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Seal Team Six: The Raid on Osama Bin Laden

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CHERRY:

to talk about?
I mean...we trained
just like we always trained
for any other mission, you know.
It's all serious.

STUNNER:

to join the SEALs
was for missions like this.
The dream of getting this call.

VIVIAN:

As it happened that night,
the President was due
to give a speech.
White House
Correspondents' Dinner.
A room full of journalists.
The fact is,
only a handful of his aides knew
that just before the event...
the President had
authorized the raid.

PRESIDENT OBAMA:

everybody, please have a seat.
[applause]
My fellow Americans...
[cheering]
it is wonderful to be here...
at the White House
Correspondents' Dinner.
What a week.

STUNNER:

of missions like this.
Dead-of-the-night type raids.
What was different
was the target.

SETH MEYERS:

performing for

those of you here tonight,
as well as the handful of people
watching at home on C-SPAN.
People think Bin Laden is hiding
in the Hindu Kush,
but did you know that every day
from four to five,
he hosts a show on C-SPAN?
[laughter and applause]

CHERRY:

you don't get to live free
without working for it.
You got to earn it every day.
And...that day we did.

MAN:

"Talk" may be the wrong word.
Can you imagine being tied down
and your skin peeled off?
Did you know you have
three layers of skin?
So it can take a while.
It will make your time here
seem like heaven.
I expect you will end up dying.
Their torture chambers
are state-of-the-art.
And your wife and children.
They will go, too.

MAN:

MAN:

to chew on.
I need to show
the guys with the keys
that you are worth
keeping around.
And there are
25 million green reasons
for you to help us find
the man we want.

MAN:

[sighs]

MAN:

That's why I'm letting
the Saudis borrow you.

[sniffs]

I wish it could end up
better for you.

But at least now
you can take comfort
in the fact that this is
definitely going to end.
You're on your own.

MAN:

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PRESIDENT OBAMA:

actual intelligence
about high-value
terrorist targets
and President Musharraf
will not act, we will.

SENATOR McCAIN:

Teddy Roosevelt used to say,
"Talk softly,
but carry a big stick."
Senator Obama
likes to talk loudly.

PRESIDENT OBAMA:

We will kill Bin Laden,
we will crush Al-Qaeda.

That has to be our biggest
national security priority.

[horns honking]

VIVIAN:

The phone call that we traced
tied the courier back in
with Al-Qaeda.

We immediately put two assets
on the ground in Peshawar.

ANALYST:

Your other left.

Got it.

And watch the profanity.

I understand Pashto.

[speaking foreign language]

[speaking foreign language]

ANALYST:

right now. That's our man.

WASEEM:

There he is.

He's coming out.

Let's go!

MALIK:

ANALYST:

We've got a good signal.

Don't blow your cover.

WASEEM:

You have caught him.

MAN:

WASEEM:

[horns honking]

WASEEM:

Take this way.

ANALYST:

You're coming up behind him.

MAN:

ANALYST:

some interference.

Keep your eyes on him.

WASEEM:

We have got a visual.

MAN:

Karakoram Highway.

Target is leaving Peshawar.

ANALYST:

We're trying to get eyes on you.

WASEEM:

We have still got him.

The boy is headed to Abbottabad.

MALIK:

WASEEM:

WASEEM:

[horn honking]

ANALYST:

back on him.

WASEEM:

ANALYST:

We'll take it from here.

MAN:

this is the first time

we've had eyes on the courier.

We know he used to be

a courier for Al-Qaeda.

We have no confirmation

they are still in contact,
but we know the place
is built like a fortress.

REPORTER:

The pace of American operations
keeps going up
from week to week.
Night raids up six-fold,
air strikes nearly doubled.
The American troop surge
in Afghanistan
is part of what
an aide to Petraeus calls
"squeezing down on the Taliban
like a giant anaconda."

SOLDIER:

Come on, let's move, Cherry.
This gear ain't
gettin' any lighter.

MAN:

this mission should be simple.
Transporting
two Taliban operatives
back to Khandahar Base.
Pick-up within 10 mikes.
Get in and get out.

SOLDIER:

Keep that pace up.

CHERRY:

it's pretty much
just me and my mom.
Eh...
As a kid in junior high,
I got stuffed in trash cans
all the time.
And then there was
this one year I decided
that wasn't gonna
happen anymore.

I started doing the beatin'.
So now, here I am.
I'm fightin'
at the highest level
of the United States of America.
It was like...
the SEALs were waiting for me,
and I'd been waitin' for them.

STUNNER:

this is Wild Eagle Niner.
Can I get a sit rep
on that bird? Over.

STUNNER:

I had a duty to my country,
a country that I love.
And there was really
no other choice for me.

TECH:

says Reaper 12 is inbound,
TOT 50.
Keep your ears open as they
should be pushing Budweiser
in 4 or 5 mikes. How copy?

STUNNER:

Out.

CHERRY:

STUNNER:

Move up.

TECH:

over the next ridge, boys.

TECH:

be advised you have four persons
approaching you.
Looks like LNs.
No weapons observed. Over.

STUNNER:

four likely LNs.
No weapons observed.

STUNNER:

I want you to take Trench
and check it out.

D-PUNCH:

Yeah, I got it. I got it.

D-PUNCH:

Hold up here.
Take it easy, buddy.

D-PUNCH:

Sit down!

MAN:

STUNNER:

What's going on up there?

D-PUNCH:

to have a female
come up and do the pat-down.

D-PUNCH:

and send Cherry on up.

CHERRY:

STUNNER:

We've got to move!

TRENCH:

STUNNER:

TECH:

Captain Marshall, situation.

STUNNER:

STUNNER:

on the left!

CHERRY:

STUNNER:

STUNNER:

Wild Eagle Niner.

We've taken fire.

At least one shooter.

Can you give us info

on his position?

TECH:

that's negative.

I'm not seeing anything.

Aaaah!

STUNNER:

Move! Move!

[yelling]

STUNNER:

MULE:

STUNNER:

SOLDIER:

CHERRY:

All clears up here.

STUNNER:

TRENCH:

STUNNER:

any more hostiles?

TECH:

No hostiles in view.

STUNNER:

Let's push the LNs through
and get the hell out of here,
all right?

[D-Punch speaking
foreign language]

Let's go, guys.

Come on. Move it out.

Hold up!

I need to finish searching.

STUNNER:

Let's go! We got to move.

STUNNER:

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STUNNER:

to live by
the rules of engagement.
Don't cause reckless harm.
Don't use women, children,
or old people for cover.
And don't strap 50 pounds
of explosives to your chest.
But as team leader, I know
if we give up on the moral code
that our country believes in,
then we're no better than them.

CHERRY:

My problem is very simple.

It's with the rules.

We got rules,

the other side don't.

MAN:

VIVIAN:

Good. Good, good, good.

[speaking foreign language]

WOMAN:

WASEEM:

WOMAN:

I'll take you inside.
My family has owned
the building for five years.
And we take
very good care of it.
No pets allowed.
And most of the residents
are families.
So, please,
keep your parties quiet.

WASEEM:

WOMAN:

This comes semi-furnished.
We have television.
There's no AC,
but we can provide you
with a cooler.
There's 24 hours running water,
most of the time.
It's one bedroom.
So you men will be
sharing the bedroom?

WASEEM:

any two-bedrooms?

WOMAN:

[sighs]
This is a very peaceful
neighborhood.
Very quiet.
Safe and very quiet.

WASEEM:

VIVIAN:

let me see the view.

MALIK:

it's got some serious security.

WOMAN:

was built a few years ago
by a wealthy
Pashtun businessman.
Strict Purdah family.
Very quiet.
They don't bother anyone.

VIVIAN:

That works.

WASEEM:

MALIK:

A little to the right!

WASEEM:

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MALIK:

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WASEEM:

How is the view? Good?

MALIK:

WASEEM:

Is it okay?

[indistinct talking]

VIVIAN:

one more minute of your time.
I really think it would be
in our best interest
to focus on
what we were talking about.

GUIDRY:

what's in my best interest?

VIVIAN:

Things got heated in there.

GUIDRY:

a lot of passion.
We're on the same team, but time
is not a luxury that we have.
And that hour you just
took back there at the end
is an hour that
I'll never get back.
Decisions like this are never
as simple as they seem.
Hunches and educated guesses
will never take the place of
real actionable intelligence.

VIVIAN:

catching him started on 9-11.
The idea of him just kind of
got deeper in my head.
I don't know, I guess
gradually you could say he...
took over my life.
I understand our current culture
is risk adverse.
But I think if you just
look at the field data,
I'm sure you'd agree
that there's more
to support this hypothesis
than any unsubstantiated

cave theories.

GUIDRY:

Christian thinks he's dead.

VIVIAN:

GUIDRY:

Keep it coming.

Spit it out.

VIVIAN:

There is a good possibility
that by the time
we've gathered enough data
to validate a static final say,
something will leak.
He will be long gone and it will
be Tora Bora all over again.
I believe that if there's even
the slightest possibility
of his being in there,
then we should--

GUIDRY:

VIVIAN:

out of it...sir.

GUIDRY:

people will want proof?
They'll want to see the body.
And a DNA match.
Or conspiracy theories
will abound.
And if we drop a bomb
on our ostensible allies
in the war on terror,
we run the risk of nuclear
retaliation on someone,
probably India or Israel.
We also run the risk of
destroying any and all evidence
of his ever having been there.

Let's reconvene at 0600.
We're gonna need a back-up plan.
Maybe two.

VIVIAN:

lost her father and her brother
in the South Tower.
It was awful.
And then we go into Afghanistan,
and we have Osama
holed up in Tora Bora,
and we let him go.
We had him and we let him go.
I didn't wanna be
part of the team
that let him get away again.

REPORTER:

Twin car bombs exploded
outside the U.S. embassies
in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam.

REPORTER:

the U.S.S. Cole in Yemen,
claiming the lives
of 17 U.S. soldiers.

REPORTER:

ever on U.S. soil.

REPORTER:

Bin Laden is behind the attack.

REPORTER:

as a bomb rips through
a resort in Bali.

REPORTER:

ripped through commuter trains
and railway platforms.

REPORTER:

of emergency vehicles...

REPORTER:

is the group being credited
for terrorism
in the city of London today.

CHERRY:

I finally got to buy my mom
a house up the road from mine.
It wasn't much
to look at, but...
that was the best
damn day of my life.
When she walked
through that door, and....
just that smile, you know.
And, um,
you know, when we come home
from deployment,
most of the men, they got
wife, kids to go to.
And me, I just,
I keep it simple.
You know,
it's my mom, my bike...
a few girls
every now and then.
[chuckles]
But, you know...
even though we go away from
each other for a few days,
it's, um...
we're still a team, you know.
The issues that
we had out on the field,
they're still there.

WOMAN:

What else can I get you?

CHERRY:

another one of these.

WOMAN:

TRENCH:

Chocolate moon cake.

Yeah.

WOMAN:

TRENCH:

MULE:

I'm not a big chocolate guy.

TRENCH:

Correction.

A big chocolate guy
is exactly what you are.

CHERRY:

Trench were at this bar, right?
And this pack of Frog Hogs
comes marching in.
You remember that?

TRENCH:

CHERRY:

to myself, "Damn.
I feel sorry for the poor guy
who's got to pick a wife
out of that bunch of buns."
I'd have to drink two six packs
and put a gun to my head
just to go home at night.
And then I think,
"Man, if I was Mule,
I'd be ready to kill myself.

MULE:

So leave me out of this [bleep].

CHERRY:

How is little Jaclynn?
What is she, four or five now?

MULE:

with this conversation.

CHERRY:

We'll switch it to Stunner.
Stunner, how is married life
treating you, huh?

STUNNER:

CHERRY:

everything on the home front?
It's all good?

STUNNER:

like to know?
You writin' a book, maybe?

CHERRY:

how good you got it.
Team leader at 31.
Wonder kid flying up
the command chain.
Why don't you just relax?

STUNNER:

I'm always relaxed.
I'm just getting tired of you
runnin' your mouth all the time.

CHERRY:

of explaining
how we let a little old lady
blow up D-Punch.

MULE:

What's up?

LT. COMMANDER:

Square things up here.
Meet me outside.

CHERRY:

LT. COMMANDER:

the alert squadron.
And I just got word
that we're being placed
under operational controls
of the Agency's Special
Activities Division for this op,
at Admiral McRaven's
personal direction.
I don't know the target yet.
Whatever it is,
it's important to someone.
So say goodbye
to your wives and kids,
your girlfriends, your Harleys,
your pets, whatever.
Load off you guys at 04.
Looks like we may
have the opportunity
to get payback for D-Punch
sooner than we expected.
Hopefully you guys
have had enough time
to get your heads straight.
Okay?

ALL:

WASEEM:

Hold on a second.

MALIK:

WASEEM:

It was nothing.

VIVIAN:

Vivian Hollins,
Senior Counterintelligence
Threat Analyst.
I was at CTC
during Operation Anaconda.
Your recon on that mission
saved hundreds of lives.
If you hadn't taken out

that SAM position,
it would have been a blood bath.

LT. COMMANDER:

That was a credit to the men.

GUIDRY:

a known Al-Qaeda courier
lead us to the suspected
location of a high-value target.
And the DCI wants us to put an
immediate action plan in place.
We've opened the file and
started the planning cycle.
The HVT is in a walled compound.
The main building is surrounded
by 12-foot walls,
two gated
and guarded entry points.
No telephone lines, no Internet.
Trash is incinerated.
Kids are home-schooled.

STUNNER:

GUIDRY:

LT. COMMANDER:

It's a goddamn Madrassa.
There are at least seven
armed military age males
in the compound.

GUIDRY:

on top of the main building
looks like it could have
been designed as a station
for some sort of
antiaircraft equipment.
And intelligence indicates
that the target has access
to Stinger missiles.

LT. COMMANDER:

And there are reports
that there are 2,000 pounds
of C4 in this main structure,
rigged to a light switch.

GUIDRY:

satellite watching the compound.
Since this began, analysts have,
on several occasions,
recognized the man who appears
taller than the rest.
Proportional shadow measurements
put his height at 6'5".
He doesn't seem to participate
in daily chores.
He just kind of walks around.
We've nicknamed him "The Pacer."
We've got boots on the ground
trying to verify his identity.

LT. COMMANDER:

Is this a permissive
or non-permissive environment?

GUIDRY:

STUNNER:

LT. COMMANDER:

Special Activities mission.

GUIDRY:

with either outcome.
We've narrowed it down
to three options.
Our job is to present
all three to the President
so he can make the most informed
decision possible.
The first option is a joint raid
with the host nation.
However,
there is no way of knowing
if the target is in league

with the host government.
So this operation runs the real
risk of his being tipped off.

LT. COMMANDER:

helicopter assault.
That's where we come in.

STUNNER:

LT. COMMANDER:

Night Stalkers
will handle transport.

GUIDRY:

We all remember Eagle Claw,
1980 failed mission
to rescue hostages in Iran.
Poor planning
led to two downed aircraft
and eight dead.

TRENCH:

What about tunneling under?
It would be a lot quieter
than bringing in two birds
into a rural environment.

GUIDRY:

was built in a flood basin.
Water table's
too high to tunnel.
Third and final option
is to simply level the compound
with a JDAM.
With this option
comes the added complication
of collateral damage
and the inability to verify
that he was ever there.

LT. COMMANDER:

But you're still not sure
if the target's in there.

You're still not
one hundred percent.

GUIDRY:

hard to come by these days.
Stacy.
J.J.
May I have a word in my office?

LT. COMMANDER:

GUIDRY:

Have a seat, please.

LT. COMMANDER:

GUIDRY:

I don't have to tell you
how delicate this mission is...
how professional errors
can be compounded
by secrecy and concealment.
However, in my opinion,
you are the exception.

LT. COMMANDER:

I understand what you're saying.

GUIDRY:

you are the type of man
whose judgment I shouldn't have
to question or second guess.
And this file
doesn't say any differently.
However, there is one page
that is cause for concern.

LT. COMMANDER:

GUIDRY:

But I would expect
that you won't let the past
cloud your decision making
or lead you to put your team

into any unnecessary danger.

LT. COMMANDER:

I'm not interested
in punishment or revenge.
I care about mission success.
Getting my men home safely.

GUIDRY:

Good luck.
[indistinct
cheering and yelling]

LT. COMMANDER:

All right, lovers!
Break it up! Break it up!
Sauce, you've got a visitor.

SAUCE:

LT. COMMANDER:

She's on our team now.
Take her through
the drills, okay?
Just know there's
2,340 other dogs
that would love
to take her place.
You got that, people?
You got that?

TEAM:

LT. COMMANDER:

you're so important?
You put your finger in a bucket
of water, you pull it out,
you see how fast
that hole fills up.
Every one of us is replaceable,
including me.

CHERRY:

been out on a mission with us,

you ain't trained with us...
you can't know how we are.
You can't know
how we communicate.
All right?
You just don't.
You take Stunner, right?
He's a team leader,
hell of a soldier.
And that just, uh...
[chuckles]
That don't mean I'm not gonna
set his ass straight
if, you know,
I feel like he needs it.
So, no, when lives are at stake,
you got no business
hidin' behind protocol.
You know.

STUNNER:

something to say to me?

CHERRY:

STUNNER:

to say to me?

CHERRY:

Not with a gun in your hand.

STUNNER:

you should be team leader,
you should run off to the CO
and make your case.

CHERRY:

you're a good leader.
I just don't think
you have what it takes
to fight this enemy and win.
This ain't the Boy Scouts.
If D Punch were here,
he'd say the same thing.

All right.

LT. COMMANDER:

What are you doin'?

Really?

If you boys can't reconcile this
right here, right now,
I need to know right now!

CHERRY:

STUNNER:

LT. COMMANDER:

You better be.

Get out of here.

You, stay.

What's the deal, huh?

You used to be a regular
Billy Bad Ass out there, huh?
Now you're the weakest link.

You're supposed to be
the leader of this team, huh?

This cannot be
in here right now!

You need to be right up here!

We lose men, good men,
but you got to focus.

I know why I'm here.

And you got to figure out
why you're here.

And if you can't,
then you've got to get
the hell out of here...
and go home.

PRESIDENT OBAMA:

of things that could go wrong.

There are a lot of
moving parts here.

I'm sending those guys in,
and Murphy's law applies
and something happens...
can we still get our guys out?

SAUCE:

PRESIDENT OBAMA:

what they're gonna find there.
They don't know
if the building is rigged.
They don't know
if there are explosives
that are triggered by
a particular door opening.
So huge risks
that these guys are taking.

SOLDIER:

SOLDIER:

LT. COMMANDER:

Move, move, move!
Open door!
Two on the left!
Two on the right!
[barking]
Two down! Two down!
Open door!
Next room! Next room!
Let's go! Let's go!
Down! Down! Get down now!

LT. COMMANDER:

Got ya. Got ya.
Who shot this woman?
Who shot this woman?

CHERRY:

LT. COMMANDER:

and leave dead women and kids,
this mission is a failure.

CHERRY:

LT. COMMANDER:

Okay, people, back to one.
We gotta keep running this thing
till we get it right.
Watch the hands!
Watch the hands!
You don't see a gun, you don't
see a weapon, you don't shoot!
Understood? Let's go!

CHRISTIAN:

I'm goin' on a coffee run.

VIVIAN:

CHRISTIAN:

Cold and black
with a shot of heroin?
Ooh, maybe I'll just bring you
a syringe filled with espresso.
Rim the cup with
Demerol and Valium.

VIVIAN:

CHRISTIAN:

VIVIAN:

That's it.

CHRISTIAN:

you want your coffee?

VIVIAN:

No, no, no. That's it.

CHRISTIAN:

VIVIAN:

I'm thinking we do a vaccination
drive door-to-door.
But instead
of disposing the needles,
we send them to our lab
for analysis.

So if we can
get a doctor inside,
get a Bin Laden kid
to participate,
get a familial match.
Remember when Bin Laden's sister
died a few years back?
Stateside Mass General?
The body was subpoenaed so
if and when Bin Laden was caught
we'd have a DNA profile
to identify him with.
What do you think?

MAN:

Is this a real question?

MALIK:

MAN:

Osama Bin Laden captured
as much as anybody else.
And I know...
I know the people of Pakistan
do not support Al Qaeda.
Well, who has the time?
99 out of a hundred
are just happy making
two square meals a day,
fighting their own demons
of poverty, hunger.
And I know the consequences
for myself and my family.
If what I'm about to do
is discovered,
I'd get killed.

WASEEM:

Stand up for a while.
Good.
It's recording.
That's good.
Do you have anything
in your pocket?

It's gonna be fine.
You've got
the full force and faith
of the United States
government backing you.

MAN:

What about tomorrow?
[knocking]

VIVIAN:

Come on. Get in.
[indistinct talking, knocking]

WASEEM:

MALIK:

Go, go, go!

VIVIAN:

It was an idea.
You know, "Let's do
a vaccination drive."
And then all of a sudden,
the live feed is running,
and I realize that I'm putting
someone's life in danger.

GUIDRY:

VIVIAN:

GUIDRY:

VIVIAN:

Come on.
Let me see the whole place.
Christian, do you recognize
any of these people?

CHRISTIAN:

VIVIAN:

GUIDRY:

[yelling in foreign language]

[yelling in foreign language]

GUIDRY:

Let's get voice analysis.

I want every one

of these faces I.D.'d.

One of these kids

must be a Bin Laden.

Good work, Hollins.

MULE:

Come on out here.

SAUCE:

MULE:

MULE:

There it is!

Put it down!

That was savvy!

SAUCE:

MULE:

That was savvy. Come on.

Ugh. Aaaah!

STUNNER:

all right. Turn that off.

MULE:

Hold up!

STUNNER:

Get some rest.

MULE:

STUNNER:

MULE:

TRENCH:

STUNNER:

You got next tomorrow.
Let's go!

STUNNER:

nothing to me. Nothing.
But it killed Cherry
that I was team leader.
You know, he doesn't like
to take orders from anyone,
let alone someone
younger than him.

CHERRY:

I'm a hot headed redneck,
which I am.
I think he's a surfer boy,
which he is.
And, uh...
takes all types.
[breathing rapidly]

TRENCH:

STUNNER:

TRENCH:

STUNNER:

TRENCH:

could it be?

MULE:

TRENCH:

No, no, no, no.
It's Osama.
We're gonna be the team
that takes out Osama.

STUNNER:

who it is, all right?
Just worry about
completin' the mission
and gettin' home safe.

TRENCH:

that puts one right in between
the eyes, you know?
The \$25 million bounty buys
a lot of diapers, huh, Mule?

MULE:

TRENCH:

STUNNER:

There won't be a bounty.
All right?
Even if it is Osama.
You can't talk about it
with anyone...ever.
[rock music playing faintly]

CHRISTIAN:

Let's say he's not dead.
Let's say Osama is in there
with his 27 wives, his 108 kids,
and his 7 favorite goats.
Do we think there is any chance
that the Pakis don't know
that he's in there?

VIVIAN:

they know he's there!
It's a military town.
It's a half mile from the gate
of the Kakul Military Academy.

CHRISTIAN:

So what are we gonna do
when the Pakistani police
show up?

VIVIAN:

on the ground
that tell them it's
an authorized operation.
The police tell their commander,
who tells their commander.
And by the time
it's worked its way
up and down
the chain of command,
it's Christmas again,
and we're back in Afghanistan.

CHRISTIAN:

How about their F-16s?
We just shoot them down?

VIVIAN:

We sold them their F-16s.
We have on-site
video surveillance.
They scramble, we move out.

CHRISTIAN:

they launch their nukes?

VIVIAN:

CHRISTIAN:

just so positive about that.

VIVIAN:

GUIDRY:

what do you suggest that we do?

CHRISTIAN:

we get a B-2.
We launch a few dozen JDAMs
into the compound. Done.

VIVIAN:

Okay. Let's just take it back.
So then...you do think

he's in there?

CHRISTIAN:

No. No, no, no, no.
I think he's dead.
But if we're gonna
go down this path,
don't put our best Special
Ops in an impossible situation
just 'cause you think
he might be in there.
We killed Khalid Habib
with a missile.
How do we know
this isn't a trap?

PRESIDENT OBAMA:

into the sovereign territory
of another country.
If it turns out that it's
a wealthy prince from Dubai
who's in this compound,
and we've sent
Special Forces in,
we've got problems.

MULE:

before I enlisted,
I was living in Brooklyn.
And there was this party on this
roof of my friend's building.
Well, I got hammered
at this party.

TRENCH:

get hammered.

MULE:

on the roof,
sittin' in this lawn chair,
facin' the city.
The very next morning,
as soon as I opened my eyes,
that's when

the first plane hit.
I thought I was still dreamin'.
From across the river,
I had a front-row seat
to the whole damn thing.

TRENCH:

Second or third week,
I think. I don't know.
One day they yanked
everyone to the side,
and they made an announcement.
"We're going to war."
What followed was...
three days of...
[chuckles]
Three days
of the worst ass-kicking
you can ever imagine.
34 quit that weren't quitters.
[chuckles]

MULE:

TRENCH:

I guess 34's my lucky number.

MULE:

LT. COMMANDER:

we're gonna do some shooting.
And we're gonna
do more shooting.
And we're gonna be
shooting some more!
Start at fifteen!
Stop at three!
Two double taps with the rifle.
Transition to pistol.
Fire or failure.
As always, gentlemen,
big-boy rules apply.

BABY:

MULE:

Hey, little man!

TRENCH:

but I can't see you.

WOMAN:

Let me figure this out.

TRENCH:

I showed you how to do it.

WOMAN:

CHERRY:

WOMAN:

It's so good to see you.

SAUCE:

WOMAN:

SAUCE:

TRENCH:

I haven't seen you in a while.

Oh! There she goes!

WOMAN:

So, what are you up to?

TRENCH:

Just getting ready.

Getting ready.

TRENCH:

Open opposing doors!

WOMAN:

so he's... He's tired.

BABY:

MULE:

Can you see me?

TRENCH:

I was gonna call you,
and you have on
your cleaning sweats?

WOMAN:

something else on...

TRENCH:

Oh! What was that?
What do you got?
Oh! Let me see.

WOMAN:

TRENCH:

MULE:

You had on the space glasses.

DAD:

if you keep clowning me.

TRENCH:

STUNNER:

Clear, clear, clear!

WOMAN:

but, you know, you really
need to cut your hair.
I'm gonna cut your hair for you.

CHERRY:

like the bad guys over here,
so I get to grow it
any way I want.

SAUCE:

a lot of training.

WOMAN:

SAUCE:

working me out a lot lately.

MAN:

with working like a dog.
It makes you appreciate
the good things in life.

TRENCH:

SAUCE:

TRENCH:

GIRLFRIEND:

TRENCH:

MAN:

TRENCH:

Execute!

MULE:

I can't really tell you much
about what we're doing,
but we're doing
a lot of training.
Uh, a lot of shootin',
and, um...
you know, we'll be home soon.

WOMAN:

Are you staying safe?
Being careful?

CHERRY:

in the military backin' me up.
It's not gonna be a problem.

WOMAN:

for what you're doing.
All my friends thank you
for what you're doing.

SAUCE:

We appreciate that.
That's nice to hear.

LT. COMMANDER:

WOMAN:

to take care of yourself.

CHERRY:

Yes, ma'am.

TRENCH:

MAN:

and mind your details,
and if nothing else,
keep an eye on your six
so that nothing happens to you
on the dark side.
Look after the best part.

MULE:

SAUCE:

I miss 'em and I love them,
and I can't wait
to call you guys again.

MAN:

MULE:

I love you, Pop.

GIRLFRIEND:

Get back, okay?

TRENCH:

BABY:

MULE:

WOMAN:

BABY:

TRENCH:

WOMAN:

STUNNER:

we really have two families.
You have your actual family
and your teammates.
I mean, we're gone
300 days a year.
Truth is, we live for it.
We're always wanting that call.

WASEEM:

TECHNICIAN:

Bin Laden's wife.
Don't lose 'em.
Let's see if we can get a match.

MALIK:

Maintain distance.

TECHNICIAN:

We've got an eye on you.

MALIK:

Slow. Slow down.
Slow, slow, slow.
Wait. Stop, stop, stop.

WASEEM:

I'll stay with the car.

TECHNICIAN:

Try to get a closer shot.
We need a positive I.D.

WASEEM:

two women on foot.
I am following the car.

TECHNICIAN:

We need to see the eyes
to get FRS to work.
Try to get a little closer.

WASEEM:

you old man!
Get aside!
[siren]
Hello.
The police are on my tail.
What should I do?

TECHNICIAN:

WASEEM:

Are you connecting?

TECHNICIAN:

We'll take care of it.

TECHNICIAN:

Avoid confrontation.

VIVIAN:

TECHNICIAN:

was just stopped
by the Pakistani police.

VIVIAN:

and Pasha moving.
I don't care what you do.
Just don't let our guys
get swept up.

WASEEM:

And this is just for...
I have a passion

for photography.
[speaking foreign language]

WASEEM:

Thank you.

GUIDRY:

on the phone.
I don't care what he's doing.
Just get him--we already know.

VIVIAN:

a green light. Now!

GUIDRY:

VIVIAN:

with a target
is like having a one-way affair.
It's, um...it's secret,
and you can't stop
thinking about him,
but you're always alone.
The only question is...
how it'll end.

PANETTA:

interrogation of the data
to see if you can disprove
the theory that he's there.

GUIDRY:

whose cover was likely blown.

PANETTA:

we took care of it.

GUIDRY:

We don't know
what the fallout is.
We have sources at ISI.
But Al-Qaeda
also has sources there.
Jeez. You'd think

two billion a year
would buy you
a little more allegiance,
but we don't know who's working
for us and sleeping with them.
The longer this goes on, the
greater the chance of a leak.
That's the bottom line.

PANETTA:

they still think this is
a circumstantial case.

GUIDRY:

a circumstantial case,
but it's a strong
circumstantial case.
We now know that ISI
is watching the compound.
We know that
they're protecting him
or they have him under
house arrest, or whatever.
In either case, that's why
our operatives were followed.

PANETTA:

protecting someone.
We just don't know
who that someone is.

VIVIAN:

He's a...
he's a 6'5" bearded guy,
doesn't use the phone,
doesn't use the Internet,
doesn't leave the compound
surrounded by a 12-foot wall,
has a known Al Qaeda courier.
So I think we actually
do know who he is.

PANETTA:

VIVIAN:

Mr. Panetta.
Senior Counterintelligence
Threat Analyst.

PANETTA:

the President
of the United States
is gonna be staking
his presidency on this call.
No one will ever know your name
if it turns out badly.
[dial tone]

GUIDRY:

VIVIAN:

the go-ahead
from the Oval Office,
it's irrelevant.
Anything you've done,
anything you know
is irrelevant at that moment,
and so that is one
of the most frustrating parts
about what I do.

PRESIDENT OBAMA:

At the end of the day,
we cannot say definitively
that Bin Laden is there.
Sending in choppers and actually
putting our guys on the ground
entails some greater risks
than some other options.
But it's important for us
to be able to say
that we definitely got the guy.

GUIDRY:

LT. COMMANDER:

We're on for tonight.
Tell the team.

LT. COMMANDER:

All right, people, listen up.
We are officially executing
Operation Neptune Spear.
The HVT is Osama Bin Laden.
Code name will be Geronimo.

TRENCH:

What did I tell you, man?
I am clairvoyant.

LT. COMMANDER:

Latest intel tonight
is there are at least
30 people in the compound.
Many of them women and children.
Your job is to secure
and segregate non-hostiles.
I cannot stress this enough!
You must be able to discern
shooters from non-combatants.
As for the primary target,
the preference is no detainees.
FBI and CIA will be on hand
to assist with chain of custody.
F-15 Strike Eagles
will be on station.
There will be two Chinooks
no more than ten mikes out
in case we get in trouble
with the natives.
Apaches will provide
gunship support.
JSTARS will jam Pakistani radar.
If it gets rough,
we fight our way out.
Rangers are sitting right across
the border to help out.
As always, we go in sterile.
If you get killed,
you're stupid.
If you get captured,
you've gotta get killed first.

Make sure your Smart Packs
are back here.
SEAL Team Orange
will ride with Stalker One.
SEAL Team Green, Stalker Two.
Our enemy here is Al-Qaeda.
It's no secret
they are not afraid to die.
Neither are we.
[indistinct talking on radio]

LT. COMMANDER:

we know why we are here.
We know who we are.
Tonight we fight for something
truly greater than ourselves.
Tonight we ride.
[knocking]

MALIK:

WASEEM:

[knocking]
[knocking]

WASEEM:

MAN:

WASEEM:

MAN:

is coming over later.
Good news.
We're going hot.
Kill the lights, please.

TECHNICIAN:

jamming in one mike.
Strike Eagles are airborne.
Strike Eagles
have reached their ceiling.

PILOT:

friendly airspace.

Here goes.

PILOT:

PILOT:

PILOT:

Zebra in two mikes.

Dim your lights.

PILOT:

that's not gonna work.

[indistinct talking

between pilots]

COMMANDER:

Three mikes. Good luck.

[dogs barking in distance]

[speaking in foreign language]

[dogs barking]

JSOC COMMANDER:

right side courtyard, not armed.

STUNNER:

elevation at about 500 feet.

CHERRY:

The motor starts straining,

and then you realize

it's not straining;

it's just actually

not getting any lift.

PILOT:

has lost tail rudder.

JSOC COMMANDER:

report. Are you hit?

CHERRY:

rushing up at you.

MULE:

Brace!

TECHNICIAN:

Stalker One is down.

GUIDRY:

Eagle Claw all over again.

Son of a bitch!

JSOC COMMANDER:

use alternate LD.

JSOC COMMANDER:

Stalker One, report.

LT. COMMANDER:

Stalker One on ground.

SOLDIER:

LT. COMMANDER:

down in the courtyard.

We have prepared for this

and will now be

amending the mission.

STUNNER:

Everybody line up.

MULE:

STUNNER:

TRENCH:

LT. COMMANDER:

Three, two, one...

execute!

LT. COMMANDER:

go, go, go!

[indistinct yelling]

[baby crying]

[barking]

Go, go, go, go!

Top floor! Top floor!

TECHNICIAN:

are outside the compound
on crowd control.

MALIK:

Put the lights up, please!

TECHNICIAN:

Pakistani police chatter.

STUNNER:

Cease fire! Cease fire!

I need eyes on that target.

We don't know

who else is in that room!

[crying and screaming]

STUNNER:

Open and close the doors!

TECHNICIAN:

Paki jets are still grounded.

STUNNER:

TRENCH:

TRENCH:

Unknowns coming out!

MULE:

[speaking foreign language]

[crying]

[speaking foreign language]

SAUCE:

Come out, come out.

It's okay, it's okay, it's okay.

[crying]

TECHNICIAN:

are Oscar Tango Mike.
[men talking
in foreign language]
[siren]

SOLDIER:

SOLDIER:

Fire!

MAN:

WASEEM:

Even I don't know.

MALIK:

you make 20 rupees a day.
Call Superintendent
Mohammad Rafique and ask him.
He will fill you in.

TECHNICIAN:

Pakistani jets are scrambling.

SOLDIER:

SOLDIER:

SOLDIER:

Let me see your hands!
Let me see your hands!
[speaking foreign language]

SOLDIER:

Move! Move! Move!
Clear! Clear!

MULE:

Let me see your hands!

SOLDIER:

SOLDIER:

TECHNICIAN:

Pakistani jets are airborne.

GUIDRY:

TECHNICIAN:

Eagles en route to intercept.

STUNNER:

Khalid.

SOLDIER:

Closed door left!

[dog barking]

[man speaking

foreign language]

TECHNICIAN:

are closing in.

JSOC COMMANDER:

return to base

or you will be engaged.

Pakistani jet, return to base

or you will be engaged.

Pakistani jets

are breaking away.

Pakistani jets are

breaking away.

Pakistani jets are

returning to their airbase.

[yelling]

TRENCH:

MULE:

LT. COMMANDER:

Get down! Get down!

LT. COMMANDER:

For God and country,

Geronimo is KIA.

[weak laughter]

CHRISTIAN:

PRESIDENT OBAMA:

report to the American people
and to the world
that the United States
has conducted an operation
that killed Osama Bin Laden,
the leader of Al-Qaeda,
and a terrorist
who's responsible for the murder
of thousands of innocent men,
women, and children.
A small team of Americans
carried out the operation
with extraordinary
courage and capability.

STUNNER:

Take what you can carry, boys.
Come on, let's go.
We're outta here in five.
Trench, we need to
blow this bird.
We're not leaving them behind.

PRESIDENT OBAMA:

After a fire fight,
they killed Osama Bin Laden and
and took custody of his body.

LT. COMMANDER:

Get that medic over here.
Pull that DNA sample.

PANETTA:

my congratulations.

GUIDRY:

PANETTA:

GUIDRY:

As a matter of fact, she is.

PANETTA:

a word with her.

GUIDRY:

VIVIAN:

PANETTA:

this is Leon Panetta.

VIVIAN:

PANETTA:

You called this a long time ago.

VIVIAN:

It's been a long journey.

PANETTA:

And you've been
a big part of it.

VIVIAN:

PANETTA:

VIVIAN:

many moments in life
when you get to realize
that everything you've
sacrificed for a goal
was worth it.
Because that goal
is so much...
is so much bigger
and so much
more important than...
than any individual.

PRESIDENT OBAMA:

Tonight we give thanks

to the countless intelligence
and counter-terrorism
professionals
who worked tirelessly
to achieve this outcome.
The American people
do not see their work,
nor know their names,
but tonight,
they feel the result.
We give thanks for the men who
carried out this operation,
for they exemplify
the professionalism, patriotism,
and unparalleled courage of
those who serve our country.
And they are part
of a generation
that has borne
the heaviest share of the burden
since that September day.
As a country,
we will never tolerate
our security being threatened,
nor stand idly by when
our people have been killed.
We will be relentless
in defense of our citizens.
We will be true to the values
that make us who we are.
And on nights like this one,
we can say to those families
who have lost loved ones
to Al-Qaeda's terror,
justice has been done.

STUNNER:

looking into everyone's eyes,
you could see that none of this
had sunk in yet.
But then you remember
the thousands
of people across the world
who sacrificed to get us here.

CHERRY:

them two women to the ground.
If they'd had a suicide vest,
he was gonna
take the blast himself...
to protect us.

STUNNER:

of people had their doubts...
If he was there...
If we could pull it off...
And the fact is that he was
and we did.
[cheering]

CHERRY:

to be a SEAL.
It's...
it's a good day
to be an American.
[cheering]

THE END: