### SEGMENT ONE

# SCENE 1: INT. ODYSSEY COMMUNITY CHURCH - MORNING

Pastor Wilson Knox is giving a benediction.

1	WILSON The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord cause His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you, and give you peace. (addressing the congregation) Have a blessed week.	1
W	hit approaches Wilson as he steps down.	
2	WHIT Willy?	2
3	WILSON Good morning, Whit. Good to see you.	3
4	WHIT You as well. I… I need to ask you a favor.	4
5	WILSON A favor?	5
6	WHIT A prayer, more specifically.	6
7	WILSON Anything, name it.	7
8	WHIT I don't know how to put it exactly, but right now I'm in the midst of a spiritual battle. And a physical one.	8
9	WILSON Are you in danger?	9
10	WHIT (exhales) I don't know. I'm starting to gain a sense of what God is asking me to	10

do, but I still am unsure.

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11			WILSON ainly pray, but is there I can do for you y?	11
12			WHIT ant you to get wrapped up Wilson. You're needed	12
13		All right for you?	WILSON , then. So how can I pray	13
14			WHIT ty and for wisdom. To know o and how to do it when comes.	14
15			WILSON is the God of wisdom. Ask d He's ready to give. It's alty.	15
16		It really in your p	WHIT is. So… would you keep me rayers?	16
17			WILSON y. And remember that God in control. His plan will ass.	17
18			WHIT just hope I'm acting in e with that plan.	18
19		will make do when t (beat	WILSON close to God, then He it known what you should he time is right. ) raying for you, Whit.	19
20		Thank you	WHIT , Wilson.	20
21		(fart Mr. Whitt	EUGENE her off) aker!	21
22		I need to	WHIT go. Talk to you later.	22

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23	WILSON Bye, Whit! Stay safe!	23
	Whit leaves and finds Eugene, still inside.	
24	WHIT (to himself) Lord willing	24
25	EUGENE Mr. Whittaker!	25
26	WHIT Morning, Eugene- Good grief! You look terrible!	26
27	EUGENE (disheveled) I arrived from Whit's End prior to the service.	27
28	WHIT Straight from Whit's End??	28
29	EUGENE Yes, sir.	29
30	WHIT You didn't sleep at all?	30
31	EUGENE I needed the time to repair the computers in your office. The intruders did a lot of damage.	31
32	WHIT Oh. Well, what's the progress?	32
33	EUGENE I was able to clean up most of the mess and recover all the data from the devices, but I could not find the information you instructed me to locate.	33
34	WHIT The encoded ZIP file? It wasn't there?	34
35	EUGENE Negative. The computer log shows that it was overwritten. I unfortunately cannot recover it.	35

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36		WHIT Well, then… It only one option	looks like there's	36
37		EUGE (yawns) Go to sleep and		37
38		WHIT Come with me, 1 help.	Eugene. I need your	38
	Whit and I	ugene begin wal	king to the back of the chu	arch.
39		EUGE With what exac		39
40		WHIT A plan to get b they erased.	back the information	40
41		Assuming that	ccomplish that?	41
42		WHIT That's exactly		42
43		EUGE Really! And th where, precise	is backup copy is	43
	Whit and I	lugene reach Cha	rlotte and Suzu.	
44		CHAR Whit.	LOTTE	44
45		WHIT Hello, Charlot		45
46		SUZU Hi, Mr. Whittal	ker.	46
47		WHIT How was the se	cvice?	47
48		(chuckles) It's been so lo stepped foot in	LOTTE ong since I've n a church. But cetty much the same.	48

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49			WHIT this is Charlotte and Suzu Morrie's mother and adopted	49
50		It's a p acquaint	EUGENE bleasure to make your cance.	50
51		Same her	SUZU ce.	51
52		Likewise	CHARLOTTE	52
53			WHIT the three of us need to get el. Tonight.	53
54		Israel?	EUGENE	54
55		Now hold	CHARLOTTE d on a minute-	55
56		We're go	SUZU ping to Israel?	56
57		Charlott	WHIT a were right on your hunch, ce. Aletheia's information a removed from my computers.	57
58			CHARLOTTE alizing) only other copy is at your	58
59		So, pray (yau What is mission?	wns) the urgency of this	59
60			WHIT appen to be some… unsavory ers who will likely try to	60
61			EUGENE ee! Say no more! I would be o oblige.	61

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62		SUZU Oblige?	62
63		EUGENE I'll help you take down the bad guys.	63
64		WHIT Slow down, Eugene. You don't know the situation yet.	64
65		EUGENE I've dealt with my fair share of "unsavory characters" in the past, Mr. Whittaker.	65
66		WHIT It may be dangerous.	66
67		EUGENE That shouldn't be a problem. Remember Mr. Skint?	67
68		WHIT Skint didn't even have a gun, Eugene.	68
	Beat.		
69		EUGENE Fair point. Dalton Kearn?	69
70		WHIT A vase.	70
71		EUGENE Also fair point.	71
72		CHARLOTTE Whit, what is this plan of yours?	72
73		WHIT It's not yet complete, but once it is, it'll be a counterplan. Morrie and Soren have had the upper hand this whole time. It's time we went on the offensive.	73
74		SUZU To do what?	74

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WHIT

To bring them to justice.

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MUSIC BRIDGE TO:

COMMERCIAL BREAK #1

#### SEGMENT TWO

### SCENE 2: EXT. RYDELL HOUSE - LATE AFTERNOON

Whit arrives with Eugene. Charlotte and Suzu are outside. 76 76 CHARLOTTE (to Suzu) That's Whit and Eugene! Suzu? Are you ready? 77 77 SUZU (approaching) Yeah. I just… 78 CHARLOTTE 78 Don't worry. We'll keep you safe. 79 SUZU 79 I'm not just worried for me. (beat) He's out there, mama. 80 CHARLOTTE 80 Morrie? Or his father? 81 SUZU 81 (sighs) Both, I suppose. 82 CHARLOTTE 82 We'll find your brother. And we won't let Soren ruin our lives again. I promise. 83 SUZU 83 Okay. Whit and Eugene approach. 84 84 WHIT Afternoon, you two. 85 CHARLOTTE 85 Whit. Eugene. 86 EUGENE 86 Greetings! 87 SUZU 87 How was your nap, Eugene?

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88		EUGH Delightful! An			88
89		WHI Do we all know			89
90			RLOTTE in my car for the e.		90
91			J g for Morrie and my e we're followed.		91
92		EUGI And I will be trail behind i	doing the same as I		92
93		was the soones	ives at midnight. It it one I could book. I iny connecting flights		93
94		That gives us	RLOTTE just enough time to port and onto the		94
95		SUZI But what about			95
96		WHI Let's hope we	r don't need it.		96
97			RLOTTE there's time for that		97
98		WHI Are you ready	I for it, Eugene?		98
99		EUG All prepared.	ENE		99
100		WHI And you too, C			100
101		CHAI Check and doub	RLOTTE ble-check.		101
102		WHI: Suzu?	ſ		102

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103	SUZU I am ready.	103
104	WHIT Excellent. Well, then, there's one thing left to do.	104
	Whit and Eugene prepare to pray. Beat.	
105	SUZU Do you want us to join?	105
106	EUGENE Only if you're sincere.	106
107	CHARLOTTE I wouldn't be.	107
108	WHIT We'll pray for all of us, then.	108
109	SUZU All right.	109
110	CHARLOTTE Go ahead.	110
111	WHIT (praying) Heavenly Father, we're about to take a risk on this trip, and we need your protection. Keep us safe in our travels, Lord, and deliver us from our enemies	111
	SCENE 3: INT. ANYA'S WAREHOUSE - LATE AFTERNOON	
	Morrie is on his computer. Soren is at a distance.	
112	MORRIE Hmm. (calling) Dad?	112
113	SOREN Whatcha got, Morrie?	113
114	MORRIE She's leaving.	114

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115	SOREN Let me see. (comes closer) This is her cell phone?	115
116	MORRIE Sure is. Do you think she's headed for Chicago?	116
117	SOREN I'd bet on that. And I'd also bet that Suzu and Whittaker are with her.	117
118	MORRIE Is it time to go, then?	118
119	SOREN (anxious) Yes. Right now. (calling) Anya! We're off!	119
120	ANYA (far off) Of course, Mr. Rydell! I will keep things safe here!	120
121	SOREN Load up. Let's finish this cat-and- mouse game.	121
	Morrie chuckles.	
	SCENE 4: INT. ODYSSEY POLICE STATION - POLEHAUS'S OFFICE LATE AFTERNOON	-
	Olivia and Eva are entering. Polehaus is inside.	
122	OLIVIA Detective?	122
123	POLEHAUS Ah, good evening, Olivia, Mrs. Parker!	123
124	EVA Evening, Detective Polehaus.	124
125	OLIVIA What's going on? Am I in trouble?	125

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126	wanted	POLEHAUS ? No, not at all. I just to ask for your help in a 're working on.	126
127	My help	OLIVIA ?	127
128	claimin	POLEHAUS You got a call from a guy ng to be from the "Student A Fund" a few weeks ago,	128
129		OLIVIA ordan Winword. How did you oout that?	129
130	Whit to	POLEHAUS old me.	130
131	How did	OLIVIA he find out?	131
132	Suzu to	POLEHAUS old him.	132
133	And why	EVA would she tell him?	133
134	Well, i say-	POLEHAUS t's not really my place to	134
135	Does th	OLIVIA asps) is have something to do with appened yesterday?	135
136	Again, whether	POLEHAUS I can't really tell you -	136
137		EVA ria in some kind of danger Detective?	137
138	There i	POLEHAUS oah! Calm down, calm down. s no danger to your er, Mrs. Parker.	138

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139		EVA Given the circumstances, I would have my doubts. What's going on here?	139
	Beat.		
140		POLEHAUS (sighs) All right. I'll tell you what I can. We think the man who kidnapped Suzu was the man who called you, Olivia.	140
141		OLIVIA Really?	141
142		POLEHAUS Yes. And we need to catch him. Do you still have his phone number?	142
143		OLIVIA Yeah, let me find it.	143
144		EVA What are you going to do with the number?	144
145		POLEHAUS Do you know about cell tower triangulation?	145
146		EVA Uh, no?	146
147		POLEHAUS Any cell phone is transmitting and receiving signals from multiple cell towers at any time. Given the distance between the towers, a phone can be traced to within a range of about three-quarters of a square mile.	147
148		EVA That's a pretty large range.	148
149		POLEHAUS But with GPS, that range gets even smaller. I've secured a warrant to track using both methods.	149
150		OLIVIA Here's the number.	150

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151	Ре		POLEHAUS et me write this down.	151
	Polehaus get	s a notep	ad and scrawls down the number	
152	kn	E it's that	EVA at easy, then how do you ne hasn't destroyed that ow?	152
153			POLEHAUS nich is where you come	153
154	Wh		OLIVIA nave to do?	154
155			POLEHAUS tel that this man might ack soon.	155
156	Re	(gasps eally?	OLIVIA )	156
157	su	es. So I 1	POLEHAUS need you to report any numbers to me as soon as	157
	Polehaus wri <sup>.</sup> to Olivia.	tes down	his number on a sticky note and	d gives it
158	ca me ri Ar	nis is my all, send the numb lght back	POLEHAUS (CONT'D) number. If you get a it to voicemail and text per. Then if he calls you , go ahead and answer. ay if we install a tap on phone?	158
159	A	tap?	OLIVIA	159
160	An	we can h	POLEHAUS near what he's saying. can help you keep him	160
161	Su	are, that	OLIVIA 's fine.	161

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162	POLEHAUS Great. Make sure you talk to Martin before you go.	162
163	EVA Detective, what sort of risk are you putting my daughter into here?	163
164	POLEHAUS Mrs. Parker, I understand your concern. We'll be listening to the call the whole time. And I'd encourage you to be there with her during the call. But we need to catch this guy. We need to find out where he is. Once we have his number and have him talking, we'll get him. Is that enough assurance for you?	164
165	EVA For now. I'm willing to trust you, Detective.	165
166	POLEHAUS You should. I've been in the police force for years. I know what I'm doing.	166
167	EVA Let's hope it works out, then. Is that all?	167
168	POLEHAUS Yes, that's all. Thank you, Olivia.	168
169	OLIVIA No problem, sir.	169
170	EVA Have a good evening.	170
171	POLEHAUS You too!	171
	Eva and Olivia exit. Polehaus turns to his desk and press few buttons on a device, eventually pressing "Play."	es a
172	POLEHAUS (RECORDING) -Got a call from a guy claiming to be from the "Student Project Fund" a few weeks ago, right?	172

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173	OLIVIA (RECORDING) Yes, Jordan Winword. How did you know about-	173
	Polehaus stops the recording.	
174	POLEHAUS (writing, bemused) Jordan… Winword.	174
	SCENE 5: INT. CHARLOTTE'S CAR - NIGHT	
	Suzu is asleep in the back seat and breathing gently Charlotte is driving with Whit in the passenger seat	
175	CHARLOTTE We're coming up on Chicago.	175
176	WHIT That's good.	176
	Beat.	
177	CHARLOTTE Should be there in less than an hour. (beat, casually) Whit?	177
178	WHIT Hmm?	178
179	CHARLOTTE Forgive me for presuming this, but why aren't you more concerned?	179
180	WHIT I beg your pardon?	180
181	CHARLOTTE I mean, I know you've done everything in your power to protect us over the last few days, but you don't seem too agitated about the whole thing. Maybe it's because you don't know us that well.	181
182	WHIT That's not it at all. Although I would observe that you don't seem extremely "agitated" either.	182

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183		CHARLOTTE I mask it well. I've been hiding from the Agency for years. I'm used to it. But my heart is pounding right now.	183	3
184		WHIT I'm sorry about this whole mess.	184	ł
185		CHARLOTTE (understanding) Oh, I'm not asking for your sympathy. I'm saying that you seem to be handling it better than I would have given you credit for.	185	5
186		WHIT Am I?	186	5
187		CHARLOTTE I think so. (beat) You seem at peace.	187	7
188		WHIT (chuckles) You're right, yeah. I'm not worried.	188	3
189		CHARLOTTE Even though you know the danger?	189	)
190		WHIT (humbly) I've been through a war, the loss of a child and my wife, and a few run-ins with the worst kinds of people, but God has always given me peace in the midst of danger.	190	)
191		CHARLOTTE God. So it comes back to Him.	191	L
192		WHIT Yes, it does.	192	2
193		CHARLOTTE I don't get how you can see God in any part of what's happening right now. I'm losing my son, Whit. I might have already lost him. And now Suzu knows the truth about who I am. I might lose her too. How am I supposed to look for God in that?	193	3

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	Beat.		
194		WHIT Do you remember the benediction in church today? The scripture that Pastor Knox ended the service with?	194
195		CHARLOTTE Not off the top of my head, no.	195
196		WHIT It's a passage from the Bible. Numbers, chapter six. It starts with, "The Lord bless you, and keep you." "Keep you," as in, "keep you safe." In the circumstances I've been through, the Lord has always kept me safe.	196
197		CHARLOTTE And if He hadn't?	197
198		WHIT Then that would have been part of His plan.	198
199		CHARLOTTE To harm you? To cause your death?	199
200		WHIT No, no. To prepare me for life after death. But until God calls me home, I know He will continue to keep me safe. And His blessings upon me haven't ceased.	200
201		CHARLOTTE "Blessings"? After all you've lost? All the hardship you've faced?	201
202		WHIT Well, all the things I lost were things he gave me in the first place. The benediction continues with, "The Lord cause His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you."	202
203		CHARLOTTE You're a good man; I'm sure you deserved those things you eventually lost.	203

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204	WHIT But that's just it. I didn't deserve them. Even those who some may consider the best of mankind fall short. We've all sinned.	204
205	CHARLOTTE Of course we have. But we also have a yearning to do good.	205
206	WHIT Do we? We certainly may regret when we do wrong, but isn't our initial bent to do what we shouldn't?	206
207	CHARLOTTE Hmm. I guess I do know what you mean.	207
208	WHIT That's our flesh. Our desires are turned against God. And yet the benediction asks for God's face to shine on us. He's perfect and holy, and has the ability to reject us for our sins. But he shows us grace.	208
209	CHARLOTTE Through Jesus.	209
210	WHIT Exactly.	210
	Whit's phone rings. He pulls it out and answers it speaker.	on
211	WHIT (CONT'D) Eugene?	211
212	EUGENE (ON PHONE) Mr. Whittaker! I believe I have located Mr. Rydell and his son!	212
213	WHIT Really?	213
214	CHARLOTTE Oh no	214

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215		EUGENE (ON PHONE) Indeed! I've been following your vehicle about six cars back since we left Odyssey, and they are in the pickup truck directly in front of me.	215	į
216		WHIT How do you know?	216	;
217		EUGENE (ON PHONE) The portable Imagination Station.	217	,
218		WHIT What??	218	;
219		CHARLOTTE Hold on, the what?	219	)
220		EUGENE (ON PHONE) It's emitting a low-radius tracking signal that I've been using to follow them.	220	)
221		WHIT How come we didn't notice it was missing?	221	-
222		EUGENE (ON PHONE) Well, I was a bit too preoccupied with your office to check.	222	:
223		CHARLOTTE And sleep-deprived.	223	;
224		EUGENE (ON PHONE) That as well.	224	ŀ
225		CHARLOTTE So can't we just call the police on them now?	225	;
226		WHIT I'm not sure that would work. We don't want another harried car chase.	226	<b>)</b>
227		EUGENE (ON PHONE) Mr. Whittaker, I think it might be time for Plan B.	227	,
228		WHIT I was just going to suggest the same thing. You know where to go.	228	;

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229	EUGENE (ON PHONE) The red line at Dan Ryan, yes sir.	229
230	WHIT Will the L train be there?	230
231	EUGENE (ON PHONE) Unless my calculations are wrong, it should be just about to depart.	231
232	CHARLOTTE Perfect.	232
233	WHIT I wouldn't call this perfect just yet. Things could still go terribly wrong. Are you still up for the challenge, Eugene?	233
234	EUGENE (ON PHONE) (enthusiastic) No question, Mr. Whittaker! I never did tell you about that spy work I did in Morocco, did I?	234
235	WHIT It'll have to wait.	235
236	EUGENE (ON PHONE) (dejected) Of course.	236
237	CHARLOTTE Be careful, Eugene.	237
238	EUGENE (ON PHONE) Will do!	238
	Eugene hangs up.	
239	CHARLOTTE We'll continue this conversation later, Whit.	239
240	WHIT Of course.	240
	Charlotte puts on the turn signal and begins to mane through traffic. She reaches back to wake up Suzu.	euver
241	CHARLOTTE Suzu. Suzu!	241
	Suzu sighs awake.	

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242	S Are we there	UZU e yet?	242
243	Yes and no.	HARLOTTE It's time for Plan B… off, then ned)	243
244		HIT s the matter?	244
245	C The coat's i	HARLOTTE in here!	245
246	(exhales	HIT s) to make it quick, then.	246
247	S Is that a pr	UZU coblem?	247
248	It shouldn't	HIT t be. Let's just wait… this thing works.	248
	SCENE 6A: INT. SOREN'S	5 TRUCK – NIGHT	
	Soren and Morrie are a Ryan. Soren parks the	rriving at the L train station truck.	n at Dan
249	So This is it.	OREN	249
250	M Where did th	ORRIE ney go?	250
251		OREN e. Let's get out.	251
252	M Is that safe	ORRIE e?	252
253	So (chuckle) Safe? For us		253
	Soren and Morrie get o Soren's side.	out of the truck. Morrie walks	to
254		OREN (CONT'D) parking for the L	254
		MORE)	

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	SOREN (CONT'D) Unless they're trying to confuse us, they'll be getting on here. Which should be soon. It looks like the train is about to leave.	0 2022
255	MORRIE I don't see her car. Did she even pull in here?	255
256	SOREN It's probably here somewhere, it's just hard to-	256
257	MORRIE There! There they are! That's mom with her coat!	257
258	SOREN With the hood up? That's her?	258
259	MORRIE Come on, they're getting away!	259
260	SOREN Let's go!	260
	They begin to rush after Whit, Suzu, and Charlotte.	
261	MORRIE They're getting on the train, farther up!	261
262	SOREN Back here!	262
263	MORRIE We're boarding? But they're in another car!	263
	Morrie and Soren approach the train and get on.	
264	SOREN Yes. And while they're here, we have them.	264
	SCENE 6B: INT. L TRAIN - SOME TIME LATER	
	Whit and Suzu are talking. Passengers are talking a them.	cound
265	SUZU Mr. Whittaker? Is… my mother all right?	265

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	Beat.	
266	WHIT She's a little worried, Suzu. That's all.	266
267	SUZU Do you think we're safe in here?	267
268	WHIT I don't know. Keep watching. If they've been following us, I have a hunch that they're on this train.	268
269	SUZU What would they do to us?	269
270	WHIT That's what your mother is worried about. (beat) We're almost there. Ready to get off?	270
271	SUZU I think so.	271
272	ANNOUNCER This is Jackson. This is a red line train to Howard.	272
273	WHIT We'll need to hurry.	273
	The train slows to a stop. Whit gives the signal whe doors open.	n the
274	WHIT (CONT'D) And split!	274
	Whit and Suzu bustle off the train.	
	SCENE 6C: INT. L TRAIN - JACKSON - MEANWHILE	
	Soren and Morrie are watching out the window.	
275	MORRIE There! I see them leaving the red line! Two cars up!	275
276	SOREN Hurry!	276

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	They rush off onto the platform.	
277	MORRIE Right there! Whittaker and Suzu, heading down the stairs!	277
278	SOREN But where's Charlotte?	278
279	MORRIE She must still be on the train!	279
280	SOREN Quick, back on!	280
281	MORRIE But Whittaker!	281
282	SOREN (boarding) Let him go! Your mother's the one	282

I'm after!

# SCENE 6D: INT. BLUE LINE AT JACKSON - A LITTLE LATER

Whit and Suzu have rushed to the train and are boarding.

283	ANNOUNCER (background) …This is a Blue line train to O'Hare.	283
284	WHIT Keep going, Suzu! That's the train to the airport! Get on, get on!	284
285	SUZU (breathing heavily) Are they here?	285
286	WHIT I think so. I thought I heard Morrie's voice when we got off the train.	286
287	SUZU Oh no, oh no…	287
288	WHIT But they're not here. They didn't follow us through the tunnel.	288

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289	SUZU (relieved) Then… Plan B worked?	289
290	WHIT Almost. Let's just hope your mother makes it in time.	290
	Ding-dong sound effect.	
291	ANNOUNCER Doors closing.	291
	SCENE 6E: INT. L TRAIN - RED LINE - SIGNIFICANT TIME I	LATER
	Morrie and Soren are waiting on the train.	
292	MORRIE We've been on this train for almost an hour. Has she still not got off yet?	292
293	SOREN You're asking me? You're the one who should have been checking!	293
294	MORRIE I was! But if we let Whittaker go-	294
295	SOREN He wouldn't just leave her behind. Not after all she's told him.	295
296	ANNOUNCER This is Howard, as far as this train goes. All passengers must leave the train.	296
297	SOREN End of the line.	297
	The doors open.	
298	MORRIE She's gotta get off here, right?	298
299	SOREN (discreetly) This way, hurry.	299
	They hurry off the train and wait.	

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300	MORRIE I don't see her yet.	300
301	SOREN She's here. Just wait.	301
	Beat.	
302	MORRIE There! There she is!! That's her coat!	302
303	SOREN Finally! (aggressive) Charlotte!	303
	Soren jumps up and runs to Charlotte.	
304	MORRIE Hold on- Dad, that's not-!	304
	Soren grabs Charlotte.	
305	SOREN Stop right there!	305
306	EUGENE Multiple euphemisms! What is the matter with you, sir?	306
307	SOREN What-? But-	307
308	MORRIE (approaching) It's not her.	308
309	EUGENE Morrie? What are you doing here? What is the meaning of all this?	309
310	SOREN You… can't… be… serious.	310
	Soren lets Eugene go.	
311	EUGENE Morrie, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. What sort of manner is this to treat an acquaintance?	311

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312	MORRIE (downcast) Fine. (smirks, brightens up) Fine. You win this time.	312
313	SOREN Get out of here!	313
314	EUGENE (frustrated) It would be my pleasure!	314
	Eugene rushes off.	
315	MORRIE Well, Dad…	315
316	SOREN (enraged) You blew it again, Morrie! This is ridiculous! We were so close once again, and you let them just slip away! How do your plans ever work if you're this incompetent?	316
317	MORRIE Stop. Dad, calm down. Calm down.	317
	Beat. Soren huffs.	
318	MORRIE (CONT'D) We'll find them.	318
319	SOREN (calmly) But where did she go…?	319
	SCENE 6F: INT. O'HARE - TERMINAL - MEANWHILE	
	Whit and Suzu are approaching Charlotte. Scene begins from Charlotte's perspective.	
320	CHARLOTTE Suzu! Whit!	320
321	SUZU Mama!	321
322	WHIT Charlotte!	322
	Suzu and Whit approach.	

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323	CHARLOTTE Looks like Plan B worked!	323
324	WHIT (laughs) Without a hitch!	324
325	SUZU Is Eugene going to be okay?	325
326	WHIT He should be. I'll call him as soon as we get on the plane. He'll return your coat to you when we get back to Odyssey.	326
327	CHARLOTTE (laughs) That's the least of my worries.	327
328	ANNOUNCER (background) Final boarding call for flight RB119 to Jerusalem.	328
329	CHARLOTTE They're almost done boarding. We need to get on. I've got your bags.	329
330	SUZU Great.	330
331	WHIT Here we go. (softly) Thank you, Lord.	331
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### SEGMENT THREE

	SCENE 7: INT. ISRAEL - HOTEL - MONDAY EVENING	
	Charlotte is knocking on Whit's door.	
332	CHARLOTTE (through door) Whit?	332
333	WHIT One moment!	333
	Whit comes to the door and opens it.	
334	WHIT (CONT'D) Need something, Charlotte?	334
335	CHARLOTTE Just letting you know that we're settled into the room. And that we're ready to go when you are.	335
336	WHIT Good to hear.	336
337	CHARLOTTE …I don't know about you, but I didn't sleep well on the flight.	337
	Whit steps into the hallway and lets the door shut behind him.	
338	WHIT I slept fine, myself.	338
339	CHARLOTTE Because of that peace you were talking about?	339
340	WHIT Partly, yes. You know, we didn't finish that conversation.	340
341	CHARLOTTE Well, now's a good time.	341
342	WHIT I don't have anything planned.	342

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343		CHARLOTTE (smirks) Whit, I know a lot of the Bible concepts you were bringing up earlier. I grew up in a religious home. But what do the nature of man or God's will have to do with peace?	343
344		WHIT Well, given all the attributes of God, His justice, mercy, and grace, He is the highest source of peace. The benediction that Pastor Wilson gave ends with, "The Lord lift up His face to you, and give you peace." If God is in control of everything, and He wants to bless us, then we have an assurance in Him that we don't have anywhere else. People let us down. You know that.	344
345		CHARLOTTE I sure do.	345
346		WHIT But God won't. Peace in Him is a result of trusting in Him, making your fears known to Him and giving Him control. That's why I'm not worried right now. I know that no matter what happens when we get to the dig site, or for all of time after that, God is always in control. And if He's in control, then I'm in good hands.	346
347		CHARLOTTE And if you're wrong? What if the hard times never stop coming?	347
	Beat.		
348	Charlotte	WHIT Then I still trust in my God.	348
349		CHARLOTTE I admire you, Whit. I really do. I know you're a wise man. (MORE)	349

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350	WHIT I understand how you feel. And so does God. He knows we can't do it on our own.	350		
351	CHARLOTTE Well, in the meantime… thank you for your words. And for your help to my daughter and me.	351		
352	WHIT You are welcome. I just hope that this final plan keeps us all safe.	352		
	SCENE 8: INT. ODYSSEY - SCHOOL BUS - MONDAY AFTERNOON			
	Zoe and Olivia are talking on the bus.			
353	ZOE So I asked whether or not she was serious, and I think she was!	353		
354	OLIVIA (groans) Why does Valerie always have to be like that?	354		
355	ZOE I know, right?	355		
356	OLIVIA Someday, I hope she'll see just how irritating she is.	356		
357	ZOE It must be hard, though, you know? Having to pick on people just to be happy?	357		
358	OLIVIA Well, people aren't always rational.	358		
	Olivia's phone rings			

Olivia's phone rings.

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359	OLIVIA (CONT'D) Sorry, just a sec. (pulls it out, startled) Oh! I think… I think I might need to take this.	359
360	ZOE Sure, go ahead.	360
	Olivia sends it to voicemail. Texting sound effects.	
361	ZOE (CONT'D) Wait, you hung up.	361
362	OLIVIA I'm sending the number to Detective Polehaus.	362
363	ZOE What? Why?	363
	"Message sent" sound effect.	
364	OLIVIA This might be the guy who called about the matching funds!	364
	SCENE 9A: INT. ODYSSEY POLICE STATION - POLEHAUS'S OFFICE - MEANWHILE	
	Polehaus gets a text. He jumps up and rushes out of the office.	
365	POLEHAUS Martin!	365
366	MARTIN Yeah, Detective?	366
367	POLEHAUS I just got the number from Olivia Parker! Start the tap on her phone.	367
368	MARTIN Right away. And tap is on.	368
369	POLEHAUS What's he saying?	369
370	MARTIN He hasn't called back yet.	370

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371	Here's t	POLEHAUS he number. Get me a trace.	371
372	On it.	MARTIN	372
373	This nur the last	POLEHAUS ber should work better than one.	373
	Olivia's phone cal computer.	l is suddenly heard through Marti	n′s
374	Hello?	OLIVIA (ON PHONE)	374
375	Hello, i	SOREN (ON PHONE) s this Olivia Parker?	375
376	There! H	MARTIN Martin back!	376
377	•	OLIVIA (ON PHONE) der Martin) o is this?	377
378	Winword	SOREN (ON PHONE) ou remember me? Jordan of I called you a few weeks of your trip to the state	378
		s at this point. The rest of the the background of the scene.	phone
379		OLIVIA (ON PHONE) you! Yeah, I was wondering ould ever call me back! opened?	379
380	right. 1	SOREN (ON PHONE) w what, you're absolutely That was totally my fault. I have gotten back to you	380
381	"Sooner" two days	OLIVIA (ON PHONE) ?? The drama festival was s ago!	381

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382	SOREN (ON PHONE) I am so sorry. We've been extremely busy here at the Student Project Fund and I dropped the ball on it. Were you still able to go?	382
383	OLIVIA (ON PHONE) Yes, actually, but only after I used my own money to pay for it.	383
384	SOREN (ON PHONE) Oh, Olivia. I don't know what to say. But I'm calling you back to let you know that I'm still willing to pay our half of the entry fee.	384
	The following dialogue is from when Polehaus i	nterrupts.
385	POLEHAUS That's gotta be him! Any results on the trace, Martin?	385
	Martin's computer dings.	
386	MARTIN I got it, Detective. Triangulation puts it in… Connellsville!	386
387	POLEHAUS Perfect! Where in Connellsville?	387
388	MARTIN The commercial district.	388
	Martin's computer beeps.	
389	MARTIN (CONT'D) And that's the GPS trace.	389
390	POLEHAUS Get those coordinates! (shouts to the other guys) It's time to move out, men!	390
	Affirmation from the other officers. Polehaus their way out of the station.	and co. bustle
391	POLEHAUS (CONT'D) (calling) And call up Eva Parker on the way, Martin!	391
392	MARTIN Calling her right now, sir.	392

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	Polehaus quickly dials a number. It rings once or twice on his end.	
	Cut instantly to SCENE 9B.	
	SCENE 9B: INT. ISRAEL - WHIT'S HOTEL ROOM - EVENING	
	Whit's phone rings in sync with the ending of SCENE 9A. Whit picks up.	
393	WHIT Detective?	393
394	POLEHAUS Soren's here in Connellsville, Whit! He's on the phone with Olivia right now.	394
395	WHIT Excellent!	395
	Whit leaves to the hallway during the rest of the conversation.	
396	POLEHAUS Not too fast, though. This might be a trap. We know what Morrie's capable of. Proceed with caution.	396
397	WHIT Thank you, Detective. Call me once you get him.	397
398	POLEHAUS Will do.	398
	Whit hangs up and knocks on Charlotte's door. She answers.	
399	CHARLOTTE Any news, Whit?	399
400	WHIT Yes, in fact! Polehaus tracked the number to Connellsville.	400
401	CHARLOTTE (relieved) He did?	401
402	WHIT Yep. Soren's there, as far as we can tell. (MORE)	402

	"The Final Problem, Part 1" By Michael LaFaver WHIT (CONT'D) They're going to get him right now. I'm ready to head to the dig.	Page 37 © 2021
403	CHARLOTTE Let's do this. (calling) Suzu!	403
404	SUZU Coming, Mama!	404
405	CHARLOTTE You still have access to your trailer, right?	405
406	WHIT Sure do. I left it locked up, although there's nothing anyone would wanna steal in there. Except the disk, of course.	406
407	CHARLOTTE And the keys?	407
	Whit pulls a bundle of keys out of his pocket.	
408	WHIT Right here.	408
409	CHARLOTTE Perfect.	409
	Suzu arrives.	
410	SUZU Are we leaving?	410
411	CHARLOTTE Yes, we are. You ready?	411
412	SUZU I think so.	412
413	WHIT Come on. The rental car's right outside.	413
	SCENE 10: INT. CONNELLSVILLE - POLEHAUS'S POLICE CAN AFTERNOON	R -

Martin is riding with Polehaus. Olivia's call can be heard from Martin's laptop. The following dialogue is in the background.

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414		OLIVIA (ON PHONE) So I just want to make sure you're actually telling the truth here.	414
415		SOREN (ON PHONE) Well, I called you back, right? Why would I be calling you again if I didn't want to help you?	415
416		OLIVIA (ON PHONE) That's true.	416
417		SOREN (ON PHONE) And I'm not trying to take your money. The only money changing hands would be from me to the school.	417
418		OLIVIA (ON PHONE) Then the school would take care of it.	418
419		SOREN (ON PHONE) Exactly.	419
420		OLIVIA (ON PHONE) Then why are you calling me?	420
421		SOREN (ON PHONE) Because you're the person this affects the most.	421
422		OLIVIA (ON PHONE) But I'm not even the president anymore. Someone else is.	422
	The follow	ving is over the phone call.	
423		MARTIN How far out are we?	423
424		POLEHAUS Just another few turns.	424
425		MARTIN (chuckles) Olivia's good at this. She's kept him on for almost half an hour.	425
426		POLEHAUS I'm glad her mom is there.	426

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427	MARTIN The trace hasn't changed locations since he called her. He's still there.	427
428	POLEHAUS And so are we.	428
	Polehaus quickly stops the car in a gravel parking I Martin closes his laptop, cutting off the above conv between Olivia and Soren. He and Polehaus jump out c car. Perspective shifts with them. The other police grind to a stop, and the officers get out.	versation of the
429	POLEHAUS (CONT'D) Empty warehouse, eh? Clever. (addressing the men) All right, boys! We don't know what kind of security he's got on this place, so keep your weapons ready. This man is known to be armed and dangerous. Get in, get him and Morrie, and get out. Clear?	429
430	OFFICERS Clear. / Got it. / Affirmative. [etc.]	430
431	POLEHAUS All right! In we go!	431
	Polehaus and the officers rush the door to the wareh of the officers kicks it down. They quickly file in.	
432	ANYA Oh!!	432
433	OFFICER Police! Hands in the air!	433
434	ANYA Don't shoot!	434
435	POLEHAUS Stay there. Where is Soren Rydell?	435
436	ANYA Soren who?	436
437	POLEHAUS Spread out, men!	437

The officers murmur as they begin to search the warehouse.

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438	POLEHAUS (CONT'D) Show her, Martin.	438
439	MARTIN One second.	439
	Martin opens up his laptop and presses a few keys.	
440	OLIVIA (ON PHONE) -Would I have to do?	440
441	SOREN (ON PHONE) You wouldn't have to do anything! The Student Project Fund would write up a check and send it to you. Either you or your school, it doesn't matter to us. Since you paid for it with your own money, we'd be happy to reimburse you.	441
	Martin stops the audio.	
442	MARTIN Recognize that voice?	442
	Anya begins to chuckle, which turns into a sinister laugh.	
443	POLEHAUS We traced this phone call to this exact location! What are you hiding?	443
444	ANYA (laughing) What am I hiding? Why, officer, I have nothing to hide! All this is part of plan, all of it!	444
445	POLEHAUS Stop it! Show me where he is!	445
446	ANYA Of course! Of course	446
	SCENE 11A: EXT. ISRAEL - WHIT'S SECRET DIG - LATE NIGHT	
	Whit drives up with Charlotte and Suzu in the car. He slow to a stop. Everyone gets out and shuts the doors behind th	
447	WHIT Nove we are the second did of John	447

WHIT Here we are. The secret dig of John Avery Whittaker.

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448	CHARLOTTE I remember this place. After all these years. That's the trailer over there.	448
449	SUZU (exhales) Finally… we are going to be done with this case.	449
	SCENE 11B: INT. CONNELLSVILLE - ANYA'S WAREHOUSE - A	FTERNOON
	Anya is leading Polehaus, Martin, and some of Polehau to a room in the warehouse.	us's men
450	ANYA Right through that door is what you want to find.	450
451	POLEHAUS Is he in there?	451
452	ANYA Oh yes, you will find him in there.	452
453	MARTIN Why are you being so cooperative?	453
454	POLEHAUS (agitated) Forget it, Martin, we've come this far-	454
	Polehaus rushes to the door and throws it open. He correadies his gun. The following audio is heard in the background, coming through a computer.	ocks and
455	SOREN (ON PHONE) -Should be in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars, and if that's the case	455
456	POLEHAUS Soren Rydell! This is the police! (beat) Wha…?	456
457	OLIVIA (ON PHONE) Detective Polehaus? Did you get him?	457
458	POLEHAUS I don't understand. How?	458

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459		SOREN (ON PHONE) (chuckles) Ah, you foolish, foolish cop! Did you really think it would be this easy?	459
460	,	POLEHAUS Where are you??	460
461		SOREN (ON PHONE) I see the setup worked perfectly. You've tracked this phone properly, Detective. But I'm safe and sound somewhere else with an additional connection being rerouted through the phone you've traced. And did you really think about the fact that you've tracked a GPS signal to the inside of a building? Please.	461
462	:	POLEHAUS (quivering) Look… I don't…	462
463		SOREN (ON PHONE) Save it. Better luck next time, Polehaus.	463
	Soren hangs	s up. Olivia does as well after a few seco	onds.
464	:	MARTIN Don? Is he?	464
	Suddenly, M	Morrie's voice comes over the system.	
465		MORRIE (MYSTERIOUS VOICE, ON PH Well, looks like you missed us, Detective.	IONE) 465
466	,	POLEHAUS Why have you done this?	466
467		MORRIE (MYSTERIOUS VOICE, ON PE You know how the game works. And you agreed to play it, didn't you?	IONE) 467
468		POLEHAUS I didn't know that you-	468
469		MORRIE (MYSTERIOUS VOICE, ON PE So you're going to call up Whittaker. And if you want to finish the plan, here's what you're going to tell him.	IONE) 469

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	SCENE 11C: EXT. ISRAEL - WHIT'S DIG - LATE NIGHT		
	Whit's phone rings. He answers.		
470	WHIT Detective?	470	
471	POLEHAUS (ON PHONE) (nervous) Whit… we got em.	471	
472	WHIT You got them? Both of them?	472	
473	POLEHAUS (ON PHONE) They're both here. We're taking them into custody.	473	
474	WHIT Wonderful! That's good to hear. Detective, what are they-	474	
	Suddenly, the call drops.		
475	WHIT (CONT'D) Detective? Huh.	475	
	Whit puts his phone away.		
476	SUZU They caught Morrie and my father?	476	
477	WHIT Yes, they did.	477	
478	CHARLOTTE And in just a few seconds, we'll have the evidence. That's the trailer.	478	
479	WHIT Knife-hole still intact. (chuckles)	479	
	Suddenly, a voice calls from farther off.		
480	ALETHEIA Suzu!	480	
Whit, Charlotte, and Suzu stop.			
481	CHARLOTTE What's that?	481	

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482	WHIT That couldn't be	482
483	ALETHEIA Suzu! My daughter! I am here!	483
484	SUZU No… is that… my mother?	484
485	CHARLOTTE How…? But she's dead, right, Whit?	485
486	WHIT I never knew if she died or survived, but it looks like-	486
487	ALETHEIA It's me! Aletheia!	487
488	SUZU (anxious) It's her! Mother!	488
	Suzu runs to Aletheia.	
489	CHARLOTTE Suzu! Wait!	489
	Charlotte runs after Suzu.	
490	WHIT Charlotte? Hold on for-	490
	Suddenly, a high-pitched ringing starts in Whit's ears accompanied by a swirling sound (like air). He grunts doubles over, breathing heavily. His words flash back	and
491	WHIT (PART 3) There's a secret here that feels unsettling. You're the revealer of secrets, Lord. If there's something more to this, something I need to do	491
	The swirling and ringing stop.	
492	WHIT (PRESENT) Please… make it clear to me.	492
	Something falls inside the trailer.	
493	WHIT (CONT'D) (panting) Huh? What's that?	493

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	Whit approaches the trailer.	
494	WHIT (CONT'D) Is someone in there?	494
	SCENE 11D: INT. CONNELLSVILLE - ANYA'S WAREHOUSE - SOREN'S OFFICE - AFTERNOON	
	Polehaus hangs up with Whit. Martin looks on, incredulous. The officers with him are murmuring, confused.	
495	MARTIN (slowly) What… What did you just do?	495
	Polehaus turns and walks away, out of the office. Perspectivistays with Martin.	/e
496	MARTIN (CONT'D) (calling) You lied! What is this plan you've made with Morrie?	496
	Martin starts after Polehaus. The men follow.	
497	POLEHAUS (nervous) I'm sorry, Martin!	497
	Polehaus begins to run. Martin breaks into a sprint and pul out his taser, which he shoots at Polehaus.	ls
498	MARTIN Enough!	498
	Polehaus yells for a few seconds before falling limp on the floor. Martin rolls Polehaus over to make eye contact.	
499	MARTIN (CONT'D) What did you do to Whittaker?	499
	Beat.	
500	POLEHAUS (straining) I'm sorry. I… I made a deal.	500
	SCENE 11E: EXT. ISRAEL - WHIT'S SECRET DIG - LATE NIGHT	
	Aletheia is watching as Suzu and Charlotte run up.	

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501	SUZU (runs up) Mother! Mother, is it you? (beat) Is everything all right?	501
502	CHARLOTTE (runs up) Aletheia? You're alive?	502
503	ALETHEIA Charlotte… Suzu… It's so good to see you both again.	503
504	SUZU (tearing up) Mother…	504
505	CHARLOTTE Hold on. What do you mean "both"?	505
	Aletheia lunges and grabs Charlotte and Suzu. Both of them yell and struggle.	
506	SUZU Hey!	506
507	CHARLOTTE Who are you? What do you want?	507
	Aletheia handcuffs Charlotte.	
508	ALETHEIA Charlotte… Charlotte, don't you know me?	508
	Aletheia's face and voice change.	
509	ALETHEIA (CONT'D) SOREN I'm a face from the past. I'm a face from the past.	510
511	CHARLOTTE (gasps) No. No, no, no!	511
512	SUZU Father??	512
513	SOREN Yes. It all comes down to this.	513

"The Final Problem, Part 1" Page 47 By Michael LaFaver © 2021 SCENE 11F: INT. ISRAEL - WHIT'S TRAILER - LATE NIGHT Perspective starts from the inside. Whit pushes open the door, standing unlocked and unlatched, and walks in. 514 WHIT 514 Is there anyone here? Whit takes a step or two. WHIT (CONT'D) 515 515 Hello? Beat. Whit bends down and uses his keys to unlock a drawer. He opens it and picks through some papers to the bottom. 516 WHIT (CONT'D) 516 It's gone. Oh no. Whit shuts the drawer and stands up. WHIT (CONT'D) 517 517 What's going on here? Whit takes a few more steps farther into the trailer. Suddenly, a voice rings out. 518 MORRIE 518 Computer! Whit gasps and freezes. The music swells to a pause. MORRIE (CONT'D) 519 519 Initiate the final program! There is a virtual explosion from inside the trailer as Whit is sucked into a program. The Imagination Station sound effects are mixed in with the whooshing [e.g. the ending of episode #885]. Then silence. SFX FADE OUT TO: CREDITS