

STORY TREATMENT

JAMES BOND *007*

in

MURDER ON WHEELS



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GUNBARREL SEQUENCE & PRE-CREDITS SEQUENCE

ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (YAS MARINA FORMULA ONE CIRCUIT)

Trying to seek fresh revenge on the capture of **ERNST STAVRO BLOFELD** (*SPECTRE*'s NR. 1), and the exposure of 'C's Nine Eyes Program, SPECTRE has relocated to a new, secret lair on a private island near The Seychelles. To erase all their history, SPECTRE has initiated a new, more ingenious, and deadlier scheme that foresees in the total humiliation of MI6 and their elite SIS-agent James Bond 007. Assisting in the scheme is the well-known entrepreneur, industrialist and philanthropist **JACK SPANG**, who is unhappy with the pace in which the world is switching to the use of more environmentally friendly EV's.

However, before the plan can be fully laid out, SPECTRE has to get rid of a particular double agent who happens to be a Formula One driver. He has been a pest for Jack Spang for quite some time now, but he could also serve as the first bait into an ingenious scheme, that will attract the attention of MI6 and agent 007. The Formula One Driver is **KASEEM BASHIR**, a Saudi Prince who is a double agent relaying intelligence information from Saudi authorities to MI6. Regarding the 'pest-part', Prince Bashir has been uncovering a drug trafficking plot within the Formula One Team '**Racing Jack**'. It was previously owned by Jack Spang, but the drug trafficking plot could be harmful for Spang's business ventures. SPECTRE's proposed assassination of Bashir therefore ingeniously should lead into a 2nd purpose of luring MI6 and James Bond 007 into a bigger SPECTRE scheme, hence the 'bait-part'.

While Formula One Driver Prince Kaseem Bashir is doing his first qualification laps for British Team '**Aston Martin**' at the Yas Marina Formula One Circuit in Abu Dhabi, he's being aided on the speaker by **GALATEA BRAND**. Galatea Brand is Bashir's MI6-aide, who also happens to be an experienced test driver for 'Aston Martin'.

During a tense qualification lap, in which the deafening sound of the car's engines are heard by closely zoomed in parts of the Aston Martin, Bashir's communication between him and Galatea Brand is being disconnected. Team 'Aston Martin' is irritated by it, so is Kaseem Bashir. While 'Aston Martin' tries to re-establish communication, a whispering voice takes over inside Kaseem's headset, and says that the final seconds of his life will feature a remarkable crash. Then, a remote control system takes over his steering wheel. Bashir is not able to brake. A few seconds later he loses control of his car. He is not able to steer his car into curve #8 and violently crashes onto the concrete wall. Almost immediately, Bashir's Aston Martin catches fire, and explodes. Prince Kaseem Bashir is instantly killed.

MAIN TITLES & MAIN STORY

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM (ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE & WHITEHALL)

Back in London, **JAMES BOND** and **MISS MONEYPENNY** walk towards the Royal Courts of Justice to attend the final sentence in the 'Blofeld'-case. Obviously, **ERNST STAVRO BLOFELD** is present as well. After a well-fought court fight, Blofeld gets a substantially lower sentence, 6 years in prison, and can sit out most of his sentence in house arrest while at his London penthouse. Blofeld doesn't seem very impressed by it, and turns coldheartedly his face to his lawyer. He summons him with a soft voice to transfer the payment of €150,000 within 48 hours. Blofeld and his team of legal experts then stand up.

Surrounded by many guards, Blofeld and his team of lawyers leave the Courts building after the positive sentence. Before Blofeld is walking down the stairs however, we get to see Blofeld through a sniper's rifle binoculars. We also see one eye of the sniper. It turns out to be **HINX**. Within a few seconds Hinx shoots Blofeld straight through his head and his lifeless body falls on the pavement.

James Bond and Moneypenny are shocked, but Bond helps remembering Moneypenny that too little people knew of his existence to hate him that much. While the crowds in the streets are panicking, Bond and Moneypenny manage to arrive in time at the scheduled meeting with '**M**' in his Whitehall office.

'M' introduces MI6-employee and Formula One pro **GALATEA BRAND** to 007, a fierce red-haired bisexual woman with a heavy West Country accent. He explains why she is here. Galatea Brand and Prince Kaseem Bashir were close to unravel a cocaine trafficking scheme in which Team '**Racing Jack**' was involved. The plan involved trafficking cocaine from several 'Formula One Hotspots', the Formula One Circuits, back to the port of Rotterdam, The Netherlands, where Team Racing Jack has its main research and manufacturing center. Bond first tries to convince 'M' to initiate a final research into Blofeld's assassination a few moments ago, but 'M' firmly declines and wants Bond to fully focus on the death of Prince Kaseem and its direct implications for MI6. Bond and Brand are therefore ordered to go to The Hague, The Netherlands, where former owner of Formula One team 'Racing Jack', Jack Spang, will hold a TED-conference speech.

SPECTRE-ISLAND, THE SEYCHELLES

While James Bond and Galatea Brand leave 'M's office, Mr Hinx lands on Seychelles International Airport with a private jet. He arrives with his car in front of a stunning white luxury villa with a 'floating' swimming pool and an equally impressive terrace with 'a view to a kill'. The open-air terrace features a large glass conference table. 10 SPECTRE-associates are sitting behind the table:

- **IRMA BUNT • SPECTRE NR. 3**, having a trendy ultra-blond, wetlook, short hairdo,
- **MR HINX**,
- **MOREAU**, Blofeld's spokesman,
- **DR VOGEL • SPECTRE NR. 8**,
- **AN UNDISCLOSED PERSON AT THE OTHER END OF THE TABLE**, and
- **FIVE OTHER SPECTRE MEMBERS**.

After Moreau's introduction, **DR VOGEL • SPECTRE NR. 8** starts her presentation as executive manager in the plot of distributing illegal, counterfeit medicines and placebo's to third world countries. But the undisclosed man at the other end of the table interrupts her and openly slams the inconsistent and flawed results of the plot. As a result Mr Hinx stands up and gets his silver suitcase. He opens it and puts the nicely designed crystal box in the middle of the table.

The unknown man at the other end of the table, of which we can't see his face, starts a little story about these ants. They are the insect species '**Paraponera Clavata**', also better known as **bullet ants**. The pain caused by this insect's sting is reported to be greater than that of any other insect, and is ranked as the most painful according to the Schmidt sting pain index, given a "4+" rating, above the tarantula hawk wasp. And according to some victims it equals to the sensation of being shot, hence the name "bullet ant".

Hinx places the box in front of Ms Vogel. The undisclosed man continues talking about the ants, while he connects the story with a failed SPECTRE-scheme which was led by Ms Vogel. At the same time a white Persian cat jumps on the table and gets interested in the tasty little insects. While Ms Vogel looks with incredible fear inside the box, Mr Hinx stands up and stands behind her. He forcefully slams her face inside the box. Ms Vogel panics and 30 sec's later the excruciating pain kicks in. Especially since the ants crawl into her eyes. Her screams are unearthly loud and all other SPECTRE-members are petrified, gazing upon the scene in fear.

The undisclosed man keeps explaining in a cool, dispassionate way about the pain it is causing. And while it feels like a bullet, it doesn't have the effect of a bullet. Hinx therefore pulls his gun, and shoots Ms Vogel in the back of her skull. She is dead.

Now it's time for **IRMA BUNT • SPECTRE NR. 3** to present her plan. She's rather unimpressed by the previous scene with the bullet ants and immediately asks for the attention of the remaining SPECTRE-members. She starts her report by saying that she is thrilled that Blofeld's double has managed to erase Blofeld's existence. The scheme in which the real Blofeld was about to get a surgery in Belmarsh Prison for his badly mutilated and infected face, and the subsequent replacement by a double, proved successful. She thanks Mr Hinx for the subsequent assassination of the double. After that Irma explains the main scheme, '**OPERATION POWER CLEAN**', of which the murder of Prince Kaseem Bashir was the first part of **stage #1**.

SPECTRE plans to avenge the failure of the Nine Eyes Program by humiliating both M16 and James Bond 007. The first stage is now in progress and Irma is happy that M16 is lured into an investigation to Kaseem's death. It is only a matter of time that M16 lets James Bond participate in the prestigious '**FLEXUM GTE ENDURANCE RACE**' in Austin, Texas, United States.

At the same time SPECTRE facilitates **stage #2** of 'Operation Power Clean' which consists of teaming up with and aiding the well-known entrepreneur and philanthropist **JACK SPANG** and rogue Irani general **YASHRAF GHORBANI**: Their scheme will include a dangerous and deadly plot, with the aim of letting Spang's '**Flexum Motors**' stocks soar to incredible heights, thus creating a monopoly for Jack Spang within the economic boundaries of Iran. Irma Bunt is convinced the plan will succeed.

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM (NOTTING HILL)

Back in London, James Bond is on his way to his apartment. While packing his bags, **MADELEINE SWANN** stands in the doorway with a sad face, dressed only in one of Bond's shirts. Ever since the events in London in 2015, the new 'M' has been using 007's skills more frequently, thus making it necessary for 007 to travel a lot and accepting missions with very irregular and unexpected schedules. It takes a lot of adaptation and sacrifice from Madeleine, and she's rather fed up with it. Like back in 2015 when Bond was trying to stop 'C', Swann again reminds him that she's seriously considering of walking away again. She doesn't want to witness Bond's dangerous and deadly lifestyle all the time, nor does she like to see strange women in the apartment.

Foremost, she doesn't want to be the next Vesper Lynd or a newly wedded woman being assassinated by a villain. Despite the emotional discussion, Bond leaves his apartment with his suitcase, but not before gently kissing Madeleine on her forehead.

Downstairs Galatea Brand is standing against Bond's Aston Martin DB5, waiting to kick off Bond's new adventure.

THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS (WORLD FORUM CONGRES CENTRE)

Once arrived in The Netherlands, Bond and Brand attend the TED-speech from '**FLEXUM MOTORS**' and '**FLEXUM GALACTIC**' CEO & founder, **MR JACK SPANG**. During his passionate and empathic support of environmentally friendly electric vehicles, he frequently addresses the inadequacy of nations like the United States to tackle the very slow increase of EV's. Political gridlock, in both the States and the UK, are to blame for this mess. Bond makes fun of Mr Spang while talking to Galatea, saying that his Flexum cars idolized hearses.

Later, James and Galatea attend the Flexum reception that will also be attended by Jack Spang and his wife **CARLA SPANG**, a beautiful short-haired woman of African descent. Bond did his research on the subject 'Jack Spang' and bluntly confronts Mr Spang with the 'sudden' sale of his Formula One team '**Racing Jack**'. Galatea adds some fire to the discussion by bluntly implying Spang's involvement in the deadly crash of Prince Kaseem Bashir.

While Jack Spang is quite impressed by Galatea's brash and blunt attitude, Bond introduces himself to Carla Spang, the stunning black wife of Jack Spang, and her female assistant **MONIQUE**. After Monique finishes talking with Carla about the Foundation she's running, she leaves. But not after she's staring at Bond. Bond steps in with a bottle of Bollinger. They have a short conversation about environmentally friendly initiatives, when Bond suddenly receives a Whatsapp message from his girlfriend Madeleine: "*It's over James. You'll find my keys at your table when you return.*" James is rather shocked, and needs a moment for himself. While he is startled about the news, Hinx observes Bond from one of the interior balconies.

Later that night Galatea and James meet up at the research and manufacturing facility of team 'Racing Jack', near Rotterdam. While again being shadowed by Hinx, Bond manages to open the safe in the conference room. There he finds clues that the drugs money arrives on a Cayman bank account and that the same bank account will also be used for prize money for the upcoming **FLEXUM GTE ENDURANCE RACE** in Austin, Texas.

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM (WHITEHALL)

The information found by 007 in Rotterdam is directly reported to 'M', while '**Q**' analyzes the conditions of the Flexum GTE Endurance Race. As usual, Bond is the last person to enter the M16-office. After having a rather feisty chat with Miss Money Penny, Bond enters M's already heavily occupied office. Present are Galatea, 'Q' and the director of 'Aston Martin Racing', **SIR DAVID MOSS**. 'Q' explains that the murder of Prince Kaseem Bashir probably was a sloppy attempt to wipe out any traces leading to the drug trafficking with Jack Spang's Formula One cars. But, it's also a means for Jack Spang to raise more cash. The big question however for M16 is the fact that Jack Spang increases the stakes to the newly founded Flexum GTE Endurance Race to such incredibly high levels, that he even wants to sacrifice all his fortune and his Flexum enterprises.

'M' interrupts and immediately tells 007 to participate in this GTE endurance race with Galatea Brand as leading driver and 007 as 2nd driver. The stakes of this race are important for M16.

Sir David Moss then starts explaining the rules of the game. The race is actually a two-stage race on two different circuits with GTE (*Grand Touring Endurance Class Racing, formerly GT2*) cars divided over 10 different teams. **Race #1** is held on the Circuit Of The Americas in Austin, Texas. The total race is 305 km long, which is more or less an equivalent of 56 laps. **Race #2** is a night race and runs through the NRG Park Street Circuit, Houston, Texas. The race is shorter, 172 km total length, which is more or less an equivalent of 45 laps. Only the TOP 5 finishers from Race #1 progress to the 2nd and final race the next week.

Entrance fees for the Flexum GTE Endurance Race are incredibly high. Entrance to the 1st race costs **\$750,000** per individual driver. Both Galatea Brand and James Bond will be driving the **Aston Martin V8 Vantage GTE** from Moss's '**Aston Martin Racing**'. An American team will also participate, team '**Chevrolet Corvette**', as well as Spang's '**Racing Jack GTE**'. There are two drivers in each team, a 1st driver, Ms Brand in the case of Aston Martin, and a 2nd driver, of which James Bond is one of them. During each race there's the possibility to change driver one time during a pit stop. Each driver may be accompanied by the 2nd or 1st driver for technical instructions. Fees also include an expensive pre-party presentation in which all teams are introduced, a fundraiser in the nearby Austin Casino between the two races, an after party and stays in local 5 star hotels for the main drivers of each team.

But then 'M' interrupts and explains why M16 is facilitating this race. The stakes for this double GTE race are very high. Prize money consists of the total of all entrance fees paid by the 18 drivers who lost (remainder 9 teams), as well as a money prize of **\$7,5 Million** for the eventual winner.

But the big prize will be for the British Ministry of Economic Affairs, and subsequently for the British Treasury. The winner of the race hands him or her an influential seat on the Board of Directors of '**Flexum Motors**' and '**Flexum Galactic**'. On top of that, the winning team gets a **32%** stock share in all Flexum stocks. The winners receive the right to get access to Flexum's business and technical secrets. It is this aspect of the prize that 'M' cannot ignore. The United Kingdom is already suffering from the negative economic and financial consequences of Brexit. And having access to all secrets of Jack Spang's **Flexum** is an opportunity HM's government cannot ignore.

James Bond interrupts, and immediately warns that it's a trap. Moreover, he suspects Jack Spang isn't an ordinary philanthropist and entrepreneur, referring to his rather scary, populist speech at the TED-conference in The Hague. And probably this is the kind of man that SPECTRE is interested in. But 'M' fiercely responds and actually admits it's a trap. But it's a trap with a big prize and a wealth of information for both the British government and M16.

Bond will be partially assisted by the CIA upon his arrival in Austin, USA. And also 'Q' will join the team in case some 'technical computer cheating' will be discovered.

TEHRAN, IRAN (ISLAMIC CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY)

While Bond, Brand and 'Q' are on their way to the United States, **GENERAL YASHRAF GHORBANI** is present in the Islamic Consultative Assembly, in the Shiite Republic of Iran. He is quietly and grumpily witnessing a speech from an Iranian Member of Parliament who wants to open up more bilateral talks with the Sunni arch nemesis Saudi-Arabia.

It's an opportunity for the populist General Yashraf Ghorbani to blast his speech of weak appeasement. In the speech of his own, Ghorbani fiercely rejects any rapprochement towards Saudi-Arabia. Instead he warns that it could weaken Iran's position on the global stage, and it could lead to more American and Saudi dominance in the Middle East. But the main aim of his speech is to find support for re-opening the underground Fordo Uranium Enrichment Facility near Qom. Alas for him, his blistering confrontational speech is met with a lot of uproar and booing.

Ghorbani leaves the Irani Parliament with the same grumpy face as before, and orders his chauffeur to immediately bring him to the Tehran Imam Khomeini International Airport

SPECTRE-ISLAND, THE SEYCHELLES

Ghorbani's support wasn't met with enthusiasm in the Irani Assembly, but that's a different thing when he enters the SPECTRE-villa on The Seychelles. **YASHRAF GHORBANI** is met with a warm welcome and is taking a seat next to his associate Jack Spang. Present are once again **IRMA BUNT - SPECTRE NR. 3**, Hinx, Moreau, an unknown person at the other end of the table and six other people. It is the unknown person at the other end of the table who is now slowly revealed. We see that it's **ERNST STAVRO BLOFELD**, albeit with a nicely healed face, a much smaller scar, thanks to plastic surgery, and hair that has been dyed black completely. Before he starts addressing the SPECTRE-gathering, Blofeld apologizes for a moment. He removes his old fake eye and puts his new fake eye inside his empty eye socket. The result is much better.

Blofeld then asks for an update on '**OPERATION POWER CLEAN**'. Irma Bunt rises and says everything is in place for the kick-off of the **FLEXUM GTE ENDURANCE RACE** in Austin, Texas. **Stage #1** of the operation. All security measures are in place to disrupt 'Team Aston Martin's' hopes to win the prize. Hinx oversees the racing events in Austin, Texas, while Irma Bunt will shadow Carla Spang and will make sure Mrs. Spang and James Bond will 'sexually' team up. Bunt also points to Jack Spang and the fact that he is entirely ready with his GTE-team '**Racing Jack GTE**'. Spang interrupts Bunt however and sees too many variables in the scheme. He wants to be briefed regularly about the progress of humiliating 007, since SPECTRE's previous plan, Denbigh's C's Nine Eyes Program, failed miserably,

After some fierce reassurance, Irma Bunt moves to **Stage #2** of '**OPERATION POWER CLEAN**', which will be SPECTRE's biggest undertaking so far:

●●● CONTAMINATING THE BIGGEST OIL FIELDS IN SAUDI ARABIA WITH A LARGE ARMADA OF DRONES PROVIDED BY FLEXUM, AND EQUIPPED WITH SMALL, YET CONSIDERABLY DIRTY NUCLEAR DEVICES ●●●

By contaminating all the oil fields, Bunt reasons, oil prizes will go up massively, resulting in '**Flexum Motors**' and '**Flexum Galactic**' stocks to massively soar. It will result in a monopoly for every Flexum enterprise, of which Irani business moguls will be informed beforehand, so they can perform massive insider stock trading. After the nuclear meltdown in Saudi Arabia,

Jack Spang will continue as Flexum's CEO, while Ghorbani will become majority shareholder of his company. Jack Spang sees his dream come true, forcing the world to use his EV's, while Yashraf Ghorbani sees his dream coming true, which is seeing pro-American Saudi Arabia being destroyed, both psychologically and financially. Ghorbani gets financed with the prize money and entrance fees from the race, Jack Spang's FLEXUM GALACTIC has been co-financing the drones, while Kazakhstan is assisting in the uranium enrichment process in the underground Fordo Uranium Enrichment Facility near Qom (Kazakhstan is known for their natural uranium deposits).

After the extensive presentation, Blofeld seems to be content, but warns that Hinx is ready to feed the fish with removed eyeballs.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS)

Bond and Galatea Brand arrive at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, where they are picked up by Bond's good buddy **FELIX LEITER**. Obviously, the CIA is facilitating its own team when tomorrow's trainings for the Flexum GTE Endurance Race starts. But Bond is more into the little affair Felix caused with Lucia Sciarra back in Rome, when Sciarra was raging in anger when she was forced into custody by the Italian police.

Galatea Brand reminds Bond that she will kick Bond's butt if he continues to cause problems. And looking back at Bond's record of destroying Aston Martin's, it remains to be seen if he's really up the task to be successful at tomorrow's race. Galatea's various examples of Bond destroying Aston Martin's is telling to that respect.

LEITER drops Bond and Galatea off at the luxury Driskill Hotel, where Jack and Carla Spang are residing as well. That evening, the race instructions start in the main conference room of the Driskill Hotel. Each team and its racers are being presented, including the two American teams '**Racing Jack GTE**' with their **Flexum Hybrid V8** cars, team '**Chevrolette Corvette**', with their powerful **V8 Corvettes** and the British '**Aston Martin Racing**' and their **Aston Martin V8 Vantage** cars, which are slightly upgraded by 'Q'. During the team presentation Spang and Bond meet again and exchange some verbally competitive innuendo. At the same time Carla's assistant Monique and Felix Leiter share an important conversation.

RACE #1

The next day Bond and Galatea Brand are welcomed by **SIR DAVID MOSS** at the Circuit Of The Americas. Bond and Brand put on their racing overalls in their luxury trailers. A little later they get instructions from Sir David Moss about their wonderful Aston Martin V8 Vantage. Since 'Q' needs to perform some detours when he travels -'Q' is still suffering from his fear of flying- he surprisingly joins the group and tells Bond and Galatea that he's been working actively with 'Aston Martin Racing' to enhance the computer software of the cars.

After a rather successful qualification, team '**Aston Martin Racing**' gets 3rd place. Although team '**Racing Jack GTE**'s **Flexum V8** is considerably faster and gets 2nd place.

The next afternoon at 1:00 PM the first race starts. After 57 laps Galatea's and Bond's Aston Martin is flagged 1st over the finish line without too many problems. Although Bond and Galatea were exchanging some fierce disagreements during the race. Spang and his co-driver come in 2nd. It was an intense duel between the 2nd driver of 'Racing Jack GTE' and Galatea Brand. Jack Spang is admittedly disappointed while he observes the finishing from the pit lane. Bond and Brand celebrate heavily though while on the podium. Bond's dry wit causes some laughter on Galatea's face when he says it's certainly not Bollinger champagne they are spilling.

Race #2 is next week, so in between Bond is calling 'M' on a secure line, informing him about the success of race #1. Shortly after that, Bond meets Mr and Mrs Spang in the hotel lobby of the Driskill. Jack Spang doesn't show to Bond that he is disappointed and invites him to his penthouse at the Driskill for an extensive dinner. Later that night Galatea and James join Jack and Carla Spang at the dinner table, and almost immediately Bond questions his true motivations for a 'greener planet', referring to a man he probably knew from his past enterprises, **DOMINIC GREENE**. But Spang stubbornly denies the existence of the man, and counteracts with some remarks related to his work. He reasons that his work is by no means defined by the interests of his country, the USA, while Bond himself seems to be working entirely for a nation in decline, The United Kingdom. He mentions Brexit, and the fact that companies like **Flexum** wisely refused to invest in the UK, when so many other nations offer Spang lower taxes and unlimited production facilities without the restraints of a bureaucratic judiciary system.

After the dessert, Jack suggests to take his wife to the nearby casino, while Galatea Brand stays with Mr Spang. Once arrived, he takes a seat at the **Chemin de Fer** table. Carla Spang stands next to him. A woman with short black hair assumes the role of banker opposite 007. It's **IRMA BUNT**, with shiny, short, ultra-blond wetlook hairdo. She isn't entirely surprised to see Bond, but asks him if it's wise to engage in this game of Chemin de Fer, when he probably has to endure much higher stakes somewhere else. Bond smiles with nonchalant attitude, as he lays his winning cards on the table.

Irma Bunt quietly stares at Bond's fit body when he walks away with Carla to his hotel room. **HINX**, who quietly observed the Chemin de Fer game from a balcony slowly walks to Irma Bunt. Hinx stays silent, but Ms Bunt says to him that she's proud of heading the humiliation part of the scheme. He can soon try again to crush Bond's eyes with his steel-tipped finger nails, although it looks a bit gay on him, Bunt says.

While Bond and Carla walk to their hotel rooms, Carla stays rather quiet and shows her shyness. She is scared, as his husband is behaving erratic these days. Bond tries to get more information from her about the man, but all she knows from Jack is the fact he's travelling a lot. And she doesn't feel interested in digging into his life.

Bond doesn't care too much about talking about work either and reminds Carla that he has to be in Houston the next day. Once the couple arrive at Bond's hotel room, he gently pushes Carla on his bed. They make love together, fiercely, while Carla is on top of Bond. At the same time a camera is recording the intimacy on a computer, which is being edited by Ms Bunt, while Hinx is carefully watching the love scene on the bigger screen. The video will later prove pivotal in SPECTRE's scheme to humiliate MI-6 and 007.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (NRG PARK STREET CIRCUIT)

The next day Bond, Brand, Sir David Moss and 'Q' arrive in Houston, where they start preparations for the 2nd and final race of the **Flexum Endurance Race**. This time however, the participants face some more difficulty, as this will be a night race.

The qualification is taking place at daylight though, and team 'Aston Martin' can be proud to deliver another great result: Bond and Brand will start from pole position, from 1st place. Bond, 'Q', Galatea and Sir David are thrilled. Though Galatea bluntly reminds Bond she clocked the fastest laps. Back home, in London, Moneypenny quietly listens the radio news at her desk in Whitehall. She, like the entire team, is truly ecstatic about it.

The American team '**Chevrolet Corvette**' is happy too. Shadowed by the CIA and Felix Leiter, team 'Chevrolet Corvette' is on the first row too after a successful qualification.

RACE #2

That night, at 9:00 PM (GMT -5, Texas Time), the 2nd and final race greenlights, and team '**Aston Martin Racing**' is off to a good start. As the race is set on a street circuit, the endurance of the final 5 teams is severely tested. After 17 laps, an incident with team 'Chevrolet Corvette' occurs, which is similar to the incident with Kaseem Bashir's Formula One Car. Again, another voice takes over the headset which the driver of the Corvette is using. Like Bashir's Formula One car, also the Corvette gets in trouble. The driver is not possible to brake, and literally gets instructions 'to die' from a strange voice. The driver violently crashes his car into a concrete corner and only barely manages to get out the car alive.

The race is halted for 15 mins with a safety flag, and then continues. **JACK SPANG** and James Bond are still driving, with their co-drivers seated next to them. The blunt Galatea at times forcefully needs to correct Bond's not up-to-par racing skills. At one moment she even has to pull Bond's steering wheel and correct the flipper paddles: "You retard! Want to win this game for f**k sake?!? Or do prefer continuing making love with Aston Martins??"

Bond is focused again. One of the other 5 teams however is doing a pit stop. Their car, a **Ford GT**, is being replaced by another Ford GT. Apparently due to some technical problems with the driving software. But the usual 2nd driver, who wants to take over, is halted. The driver is replaced by another man who's already wearing the team '**Ford GT Endurance**' helmet. He speeds away from the pit lane and immediately catches up with the **Aston Martin V8 Vantage** and the **Flexum V8**. There it becomes clear that **HINX** is behind the wheel.

Hinx' **Ford GT** is slightly improved with new software, which is not according to the race regulations. Despite the cheating, the Ford GT easily catches up. Jack Spang's **Flexum** deliberately slows down, so the Ford GT is closely behind Bond's Aston Martin. The race now evolves into a duel, which becomes more dangerous. Only one lap to go, and Hinx then violently forces Bond's Aston Martin out of the track, right through the fences and the crowds. The race continues off track. Jack Spang manages to quietly win the race, while off track Bond and Hinx are still engaged in a deadly duel. Galatea Brand, who's sitting next to him, is astonished by it and screams all her West Country dialect together.

When the duel continues on the busier highways of Houston, police cars hit the track in an attempt to stop the two lunatics. Hinx is still slightly leading the duel, and more or less 'lures' Bond to Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport. Hinx then turns the corner, and there he violently cuts off Bond. The **Aston Martin V8 Vantage** crashes. Hinx stops the car, just like the police cars. Hinx and the policemen get out Bond and Brand's unconscious bodies. They drop the unconscious bodies of Bond and Brand on the backseat of the police car and drive it to Jack Spang's private air jet.

AIRSPACE ACROSS THE MIDDLE-EAST (SPANG'S BOMBARDIER PRIVATE JET)

Galatea Brand and James Bond slowly wake up in their comfortable chairs on board Spang's luxury **Bombardier Challenger 604 private jet**. But they are handcuffed and tied to their big leather seats. Jack Spang is sitting opposite the couple, while Carla Spang, with a worrying face, walks towards her assistant Monique at the tail end of the private jet. Bond is still rather dizzy when he congratulates Spang with his cheated victory.

Jack Spang doesn't care, and soon explains the entire plot to 007. Spang doesn't actually care about James Bond, but it was SPECTRE who asked something in return for his scheme to contaminate the Saudi oil fields, handing over a monopoly to Spang's **Flexum** enterprises. Hinx is on board too, and Spang hands over the talking to him. He now gets his first ever lines in this deadly adventure. Hinx is pointing to the small onboard LED-screen in which he shows the entire love scene between Bond and Carla Spang. Obviously Carla is in anger, but Jack violently slams her in her face and throws her back on her seat.

Hinx is happy to announce that MI6 and Bond were lured in an ingenious trap that was entirely facilitated by SPECTRE. In that scheme Bond was destined to loose. Both Hinx and Jack laugh out loudly, as they expected the British Empire in decline to catch the bait. Hinx tells Bond that the video will be released in British newspapers, on YouTube channels, while 'M' will receive a beautifully giftwrapped USB-stick containing the same video. The video will most definitely show off Bond's lack of commitment and how easily 007 can be lured off track from his mission by a simple, beautiful, throw-away girl. In the meanwhile, Yashraf Ghorbani gets all the prize money and entrance fees from the **FLEXUM GTE ENDURANCE RACE**. And then Hinx explains **stage #2** of '**OPERATION POWER CLEAN**'. Obviously, Bond and Galatea are completely shocked about the entire scheme.

Then Jack Spang interrupts Hinx and tells James and Galatea that they are on their way to their last stop before their deaths; the underground Fordo Uranium Enrichment Facility near Qom. And probably an extra video will be made of Bond struggling to his death. Because MI6 need to see the humiliation of a dead MI6-operative. Bond is appalled by everything, but it doesn't stop there.

When the jet is lowering its altitude for landing, its landing gears come out. It's only 12 more minutes before landing now. Then Jack Spang starts talking again. Now he refers to the CIA. He wants to make Bond and Brand clear that he personally has an issue with the CIA. Spang suddenly points his eyes at Carla Spang....and Monique. Then he makes a gesture with his fingers to Hinx. Hinx walks towards Monique, Carla's assistant. He violently grabs Monique by her arms. Jack interrupts and tells her in loud and clear words that he does agree with certain rules of the SPECTRE-brotherhood, especially the revenge department. Monique, via Carla, betrayed many of Spang's plans to the CIA and Felix Leiter.

Hinx opens up the passenger's entrance at an altitude of only 800 m now, some 3 minutes before landing. Monique screams for help, Carla is getting mad, but Hinx slaps her violently to the floor. Bond and Galatea can not do anything. And within a few seconds Hinx pushes out Monique out of the airplane and violently falls to her death.

Mr Spang smiles again and tells Bond and Galatea that they still are useful for the SPECTRE-plot. He deals with Carla personally. Then Mr Spang shoots the couple with a stun gun.

QOM, IRAN (FORDO URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITY)

The private jet lands near a small airstrip. The passengers see that the Fordo Facility is covered with many solar panels. So the Fordo Facility also serves as a big solar power plant, while at the same time it serves as a cover for the dangerous uranium enrichment practices. Upon arrival, **JACK SPANG** meets the retired general **GHORBANI**. They straight away move to the control room. Bond and Galatea wake up in a completely dark brown prison cell, which is decorated with luxury furniture. Bond luckily still has 'Q's Omega watch, this time equipped with a laser beam and a mobile phone receiver.

At the same time, Spang is relaxing in his large office room within the Fordo-base. Carla is tied to a large Philippe Starck designed bed. Jack is completely disappointed in her and laments her passiveness. But Carla slams back and tells him that he was merely using his fortune to prepare her own business, which is to slowly take over **Spang's Philanthropic Foundation** and this time using it for real good causes. She has been in contact with the CIA all along, and the FBI already initiated a big investigation in Spang's funding's that are tied to various criminal organizations. He won't get away with it.

But perhaps Carla won't get away with it either, as Hinx shows up with a silver suitcase. He opens up the case and in there is a box, with again thousands of **bullet ants**. He picks up a little ant with a pincette, and places the ant on Carla's bare arm. Hinx carefully hold the ant with a glass plate on her arm, so that the ant stings her. What follows is an excruciating scream. As a result of the pain that feels as burning as a bullet shot. Carla is crawling on the bed from pain.

In the control center, the now rogue General Yashraf Ghorbani controls the countdown sequence, while he overlooks the impressive sight of **25 Flexum drones** waiting to take off. Each drone is closely guarded by a team of three engineers, dressed in Flexum overalls.

Bond and Brand in the meanwhile manage to escape the luxury equipped 'prison bungalow', and immediately explore the perimeters of the compound. They discover that the corridors only lead to an exit, right into the desert. It doesn't seem to be connected with the actual Fordo-base. But since Bond still possesses his watch with built-in mobile phone unit, Bond attaches it to a small earphone and immediately opens a secure line to 'Q', who is already at the NATO Incirlik Airbase in Turkey together with CIA's **FELIX LEITER**. They need help in locating the take off base for the 25 drones equipped with dirty nuclear devices. After a 30 min walk, guided by 'Q', Bond and Brand find the secret entrance to the Fordo-launch-base. The corridors of the Fordo-base are nearly identical to the prison bungalow, which were located outside the Fordo-base.

Galatea and James follow one of the nuclear laboratory researchers, but Hinx discovers the couple before they can get to the control room. What follows is a heavy and dirty fist fight between Hinx and Bond & Brand in Spang's penthouse-esque office. The fight becomes clumsier and clumsier though, as Hinx is equipped with better martial arts skills. Bond therefore grabs a metal case though, as he sees in the corner of his eyes a heavily tortured Carla.

Bond is surprised to see the case popping open. It contains the box filled with bullet ants. While Galatea uses a piece of curtain to smash Hinx' head, Bond pops open the box, empties the box in his eyes, and tightly binds it with a piece of cloth. Not long thereafter Hinx starts screaming, as the bullet ants are literally destroying his own eyes. Bond makes a fun quip, by saying that Hinx perhaps should pull out his own eyes this time with those girly metal fingernails. As he keeps suffering, Bond decides to put an end to it, and shoots him through his head.

Galatea and Bond free Carla, but Ghorbani is still safely hidden in the bullet proof control room. The three potential saviors are too late, as now the first of each of the 25 drones takes off from the giant opening in the hangar ceiling. And four more follow after 15 minute intervals. Each individual drone is controlled by just one unique control panel with joysticks, and is steered by one Flexum-engineer. Bond realizes the predicament, as it will be very much impossible to prevent the engineers to stop or to interfere. Bond is still in contact with 'Q' on the secure line however, and he now starts assisting Bond.

'Q' manages with help of a large CIA-team at the Incirlik airbase to hack the 20 **Flexum** drones that haven't taken off yet. But the other 5 drones need to be hacked differently so they can land them safely in the middle of the Irani desert with help of 'Q's instructions. But time is running out and as the 5 remaining drones are about to impact on various oil wells in Saudi-Arabia, he needs to take place behind every individual control panel that controls just one individual drone. After a tense and thrilling sequence in which 'Q' and Felix Leiter manage to guide him through the landing sequences, 007 pulls it off. The 5 Flexum drones have been touched down safely and a loud cheering fills both operation rooms in Qom, Iran, and Incirlik, Turkey.

After the immediate threat is eliminated, 'Q' orders James, Galatea and Carla to immediately leave the perimeters with one of the helicopters. NATO and Irani airforces are planning to jointly destroy the Fordo Facility. And so it happens. Yashraf Ghorbani is killed in the attack, but Jack Spang escapes.

TEHRAN, IRAN (A HAPPY ENDING)

Once in Tehran, 'Q', 'M' and **FELIX LEITER** are welcoming **JAMES BOND**, **GALATEA BRAND** and **CARLA SPANG**. The Irani authorities are initiating a full pardon to the happy gathering of people. Carla is beyond happiness and tightly hugs Bond. They kiss each other tightly, but Carla doesn't lose sight of an eye winking Galatea Brand. Back in the hotel, Galatea and Carla share a one bedroom hotel suite. In a surprise twist, Brand and Carla make love with each other. At the same time, Bond knocks the hotel room door and asks where the hell Mrs Carla Spang is. As it stays quiet in the room, Bond uses his laser watch to blatantly open the door. Bond is baffled when he sees the two girls in bed, crawled around each other, but soon puts up a naughty smile: *"There's no better ending than enjoying two of them ☺"*.

SPECTRE-ISLAND, THE SEYCHELLES

The happy ending isn't the real happy ending though, as the events move one final time to SPECTRE-island on The Seychelles. Jack Spang manages to reach the island rather uncomfortably by a cheap economy class airliner. **ERNST STAVRO BLOFELD • SPECTRE NR.1** and **IRMA BUNT • SPECTRE NR. 3** are gutted by Spang's appearance. Spang's trail of destruction could derail the newly obtained secrecy that SPECTRE so tirelessly obtained again. Although Blofeld misses Hinx' wonderful bullet ants, Blofeld instructs two guards to throw him in the swimming pool. Blofeld pushes a button on his iPad. In a blink of an eye a transparent cover closes the pool. In a struggle for live and death, Jack Spang is followed in an uncomfortable underwater sequence. Eventually, Spang dies of suffocation.

Blofeld looks down on the pool in contempt. He tells Bunt that they now control all Flexum enterprises. At least that's a good start. But they most certainly failed the "**R**" in the SPECTRE-acronym related to "Revenge" this time: *"We really have to do better next time Irma. Much better. Or I make sure I do it alone and throw you in this pool as well"*. Blofeld looks with a smile at Irma and then forcefully, almost violently, kisses her. Irma's lips are shaking, but she gives in and the forced love affair rolls into the end credits.

THE END

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

TEAM BOND

- **JAMES BOND • 007 (BRITISH)**: Her Majesty's Secret Agent of the British Secret Service. Bond's more official job description is an intelligence agent within Special Branch (SIS) at MI6. He is also a former Royal Navy Commander and has received the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (CMG).
(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Daniel Craig)
- **GALATEA BRAND (BRITISH)**: She is an investigator for MI6 who is evaluating Prince Kaseem Bashir's work as double agent for MI6. But she is predominantly working as a test driver for British Formula One Team 'Aston Martin Racing' and while in the pit lane she also serves as a fine assistant engineer. Her racing career is impressive, as she already was a successful driver in the 24 Hour of Le Mans, the FIA GT1 Series Championship (Blancpain) and the Deutsche Tourenwagen Masters (DTM) Championship. Galatea has blue eyes, possesses a bright white skin, is heavily spotted, and has long red hair. Ms Brand can be described as a brassy, blunt, masculine character, with a heavy West Country farm accent and is openly bisexual, although she hasn't dated a man in a long time. When working with 007 she easily slaps Bond in his face and frequently uses the 'c**t'-word.
(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Alicia Vikander)
- **CARLA SPANG (NIGERIAN)**: She is one of the leading Bond girls of the story and as wife of Jack Spang she is handling the day-to-day business of his philanthropic 'Spang Foundation'. His marriage to Jack Spang is not good, as his husband's life has become more secretive as of late. Lately Jack Spang also physically abuses her. Carla Spang on the whole is a fierce business woman with a good heart and usually is surrounded by a team of mostly female assistants. Mrs Spang is originally from Nigerian parents. She has a deep, black skin and short trimmed frizzy hair.
(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Lupita Nyong'o)
- **SIR DAVID MOSS (BRITISH)**: Owner and CEO of team 'Aston Martin Racing'. A brassy and posh Londoner who knows how to deal with arrogant, cocky boys like James Bond. Originally from Wales, the man now fulltime works on the racing branch of Aston Martin. MI6's favor is not met with considerable enthusiasm, but as he personally knows 'M' he decides to go ahead with the plan to let a new untested guy drive in his Aston Martin V8 Vantage.
(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Colin Firth)
- **'M' (BRITISH)**: Barbara "Emma" Mawdsley's successor since she was killed in 2012 by SPECTRE-agent Raoul Silva. Since the destruction of the Vauxhall Cross MI6/SIS-building, Gareth Mallory decided to manage the 00-Section from Whitehall.
(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Ralph Fiennes)
- **'Q' (BRITISH)**: 'Q', short for 'Quartermaster', a new position created by MI6 to counteract computer hackers with criminal intentions. Nowadays 'Q' works in his 'Q-Branch'-research facility.
(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Ben Whishaw)
- **PRINCE KASEEM BASHIR (SAUDI-ARABIAN)**: Professional Formula One driver and 2nd driver at Formula One Team 'Aston Martin Racing'. Prince Bashir is a member of the Saudi Royal Family, is 33 years old. He has been recruited by MI6 as a double agent, relaying secret information from Saudi authorities to MI6. During his professional career as Formula One racer he's assisted by British female test driver and engineer Galatea Brand. She is evaluating Bashir's work. As MI6-double agent Bashir was investigating illegal funds which were being transferred to the Cayman Bank Account of Formula One Team 'Racing Jack'. It turns out he was on the trail of drug trafficking via the Formula One Car transport system. In doing so, he gets killed in a mysterious accident during one of the qualification laps.
(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Kayvan Novak)
- **FELIX LEITER (AMERICAN)**: Bond's closest ally within the CIA, ever since the deadly poker match in the Casino Royale in Podgorica, Montenegro. While Bond is on a mission in the States, Leiter and Bond usually meet up.
(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Jeffrey Wright)
- **MISS MONEYPENNY (BRITISH)**: Former MI6-field agent and now 'M's personal secretary. When Bond has scheduled meetings with 'M' and 'Q' in the MI6-offices, both Bond and Eve seem to get along very well.
(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Naomie Harris)
- **MADELEINE SWANN (FRENCH)**: Bond's girlfriend, in a relationship with him since 2015. But in a dramatic scene Madeleine still can not seem to handle with Bond's professional life as an assassin.
(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Léa Seydoux)
- **MONIQUE (AMERICAN)**: Carla's personal executive assistant to the 'Spang Foundation'. She is relaying secret information, on behalf of Mrs. Spang, to the CIA and Felix Leiter.
(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Elizabeth Debicki)

TEAM SPECTRE

- **JACK SPANG (AMERICAN)**: An Elon Musk-type entrepreneur, industrialist and philanthropist. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut, USA on December 25th 1972. His looks can be described as handsome with high cheek bones and gold blond hair. He has a distinct physical feature: He has a condition that is known as heterochromia: Eyes which don't have the same color. In his case he has one bright blue eye and one dark brown eye, which are covered by entirely circular, stainless steel spectacles. Jack Spang is the CEO and founder of all Flexum enterprises, including Flexum Motors and Flexum Galactic. His wife Carla runs his Spang Philanthropic Foundation. But foremost he has an almost sacred passion for clean energy and environmentally friendly cars. His passion goes deep and many times he is disappointed by the slow pace in which humanity embraces clean energy.
(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Michael Fassbender)
- **ERNST STAVRO BLOFELD • SPECTRE NR. 1 (AUSTRIAN)**: Former facilitator of QUANTUM and now head of crime syndicate S.P.E.C.T.R.E. (*Special Executive for Counter-Intelligence, Terrorism, Revenge and Extortion*). He was formerly known as Franz Oberhauser-Blufeld, and officially disinherited his former foster brother James Bond. Since 2015 he officially renamed himself Ernst Stavro Blofeld at the Austrian name registration council. He now works and lives in exile from his private villa on The Seychelles. After his inflicted facial mutilation, plastic surgeons successfully reconstructed his original

face. Though the scar couldn't be removed entirely. He is also wearing a fake eye, which has the same color as his right eye. His hair is now dyed black entirely.

(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Christoph Waltz)

- **IRMA BUNT • SPECTRE NR. 3 (SWISS)**: Newly acquired SPECTRE-operative, who is originally from Switzerland. Worked with Blofeld as an operations manager during his QUANTUM enterprises, while at the same time having a top position at FIFA headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Ms Bunt was born on February 27th 1959, and was employed again by Blofeld in 2016. Irma Bunt is known for her extravagant looks, wearing alternative looking Jill Sander wardrobes and having an ultra-blond, very short, wetlook hairdo.

(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Tilda Swinton)

- **MR. HINX (AMERICAN)**: Originally replacing Guerra as the assassin of Mr White. Right now his role has evolved into a heavy-duty killer, whose prime goal is shadowing James Bond and Galatea Brand and making sure their deaths will be a humiliation for the British Secret Service.

(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Dave Bautista)

- **GENERAL YASHRAF GHORBANI (IRANI)**: Rough, populist, fanatic general from the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Often described as a religious, ultra-nationalist fanatic within the Irani government. Secret Intelligence Services suspect him from severe hate of Saudi-Arabia. Now he is CEO of a company that exploits the abandoned underground Fordo Uranium Enrichment Facility near Qom. Due to the American lift on economic sanctions, part of the Irani government reprimanded him for his hatred and religious fanaticism, much to the chagrin of Ghorbani himself.

(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Amr Waked)

- **DR. VOGEL • SPECTRE NR. 8 (GERMAN)**: Executive manager in the plot of distributing illegal, counterfeit medicines and placebo's to third world countries. Her role hasn't been met with great approval. Mutilated by bullet ants and subsequently killed by Mr. Hinx.

(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Brigitte Millar)

- **MOREAU (ZIMBABWAN)**: Spokesperson during SPECTRE-meetings and is doing the same on The Seychelles. Originally from Zimbabwe, Mr Moreau is now Blofeld's personal assistant as well.

(SUGGESTIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: Marc Zinga)

CHRONOLOGY & CONTINUITY

CHRONOLOGY COLOR CHART • JAMES BOND 007 #25 • STORY TREATMENT "MURDER ON WHEELS"				
Running Order	Location Within Story	Duration	Production Design Details	Story Details
1	GUNBARREL SEQUENCE	20 sec		
2	ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	7 min	Yas Marina Formula One Circuit	Training & qualification lap, crash & death Prince Bashir
3	MAIN TITLE SEQUENCE	4 min		
4a	LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM	10 min	Royal Courts of Justice, London	Lawsuit, court-ruling & assassination of Blofeld's double
4b	LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM	5 min	M16, Whitehall, Old War Office	Meeting with 'M', briefing to investigate drug trafficking in Netherlands
5	SPECTRE-ISLAND, THE SEYCHELLES	5 min	Large poolside villa on private island	SPECTRE-meeting; Murder Vogel, speech Irma Bunt & undisclosed man
6	LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM	4 min	Bond's apartment, Notting Hill	Relationship trouble Madeleine Swann & James Bond
7a	THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS	5 min	World Forum, Congres Centre	TED-conference speech Jack Spang, reception
7b	ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS	9 min	Research & Manufacturing Facility	Investigation of containers at Rotterdam Port Investigation of Research & Manufacturing Center 'killing Jack'
8	LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM	5 min	M16, Whitehall, Old War Office	Meeting with 'M', introduction Flexum race, Galatea Brand, Sir Moss
9	TEHRAN, IRAN	4 min	Islamic Consultative Assembly	Introduction General Yashraf Ghorbani
10	SPECTRE-ISLAND, THE SEYCHELLES	6 min	Large poolside villa on private island	SPECTRE-meeting; Blofeld reveal, Jack Spang, Yashraf Ghorbani
11a	AUSTIN, TEXAS, USA	8 min	Airport & Driskill Hotel	Arrival hotel, race instructions, meeting Felix Leiter
11b	AUSTIN, TEXAS, USA	15 min	Circuit of the Americas	Race #1 of Flexum GT Endurance Race Bond & Brand win race #1
11c	AUSTIN, TEXAS, USA	5 min	Penthouse Jack Spang	Dinner scene Jack & Carla Spang with Galatea Brand & Bond
11d	AUSTIN, TEXAS, USA	7 min	Texas Treasure Casino Boat	Chemin de Fer game at casino, between Bond and Irma Bunt Bond & Carla Spang being filmed, while making love
11e	HOUSTON, TEXAS, USA	18 min	NRG Park Street Circuit	Race #2 of Flexum GT Endurance Race Culminates into duel between Mr.inx & James Bond
11f	HOUSTON, TEXAS, USA	3 min	George Bush Intercontinental Airport	Crash Aston Martin V8 with Bond & Brand, kidnapping
12	AIRSPACE, MIDDLE-EAST REGION	5 min	Spang's Bombardier Private Jet	Explanation SPECTRE-scheme to Bond, Brand & Mrs Spang
13a	QOM, IRAN	12 min	Fordu Uranium Enrichment Facility	Spang & Ghorbani's nuclear air is disguised as solar plant 50 nuclear Flexum drones awaiting their destination. Bond, Galatea, try to stop 'Operation Power Clean', with 'Qi'
13b	TEHRAN, IRAN	5 min	Tehran Hotel	Happy ending, Bond surprised that Galatea & Carla are lovers
14	SPECTRE-ISLAND, THE SEYCHELLES	4 min	Large poolside villa on private island	Jack Spang killed by pool cover, Blofeld & Bunt survive
	RUNNING TIME	146 min		

THE 'FIRSTS', AS COMPARED WITH CRAIG'S PREVIOUS OUTINGS

In writing a story treatment for a 5th Bond film starring Daniel Craig, I tried to be as original and unique as possible with regard to Daniel Craig's Bond outings, while maintaining the future long-term prospects and sustainability of the James Bond franchise. Down below I have written some bullet points that try to take this into account

THE 'FIRSTS'

- **A PRE-CREDITS SEQUENCE THAT DOES NOT FEATURE JAMES BOND 007:** While this hasn't been done before in a long time, the James Bond films "From Russia With Love", "Live And Let Die" and "The Man With The Golden Gun" did feature a PTS without the appearance of James Bond 007. Since those pre-credits sequences are not among the most memorable scenes, I tried to come up with a spectacular, action-heavy Formula One sequence. I envisioned this PTS to be filmed in a way that made directors John Frankenheimer and Peter Yates famous ("Grand Prix" (1966), "Bullitt" (1968) & "Ronin" (1998)).
- **(AN) ACTION SEQUENCE(S) THAT RE-INVENT(S) THE WHEEL WITHIN THE BOND FORMULA:** As an admirer of the filmography of directors John Frankenheimer and Peter Yates, I came to the conclusion that there are not too many Bond films in which Bond's driving skills are seriously tested. Not without the gadgets at least. Perhaps only the stock car ice race in "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" comes close. So therefore I wanted the reader to be closely involved with the action sequences. What Peter Yates and John Frankenheimer managed to do, was applying a cinematography of staying very close to the road and the wheels from the perspective of the viewer, without the 'shaky cam effects'.
- **A FUNNY, BLUNT, BRASSY BOND GIRL WITHOUT TOO MUCH PERSONAL BACKGROUND:** While I really liked the Bond girls Tracy Di Vincenzo, Vesper Lynd and Madeleine Swann and their deeper complexities, I think it was time to write a brassy and blunt leading girl who doesn't shy away of using a heavy West Country accent. I tried to create a contemporary version of Fleming's Pussy Galore and Tiffany Case, who verbally were certainly more 'loud', as compared to Bond. The leading girls is openly lesbian as well, and has a racing career that could make James Bond jealous. I also took Gaby (Alicia Vikander) from "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." as a template while I was writing Galatea Brand.
- **A BOND FILM THAT IS PREDOMINANTLY SET IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:** "Licence To Kill" was the last Bond film that was set in the USA (Florida), while "Diamonds Are Forever" really was set in the United States until the very end of the film. By moving away from the more typical European scenery, I thought the 'look and feel' of this story could be different and fresh again.
- **A STORY THAT IS SET WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL RACING SPORTS SCENERY:** In "Thunderball" James Bond was enjoying water sports and had to go scuba diving as a means to prevent the villains from executing his scheme. In "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" the snowy Alps and skiing were the predominant backdrops for Bond's adventure. And in "Casino Royale" James Bond was executing his mission within the confinements of a luxury casino. But James Bond hasn't been on a mission with international racing sports as predominant backdrop.
- **A LESS DOMINANT LONDON PRESENCE:** While mission briefings will still take place in London, United Kingdom, I was thinking that it was better not to feature London in the 2nd half of this story treatment. This was already done with the last two James Bond films. Setting the villain's scheme in London, also makes the secrecy of MI6 more vulnerable, thus I wanted to move away from London in this story treatment.
- **A FUNNY, HAPPY ENDING, BUT WITH 'ONE FINAL TWIST':** The Bond films with Daniel Craig have proven that atypical endings, less formulaic finales (read: 'Bond beds the girl'), can actually really work. Bond shooting down Mr White ("Casino Royale"), Bond not seeing Camille as a love interest ("Quantum Of Solace"), 'M' dying in Bond's arms ("Skyfall") and the confirmation that Madeleine and Bond are in a love relationship ("SPECTRE"); They all worked as rather atypical endings. Yet, they were all quite tense and dramatic as well. By letting Bond confront with two girls having a surprise love affair, one could imagine a priceless response. I wanted this 'happy ending' not to be the real final scene though. So while Bond does not know that SPECTRE's Blofeld is still alive and kicking, while at the same time showing audiences that Bond and Bunt are already scheming a new plan, such a scene could become more impressive if it is written as the very last scene.

LONG-TERM FUTURE (MY MOTIVATION)

While writing this story treatment, I took the Bond franchise front center. And by doing so, I came to the conclusion that the ending of "SPECTRE" provided some challenging and difficult problems with regard to story writing and continuity.

First of all, within the confinements of the new 'Bond timeline', which was set in "Casino Royale", Bond and Madeleine really are in a love relationship at the very end of the film. Only the original screenplay from "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" had Bond and his love partner driving off into happiness (before Tracy got assassinated).

Secondly, Ernst Stavro Blofeld was re-introduced in "SPECTRE" but almost immediately got captured by the authorities and is probably in a high security prison by now.

So in a way these two endings are a bit too '**definite**' and '**final**' for an easy continuation of the franchise. It makes it difficult to continue the "Casino Royale"-timeline without or without Daniel Craig, regardless of the wonderful send-off to Daniel Craig as James Bond 007.

Therefore the other option, which to me didn't seem very creative, is to completely reboot the franchise in a story treatment that has no historic ties with the Craig era. Such a 'rebooted story' needs to be credible though. And if that

credibility means recasting 'M', 'Q', and Moneypenny, then by default a new reboot can look tiresome and uncreative. It is already quite an overused 'reset device' in Hollywood.

So I came up with the idea of dealing with Blofeld's fate (*as written in "SPECTRE"*) and the Bond-Swann-relationship as early as possible. Preferably during the first quarter of the story treatment. As I didn't want to rush the *Blofeld-got-captured-storyline* and the *Bond-Swann-love-relationship-narrative*, I went back to Fleming's novels.

With regard to Madeleine Swann, I realized that we never had a good, credible break-up sequence before. This actually happened in the novel "From Russia With Love", when Tiffany Case decided to leave Bond during the first half of the story. As a matter of fact, it's what British author Anthony Horowitz did as well with Pussy Galore in his Bond continuation novel "Trigger Mortis".

For Ernst Stavro Blofeld I came up with a more realistic interpretation of a *body double/doppelganger-plot*, to quickly release Blofeld from prison. This could sound a bit farfetched if not done properly, and there's the risk that it can come across as cheesy. But since Blofeld really needed a facial reconstruction surgery to prevent infections (*in my story*), I was able to realistically introduce plastic surgery and the use of a Blofeld-doppelganger. Moreover, Blofeld has always been a man who was operating in the shadows and in complete secrecy. That's what I tried to do; Let Blofeld go underground again.

After executing all of the above in this story treatment, I was able to create a **less definite, less 'closed'** ending for Daniel Craig as James Bond. He, or another actor, could continue again in a 26th Bond adventure within the timeline that was created in 2006 ("*Casino Royale*"). On top of that, crime syndicate SPECTRE and Ernst Stavro Blofeld, who have only been reintroduced in "SPECTRE", can now be used more easily in other, future Bond stories. Both SPECTRE and Blofeld are operating in complete secrecy again, resulting in more narrative possibilities and an easier ongoing continuation of the Bond franchise.