

CHARADE

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FADE IN (BEFORE TITLES)

1. EXT. FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE - DUSK

Silence--complete silence for the urbanite, though the oncoming darkness is punctuated by the sounds of farm country--a few birds, a distant rumble of thunder from some heavy clouds on the horizon, a dog's barking.

CAMERA PANS the green, squared-off flatland, lit only by a fine sunset in its final throes. Then, gradually, starting from nothing, a rumble is heard, quickly growing louder and louder until the sound of a train can be recognized.

CAMERA PANS quickly, discovering the railroad line atop a man-made rise of land, and the speeding passenger train is upon us, flashing by with a roar.

Then, as if from nowhere, the figure of a man hits the embankment and rolls crazily down to the bottom into the thick underbrush alongside the tracks.

2. CLOSE SHOT - BODY

It lies in the bushes, still, unmoving--dead. CAMERA PANS AWAY to the quiet peaceful countryside as the sound of the train fades off until there is silence once more.

TITLE MUSIC begins with a crash.

(MAIN TITLES)

3.)

4.) DELETED

5.)

6. FADE IN

EXT. MEGEVE - DAY

A handsome and elegant hotel perched on the mountain-side overlooking the French resort town. A large, open sun deck--tables, gaily colored parasols, sun bathers.

One of the latter is REGINA LAMPERT, a lovely young girl. She is, besides taking in the sun, involved in her favorite

activity--eating.

Then--a dark, ominous shape intrudes in the f.g. FOCUS CHANGES to bring into sharp relief a revolver--shining, black and ugly in the sunlight.

REGGIE, unaware of her danger, continues to eat.

The finger tightens around the trigger and finally the gun shoots--a stream of water arcs, with unerring aim, straight into REGGIE's face.

7. ANOTHER ANGLE

Including JEAN-LOUIS, a French boy of six or so. REGGIE looks at him sternly.

JEAN-LOUIS
(in for trouble)
Oh, la.

REGGIE
Don't tell me you didn't know it
was loaded.
(calling)
Sylvie!

8. WIDER ANGLE

SYLVIE GAUDET, French, attractive, blonde, in her early thirties, comes from the railing of the sun deck to join REGGIE and JEAN-LOUIS.

REGGIE
Isn't there something constructive
he can do--like start an avalanche?

SYLVIE
(to JEAN-LOUIS)
Va jouer, mon ange.

JEAN-LOUIS scampers off, content to have gotten off so lightly. SYLVIE notices REGGIE's lunch which consists of cold chicken, potato salad, rolls and butter, wine and coffee.

SYLVIE

When you start to eat like this
something is the matter.

No answer from REGGIE. SYLVIE begins reading a magazine
as REGGIE continues eating.

REGGIE

Sylvie--I'm getting a divorce.

SYLVIE

Ça alors! From Charles?

REGGIE

He's the only husband I've got.
I tried to make it work, I really
have--but--

SYLVIE

But what?

REGGIE

I don't know how to explain it.
I'm just too miserable.

REGGIE picks up a chicken leg and starts off. SYLVIE
regards the devastated table before following.

SYLVIE

It is infuriating that your un-
happiness does not turn to fat!

8A. INT. SWIMMING POOL - DAY

A magnificent indoor, glass-enclosed pool, the vista of
snow-covered mountains seen through the ceiling-high
windows beyond. REGGIE and SYLVIE are passing through,
their conversation continuing.

SYLVIE

But why do you want a divorce?

REGGIE

Because I don't love him.

SYLVIE

But that is no reason to get a
divorce!

8B. EXT. HOTEL TERRACE - DAY

An open balcony running around two sides of the pool, sun-worshippers lying in deck-chairs. REGGIE and SYLVIE appear, their conversation continuing.

SYLVIE

With a rich husband and this year's clothes you will not find it difficult to make some new friends.

REGGIE

(sitting)

I admit I moved to Paris because I was tired of American Provincial, but that doesn't mean I'm ready for French Traditional. I loathe the idea of divorce, Sylvie, but--if only Charles had been honest with me--that's all I ask of anybody--the simple truth. But with him, everything is secrecy and lies. He's hiding something--something frightening--something terrible--and evil.

She stops as she is aware of a weird figure hovering over her. She wheels, terrified.

9. CLOSE SHOT - PERUVIAN SNOW-MASK

A strange, grotesque knitted mask that completely covers the face except for eyes, nose and mouth. The eyes inside this particular mask stare down at REGGIE.

MAN

Does this belong to you?

CAMERA PANS down to include JEAN-LOUIS, his hand held firmly by the man in the mask.

10. WIDER ANGLE

Including REGGIE, MAN, SYLVIE and JEAN-LOUIS. REGGIE is too terrified to answer. Realizing this, the man, PETER JOSHUA, takes off the snow-mask to reveal a handsome,

tanned face.

PETER

Oh, forgive me.
(indicating JEAN-LOUIS)
Is this yours?

REGGIE

(indicating SYLVIE)
It's hers. Where'd you find him,
robbing a bank?

PETER

He was throwing snowballs at
Baron Rothschild.
(a pause)
We don't know each other, do we?

REGGIE

Why, do you think we're going
to?

PETER

I don't know--how would I know?

REGGIE

I'm afraid I already know a great
many people. Until one of them
dies I couldn't possibly meet
anyone else.

PETER

(smiling)
Yes, of course. But you will let
me know if anyone goes on the
critical list
(he starts off)

REGGIE

Quitter.

PETER

(turning)
How's that?

REGGIE

You give up awfully easy, don't
you?

Eyeing one, then the other, SYLVIE sizes up the situation
and rises.

SYLVIE

Viens, Jean-Louis, let us make
a walk. I have never seen a
Rothschild before.

SYLVIE and JEAN-LOUIS start off, but not before the boy
squirts PETER with his pistol.

PETER

(drying)
Clever fellow--almost missed me.

REGGIE

I'm afraid you're blocking my
view.

PETER

(moving)
Sorry. Which view would you like?

REGGIE

The one you're blocking. This
is the last chance I have--I'm
flying back to Paris this af-
ternoon. What's your name?

PETER

Peter Joshua.

REGGIE

I'm Regina Lampert.

PETER

Is there a Mr. Lampert?

REGGIE

Yes.

PETER

Good for you.

REGGIE

No, it isn't. I'm getting a divorce.

PETER

Please, not on my account.

REGGIE

No, you see, I don't really love him.

PETER

Well, you're honest, anyway.

REGGIE

Yes, I am--I'm compulsive about it--dishonesty infuriates me. Like when you go into a drugstore.

PETER

I'm not sure I--

REGGIE

Well, you go in and you ask for some toothpaste--the small size--and the man brings you the large size. You tell him you wanted the small size but he says the large size is the small size. I always thought the large size was the largest size, but he says that the family size, the economy size and the giant size are all larger than the large size--that the large size is the smallest size there is.

PETER

Oh. I guess.

REGGIE

Is there a Mrs. Joshua?

PETER

Yes, but we're divorced.

REGGIE

That wasn't a proposal--I was just curious.

PETER

Is your husband with you?

REGGIE

Oh, Charles is hardly ever with me. First it was separate rooms-- now we're trying it with cities. What do people call you--Pete?

PETER

Mr. Joshua.

(turning to go)

Well, I've enjoyed talking with you.

REGGIE

Now you're angry.

PETER

No, I'm not--I've got some packing to do. I'm also going back to Paris today.

REGGIE

Oh. Well, wasn't it Shakespeare who said: "When strangers do meet they should ere long see one another again"?

PETER

Shakespeare never said that.

REGGIE

How do you know?

PETER

It's terrible--you just made it up.

REGGIE

Well, the idea's right, anyway. Are you going to call me?

PETER

Are you in the book?

REGGIE

Charles is.

PETER

Is there only one Charles
Lampert?

10A. DELETED

10B. CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE

Her face clouding.

REGGIE

Lord, I hope so.

11. EXT. AVENUE FOCH - LAMPERT APARTMENT HOUSE - DAY

The Arc de Triomphe at the far end of the Avenue. CAMERA
PANS to pick up a TAXI as it pulls up before the handsome
building. Inside are REGGIE, SYLVIE and JEAN-LOUIS.

12. MED. SHOT - TAXI - LAMPERT APARTMENT HOUSE

As REGGIE climbs out and the DRIVER begins unloading her
suitcases.

REGGIE

Goodbye, Sylvie, and thanks.
(She turns toward
the house)

JEAN-LOUIS sticks his head out of the taxi window.

JEAN-LOUIS

When you get your divorce will
you be going back to America?

13. MED. SHOT - THE TAXI

REGGIE looks at SYLVIE, surprised.

SYLVIE

He knows everything.

REGGIE
 (to JEAN-LOUIS)
 Don't you want me to stay?

JEAN-LOUIS
 Yes, of course--but if you went
 back and wrote me a letter--

REGGIE
 --you could have the stamps.
 I'll get you some here, okay?

JEAN-LOUIS
 Okay.

REGGIE walks toward the house with the driver, who carries her cases. She presses the button that electrically opens the front door.

14. DELETED

15. INT. APARTMENT LANDING - DAY

As the elevator rises REGGIE gets out, followed by the driver. He puts down the bags in front of the apartment door.

REGGIE
 (handing him a tip)
 Merci.

The driver leaves. She goes to the door and presses the minuterie, the button that turns on the time-light, and the lights come on. Then she rings the doorbell. There is no answer. She rings again. Still nothing. Sighing, she digs out her keys and starts to fit it into the lock. At this moment the minuterie expires, plunging the scene into darkness.

REGGIE'S VOICE
 Wonderful.

She finds the button and the light goes on again. She inserts the key and turns it.

16. INT. LAMPERT APARTMENT - ENTRANCE HALL - DAY

CLOSE SHOT - DOOR as it opens and REGGIE steps into the CLOSE SHOT.

She stops, her expression changing.

17. REVERSE SHOT

From REGGIE's p.o.v. as CAMERA PANS the entrance hall. It is bare--no furniture, no rug, no pictures, no nothing.

18. MED. SHOT - REGGIE

She stares for a moment, then goes back out into the landing.

19. INT. APARTMENT LANDING - DAY

As REGGIE steps back outside. She looks at the nameplate beside the door.

20. INSERT NAMEPLATE

It reads "MR. AND MRS. CHARLES LAMPERT."

21. INT. APARTMENT LANDING - DAY

REGGIE looks at the plate in disbelief, then turns and hurries back into the apartment.

22. INT. LAMPERT APARTMENT - DAY

As REGGIE hurries into the entrance hall.

REGGIE
Honorine--!

No answer.

Now, CAMERA FOLLOWING, she goes into the Salon. It is also empty - stripped bare. There are squares of the wall's original color where paintings used to hang, the hooks still in the wall.

She rushes now, going into the bedroom, CAMERA FOLLOWING crazily, lurching and careening behind her. The bedroom,

too, is empty. She goes to the built-in wardrobe closets and throws open all the doors. Only some hangers remain. She pulls open the drawers - nothing!

REGGIE

Charles--!

She turns, and running now, goes through another door to the library, CAMERA FOLLOWING. The rows of shelves are as empty as the rest of the apartment. She begins to turn in a circle, looking for something, anything. In a panic she turns and runs out, colliding suddenly with a MAN whom she (and we) have not noticed until the moment of impact. REGGIE screams.

23. CLOSE SHOT - INSPECTOR GRANDPIERRE

A heavy-set man of no particular age with tobacco-colored hair, and thick glasses.

GRANDPIERRE

Madame Charles Lampert?

24. WIDER ANGLE

Including REGGIE, in a state of near-shock.

REGGIE

Yes.

GRANDPIERRE

I am Inspector Edouard Grandpierre of the Police Judiciaire. Would you be so kind as to come with me, please?

25. INT. MORGUE - DAY

We see a large metal drawer being opened and an all-too-familiar shape outlined under a damp sheet of muslin.

26. ANOTHER ANGLE - OVERHEAD

Looking straight down at the tops of REGGIE's, GRANDPIERRE's and an ATTENDANT's head and smack into the open drawer. GRANDPIERRE lifts a corner of the sheet at the bottom and reveals a bare foot with a ticket tied to its big toe. He stoops to read it.

Satisfied, he recovers the foot, then moves to the other end to uncover the head. As the sheet starts to lift:

27. REVERSE SHOT

REGGIE as she looks down into the CAMERA. She closes her eyes for a moment, then looks again.

GRANDPIERRE'S VOICE (o.s.)
Well, Madame--?

She nods.

GRANDPIERRE'S VOICE (o.s.)
You are positive?

She nods again. GRANDPIERRE moves into the SHOT.

GRANDPIERRE
You loved him?

REGGIE
I'm very cold.

GRANDPIERRE nods as he turns to the unseen ATTENDANT. CAMERA suddenly moves as the 'drawer' is slid back into the wall. BLACKNESS comes with a loud clang and continues while the echo dies.

28. INT. GRANDPIERRE'S OFFICE - DAY

CLOSE SHOT - DESK DRAWER (FROM ABOVE) as it is pulled open. A photograph of Charles Lampert lies face up in the drawer. A hand reaches in and pulls it out.

29. WIDER ANGLE

Including GRANDPIERRE sitting behind his desk, and REGGIE, sitting across from him. The office is as bare as most policemen's offices. GRANDPIERRE studies the photo.

GRANDPIERRE
We discovered your husband's body
lying next to the tracks of the
Paris-Bourdeaux railroad line. He
(more)
GRANDPIERRE (cont'd)

was dressed only in his pajamas.
Do you know of any reason why he
might have wished to leave France?

REGGIE

Leave?

GRANDPIERRE

Your husband possessed a ticket of
passage on the 'Maranguape.' It
sailed from Bordeaux for Maracaibo
this morning at seven.

REGGIE

(a pause)

I'm very confused.

She starts to rummage through her bag. GRANDPIERRE shoves
a package of French cigarettes across the desk to her. But
she pulls a package of nuts out of her bag. She begins
separating the shells with her thumb nail and eating the
nuts, depositing the shells in the ashtray. GRANDPIERRE
watches this for an instant.

GRANDPIERRE

He was American?

REGGIE

Swiss.

GRANDPIERRE

Oh. Swiss. His profession?

REGGIE

He didn't have one.

GRANDPIERRE

He was a wealthy man?

REGGIE

I don't know. I suppose so.

GRANDPIERRE

About how wealthy would you say?

REGGIE

I don't know.

GRANDPIERRE
Where did he keep his money?

REGGIE
I don't know.

GRANDPIERRE
Besides yourself, who is his
nearest relation?

REGGIE
I don't know.

GRANDPIERRE
(exploding)
C'est absurde, Madame. To-tale-
ment absurde!

REGGIE
I know.
(pause)
I'm sorry.

GRANDPIERRE
It is all right.

GRANDPIERRE sighs, puts down his pencil and pushes a button on the desk. He removes a cigar from his desk and inserts it into his mouth.

GRANDPIERRE
Is it all right?

REGGIE
I wish you wouldn't.

He rips the cigar out of his mouth and slams it back into the drawer, closing it fiercely. A UNIFORMED POLICEMAN sticks his head in the door.

GRANDPIERRE
Les effets de Lampert.

The POLICEMAN leaves and closes the door.

GRANDPIERRE

On Wednesday last your husband sold the entire contents of the apartment at public auction: furniture, clothing, kitchenware-- everything. The gallery, in complying with his wishes, paid him in cash. One million two hundred and fifty thousand New Francs. In dollars, a quarter of a million. The authorities in Bordeaux have searched his compartment on the train. They have searched it thoroughly. They did not find \$250,000, Madame.

He opens the desk drawer, puts the cigar back in his mouth and lights a match by scratching it against the glass desk-top before he remembers REGGIE's request. He puts it back in the drawer again. The door opens and the POLICEMAN enters again, this time carrying a wicker basket which he deposits on GRANDPIERRE's desk, and leaves. GRANDPIERRE peers into the basket.

GRANDPIERRE

These few things are all that was found in the train compartment. There was no other baggage. Your husband must have been in a great hurry.

He begins to take them out, placing them on the desk, identifying each item as he does.

GRANDPIERRE

One wallet containing four thousand francs--one agenda--
 (pausing, he opens
 the notebook)
 --his last notation was made yesterday--Thursday--
 (reading)
 "Five p.m.--Jardin des Champs-Elysées"
 (looking up)
 Why there?

REGGIE

I don't know. Perhaps he met somebody.

GRANDPIERRE

(dryly)

Obviously.

(returning to the items in the basket)

One ticket of passage to South America--one letter, stamped but unsealed, addressed to you--

REGGIE

(lighting up)

A letter? May I see it?

GRANDPIERRE hands her the letter and watches her closely as she reads it.

REGGIE

(reading)

"My dear Regina: I hope you are enjoying your holiday. Megeve can be so lovely this time of year. The days pass very slowly and I hope to see you soon. As always, Charles. P.S. Your dentist called yesterday. Your appointment has been changed."

(she looks up, puzzled)

Not very much, is it?

GRANDPIERRE

We took the liberty of calling your dentist--we thought, perhaps, we would learn something.

REGGIE

Did you?

GRANDPIERRE

Yes. Your appointment has been changed.

(more)

GRANDPIERRE (cont'd)
 (he smiles at his little
 joke, then returns to the
 basket)

One key to your apartment--one
 comb--one fountain pen--one tooth-
 brush--one tin of tooth powder
 (he looks up)
 that is all.

He slides a sheet of paper and pen across to her, then
 starts to put the things back into the basket while he
 speaks:

GRANDPIERRE
 If you will sign this list you
 may take the things with you.

REGGIE
 (sighing)
 Is that all? Can I go now?

GRANDPIERRE
 One more question. Is this your
 husband's passport?

He reaches into the desk drawer and pulls out a passport
 which he hands to her.

30. INSERT - PASSPORT

The cover indicates that it is Swiss. REGGIE's hand opens
 it to a picture of a man--the man we saw in GRANDPIERRE's
 photo. Under it is the name: "CHARLES LAMPERT."

31. MED. SHOT - REGGIE AND GRANDPIERRE

REGGIE
 Of course it is.

GRANDPIERRE
 And this?

He hands her another passport.

32. INSERT - SECOND PASSPORT

The cover is American. When it is opened, we see the identical picture, but the name under it reads: "CHARLES VOSS."

33. MED. SHOT - REGGIE AND GRANDPIERRE

REGGIE

I don't understand.

GRANDPIERRE

And this? And this?

He hands her, one at a time, two more passports.

34. INSERT - THIRD AND FOURTH PASSPORTS

One is Italian which, when opened, shows the same photo with the name "CARLO FABRI." The other is Venezuelan, the same photo, and the name "CARLOS MORENO."

35. MED. SHOT - REGGIE AND GRANDPIERRE

GRANDPIERRE

Have you nothing to say, Madame?

REGGIE looks down at the four passports, then back to GRANDPIERRE.

REGGIE

(hopefully)

It's all right if you want to smoke your cigar now.

36. INT. LAMPERT APARTMENT - DUSK

The house is empty as before. Now it is silent, the late afternoon light coming from outside. REGGIE stands by a window. A canvas airline bag rests on the floor nearby.

Suddenly there is the noise of a DOOR OPENING.

37. CLOSER SHOT - REGGIE

As her head turns, in alarm, toward the noise. There is a moment of silence, then FOOTSTEPS are heard, coming closer.

38. ANOTHER ANGLE

As PETER enters.

REGGIE
(surprised)
What are you doing here?

PETER
I phoned but nobody answered.
I wanted to tell you how sorry
I am--and to find out if there
was anything I could do.

REGGIE
How did you find out?

PETER
It's in all the afternoon papers.
I'm very sorry.

REGGIE
Thank you.

A silence.

PETER
I rang the bell but I don't think
it's working.

REGGIE
Yes it is--I heard it this morning.

He looks around for the light switch, then goes to it and flicks it on--nothing happens. He flicks it a few more times.

REGGIE
They must have turned off the
electricity.

She shakes her head. PETER looks around.

PETER
Where did everything go?

REGGIE
Charles sold it all--at auction.

PETER

Do you know what you're going to do?

REGGIE

Try and get my old job back at UNESCO, I suppose.

PETER

Doing what?

REGGIE

I'm a simultaneous translator--like Sylvie, only she's English to French--I'm French to English. That's what I did before I married Charles. The police probably think I killed him.

PETER

Instant divorce you mean?

REGGIE

Something like that. But I'm sorry it ended like this--tossed off a train like a sack of third-class mail.

PETER

(taking her hand)

Come on. You can't stay here.

REGGIE

I don't know where to go.

PETER

We'll find you a hotel.

REGGIE

Not too expensive--I'm not a lady of leisure anymore.

PETER

Something modest but clean--and near enough to UNESCO so you can take a cab when it rains--okay?

She nods. He picks up the airlines bag and they start out. REGGIE stops at the door and looks back.

REGGIE

I loved this room--but Charles never saw it--only what was in it. All those exquisite things--
(looking around)
I think I prefer it like this.

38A. INT. FUNERAL CHAPEL - DAY

CLOSE SHOT of a phonograph. A hand appears, starts the record on it spinning, then places the arm at the beginning. An instant later ORGAN MUSIC starts with a roar.

39. INT. FUNERAL CHAPEL - DAY

CLOSE SHOT of the coffin. It rests on a low platform, with a bouquet or two of flowers near the head, the lid open. Inside, the face made up to look lifelike (but failing), lie the remnants of Charles Lampert.

40. CLOSE SHOT - GRANDPIERRE

The INSPECTOR sits quietly, eyes downcast, staring at his hands in a prayer-like attitude. CAMERA PULLS BACK, revealing row after row of empty wooden bench-like seats in the large, dimly-lit, high-ceilinged room. Finally, in the first row, REGGIE and SYLVIE are discovered. Besides GRANDPIERRE, they are the only ones present. REGGIE turns around to look at the empty room. They speak in whispers.

REGGIE

It's not exactly what I'd call a large turn-out.

SYLVIE

Didn't Charles have any friends?

REGGIE

Don't ask me--I'm only the widow.
(indicating GRANDPIERRE)
If Charles had died in bed we wouldn't even have him.

SYLVIE

At least he knows how to behave
at funerals.

41. CLOSE SHOT - GRANDPIERRE

His eyes still lowered. CAMERA PANS DOWN to feature his hands - he is methodically trimming his nails with a small clipper.

42. TWO SHOT - SYLVIE AND REGGIE

SYLVIE

Have you no idea who could have
done it?

REGGIE

Until two days ago all I really
knew about Charles was his name--
now it turns out I didn't even
know that.

The front DOOR of the Chapel is heard opening and a shaft of daylight streams in. The WOMEN turn.

43. MED. SHOT - CHAPEL DOOR

The short, heavy-set figure of a MAN is outlined against the bright outdoor light. He stands for a moment, then closes the door after him. LEOPOLD GIDEON, short-sighted, bald, in his middle forties, glances around nervously, like a barnyard bird. Then he walks down one of the side aisles of the Chapel.

44. CLOSE SHOT - GRANDPIERRE

As he watches GIDEON.

45. CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE

As she watches him.

46. MED. SHOT - THE BIER

GIDEON arrives at the coffin. He stops, looks down at LAMPERT's body for a moment. Then, suddenly, in rapid succession, he sneezes six times. He takes a small bottle

from his pocket, shakes a pill from it and swallows it dry. He turns and walks back up the aisle, looking for a place to sit. He comes face to face with GRANDPIERRE, stops, turns to sit somewhere else.

47. TWO SHOT - REGGIE AND SYLVIE

SYLVIE
Do you know him?

REGGIE
I've never seen him before.

SYLVIE
He must have known Charles pretty well.

REGGIE
How can you tell?

SYLVIE
He's allergic to him.

SYLVIE turns and glances at GIDEON. Again, the sound of the DOOR opening interrupts them. They turn to look.

48. MED. SHOT - CHAPEL DOOR

Again the figure of a MAN is outlined in silhouette against the outside brightness. When he closes the door we can see "TEX" PENTHOLLOW, a slim, rangy man with sandy-colored hair, a weatherbeaten face, washed-out blue-eyes--also in his forties. He wears a velvet-corduroy suit, string tie and a bright yellow flower in his lapel. A Bull Durham tag hangs from his outside breast pocket, dangling from its string. He starts down the aisle toward the bier, CAMERA LEADING him, and we notice his unsteady gait. He turns to look at the others present.

49. TRAVELING SHOT - TEX'S P.O.V.

MOVING down the aisle. GRANDPIERRE's face, then GIDEON's, then REGGIE's and SYLVIE's--all staring at CAMERA.

50. MED. SHOT - THE BIER

As TEX arrives. He stands staring at LAMPERT's body,

swaying on his feet until he reaches out and grabs the side of the coffin to steady himself. Then he takes the flower from his lapel and throws it into the open box.

51. CLOSE SHOT - TEX

TEX
(heavy Texas accent)
Ariva durchy, Charlie.

52. WIDER ANGLE

As TEX turns away from the coffin and approaches REGGIE and SYLVIE, addressing the latter--after having first reached for his hat which he discovers he isn't wearing.

TEX
Miz Lampert, ma'am...

SYLVIE points to REGGIE. Unruffled, TEX starts over, addressing REGGIE this time.

TEX
Miz Lampert, ma'am...

REGGIE
Yes?

TEX
Charlie had no call to handling
it this-a-way. He sure didn't.
No siree.

REGGIE
I don't understa--

But TEX has nodded his head and moved off to find a seat. When he spots GIDEON, the two men stare at each other. Finally, TEX chooses a seat away from him and sits.

53. MED. SHOT - CHAPEL DOOR

It flies open, this time with a bang, and the large MAN who appears almost fills the frame.

54. CLOSER SHOT - TEX

As the loud noise awakens him with a snort, mid-snore.

55. MED. SHOT - THE DOOR

Closing the door, we see HERMAN SCOBIE, a heavy-weight-- tall and wide, but not fat--with black hair combed straight back and heavy bushy eyebrows of a matching color, which meet over his nose and join up. About the same age as the first two men, SCOBIE is dressed in a battered raincoat, his hands thrust deep in the pockets. He marches down the aisle. looking straight ahead, CAMERA PANNING with him. He stops before the coffin and stares into it.

56. CLOSE SHOT - SCOBIE

As he stares down into the coffin, his tongue trying to dislodge a bit of food caught in his teeth. He stares hard at the body, squinting his eyes. Then he removes one hand from his pocket, removes a pin from the inside of his lapel, picks his teeth with it, then slowly lets the hand down, into the coffin.

57. CLOSE SHOT - SCOBIE'S HAND

The pin held between thumb and forefinger, he jabs it slowly but positively deep into the back of one of the dead man's hands. There is no reaction.

58. CLOSE SHOT - SCOBIE

He watches the dead man carefully, still squinting. Then finally satisfied, he returns the pin to his lapel and walks back up the aisle and out of the door, slamming it after him.

59. CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE

Having watched SCOBIE exit. Suddenly a hand falls on her shoulder. She jumps in alarm and utters a little cry of fright.

60. ANOTHER ANGLE

Featuring a funeral ATTENDANT, a cadaverous type (aren't they all) with a black cut-away coat and an over-solicitous, unctuous manner. He is eternally bent at the waist, in a sort of half bow. He offers REGGIE a letter which she takes.

REGGIE
 Merci, Monsieur.

ATTENDANT
 Pas du tout, madame, pardon--
 pardon--pardon.

He backs off and is gone. REGGIE looks at the letter, back and front, then starts to open it.

SYLVIE
 Who is it from?

REGGIE
 The American Embassy.

She pulls out the letter and starts to read it.

61. INSERT - THE LETTER

It bears the Great Seal as a letterhead and the typed message reads:

"Dear Mrs. Lampert:
 Please drop by my office tomorrow
 at noon-thirty. I am anxious to
 discuss the matter of your late
 husband's death.
 Sincerely,
 (signed) H. Bartholomew."

62. TWO SHOT - REGGIE AND SYLVIE

SYLVIE has been reading over REGGIE's shoulder.

SYLVIE
 What is it about?

REGGIE
 I don't know. But if this is
 a sample of American diplomacy
 I'm buying a fallout shelter.

63. EXT. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY - ESTABLISHING - DAY

The fine old building in the Rue Gabriel.

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 66.) DELETED
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69. INT. EMBASSY CORRIDOR - DAY

As REGGIE leaves the elevator two young DIPLOMATIC TYPES step in, immersed in conversation.

1ST DIPLOMATIC TYPE
 I bluffed the Old Man out of the last pot--with a pair of deuces.

2ND DIPLOMATIC TYPE
 What's so depressing about that?

1ST DIPLOMATIC TYPE
 If I can do it, what are the Russians doing to him?

The elevator door closes on them. REGGIE reacts to this and starts down the hall, finally stopping at the door.

70. MED. SHOT - DOOR

It is marked "307-A. H. BARTHOLOMEW." REGGIE checks the letter, then opens the door.

71. INT. BARTHOLOMEW'S OUTER OFFICE - DAY

The office is empty, the typewriter on the secretary's desk is covered with its plastic shroud. REGGIE enters, looks for somebody, notices that the door to the private office is slightly ajar.

REGGIE
 (tentatively)
 Hello--?
 (there is no answer)
 Hello?

BARTHOLOMEW'S VOICE (o.s.)
 (from the private office)
 Is there anything wrong, Miss
 Tompkins?

REGGIE
 Uh--Miss Tompkins isn't here.

BARTHOLOMEW comes to the door and looks in. He is a pale grey-haired man who looks, on first examination, older than his forty-odd years. Sickly would be the word that describes him best--pallid, consumptive-looking. He wears heavy tortoise-framed glasses which fall down his nose and cause him to push them back in place every so often with a quick automatic motion.

BARTHOLOMEW
 I'm sorry--my secretary must
 have gone to lunch. You are--?

REGGIE
 Mrs. Lampert--Mrs. Charles Lampert.

BARTHOLOMEW
 (looking at his watch)
 Come in, Mrs. Lampert. You're
 quite late.

He motions for her to enter, standing aside to let her do so.

72. INT. BARTHOLOMEW'S PRIVATE OFFICE - DAY

A small cubicle - there is a silver-framed photo of three kids on the desk. BARTHOLOMEW indicates a chair, then goes behind his desk and sits. A can of lighter fluid stands open on the desk and a crumpled hankie beside it.

BARTHOLOMEW
 Excuse me for a moment, Mrs.
 Lampert--it's a stubborn little
 devil.

He works at a stain on his necktie with lighter fluid and hankie.

BARTHOLOMEW

Dry-cleaningwise, things are all fouled up. I had a good man-- an excellent man on the Rue Pon-thieu, but H.Q. asked us to use the plant here in the building-- to ease the gold outflow.

REGGIE

Mr. Bartholomew--are you sure you know who I am?

BARTHOLOMEW

(looking up)

Charles Lampert's widow--yes?

(going back to the tie)

Last time I sent out a tie only the spot came back.

He looks up at her, laughs silently, then goes back to his tie.

BARTHOLOMEW

Voilà! As they say.

He puts away the lighter fluid in a desk drawer, smells the hankie, passes on it, then sticks it in his pocket. He opens another drawer and pulls out various sandwiches wrapped in waxpaper, a salt and pepper shaker, a tube of mustard, a bottle of red wine and two Dixie cups.

BARTHOLOMEW

Have some, please. I've got...

(checking)

...liverwurst--liverwurst--chicken and--liverwurst.

REGGIE

No thanks.

He uncorks the wine, fills a cup and begins eating.

BARTHOLOMEW

Do you know what C.I.A. is, Mrs. Lampert?

REGGIE

I don't suppose it's an airline,
is it?

BARTHOLOMEW

Central Intelligence Agency--C.I.A.

REGGIE

(surprised)

You mean spies and things like that?

BARTHOLOMEW

Only we call them agents.

REGGIE

We? You mean you're--?

BARTHOLOMEW

Someone has to do it, Mrs. Lampert--

REGGIE

I'm sorry, it's just that I
didn't think that you people were
supposed to admit--

BARTHOLOMEW

I'm not an agent, Mrs. Lampert--
I'm an administrator--a desk jockey--
trying to run a bureau of overworked
men with under-allocated funds.
Congress seems to think that all
a spy needs--

REGGIE

Agent.

BARTHOLOMEW

Yes--That all he needs is a code
book and a cyanide pill and he's
in business.

REGGIE

What's all this got to do with me,
Mr. Bartholomew?

BARTHOLOMEW
 (his mouth full)
 Your husband was wanted by the
 U. S. government.

REGGIE
 (a pause)
 May I have a sandwich, please?

He hands her a sandwich and fills a wine-cup for her.

BARTHOLOMEW
 To be more specific, he was
 wanted by this agency.

REGGIE
 (eating)
 So that was it.

BARTHOLOMEW
 Yes. We knew him, of course, by
 his real name.

REGGIE
 (almost choking)
 His--real--?

BARTHOLOMEW
 Voss--Charles Voss. All right,
 Mrs. Voss--
 (taking a photo from
 his desk)
 --I'd like you to look at this
 photograph, please--by the way,
 you saw this one, didn't you?
 (indicating the kids
 on the desk)
 Scott, Cathy, and Ham, Jr.

REGGIE
 Very sweet.

BARTHOLOMEW
 Aren't they? Now look at this
 one, Mrs. Voss, and--

REGGIE

Stop calling me that! Lampert's
the name on the marriage license.

BARTHOLOMEW

Yes--and tell me if you recognize
anyone. Just a moment. Have a good
look.

He reaches back into the drawer and pulls out a glass which
he gives her.

73. CLOSE SHOT - PHOTO

FOUR MEN, all in army uniform, sitting behind a table. The
glass is held over the first, magnifying the face.

74. CLOSER SHOT - PHOTO

It's a photo of a young CHARLES LAMPERT.

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)

It's Charles!

BARTHOLOMEW'S VOICE (o.s.)

Very good.

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)

He looks so young--when was this taken?

BARTHOLOMEW'S VOICE (o.s.)

1944. The next face, please.

The glass and CAMERA move to the next man - a young TEX.

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)

It's the man who came to the
funeral yesterday--I'm sure of it--
a tall man in a corduroy suit and
string tie.

BARTHOLOMEW'S VOICE (o.s.)

Does the name Tex Penthollow mean
anything to you?

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)

No.

BARTHOLOMEW'S VOICE (o.s.)
Next, please.

The glass and CAMERA move to the third face--a young GIDEON.

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)
Yes--and he was there, too--a
little fatter now--and less hair--
but it's the same one.

BARTHOLOMEW'S VOICE (o.s.)
Do you know him, Mrs. Vo--Mrs.
Lampert? Leopold W. Gideon?

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)
No.

BARTHOLOMEW'S VOICE (o.s.)
The last one, please.

The glass and CAMERA move to the fourth face--a young
SCOBIE.

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)
That's a face you don't forget--
he was there too--

BARTHOLOMEW'S VOICE (o.s.)
Herman Scobie. And you've never
seen him before, either?

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)
No, thank heaven.

75. MED. SHOT - REGGIE AND BARTHOLOMEW

BARTHOLOMEW
(a pause, regarding her)
Mrs. Lampert, I'm afraid you're
in a great deal of danger.

REGGIE
Danger? Why should I be in any
danger?

BARTHOLOMEW

You're Charles Voss's wife--now
that he's dead you're their only
lead.

REGGIE

Mr. Bartholomew--if you're trying
to frighten me you're doing a really
first-rate job!

(she takes another
sandwich)

BARTHOLOMEW

Please, do what we ask, Mrs. Lampert--
it's your only chance.

REGGIE

(eating)

Gladly, only I don't know what you
want! You haven't told me.

BARTHOLOMEW

Oh, haven't I? The money--Mrs.
Lampert--the money. The \$250,000
Charles Voss received from the
auction. Those three men want it,
too--they want it very badly.

REGGIE

But it's Charles's money, not theirs.

BARTHOLOMEW

(laughing)

Oh, Mrs. Lampert! I'd love to see
you try and convince them of that!

(drying his eyes)

Oh, dear.

REGGIE

Then whose is it? His or theirs?

BARTHOLOMEW

Ours.

REGGIE

(she looks at him
for a moment)

Oh, I see.

BARTHOLOMEW

And I'm afraid we want it back.

REGGIE

But I don't have it.

BARTHOLOMEW

That's impossible. You're the
only one who could have it.

REGGIE

I'm sorry it's impossible. It's
the truth.

BARTHOLOMEW is silent for a moment, thinking.

BARTHOLOMEW

I believe you.

REGGIE

Thanks very much.

BARTHOLOMEW

Oh, you've got the money all right--
you just don't know you've got it.

REGGIE

Mr. Bartholomew--if I had a quarter
of a million dollars, believe me,
I'd know it.

BARTHOLOMEW

Nevertheless, Mrs Lampert--you've
got it.

REGGIE

You mean it's just lying around
someplace--all that cash?

BARTHOLOMEW

Or a safe deposit key, a certified
(more)

BARTHOLOMEW (cont'd)
 check, a baggage claim--you look
 for it, Mrs. Lampert--I'm quite
 sure you'll find it.

REGGIE
 But--

BARTHOLOMEW
 Look for it, Mrs. Lampert--look
 just as hard and as fast as you
 can. You may not have a great
 deal of time. Those men know you
 have it just as surely as we do.
 You won't be safe until the money's
 in our hands. Is that clear?

REGGIE nods. He writes something on a pad of paper and
 tears it off, handing it to her.

BARTHOLOMEW
 Here's where you're to call me--
 day or night. It's a direct line
 to both my office and my apartment.
 Don't lose it, Mrs. Lampert--and
 please don't tell anyone about
 coming to see me. It could prove
 fatal for them as well as yourself.

REGGIE
 Wait a minute--you think those
 three men killed Charles, don't you?

BARTHOLOMEW
 We've no proof, of course, but we
 rather think so, yes.

REGGIE
 Well, there you are! Charles had
 the money with him--so whoever
 killed him has it--they have it!

BARTHOLOMEW shakes his head.

REGGIE
 Why not?

BARTHOLOMEW

(grimly)

Because they're still here.

REGGIE

Oh.

BARTHOLOMEW

Like I said, Mrs Lampert--I'm afraid you're in a great deal of danger. Remember what happened to Charles.

REGGIE takes the last sandwich and begins eating furiously.

76. DELETED

77. EXT. ESPLANADE DES CHAMPS-ELYÉES - DAY

MED. SHOT - GUIGNOL. One of the French Punch and Judy shows set up on certain days in the small park alongside the broad avenue between the Rond Point and the Place de la Concorde. At the moment, Judy, as always, is beating Punch with a bat. The sound of CHILDREN laughing and screaming can be heard.

78. VARIOUS CLOSE SHOTS - THE CHILDREN

Sitting on small benches lined up to face the stage. Their attention is fixed on the show, their belief totally suspended by the play as only children's can be - laughing at the slapstick, booing the villain, frightened by the perils.

79. MED. SHOT - REGGIE

Sitting on the last bench, next to some CHILDREN. They are laughing but she isn't - she just watches, her attention caught up but her face void of emotion. The bench is too low for her, forcing her knees up almost under her chin.

After a moment, PETER comes up behind her and, stepping over the benches, sits beside her. She doesn't seem to notice. [Throughout the following scene the CHILDREN and the ACTORS can be heard in the b.g.]

PETER

Reggie--?

She turns and looks at him for a moment.

REGGIE

(vaguely)

Hallo, Peter.

PETER

You telephoned me to meet you.
I've been standing on the corner
back there--waiting for you.

REGGIE

I'm sorry--I heard the children
laughing.

A ROAR from the CHILDREN. REGGIE and PETER turn toward
the stage.

79A. MED. SHOT - GUIGNOL

PUNCH and JUDY are arguing loudly.

80. TWO SHOT - REGGIE AND PETER

PETER

What's going on?

REGGIE

Don't you understand French?

PETER

I'm still having trouble with English.

REGGIE

The man and the woman are married--

81. CLOSE SHOT - GUIGNOL STAGE

PUNCH and JUDY are batting each other on the head.

PETER'S VOICE (o.s.)

Yes, I can see that--they're
batting each other over the head
with clubs.

Finally, JUDY knocks Punch out of sight and a PUPPET wearing a three-cornered hat appears.

PETER'S VOICE (o.s.)
Who's that with the hat?

82. MED SHOT - GRANDPIERRE

Wearing a hat, he stands off in the background, watching.

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)
That's the policeman--he wants
to arrest Judy for killing Punch.

83. CLOSE SHOT - GUIGNOL STAGE

JUDY and the POLICEMAN are battling one another.

PETER'S VOICE (o.s.)
What's she saying now?

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)
That she's innocent--she didn't
do it.

PETER'S VOICE (o.s.)
She did it, all right--take it
from me.

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)
I believe her.

PUNCH's head appears on the other side of the stage, says something, then ducks out.

PETER'S VOICE (o.s.)
Who was that?

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)
Punch, of course.

84. TWO SHOT - REGGIE AND PETER

PETER
Of course? I thought he was dead.

REGGIE

He's only pretending, to teach
her a lesson--only--

(her face clouding)

--only he is dead, Peter--I saw
him--he's not pretending. Somebody
threw him off a train. What am I
going to do? Charles was mixed up
in something terrible.

PETER

I wish you'd let me help you.
Whatever it is, it doesn't sound
like the sort of thing that a
woman can handle all by herself.

85. CLOSE SHOT - GUIGNOL STAGE

JUDY has gotten the upper hand is now batting the
POLICEMAN's brains out.

86. CLOSE SHOT - GRANDPIERRE as he winces.

87. TWO SHOT - REGGIE AND PETER

PETER

Have you got a mirror?

(she nods)

Give it to me.

She hands it to him and he holds it in front of her face.

PETER

Right there, between your eyes--
see? Worry lines. You're much too
young and too pretty to have anything
like that. How about making me vice-
president in charge of cheering
you up?

REGGIE

(jumping at the
suggesting)

Starting tonight?

88. INT. NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT

MED. SHOT - EMCEE. He stands on the dance floor in front of a five piece Latin dance band, a spotlight on him, wearing his professional smile as he speaks into a mike.

EMCEE

Bonsoir mesdames et messieurs,
 good evening ladies and gentlemen,
 guten Abend, meine Damen und Herren--
 ce soir, comme tous les soirs, l'at-
 traction ici, au Black Sheep Club,
 c'est vous! Venez, mesdames et
 messieurs, step right up, ladies
 and gentlemen, kommen Sie her,
 meine Damen en Herren, avanti,
 signore e signori--avanti!

89. MED. SHOT - REGGIE AND PETER

At their table. REGGIE is dressed in a lovely Givenchy dress.

PETER

What was all that?

REGGIE

Fun and games. Evidently we're the
 floorshow.

PETER

You mean you and me?

REGGIE

No, everyone. Come on--avanti, avanti!

She rises and pulls him along.

90. WIDE ANGLE

Including the dance floor as most of the patrons go to it, laughing self-consciously and looking around.

EMCEE

Écoutez bien--les règles sont
 tres simples--the rules are very
 easy--deux équipes--two teams--
 (more)

EMCEE (cont'd)

each with one orange--une orange--
eine apfelsine--un' arrancia--
held under the chin, like so--

(does it)

--comme ça--and passed to the
player behind you--sans vous
servir de vos mains--using nothing
but the chin--no hands--and keep-
ing the orange at all costs from
touching the floor. Commencez,
Mesdames et Messieurs--begin,
ladies and gentlemen--signore e
signori, comminciate!

The EMCEE now circulates, forming teams, telling the patrons to line up, making sure there is a woman next to every man. REGGIE and PETER are the second couple in their line.

Then the EMCEE picks up a basket of oranges and places one under the chin, held securely against the chest, of each man at the head of the line. Blowing a whistle, a signal for the game to begin and the band to play, the men turn to the women behind them and attempt to transfer the oranges from under their chins to under the chins of the women - without using their hands.

(This maneuver can only be accomplished by embracing one's partner passionately and firmly pressing the orange against the partner's throat until he or she can grip it tightly enough with the chin to turn and offer it to the person next in line, where the process begins anew. However, the slightest miscalculation, which can be brought about by any number of human frailties - haste, modesty, inhibition or lack of co-ordination - will surely result in losing control of the orange so that it either falls to the floor [where it can only be picked up by the chin] or it starts to roll and slide from its proper place to some other, less proper, spot on the human anatomy, forcing the man or the woman to retrieve it - again, with the chin only. This latter is an activity which can prove extremely satisfying to old friends, or even new friends who wish to become old friends, but can only be a torment for total strangers and/or the English).

91. VARIOUS SHOTS - ORANGE GAME

Some of the couples in various states of confusion, entanglement and intimacy - all of them, naturally, hilarious.

92. TWO SHOT - PETER AND GIRL

It is his turn to take the orange from a very short, but quite shapely young girl in a strapless dress (held up by an abundance of cantilever). PETER 'takes' when he sees the twin obstacles which might - and probably will -- encumber the game but increase his worldly experience. The contest begins: because of her stature he is forced to move in low, making the ordinary embrace needed for success difficult, if not impossible. Then, inexorably, the orange starts to slip down the GIRL's front. Manfully he goes after it.

93. CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE

She is enjoying it thoroughly.

94. TWO SHOT - PETER AND GIRL

Bending over backwards, in a sort of frontal half-nelson, PETER makes a last valiant effort and voilà, grips the orange under his chin - amid much cheering and congratulations from members of his TEAM.

Now he turns to REGGIE and they face one another for a moment.

PETER

En garde.

REGGIE

Lay on, MacDuff.

They go at it, working their bodies together to make it all possible. Then, for a moment, the game and the onlookers seem less important than their proximity. But, alas, they are too good despite themselves and the transfer is accomplished - again with appreciative cheers from the TEAM.

REGGIE, with the orange now tucked firmly under her chin, turns to the next team-member in line and is locked in an embrace before she realizes her partner is LEOPOLD GIDEON, the short, fat, balding man seen at the funeral and later in BARTHOLOMEW's photo.

REGGIE starts to draw back but GIDEON holds her tightly. Putting his chin around the orange he is able to speak quietly in REGGIE's ear.

95. CLOSE TWO SHOT - REGGIE AND GIDEON

Her eyes show her fright as he whispers:

GIDEON
Mrs. Lampert--

REGGIE
What do you want?

GIDEON
Didn't Charles tell you, Mrs.
Lampert?

REGGIE
Tell me what?

GIDEON
It doesn't belong to you, Mrs.
Lampert--you do know that, don't
you?

REGGIE
I don't know anything.

GIDEON
Mrs. Lampert, any morning now
you could wake up dead.

REGGIE
Leave me alone--!

GIDEON
Dead, Mrs. Lampert--like last
week's news--like Charles, Mrs.
Lampert--

REGGIE
(shouting)
Stop it!

96. CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE'S AND GIDEON'S FEET

As REGGIE hauls off and kicks GIDEON full in the shin.

97. CLOSE SHOT - GIDEON

He stiffens as the pain registers. Instead of shouting he merely closes his eyes.

98. WIDER ANGLE

Including REGGIE and GIDEON and PETER standing by, as well as some spectators. PETER comes quickly forward.

PETER

Reggie--what's the trouble?

REGGIE realizes that GIDEON no longer offers any resistance. She steps back, leaving GIDEON holding the orange, foolishly, under his chin, his eyes still closed. REGGIE stares at him for a moment.

REGGIE

He--he was stepping on my foot.

99. CLOSE SHOT - GIDEON

Slowly, his eyes open and tears stream from them, rolling down his cheeks. He speaks while holding the orange.

GIDEON

Forgive me--it was quite unintentional, I'm sure.

100. WIDER ANGLE

GIDEON turns to the woman behind him and the game resumes.

REGGIE

(starting off)

Wait for me--I won't be long.

She goes off toward the rear of the club and starts down a flight of stairs.

101. CLOSE SHOT - PETER

Watching her go, a concerned look on his face.

102. INT. NIGHTCLUB LOUNGE - NIGHT

A small, dimly lit area with a door to the combination men's-women's room and a 'phone cabin with a solid door. The music and shouting from upstairs float down. REGGIE comes down the stairs and goes to the 'phone, flicking on the light and closing the door after her.

103. INT. PHONE BOOTH - NIGHT

REGGIE takes a jeton ('phone token) from her bag and drops it in the slot. Then she takes out a slip of paper (the one given her by BARTHOLOMEW) and dials the number written on it. She listens to it ring, then evidently he answers.

REGGIE

(into 'phone)

Mr. Bartholomew--it's me,
Reggie Lampert--listen Mr.
Bartholomew: I've seen one of
the

(she stops)

Mr. Bartholomew? Can you hear
me?

She realizes she has not pushed the button which takes her coin and allows the party at the other end to hear her voice.

REGGIE

Hello--Mr. Bartholomew--it's me,
Regina Lam...

Suddenly the door of the booth opens and REGGIE wheels to look, slamming the receiver down as she does.

104. REVERSE SHOT - 'PHONE BOOTH - NIGHT

TEX PENTHOLLOW, the second man from the funeral (and photo), the man in the corduroy suit and string tie, stands in the doorway, his face calm, a hand-rolled but unlit cigarette in his mouth. He has put one foot up against the side of the door so she can't leave. REGGIE stares at him, terrified.

TEX

Howdy, Miz Lampert.

REGGIE

Wha--what do you want?

TEX takes a book of matches from his pocket.

TEX

You know what I want, Miz
Lampert...

REGGIE

No--no, I'm don't.

TEX

Come on now--sure you do. An'
you'd better give it to me, Miz
Lampert--cuz I ain't foolin'.
No sireebob!

He strikes a match and lights his cigarette, holding the
burning match in his hand afterward.

REGGIE

I don't know what--

TEX, without a word, throws the still-lit match into the
booth, onto REGGIE's lap. She beats it out frantically.

REGGIE

What are you doing?

TEX lights another match and throws it into her lap. She
beats this one out too.

REGGIE

Stop that!

TEX

Don't make too much noise, Miz
Lampert--

He lights another match and reaches out toward her hair with
it. She shrinks back.

TEX

It could get a whole lot worse.

Then he throws it into her lap. As he continues to speak he

punctuates each phrase or so with another lit match. REGGIE is too busy beating them out to do anything else.

TEX

It belongs to me, Miz Lampert--
an' if you don't give it to me
your life ain't gonna be worth
the paper it's printed on. You
savvy what I'm sayin', Miz Lampert?

REGGIE

Please stop--please!

TEX

You think on it real careful-like,
Miz Lampert--y'hear?

105. CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE

As she frantically beats out the matches, her eyes on her work.

REGGIE

You're insane, absolutely insane!

She looks up, then blinks her eyes.

106. INT. 'PHONE BOOTH OVER REGGIE'S SHOULDER

There is no one there. REGGIE rises and steps out of the booth.

107. INT. NIGHTCLUB LOUNGE - NIGHT

As REGGIE looks around. There is no one there.

107A. INT. PHONE BOOTH

As REGGIE returns, sits and starts to put another jeton into the slot. She notices her hand is shaking. She reaches back into her bag, removes a piece of candy, puts it into her mouth and leans her head back against the wall, closing her eyes. Suddenly the door opens and REGGIE shrieks - but this time it is PETER.

PETER

What are you doing in here?

REGGIE
(a sigh of relief)
Having a nervous breakdown.

108. INT. HOTEL LOBBY - NIGHT

REGGIE and PETER enter the deserted lobby.

PETER
You haven't said a word since
we left the club--what happened
back there?

REGGIE
I--I'm not sure if I'm supposed
to tell you or not.

PETER
I don't think I follow you.

REGGIE
He said if I told anybody it could
prove fatal for them as well as
me.

PETER
Who said?

REGGIE
That's what I'm not supposed to
say.

PETER
Stop this nonsense! If you're in
some sort of trouble I want to
know about it.

REGGIE
Stop bullying me. Everybody's
bullying me.

PETER
I wasn't--

REGGIE

Yes, you were--you called it nonsense. Being murdered in cold blood isn't nonsense. Wait until it happens to you sometime.

She goes to the desk, followed by PETER, where the NIGHT CLERK greets them sleepily.

NIGHT CLERK

Bonsoir.

REGGIE

Bonsoir. Quarante-deux, s'il vous plait.

The NIGHT CLERK gets the key off a hook and hands it to REGGIE.

NIGHT CLERK

Bonne nuit.

REGGIE

(to PETER)

Would you mind seeing me to the door?

PETER

Of course not.

They go to the elevator where he opens the door for her.

109. INT. ELEVATOR - NIGHT

As REGGIE and PETER enter the small cage. It is somewhat cramped, forcing them to stand close together.

REGGIE

This is quite a place for making friends, isn't it?

He presses the button and the elevator starts to rise.

PETER

You said this afternoon that your husband was mixed up in something.

REGGIE
(busy examining the
cleft in his chin)
How do you shave in there?

PETER
What was it?

REGGIE
What was what?

PETER
What your husband was mixed up
in.

REGGIE
Look, I know it's asking you to
stretch your imagination, but
can't you pretend for a moment
that I'm a woman and that you're
a--

PETER
Don't you know I could already
be arrested for transporting a
minor above the first floor?

The elevator stops.

PETER
We're here.

REGGIE
Where?

PETER
On the street where you live.

REGGIE
How about once more around the
park?

He reaches across her and opens the door.

PETER
Out.

110. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR THIRD LANDING - NIGHT

As REGGIE leaves the elevator, followed by PETER. They walk to her door. There is a moment of silence as she looks at him.

REGGIE

(imitating PETER)

Him: 'Do you mind if I come in for a nightcap, Reggie?' Her:

'Well--it is awfully late.' Him:

'Just one, all right?' Her:

'Promise you'll behave yourself.'

Him: 'Sorry, baby, I never make promises I can't keep.'

PETER

How would you like a spanking?

REGGIE

How would you like a punch in the nose? Stop treating me like a child

PETER

Then stop acting like one. If you're really in some kind of trouble, I'd like to hear about it. Otherwise, it's late, I'm tired and I'm going home to bed.

REGGIE

Do you know what's wrong with you?

PETER

What?

REGGIE

Nothing. Good night.

PETER

(smiling)

Good night.

He turns and leaves. She smiles slightly, then turns and

puts the key into the door and opens it.

111. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Featuring the door. REGGIE enters, then stops abruptly, the doorknob still in her hand.

112. ANOTHER ANGLE

The room has been torn apart. And standing in the center is HERMAN SCOBIE, the large man in the battered raincoat. He starts slowly advancing toward REGGIE.

SCOBIE

Where is it, lady--where've
you got it?

113. CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE

REGGIE

(terrified)

I don't know--I don't know!
I don't--

She stops as she sees something.

114. CLOSE SHOT - SCOBIE'S HAND

Instead of a human hand there is a twin-pronged metal one.

115. WIDER ANGLE

SCOBIE sees where REGGIE is staring; looks down at it himself, then lunges at her, raising the hand to strike.

SCOBIE

I want it--give it to me--
it's mine!

The hand is starting to come down. REGGIE, moving quickly, turns and flies out.

REGGIE

(screaming)

Peter--! Peter--!

116. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR THIRD LANDING - NIGHT

As REGGIE runs out, slamming the door after her, the metal hand crashes against the wooden panel inside the door and splinters through it, visible on this side now. Petrified with fear, REGGIE can only stare dumbly at the protruding claw.

117. ANOTHER ANGLE

As PETER comes running up to her. He sees the metal hand.

REGGIE

A man--he tried to kill me!

Pulling her aside, PETER takes hold of the key (still in the outside lock) and turns it slowly and quietly. Then, using all his weight, he slams the door open as far as it will go, making sure to hold it that way as he steps in.

118. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Inside, PETER pulls back the door and slugs the startled SCOBIE full on the jaw. His head bangs against the wall but he manages to raise a foot and push PETER violently away, sending him sprawling back, toppling across the bed and over, head first, onto the floor on the other side, where he disappears. Hurrying, SCOBIE puts his foot against the door and pushes it away, ripping his metal hand free. He then rushes to the open window and climbs out.

119. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR THIRD LANDING - NIGHT

REGGIE waits anxiously. When she hears nothing, she gingerly looks into the room.

120. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

REGGIE

(entering cautiously)

Peter--?

(alarmed)

Peter! Where are you?

121. ANOTHER ANGLE

Showing the disarranged room, empty of people. Then, slowly

PETER's hand appears from behind the bed, shaking groggily. REGGIE rushes to him and helps him sit on the bed.

REGGIE

Peter--are you all right?

PETER

I think I sprained my pride.

(He looks around)

Where'd he go?

REGGIE

Out of the window, I guess--

I didn't see him.

PETER goes, unsteady on his feet, to the window and looks out. He then turns back.

PETER

Lock the door and the window--
and don't let anyone in except
me. I'll be back in a minute.

REGGIE

Be careful, Peter.

PETER

(one leg over the
sill)

You took the words right out
of my mouth.

He climbs out.

122. EXT. HOTEL WINDOW THIRD FLOOR - NIGHT

Outside the window to REGGIE's room is a small, false balcony, consisting mostly of railing, with barely enough room between it and the building's facade for a man to stand. PETER appears and looks down over the railing.

123. EXT. HOTEL SIDEWALK (FROM ABOVE) - NIGHT

SHOOTING STRAIGHT DOWN; there is no one on the street and it is too far to jump.

124. MED. SHOT - PETER - BALCONY

He now looks around. REGGIE's is the last such balcony on one side, but there are two or three on the other. PETER climbs over the railing and, holding on to it with one hand, reaches for the railing on the next balcony.

125. CLOSE SHOT - PETER'S HAND

As it stretches for the railing; it is several inches short of touching it.

126. MED. SHOT - PETER

As he straightens up and prepares to jump.

127. EXT. HOTEL FACADE - NIGHT

From the GROUND. PETER, high above, jumps to the next balcony.

128. MED. SHOT - PETER

As he climbs over the railing of the second balcony. He sees a light coming through the window and looks in.

WOMAN'S VOICE (o.s.)

Oh!

PETER leaves the window quickly, climbing over the railing on his way to the next balcony. As he does, the following exchange is heard (in British English).

MAN'S VOICE (o.s.)

What is it now, Pamela?

WOMAN'S VOICE (o.s.)

It happened again, Henry--
another strange man peered
in the window at me and then
went away.

MAN'S VOICE (o.s.)

Bad luck, Pamela.

129. EXT. HOTEL FACADE - NIGHT

From the GROUND as PETER jumps to the next balcony.

130. MED. SHOT - PETER

As he climbs over the rail to the third balcony. There is a light coming from this window, too. PETER looks in.

131. MED. SHOT - WINDOW - OVER PETER'S SHOULDER

Inside the room are GIDEON, TEX, and SCOBIE in the midst of a heated discussion.

GIDEON

That was a dumb move, Herman--
a dumb move.

TEX

And then some. If you'd only
told us you was goin' to her
room we could've kept 'em
busy--

132. INT. GIDEON'S HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

TEX

--but sneakin' in there on your
own that-a-way, why, man, you
was bound to get yore tokus
kicked. I mean, what'd you think
he'd do--walk up 'n' shake you
by that hand o' yores?

PETER'S VOICE (o.s.)

That's right, Herman--you didn't
leave me much choice.

They all turn toward the window.

133. WIDER ANGLE

As PETER climbs in through the window and joins them.

PETER

(to SCOBIE)

I didn't hurt you, did I?

SCOBIE shakes his head and turns away.

GIDEON

(eagerly)

Never mind that--did you get
the money?

PETER

How could I with the three
Marx Brothers breathing down my
neck? You said you'd let me
handle it alone--! The girl trusts
me. If she's got it, I'll find out
about it. But you've got to leave
me alone.

SCOBIE

(to GIDEON and TEX)

We took all the chances. The money
belongs to us, not him!

TEX

Don't be un-neighborly-like, Herman--
don't forget he done us a little
ol' favor.

SCOBIE

Yeah? What's that?

TEX

He took care of Charlie for us.

GIDEON

(to PETER)

We appreciate it, really we do.

SCOBIE

But who asked him? Three shares
are enough--I'd say he's out!

PETER

A third of nothing is nothing,
Herman. Make up your minds--she's
waiting for me.

GIDEON

(thoughtfully)

I don't see how another twenty-four
hours could hurt.

TEX

Shoot no, not after all these years.

SCOBIE

Then he gets it out of your share, not mine! Not mine!

SCOBIE turns and storms out of the door, slamming it. GIDEON begins sneezing, takes a bottle of pills from his pocket and swallows two white tablets.

GIDEON

I suggest you get about your business--nothing soothes Herman like success.

TEX

(chuckling)

That's right--it's like ticklin' a alligator's belly.

PETER

Who's got the room next to hers?

TEX

Me. How come?

PETER

Get another one, will you? I'm going to need it.

PETER starts for the door.

TEX

If you do find the money--you won't forget t' tell us about it, will you, fella?

PETER

(turning at the door)

Don't worry.

TEX

Oh, I ain't worryin'--but see
(more)

TEX (cont'd)
this pudgy little fella here?
(indicating GIDEON)
He worries--an' he's even meaner'n
I am.

134. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

As she waits anxiously, smoking a cigarette. There is a
KNOCK at the door.

REGGIE
Who is it?

PETER'S VOICE (o.s.)
It's me. Peter.

REGGIE unlocks the door and opens it. PETER enters and
she closes the door again--

PETER
There was no trace of him. All
right, Reggie--suppose you tell
me what this is all about.

REGGIE
There are three men--he's one
of them--they think I have some-
thing that belongs to them.

PETER
What?

REGGIE
A quarter of a million dollars.

PETER is silent for a moment.

PETER
Go on.

REGGIE
That's all.

PETER
No, it isn't--where's the money?

REGGIE

I don't know. Those men killed Charles to get it. But he must not have had it with him on the train.

PETER

So they think he left it with you.

REGGIE

But he didn't! I've looked everywhere

(tears welling)

--and if I don't find it--

(wailing)

--those men going to kill me.

She falls in his arms to be comforted.

PETER

No, they won't--I won't let them.

REGGIE

(sobbing)

Please help me, Peter--you're the only one I can trust.

PETER

Of course I'll help--I told you I would, didn't I? Come on now--

He takes out his handkerchief and dries her eyes.

REGGIE

I'm so hungry I could faint.

(trying to smile)

I've--I've gotten your suit all wet.

PETER

That's all right--it's a drip-dry.

REGGIE

Peter, you've got to promise me something. Promise you'll never lie the way Charles did. Why do people have to tell lies?

PETER

Usually it's because they want something--and they're afraid the truth won't get it for them.

REGGIE

Do you tell lies?

A pause. The phone rings. REGGIE answers it.

REGGIE

(into the phone)

Hello?

135. INT. OUTDOOR 'PHONE BOOTH - NIGHT

SCOBIE holds the receiver in his metal hand.

SCOBIE

Mrs. Lampert?--it's me--the man who was in your room a few minutes ago--

136. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

REGGIE

(on the phone)

What do you want?

PETER

(whispering)

Who is it?

REGGIE

(covering the receiver)

The man you had the fight with.

137. INT. PHONE BOOTH - NIGHT

SCOBIE

(on the phone)

Is Dyle with you?

138. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE

REGGIE

Who?

139. INT. PHONE BOOTH - NIGHT

SCOBIE

(on the phone)

The man who hit me, lady--Dyle--
that's his name. What's wrong--
is he still there?

140. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

REGGIE's back is turned to PETER so he can't see her face.
He watches her.

REGGIE

(on the phone)

Yes--that's right.

PETER

What is it, Reggie--what's he
saying?

She shakes her head.

141. INT. PHONE BOOTH - NIGHT

SCOBIE

(on the phone)

Don't trust him--don't tell
him anything. He's after the
money.

He hangs up.

142. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Slowly, REGGIE lowers the 'phone from her ear and hangs it
up. She hesitates a moment.

PETER

What'd he say?

REGGIE

He--he said if I didn't give the money, he'll kill me.

PETER

I wouldn't take that too seriously.

REGGIE

(a pause)

I believe what he said.

PETER

They're only trying to scare you, that's all.

REGGIE

How do you know what they're doing?

PETER

I don't--but as long as they think you have the money, or know where it is, or have it without knowing where it is, or don't even know you have it--

REGGIE

What are you talking about?

PETER

You mustn't let what he said bother you. It was only words.

REGGIE

(softly)

Words can hurt very much.

PETER

(a pause)

Go to sleep--I'll see you in the morning.

REGGIE

Don't put yourself out.

PETER

Hey--I'm on your side. Remember that.

REGGIE

Yes, I'll remember. Good night.

PETER

Good night.

He starts out, pausing by the door and examining the hole SCOBIE made in it.

PETER

But if you'll take my advice--

(smiling)

--you'll undress in the closet.

Oh, and if you need me, just bang on the wall. I'll be next door.

143. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - THIRD LANDING - NIGHT

As PETER (now called DYLE) leaves REGGIE's room and closes the door. He pauses for a moment, listening, hears nothing, then bends down and starts pulling at a loose thread in one of his socks. As usual, the thread unravels--and unravels--and unravels some more until it seems that the entire sock has come unknit. Now, taking the long thread, he bends down near the door and, taking his tie-pin, attaches one end of the thread to the bottom of REGGIE's door. He then runs the thread along the floor to his door (next door) and works it underneath.

144. INT. DYLE'S ROOM - NIGHT

As DYLE enters, the thread in his hand. He goes to a nearby table where he attaches the thread to the heavy room key, which he then balances on the extreme edge of the table.

145. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

REGGIE is on the phone.

REGGIE

(excited)

--But I am calm, Mr. Bartholomew--
what I called to tell you was there's
someone else--someone who wasn't in
that photograph you showed me. He

(more)

REGGIE (cont'd)
 says his name is Peter Joshua--
 but it isn't--it's Dyle.
 (a pause)
 Mr. Bartholomew?--are you still
 there?

146. INT. BARTHOLOMEW'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

BARTHOLOMEW on the phone. He is silent for a moment, his
 face troubled.

BARTHOLOMEW
 I don't know who this Mr. Dyle
 is, but it's just possible we were
 wrong about who killed your husband.

147. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

REGGIE
 (on the phone)
 You mean he might have--Mr.
 Bartholomew, I'm catching the
 next plane out of here--I'm
 not going to sit here and wait
 for someone to make chopped liver
 out of me!

148.) DELETED

150.) DELETED

151. INT. BARTHOLOMEW'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

BARTHOLOMEW
 (on the phone)
 Where are you now--can you meet
 me? Do you know Les Halles?

147. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

REGGIE
 (on the phone)
 Yes, where?
 (a pause)
 in fifteen minutes. I'll be there.

153. DELETED

154. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

REGGIE hangs up the phone, picks up her bag, checks her hair in the mirror, then starts for the door. She stops as she notices the connecting door leading to the room next door, DYLE's room. She goes to it, silently slips out the key and bends to peer through the keyhole.

155. INT. DYLE'S ROOM - NIGHT (THROUGH KEYHOLE)

DYLE is removing his coat. Before he lays it over a chair, he takes a gun from the inside pocket, checks it, and tucks it into his belt.

156. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

REGGIE reacts in surprise and fright, jumps quickly away from the door. She hurries to the door leading to the hall and reaches for the knob.

157. INT. DYLE'S ROOM - NIGHT

CLOSE SHOT - ROOM KEY. The thread attached to it is pulled (by the action of REGGIE's door opening) and the key falls to the floor with a clatter.

158. WIDE ANGLE

Including DYLE as he reacts, his head wheeling to look at the key. Snatching his coat, he runs for the door.

159. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - THIRD LANDING - NIGHT

As REGGIE sneaks past DYLE's door. When she has passed, the door opens and DYLE appears. REGGIE takes off on the run, turning the corner and starting down the stairs.

DYLE

Reggie--!

He starts after her.

160. INT. HOTEL LOBBY - NIGHT

It is deserted, except for the sleeping NIGHT PORTER, as REGGIE comes running down the stairs.

DYLE'S VOICE (o.s.)

Reggie...!

She turns, looking back towards the sound of his voice, but does not slacken her speed. She runs out the front door.

161. EXT. HOTEL ENTRANCE - NIGHT

As REGGIE runs out. She looks up the street, sees a TAXI and hails it.

REGGIE

Taxi--!

It pulls over to the curb. Looking once more over her shoulder she takes a bill out of her pocket, opens the cab door, slams it loudly without getting in and hands the bill to the driver.

REGGIE

N'importe où--vite! Allez-y!

She jumps back into the shadows of a nearby doorway as the TAXI pulls away. At the same time DYLE runs out of the hotel. Another TAXI is coming down the street. DYLE hails it frantically.

DYLE

Taxi--! Taxi--!

It pulls up and DYLE opens the door.

DYLE

(pointing)

Follow that taxi.

DRIVER

Comment?

DYLE

Taxi! Follow!

DRIVER

Je ne comprends rien.

Desperately, DYLE reaches into his coat pocket and pulls out

a small dictionary and begins flipping through the pages.

162. CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE

In the shadows. She lifts her eyes in annoyance.

163. MED. SHOT - TAXI

DYLE

(finding the word)

Suivre--el taxi!

DRIVER

Ah! Oui, Monsieur.

164. ANOTHER ANGLE

REGGIE comes out of the shadows, looks after DYLE's taxi, then hails another one which pulls up.

REGGIE

(to DRIVER)

Aux Halles--vite!

165.) DELETED

167.) DELETED

168. EXT. LES HALLES - NIGHT

REGGIE and BARTHOLOMEW walking. The Central Market is teeming with activity - trucks creeping around other trucks, cases of fruit and vegetables stacked on every inch of sidewalk, WORKERS of all types milling around, unloading trucks and stacking crates, little electric carts scooting in and out - and nearby, one of the huge, high-roofed sheds where the butchers work.

169. TWO SHOT - REGGIE AND BARTHOLOMEW

CAMERA LEADING them as they walk.

BARTHOLOMEW

(looking around)

Incredible, isn't it? Zola called it 'le ventre de Paris'--the womb of Paris, the belly.

She takes a banana from a nearby stall.

REGGIE

(peeling it)

What did you want to see me
about, Mr. Bartholomew?

BARTHOLOMEW

(leaves a coin on
the crate)

Were you followed?

REGGIE

Yes, but I lost him. I really
did it quite brilliantly. I'm be-
ginning to think women make the
best spies.

BARTHOLOMEW

Agents.

REGGIE

He has a gun, Mr. Bartholomew--
I saw it.

BARTHOLOMEW

Who?

REGGIE

Dyle, or whatever his name is.

BARTHOLOMEW

What does your Mr. Dyle look like,
Mrs. Lampert?

REGGIE

He's hardly my Mr. Dyle.

BARTHOLOMEW

Describe him.

REGGIE

Well--he's tall--over six feet--
rather thin--in good physical shape,
I'd say--dark eyes--quite handsome,
really.

BARTHOLOMEW
 (shaking his head)
 No.

REGGIE
 No, what?

BARTHOLOMEW
 That's not Carson Dyle.

REGGIE
 (stopping)
 Carson?

BARTHOLOMEW
 There's only one Dyle connected
 with this affair, Mrs. Lampert--
 that's Carson.

REGGIE
 You mean you've known about him
 all along? Why didn't you tell me?

BARTHOLOMEW looks at her for a moment, then glances around;
 his attention is drawn inside the doorway.

BARTHOLOMEW
 It's enough to make you a vege-
 tarian, isn't it?

170. INT. LES HALLES BUTCHERS' SHED - NIGHT

Almost as far as the eye can see, row upon row of beef sides,
 hung on hooks.

171. TWO SHOT - REGGIE AND BARTHOLOMEW (TRAVELING)

As REGGIE looks at the hanging beef.

REGGIE
 It's just lucky that I'm not
 hanging next to one of those
 things right now.

She shudders, throws away her banana and turns back to
 BARTHOLOMEW.

REGGIE

Mr. Bartholomew--why didn't you tell me you knew about Dyle?

BARTHOLOMEW

I didn't see any point. Dyle's dead.

REGGIE

Dead? Mr. Bartholomew--maybe you'd better tell me what this thing's all about.

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210. INT. LES HALLES BISTRO - NIGHT

Lined up at a zinc bar are several BUTCHERS, their white smocks stained with blood. REGGIE and BARTHOLOMEW sit at the table.

BARTHOLOMEW

I suppose you're old enough to have heard of World War Two?

REGGIE

Barely, yes.

BARTHOLOMEW

In 1944, five members of the O.S.S.--the military espionage unit--were ordered behind the German lines for the purpose of delivering \$250,000 in gold to the French Underground. The five men--

A WAITER arrives.

WAITER

Vous désirez?

REGGIE
 (smiling)
 They always do that.

BARTHOLOMEW
 (to the WAITER)
 Café.

REGGIE
 Gratinée, choucroute garnie,
 salade de pommes--et un ballon
 de rouge.

BARTHOLOMEW
 Mrs. Lampert, I really hadn't
 planned on spending the entire
 night here.

REGGIE
 Can I at least keep the onion
 soup?

BARTHOLOMEW shrugs.

REGGIE
 (to the WAITER)
 La soupe tout simplement.

The WAITER nods and goes.

REGGIE
 (anxiously)
 Go on, please--five men--\$250,000
 --the French Underground--

BARTHOLOMEW
 Yes. The five men. They were, of
 course, your husband, Charles,
 the three men who showed up at his
 funeral yesterday, and Carson Dyle.
 But something went wrong and they
 were unable to locate their contact.
 It must have been at that point that
 they decided to steal the money.

REGGIE
 Steal it how?

BARTHOLOMEW

By burying it, and then reporting that the Germans had captured it. All they had to do was come back after the war, dig it up and split it five ways--a quarter of a million dollars with no questions asked.

REGGIE

(fascinated)

May I have a cigarette, please?

BARTHOLOMEW pulls out a package and she takes one, looks at it and rips off the filter tip. He winces.

REGGIE

I hate these things--it's like drinking coffee through a veil.

She puts the other end in her mouth, then picks up the matches and lights it.

BARTHOLOMEW

Everything went smoothly enough until after the gold was buried--then, before they could get out, they were ambushed by a German patrol. A machine gun separated Scobie from his right hand--and caught Carson Dyle full in the stomach.

REGGIE takes another cigarette from his pack, rips off the filter (he winces again) and puts it into her mouth.

BARTHOLOMEW

What's wrong with that one?

He points to the cigarette she just lit, still practically brand-new in the ashtray.

REGGIE

Oh. Nothing, I guess. What happened then?

She hands over the newer one to BARTHOLOMEW, who sadly examines its mutilated end while REGGIE returns to the first cigarette.

BARTHOLOMEW

Have you any idea what these things cost over here?

REGGIE

Please go on, Mr. Bartholomew-- what happened then?

BARTHOLOMEW

Scobie was able to travel, but Carson Dyle was clearly dying, so they--

The WAITER returns with the coffee and onion soup.

WAITER

La soupe, c'est pour qui?

REGGIE

Pour moi. Go on, Mr. Bartholomew.

The WAITER puts down the cup and bowl and leaves.

BARTHOLOMEW

Carson was dying so they were forced to leave him. They finally got back to the base, made their report, and waited for the war to end. Only Charles couldn't wait quite as long as the others. He beat them back to the gold, took everything for himself and disappeared. It's taken Gideon, Tex and Scobie all this time to catch up with him again.

REGGIE

But if they stole all that money-- why can't you arrest them?

BARTHOLOMEW

We know what happened from the bits
(more)

BARTHOLOMEW (cont'd)
and pieces we were able to paste
together--but we still have no proof.

REGGIE
But what has all this got to do with
the C.I.O.?

BARTHOLOMEW
C.I.A., Mrs. Lampert. We're an ex-
tension of the wartime O.S.S. It
was our money and we want it back.

REGGIE
I'm sorry, Mr. Bartholomew, but
nothing you've told me has changed
my mind. I still intend leaving Paris
--tonight.

BARTHOLOMEW
I wouldn't advise that, Mrs. Lampert.
You'd better consider what happened
to your husband when he tried to
leave. Those men won't be very far
away--no matter where you go. In
fact, I don't even see any point
in your changing hotels. Please
help us, Mrs. Lampert. Your gov-
ernment is counting on you.

REGGIE
Well, if I'm going to die, I might
as well do it for my country.

BARTHOLOMEW
That's the spirit.

REGGIE
Oh, stop it. What do you want me
to do?

BARTHOLOMEW
We're anxious to know who this man
is--the one calling himself Dyle.

REGGIE

Maybe he really is Dyle. He could still be alive.

BARTHOLOMEW

No, Mrs. Lampert.

REGGIE

But no one actually saw him die.

BARTHOLOMEW

No, Mrs. Lampert. His death is registered with the War Department in Washington.

REGGIE

Oh. Then who's this one?

BARTHOLOMEW

I don't know--but I think you'd better find out, don't you?

REGGIE

Me? Why me?

BARTHOLOMEW

You're in an ideal position--he trusts you.

(grinning)

Besides, you said yourself, women make the best spies.

REGGIE

(resigned)

Agents.

211. EXT. HOTEL (PLACE ST. ANDRÉ DES ARTS) - LATE AFTERNOON

DYLE leaves the hotel and turns into the Place. A moment later, REGGIE comes cautiously from the hotel. As she watches DYLE, a SANDWICH-MAN advertising a driving school passes the hotel. REGGIE falls in behind him, his tall placard hiding her from view.

212. EXT. PLACE ST. ANDRÉ DES ARTS - LATE AFTERNOON

First comes DYLE, passing a sidewalk cafe on the corner, then

the SANDWICH-MAN and REGGIE. The SANDWICH-MAN turns off, leaving REGGIE out in the open. A moment later, DYLE passes a GIRL painting a canvas, her easel set up in the middle of the sidewalk. He stops when he has passed her and turns to look at her work. REGGIE, not knowing what to do, and afraid she will be seen by DYLE, who is now looking her way, spins and sits at the sidewalk cafe's nearest table, her back to DYLE. It is already occupied by a middle-aged TOURIST.

213. TWO SHOT - REGGIE AND TOURIST

The TOURIST, complete with camera, beret and guide book, looks up from his coffee, surprised. He stares at REGGIE and she stares back. Finally, not knowing what else to do, she smiles, then takes a portion of his brioche and eats it. He smiles back emptily, not knowing what to make of her. REGGIE turns to look at DYLE.

214. MED. SHOT - DYLE

He has made his judgment of the painting and now moves on.

215. TWO SHOT - REGGIE AND TOURIST

The TOURIST has finally found the courage to speak. As he opens his mouth to make a sound, REGGIE, her eyes on DYLE, rises quickly from the table and goes, leaving a very confused TOURIST with his mouth open. He blinks, then leaves some money on the table and starts after her.

216. EXT. PLACE ST. ANDRÉ DES ARTS - LATE AFTERNOON

REGGIE following DYLE. As she passes the GIRL painting, she cannot resist turning to see the work.

217. CLOSE SHOT - PAINTING

An abstract jumble, nothing recognizable.

217A. CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE

As she looks from the painting to reality.

217B.EXT. PLACE ST. ANDRÉ DES ARTS - LATE AFTERNOON

As the scene really looks.

218. MED. SHOT - REGGIE

She shrugs, continues after DYLE. Now we see that the TOURIST, in turn, is following her.

TOURIST
(calling)
Fraulein--

REGGIE doesn't stop.

TOURIST
Fraulein--

REGGIE
(turning but continuing)
What are you doing, following
me? Stop it--we're going to look
like a parade.

She continues after DYLE. The TOURIST hesitates, then continues after her.

218A.MED. SHOT - DYLE

He goes to the curb and starts to step off, attempting to cross the Rue Danton, but finds the light against him. He turns back in REGGIE's direction.

218B.MED. SHOT - REGGIE

Realizing she has to do something before DYLE spots her, she turns and takes the TOURIST's arm and starts walking with him back toward the cafe.

REGGIE
(smiling and rattling on)
How are you? When did you arrive
in town? Are you enjoying Paris?
It's lovely, isn't it? So many
wonderful things to see and do,
it makes one's head spin to think
of it.

She looks back over her shoulder and sees that DYLE is now crossing the Rue Danton, heading for the platform of a bus now stopped at the curb.

TOURIST
(smiling)
Fraulein--

REGGIE pulls away from him.

REGGIE
If you don't stop following me
I'll call the police.

She leaves him standing there, more confused than ever, as she starts after DYLE again.

DYLE has hopped on the back of the bus as it pulls away.

REGGIE hurries across the street, hailing a taxi.

REGGIE
Taxi--!

219. INT. AMERICAN EXPRESS - LATE AFTERNOON

DYLE enters. CAMERA PANNING with him to the head of a stairway leading downstairs, a sign indicating that it leads to the "MAIL ROOM & TELEPHONES." CAMERA PANS back to the door as REGGIE enters.

220.) DELETED

221. INT. AMERICAN EXPRESS MAIL ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

DYLE walks to one of several windows. A sign over it reading:
"A - D."

222. MED. SHOT - STAIRS

REGGIE comes down the stairs. Suddenly she stops.

223. MED. SHOT - DYLE

CAMERA ZOOMS in to sign on "D."

224. CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE

A confused look on her face.

225. MED. SHOT - DYLE

As his turn comes, he addresses the CLERK

DYLE

Dyle, please... D-Y-L-E.

CLERK

Yes, Mr. Dyle. I remember.

226. CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE

Watching.

227. MED. SHOT - MAIL WINDOW

The CLERK takes out a bundle of letters and quickly sorts through it.

CLERK

I'm sorry, Mr. Dyle--nothing today.

DYLE

Thanks--see you soon.

He turns and heads out, starting up the stairs where REGGIE was but is no longer. As he reaches the fourth or fifth step, a VOICE is heard over the loudspeaker.

VOICE (o.s.)

Mr. Dyle, please--you're wanted on the telephone--Mr. Dyle. Cabin 4.

DYLE stops in his tracks, pondering what to do.

VOICE (o.s.)

Mr. Dyle. Cabin 4, please.

He stops and comes down the stairs, going to the back of the room and into the cabin marked "4."

DYLE

(picking up the phone)

Yes?

CAMERA DOLLIES across an empty cabin to discover REGGIE in the third one, on the phone.

228. INT. REGGIE'S CABIN INT. DYLE'S CABIN

REGGIE on the phone.

DYLE on the phone.

REGGIE

Good morning, Mr. Dyle.

It's the only name I've got. How about you?

Why you lied to me.

Well, you know now, so please tell me who you are.

Carson Dyle is dead.

Your--

DYLE

Reggie?

No cat and mouse--you've got me. What do you want to know?

I had to--for all I knew you could have been in on the whole thing.

But you know my name--it's Dyle.

Yes, he is. He was my brother.

The army thinks he was killed in action by the Germans, but I think they did it--Tex, Gideon and Scobie--and your husband--because he wouldn't go along with their scheme to steal the gold. I think he threatened to turn them in and they killed him. I'm trying to prove it. They think I'm working with them. But I'm not, and that's the truth. I'm on your side, Reggie--please believe that.

REGGIE

How can I? You lied to me--the way Charles did--and after promising you wouldn't. Oh, I want to believe you, Peter... oh, but I can't call you that anymore, can I? It will take me a while to get used to your new name--which I don't even know yet. What is it?

(pause)

Aren't you going to tell me?

(pause)

Hello--?

She opens the door of the cabin and starts out.

229. MED. SHOT - PHONE CABINS

As REGGIE steps out of her cabin and starts looking in the others. They are all occupied except one and she looks inside it.

230. CLOSE SHOT - EMPTY CABIN

The receiver hangs by its cord, swinging back and forth.

231. MED. SHOT - REGGIE

As she looks at it, confused.

232. INT. AMERICAN EXPRESS - DAY

DYLE and SCOBIE stand together, waiting for the elevator, SCOBIE clearly holding a gun in the pocket of his raincoat.

SCOBIE

(quietly)

If you do anything funny, or try to talk to anyone, I'll kill you, Dyle--here and now. Okay?

DYLE

You'll wreck your raincoat.

The self-service elevator doors open, one or two PASSENGERS

come out and DYLE and SCOBIE enter. A young GIRL starts in after them.

SCOBIE
Next car, please.

He reaches out and presses the top button with his metal hand. The doors close.

233.) DELETED

234. INT. TOP FLOOR LANDING - LATE AFTERNOON

As SCOBIE follows DYLE out of the elevator. SCOBIE looks around - there is an open door at the end of a short hall. He and DYLE go to it, CAMERA FOLLOWING. Through the door, which SCOBIE closes behind them, is a flight of stairs, leading up to a second floor.

SCOBIE
Okay--turn around.

DYLE turns to find SCOBIE's gun out of the pocket and pointing at him. SCOBIE now transfers it to his metal hand and goes to DYLE, where he proceeds to frisk him. Finding the gun DYLE carries in his inside coat pocket, SCOBIE removes it. During the following conversation he will shake open the revolving magazine and let the bullets fall out onto the floor before handing back the emptied gun to DYLE. Then he will transfer his own gun back to his good hand.

SCOBIE
Sit down.

Shrugging, DYLE sits on the third step.

DYLE
What now?

SCOBIE
We wait--with our mouths shut.

234A.INT. AMERICAN EXPRESS - NIGHT

The last EMPLOYEES leave the building as the WATCHMAN locks the front door after them.

234B.INT. TOP FLOOR LANDING - NIGHT

In the semi-darkness, DYLE is still sitting on the third step, SCOBIE still facing him with a gun.

DYLE
How long do you intend--?

SCOBIE
I said with the mouth shut.

DYLE yawns wide.

DYLE
Sorry about that.

SCOBIE
Okay--up there.

DYLE gets to his feet and starts up the stairs, followed by SCOBIE. DYLE stops at the door.

DYLE
Do I knock or something?

SCOBIE
Open it.

DYLE opens the door. The stairs continue up.

SCOBIE
Keep going.

DYLE
The view had better be worth it.

235. EXT. AMERICAN EXPRESS - ROOFTOP - NIGHT

A spectacular view of the Paris rooftops and the city lights beyond. DYLE and SCOBIE come out onto a level portion of roof. On the street side, the roof angles down abruptly into a steep, slate-covered pitch, broken only by two widely separated oval-shaped dormer windows. Below these is a rain gutter, then nothing - for seven stories.

DYLE

Very pretty. Now what?

SCOBIE

I'll give you a chance, Dyle--
which is more than you'd give me.
Where's the money?

DYLE

Is that why you dragged me all
the way up here--to ask me that?
She has it--you know that.

SCOBIE

And I say maybe you both have it!
One more time, Dyle--where is it?

DYLE

Supposing I did have it--which I
don't--do you really think I'd hand
it over?

SCOBIE

You're out, Dyle--right now!

SCOBIE aims the gun and starts advancing toward DYLE.

SCOBIE

Step back.

DYLE turns and looks - there is nothing behind him but a
sheer drop to the street.

DYLE

Back where?

SCOBIE

That's the idea.

Moving quickly, DYLE lashes out and hacks SCOBIE's gun hand
with the side of his palm and the gun falls to the roof.
Following through, DYLE punches the large man full in the
jaw, but instead of falling, SCOBIE wraps his arm around
DYLE, holding on tightly until his head clears.

Then, to his amazement, DYLE is lifted into the air and,
unable to break the bear-hold, carried toward the edge of

the roof. Working his arms between their two bodies, DYLE suddenly flails them out with all his strength and the hold is broken, but at the price of his coat and the flesh on his back as SCOBIE's metal claw rips through both, a wound extending from the center of DYLE's back to his shoulder.

Both men look around for the gun, spot it simultaneously and leap for it, both landing short of the mark. Now they grapple with one another, each trying to break free and reach for the gun.

236. CLOSE SHOT - THEIR HANDS

Two hands, one real, one metal, inch toward the gun.

237. MED. SHOT - DYLE AND SCOBIE

The battle is going to SCOBIE whose weight and strength are beginning to tire DYLE, who is now on his back, trying to stop SCOBIE from crawling over him. He has the large man by both lapels of the raincoat in a last-ditch effort to hold him. But SCOBIE, his face horribly distorted from the strain, continues to inch forward toward the gun.

Suddenly, DYLE releases his hold. With nothing restraining him, SCOBIE lurches forward, tumbling past the gun, his momentum carrying him onto the sloping part of the roof, where he begins sliding down. SCOBIE beats wildly at the slate with his claw, trying to gouge a grip.

238. CLOSE SHOT - SCOBIE'S CLAW

As it slides across the slate, making a hideous scratching sound and causing sparks to fly.

239. MED. SHOT - SCOBIE

As he slides over the edge and disappears.

240. CLOSE SHOT - DYLE

As he watches, hypnotized.

241. CLOSE SHOT - ROOF EDGE

There appears to be no sign of SCOBIE. Then CAMERA ZOOMS

IN FOR A TIGHT CLOSE SHOT OF SCOBIE'S metal hand, gripping the rain gutter at the very edge.

242. MED. SHOT - DYLE

Having seen the claw, he rises and walks to the very edge of the level part of the roof.

DYLE

Herman?

243. MED. SHOT - SCOBIE

As he hangs, seven stories over the street, by his metal hand.

SCOBIE

Yeah?

244. MED. SHOT - DYLE

He finds it hard to believe.

DYLE

How are you doing?

SCOBIE'S VOICE (o.s.)

How do you think?

DYLE

If you get bored, try writing
'Love thy neighbor' a hundred
times on the side of the building.

DYLE turns and leaves going down the stairs.

245. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - THIRD LANDING - NIGHT

The HOTEL MANAGER is busy taping a piece of cardboard over the hole ripped in REGGIE'S door by SCOBIE'S metal hand the night before. DYLE leaves the elevator and goes to his own door. The MANAGER eyes him coldly. DYLE "takes" the look.

DYLE

I didn't do it.

MANAGER

The next time madame forgets
her key, there is another one at
the desk.

DYLE smiles, then enters his room.

246. INT. DYLE'S ROOM - NIGHT

He closes the door and starts to remove his torn coat,
wincing.

247. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

REGGIE, smoking on the bed, sits up when she hears DYLE
moving about in his room. She goes to the connecting door,
unlocks her side, tries the knob, finds it still bolted
from his side and knocks.

REGGIE

Is that you?

247A. INT. DYLE'S ROOM - NIGHT

DYLE goes to the door, throws back the bolt and opens the
door. REGGIE enters.

REGGIE

Didn't anyone ever tell you it's
impolite to--

(seeing his injured
back)

--what happened?

DYLE

I met a man with sharp nails.

REGGIE

Scobie?

DYLE

I left him hanging around the American
Express.

REGGIE

Come on--I've got something that
stings like crazy.

She leads him into her room.

247B.INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

As REGGIE and DYLE enter from his room. She leads him to the bed.

REGGIE

Take off your shirt and lie down.

As REGGIE goes to the bathroom, DYLE takes off his torn shirt, revealing a torn and bloody T-shirt. He lies face downwards on the bed. REGGIE returns, carrying cotton, gauze, tape, scissors, and disinfectant. She sits next to him and lifts up his T-shirt to examine the wound.

DYLE

(wincing)

Listen--all I really want is an estimate.

REGGIE

It's not so bad. You may not be able to lie on your back for a few days--but, then, you can lie from any position, can't you?

She wets the cotton with disinfectant and begins cleaning the wound. He winces.

REGGIE

(hopefully)

Does it hurt?

DYLE

Haven't you got a bullet I can bite?

She continues working on his back, cleaning it, then bandaging it while they talk.

REGGIE

Are you really Carson Dyle's brother?

DYLE

Would you like to see my passport?

REGGIE

Your passport! What kind of a proof is that?

DYLE

Would you like to see where I was tattooed?

REGGIE

Sure.

DYLE

Okay, I'll drive you around there some day.

(his back stinging)

Ouch!

REGGIE

Ha ha. You could at least tell me what your first name is these days.

DYLE

Alexander.

REGGIE

Is there a Mrs. Dyle?

DYLE

Yes, but we're divorced.

REGGIE

I thought that was Peter Joshua.

DYLE

(smiling)

I'm no easier to live with than he was.

REGGIE

(finishing the bandage)

There--you're a new man.

As they continue talking, he rises from the bed and goes into his own room. REGGIE remains on the bed, watching

him through the open door as he puts on a fresh T-shirt and shirt.

DYLE

I'm sorry I couldn't tell you the truth, but I had to find out your part in all this.

REGGIE

Alex--how can you tell if someone is lying or not?

DYLE

You can't.

REGGIE

There must be some way.

DYLE

There's an old riddle about two tribes of Indians--the Whitefeet always tell the truth and the Blackfeet always lie. So one day you meet an Indian, you ask him if he's a truthful Whitefoot or a lying Blackfoot? He tells you he's a truthful Whitefoot, but which one is he?

REGGIE

Why couldn't you just look at his feet?

DYLE

Because he's wearing moccasins.

REGGIE

Oh. Well, then he's a truthful Whitefoot, of course.

DYLE

Why not a lying Blackfoot?

REGGIE

(confused)

Which one are you?

DYLE
(entering, smiling)
Whitefoot, of course.

REGGIE
Come here.

He goes to the bed.

REGGIE
Sit down.

He sits.

REGGIE
I hope it turns out you're a
Whitefoot, Alex--I could be very
happy hanging around the tepee.

DYLE
Reggie--listen to me--

REGGIE
Oh-oh--here it comes. The fatherly
talk. You forget I'm already a
widow.

DYLE
So was Juliet--at fifteen.

REGGIE
I'm not fifteen.

DYLE
Well, there's your trouble right
there you're too old for me.

REGGIE
Why can't you be serious?

DYLE
There, you said it.

REGGIE
Said what?

DYLE

Serious. When a man gets to be my age that's the last word he ever wants to hear. I don't want to be serious--and I especially don't want you to be.

REGGIE

Okay--I'll tell you what--we'll just sit around all day long being frivolous--how about that?

She starts kissing him on the neck, on the chin, on the cheek.

DYLE

Now please, Reggie--cut it out.

REGGIE

(pulling back)

Okay.

DYLE

What are you doing?

REGGIE

Cutting it out.

DYLE

Who told you to do that?

REGGIE

You did.

DYLE

But I'm not through complaining yet.

REGGIE

Oh.

(She starts kissing him again)

DYLE

Now please, Reggie--cut it out.

REGGIE

I think I love you, Alex--

She kisses him on the mouth. The phone rings. He tries to talk as she continues kissing him.

DYLE
(mumbling)
The phone's ringing--

REGGIE
Whoever it is won't give up--
and neither will I.

The phone continues to ring and she continues to kiss him. Finally, REGGIE reaches out to the bedstand and takes the phone off the hook. She brings the receiver up to their mouths and mumbles into it.

REGGIE
(on phone)
Sorry--I was just--uh--nibbling
on something.

248. INT. TEX'S ROOM - NIGHT

TEX speaks into the phone.

TEX
Miz Lampert, my buddies 'n me,
we'd oblige it mighty highly if
you could mosey on across the
hall 'n chew the fat with us for
a spell.

249. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

DYLE is watching her.

REGGIE
(on the phone)
Can you give me one good reason
why I should?

250. INT. TEX'S ROOM - NIGHT

TEX

(on the phone)

Yes, ma'am. A little one--'bout seven or eight years old. Th' little tyke keeps callin' you his Aunt Reggie--ain't that cute?

250A. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

She covers the phone and turns to DYLE in alarm.

REGGIE

They've got Jean-Louis!

DYLE

That sounds like their problem.

REGGIE

(into the phone)

I'll be right there.

250B. INT. TEX'S ROOM - NIGHT

TEX

(on the phone)

We'll be waitin' in room forty-seven, Miz Lampert--so you just wiggle on over.

251. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

As REGGIE hangs up.

REGGIE

What day is it?

DYLE

Tuesday.

REGGIE

Lord, I forgot all about it-- Sylvie works late Tuesday nights-- she always leaves him with me.

(more)

REGGIE (cont'd)

They wouldn't do anything to a little boy, would they?

DYLE

I don't know--it depends on whether or not they've already eaten.

252. INT. TEX'S ROOM - NIGHT

CLOSE SHOT - JEAN-LOUIS. He looks around, uncertainly, first one way, then the other. CAMERA PULLS BACK to show him sitting on SCOBIE's knee, the large man holding him with his good hand, the metal one in his pocket. TEX sits next to them while GIDEON nervously paces the floor. When GIDEON begins sneezing he takes the small bottle of pills from his pocket and downs one or two, swallowing some water.

SCOBIE

Hey, Tex--move the kid to the other knee or something, will you? My leg's going to sleep.

TEX lifts JEAN-LOUIS and puts him down on SCOBIE's other knee.

TEX

Upsy-daisy.

JEAN-LOUIS

Are you a real cowboy?

TEX

Sure am.

JEAN-LOUIS

Then where is your gun?

TEX

(taking out his gun)
Right here--see?

GIDEON

Will you put that thing away!

A KNOCK at the door. GIDEON goes to open it. REGGIE and DYLE enter. She sees JEAN-LOUIS and TEX's gun.

REGGIE
Jean-Louis!

She snatches him off SCOBIE's lap.

TEX
Howdy, Miz Lampert.

SCOBIE
(glaring at DYLE)
Who invited you?

DYLE
Hello, Herman, it was a happy
landing, I see.

REGGIE
I'd better call Sylvie--she
must be frantic.

She starts for the door with JEAN-LOUIS. GIDEON blocks
her way.

GIDEON
I'm afraid that will have to
wait, Mrs. Lampert.

REGGIE
But his mother--

GIDEON
She isn't going to be anybody's
mother unless you answer some
questions.

TEX
This ain't no game,
Miz Lampert.

SCOBIE
We want that money--now!

DYLE
(forcefully)
Be quiet, all of you!

The THREE MEN look at him, surprised by his tone.

DYLE

And stop threatening that boy.
He doesn't have the money. Mrs.
Lampert doesn't either.

SCOBIE

Then who does?

DYLE

I don't know, Herman--maybe you do.

SCOBIE

Me?

DYLE

(to TEX)

Or you--

(to GIDEON)

--or you--

GIDEON, TEX & SCOBIE

(together)

That's the most ridiculous--!
You gone loco?
Listen to the man!

DYLE

Slowly. Suppose one of you
found Charles here in Paris,
followed him, cornered him
on the train, threw him out
the window and took the money.

SCOBIE

(after a pause)

That's a crock! If one of us
did that he wouldn't hang around
here waiting for the other two
to wise up.

DYLE

But he'd have to. If he left
he'd be admitting his guilt--
and the others would know what
happened. Whoever it is has to
wait here, pretending to look
(more)

DYLE (cont'd)
for the money, waiting for the
rest of us to give up and go home.
That's when he'll be safe and not
a minute before.

A pause as the THREE MEN look at one another.

GIDEON
Up till now we always figured she
had the money--but you know so much
about it, maybe you've got it.

DYLE
Then what am I doing here? You
didn't know anything about me--
I'm the only one who could have taken
it and kept right on going.

SCOBIE
He's just tryin' to throw us off!
They've got it, I tell you! Why
don't we search their rooms?

DYLE
(exchanging looks
with REGGIE)
It's all right with us--

TEX
(rising)
What are we wastin' time for?
Let's go.

DYLE
And while we're waiting, we might
as well go through yours.

SCOBIE
(stopping)
Not my room!

DYLE
What's wrong, Herman--have you
got something to hide?
(a pause, then smiling)
(more)

DYLE (cont'd)
Then I take it there are no
objections.

The THREE MEN look at one another unhappily.

DYLE
We'd better exchange keys. Here's
mine.

SCOBIE
I'll take that.

He takes DYLE's key and gives DYLE his. GIDEON goes to
REGGIE, takes her key and gives her his own.

TEX
Mine's in the door. Ariva durchy,
y'all.

The THREE MEN file out. DYLE and REGGIE exchange looks.

DYLE
Come on--let's get busy. Who gets
your vote?

REGGIE
Scobie--he's the one that ob-
jected.

DYLE
(handing her the key)
He's all yours. I'll do Tex and
Gideon. Take Jean-Louis with you--
and make sure you bolt the door
from inside.

REGGIE
Viens, Jean-Louis--we're going to
have a treasure hunt.

JEAN-LOUIS
(joining them)
Oh, la! If I find the treasure,
will I win a prize?

REGGIE

(to DYLE)

What should we give him?

DYLE

How about \$25,000? Or do you think it would spoil him?

She smiles, takes JEAN-LOUIS' hand and leaves. DYLE turns to survey TEX's room.

253. He goes first to the drawer in the night table - empty; and the bed, looking in it and under it. Then he goes to the desk and opens the drawers - also empty. The bureau is next - he opens all three double drawers and they, too, are completely empty. Frowning, he goes to the armoire and opens it - shelves and hanging bar are likewise bare. Then, CAMERA PANNING DOWN, he sees the only thing he's found so far in the room - a pair of fine cowboy boots.

254. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

CLOSE SHOT - AIRLINES BAG. CAMERA PULLS BACK to include GIDEON, staring down at it as it lies on the table in the center of the room.

GIDEON

(eyes on the bag)

Tex?

255. ANOTHER ANGLE

Including TEX, busy going through the bureau. He looks up, then joins GIDEON.

TEX

What's that?

GIDEON empties the contents of the bag on the table, then starts examining the various items. He opens the wallet.

256. INSERT - WALLET

Inside, the initials "C.L." are printed in gold.

TEX'S VOICE (o.s.)

Charlie's stuff?

GIDEON'S VOICE (o.s.)
Looks like it.

257. MED. SHOT - TEX & GIDEON

TEX
Mebbe we'd better call Herman.

GIDEON has put the wallet aside and now picks up the letter, removing it from the envelope and reading it.

GIDEON
What for? If it's not here, why bother him?

TEX
And if it is?

GIDEON
(a pause)
Why bother him?

A broad grin from TEX. They continue going through the items from the bag.

TEX
You sure nuthin's missin'?

GIDEON
No. The police have kindly provided us with a list.

TEX takes the list, examines it, then folds it and puts it in his pocket. They finish with the items from the bag.

TEX
There sure ain't nothin' here worth no quarter of a million.

GIDEON
Not unless we're blind.

TEX
(staring at GIDEON)
You think that mebbe we're fishin' the wrong stream?

GIDEON
Meaning what?

TEX
You don't s'pose one o' us has
it, like the man said--I mean,
that'd be pretty distasteful--us
bein' vet'rans o' the same war
'n' all.

GIDEON
(very sincerely)
You know I'd tell you if I had it.

TEX
Nachurly. Jus' like I'd tell you.

GIDEON
Nachurly. And that goes for Herman,
too.

TEX & GIDEON
(together)
Nachurly!

The TWO MEN look at one another, then smile - then laugh.

258.)

259.) DELETED

260.)

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262. INT. SCOBIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

REGGIE on the phone, JEAN-LOUIS standing by.

REGGIE
--He's all right, Sylvie, honestly.
Just hurry up and get here.

She hangs up and turns to JEAN-LOUIS.

REGGIE
Come on, now--if you wanted to
hide something, where would you
put it?

JEAN-LOUIS

I know. I would bury it in the garden.

REGGIE

Swell--only this man doesn't have a garden.

JEAN-LOUIS

Oh.

(afterthought)

Neither do I.

(Seeing something)

Voilà!

REGGIE

Voilà what?

JEAN-LOUIS

(pointing)

Up there! I would put it up there!

REGGIE looks to where JEAN-LOUIS is pointing - to the top of the high armoire.

REGGIE

You know something, cookie? Why not?

Taking one of the straight chairs to the armoire, she stands on it. Although she is still not high enough to see anything, by standing on tip-toes she is able to reach with her hand over the top and grope around blindly.

REGGIE

I hope I don't find any little hairy things living up here--wait! There is something! If I can just-- yes, I'm getting it--a case of some sort--it's heavy.

JEAN-LOUIS

(jumping up and down)

I found it! I found it!

REGGIE

If you think you're getting credit
for this, you're crazy.

JEAN-LOUIS

(ecstatic)

We won! We won!

REGGIE has finally managed to pull down the case--a rectangular black bag about the size and shape of a trombone case. As he climbs off the chair, JEAN-LOUIS suddenly runs to the door, unbolts it and runs into the hall, CAMERA PANNING with him.

263. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - THIRD LANDING - NIGHT

As JEAN-LOUIS runs out into the hall, shouting.

JEAN-LOUIS

We found it! We found it!

DYLE is the first one to appear, coming out of GIDEON's room. TEX has also appeared from REGGIE's room, followed by GIDEON.

JEAN-LOUIS

We found it!

The THREE MEN rush by JEAN-LOUIS and squeeze simultaneously into SCOBIE's room.

264. INT. SCOBIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

As DYLE, TEX and GIDEON enter, REGGIE is placing the little straight black chair to its original position. There is no sign of the black case.

DYLE

Reggie--? Did you find it?

REGGIE

No.

GIDEON

What do you mean, no?

TEX

The kid said--

JEAN-LOUIS
 (pointing atop the
 armoire)
 Up there! It is up there!

REGGIE
 No, Jean-Louis.

TEX grabs the chair and moves it to the armoire, climbing up on it and grabbing the bag.

REGGIE
 It's nothing, I tell you!

He brings it to the table as DYLE and GIDEON crowd around him, anxious to see.

265. CLOSE SHOTS (PANNING)

The ring of faces, one at a time. TEX, his jaw muscles working feverishly; DYLE, his eyes unblinking, a slight smile on his lips; GIDEON, his mouth open greedily.

266. GROUP SHOT

As TEX finally springs the latches and opens the lid.

267. CLOSE SHOT - CASE

Inside, neatly packed in velvet fittings, like the parts of a musical instrument, are various portions of and attachments for a metal artificial hand.

TEX'S VOICE (o.s.)
 Jumpin' frejoles - it's Herman's
 spare.

268. GROUP SHOT - THE THREE MEN

As they stare at the case, surprised and just a little embarrassed. Slowly TEX lowers the lid. The MEN avoid looking at one another.

269. WIDER ANGLE

Including REGGIE and JEAN-LOUIS by the door.

REGGIE
Where is he?

The MEN look at one another.

TEX
Hey, that's right!

DYLE
(already running)
He's in my room.

The THREE MEN hurry past REGGIE and JEAN-LOUIS and out of the door.

JEAN-LOUIS
What is the matter?

270. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - THIRD LANDING - NIGHT

DYLE, TEX, and GIDEON, followed by REGGIE and JEAN-LOUIS cross the hall to DYLE's room. DYLE turns the key which is still in the door. He enters, followed by the others.

271. INT. DYLE'S ROOM - NIGHT

DYLE, TEX and GIDEON stand in the center of the room, looking around. REGGIE and JEAN-LOUIS wait in the open doorway. The room looks like a cyclone hit the place, but there is no sign of SCOBIE. The sound of running water can be heard coming from behind the closed door to the bathroom and DYLE is the first to notice the water beginning to leak out from under the door.

DYLE
Reggie--you and the boy better
wait here.

272. INT. BATH - NIGHT

SCOBIE, still dressed in his raincoat, lies face up, his head submerged in the filled tub, the water now pouring over the edge. His face is distorted. DYLE's hand appears and turns off the water.

273. DELETED

274. REVERSE SHOT

DYLE, TEX and GIDEON staring at CAMERA.

TEX

Now who'da done a mean thing
like that?

DYLE

(looking carefully
at both)
I'm not quite sure.

TEX

This ain't my room.

GIDEON

Mine, either.

DYLE

(considering the
situation)
The police aren't going to like
this one bit.

GIDEON

(helpful)
We could dry him off and take
him down the hall to his own room.
(looking at the
body)
He really doesn't look so bad.

TEX

We could put him to bed 'n let
one o' them fem-de-chambers find
him in the mornin'.

DYLE and GIDEON look at one another.

TEX

Poor ol' Herman--him 'n good
luck always was strangers. Maybe
now he'll meet up with his other
hand someplace--but I sure hope
it ain't waitin' for him in Heaven.

275. INT. SCOBIE'S ROOM - DAY

CLOSE SHOT - SCOBIE. The dead man's eyes are open, his jaw hanging, his head lying crazily on the pillow. CAMERA PULLS BACK to show him lying in bed, dressed in his pajamas. CAMERA WHIRLS for a TIGHT CLOSE SHOT of a MAID, her eyes widening as the realization that the man is dead strikes her. Then she screams.

276. INT. GRANDPIERRE'S OFFICE - LATE AFTERNOON

277. CLOSE SHOT - GRANDPIERRE. The policeman is apoplectic.

GRANDPIERRE

No! No! No! No!

CAMERA PULLS BACK to include, REGGIE, DYLE, TEX and GIDEON, all sitting silently in the INSPECTOR's office.

GRANDPIERRE

A man drowned in his bed--impossible! And in his pajamas--the second one in his pajamas--c'est trop bête! Stop lying to me--

(tapping the side
of his nose)

--this nose tells me when you are lying--it is never mistaken, not in twenty-three years--this nose will make me commissaire of police.

(Tapping his fingers
on his desk)

Mr. Dyle or Mr. Joshua--which is it?

DYLE

Dyle.

GRANDPIERRE

And yet you registered in Megeve as Mr. Joshua. Do you know it is against the law to register under an assumed name?

DYLE

No, I didn't.

REGGIE

It's done in America all the time.

GRANDPIERRE raps for silence on his desk. During the pause, he looks into each face in turn.

GRANDPIERRE

None of you will be permitted to leave Paris--until this matter is cleared up. Only I warn you--I will be watching. We use the guillotine in this country--I have always suspected that the blade coming down causes no more than a slight tickling sensation on the back of the neck. It is only a guess, of course--I hope none of you ever finds out for certain.

278. DELETED

279. EXT. QUAI MONTEBELLO - LATE AFTERNOON (TRAVELING)

REGGIE and DYLE walking along the quai, next to the Seine, CAMERA LEADING.

REGGIE

Who do you think did it--Gideon?

DYLE

Maybe.

REGGIE

Or Tex?

DYLE

Maybe.

REGGIE

You're a big help. Can I have one of those?

They have passed an ice-cream wagon on the corner of the

Pont au Double. DYLE shrugs.

REGGIE
(to the VENDOR)
Vanille-chocolat.

During the following, the VENDOR makes a double-decker cone and hands it to REGGIE. DYLE pays and they resume their walk--all with no break in the dialogue.

REGGIE
I think Tex did it.

DYLE
Why?

REGGIE
Because I really suspect Gideon--
and it is always the person you
don't suspect.

DYLE
(smiling)
Do women think it's feminine to
be so illogical--or can't they
help it?

REGGIE
What's so illogical about that?

DYLE
A) It's always the person you don't
suspect; B) that means you think it's
Tex because you really suspect Gideon;
therefore C) if you think it's Tex,
it has to be someone else--Gideon.

REGGIE
Oh. I guess they just can't help
it.

DYLE
Who?

REGGIE
Women. You know, I can't help feeling
(more)

REGGIE (cont'd)
rather sorry for Scobie.
(a pause)
Wouldn't it be nice if we were
like that?

DYLE
What--like Scobie?

REGGIE
No--Gene Kelly. Remember the way
he danced down there next to the
river in 'American in Paris'--
without a care in the world?
This is good, want some?

She offers him her cone, thrusting it forward with enough
force to dislodge the ice-cream. It lands right next to
his lapel, over his outside breast pocket.

DYLE
(frowning)
I'd love some, thanks.

REGGIE
I'm sorry.

He pulls open the pocket with two sticky fingers and looks
inside, then shakes his head sadly at what he sees. REGGIE
still holds the empty cone, not knowing what to do with it.
Seeing this, he takes it and sticks it into his pocket.

DYLE
No sense messing up the streets.

REGGIE
Alex--

DYLE
Hm?

REGGIE
I'm scared.

DYLE
Don't worry, I'm not going to
hit you.

REGGIE

No, about Scobie, I mean. I can't think of any reason why he was killed.

They resume walking.

DYLE

Maybe somebody felt that four shares were too many--

REGGIE

What makes you think that this somebody will be satisfied with three? He wants it all, Alex-- that means we're in his way, too.

DYLE

Yes, I know.

REGGIE

First your brother, then Charles, now Scobie--we've got to do something! Any minute now we could be assassinated! Would you do anything like that?

DYLE

(surprised)

What? Assassinate somebody?

REGGIE

No--

280. ANOTHER ANGLE

Including the Cathedral of NOTRE DAME in the background.

REGGIE

--swing down from there on a rope to save the woman you love-- like Charles Laughton in 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame'?

281. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - THIRD LANDING - LATE AFTERNOON

As REGGIE and DYLE step from the elevator.

REGGIE

Hurry up and change--I'm starved.

DYLE

Let me know what you want--I'll
pick a suit that matches.

He goes into his room and she goes into hers.

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284.) DELETED

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287. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

She enters, fixes her hair in the mirror, then goes to the door connecting her room with DYLE's. She unlocks it, tries to open it, but finds it locked. Disappointed, she knocks.

DYLE'S VOICE (o.s.)

What do you want?

REGGIE

It's the house detective--why
haven't you got a girl in there?

288. INT. DYLE'S ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

He calls to her through the closed door as he empties his pockets.

DYLE

Lord, you're a pest.

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)

Can I come in?

DYLE

I'd like to take a bath.

289. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

REGGIE
Wouldn't it be better if you
did it in my room?

DYLE'S VOICE (o.s.)
What for?

REGGIE
I wouldn't want to use that tub.
Besides, I don't want to be alone.
I'm afraid.

290. INT. DYLE'S ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

DYLE
I'm only next door--if anything
happens, holler.

He sits down to take off his shoes, but is interrupted by the sound of REGGIE screaming. He races for the connecting door, pulls back the bolt and rushes in.

291. DELETED

292. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

As DYLE enters.

DYLE
Reggie!

He wheels as the door is slammed and REGGIE, who had been standing behind it, locks it and pockets the key.

REGGIE
Got you.

DYLE
Did you ever hear the story of
the boy who cried wolf?

REGGIE
The shower's in there.

He goes to the door leading to the hall and finds that

locked as well. She smiles at him.

DYLE
(warning)
Reggie--open the door.

REGGIE
This is a ludicrous situation.
There must be dozens of men dying
to use my shower.

DYLE
Then I suggest you call one of
them.

REGGIE
I dare you.

DYLE looks at her, then sits down and starts to remove
his shoes.

REGGIE
(has she gone
too far?)
What are you doing?

DYLE
Have you ever heard of anyone
taking a shower with his shoes
on?
(to himself)
What a nut.

Shoes off, DYLE starts for the bathroom, humming.

DYLE
I usually sing a medley of
old favorites when I bathe--
any requests?

REGGIE
Shut the door!

DYLE
I don't think I know that one.

Testing the water with his hand, he now steps in fully

dressed. REGGIE can't believe her eyes. She goes to the open door for a closer look.

REGGIE
What on earth are you doing?

293. INT. BATHROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

MED. SHOT - DYLE. In the shower, making sure his suit gets uniformly soaked.

DYLE
(explaining
pleasantly)
Drip-dry!

He takes the soap and begins washing as if he were washing himself without the suit.

DYLE
The suit needs it more than
I do, anyway.

REGGIE
(fascinated)
How often do you go through
this little ritual?

As he takes out his handkerchief and rinses it.

DYLE
Every day. The manufacturer
recommends it.

REGGIE
I don't believe it.

He opens his coat and reads a label inside.

DYLE
"Wearing this suit during
washing will help protect its
shape."

He flicks a little water in her face, then takes the nail-brush and scrubs his watch and watch-band. He holds up his wrist so she can see the watch.

DYLE
Waterproof.

He begins unbuttoning his suit. She turns and leaves,
slamming the door after her.

294.)

295.) DELETED

296. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

As REGGIE goes to the armoire to select a dress. The PHONE
rings and she answers it.

REGGIE
(into phone)
Yes--?

297. INT. BARTHOLOMEW'S APARTMENT - LATE AFTERNOON

CLOSE SHOT - BARTHOLOMEW

BARTHOLOMEW
(on the phone)
Mrs. Lampert?--Bartholomew. I've
spoken to Washington, Mrs. Lampert--

298. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

REGGIE
(on the phone)
Go ahead, Mr. Bartholomew--I'm
listening.

299. INT. BARTHOLOMEW'S APARTMENT - LATE AFTERNOON

BARTHOLOMEW
(on the phone)
I told them what you said--
about this man being Carson
Dyle's brother. I asked them
what they knew about it and
they told me--you're not gonna
like this, Mrs. Lampert--they
told me Carson Dyle has no
brother.

300. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE on the phone, looking like the rug has been pulled out from under her.

REGGIE

(pause, quietly)

Are you sure there's no mistake?

301. INT. BARTHOLOMEW'S APARTMENT - LATE AFTERNOON

BARTHOLOMEW

(on the phone)

None whatsoever. Please, Mrs.
Lampert--be careful.

302. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

REGGIE slowly lowers the phone to its cradle, a worried expression on her face. Then the bathroom door opens and DYLE appears dressed in a large bath towel. Her back is to him.

DYLE

I left all my drip-dry dripping--
is it all right?

She doesn't answer.

DYLE

Reggie--is something wrong?

She shakes her head.

DYLE

You're probably weak from hunger.
You've only had five meals today.
Hurry up and we'll go out.

She turns and looks at him.

REGGIE

Do you mind if we go someplace
crowded? I--I feel like lots of
people tonight.

303. EXT. SEINE - BÂTEAU MOUCHE - DUSK

The large motor launch, moving along the river, gaily ablaze with lights.

304. MED. SHOT - REGGIE AND DYLE (PROCESS)

At a table for two by the rail, the city slowly passing in the b.g.

DYLE

Reggie--you haven't spoken a word in twenty minutes.

REGGIE

I keep thinking about Charles and Scobie--and the one who's going to be next--me?

DYLE

Nothing's going to happen to you while I'm around--I want you to believe that.

REGGIE

How can I believe it when you don't even know who the killer is? I've got that right, haven't I? You don't know who did it.

DYLE

No--not yet.

REGGIE

But then if we sit back and wait, the field should start narrowing down, shouldn't it? Whoever's left alive at the end will pretty well have sewn up the nomination, wouldn't you say so?

DYLE

Are you trying to say that I might have killed Charles and Scobie?

She doesn't answer.

DYLE

What do I have to do to satisfy
you--become the next victim?

REGGIE

It's a start, anyway.

DYLE

I don't understand you at all--
one minute you're chasing me
around the shower room and the
next you're accusing me of murder.

REGGIE

Carson Dyle didn't have a brother.

304A. WIDER ANGLE

She rises from the table and walks away. DYLE hesitates a
moment, then follows.

DYLE

I can explain if you'll just
listen. Will you listen?

REGGIE

(looking at the river)

I can't very well leave without
a pair of water wings.

DYLE

Okay. Then get set for the story
of my life--not that it would ever
make the best-seller list.

REGGIE

Fiction or non-fiction?

DYLE

Why don't you shut up!

REGGIE

Well!

DYLE

Are you going to listen?

REGGIE

Go on.

DYLE

After I graduated college I was all set to go into my father's business. Umbrella frames-- that's what he made. It was a sensible business, I suppose, but I didn't have the sense to be interested in anything sensible.

REGGIE

I suppose all this is leading somewhere?

DYLE

It led me away from umbrella frames, for one thing. But that left me without any honest means of support.

REGGIE

What do you mean?

DYLE

When a man has no profession except the one he loathes, what's left? I began looking for people with more money than they'd ever need--including some they'd barely miss.

REGGIE

(astonished)

You mean, you're a thief?

DYLE

Well, it isn't exactly the term I'd have chosen, but I suppose it captures the spirit of the thing.

REGGIE

(a pause)

I don't believe it.

DYLE

Well, I can't really blame you--
not now.

REGGIE

But I do believe it--that's what
I don't believe. So it's goodbye
Alexander Dyle--Welcome home Peter
Joshua.

DYLE

Sorry, the name's Adam Canfield.

REGGIE

Adam Canfield. Wonderful. Do you
realize you've had three names in
the past two days? I don't even
know who I'm talking to any more.

DYLE

(now called ADAM)

The man's the same, even if the
name isn't.

REGGIE

No--he's not the same. Alexander
Dyle was interested in clearing
up his brother's death. Adam
Canfield is a crook. And with
all the advantages you've got--
brains, charm, education, a hand-
some face--

ADAM

Oh, come on!

REGGIE

--there has to be a darn good
reason for living the way you do.
I want to know what it is.

ADAM

It's simple. I like what I do--
I enjoy doing it. There aren't
many men who love their work as
much as I do. Look around some
time.

REGGIE
Is there a Mrs. Canfield?

ADAM
Yes, but--

ADAM AND REGGIE
(together)
--we're divorced.

ADAM
Right. Now go eat your dinner.

304B. ANOTHER ANGLE

They walk back to the table, where a WAITER is busy putting food on it, mostly on REGGIE's side.

REGGIE
(miserably)
I could eat a horse.

ADAM
(looking at all
the food)
I think that's what you ordered.

REGGIE
Don't you dare to be civil with me! All this time you were leading me on--

ADAM
How was I leading you on?

REGGIE
All that marvelous rejection-- you knew I couldn't resist it. Now it turns out you were only interested in the money.

ADAM
That's right.

REGGIE

(hurt)

Oh!

ADAM

What would you like me to say--that a pretty girl with an outrageous manner means more to an old pro like me than a quarter of a million dollars?

REGGIE

No--I guess not.

ADAM

It's a toss-up, I can tell you that.

REGGIE

What?

ADAM

Don't you know I'm having a tough time keeping my eyes off of you?

REGGIE reacts in surprise.

ADAM

Oh, you should see your face.

REGGIE

What about it?

ADAM

(taking her hand,
nicely)

It's lovely.

She looks at him with happy amazement, then pushes her plate away.

ADAM

What's the matter?

REGGIE

I'm not hungry--isn't it glorious?

The lights go out.

REGGIE
(alarmed)
Adam!

ADAM
It's all right--look.

304C.EXT. SEINE BÂTEAU MOUCHE - NIGHT

A searchlight near the boat's bridge has gone on and now begins sweeping the river banks. On benches by the water's edge, lovers are surprised by the bright light which suddenly and without warning discovers them in various attitudes of mutual affection. Some are embarrassed, some are amused and some (the most intimate) damn annoyed. One even shakes his fist at the light.

304D.MED. SHOT - REGGIE AND ADAM

Who, like everyone else, leave the table and stand together at the rail watching.

REGGIE
You don't look so bad in this
light.

ADAM
Why do you think I brought you
here?

REGGIE
(indicating the
lovers)
I thought maybe you wanted me
to see the kind of work the
competition was turning out.

ADAM
Pretty good, huh? I taught
them everything they do.

REGGIE
Oh? Did they do that sort of
thing way back in your day?

ADAM

How do you think I got here?

She rises on tip-toes and kisses him gently; his only reaction is to look at her.

REGGIE

Aren't you allowed to kiss back?

ADAM

No. The doctor said it would be bad for my--thermostat.

She kisses him again. He responds a little better.

ADAM

When you come on, you really come on.

REGGIE

Well--come on.

She starts to kiss him again, but he stops her.

REGGIE

I know why you're not taken--no one can catch up with you.

ADAM

Relax--you're gaining.

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306.) DELETED

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309. INT. GIDEON'S ROOM - NIGHT

MED. SHOT - GIDEON. As he sits bolt upright in bed, startled. The room is dark and the phone is ringing. He switches on the lamp, looks at the clock (it reads 3:30) and shakes his head before picking up the receiver.

GIDEON

Huh? You must be crazy--it's
(more)

GIDEON (cont'd)
three-thirty in the morning--
you mean now?--all right--I'll
be down in a minute.

He hangs up, swings his feet out of bed and spears his slippers, reaching for his robe at the same time. Then he shuffles sleepily to the door.

310. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - THIRD FLOOR LANDING - NIGHT

As GIDEON comes out of his room and goes to the elevator. The cage is there. He opens the door and enters.

311. INT. ELEVATOR - NIGHT

GIDEON closes the sliding grill and presses a button. The cage starts down. GIDEON begins sneezing. Suddenly the elevator stops between floors and the lights go out.

GIDEON
Hey! Turn on the lights!

Just as suddenly the lights go back on and the elevator starts moving down again. GIDEON shakes his head and leans back, whistling again. The cage comes to his floor and starts past it. Seeing this, GIDEON looks confused.

312. INT. HOTEL LOBBY - NIGHT

The NIGHT PORTER is asleep behind the desk. The elevator, GIDEON inside, keeps coming down. It passes the lobby level and keeps right on going, toward the basement.

GIDEON
Hey! How do you stop this thing?

The elevator passes out of sight, still going down. There is a silence as the motor stops, and then a series of sneezes that ends with a terrifying shriek. The NIGHT PORTER, rudely awakened, runs to the elevator shaft, his shoes squeaking horribly. He looks up, sees nothing, then looks down. He presses the call button and the motor starts. An instant later the cage appears and stops. The NIGHT PORTER opens the gate, pulls back the grill and the CAMERA RUSHES PAST him to pick up GIDEON. His body is sitting on the floor of the cage, its grotesque sprawling attitude

resembling a puppet's with its strings cut. Except that GIDEON has no strings to cut - only a throat. From ear to ear.

313. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - NIGHT

CLOSE SHOT - GRANDPIERRE. He is now doubly apoplectic.

GRANDPIERRE

Three of them--all in their
pajamas! C'est ridicule! What is
it, some new American fad?

CAMERA PULLS BACK to reveal REGGIE and ADAM, in their bathrobes.

GRANDPIERRE

And now your friend--the one
from Texas--he has disappeared--
checked out--pouf! Into thin air!
Where is he?

ADAM

I don't know.

GRANDPIERRE

Madame?

REGGIE shrugs.

GRANDPIERRE

Tell me, Mr. Dyle--where were
you at three-thirty?

ADAM

In my room, asleep.

GRANDPIERRE

And you, Mrs. Lampert?

REGGIE

I was, too.

GRANDPIERRE

In Mr. Dyle's room?

REGGIE
(bitterly)
No--in my room.

GRANDPIERRE
(pause, lighting
cigar)
It stands to reason you are
telling the truth--for why would
you invent such a ridiculous
story?

REGGIE and ADAM exchange looks.

GRANDPIERRE
And if I were you, I would not
stay in my pajamas. Good night.

GRANDPIERRE turns and leaves. REGGIE and ADAM start down
the hall toward their own rooms.

ADAM
That wraps it up--Tex has the
money. Go back to bed--I'll let
you know when I've found him.

REGGIE
You're going to look for him--
now?

ADAM
If the police find him first
they're not very likely to turn
over a quarter of a million dollars
to us, are they?

REGGIE
Adam--

ADAM
There's no time--I'll call you in
the morning.

ADAM disappears into his own room.

313A.INT. ADAM'S ROOM - NIGHT

As ADAM enters, going to the closet to remove his suit.
The phone rings. He answers it.

ADAM

Yes?

313B.INT. PHONE BOOTH - NIGHT

CLOSE SHOT - TEX. As he speaks on the phone.

TEX

Now Dyle, you listen to me--
my mama didn't raise no stupid
children. I know who's got the
money 'n I ain't disappearing
till I got my share--'n' my
share's growin' a whole lot
bigger ev'ry day.

313BBINT. ADAM'S ROOM - NIGHT

ADAM

(on the phone)

Where are you, ol' buddy?

313C.INT. PHONE BOOTH - NIGHT

TEX

(on the phone;
laughs)

I'll tell you what, fella--
you want t' find me, you jus'
turn 'round--from now on I'll
be right behind you.

(hangs up)

313CC.INT. ADAM'S ROOM - NIGHT

ADAM, before hanging up, reflects on TEX's words, then
looks behind him. Smiling softly, he hangs up the phone
and starts for REGGIE's door.

313D.INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

REGGIE slips back into her robe and goes to the connecting

door.

REGGIE

What is it?

ADAM

Open up.

She undoes the bolt and opens the door. ADAM enters.

ADAM

I think we were wrong about Tex
having the money.

REGGIE

Why?

ADAM

I just heard from him--he's
still hungry. That means killing
Gideon didn't get it for him--
so he's narrowed it down to us.
You've got it.

REGGIE

I've looked, Adam--you know I have--

ADAM

Where's that airlines bag?

REGGIE

Lord, you're stubborn.

ADAM

I sure am. Get it.

She goes to the closet and gets the bag.

ADAM

Charles must have had the money
with him on the train, and Tex
missed it.

He takes the bag to the bed where he dumps out the contents.

REGGIE

But everyone and his Aunt Lilian's been through that bag. Somebody would have seen it.

ADAM

Let's look anyway.

REGGIE

Lord, you're stubborn.

ADAM

I mean, it's there, Reggie. If only we could see it. We're looking at it right now.

313E. CLOSE SHOT - BED WITH CHARLES' BELONGINGS

ADAM'S VOICE (o.s.)

Something on that bed is worth a quarter of a million dollars.

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)

Yes, but what?

ADAM'S VOICE (o.s.)

I don't know--I just don't know.

313F. MED. SHOT - REGGIE AND ADAM

As ADAM begins to examine the items one by one.

ADAM

Electric razor--comb--steamship ticket--fountain pen--four passports--toothbrush--wallet--

(he goes through
the wallet, finds
nothing)

--key--what about that?

REGGIE

To the apartment--it matches mine perfectly.

ADAM

The letter--

He takes it out of the envelope and takes out his glasses before reading it.

REGGIE
I'll bet you don't really need
those.

He hands her the glasses and she looks through them.

REGGIE
You need them.
(She hands
them back)

ADAM
(reading the
letter)
It still doesn't make sense,
but it isn't worth any quarter
of a million either. Have we
forgotten anything?

REGGIE
The tooth powder. Wait a minute--
could you recognize heroin just
by tasting it?

He shakes some powder into his hand and tastes it. REGGIE watches expectantly.

ADAM
Heroin--peppermint-flavored
heroin.

REGGIE
Well, I guess that's it--dead
end.

ADAM
Go to bed. You've got to be at
work in the morning. There's
nothing more we can do tonight.

REGGIE
(pause)
I love you, Adam.

ADAM

Yes, you told me.

REGGIE

No--last time I said "I love you,
Alex."

314. EXT. UNESCO BUILDING - ESTABLISHING - DAY

The ultra-modern glass and concrete structure behind the Ecole Militaire.

315. INT. UNESCO CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

SEVERAL DELEGATES identified by little plaques in front of them, listing their respective nations, and their AIDES, sit around the large table. They are all wearing earphones. The ITALIAN DELEGATE is speaking.

ITALIAN DELEGATE

--di conseguenza, il Governo Italiano è decisamente a favore per l'incoraggiamento, in accordo con le tradizioni etniche rispettive delle culture basilari dei passi in via di sviluppo. Per esempio, pregare i Vietnamiti di aggiungere alle loro risaie ed ai loro campi di soja tradizionali una raccolta di semola, non solo sconvolgerebbe le loro secolari tradizioni ma, oltre tutto, e questo è molto importante per il Governo che io ho l'onore di rappresentare disturberebbe l'esportazione delle derrate farinose italiane in questa parte del mondo. Signori Delegati vi ringrazio della vostra attenzione.

316. INT. REGGIE'S BOOTH - DAY

REGGIE, wearing her headset, is talking with SYLVIE.

REGGIE

I hope Jean-Louis understands about
(more)

REGGIE (cont'd)
 last night--it's just not safe for
 him to be around me right now.

SYLVIE
 Don't be silly--he would not do
 anything. He is not yet old enough
 to be interested in girls. He says
 collecting stamps is much more satis-
 fying to a man of his age.

REGGIE
 Hold it--Italy just finished. They're
 recognizing Great Britain.

SYLVIE
 Oh la vache!

SYLVIE jumps up and rushes next door into her booth, shutting
 the door after her.

316A. INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

The BRITISH DELEGATE rises to speak, continuing through the
 next scene.

BRITISH DELEGATE
 Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates--
 my distinguished colleague from
 Italy. Her Majesty's delegation
 has listened with great patience
 to the Southern European position
 on this problem, and while we find
 it charmingly stated, we cannot
 possibly agree with its content.
 In 1937, in the British colonies
 of Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika--
 and, if I'm not mistaken, more or
 less in Somaliland--a programme
 of crop rotation was instituted
 vis-à-vis arable land which had
 never before known the plough,
 beginning before the soil was
 able to know the sort of fatigue
 now plaguing most of Western Europe.
 In 1937, therefore, Her Majesty's
 (more)

BRITISH DELEGAT (cont'd)
 Government--at that time His Majesty's Government--was able to properly assay the situation. We therefore oppose the resolution.

316B. INT. REGGIE'S BOOTH - DAY

The door from the hall opens and ADAM enters.

ADAM
 Reggie--I think I've found--
 (stopping)
 --are you on?

REGGIE
 No, it's all right. What's wrong, Adam?

ADAM
 Nothing's wrong. I think I found something. I was snooping around Tex's room and I found this in the waste basket. I've stuck it back together.

He hands her a paper.

317. INSERT - POLICE RECEIPT

The one GRANDPIERRE gave REGGIE. It has been torn in half and scotch-taped back together.

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)
 It's the receipt Inspector Grandpierre gave me--for Charles's things. I don't see how that's going to--

318. MED. SHOT - REGGIE AND ADAM

ADAM
 You didn't look. Last night, when we went through the airlines bag, something was missing. See--?
 (showing her
 the list)
 "One agenda." It wasn't there.

REGGIE

You're right. I remember Grandpierre looking through it. But there was nothing in it--at least, nothing that the police thought was very important.

ADAM

Can you remember anything at all?

REGGIE

Grandpierre asked me about an appointment Charles had--on the day he was killed.

ADAM

With whom? Where?

REGGIE

I think it only said where--but I can't--

ADAM

Think, Reggie, you've got to think--it may be what we're looking for.

REGGIE

That money's not ours, Adam--if we keep it, we'll be breaking the law.

ADAM

Nonsense. We didn't steal it. There's no law against stealing stolen money.

REGGIE

Of course there is!

ADAM

There is? Well, I can't say I think very much of a silly law like that. Think, Reggie--please think--what was written in Charles' notebook?

REGGIE

Well--it was a place--a street
corner, I think. But I don't--
(hearing something
through her earpiece)
Hold it. I'm on.

She turns back to the conference, flips a switch and starts speaking into her headset.

REGGIE

(translating)

Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates--
my distinguished colleague from
Great Britain--

319. INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

The FRENCH DELEGATE is speaking.

FRENCH DELEGATE

Monsieur le Président, Messieurs
les délégués--mon distingué collègue
de la Grande Bretagne--le problème
vu par mon Gouvernement n'est pas
aussi simple que nos amis les
Anglais voudraient nous le faire
croire. Mais leur pays n'est pas,
après tout, un pays agricole,
n'est-ce pas? La position française,
ainsi que nous l'avons soulignée
dans le rapport numéro trente-neuf
bar oblique cinquante-deux de la
Conférence de l'hémisphère occidental
qui a eu lieu le 22 mars--

320. INT. REGGIE'S BOOTH - DAY

REGGIE is busy translating.

REGGIE

--as outlined in report number
three-nine-stroke-five-two of the
Western Hemisphere Conference held
on March 22--

(She stops)

--no wait! It was last Thursday,
five o'clock at the Jardin des
Champs-Élysées! Adam--that was
it! The garden!

ADAM

It's Thursday today--and it's
almost five--come on!

321. MED. SHOT - CONFERENCE TABLE

From REGGIE'S and ADAM'S ANGLE. All the DELEGATES and
their AIDES suddenly turn, surprised, and look at CAMERA.

322. REVERSE SHOT - WINDOW

From the DELEGATE'S ANGLE. Inside the booth, REGGIE and
ADAM can be seen heading for the door in a hurry.

323. MED. SHOT - CONFERENCE TABLE

As the DELEGATES look at one another, confused.

324. EXT. GUIGNOL - LATE AFTERNOON

325. TWO SHOT - REGGIE AND ADAM

By the locked gate.

REGGIE

Now what?

ADAM

Five o'clock--Thursday--the
Garden--it's got to be something
around here.

REGGIE

But Charles' appointment was last
week, not--

ADAM

I know, but this is all we've
got left.

REGGIE

Well, you're right there. Ten minutes ago I had a job.

ADAM

Stop grousing. If we find the money I'll buy you an international conference all your own. Now start looking. You take this side and I'll poke around over there.

326. VARIOUS SHOTS - WHAT THEY SEE

A quick succession of shots showing:

1. Children's Merry-go-round
2. Rond Point de Champs-Élysées with fountains playing
3. Children's swings
4. Restaurant Laurent
5. Balloon salesman

327. EXT. FOUNTAIN - LATE AFTERNOON

ADAM stands by the large fountain, staring off at something as REGGIE joins him.

REGGIE

It's hopeless--I don't even know what we're looking for.

ADAM

It's all right--I don't think Tex does either.

REGGIE

Tex? You mean he's here, too?

ADAM

Look.

328. MED. SHOT - TEX

He stands near the merry-go-round, looking at something in his hand: Charles' agenda. Now he closes it and moves off, disappearing behind a hedge.

329. TWO SHOT - REGGIE AND ADAM

ADAM

I'd better see what he's up
to. Stay here--I won't be long.

ADAM starts off.

REGGIE

(concerned)

Be careful, Adam--please. He's
already killed three men.

330. DELETED

331. EXT. RUE GABRIEL - LATE AFTERNOON

Between the curb and the Jardin, several temporary wooden
booths have been set up. They have collected quite a
CROWD. Into this area comes TEX, followed at a safe
distance by ADAM. Suddenly TEX stops.

332.) DELETED

333.)

334. CLOSE SHOT - TEX

As he stares wide-eyed at something.

335. CLOSE SHOT - STAMPS

Neatly displayed on a counter of one of the booths.

336. CLOSE SHOT - TEX

As he wheels to look at another booth.

337. CLOSE SHOT - MORE STAMPS

In another arrangement.

338. CLOSE SHOT - TEX

He turns crazily to look at another booth, then another.

339. CLOSE SHOT - EVEN MORE STAMPS

Various FLASH SHOTS of stamps of all sizes, shapes and colors.

340. MED. SHOT - TEX

As he understands. He turns to rush off and bumps smack into ADAM. TEX is startled.

TEX
Sorry, fella--

He rushes off past ADAM, who watches him for a moment, confused, then turns toward the booth, not yet having seen the stamps.

341. MED. SHOT - BOOTH

From ADAM's angle. There are one or two persons standing at the booth. CAMERA ZOOMS in on the display of stamps.

342. CLOSE SHOT - ADAM

ADAM
(amazed)
The letter.

He quickly turns to find TEX.

343. MED. SHOT - TEX

As he hops into the back of a TAXI and it pulls away from the curb. ADAM runs toward another TAXI.

ADAM
Taxi!--Taxi!

344. DELETED

345. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - THIRD FLOOR LANDING - LATE AFTERNOON

As ADAM comes up the stairs and goes to REGGIE's door. Whipping out his gun, he flings open the door.

346. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

From ADAM's angle. TEX sits in the armchair, staring at CAMERA. Next to him is the airlines bag, its contents dumped on the floor.

347. ANOTHER ANGLE

Including ADAM as he enters, his gun trained on TEX. Without speaking he goes to the airlines bag, then stoops down to go through the spilled contents, keeping one eye all the time on TEX. But he can't find what he's looking for.

ADAM

(quietly)

All right--where's the letter?

TEX

The letter? The letter ain't worth nuthin'.

ADAM

You know what I mean--the envelope with the stamps. I want it.

TEX

(a pause, then
beginning to laugh)

You greenhorn--you half-witted, thick-skulled, hare-brained, greenhorn! They wuz both too smart for us!

ADAM

What are you talking about?

TEX

First her husband, now her-- she hoodwinked you! She batted all them big eyes and you went 'n fell for it--like a egg from a tall chicken! Here!

(holding out the
envelope)

You want? Here--it's yours!

ADAM takes it and looks at it.

348. INSERT - ENVELOPE

The corner containing the stamps is missing, torn off.

349. MED. SHOT - ADAM AND TEX

TEX sees the expression on ADAM's face and begins laughing, hysterically.

TEX

Look at you! Horn-swoggled by
a purty face 'n all them sweet
words! You killed all three of
'em for nothin'! You greenhorn!
You block-headed jackass! You
clod--you booby--you nincompoop--!

350. EXT. ROND POINT - LATE AFTERNOON

REGGIE is looking around for ADAM. She sees something across the street. CAMERA SPINS AROUND to discover SYLVIE, sitting alone on a bench near the stamp market, reading a newspaper.

351. MED. SHOT - SYLVIE

As REGGIE approaches her.

REGGIE

Sylvie--? What are you doing here?

SYLVIE

(looking up)

Hello, Reggie--I am waiting for
Jean-Louis.

REGGIE

(looking around)

What's he up to?

SYLVIE

He was so excited--when he got
the stamps you gave him this
morning. He said he had never
seen any like them.

REGGIE

I'm glad. But what's all this?

SYLVIE

The stamp market, of course--it
is here every Thursday afternoon.
This is where Jean-Louis trades
his--

REGGIE

(as it dawns)
Good Lord! The stamps! Where is
he? Sylvie--we've got to find him!

SYLVIE

What's the matter, chérie?

REGGIE

Those stamps--they're worth a
fortune!

SYLVIE

(jumping up)
What?

REGGIE

A fortune! Hurry--we've got to
find him!

They rush off into the market.

352. TWO SHOT - REGGIE AND SYLVIE

As they stop among the booths, looking around.

REGGIE

I don't see him.

SYLVIE

We will separate--you look over
there.

They go off in opposite directions.

353. MED. SHOT - REGGIE

As she hurries along a row of stalls, weaving around small
groups of MEN standing together, showing each other stamps.

354. MED. SHOT - SYLVIE

Searching in another section of the market.

SYLVIE
(calling)
Jean-Louis--?

355. MED. SHOT - REGGIE

Spotting a BOY, she runs to him and spins him around.

REGGIE
Jean-Louis!

But it isn't.

356. MED. SHOT - SYLVIE

Looking everywhere. Suddenly she sees something.

357. CLOSE SHOT - GROUP OF MEN - THEIR LEGS

Only a small boy's elbow and part of his arm show, the rest hidden by all the legs.

358. MED. SHOT - SYLVIE

She recognizes him from these fragments.

SYLVIE
Jean-Louis!

She rushes to him, CAMERA PANNING WITH HER. JEAN-LOUIS stands looking at some stamps. SYLVIE grabs him.

SYLVIE
Jean-Louis--les timbrés--où
sont-ils?

Smiling, JEAN-LOUIS holds up an enormous sack of assorted stamps - hundreds of them.

SYLVIE
Oh, zut!
(calling)
Reggie--Reggie--!

REGGIE runs up and joins them.

REGGIE
 Jean-Louis--thank heavens! Do
 you have--!
 (spotting the sack
 of stamps)
 What's that?

JEAN-LOUIS
 A man traded with me--all those
 for only four.

REGGIE
 Oh no! What man, Jean-Louis--
 where?

JEAN-LOUIS looks in one direction, then in the other,
 trying to remember.

SYLVIE
 Vite, mon ange--vite!

JEAN-LOUIS
 (pointing)
 Là bas--Monsieur Félix.

They all run off down the line of booths. JEAN-LOUIS
 stops and points off.

JEAN-LOUIS
 Il est là!

359. MED. SHOT - STAMP BOOTH

Closed, deserted, empty.

360. MED. SHOT - REGGIE, SYLVIE AND JEAN-LOUIS

JEAN-LOUIS
 But he is gone.

REGGIE
 I don't blame him. Jean-Louis--
 do you know where this Monsieur
 Félix lives?

JEAN-LOUIS
No--but I will ask.

He goes to the closest booth and shakes the coat sleeve of the proprietor.

JEAN-LOUIS
Monsieur Théophile--

THÉOPHILE
Oui, jeune homme?

JEAN-LOUIS
Monsieur Félix, où habite-il?

THÉOPHILE
A Montmartre--demande à Monsieur August au Bar des Artistes--Place Blanche.

JEAN-LOUIS
Merci, Monsieur Théophile.
(returning to REGGIE
and SYLVIE)
He says to ask Monsieur August
at the--

Before he can finish, SYLVIE, who has heard THÉOPHILE, has JEAN-LOUIS by the hand, dragging him off at full speed, REGGIE right alongside.

361.) DELETED
363.)

364. INT. FÉLIX'S ROOM - DUSK

A bare, unkempt little room. FÉLIX, a man in his sixties, sits at a table, smoking a pipe. There are stamps and albums everywhere. He holds a magnifying glass in his hand, busy studying something on the table. There is a KNOCK. He looks up. Another KNOCK.

FÉLIX
Entrez.

The door opens and REGGIE, followed by SYLVIE and JEAN-LOUIS,

enters.

REGGIE
Monsieur Félix--?

FÉLIX
(without looking up)
I was expecting you. You are
American too, of course.

REGGIE
(looking at SYLVIE)
Yes.

FÉLIX
The man who bought them last
week was American. I did not
see him but I heard. I knew
you would come.

He gestures for REGGIE to come closer. Together with SYLVIE and JEAN-LOUIS, she goes to the table and looks at the stamps.

FÉLIX
Look at them, Madame.

365. INSERT - STAMPS

Four of them - a red, a yellow, a blue, and a green, still attached to the portion of the torn envelope.

FÉLIX (o.s.)
Have you ever, in your entire
life, seen anything so beautiful?

366. MED. SHOT - REGGIE, FÉLIX, SYLVIE AND JEAN-LOUIS

REGGIE
I'm--I'm sorry--I don't know
anything about stamps.

FÉLIX
I know them as one knows his own
face, even though I have never
seen them. This yellow one--a
(more)

FÉLIX (cont'd)
Swedish four shilling--called
'De Gula Fyraskillingen'--issued
in 1854.

REGGIE
How much is it worth?

FÉLIX
The money is unimportant.

REGGIE
I'm afraid it is important.

FÉLIX
(shrugging)
In your money, perhaps \$65,000.

REGGIE
(astonished)
Do you mind if I sit down?
(she sits)
What about the blue one?

FÉLIX
It is called 'The Hawaiian Blue'
and there are only seven left.
In 1894 the owner of one was mur-
dered by a rival collector who
was obsessed to own it.

REGGIE
What's its value today?

FÉLIX
In human life? In greed? In suf-
fering?

REGGIE
In money.

FÉLIX
Forty-five thousand.

REGGIE

(to SYLVIE)

Do you have anything to eat?

(to FÉLIX)

And the orange one--what about
the orange one?

FÉLIX

A two-penny Mauritius--issued
in 1856. Not so rare as the
others--\$30,000 perhaps.

REGGIE

And the last one?

FÉLIX

The best for the last--le chef-
d'oeuvre de la collection. The
masterpiece. It is the most valu-
able stamp in the world. It is
called 'The Gazette Guyanne.'
It was printed by hand on colored
paper in 1852 and marked with the
initials of the printer.

(looking at it
through the glass)

Today it has a value of \$100,000.

(a pause)

Eh, bien--I am not a thief. I knew
there was some mistake. Take them.

REGGIE

(hesitating)

You gave the boy quite a lot of
stamps in return, Monsieur Félix--
are they for sale now?

FÉLIX

(looking at the
large bag)

Let me see. There are 350 European,
200 Asian, 175 American, 100 African
and twelve Princess Grace commemora-
tive--which comes to nine francs
fifty.

REGGIE
 (fishing money from
 her purse)
 Here's ten.

FÉLIX goes to his wallet for the change.

REGGIE
 Please keep it.

FÉLIX
 I am a tradesman, Madame, not
 a doorman. And don't forget these.

He hands her the four stamps and her change.

REGGIE
 I'm--I'm sorry.

367. CLOSE SHOT - FÉLIX

FÉLIX
 (shrugging)
 No. For a few minutes they were
 mine--that is enough.

368. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - THIRD FLOOR LANDING - NIGHT

As REGGIE comes hurrying up the stairs. She goes first to
 ADAM's room and knocks.

REGGIE
 Adam? Adam? It's me, Reggie--!

There is no answer. She goes to her own door and, to her
 surprise, finds it an inch or two ajar.

369. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

As REGGIE enters. She freezes, having seen something on
 the floor.

370. MED. SHOT - TEX

His dead body lies on the floor, the wrists of his extended
 arms tied to the leg of the bed, his ankles to the steam
 radiator. And tied around his head is a plastic, transparent

bag, inside of which the suffocated man's face, the eyes bulging against the plastic clinging tight to his features, can be seen all too clearly. REGGIE enters the shot, bending down to see if he's alive. Then she sees something beside his hands near the leg of the bed.

371. CLOSE SHOT - CARPET

With his dying effort, TEX has traced a name against the grain of the maroon carpet - 'DYLE.'

372. CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE

Astonished and horrified.

REGGIE
(gasping)
Dyle--

373. WIDER ANGLE

As she gets to her feet and hurries to the phone.

REGGIE
(on the phone)
Hell--Balzac 30-04, s'il vous
plait--
(waiting)
--Mr. Bartholomew! Thank God
you're there! Tex is dead, Mr.
Bartholomew-- smothered--and
Adam did it--he killed them
all!

374. INT. BARTHOLOMEW'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

BARTHOLOMEW, his face lathered for a shaving, is on the phone.

BARTHOLOMEW
Just a minute, Mrs. Lampert--
you'd better give that to me
slowly. Who's Adam?

375. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

REGGIE

(on the phone)

The one who said he was Dyle's brother--of course I'm sure-- Tex wrote the word 'Dyle' before he died. He's the murderer I tell you--he's the only one left! You've got to do something!

376. INT. BARTHOLOMEW'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

BARTHOLOMEW

(on the phone)

Calm down, Mrs. Lampert--please. Does he have the money?

377. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

REGGIE

(on the phone)

No, I do--it was the stamps on that letter Charles had with him on the train. They were in plain sight all the time, but no one ever bothered looking at the envelope.

378. INT. BARTHOLOMEW'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

BARTHOLOMEW

(on the phone)

The envelope--imagine that. Mrs. Lampert, listen to me--you're not safe as long as you've got these stamps. Go to the Embassy right away--wait, I'd better meet you halfway--it's quicker. Now, let's see--do you know the center garden at the Palais Royal?--yes, by the colonnade - as soon as you can get there. Hurry, Mrs. Lampert.

379. INT. REGGIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

REGGIE
(on the phone)
Yes, I'm leaving now--goodbye.

She hangs up, looks briefly at TEX's body, shudders, then hurries to the door.

380. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - THIRD LANDING - NIGHT

As REGGIE leaves her room and goes to the elevator. She presses the button, then notices it is in use. She goes to the stairs and starts down.

381. INT. HOTEL STAIRCASE - NIGHT

Between the landings. The stairs curve around the open elevator shaft. As REGGIE comes down the stairs, the cage rises into view. Inside is ADAM. For a moment, she stops and their eyes meet.

ADAM
Reggie--the stamps--what've
you done with--?

REGGIE starts running downstairs.

ADAM
Where are you going? Wait!

ADAM pushes the emergency stop button and then starts the cage down.

ADAM
Reggie!

382. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - SECOND LANDING - NIGHT

As REGGIE comes off the stairs, passes the elevator gate and starts down toward the lobby, the cage a few feet behind her.

ADAM
Reggie!

382A. INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - FIRST LANDING - NIGHT

As REGGIE continues to run.

383. INT. HOTEL STAIRWAY - NIGHT

Between the first landing and the lobby. REGGIE running, the elevator following.

ADAM
Reggie--stop!

REGGIE
Why? So you can kill me too? Tex is dead, I've seen him! He said Dyle did it!

ADAM
I'm not Dyle--you know that!

REGGIE
But Tex didn't--he still thought--!

ADAM
Don't be an idiot!

384. INT. HOTEL LOBBY - NIGHT

REGGIE reaches the lobby first and, without hesitation, races toward the front door and out. The confused hotel MANAGER behind the desk can only stare in surprise. The elevator, ADAM inside, has not yet reached the bottom.

ADAM
Reggie--! I want those stamps!

385. EXT. HOTEL LOBBY - NIGHT

A taxi stands by the curb. REGGIE leaves the hotel and runs to it.

REGGIE
(indicating the direction)
Palais Royal--vite!

Calmly, the DRIVER points to the little printed sign on

his windshield reading "ITALIE."

DRIVER
 (pointing the
 other way)
 Porte d'Italie, moi.

REGGIE
 Mais c'est très vite! On veut
 me teur!

DRIVER
 (shaking his head)
 Italie.

She looks around and sees ADAM come out of the hotel and straight toward her. She turns and runs off toward the Place St. Michel.

386. EXT. PLACE ST. MICHEL - NIGHT

As REGGIE comes to the corner. She stops, sees the Métro station ("St. Michel") and rushes to it, scampering down the stairs. ADAM is behind her.

387. INT. ST. MICHEL MÉTRO STATION - NIGHT

REGGIE comes flying down the stairs and runs past the ticket booth, fishing in her bag for her carnet (booklet of tickets), casting a quick look behind her. CAMERA PANS QUICKLY TO ADAM just coming off the stairs, who runs after her.

388.) DELETED

389.)

390. INT. MÉTRO TICKET GATE - NIGHT

REGGIE gets to the gate ahead of ADAM and manages to crowd in front of some OTHERS about to pass through. Barely stopping, she holds out her ticket to the GUARD to be punched, then heads down the platform, still running. ADAM gets to the gate but the GUARD stops him as he tries to pass through.

GUARD
 Billet, Monsieur.

ADAM
 (breathless)
 I don't want to go anywhere--
 I'm only trying--

GUARD
 (pointing off)
 Billet, Monsieur.

ADAM tries to look past him, to see REGGIE, but gives it up and goes back toward the ticket booth, on the run.

391. INT. MÉTRO PASSAGEWAY - NIGHT

CAMERA LEADING REGGIE as she runs--the passageway is nearly empty. Her footsteps echo against the tile and concrete walls.

392. CLOSE SHOT - PASSAGEWAY WALL (TRAVELING)

The jumble of advertising posters as it passes rapidly, forming a moving band of letters, women, cartoons and colors.

393. INT. MÉTRO PASSAGEWAY - NIGHT

REGGIE stops and pauses for a moment at a sign indicating two different directions, an arrow for each.

"DIRECTION:
 -----Pte D'ORLÉANS
 Pte DE CLIGNANCOURT-----"

Choosing "Clignancourt," she runs off. CAMERA PANS SHARPLY, 180 degrees, to pick up ADAM rounding the corner in hot pursuit.

394. INT. MÉTRO PLATFORM - NIGHT

REGGIE starts down the platform, looking behind her every few steps. Suddenly she looks up in surprise - there, across the tracks on the opposite platform is ADAM. He has evidently made the wrong turn back in the passageway. They stare at each other for a moment. Then the bell rings, announcing the arrival of a train. ADAM turns, running back through the exit behind him. Not knowing what to do, REGGIE looks into the darkness of the tunnel. The approaching

train can be heard.

REGGIE
 (to herself)
 Come on--please--

She turns to look at the gate--slowly, the pneumatic door starts to close. As it does, the train roars into the station.

394. INT. MÉTRO PASSAGEWAY - NIGHT

The gate can be seen slowly closing. ADAM runs to it, tries to force it back but cannot. Finally, he jumps up and, commando style, vaults over it.

395. INT. MÉTRO PLATFORM - NIGHT

REGGIE is just entering the red center car (the two on either side are dark green). ADAM runs for the red car and just manages to make it as the doors shut in unison, the latches falling with a concerted click and the little whistle blowing to inform the motor-man to depart. The train starts to move.

396. INT. MÉTRO CAR - NIGHT

The entire length of the car separates ADAM and REGGIE. For a moment, their eyes meet, then ADAM starts to weave his way past the other PASSENGERS, on his way to her. Suddenly, he is stopped. ADAM turns to see a TRAIN GUARD.

TRAIN GUARD
 Billet, Monsieur.

ADAM shows him his yellow ticket and starts past him, but again the TRAIN GUARD stops him.

TRAIN GUARD
 Vous êtes dans le premier classe,
 Monsieur.

ADAM
 What?

TRAIN GUARD

(heavy accent)

This car is for first class
only--you have a second-class
ticket.

ADAM

But that's what they gave me.

He tries to pull away from the TRAIN GUARD and finds himself
staring into the serious face of a GENDARME.

GENDARME

Monsieur--?

ADAM looks at the GENDARME, then at REGGIE.

397. INT. "PALAIS-ROYAL" MÉTRO PLATFORM - NIGHT

As the TRAIN pulls in and comes to a stop.

398. INT. MÉTRO CAR - NIGHT

The GENDARME opens the door for ADAM and escorts him out.
ADAM turns once more to look at REGGIE as he goes. She
remains in the car.

399. INT. MÉTRO PLATFORM - NIGHT

The GENDARME gestures for ADAM to enter the green, second-
class car behind the red, first-class one. Reluctantly,
ADAM does.

400. INT. MÉTRO CAR - NIGHT

As ADAM enters and goes to the door through which he can
see REGGIE in the car ahead. She is gone. Moving quickly,
he returns to the exit door and looks at the platform.

401. INT. MÉTRO PLATFORM - NIGHT

From ADAM'S P.O.V. She is hurrying toward an exit marked
"SORTIE."

402. ANOTHER ANGLE

Featuring ADAM as he hurries from the car. He finds his

way blocked by FIVE NUNS in large, white butterfly hats. It takes him a few precious seconds to work his way around them.

403.) DELETED

414.)

415. INT. MÉTRO SORTIE - NIGHT

REGGIE has entered an area leading to the exit. But as she reaches the stairway leading up to the street level, she is confronted with an iron grill barring her way. She tries to open it, but it is firmly padlocked. A sign hung on it reads "FERMÉ LES WEEKENDS." She turns, desperately looking for some way out.

416. INT. MÉTRO PLATFORM - NIGHT

ADAM is off the train. He stands on the platform as the train doors slam shut, the latches click, the whistle blows and the train pulls out. He looks around in all directions, looking for some sign of REGGIE. He spots the exit marked "SORTIE" (the same one used by REGGIE) and starts toward it.

417. INT. MÉTRO SORTIE - NIGHT

As ADAM enters the deserted area. There is, miraculously, no sign of REGGIE. He goes to the locked grill and tries it, testing the padlock. CAMERA PANS to a phone booth (solid door with a window in the upper half) and we see REGGIE's hand reaching up to dial a number.

418. INT. PHONE BOOTH - NIGHT

REGGIE sits on the floor of the booth, dialing.

REGGIE

(to herself, as
she dials)

Balzac 3 - 0 - 0 - 4.

She holds the receiver to her ear. The number can be heard ringing but no one answers. She hangs up and reaches for the phone book, leafing through its pages.

REGGIE

Embassies--embassies--

419. INT. MÉTRO SORTIE - NIGHT

ADAM stands for a minute, looking around, not knowing what to do.

420. INT. PHONE BOOTH - NIGHT

REGGIE has finished dialing her number and now pushes the button. It clicks loudly.

REGGIE

Shh.

(into the phone,
whispering)

American Embassy? Mr. Bartholomew's office, please--
Mr. Bartholomew's office--

420A. INT. EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD - NIGHT

An OPERATOR speaking into a headset.

OPERATOR

Could you speak out, please? I can't quite hear you.

420B. INT. PHONE BOOTH - NIGHT

REGGIE

(on the phone)

No, I can't speak any louder--
Hamilton Bartholomew--B as in--
uh--Bartholomew--that's right,
and the rest as in Bartholomew!

421. INT. EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD - NIGHT

OPERATOR

(on the phone)

I'm sorry, but Mr. Bartholomew has left for the day.

422. INT. PHONE BOOTH - NIGHT

REGGIE

(on the phone)

But someone's trying to kill me--you've got to send word to him--in the center garden of the Palais Royal, by the colonnade --tell him I'm trapped in a phone booth, below him in the Métro station. And my name's Lampert.

423. INT. EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD - NIGHT

OPERATOR

(on the phone)

All right, Mrs. Lampert--I'll see what I can do. Goodbye.

She unplugs the call, plugs in another one and dials quickly.

OPERATOR

Hello, Mr. Bartholomew?--there was a call for you just now, Mr. Bartholomew--it sounded quite urgent--a Mrs. Lampert.

424. INT. BARTHOLOMEW'S STUDY - NIGHT

It is a man we've never seen before, the physical opposite of the old BARTHOLOMEW.

REAL BARTHOLOMEW

Lampert? I don't know any Mrs. Lampert--trapped in a Métro station? Who does she think I am, the C.I.A.? All right, you'd better call the French police.

425. INT. MÉTRO SORTIE - NIGHT

MED. SHOT--PHONE BOOTH. As REGGIE's head appears, peeking cautiously over the bottom of the window.

426. REVERSE SHOT

From inside the phone booth. Through the glass ADAM can be seen, leaving the Sortie area.

427. MED. SHOT - PHONE BOOTH

Carefully, REGGIE opens the door and comes out. She goes to the corner and looks around it.

428. INT. MÉTRO PLATFORM - NIGHT

From REGGIE'S P.O.V. as ADAM walks away from CAMERA, down the platform. CAMERA PANS TO REGGIE, peeking around the corner. She looks the opposite way, sees another exit at the other end of the platform (also marked "SORTIE"). She looks back once more at ADAM, then makes up her mind and starts running towards the exit.

429. MED. SHOT - ADAM

As the bell rings announcing the next train. He turns to look and sees REGGIE.

ADAM
(calling)
Reggie--!

He takes off, running after her.

430. MED. SHOT - REGGIE

As she runs, ADAM several yards behind her.

ADAM
(in b.g., calling)
Reggie--wait!

She turns into the exit.

431. INT. MÉTRO STAIRWAY - NIGHT

As REGGIE starts up the long, steep flight of stone steps leading to the street level. ADAM appears behind her, climbing two at a time and gaining.

ADAM
(calling)
Reggie--why won't you listen?

REGGIE
I'm through listening to you!

He is rapidly closing the gap between them. It is clear that REGGIE is tiring.

ADAM
But I didn't kill anybody.

REGGIE
Then who did? You're the only one left.

PASSERSBY, descending the stairs, stand aside to let the two strange Americans pass, watching in wonderment. ADAM is only a few steps behind now.

ADAM
Reggie--please believe me!

REGGIE
No!

As REGGIE wearily gains the top, ADAM lunges for her. He manages to grab her foot as he falls forward, but all he winds up with is a shoe which has come loose in his hand. REGGIE shrieks, then regaining her balance, continues running, limping in her one shoe. ADAM scrambles to his feet and starts after her again.

432. INT. MÉTRO TICKET BOOTH AREA - NIGHT

As REGGIE, still hobbling, runs through and toward the stairs, leading to the street. CAMERA PANS TO ADAM, as he, too, runs through. He is again several yards behind her.

433. EXT. PLACE PALAIS ROYAL - NIGHT

As REGGIE comes up the stairs from the Métro. She stops long enough to kick off her other shoe, then runs across the street, ignoring the traffic, toward the Rue de Valois (which forms one side of the Palais Royal). ADAM is gaining on her again.

434. EXT. PALAIS ROYAL COURTYARD - COLONNADE - NIGHT

The smaller court at the Comédie-Française end of the Palais gardens, separated from the larger garden by a double peristyle consisting of two twin rows (these separated from each other by a small marble court) of twenty columns each-- in all, eighty columns. The only person in sight is the man we have known as BARTHOLOMEW, waiting at the far end of the columns, looking at his watch impatiently.

Then, from the Rue de Valois side of the Palais, REGGIE runs into the court. She spots "BARTHOLOMEW" and fishes in her bag for the stamps as she runs, taking them out and waving them.

REGGIE

Mr. Bartholomew--he's chasing me!

ADAM has run into the court and now skids to a stop at the near end of the colonnade as he spots "BARTHOLOMEW." REGGIE, still running, is halfway between the two men. "BARTHOLOMEW" draws his gun but can't get a shot at ADAM, who has ducked in among the columns.

ADAM

Reggie--stop! That's Carson Dyle!

This news hits REGGIE hard and she stops, in alarm.

REGGIE

(breathless)

Carson--?

She looks at "BARTHOLOMEW," then back at ADAM, who has drawn his own gun.

(NOTE: Both "BARTHOLOMEW" and ADAM are in among the stone columns at opposite ends of the colonnade, keeping out of each other's sight. REGGIE stands out in the open, the stamps in her hand, confused as to which man she should go to).

"BARTHOLOMEW"

(calmly)

We all know Carson Dyle is dead,
Mrs. Lampert.

ADAM

It's Carson Dyle, I tell you!

"BARTHOLOMEW"

You're not going to believe him,
Mrs. Lampert--it's too fantastic.
He's trying to trick you again.

REGGIE looks at one, then the other, not knowing what to do.

ADAM

Tex recognized him--that's why
he said Dyle. If you give him
those stamps, he'll kill you too!

REGGIE takes a step toward ADAM.

"BARTHOLOMEW"

Mrs. Lampert--if I'm who he said,
what's preventing me from killing
you right now?

REGGIE stops, turns back to "BARTHOLOMEW."

ADAM

Because he'd have to come out to
get the stamps--he knows he'd never
make it.

"BARTHOLOMEW"

What's the matter with you, Mrs.
Lampert? Are you going to believe
every lie he tells you? He wants
the money for himself--that's all
he's ever wanted.

REGGIE

(to ADAM, explaining)

He's--with the C.I.A.--I've seen
him at the Embassy.

ADAM

Don't be a fool! He's Carson Dyle!

"BARTHOLOMEW"

That's right, Mrs. Lampert--I'm a
dead man--look at me.

REGGIE

I don't know who anybody is anymore!

ADAM

Reggie--listen to me!

REGGIE

You lied to me so many times--

ADAM

(gently)

Reggie--trust me once more--
please.

REGGIE

Can I really believe you this
time, Adam?

ADAM

(a pause)

There's not a reason on earth
why you should.

She looks toward ADAM for a moment, then back to "BARTHOLOMEW",
then slowly starts toward ADAM.

REGGIE

All right, Adam.

"BARTHOLOMEW"

Stop right now, Mrs. Lampert, or
I'll kill you.

REGGIE stops in alarm.

ADAM

It won't get you the stamps,
Dyle--You'll have to come out to
get them, and I'm not likely to
miss at this range.

"BARTHOLOMEW"

(now called CARSON)

Maybe not--but it takes a lot of bullets to kill me. They left me there with five of them in my legs and my stomach--they knew I was still alive but they left me. I spent ten months in a German camp--with nothing to stop the pain and no food--they were willing to take all these chances for the money, but not for me. They deserved to die!

435. MED. SHOT - ADAM

During the following, he looks around, looking for some way out.

REGGIE'S VOICE (o.s.)

But I didn't have anything to do with--

CARSON'S VOICE (o.s.)

You've got the money. It belongs to me now! Please believe me, Mrs. Lampert--I'll kill you--a little more blood won't matter.

During this ADAM has moved out from behind the columns, creeping cautiously across the open space between the two colonnades and finally, behind the second.

436. MED. SHOT - REGGIE AND CARSON

CARSON

I'll give you five to make up your mind, Mrs. Lampert.

She has seen ADAM's move from her angle, but doesn't know quite what to do.

REGGIE

Wait, please! I need some time to think!

CARSON

One--

437. MED. SHOT - ADAM

As he slowly moves along behind the second colonnade, his gun ready, trying to get an angle on CARSON.

CARSON'S VOICE (o.s.)

--two--

Suddenly ADAM stops - he has caught sight of CARSON through the columns. But he will have a difficult shot.

CARSON'S VOICE (o.s.)

--three--

438. CLOSE SHOT - CARSON

CARSON

--four--

CAMERA PANS DOWN to his gun. As his finger tightens on the trigger and the hammer moves slowly back.

439. CLOSE SHOT - REGGIE

REGGIE

(terrified)

Adam--please!

440. MED. SHOT - ADAM

As he aims carefully and fires.

441. CLOSE SHOT - COLUMN

As the bullet creases it.

442. CLOSE SHOT - CARSON

As the deflected bullet rips the shoulder of his coat, leaving him unharmed. He wheels.

443. MED. SHOT - ADAM

With CARSON in the b.g., who fires at him. ADAM ducks

behind the column as the bullet hits it and screams off. Quickly, he peers back out and throws another shot.

444. MED. SHOT - REGGIE

Seeing CARSON otherwise occupied, she turns and runs toward the open stage door of the Comédie Française behind her. (Beside the door is a poster announcing the forthcoming schedule of presentations.)

445. ANOTHER ANGLE

Including CARSON who, seeing REGGIE running to the door, turns and fires at her. But he is too late - she is safely inside. CARSON looks quickly back toward ADAM, then takes off after REGGIE.

446. MED. SHOT - ADAM

Over his shoulder we see a broken picture of CARSON running toward the theatre door, flashing by the near and far columns. ADAM tries to get a shot at him, but can't. Finally he runs after him.

447. INT. COMÉDIE FRANÇAISE - BACKSTAGE - NIGHT

As CARSON enters and slams the door behind him, locking it.

448. INT. COMÉDIE FRANÇAISE - STAGE DOOR - NIGHT

ADAM arriving at the door, bangs on it, then looks around, frustrated. Several yards away he sees a short stairway leading down to a door below the street level. He runs to it, tries the door and enters.

449. INT. COMÉDIE FRANÇAISE - ORCHESTRA - NIGHT

As CARSON enters the auditorium and looks around.

450. CARSON'S P.O.V.

As the CAMERA SWEEPS the magnificent old theatre - boxes, seats, stage, but there is no sign of REGGIE.

451. ANOTHER ANGLE

As CARSON walks up the aisle checking between the rows of

seats.

452. INT. COMÉDIE FRANÇAISE - TRAPROOM - NIGHT

A large room, lit by a single bare bulb, under the stage. ADAM appears, moving cautiously, gun ready. He creeps along next to the wall, looking around at all the various scenic pieces which fill the room.

453. INT. COMÉDIE FRANÇAISE - STAGE - NIGHT

As CARSON moves carefully across the darkened stage near the footlights, looking for REGGIE. At mid-stage, CAMERA PANS DOWN to his feet, only a few inches from the prompter's box. Inside, huddling down, is a terrified REGGIE, holding her breath as she watches him.

454. ANOTHER ANGLE

As CARSON moves into the opposite wings, sees the light board and throws on all the switches. The stage is bathed in light. He returns to the stage.

455. INT. TRAPROOM - NIGHT

ADAM is looking up, having heard the footsteps on the stage over his head - and hearing them now. He looks around and sees a narrow, curving staircase leading up. He goes to it, and, starting up, finds a door. He tries the knob - the door is locked.

456. INT. PROMPTER'S BOX - NIGHT

REGGIE, cringing back from the bright light, notices the doorknob turning. It makes a slight clicking sound.

457. INT. COMÉDIE FRANÇAISE - STAGE - NIGHT

CARSON, upstage, looking behind a piece of classic scenery, hears the doorknob and turns suddenly.

458. CARSON'S P.O.V.

We catch a quick glimpse of REGGIE as she ducks down out of sight. Too late.

459. CLOSE SHOT - CARSON

CARSON

All right, Mrs. Lampert. The game's over. Come out of there.

460. WIDER ANGLE

REGGIE does not appear.

CARSON

I don't want to kill you, Mrs. Lampert--but I will--

461. INT. TRAPROOM - NIGHT

ADAM comes down the stairs from the prompter's box and looks up at the ceiling.

462. MED. SHOT - CEILING

It is divided into thirty-six square sections, each numbered and lettered - from 1A to 6F. They are trapdoors.

463. MED. SHOT - ADAM

He looks from the ceiling to a row of levers on one wall.

464. CLOSE SHOT - LEVERS

Thirty-six of them, numbered and lettered to correspond to the traps.

465. INT. COMÉDIE FRANÇAISE - STAGE - NIGHT

As CARSON takes a few steps towards the prompter's box, his gun ready.

CARSON

Did you hear me, Mrs. Lampert--?

466. INT. PROMPTER'S BOX - NIGHT

REGGIE huddled inside.

467. INT. TRAPROOM - NIGHT

ADAM is listening carefully, trying to figure out where

CARSON is standing, watching the ceiling.

468. CLOSE SHOT - TRAP

It is marked C-4.

CARSON'S VOICE (o.s.)
I won't wait much longer, Mrs.
Lampert

469. MED. SHOT - ADAM

As he turns to the levers and reaches for the one marked C-4. He is about to pull it.

470. INT. COMÉDIE FRANÇAISE - STAGE - NIGHT

CARSON takes a few more steps forward.

471. INT. TRAPROOM - NIGHT

ADAM stops himself from pulling the lever just in time. He lets his held breath escape. He looks back at the ceiling.

472. CLOSE SHOT - TRAP

The one marked C-4. As CARSON's voice is heard, CAMERA MOVES to the next trap, marked D-4.

CARSON'S VOICE (o.s.)
I know you're in there, Mrs.
Lampert--

473. MED. SHOT - ADAM

He looks at the lever marked D-4. He is perspiring heavily. Now he slowly reaches for the lever.

474. INT. COMÉDIE FRANÇAISE - STAGE - NIGHT

CARSON is about to move closer to the prompter's box when suddenly the stage under him opens and he plummets through out of sight. At the same time we hear a shot.

475. CLOSE SHOT - PROMPTER'S BOX

As REGGIE slowly peers out.

476. REGGIE'S P.O.V.

The empty stage, without being able to see the open trap from this low angle.

477. MED. SHOT - REGGIE

As she climbs out of the booth and, seeing the open trap now, runs to it, looking down through it.

478. MED. SHOT - OPEN TRAP

FROM ABOVE, over REGGIE's head. She can see CARSON sprawled on the floor below, face down and dead. ADAM stands beside the body, looking up at REGGIE and smiling.

479. ANOTHER ANGLE

As GRANDPIERRE and his TWO ASSISTANTS, guns drawn, walk onto the stage from the wings. They go to the open trap and look down at ADAM.

GRANDPIERRE

Mr. Dyle--you are under arrest
for the murders of Charles Lampert,
Herman Scobie, Joseph Penthollow,
Leopold Gideon, and whoever that
is down there.

ADAM is surprised, then shakes his head.

ADAM

Reggie--you'd better tell him.
He wouldn't dare hit a girl.

480. EXT. RUE DE RIVOLI - NIGHT

As a TAXI rolls by the arcades, CAMERA PANNING with it.

481. INT. TAXI - NIGHT (PROCESS)

REGGIE and ADAM in the rear of the cab. REGGIE has one of her feet in her hand, shoe off, rubbing it.

REGGIE

You didn't have to chase me so hard--

ADAM

Here, give it to me.

He starts to take the foot but she pulls it back and offers him the other one.

REGGIE

That one's done--start on this one.

He takes the foot and begins rubbing it.

REGGIE

I'm sorry I thought you were the murderer, Adam--how did I know that he was as big a liar as you are?

ADAM

And that's all the gratitude I get for saving your hide.

REGGIE

The truth, now--was it my hide--or the stamps?

ADAM

What a terrible thing to say. How could you even think that?

REGGIE

All right, prove it to me--tell me to go to the Embassy first thing in the morning and turn in those stamps.

ADAM says nothing.

REGGIE

I said, tell me to go to the--

ADAM

I heard you, I heard you.

REGGIE

Then say it.

ADAM

Reggie--listen to me--

REGGIE

Never mind--I'll go by myself.

ADAM

What makes you think they're even interested? It's only a quarter of a million--it'll cost more than that to fix up their bookkeeping. As a taxpayer--

482. EXT. AMERICAN EMBASSY - MAIN ENTRANCE - DAY

As REGGIE and ADAM approach the MARINE in full-dress uniform always on guard at the Embassy.

REGGIE

(to ADAM)

Who's a taxpayer? Crooks don't pay taxes. Excuse me, soldier--

MARINE

Marine, ma'am.

REGGIE

Forgive me. Whom would I see regarding the return of stolen Government money?

MARINE

You might try the Treasury Department, ma'am--Room 216, second floor, Mr. Cruikshank.

REGGIE

Cruikshank, 216. Thank you, Marine.

483. INT. EMBASSY CORRIDOR - DAY

Featuring a door marked "216." REGGIE and ADAM appear.

ADAM

Do you mind if I wait out here?
The sight of all that money being
given away might make me break
out.

484. INT. EMBASSY TREASURY OFFICE - DAY

A SECRETARY sits behind a desk. She looks up as REGGIE enters.

REGGIE

Mr. Cruikshank, please--my name
is Lampert.

The SECRETARY picks up her phone and presses a button.

SECRETARY.

Mr. Cruikshank, a Miss--

REGGIE

Mrs.

SECRETARY

--a Mrs. Lampert to see you--
yes sir.

(to REGGIE)

Go right in.

REGGIE goes to the door leading to the private office.

485. INT. CRUIKSHANK'S OFFICE - DAY

Featuring the door as REGGIE enters. She stops suddenly.

486. ANOTHER ANGLE

Featuring the desk. Behind it sits ADAM (now CRUIKSHANK). REGGIE stares at him, unbelievably, then looks around, confused. By way of explanation he indicates the door to the hall.

REGGIE

(blowing up)

Well, of all the mean, rotten,
contemptible, crooked--

CRUIKSHANK

Crooked? I should think you'd be glad to find out I wasn't crooked.

REGGIE

You couldn't even be honest about being dishonest. Why didn't you say something?

CRUIKSHANK

We're not allowed to tell. May I have the stamps, please?

REGGIE

(reaching into
her bag)

Here--

(hesitating)

--Wait a minute--how did Carson Dyle get an office in here, anyway?

CRUIKSHANK

When did you see him--what time, I mean?

REGGIE

Around one.

CRUIKSHANK

The lunch hour. He probably worked it out in advance. He found an office that was usually left open and just moved in for the time you were here.

REGGIE

Then how do I know this is your office?

CRUIKSHANK

(picking up the phone)

Mrs. Foster--send a memo to Bartholomew at Security recommending that--

REGGIE
Bartholomew?

CRUIKSHANK
--recommending that all Embassy
offices be locked during the
lunch hour.

REGGIE
Starting with his own.

CRUIKSHANK
(hanging up)
Okay, now--hand over those stamps.

REGGIE
What's your first name today?

CRUIKSHANK
Brian.

REGGIE
Brian Cruikshank--it would serve
me right if I got stuck with that
one.

CRUIKSHANK
Who asked you to get stuck with
any of them?

REGGIE
Is there a Mrs. Cruikshank?

CRUIKSHANK
Yes.

REGGIE
But you're--divorced?

CRUIKSHANK
No.

REGGIE
(crestfallen)
Oh.

CRUIKSHANK

My mother--she lives in Detroit.
Come on now--give me those stamps.

REGGIE

Only if you can prove to me that
you're really Brian Cruikshank.

CRUIKSHANK

How about if next week some time
I put it on a marriage license--
that ought to--

REGGIE

Quit stalling--I want to see some
identification--now!

CRUIKSHANK

I wouldn't lie on a thing like that
--I could go to jail.

REGGIE

You'd lie about anything.

CRUIKSHANK

Well, maybe we'd better forget about
it, then.

REGGIE

You can't prove it, can you? You're
still trying to--
 (the coin drops
 into the slot)
--marriage license! Did you say--?

CRUIKSHANK

I didn't say anything. Will you
give me those stamps?

REGGIE

You did too say it--I heard you.
Oh, I love you Adam--I mean Alex--
er, Peter--Brian. I hope we have
lots of boys--we can name them
all after you.

CRUIKSHANK

Before we start on that, do you
mind handing over the stamps?

FADE OUT

THE END

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BONUS ITEM - Lyrics to the theme song of the film:

CHARADE

(Music by Henry Mancini, Words by Johnny Mercer)

When we played our Charade we were like children posing,
Playing at games, acting out names, guessing the parts we
played.

Oh, what a hit we made. We came on next to closing
Best on the bill, lovers until love left the masquerade.

Fate seemed to pull the strings, I turned and you were gone.
While from the darkened wings the music box played on.

Sad little serenade, song of my heart's composing,
I hear it still, I always will, best on the bill Charade.