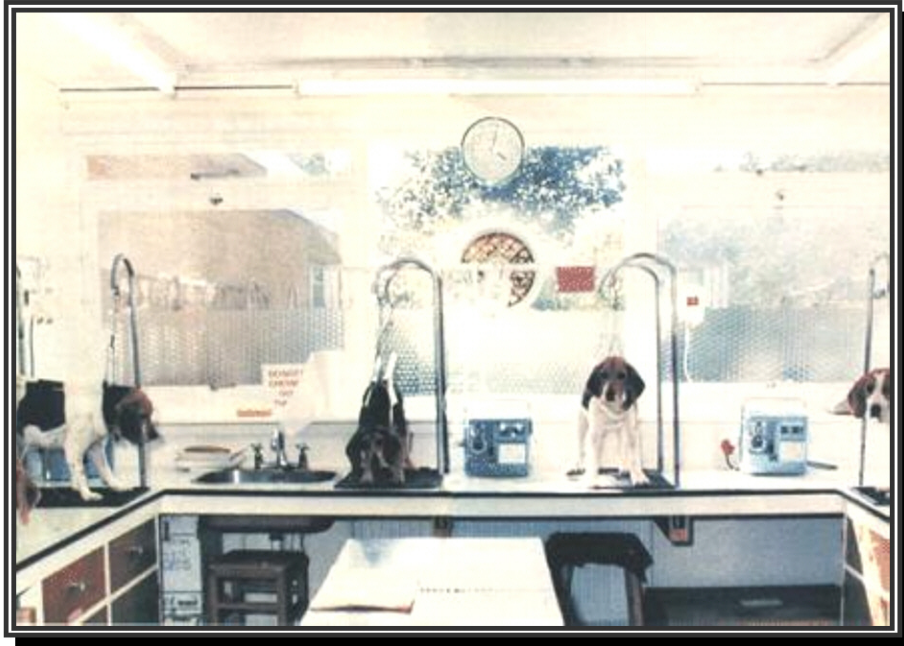


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SAMPLE SCENE

INT. AQUATIC CENTER - NIGHT

Sarah, wearing a one-piece swimsuit and a towel over her shoulders, walks over and sits on a bench facing the busy and NOISY pool. She looks around for David, finally spotting him climbing the ladder to the high diving board. As he gets to the top, he looks around and sees her below, gives her a big goofy smile, and executes a flawless dive. Sarah sits, taking in David's physique and diving skills. When he gets out, he picks his towel off the rack, and walks over drying himself.

SARAH

Good place for a private conversation.

DAVID

Yeah; besides, I needed the exercise.

SARAH

Yeah. God, I haven't been in the water in years.

DAVID

Well, come on then. This is your big chance!

David puts down his towel, offers Sarah his hand, takes her over to the edge of the pool, and dives in. Sarah has a smile on her face that she hasn't worn in a long time. She prefers to jump in feet first, coming up laughing - but just barely able to keep her chin above the water.

SARAH

I'm not that good a swimmer.

DAVID

Try to relax, if you need a hand I'll be right here.

SARAH

(laughing)  
Okay.  
(spits up some water)

DAVID

Okay, maybe we better swim over there.

Together they swim to the shallow end of the pool, Sarah laughing too much for her own safety. Finally they get to where she can stand up, but she seems to prefer bouncing.

SARAH

God, this is so much fun!

DAVID

It's nice to see you like this.

Sarah laughs, jumps and pirouettes. She's really playful now, and David starts to jump around too. After a minute of this, they stop and look at each other.

SARAH

I read your book.

DAVID

And?

SARAH

I want to help.

DAVID

Okay, but it's not going to be easy.

SARAH

Won't be much harder than what I'm doing now.

DAVID

We welcome any help we can get; but we're also very careful.

SARAH

Who's we?

This gets David's attention. He stops playing and stands still in the pool, waiting for Sarah to do the same. When she sees this, her attitude sobers up and she stands in the water listening.

DAVID

We're nobody. We're me. Just me.

(beat)

That's all you need to know, okay?

SARAH

Sure, okay.

DAVID

Here's how it goes. We don't make the rules, we don't even know the rules sometimes. Yet we, you and me, try to work around the rules. Our goal is to expose the truth, and not get caught.

SARAH

Yes.

DAVID

Together, together we expose the truth; separately, we avoid capture. Do you understand?

SARAH

Yes.

DAVID

Good. Here's how you can help. We need information on whatever goes on behind closed doors: Floor plans, scientific reports, photographs, memos; and copies of keys.

SARAH

Okay.

DAVID

But be very, very, careful. Take photocopies, don't leave a trace that there's anything suspicious going on. Assume that you're being watched. There are other people depending on you. They'll be there for you if you find yourself in trouble. I'll be your contact. I'll give you two phone numbers, for when you want to meet. Memorize them, don't write them down anywhere. When you call the first one let it ring twice and hang up; wait twenty seconds and do the same again. If the line is busy the third time, wait five minutes and call the second number. Do you understand?

SARAH

Yes.

DAVID

And Sarah...

SARAH

Yeah?

David smiles a broad, mischievous smile.

DAVID

We need it now.

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