

THE RANGER

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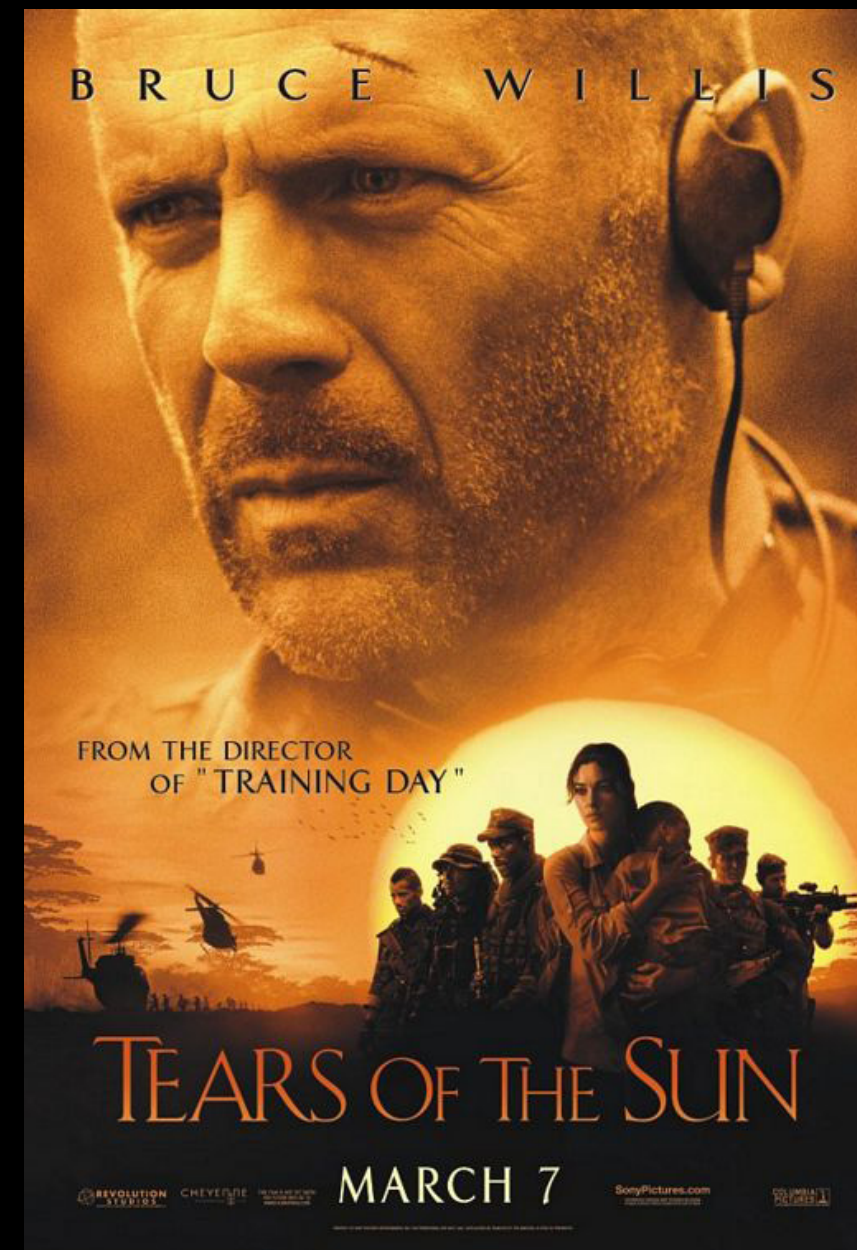
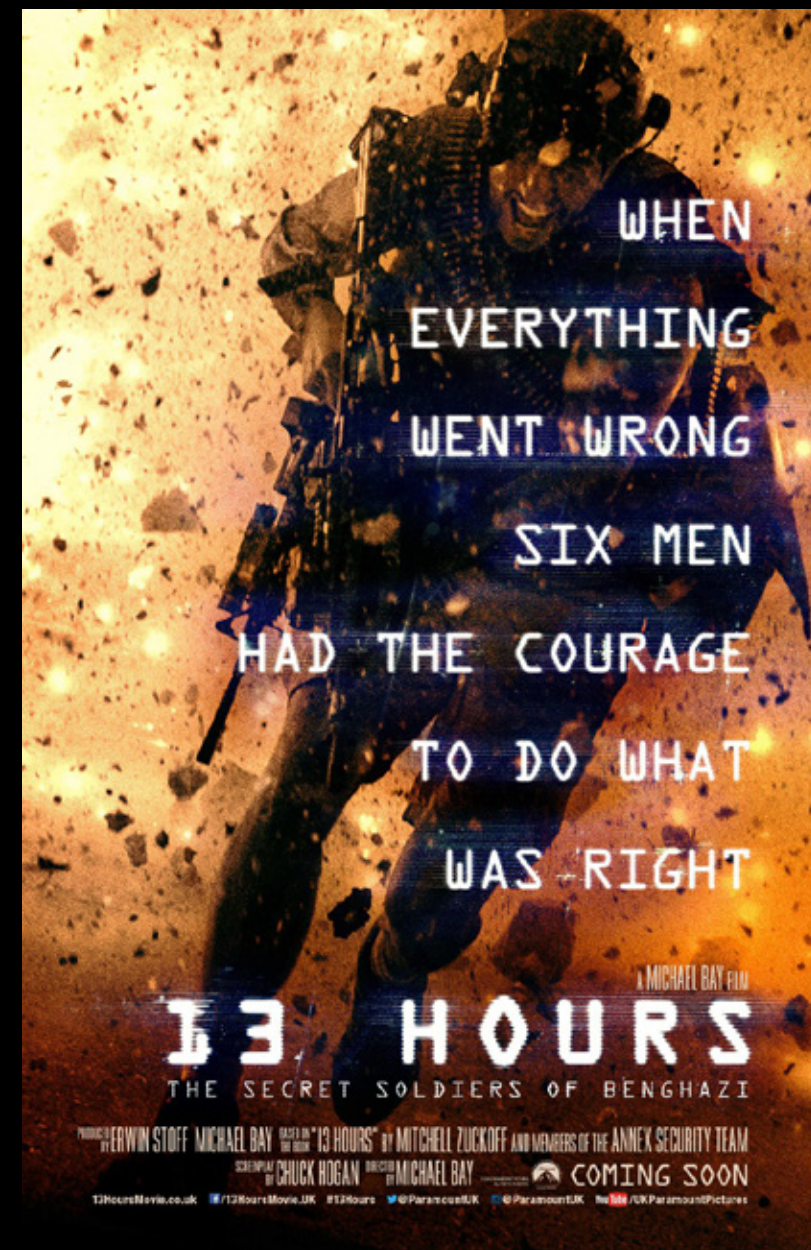
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A reckless young man, haunted by guilt and rejection, begins a journey to become an elite Army Ranger, and faces the ultimate test to save the woman he loves and find redemption.


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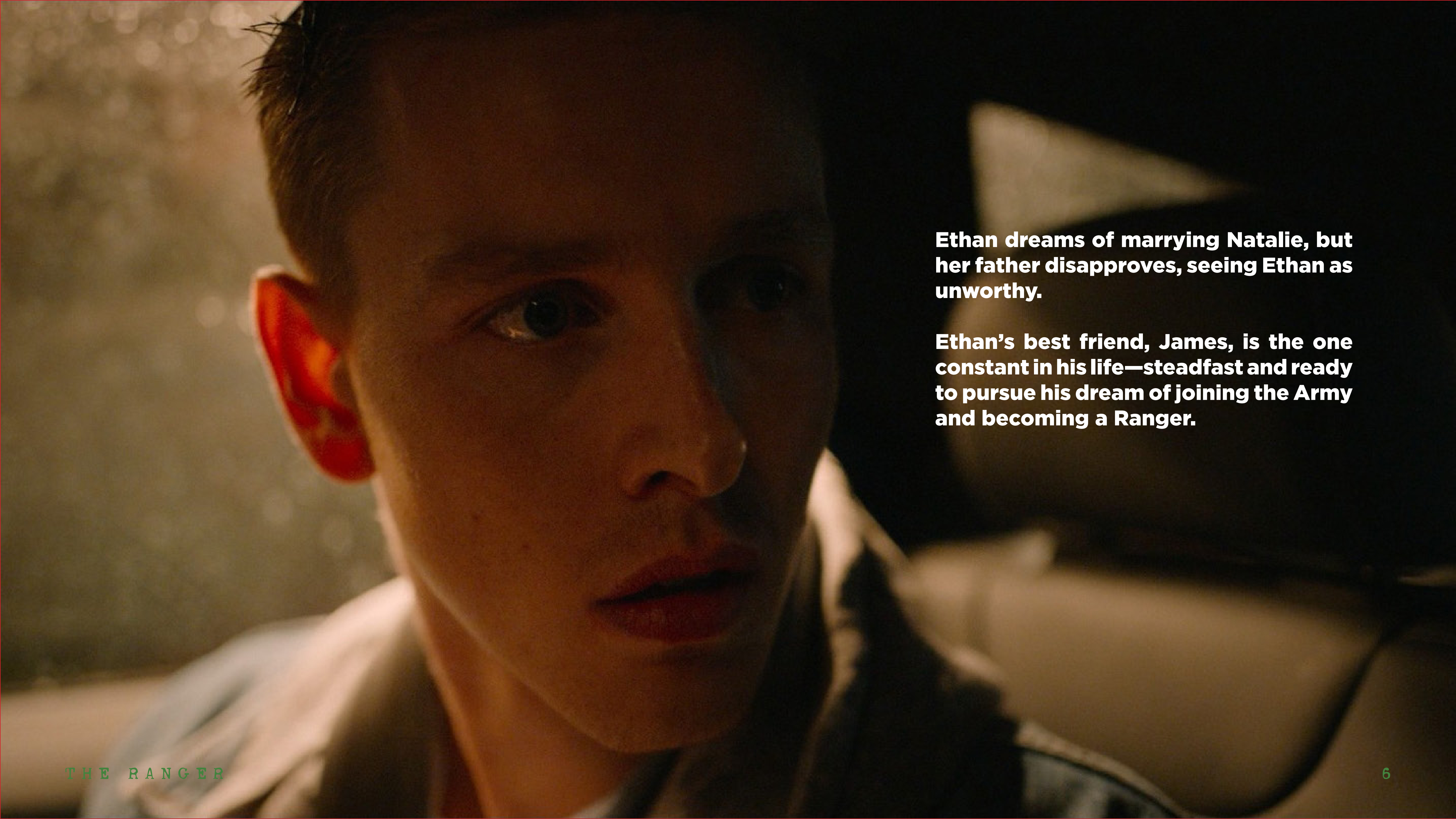


THE STORY

Ethan Wallace is a trust fund kid who loves to party. He's also in love with Natalie Johnson, the daughter of a prominent Senator.



Ethan has a strained relationship with his father, Richard Wallace, a billionaire tycoon, which causes him to act recklessly.




Ethan dreams of marrying Natalie, but her father disapproves, seeing Ethan as unworthy.

Ethan's best friend, James, is the one constant in his life—steadfast and ready to pursue his dream of joining the Army and becoming a Ranger.



Ethan's life spirals out of control when, after a night of reckless behavior, he causes a tragic car accident that kills James.



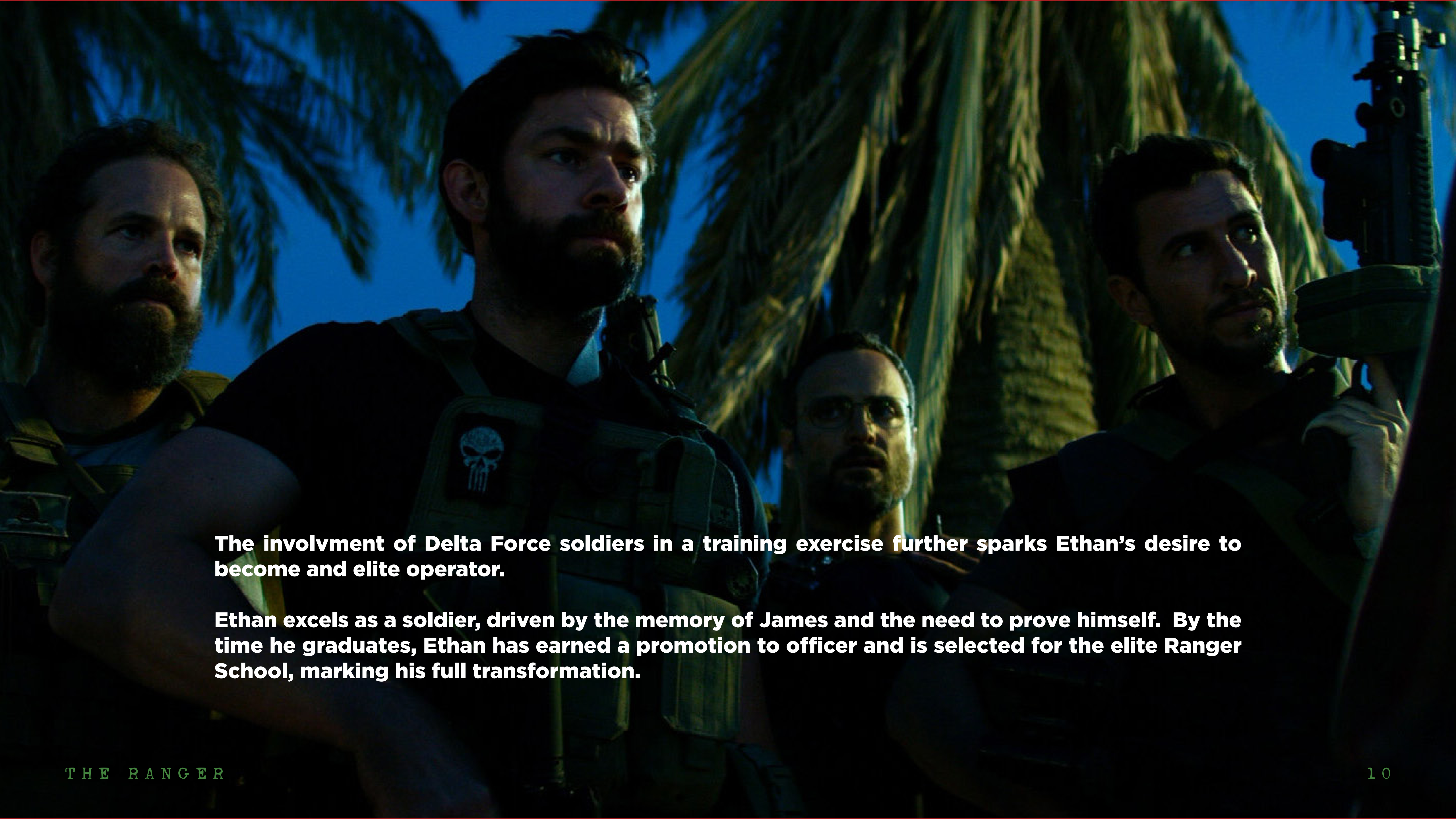
The accident shatters Ethan, leaving him consumed by guilt and regret. Feeling unworthy of both Natalie's love and his father's respect, Ethan decides to change his life.

He resolves to honor James' dream by enlisting in the Army, hoping to redeem himself through service and discipline.

At Fort Moore, Ethan's transformation begins.

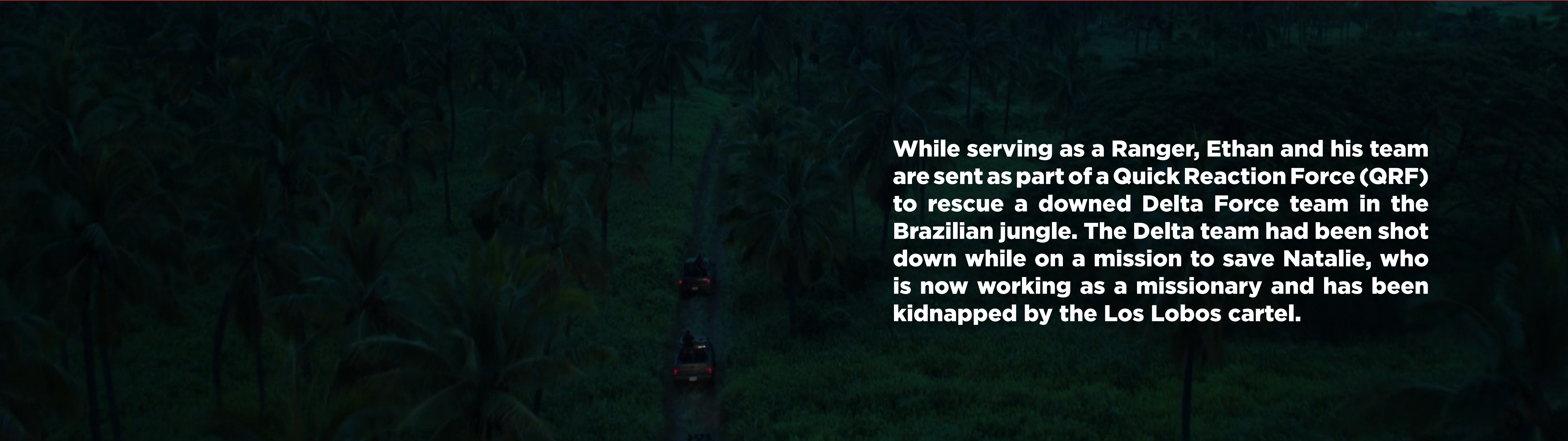
The rigorous training pushes him beyond his limits, but with the support of his squad—Jackson, Sam, Miguel, and George—and tough mentors like Sergeant Wilkes and Max, a former MMA coach, Ethan grows into a capable and disciplined leader.





The involvement of Delta Force soldiers in a training exercise further sparks Ethan's desire to become an elite operator.

Ethan excels as a soldier, driven by the memory of James and the need to prove himself. By the time he graduates, Ethan has earned a promotion to officer and is selected for the elite Ranger School, marking his full transformation.



While serving as a Ranger, Ethan and his team are sent as part of a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) to rescue a downed Delta Force team in the Brazilian jungle. The Delta team had been shot down while on a mission to save Natalie, who is now working as a missionary and has been kidnapped by the Los Lobos cartel.



After rescuing the surviving Delta operators, Ethan and his men learn of Natalie's abduction and are asked to join the mission to save her.






Haunted by his past mistakes and driven by his lingering love for Natalie, Ethan leads his team deeper into the jungle, battling hostile terrain and relentless cartel forces.

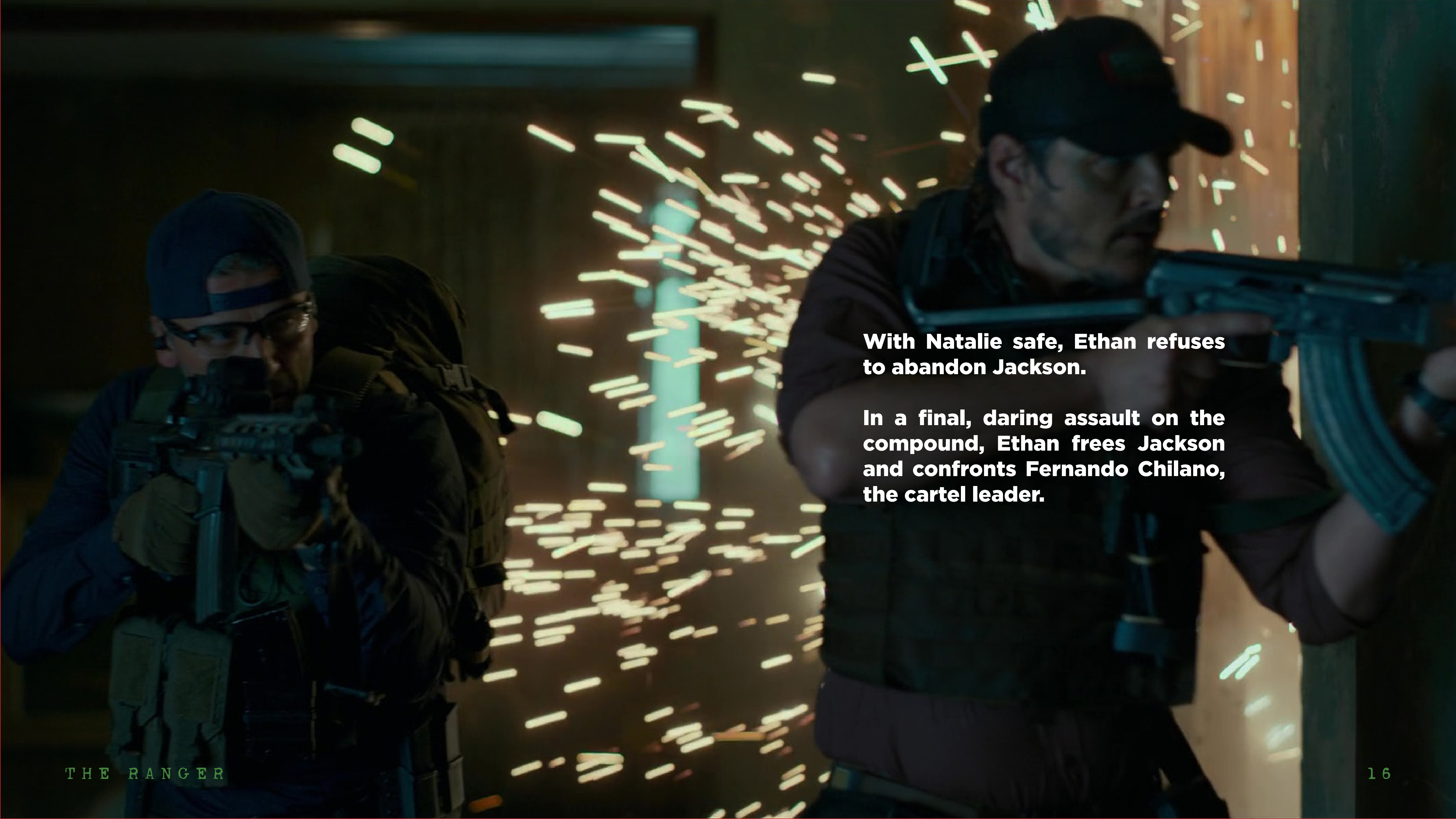
With help from Carla and Indira, two local guerrilla fighters with personal vendettas against the cartel, Ethan's team navigates a helicopter crash, deadly ambushes, and near-fatal encounters.



A large, intense explosion of orange and yellow flames and smoke fills the right side of the frame. In the foreground, several people in dark clothing are flying through the air, their bodies suspended in mid-air as if caught in a powerful blast. To the left, a dark-colored SUV is partially visible, with a smaller fire or explosion at its base. The background shows a street scene with buildings and power lines under a cloudy sky. The overall atmosphere is one of chaos and destruction.

As the 48-hour deadline approaches, Ethan joins forces with Delta commander Mason and the remaining Delta operators to infiltrate the cartel compound.

Moments before Natalie's execution, Ethan bursts in, killing the guards and rescuing her. In a tense and chaotic escape, they evade cartel soldiers, but Jackson is captured and tortured by the cartel leader.



With Natalie safe, Ethan refuses to abandon Jackson.

In a final, daring assault on the compound, Ethan frees Jackson and confronts Fernando Chilano, the cartel leader.



With the help of the female freedom fighters, Ethan puts an end to the cartel's reign of terror.

He bravely risks his own life to save his fellow wounded Rangers and Delta operators and recover the body of a slain soldier.

Impressed by his leadership and courage, Mason invites Ethan to apply for Delta, marking a new milestone in his career.

Back in the U.S., Ethan is hailed as a hero and invited to try out for Delta Force.

During a private meeting with President Johnson, Ethan asks for permission to marry Natalie.

This time, with the President's full blessing, Ethan steps into a future where he has redeemed himself, both as a soldier and as a man.







CHARACTERS



ETHAN WALLACE

Once a reckless playboy, Ethan's life is altered following a tragic accident, leading him on a grueling journey to becoming an Army Ranger where he finds redemption through humility, service and heroism.



NATALIE JOHNSON

A strong-willed and compassionate woman, Natalie devotes her life to humanitarian work in South America, torn between her love for Ethan and her duty as the daughter of a powerful politician..



JAMES

Ethan's loyal best friend and a dedicated soldier-in-training, James dreams of becoming a Ranger, but his untimely death in a car accident serves as the catalyst for Ethan's transformation.



RICHARD WALLACE

A powerful but emotionally distant billionaire, Richard struggles to connect with his son Ethan, ultimately finding pride in his son's transformation from a troubled youth to a leader.



PRESIDENT GARY JOHNSON

A commanding yet conflicted political figure, President Johnson juggles his responsibilities as a leader and a father, forced to rely on the man he once rejected to save his daughter.



SERGEANT JACKSON

A tough and reliable soldier, Jackson is Ethan's right-hand man in the Rangers, always ready to support his leader while harboring doubts about Ethan's emotional involvement in their missions.



SAM

A quiet and resourceful recruit with a talent for strategy and intelligence, Sam provides essential support to the squad, helping to map out plans and solve problems in the most critical moments.



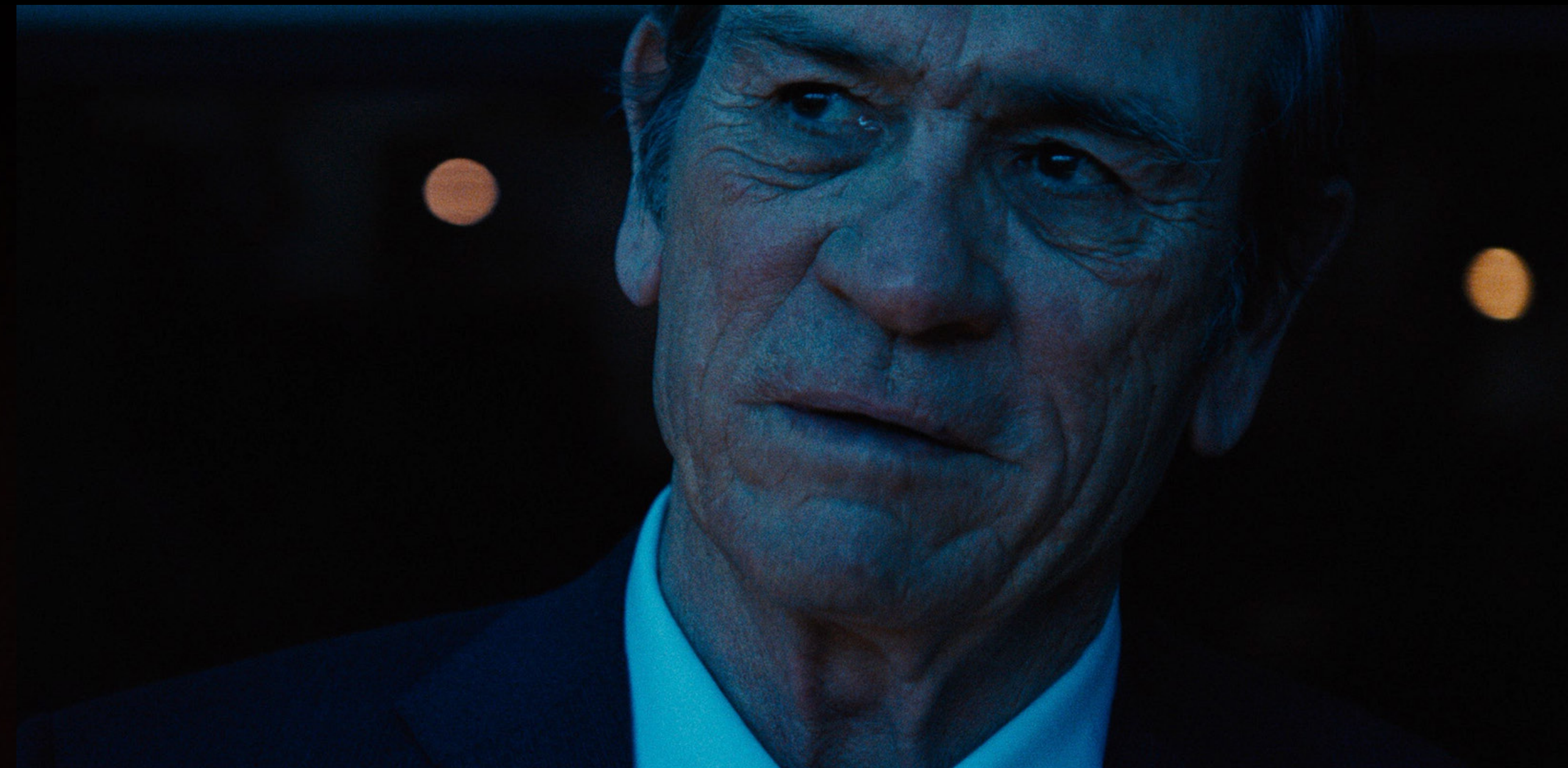
CARLA

A fierce guerrilla leader seeking revenge against the cartel for the murder of her husband, Carla becomes a vital ally to Ethan and his team as they navigate the dangerous Brazilian jungle.



MASON

The fearless commander of Delta Force. He sees real potential in Ethan and mentors him through the hardships of training and chaos on the battlefield.



THE GENERAL

Commanding officer of the US Army Rangers. He is a patriot who cares about his men and he sees something in Ethan that he recognizes is rare.

DEMIAN LICHTENSTEIN

WRITER / DIRECTOR / PRODUCER

Demian Lichtenstein is a renowned filmmaker and founder of Lightstone Entertainment. Starting as a child actor in New York, he quickly developed a passion for photography and film. Lichtenstein's early achievements included having his photograph published on a major newspaper's front page by the age of 12. After graduating from New York University's Tisch School of The Arts, Demian made a name for himself as a top music video director helming over 250 music videos for Grammy Award-winning artists including Sting, Queen Latifah, Cypress Hill, Gloria Estefan, and Eric Clapton. Demian has won the MTV Award for Best Independent Music Video.

Demian's feature directorial debut came in 1997 with the independent film **Lowball**, followed by **3000 Miles To Graceland**, starring Kevin Costner and Kurt Russell for Warner Bros. The film garnered international acclaim and has since become a cult hit. Demian recently completed shooting his second feature **The Razor's Edge** starring Tommy Lee Jones & James Franco.

In addition to his work in film, Demian has been heavily involved in the videogame industry, producing, writing and directing on the successful **PAYDAY** franchise and **The Walking Dead** and **John Wick** games. He has also authored internationally bestselling books and directed documentaries, showcasing his commitment to creating socially conscious content.



As a visionary in the entertainment industry, Lichtenstein co-founded SpaceGen, Inc., a venture merging technology and entertainment. He oversees the integration of films, video games, AR/VR, mobile games, books, and theme parks.

Lichtenstein continues to innovate in the digital film and advertising realm while nurturing his passion for storytelling and nurturing new talent. His global influence as a mentor, consultant, and speaker on leadership and the future of entertainment underscores his commitment to pushing boundaries and shaping the industry. Residing in Los Angeles, Lichtenstein remains at the forefront of creativity and innovation.



SHANNON RITCH

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER



Shannon Grey Ritch is an accomplished American mixed martial artist, boxer, grappler, kickboxer, and professional wrestler. With a career spanning over two decades, Ritch has competed at the highest levels of combat sports, including organizations such as PRIDE, K-1, M-1 Global, and the Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship (BKFC). Notably, he held titles as the King of the Cage Middleweight Champion and the inaugural BKFC International Heavyweight Champion. A professional competitor since 1998, Ritch's diverse experience includes stints in grappling, MMA, and bare-knuckle boxing, earning him a formidable reputation across multiple disciplines.

Before entering the world of professional combat sports, Ritch served in the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Regiment and later worked for the private military organization Blackwater. During his deployments in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan, he began his journey in Brazilian jiu-jitsu, eventually earning his black belt in 2007 under the Machado Jiu-Jitsu Academy in Texas. Ritch continues to contribute to the military community, training personnel in mixed martial arts at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma.

Beyond the ring, Ritch has made a name for himself in Hollywood, appearing in several television shows and films, including Walker, Texas Ranger, CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, and iCarly. In 2017, he began filming a biopic, The Real Last Samurai, chronicling his MMA career, set for release through HBO. He is also set to appear alongside Mickey Rourke and Donald Cerrone in The Commando, adding to his growing portfolio of acting credits. Shannon has established Grey Eagle Productions to produce high-octane action-adventure movies.



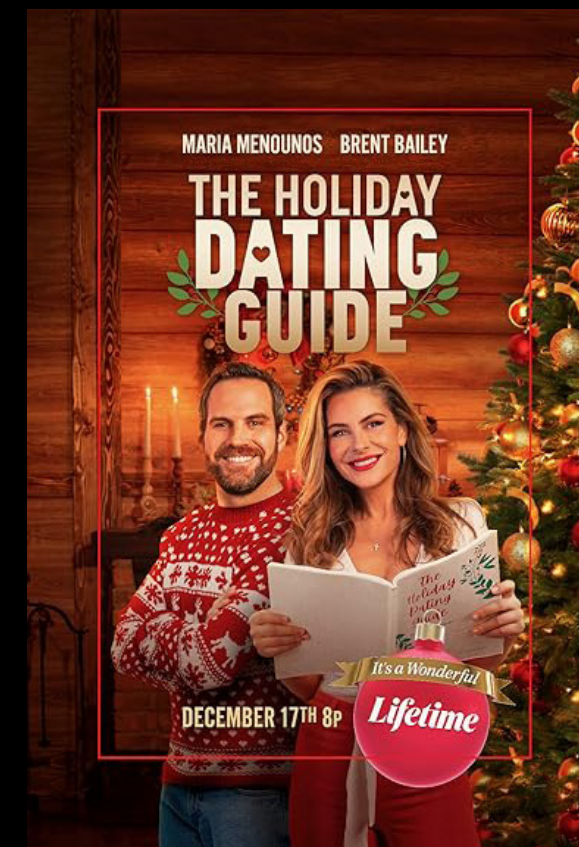
ALEXANDER KANE

CO-PRODUCER

Alexander Kane has been recognized as one of 2024's Most Influential Georgians for his groundbreaking work in the film industry. He holds the distinction, alongside Tyler Perry, of being one of only two Georgians to have locally produced over \$123 million in independent films in the state over the past four years. Known for his relentless drive and passion for filmmaking, Alex has produced more films in rural Georgia than any other producer in history, creating significant opportunities for the local film community. He is slated to produce \$20M worth of films in Q4 2024 alone.

Alexander is heavily involved in producing and financing projects that bring Hollywood-level productions to his hometown. He has been an executive producer on **White Elephant** starring Olga Kurylenko, Michael Rooker, John Malkovich and Bruce Willis and **Breach** starring Willis and Thomas Jane and **Gasoline Alley** starring Luke Wilson. He has also produced the action thriller **72 Hours** starring Cam Gigandet and the holiday comedy romp **The Holiday Dating Guide**. Alexander's ability to control his own destiny in the industry has made him a respected figure, both for his creative talents and his role in fostering the local film scene.

Currently, Alexander is working alongside legendary director John McTiernan on an upcoming 2025 sci-fi action project, where he will act, write, and produce. His upcoming film "In Fortune's Shadow," in which he stars as a top villain, is expected to premiere at Sundance, featuring a notable cast including Michael Rooker and Theo Rossi. Alex has also written several screenplays, including **Astral**, **Ark** and **Brotherland**, which he plans to produce.



VANCE DUPLÉCHIN

WRITER / CO-PRODUCER

Vance Duplechin is an accomplished screenwriter and author with a diverse background shaped by his international upbringing. His writing career began in his teens, with two of his short stories featured in a book for the British royal family. After earning a degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Vance transitioned into writing books, creating the successful "Orion" series.

A chance encounter with actor Sean Astin shifted Vance's focus from novels to screenwriting. He immersed himself in the craft, eventually collaborating with the CIA and MI-6 for a World War II project that opened doors to behind-the-scenes research and exclusive declassified files. His dedication to storytelling led him to meet film director Demian Lichtenstein, who mentored him through the early stages of his screenwriting career. This mentorship culminated in Vance securing his first script option with Lichtenstein after years of refining his skills.

Vance is the co-producer and screenwriter of **The Razor's Edge** starring Tommy Lee Jones & James Franco. Vance has three films in active development with Lightstone Entertainment. He is based in California.



MARC FURMIE

2ND UNIT DIRECTOR / CO-PRODUCER

Born in South Africa and raised in Sydney, Australia, Marc's career began soon after graduating from the UNSW College of Fine Arts with a slew of award-winning, government funded shorts, ARIA nominated music videos and PSA's under his belt. His shorts **Death's Requiem**, **Dark Horse** and **A Perfect Circle** have scooped awards at St. Kilda, Method Fest, Eerie Horror Film Festival and Shriekfest and the Byron Bay International Film Festivals. Marc's commercial directing career has included major campaigns for Amnesty International, Sony, Mercedes Benz, Volkswagen, Telstra and many more. He has directed major music videos for Warner, EMI, Universal and Sony.

Terminus, Marc's first feature film as writer-director, was released worldwide by Vertical Entertainment in 2016. Marc's latest feature film as director, a sci-fi thriller called **Viper**, stars Peter Facinelli (*Twilight*), Jonathan Rhys Meyers (*Match Point*) and Neal McDonough (*Minority Report*) will be released in late 2024. Marc is also in post-production on **The Weight Of Darkness** starring Angus McFadyen, Jaime King, Doug Jones and Corbin Bernsen.

Marc is also an executive producer on the feature films **Switzerland**, directed by Anton Corbijn (*Control*, *The American*) starring Helen Mirren and Alden Ehrenreich for Filmnation Entertainment, **Ice Fall** starring Joel Kinnaman & Danny Huston and **The Room Below** starring Alyssa Sutherland & Jonathan Rhys Meyers.

Marc was a co-writer on the 2018 actioner **In Like Flynn** and the Netflix Original **Sweet River**. He is also writer and producer of **Harlem 58** for Jamie Foxx's Foxxhole. The screenplay was a finalist in the 2020 Final Draft Big Break Competition. Marc sold his first TV-series pitch, **The Coves**, to Chris Hemsworth's Thematic Entertainment in 2019.



LT. COL. DONALD SAPP

SENIOR US MILITARY ADVISOR

Lieutenant Colonel Donald Sapp is a career Soldier with more than 37 years of active service as a Non-commissioned Officer and Commissioned Infantry Officer, serving much of his time with the 82nd Airborne Division located at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

A graduate of the US Army Ranger School, he is also a Master-rated Jumpmaster and a qualified Pathfinder. He is a veteran of five combat deployments and has 11 overseas tours, including service in Eastern Europe as well as Central and South America.

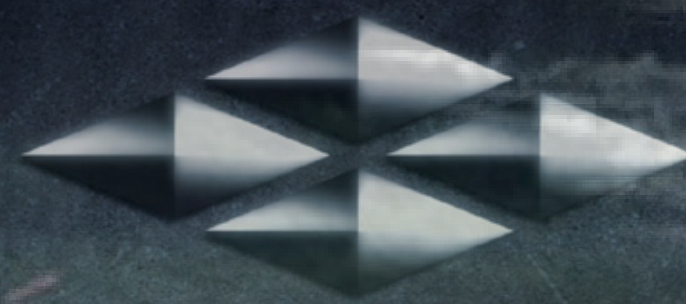


Demian and Shannon with Ranger Battalion.



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