beeping.

MODEL I think you're about to explode. All the girls start giggling. Sa'id just wants to curl up and die.

EXT. RUNWAY - DAY

Olga has showed up and the crowd GOES WILD.

Up on roof of the main building, watching this all going on below.

FALCONMAN (he can't be seen by the public/press below).

Strangely, he wears the famous costume. Diva hovers above.

FTV HOST (from below) And here is Olga D! Who's surprisingly the guest model in the show. She must have fallen in love with Falconstone despite her last show being cut short. Olga! Over here!

He chases after Olga followed by a wobbly camera.

ANOTHER ANGLE:

The guests are at last being let on the plane as we see Amir who spots Richard and Cate who have managed to avoid the crowds. He comes up.

> AMIR SULINAIM Richard. We need to talk.

> > RICHARD

Sure.

AMIR SULINAIM (looking at Cate) Alone. Please.

CATE No problem. I'll see you on board.

Richard kisses her.

RICHARD That wasn't very nice.

AMIR SULINAIM (trying to control his anger) What the hell are you thinking?! (MORE) AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) You have a race tomorrow. You should be working with your team. You're not a teenager anymore...

Richard knows he's right.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D)

Well?

Amir leaves. Richard contains his anger. Runs up to Cate.

RICHARD Look, I'm sorry. I have to go practice.

CATE Disappointed) Sure. Of course.

RICHARD I'll still catch it on TV!

CATE

Better that way. Don't think you could have resisted twenty half naked girls in reality.

RICHARD Nothing could distract me from you.

CATE (laughing) God, you're so cheesy! But don't stop.

They kiss. Falconman watches silently FROM THE ROOFTOPS.

INT. COCKPIT - DAY

The captain comes in catching sight of the back of the copilot (the one we saw earlier on the stairs).

### CAPTAIN FOWLER

Hey Simon -

He stops mid sentence.

CAPTAIN FOWLER (CONT'D) I thought Simon Higgins was on this flight?

The copilot holds out his hand. The captain shakes it.

### COPILOT

(strange English accent) George Segwind. 'Fraid Simon had a little bother with the old belly. Nuisance for me as well. Promised the wifey we'd go see the in laws today. Life of a pilot and all that..

CAPTAIN FOWLER (checking his badge) Glad the brass let me know in advance. Typical. Well George, ever flown one of these babies before?

COPILOT Only in the hanger I'm afraid.

CAPTAIN FOWLER Nothing like the real thing. Want to read the 'sheep' the riot act..

He hand the copilot a piece of printed paper.

INT. UPPER DECK, AIRBUS - DAY

All the passengers are seated and belted in. The front seats are F-force dressed as quests.

COPILOT (over intercom) Welcome aboard this Airbus A380. You will be happy to know, this is a smoking flight... (cheers) As we prepare for take off -

We TRACK BACK over the excited guests and models as the copilot drones on.

And DOWN THROUGH THE FLOOR to the EMPTY LOWER DECK.

Then into the basement of the plane.

The MACHINE ROOM:

Where...

As we TRACK through hydraulics we find a man. A LONE FIGURE in the NEWLY DESIGNED SUIT with his Falcon:

GRAFF and SINBAD:

He watches both decks of the plane on his own 'monitors' which are actually tiny ====== attached to the back of his gloves.

Puts on his NEW MASK.

INT. COCKPIT - DAY

The copilot sees the costumed Magdalena on the roof as they taxi down the runway. The captain sees this.

CAPTAIN FOWLER Hey. Isn't that Falconman?!

COPILOT (Luthor) You mean the man dressed as a fucking parrot? I hope so. He's expecting a delivery.

The captain stares at him. He tries to hold it together.

COPILOT (CONT'D) (bad English accent again) Sorry about that, old chap. Turrets.

Off the captains look.

CUT TO:

EXT. TARMAC - DAY

Sa'id is alone around the side of the building finishing his prayers as the AIRBUS RUMBLES OVER HEAD.

SA'ID May Allah be with you my fine feathered friend.

EXT. ROOF, AIRPORT - DAY

Falconman steps back out of sight as the plane takes off in the BG.

He reaches up PULLING OFF his mask. It's Magdalena. Then up above her: A DRONE.

Diva is about to react. But it just drops a SMALL PACKAGE.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRBUS, UPPER DECK - DAY

The seat belt sign is now off as Maya stands at the front.

MAYA Ladies and gentlemen. The seat belt sign is off. If you would all like to move down stairs and take a table. We can get this party started!

Music starts blasting as the guests applause.

INT. COCKPIT - DAY

The captain stretches and yawns. Its now all on autopilot.

CAPTAIN FOWLER The wonders of modern air travel.

The copilot undoes his belt climbing out of his seat.

CO-PILOT The wonders of too much water. Non stop loo breaks.

CAPTAIN FOWLER (takes out a flask) I never touch the stuff.

The copilot - now behind him, pulls on the side of his CARTIER, revealing long METAL WIRE.

Which he quickly uses to GARROTE the pilot. It's is all over in a second.

LUTHOR Jesus. Why are pilots so fucking boring.

He PEELS OFF the SILICONE mask he's been wearing.

He gets back into his seat next to the dead pilot and takes plane off 'auto pilot'.

We see him slowly put the plane into a very gradual decent.

INT. LOWER DECK - NIGHT

The Coco Del Mer lingerie show is about to begin. The lights dim as the runway LIGHTS UP.

Bryan Ferry's 'Slave to Love' starts blaring out of the speakers as the curtain opens to reveal Olga in the first piece.

The body she usually hides behind her new hipster/rockstar persona is perfect.

INT. AIRBUS MACHINE ROOM, BELOW - DAY

Graff Otto strokes Sinbad. Looks at the Falconman mask he's holding...

Puts the mask on.

CUT TO:

VARIOUS SHOTS: Audiences watching the show LIVE ON live TV around the world.

CUT TO:

BACK IN THE PLANE:

Other models strut their stuff (we recognize some of them as F-force). The audience are just loving it.

CLOSE IN ON: DR Frankel is too, and sweating.

INT. COCKPIT - DAY

The plane is now at 12,000 Ft. Luthor puts it back on autopilot.

EXT. AIRBUS, ROOFTOP - DAY

Its a clear blue sky as CASH AND HIS FIVE ARMED WINGMEN, land perfectly on the top of the huge plane.

Immediately and professionally DRILLING in carbine's, attaching their harnesses to them.

Cash takes out another bigger device DRILLING it into the top of the plane.

INT. LOWER DECK - NIGHT

The fashion show is over and the party has started.

INT. COCKPIT - DAY

As Luthor picks up the radio and hitting the screens -

That plunge the plane into DARKNESS (apart from emergency lighting).

All LIVE FEEDS GO DARK AS WELL.

LUTHOR (over intercom) Ladies and gentlemen. This is your captain speaking. Please remain calm. I'd also advice you not to go to the upper deck at present...

CUT TO:

INT. ASTON MARTIN, MOUNTAIN ROADS - DAY

Richard pulls over. Looks at the blank screen on his phone.

CUT TO:

INT. MACHINE ROOM, AIRBUS - DAY

Falconman is immediately on his feet.

LUTHOR (over intercom) There is nothing to be afraid of. As long as you remain seated, calm and do exactly what your captain tells you...

INT. LOWER DECK - DAY

Guest look scared and confused. The F-force, on FULL ALERT try to calm them.

Olga comes back out on stage still in lingerie.

OLGA DYMOV Doesn't this guy ever give up? EXT. ROOF OF AIRBUS - DAY

Cash PUSHES A BUTTON on the DEVICE attached to the roof of the plane...

The other Wingmen get as far away as possible, covering their ears.

The device EXPLODES leaving a 4ft hole in the roof.

Cash DROPS INTO THE PLANE.

INT. LOWER DECK - DAY

Chaos as the PRESSURE CHANGES and anything loose flies towards the stairs.

Including one of the models robes which fly off, leaving her nearly naked.

INT. TOP DECK - DAY

Cash and his Wingmen, HOWLING HOLE above - head down stairs.

INT. LOWER DECK - DAY

The PRESSURE has evened out as the Wingmen arrive, MACHINE GUNS ready.

WOMAN Hijackers?!

INT. COCKPIT - DAY

Luthor watches it all on his monitors.

LUTHOR How very 90's.

INT. LOWER DECK - DAY

Terrified passengers are now lined up. Maya and F-force play along.

LUTHOR (over intercom) Good now I have your attention. We will keep this relatively quick and simple... INT. COCKPIT - DAY

As Luthor checks his BANK ACCOUNT on his phone. Then dials a number:

CUT TO:

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INT. FALCON NEST - DAY

Magdalena rushes in with a cell phone and a note with a number on it. Sa'id watches the screens in shock.

SA'ID What happened?

The PHONE RINGS. She freezes. Answers.

INTERCUT:

LUTHOR (over speaker) This is your captain speaking, bird shit... (checks dial) This plane only has around two hours of fuel left. It"ll take it forty minutes to land. So for the safety of all. Let's hope the money is in my account within...Thirty minutes? Soon as it is. We will leave this plane immediately...

He turns to the dead captain.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) Then Captain Fowler will bring all you're honored guests safely down to earth...

Hangs up.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) If he wasn't dead.

IN FALCON NEST:

MAGDALENA I have the bank details -

SA'ID (holds up his hand) Allah said: Trust your blood as much as you would yourself. She looks at him.

CUT TO:

INT. MACHINE ROOM, PLANE - DAY

Falconman walks towards us. His Falcon over head,

INT. COCKPIT - DAY

Luthor leans back stretching his arms behind his head looking annoyingly pleased with himself.

LUTHOR (to captain) This really is a moment of criminal genius, even if I do say so myself.

The captain doesn't reply (dead, remember).

LUTHOR (CONT'D) (into intercom) Can a certain <u>Dr Coates</u> make himself known. We both have to leave the aircraft before the next station.

INT. MACHINE ROOM, PLANE - DAY

Falconman come to a ladder that leads up to the cockpit above. The hatch above is closed.

He strokes Sinbad.

FALCONMAN You know what to do. And when...

The bird seems to understand. Falconman leaves him, walking back towards the main decks of the plane.

INT. LOWER DECK - DAY

Wingman pace, keeping their guns trained on the passengers either side of the fuselage.

Olga looks across at Maya - who taps her right shoe against the left.

And a blade flick's out the toe. The slight NOISE it makes, makes a wingman turn distracting him.

OLGA DYMOV Hey, handsome. Does your mother know what you do for a living?

CASH

Shut it.

He moves on. Maya winks at Olga. Cate turns to her boss. This is a side she's never seen before.

INT. GALLEY, LOWER DECK - DAY

From inside the elevator, Falconman quietly looks around.

The Galley is clear.

He can see the Wingmen through the curtains on deck. He quietly moves to a bank of monitors.

He 'clicks' one.

INT. LOWER DECK - DAY

'Ping'! The SEAT BELT SIGN COMES ON.

We see Maya notice it. She signals to the F-force girls with a look. Olga sees this.

She quietly wraps her hand around one of the table lamps.

The wingmen have noticed it too ... SO HAS LUTHOR.

LUTHOR (over intercom) Who's playing silly buggers down there?

Cash silently pints to the Galley. One Wingman heads for it gun raised.

IN THE COCKPIT: Luthor stands checks his phone. Still nothing in his bank account...

Opens a hatch taking out a hidden PARACHUTE.

BACK ON LOWER DECK: The Wingman enters the galley.

IN THE GALLEY: The wingman comes in as Falconman backs into the shadows -

He flicks a BLADE out the knuckle of his right hand glove (thanks Sa'id). As the wingman passes the toilet:

Jabs the blade into his neck with the other. The Wingman goes limp.

INT. AIRBUS, LOWER DECK - DAY

The other Wingmen stare nervously at the galley.

F-FORCE GIRL It's getting so hot in here!

A Wingmen turns back as the f-girl starts to take off her bra.

FALCONMAN (0.S.) Did anyone order the bird?

The other Wingmen spin round as Falconman rolls out of the galley flipping the first Wingman into the air.

Maya and F-force spring into action.

Attacking the Wingmen from all sides, only one of them even having a chance to open fire...

And Olga smashes the lamp over his head.

OLGA DYMOV Lights out motherfucker.

Cate can't believe this.

CATE Who are you?

OLGA DYMOV I better be a brides maid.

The FTv camera man switches on his phone -

Filming it all as bullets hit the DJ box and John Paul young's 'love is in the air' (dance remix) fills the plane.

A Wingman manages to catch Maya off guard as Michel Adam, grabs him from behind - smashing his head into a table.

### MAYA

I think I love you.

The rest of the Wingmen are soon taken down by the sexiest display of martial arts ever seen.

The guests applaud. Falconman rushes for the stairs. IN THE COCKPIT: Luthor, furious - opens the floor hatch. Sinbad BURSTS OUT of it: Knocks Luthor back. But he manages to run for the exit door -Pulling it open. The hurtling winds knocks the Falcon back. LUTHOR (laughs) Didn't you see the seat belt sign? INT. AIRBUS, TOP DECK - DAY Falconman runs at the cockpit - flicking open his new F-belt: It releases a small charge. Which BLOWS OPEN the door. IN THE COCKPIT: Falconman bursts in. Just manages to grab Luthor before he jumps. Pulls him back in. Face to face. FALCONMAN That's the ugliest mask I've seen yet... LUTHOR Enough with the one liners. So you qot me -FALCONMAN So, steady this plane. He pushes Luthor towards the controls. We can see how angry he really is: FALCONMAN (CONT'D) What is it you have against me and my family?!

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LUTHOR (turns to him) You really think this about you? Don't you fuckin' get it yet, feather brain ?! You're just in the way... Luthor hits the THROTTLE -Sending the plane into a NOSE DIVE! This throws Falconman against the roof. DOWN BELOW: Everyone else is suddenly sent into ZERO GRAVITY. MAYA Grab onto anything! BACK IN THE COCKPIT: Luthor pulls himself to the exit door -Falconman regains his balance. Luthor turns to him: LUTHOR Sorry batshit. Only one parachute. And he's GONE. Falconman signals to Sinbad who FLIES OUT the door after him. Olga pulls her self into the cockpit - still vertical. OLGA DYMOV Hit the autopilot! Graff just pulls her to the controls... She taps the control screens and the plane LEVELS OUT. Falconman looks at her. OLGA DYMOV (CONT'D) Playstation. Flight simulator -FALCONMAN (rushing to the door) I hope you know how to land. OLGA DYMOV Crashed into Paris once. But hey,

He turns to her seriously:

how difficult can it be?

# FALCONMAN Great responsibility. Remember...

With that he DIVES OUT.

# OLGA DYMOV

<u>Graff</u>?!!

EXT. SKY - DAY

Falconman - ARMS TIGHT beside him, dives down towards an unsuspecting Luthor below.

OLGA DYMOV (O.S.) I think you forgot your parachute!

BELOW THEM BOTH: Vienna.

The camera on Diva's leg suddenly lights up.

BACK IN FALCON NEST:

### SA'ID I have a signal!

Magdalena and Sa'id can now see everything on the screens.

BACK IN THE SKY:

Falconman HITS LUTHOR - GRABBING him at incredible speed. Sending both into a SPIN.

They PUSH EACH OTHER APART, trying to regain their balance.

LUTHOR Are you insane?! You're not really a fucking bird!

Falconman dives at him again. This time rolling him onto his back -

And CUTTING the harness of Luthor's chute with his gloved blade.

He PULLS it off Luthor's back. Luthor frantically grabs for it –  $% \left[ {\left[ {{\left[ {{L_{\rm{s}}} \right]_{\rm{s}}}} \right]_{\rm{s}}} \right]_{\rm{s}}} \right]$ 

Until they both hold on to the unopened parachute FACING each other.

Falconman stares at him.

LUTHOR Beep. Beep. Road Runner.

We now see Luthor has a GUN.

LUTHOR (CONT'D) You'll just be remembered as the poor bird who couldn't fly.

But just as he is about to fire when Sinbad DIVES FOR IT.

Falconman uses this distraction to kick Luthor off the chute.

Falconman manages to get the chute on his back (they're still falling PARALLEL to each other).

He grabs Luthor as he grabs the CHUTE RELEASE.

FALCONMAN I'll ask you just once more time. What's this really about?

LUTHOR What do you think, bird man? (he pulls Graff close) The a <u>new world order</u>...

He kicks himself back. Letting go of the chute:

LUTHOR (CONT'D) One, where we'll both be obsolete... (looks down) You do know. You can't really fly.

Falconman looks down. He has no choice. Pulls the rip cord. The parachute jolts him back upwards...

Luthor continues FALLING AWAY towards the city below, laughing all they way.

CUT TO:

EXT. MARIA THERESIEN PLATZ, VIENNA - DAY Luthor lands in the middle of it. It's not pretty.

CUT TO:

INT. AIRBUS - DAY As Cash and his Wingmen are rounded up by F-force girls. Maya tends to the Scientist. INT. COCKPIT - DAY Olga, Maya and Cate are now at the controls. The cameraman is in there too, praying - and still filming it on his phone. OVER HEADSETS: FLIGHT CONTROL talks them in. As the runway approaches: CATE Common guys! It worked in 'Airplane'. They all look at her. CATE (CONT'D) What? Great movie. CUT TO: EXT. SCHWECHAT AIRPORT - DAY As the Airbus lands SMOOTHLY and SAFELY. Emergency services rush toward it. DISSOLVE TO: EXT. FIELD - DAWN Falconstone sits in a mist on the hill behind as Magdalena,

head down, says a prayer over a small grave. Diva floats above.

Olga, Richard, Sa'id and Cate stand in the BG.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARAPETS - MORNING

Amir and Graff Otto watch from the castle parapets.

AMIR SULINAIM

Thank God it's all over and no one was hurt. You must be very proud.

GRAFF OTTO It makes no sense. Why would some petty criminal make it his life mission to rob me?

AMIR SULINAIM Maybe he had a hatred of birds. He'd spent most of his child hood in Asylums -

GRAFF OTTO He said something about a new world order...

AMIR SULINAIM Did he also say he was Napoleon? (laughs) After the race tomorrow, all your troubles are over. You win.

GRAFF OTTO Only if your son wins.

AMIR SULINAIM Ironic. But he doesn't know any other way -

GRAFF OTTO

I'm sorry.

AMIR SULINAIM For what?

GRAFF OTTO I know how badly you wanted Falconstone.

AMIR SULINAIM I love the view. But there are plenty more castles in Austria...

Graff Otto, smiles.

GRAFF OTTO Not like Falconstone my friend. Speaking of which... When do you start selling the water? AMIR SULINAIM The filtering plant is nearly finished being assembled.

GRAFF OTTO I'll come see it when It's done.

### AMIR SULINAIM

Please.

Graff exits. We CLOSE IN on Amir as his smile turns to anger.

CUT TO:

INT. CAVE BELOW THE LAKE - SAME

This is anything but a water filter.

A HUGE AI SUPERCOMPUTER has been constructed in the center of the cave.

SCIENTISTS and a team of trained workers are finishing attaching the huge WATER COOLING SYSTEMS above.

It's close to completion.

CUT TO:

EXT. FIELD BELOW FALCONSTONE - DAY

Olga and Magdalena are alone.

OLGA DYMOV I have to leave after the race tomorrow...

MAGDALENA (watches Richard and Cate below) I think you'll be needing a new assistant.

Olga laughs. Magdalena stares at the two lovers below.

MAGDALENA (CONT'D) I often wondered. What it would be like? You know... To have a normal life -

Olga comes close. Touches Magdalena's scar.

OLGA DYMOV I'll come visit if you want.

MAGDALENA I might've fully transformed by then -

She stares into her eyes.

OLGA DYMOV I'll only ever see the girl inside...

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. FALCON NEST - NIGHT

Magdalena tries on a new improved suit. It's sleeker. Sexier and best of all:

It has WINGS. Small wings that clip to her arms.

SA'ID Now you will glide like a bird.

Magdalena says nothing. Her mind far away.

MAGDALENA Have you ever been married, Sa'id?

Sa'id shakes his head laughing.

SA'ID There's an old Arab proverb: Marriage is like a besieged castle, those who are on the outside wish to get in and those who are on the inside wish to get out.

MAGDALENA I thought about it for the first time today...

CUT TO:

INT. FALCONSTONE LIBRAY - EVENING

Graff Otto sits alone by the fire. He has a note book. He has been working out numbers. He leans back. Exhausted.

MAGDALENA After Richard wins tomorrow, this humiliation will be over -

Looks up at his daughter.

GRAFF OTTO I'm afraid, it is just beginning.

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT. ÖSTERREICHRING RACETRACK - DAY

THE FLAG GOES DOWN!

And the SCREECHING OF FORMULA E ENGINES fill the screen.

A COMMENTATOR keeps us up to date on the laps and drivers. The only two...

WE WILL FOCUS ON are Richard and his arch rival HANS LORENZ.

This is a short race for Falconstone's charity.

TWENTY LAPS.

AMIRS TEAM'S PIT STOP: Cate CHEERS her lover on.

UP IN THE STANDS:

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{F}}\xspace$  are patrolling in their YELLOW and BLACK striped race suits.

IN THE MAIN BOX:

A nervous Graff Otto watches with Olga and a bunch of high powered guests.

Behind them Amir - who leaves the box UNNOTICED.

ON THE ROOF OF THE GRANDSTAND:

MAGDALENA as FALCONMAN - WITH AN EAGLE.

BACK ON THE TRACK:

Richard OVERTAKES Hans in a very risky move. He's now out FRONT.

IN THE PIT:

Cate's PHONE RINGS.

Everyone is too gripped by the action on the track to notice.

CUT TO:

INT. RACE CAR - DAY

We are in the thick of it with Richard who is trying to keep Hans from overtaking...

Cate's voice suddenly comes over his HEADSET:

CATE (V.O.) It's dark! Why can't see anything... What are you doing?! WHO ARE YOU! (starting to cry) I'm scared. Please!

ANOTHER VOICE SUDDENLY CHIMES IN:

A DISGUISED VOICE that sounds like the DEVIL.

VOICE (through Richard's headset) This is very simple...

He nearly LOOSES CONTROL of his car.

Hans OVERTAKES him. Richard, regains control.

VOICE (CONT'D) We have your girlfriend. We will kill her if you win the race...

Richard can't believe this is really happening.

VOICE (CONT'D) But it must look like you did everything to win. Hans can only beat you on the last lap. Do you understand?

We CLOSE IN on Richard. This goes against everything he believes.

He ACCELERATES - OVERTAKING Hans again.

VOICE (CONT'D) I know you can beat him. But if you do - she dies.

# CATE (V.O.) Richard! Where are you?!

Then silence. Richard SCREAMS in anger.

CUT TO:

# EXT. ROOF, OWNERS BOX - DAY

Magdalena has noticed that Cate isn't in the pit stop below. She RELEASES her EAGLE and radios to F-force, who move to the

pits.

We now see the eagle has a CAMERA ON ITS LEG, and Magdalena - A SMALL SCREEN on built into the her glove.

THE ANNOUNCER INFORMS US: There are only TWO MORE LAPS.

CUT TO:

EXT. TRACK - DAY

Richard still blocks Hans as they turn into the final lap. IN THE RACE CAR: CU on Richard.

He prepares to do what he would never have dreamt of doing. And its only at the LAST SECOND that he does it.

BACK ON THE TRACK:

His car clips the side rail taking it into a SPIN.

Hans passes him - winning the race.

Richard SPINS INTO SECOND. Throws off his helmet in anger. THE OWNERS BOX: Graff Otto is nearly sick.

UP ABOVE: Magdalena hardly has time to react as she spots cate -

Now alone and confused wandering in the CAR PARK.

She radios F-force. Then looks back at the track. Richard's being helped from his car.

CUT TO:

EXT. CAR PARK - DAY

Magdalena rushes up to Cate. F-Force surround her, protecting her.

MAGDALENA What happened?

CATE (she tries to smile) Nothing? I just felt a little sick. Had to get some fresh air.

Magdalena knows she's lying.

MAGDALENA

You're ok?

CATE I think it was the excitement... (she knows the answer) Did Richard win?

Before Magdalena can answer. Cheers from the podium.

CUT TO:

EXT. PODIUM, TENT - DAY

Hans explodes the champagne as the crowds cheer. Richard stands beside him trying to look like a good looser.

It's not working.

A shocked Graff Otto climbs onto the stage followed by Amir.

GRAFF OTTO Ladies and gentlemen...

The crowd quietens.

GRAFF OTTO (CONT'D) First, I'd like to congratulate Hans Lorenz on his wonderful victory... (more cheers) But with it, I bring sad news. Despite all of your generosity over these past few days... I will still have to sell Falconstone.... (he tries to keep talking) (MORE) GRAFF OTTO (CONT'D) But I don't know how to thank you all -

Amir steps up to the mike comforting Graff Otto.

AMIR SULINAIM (into mike) Nonsense! We will celebrate the fact that Falconstone will now live on for ever. Your family name - for ever! Graff Otto Von Falcongraf... (the crowd has no clue how to react) And in honor of my friend's loss, I pledge to return each and every one of you, your generous donations. Long live Falconstone!

Now the crowd cheers!

As we CLOSE IN on Magdalena who stands out of sight holding back tears.

DISSOLVE TO:

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EXT. FALCONSTONE CASTLE - NIGHT

A full moon breaks through somber clouds as a DB6 enters the gates. A storm approaches.

Falcon force watch down from the parapets - we can tell they're now defeated.

They don't notice the DRONES hovering silently above.

147 INT. GRAND BALLROOM, FALCONSTONE – NIGHT

Suits of armor and family shields, with crossed swords - adorn the room. A history of Knights through the ages.

Graff Otto paces. The doors open.

GRAFF OTTO You're late.

AMIR SULINAIM I knew you'd still be here. You're just so... Reliable.

GRAFF OTTO Let's get this over with, shall we? Amir opens his brief case taking out a contract. Graff Otto hands him the deeds to the castle.

AMIR SULINAIM Like I said. You and Magdalena can visit the birds whenever you wish -

GRAFF OTTO

And Falcon Force?

AMIR SULINAIM More liability than anything else. Cate was taken right in front of their eyes. Think the Joker said it best: The world doesn't need any more Superheroes.

GRAFF OTTO I beg to differ.

AMIR SULINAIM I'll even let you still breed if you want. Your birds do sell for a fortune.

He holds out the contract.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) Now if you will just sign there... And there.

Graff Otto begrudgingly takes it.

CUT TO:

148 INT. FALCON NEST - NIGHT

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Sa'id sits at the new revamped computer. He reads data on his screen looking concerned -

Other images have FALCON FOOTAGE from the race.

ANOTHER STILL IMAGE: Amir talking to Richard in front of the Airbus.

Magdalena enters in her new improved Falcon costume. She is defeated as well:

MAGDALENA It doesn't matter anymore -

He holds up his finger, silencing her.

SA'ID You're going to love this.

ON THE SCREENS: THe points to Cate GETTING A CALL then going back into the pit.

SA'ID (CONT'D) Of course. No cameras allowed... (fast forwards the image) But fifteen minutes later.

FALCON IMAGES: Cate coming out of the same pit.

MAGDALENA She was in the Sulinaim pit the whole time? But no one saw her -

SA'ID

No one on his payroll...

# MAGDALENA

Something happened to make him throw the race, for sure. But if Amir's really behind this. We've still got to prove it...

He turns up the sound. A thousand garbled voices fill the nest. Cell phone calls. Race instructions. He plays with it more.

SA'ID Not quite proof. But I was monitoring all radio frequencies around the track...

Until he eventually separates out the DISTORTED VOICE -

The one which played in Richards helmet. It now shows on the screens as a GRAPH.

SA'ID (CONT'D) Like the hand writing analysis the police used to use. Even when the writer tried to disguise it -

He now plays Amir's speech which also plays out as a graph. He PAUSES the playback. Points at the two graphs. Sits back smiling.

> SA'ID (CONT'D) The voice will never be decoded. Amir's to smart for that...

Rewinds. Plays them both again.

SA'ID (CONT'D) But listen to the beats.

She does. The two voices though totally different in every way, have the same momentum in every other way.

SA'ID (CONT'D) Too much CSI.

He turns to Magdalena. BUT SHE'S ALREADY GONE.

CUT TO:

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149 INT. BALLROOM - NIGHT

Olga appears on the UPPER LEVEL, with luggage. She ducks into the shadow as she hears voices below.

AMIR SULINAIM Can you just sign it please. I know your lawyer has already approved it.

Graff Otto is about to sign.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) (can't help gloating) Don't worry I will treat this place as if it was my own. Oh, I forgot it is.

As ink touches the paper. The doors BURST OPEN -

Diva FLIES IN, GRABBING the contract from Graff Otto, flying back into the air.

Magdalena steps in - mask down.

GRAFF OTTO What do you think your doing? We lost fair and square. Honor is all we have left -

AMIR SULINAIM And 50 million Euros.

MAGDALENA We don't need his money. He made his own son throw the race.

Sa'id runs in out of breath.

SA'ID We can't prove it yet. But I <u>know</u> we're right. I wondered why he stopped Richard from getting on that plane -

Graff otto tries to comprehend this all. Amir just start to clap.

AS UP ON THE BALCONY (which surrounds the ballroom):

A NEW ARMY appears.

Twenty IRANIAN KUNOICHI NINJA'S. Olga hides.

AMIR SULINAIM (from below) I got sick of dealing with amateurs...

BELOW: Richard and Cate suddenly come in from the courtyard.

RICHARD Father, we have to talk. About the race. I have to tell you -

AMIR SULINAIM I know. You threw it. True love. Blah. Blah.

Richard doesn't understand. Another three Iranian Ninja's enter behind. Graff knows who they are.

GRAFF OTTO You're working for *IMOIS*?

AMIR SULINAIM I'd love to say it's because of 'my heritage'... But no. I'm Persian. Iranian's just pay the best.

Richard looks destroyed as this all sinks in.

RICHARD Is this true?

Amir steps to the window.

AMIR SULINAIM I mean, look at the view. The UN just down the street. Who would ever be suspicious of a falcon breeder buying Falconstone? The three Ninja'a barricade the doors.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) So now what? I guess I have to kill you all. Or something like that -

RICHARD What are you talking about?!

AMIR SULINAIM Stay out of this...

Magdalena's about to go for Amir. Graff Otto holds her back.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) Shame you weren't so protective. when she was younger... (turns to Magdalena) So now, she has to hide behind a mask.

CLOSE IN: On Magdalena.

FLASHBACK: She's seven years old again. The fire. The panicking bird. Men fighting.

BUT THIS TIME:

It's Graff who Fights the intruders in his FALCONMAN COSTUME.

We see a woman (Magdalena's mother) rush in. Get knocked to the ground.

The bird - terrified by the flames, knocks BOILING WATER on the young Magdalena's face.

BACK IN THE PRESENT: Amir turns to Graff.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) You never told her?

GRAFF OTTO (turns to his daughter) They were Soviet operatives -

AMIR SULINAIM Who wouldn't have been in your home! If you weren't too fucking busy risking your family's safety to <u>save the world!</u>

Graff otto looks down. Magdalena comes up to him. Holds him.

GRAFF OTTO I'm so sorry...

MAGDALENA Sincerely) For <u>what</u>? You made me who I am. I'd risk everything, too.

Amir starts laughing. Cate holds Richard back.

AMIR SULINAIM And there lies the problem. <u>Saving</u> the world was never the issue for those with real power... (signals to his ninja's) <u>Controlling</u> the world is.

Ninja's push Graff the floor. On the upper balcony. They all reveal ZULFIQAR MACHINE GUNS.

A ninja grabs Richard.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) No. Not him -

RICHARD (stares at Amir) If you touch any of them. I will kill you.

AMIR SULINAIM (rolls his eyes) OK. Him as well.

The ninja pushes Richard on the floor with the others.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) What? You think I owe you something?

Richard looks at his father about to lose it. Magdalena takes his shoulder.

GRAFF OTTO Just tell me, 'old friend'. What is this really about?

AMIR SULINAIM Not <u>bird water, that's</u> for sure!

OUTSIDE: A flash of LIGHTNING.

It lights up the ballroom. Amir, signals to his ninja's.

# AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) Wait for the thunder.

UP ON THE BALCONY: Olga knows she has no choice.

She rushes the closest ninja - FLIPPING her over the rail, grabbing her gun.

DOWN BELOW: Diva DIVES back down at Amir, clawing at his face.

And ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE.

Bullets raining down from above.

Richard pushes Cate under the oak table, bullets SPLINTERING it.

Graff skillfully takes care of the first of the three ninja's on ground level. Magdalena downs the second.

Sa'id goes for the door.

BULLETS EXPLODE around him. He has to dive for cover but gets hit in the leg.

Amir has managed to GRAB Diva by the neck. Her wings going wild. Suddenly from above:

OLGA DYMOV (O.S.) Listen up, mother fuckers!

The firing stops a moment as everyone looks up at her.

She's pointing the gun at Amir.

OLGA DYMOV (CONT'D) My grandfather was RVGK sniper. I don't miss.

Lightning strikes again. Amir uses this moment to role out of harms way as the ninjas on the balcony OPEN FIRE again.

Olga dives behind a pillar. Bullets cut into it.

DOWN BELOW: More bullets as everyone dives for cover apart from Graff, who rushes Amir and THROWS HIS BIRD at him.

This moment's distraction gives Amir a second to make it to the wall -

GRABBING A SWORD.

Graff rolls to a suit of armor as amir's blade just misses him. grabs a shield off the wall as Amir hacks at it...

Graff has no choice. Rolls out of the blade's way, again rushing for the wall. Grabs his own sword.

AMIR SULINAIM (O.S.) Dare you to follow!

Graff turns back. Sees the door closing. Amir is gone. He runs to it but it's locked.

It's then that he realizes the firing has stopped. Looks around. All the ninja's are gone too.

EXT. COURTYARD - NIGHT

As the DB6 accelerates towards the main gates. Falcon-Force rush to close them but too late.

INT. BALLROOM - NIGHT

Sa'id crawls out of hiding, bleeding. Graff turns to him.

GRAFF OTTO I'll find you a bandaid. <u>Now</u> where's my new suit?

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150 EXT. CASTLE BATTLEMENTS - NIGHT

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GRAFF OTTO now as FALCONMAN.

He stands on the highest point of the castle. Diva lands on his arm. Magdalena and the rush out.

Falcon-Force look on in awe.

Graff otto just watches Amir's car racing away on the mountain roads below. He shouts across to his daughter:

FALCONMAN Lock the castle down!

He reaches up under each arm CLIPPING his new wings to the side of his new suit. Now Falconman can REALLY FLY.

MAGDALENA Father! This is a trap!

### FALCONMAN Of course it is.

He LEAPS from the highest point. Followed by Diva.

Falconman FLIES LIKE PAST THE PARAPETS LIKE A BIRD.

OLGA DYMOV Go falconman! Go!

It's then they spot them -

An army of VULTURE DRONES taking off after him. Magdalena signals to the F-Force girls -

Who spring into action, releasing their birds.

CUT TO:

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152 EXT. SKIES, MOUNTAIN ROAD - NIGHT

Falconman actually seems to be FLYING as he aims himself at the sports car below.

He even manages a SPIN - straightening out again.

We can tell he's never felt more at home. But then spots the DRONES behind him.

Diva turns back as the other birds arrive -

Knocking the attacking drones out of the sky. but there are more drones than birds...

Until about them. Falcons fly in - dropping HUGE NETS on the drones below.

CUT TO:

### 153 EXT. MOUNTAIN ROAD - NIGHT

Falconman CLOSES IN on the car at great speed.

FALCONMAN Let's see what you can really do.

He twists his wrists. SMALL FLAPS on his wings open up. He lands PERFECTLY on the roof of the speeding car.

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It's then that he realizes it's heading straight for a CLIFF  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{EDGE}}$  .

He leaps from the car - rolling in the snow and onto his feet in one fluid movement.

Destroyed drones fall around him.

He holds out his arm. Diva lands on it.

In the skies above. Falconman's army of victorious birds.

SUDDENLY: Over his HEADSET.

AMIR SULINAIM (V.O.) Reliable and predictable. Such a waste of a good car.

MAGDALENA (V.O.)

Fath -

We hear her gagged. Falconman reaches for his belt.

AMIR SULINAIM Don't bother calling for help, doostami. My AI has put a frequency dome around Falconstone. Well. I'm sure you know the rest...

Graff otto just strokes Diva. Walks towards the lake.

FALCONMAN Let's finish this.

CUT TO:

INT. CAVE BELOW THE LAKE - NIGHT

As Falconman steps in from the UNDERGROUND TUNNEL. His birds hovering in the darkness behind him.

NOW WE SEE IT IN FULL: Amir's SUPER COMPUTER.

And it seems - it's UP AND RUNNING. As teams of TECHS sit at consoles.

UP ON HUGE SCREENS: Thousands of MOBILE NUMBERS constantly changing.

ON OTHERS: SATELLITE IMAGES rotate from across the world.

Others - street camera's from all major cities.

FALCONMAN Does it also make espresso? AMIR SULINAIM (smiles) I know your little F-Force birds are still out there somewhere. I suggest they stay in their cages or I eat the worm. Ninja's with SHAMSHIR FIGHTING SWORDS push Magdalena into the light. Graff now sees Richard, Olga and Cate being held captive as well. He counts forty ninjas at least. SA'ID (quietly into headphones) Forty two to be precise. two on the ridges behind you... Falconman tries not to react. INT. FALCON NEST - NIGHT Sa'id, in pain is at the consoles watching it all. SA'ID I crawled back under the table. INT. CAVE BELOW THE LAKE - NIGHT We see Graff smile under his mask. FALCONMAN So what now? You can't just let us live -AMIR SULINAIM I could have! If you'd just bloody signed -The birds fly into the cave above graff - lead by Diva. FALCONMAN Was never going to happen. AMIR SULINAIM But this is ... (walks to the super computer) (MORE)

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) Who do you think won the US elections? The Russians? Common'! (taps a nervous tech) Looking for nuclear weapons in Iran? Antiques. Worse. They leave a trail like a snail... (looks up at the screens) This is Check Mate.

Walks under the huge cooling systems.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) But sadly. We all still live in the industrial age. Machines still need to be powered. Power needs cooling etc. Etc... (taps the machine)

But she's teaching herself. Every nano second. How to survive without us.

FALCONMAN Then how do you survive?

AMIR SULINAIM I don't. All I'm surviving, is <u>now</u>.

FALCONMAN (steps forward) You hope.

Ninja's block his path.

AMIR SULINAIM The WAIO meeting at the UN is in Vienna next week. Just down the hill... (looks up at AI) What she'll learn from that meeting from our vultures. It will take her out of first grade -

SA'ID (quietly over headphones) He's right. The weakness is in the cooling systems. F-Force is in position.

Falconman steps forward.

FALCONMAN Why do villains always do that? Explain their master plan. (MORE) FALCONMAN (CONT'D) It just gives us good guys time to figure out how to stop it -

# AMIR SULINAIM (shrugs) Ego, I guess.

He signals the ninjas how draw their swords...

Not before Falconman pulls a lure from his belt.

He hurls it at the cooling pipes, joining the super computer to the AI.

The birds fly into the cave attacking it. The Techs panic, running for the tunnels.

Down below. It starts:

As F-Force descends into the cave. Falcon girl vs ninja.

Falconman kicks the ninja holding Magdalena and she rolls free.

### MAGDALENA

Thanks dad.

Amir grabs the ninja's sword from the floor.

AMIR SULINAIM You never could beat me -

Magdalena steps between them.

MAGDALENA Drop the weapon. Then let's see.

FALCONMAN (looks at her) This is a bonding moment, right?

She goes for Amir. But he's too fast. His blade nearly takes her arm off as she rolls on the ground.

Graff is attacked by two ninjas. He takes both down.

Amir approaches Magdalena. Standing above her.

AMIR SULINAIM The apple never falls far from the tree...

RICHARD (0.S.) Like fuck it doesn't. ANOTHER ANGLE: Cate turns to Olga.

CATE Isn't he just so cute?

BACK IN THE FIGHT: Amir ducks Richard flipping him on his back. Graff picks up a sword. Magdalena grabs him.

GRAFF OTTO (looks at his daughter) Let dad have some fun at his age -

MAGDALENA Knock yourself out... (smiles) Well - you know what I mean.

She runs off to fight the remaining ninjas.

AS ABOVE: Lead by Diva. The birds managed to pull one of the cooling pipes away from the AI.

It immediately starts to over heat. But Diva is pulled down in the deluge.

BELOW: Water cascades into the cave.

Amir turns to Graff - laughs:

AMIR SULINAIM Picric victory, perhaps, but there is no stopping this new world order

FALCONMAN (shrugs) Still. Have to give it a try.

Amir goes for Graff with his sword.

The fight of the century ensues.

As the other ninjas are also defeated. Only our heroes now survive. Water filling the cave.

Falconman eventually takes Amir to the ground. Blade at his throat. Amir tries to catch his breath.

Falconman looks down at him a moment. Really doesn't understand. His blade against Amir's neck.

FALCONMAN (CONT'D)

Why?

# AMIR SULINAIM You really don't know?

FLASHBACK: Graff Otto's memories. The fire. The death of his wife. The boiling water.

AMIR SULINAIM (CONT'D) You'll remember one day...

Graff pushes the blade against Amir's neck. Richard runs forward.

#### RICHARD

Don't!

Graff hesitates. Amir winks at Richard.

SA'ID (over head phones) You're one of the good guys remember.

We see in Falconman's eyes he's not so sure anymore.

But at that moment the AI overheats -

Explodes into flame. Graff dives for his daughter, protecting her. As the whole cooling system falls apart.

FALCONMAN Get to the tunnel!

Everyone rushes toward the tunnel. Graff turns back to Amir who still just lies there...

The rock Ceiling above BEGINS TO CRACK.

Graff reaches out his hand:

FALCONMAN (CONT'D) We were friends once...

Amir smiles.

AMIR SULINAIM Not much point anymore.

The rocks crack and the lake pours in. Graff has no choice but to run for the tunnel.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. FIELDS, FALCONSTONE CASTLE - DAWN

Graff, alone - kneels at Diva's grave.

IN THE BG: Maya and F-force.

UP ON THE PARAPETS: Richard, Cate and Sa'id watch on.

Cate holds richard's hand:

CATE I'm so sorry...

RICHARD He was never my real father.

CATE Do we ever get to chose who is?

AS IN THE BEGINNING: We glide across to the courtyard like a bird.

BELOW: Magdalena stands with Olga, in front of her limo. Olga strokes Magdalena's scarred cheek. Laughs.

OLGA DYMOV You're just a swan, Mags. You can never be caged -

Realizes what this means:

MAGDALENA But what if I need to be?

OLGA DYMOV

Do you?

She can't answer. Olga smiles, getting into the car.

OLGA DYMOV (CONT'D) Yep. We're all fucked... I just write songs about it.

DISSOLVE TO:

155 EXT. FALCONSTONE CASTLE – NIGHT 155

We are close on Magdalena in her full Falcon costume standing on the top of the highest tower.

The full moon hangs behind her as we start to pull away.

GRAFF OTTO (V.O.) We all aspire to greatness. But greatness can not be found in the mirror. Nor can it be found in fame or glory. Greatness can only be in self sacrifice...

She is now silhouetted against the moon.

FADE TO BLACK.

GRAFF OTTO (V.O.) That is why we will always wear the mask.