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CONTROL

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INT. DAY. THE OFFICE

CARLOS (mid 30's) is sitting at his desk in an open plan office, a colleague JAY walks by and places a bunch of files onto his desk, Carlos looks up at Jay.

CARLOS

Whats this?

JAY

New Acquisitions, they want them done for the 10am meeting in the morning

CARLOS

That means I'll have to work through the night

JAY

Hey! Thats why you do what you do and I just deliver the messages.

Jay walks away as Carlos looks at the stats of files and mutters under his breath

CARLOS

You've got to be shitting me?

Carlos takes a breath, exhales then takes the first file from the pile.

FADE OUT

THE CANTEEN

Carlos is sitting at a table looking out of a window while eating his sandwich along, he hears laughter coming from behind him and turns to see a bunch of women gathering together for their lunch, suddenly someone sits in front of him, Carlos turns to face the person all the time looking around at all the empty spaces around

MAN

Hi, I'm Brogan Knut (pronounced Knoot)

CARLOS

Hi I'm

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BROGAN

Carlos, right, second floor in accounts, you have the small desk near the fire exit, right.

CARLOS

Yeah, how do you, sorry, do I know you?

BROGAN

No, but I know you? Listen, we don't really have much time, just enough time for you to make a difference for you and for me

CARLOS

I don't understand, who are you

BROGAN

Carlos, stay with me we have already done the introductions, now I want you to do something for me, something very important, practically life changing (looks at his watch) right, we don't have much time, in sixty seconds the vice chairman is going to walk through the door when he does, you (points at Carlos) will have exactly five minutes to go to your desk find a files called E-F1L input all the data then destroy the file then put the file onto this (slides over a USB key) when you are done open your draw, take whatever is in it, comeback down here and go to the bathroom where you will see the vice chairman and you my friend get to kill him.

Carlos looks at Brogan in shock as he is in mid bite of his sandwich, Brogan looks at his watch

BROGAN

Thirty seconds Carlos, what is it going to be?

CARLOS

No, are you crazy?

BROGAN

Shit, 10 seconds, I didn't want to have to do this.

Brogan takes out a picture and slides it in front of Carlos, the picture is of his Mother, Father and brother

BROGAN

Do it or they die, shit, five seconds.

Carlos looks at the picture, suddenly the door opens and the vice chairman walks in, Brogan and Carlos both watch as the vice chairman walks to the counter and starts to order his food.

BROGAN

Whats it going to be Carlos? Do it or they die.

Carlos grabs the USB from the table and leaves the canteen

CUT

THE DESK

Carlos watches the numbers go up to the second floor, the doors open and Carlos rushes over to his desk and starts going through the files muttering the file names as he reads them.

CARLOS

E-F1L here, found it.

JAY

What have you got there?

CARLOS

What?

JAY

What file is that?

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CARLOS

The files you gave me this morning.

JAY

Yeah but that has a yellow corner, that file need to go to development, you shouldn't have that file, give it to me I'll drop it off.

CARLOS

Tell you what, I'm going pass there after so I'll drop it off for you

JAY

Why are you going up there?

CARLOS

I..... Want to transfer

JAY

You're leaving us, Carlos, please don't, you're my best administrator, what can I do to make you stay, here I will let one f the interns do this work (goes to take the files)

CARLOS

NO!... It's ok, just let me do this, drop off this file then we can just talk about it after, just, I just need a bit of space, ok.

JAY

Ok, Carlos, I'll be in my office when you're ready.

Carlos smiles as Jay walks off, Carlos quickly turns to his computer, plugs in the USB key and opens the new report file program, Carlos starts typing as fast as he can and glances up at the clock as the second hand continuously ticks.

CARLOS

Come on.

Carlos presses an accept button then saves the file onto

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the usb stick, as it is saving Carlos puts the file papers into the shredder next to his bin and opens his draw, he pauses, stares into the draw and the chrome plated pistol with the silencer attached, Carlos looks at the clock as he is a minute away from running out of time. He looks at the USB key and grits his teeth as he takes it out of the computer, he reaches down and takes the gun and puts it into his pocket and rushes back to the elevator.

Carlos pushes the elevator button and waits, Carlos is impatient and takes the stairs back downstairs to the canteen, Brogan watches Carlos walk back in, Carlos sees the vice chairman walk into the bathroom.

Carlos walks over to Brogan and places the USB key on the table.

BROGAN

Nearly done, jus go in there put
a bullet in his head and walk out
and leave the building, there
will be a car waiting for you, do
it and your family is safe

CARLOS

You promise.

BROGAN

Yes, I promise you.

Carlos heads towards the bathroom and opens the door locking it behind him.

CUT TO BATHROOM

BATHROOM

Carlos slowly takes out the pistol and looks around the bathroom, he bends down and sees a set of feet in a stall, Carlos stands in front of the stalls door and points the gun at the door, the vice chairman sees the feet from under the stall doors.

VICE CHAIRMAN

Carlos. Is that you?

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Carlos is in shock that the vice chairman knows that it is him outside of the stall. He hesitates and mumbles his answer.

CARLOS

Y..yes it me, how did you know

VICE CHAIRMAN

Listen Carlos, its ok, I just want to know if you are ok, are you ok?

CARLOS

No, I'm not fucking ok, all I wanted to do is eat my lunch and go back to my desk and finish this fucking day, so no, I'm far from ok

VICE CHAIRMAN

I understand, I do, let me guess, they showed you a picture of your family and told you to kill me or they are dead

CARLOS

Yes

VICE CHAIRMAN

Thats ok, I would have done the same thing, what did they want?

CARLOS

A file, I down loaded a file, sir, what the fuck is going on

VICE CHAIRMAN

Don't worry, this will be over soon, one last thing, what was the name of the file?

CARLOS

E-F1L

VICE CHAIRMAN

I see, well, I don't really want to die on the shitter with my arse out so do you mind if I come out and we finish this

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VICE CHAIRMAN (cont'd)
conversation

CARLOS
Yes. Sir

VICE CHAIRMAN
Now you're not going to shoot me
are you?

CARLOS
No sir

VICE CHAIRMAN
You promise

CARLOS
I do

The vice chairman opens the stall and walks out, Carlos steps out of arms reach still pointing the gun at the vice chairman.

The Vice chairman washes his hands and turns to Carlos with a smile

CARLOS
Why are you smiling

VICE CHAIRMAN
Because I don't cry, I didn't
even cry when my mother died and
you and I know that a mothers
love is precious, no?

CARLOS
Yes (nods)

VICE CHAIRMAN
So how are we going to get out of
this mess

CARLOS
I don't know, I don't even know
how I got into it, what was in
that file?

VICE CHAIRMAN
E-F1L is a agriculture
development where pesticides were
sprayed over crops, the earth
became contaminated as now its

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VICE CHAIRMAN (cont'd)
affected the water supply, but we did everything by the regulations provided, however a few locals were affected and fell sick so were in a legal battle with that, we were going to flatten it all and develop housing for the area but the soil is contaminated so nothing will grow and nothing can be built on it, are families affected? yes, jobs losses and even people are sick but sometimes these things happen, we followed the rules, anyway the insurance will cover the loss.

CARLOS
For the people and the community?

VICE CHAIRMAN
No, for the company, we spent millions into this development, we have investments and shareholders of whom were accountable for, this is what keeps the economy going, not protests and vandalism its money, its the only thing thats worth living for, otherwise what are we here for, why do you even work here if not for the money.

Carlos lowers his pistol

CARLOS
Where did this happen?

VICE CHAIRMAN
What the incident? It was just in Iowa

CARLOS
Near Pella

VICE CHAIRMAN
Yes

CARLOS
Thats how you knew my name, you cross referenced people who have family in that area didn't you,
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you knew I would have been
approached by whoever sent me in
here to kill you.

VICE CHAIRMAN

What's the use in having money if
you can't buy the information you
need to stay infant of the game

CARLOS

You see this as a game, this
isn't a game, these are peoples
lives.

VICE CHAIRMAN

You sound just like them, lets
just get down to what needs to be
done here, I will pay for your
families medical bills and ensure
you are all compensated, you'll
see it will be ok, only one
person died out of all of this,
is it a tragedy, yes, but it
wasn't our fault.

CARLOS

Only one person died huh, is that
how you value life, who was it,
who died?

VICE CHAIRMAN

A child, they were sick, the
chemicals gave her cancer.

CARLOS

What was her name?

VICE CHAIRMAN

Knut, Amy Knut.

Carlos looks at the vice chairman and raises the gun.

CUT

End.

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