

# FROM CO-WORKER TO CAPTIVE

## CHAPTER 8 - THE ARRIVAL

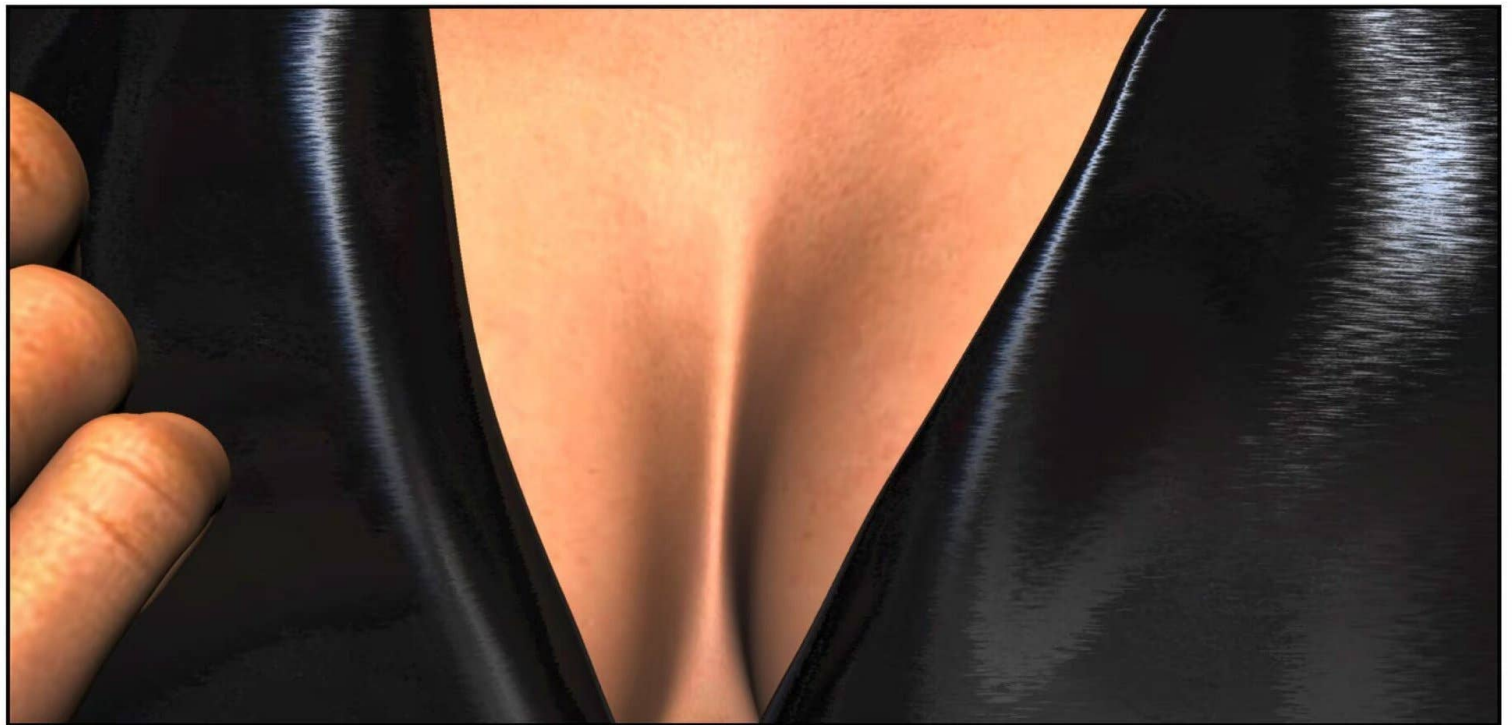






HI,  
I'M ALEXA JONES,  
CHANNEL 99 NEWS,  
AND I WAS HOPING TO  
DO A FOLLOW-UP PIECE  
ON THE KIDNAPPING OF  
JENNIFER  
HARRISON.

I'M REALLY NOT  
SURE... I DIDN'T  
KNOW JENNY THAT  
WELL, AND I LEFT  
BEFORE SHE  
DISAPPEARED...





I'D BE REALLY GRATEFUL, DOMINIC! IT WAS A LONG JOURNEY TO GET HERE, AND I'M FEELING LIKE A DROWNED RAT OUT HERE...



PARDON MY MANNERS, ALEXA, PLEASE COME IN AND GET OUT OF THOSE WET THINGS! I'LL GET YOU A DRINK TO WARM YOU UP?



HERE.  
LET ME HELP  
YOU.

SO YOU SAY YOU  
ARE DOING A  
FOLLOW UP PIECE  
ON JENNY'S  
DISAPPEARANCE?



THAT'S RIGHT.  
YOU KNOW THE KIND OF  
THING - SIX MONTHS ON,  
WHAT DO HER FORMER CO-  
WORKERS REMEMBER, WHAT DO  
THEY THINK MIGHT HAVE  
HAPPENED TO HER.  
JUST A MAGAZINE PIECE,  
REALLY.

AH, I SEE



I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND. I HAVE ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT TO GO TO LATER

WOW! WHAT A BODY!

ERR.. NOT AT ALL!



THAT'S BETTER. ARE YOU OK IF I MAKE SOME NOTES ?

ERRR.. YES, THAT'S FINE



THANKS.  
THAT WOULD  
BE GREAT

NOW.  
LET ME GET YOU  
THAT DRINK.  
COME THIS WAY.



WOW,  
THIS IS SOME  
PAD!  
I KNOW HE GOT RICH  
WINNING THE  
LOTTERY, BUT THIS IS  
A BIG PLACE FOR  
ONE PERSON...



THANK YOU,  
DOMINIC. THIS  
IS A NICE PLACE  
YOU'VE GOT  
HERE



WHAT'S THAT  
STRANGE RED EYE, I  
NOTICED ONE IN THE  
OTHER ROOM  
TOO?



THAT'S  
JESS,  
MY SECURITY SYSTEM.  
IT ALLOWS ME TO  
CONTROL THE WHOLE  
HOUSE BY VOICE. I CAN  
LOCK THIS PLACE DOWN  
TIGHT AS A DRUM WITH  
A SINGLE  
COMMAND.



I LIKE THE  
SOLITUDE HERE,  
AND I INTEND TO  
KEEP IT THAT WAY -  
NO-ONE GETS IN OR  
OUT WITHOUT MY  
SAY-SO.

OH.  
I SEE



I'M SURPRISED YOU CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE JUST TO SEE ME, ALEXA.



I WAS INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JENNY. A COUPLE OF PEOPLE MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS A BIT OF... FRICTION BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU?



DID THE TWO OF YOU EVER... GET TOGETHER?

OH, THAT WAS JUST A BIT OF OFFICE BANTER! JENNY AND I WERE ALWAYS SPARRING WITH EACH OTHER.



NO, IT NEVER WENT THAT FAR, ALTHOUGH I THINK SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN INTERESTED, JUST PLAYING...



HARD TO GET?

SOMETHING LIKE THAT. SOMETIMES, WHEN A WOMAN SAYS 'NO' THAT REALLY MEANS 'MAKE THE MOVE'.



I'M SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T, DOMINIC. SHE WAS AN ATTRACTIVE WOMAN AND IF, AS YOU SAY, SHE WAS INTO YOU...



'IS'?  
INTERESTING  
PHRASING...

SHE IS, BUT  
LIKE I SAID, IT  
NEVER HAPPENED  
BETWEEN US.



WHAT  
DO YOU THINK  
HAPPENED TO  
HER?

I GUESS THAT  
SLEAZE BALL  
SULLIVAN KIDNAPPED  
HER AND SOLD HER,  
LIKE ALL THE  
PRESS SAID.



THAT'S CERTAINLY WHAT THE POLICE THINK. BUT IT DOESN'T ADD UP TO ME - WHY WOULD YOU KIDNAP SOMEONE IN SUCH A PUBLIC PLACE, IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, AND THEN BROADCAST THE FACT TO EVERYONE IN THE COMPANY?

IT SEEMS LIKE THE IDEA WAS TO PUBLICLY SHAME AND HUMILIATE JENNY, NOT TO MAKE HER JUST DISAPPEAR. ALSO, THE WHOLE THING WAS SUCH A PROFESSIONAL JOB, YET THIS GUY GETS FOUND WITH INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE ON HIS COMPUTER, AND AT HIS HOME.

IT JUST SOUNDS TO ME LIKE HE WAS SET UP.



SO WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED, ALEXA?



I THINK IT'S  
SOMEONE WITH  
A GRUDGE  
AGAINST HER - A  
VERY NASTY  
GRUDGE!

INTERESTING  
THEORY.  
I'M SORRY, BUT I'M  
GOING TO HAVE TO CALL  
THIS TO A CLOSE,  
I'M VERY BUSY.



OF COURSE.  
THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR TIME, DOMINIC,  
IT'S BEEN VERY  
USEFUL.




THANK  
GOODNESS IT'S  
STOPPED RAINING.  
IT WAS NICE TO  
MEET YOU  
DOMINIC




THANKS. I  
WILL.

NO PROBLEM.  
HERE, TAKE MY  
CARD, GIVE ME A  
CALL IF YOU NEED  
ANYTHING ELSE.



THIS GUY IS LYING, HE'S HIDING SOMETHING, SOMETHING WENT ON BETWEEN HIM AND JENNY... I NEED TO FIND OUT MORE...



MAYBE IT'S TIME TO  
GET RID OF JENNY, HER  
CONTINUED RESISTANCE IS  
BECOMING TIRESOME.  
THIS SEXY YOUNG SLUT  
LOOKS LIKE SHE COULD BE  
AN IDEAL  
REPLACEMENT....