

She lets an assistant take her coat as the two bodyguards take discreet alert positions near the door, radiating calm professionalism. Warne indicates her team.

WARNE (CONT'D)

I hope you don't mind, the family rarely allow me to travel alone nowadays.

SCHAEFER

Family?

WARNE

Weyland remains a majority family-owned company and we have to protect ourselves against, well, anyone.

STEEL

You're family?

WARNE

(smiling)

I'm a niece to the founder. After his death ten years ago I'm one of those in line to inherit some control over the board.

SCHAEFER

Okay.

STEEL

We checked you out, but -

WARNE

Didn't find anything online?

STEEL

No.

WARNE

Good, we spend millions a year keeping ourselves off the grid and out of the tabloids.

(to Schaefer)

It's very good to meet you Major Schaefer, I did read your report and if you have anything more to offer us we will be more than generous.

(to both men)  
(MORE)

WARNE (CONT'D)

Most people think corporations like ours are cold heartless organisations, but my uncle and many in our family believe private companies are the best way to solve the world's problems, and if that includes extraterrestrial predators then we must be ready for them.

SCHAEFER

I think we can kill them.

INT. STEEL'S OFFICE/WORKSHOP - EVENING

A huddle of people, Warne and her two assistants, a couple of Steel's staff, Steel and Schaefer, are sat around a large meeting table with papers scattered everywhere, computer screens live, the remains of a meal pushed aside.

Schaefer pushes one sheet of paper to Warne.

SCHAEFER

That's what we need.

Warne reads the list slowly, nodding over the items on the list.

WARNE

Okay, why three years?

SCHAEFER

They only come when it's hot, it's an eleven year solar cycle. The next peak is in three years.

WARNE

Okay, we put up the budget, including your profit, into escrow, you deliver we double it. Agreed?

STEEL

Sounds good we'll need to work though all the logistics.

WARNE

Of course. You'll find Weyland is very generous to our partners.

EXT. STEEL'S OFFICE/WORKSHOP - NIGHT

Steel and Schaefer are watching Warne's entourage drive away.

STEEL

I like her, she's hot.