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I think we're almost there....

The Third Twin

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What if B with patience goes over what could
kill their den? Beja with a threat -- set the stage
for a thriller.

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I. SUNDAY

1. In a modest Baltimore restaurant Professor Berisford Jones is having early dinner with his son Clive. Berisford, 60, is a top research psychologist specialising in studies of twins. A famous talk-show pundit, he uses his studies of genetics and personality to support extreme conservative views on race and welfare. He is a short, dapper man with silver hair. Clive is 22, a student at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Berisford is one of three founders of Genetico Inc, a health care and medical research outfit with interests in in vitro fertilization (IVF) and genetic engineering. The company conducts research itself and also funds projects in universities, including the large twins study Berisford conducts at (fictional) Jones Falls University here in Baltimore.

Berisford now tells his son that Genetico is about to be taken over by a pharmaceuticals giant, Faber. Berisford himself will make \$10 million from his personal shareholding.

"But Dad--that means we're rich!" says Clive.

"Not yet," says Berisford. "But, if all goes according to plan, in a week or so, yes, we will be rich."

They stroll back to the JFU campus. They pause to watch a tennis game. The standard of play is very high, and Berisford recognises one of the players as a former champion, Jack Budgen, now a physics professor here. The other player, an attractive woman in her twenties, is a scientist working in Berisford's department. Berisford and Clive watch for a few moments then part company, Berisford heading for the Human Biology building to do some work, Clive to drive to Philadelphia.

What could J. mean? What's B's concern? What happens between father and son? -- there needs an action. ✓

2. A young man on his own strolls by a few moments later and stops to watch the tennis. He is Steven Logan, 22, a law student in Washington, DC. He is a straight-A student and college football star, the son of a Pentagon colonel and a famous agony aunt. He is here because tomorrow he is to be a subject for study in the psychology department: he is not sure why he has been chosen.

What is his threat other than his attraction to J. ? ✓

What is the problem between father and son? Shouldn't it relate to Clive's aggressive ness? ✓
Why would he come a day early? ✓
Washington is only an hour from Baltimore? ✓

Maybe he too is a tournament caliber player.
 Could he be looking for a partner to play in
 mixed doubles tournament? Maybe he's even heard about
 her tennis prowess. 3 X

He is profoundly struck by the woman tennis player. She is tall and lithe and muscular. Her movements are strong and graceful and she has total concentration and self-control. He is so attracted to her he almost feels embarrassed.

She plays brilliantly but she takes risks, and in the end she loses to the older player. Afterwards Steve approaches her. Close up, he sees that she is five or six years older than he. "Great game!" he says, flashing his winning smile. "Thanks!" she says brightly, then she brushes carelessly past him and disappears.

3. The tennis player is Jeannie Ferrari, 28. Born into dire poverty in the housing projects of Manhattan, she made tennis her escape and paid for her education with a series of sports scholarships. She lives as she plays, with great flair but taking risks.

Coming to JFU was such a risk. After gaining her doctorate she could have got a job with a higher salary at a more prestigious university, but she came here because JFU promised her the freedom to follow her own line of research. It was not an easy decision: she has to pay heavy health care costs for her mother, who has Alzheimer's, and she is getting farther into debt. But she feels sure her research project will catapult her into a highly-paid job within two or three years.

After the game, while she is showering, fire breaks out in the basement changing room. There is confusion and panic as half-naked men and women try to escape. Jeannie finds a friend of hers, Lisa Hoxton, in great distress; a man who said he was with security directed her into an empty room and raped her at knife point.

Jeannie calls the police and a patrolman arrives. He takes Lisa to a hospital. Jeannie goes too. The patrolman questions Lisa aggressively, challenging her statements and asking her what she may have done to provoke or entice the rapist. When a busy doctor brusquely orders her to spread her legs so he can take a vaginal swab, Lisa bursts into tears and announces that she is withdrawing the allegation of rape. The patrolman threatens her

Prison & regarding Lisa what's on J's mind? Maybe concern about the meeting
 what is her threat? with Steve. This could make or break the work she's been doing for the last few years. Her contract is up for renewal, and it might not be. ✓

with a charge of perverting justice. Now Jeannie steps in, mad as hell. She tells the patrolman and the doctor to leave the room, retrieves Lisa's clothes, and takes her home.

II. MONDAY

4. Steve spends the evening and night with a cousin who lives here, then shows up next morning at the Human Biology building, where he meets his parents, who also are subjects for study.

To his surprise and delight the scientist who is studying him is the fascinating tennis player, Dr Ferrari. Last night she gave him a perfunctory brush-off, but today she is charming.

She begins by explaining that she studies identical twins who have been reared apart, to measure the effects of different upbringings on the same genetic raw material. (Identical twins have the same DNA.) Then she astonishes Steve by saying she believes he may have an identical twin brother.

However, Steve's mother, Lorraine Logan, says this is impossible. He is not adopted, and she is quite sure she gave birth to only one baby. Steve can see that Jeannie does not believe his mother.

His first question is: Who is the other twin? The answer is another shock: Dennis Pinker is in jail in Richmond, Virginia, for murder. Jeannie explains that her specialty is aggression and criminality and the extent to which they may be genetically determined.

Why would he be there?

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She introduces Steve to her boss, a short, beautifully dressed man of about 60--Professor Berisford Jones. Now a strange thing happens. Jones goes pale, looks distressed, mutters an excuse and leaves the room.

Jeannie appears mystified. Steve takes advantage of this moment of intimacy to ask her for a date. She turns him down. He suppresses his disappointment and good-humouredly asks her if she considers him too young. Yes, she says; right now I'm dating a man twice your age.

If I and I are lovers, then his upset and abrupt departure would be justifiably disturbing to her. Without that the scene lacks a climax.

Also, not clear what she wants from Steve in this interview. What does she need or want for him?

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Unless he wants TEL: Barck? 03 Jul 95 9:32 No.001 P.06 ✓
advice, why would he call Barck? ✓
Or he wants help of some kind. What about Chris? ✓
would he want his job to disappear for a while? x

5. Berisford goes to his room and thinks for a few moments. Then he calls his old friend Dr Paul Barck, president and co-founder of Genetico. "Paul, Steven Logan is right here in my department, being studied by one of my goddamn scientists," he says. Barck goes ballistic and Berisford has to calm him down. "Take it easy," he says. "Something like this was bound to happen sooner or later. I'll find out more and call you again."

He calls Jeannie in and asks her how she selects the subjects of her study. She explains.

The subjects are of course volunteers, and therefore most of them are respectable middle-class Americans who feel they have a duty to support scientific research: few hoodlums put themselves forward. To get a less law-abiding sample Jeannie has to be proactive and seek subjects out rather than waiting for them to propose themselves. So it is key to her work that she has devised an ingenious system for identifying people who are twins but do not know it.

Berisford's heart gives a lurch as he hears this, and he struggles to keep his expression impassive.

Jeannie goes on. Identical twins have similar fingerprints, brainwaves, teeth and electrocardiograms. Such information about millions of people is nowadays held on giant databases by government agencies and insurance companies. Jeannie has devised a computer program that searches databases for pairs (not as easy as it may sound). In any large database there will naturally be many thousands of sets of identical twins. To identify those reared apart Jeannie selects only those who have different surnames. She excludes married women, who may have taken their husbands' names.

She has tried out this technique on a national database of dental records held by an insurance company. (Identical twins even get cavities in the same teeth.) This trial run threw up only three sets of twins, two of which Jeannie failed to contact. Although this is a disappointingly meagre result, Steven and Dennis form a particularly interesting pair, one being a model student and the other a murderer. Tests should establish whether they are genetically identical, then Jeannie will run her program

*B needs a goal more interesting than money. X
 what is he trying to achieve in science, in his
 personal life? what problem, if any, does he have
 with his son? if B is an A.D. maybe he's looking
 forward to becoming Surgeon General if Proctor is elected. ✓*

on a larger database.

Berisford asks some questions then dismisses her. More worried than ever, he calls Barck again and explains what he has learned. "This could ruin everything," says Barck.

"No way," says Berisford. "If the whole truth came out, maybe. But this girl isn't going to uncover the whole story in a week."

They decide to think things over and meet tomorrow in Washington.

This would be more compelling if he had personal feelings for J, is completely infatuated with her - her beauty and her brilliance.

6. Jeannie did not tell Berisford that the large database she hopes to sweep next is the FBI fingerprint file. The Bureau is very interested in her search engine, which could help them enormously. Her contact there is Ghita Serena, an Asian woman of about Jeannie's age who handles IT for the Bureau. Now,

worried by Berisford's questions Jeannie tries to accelerate the next phase. She calls Ghita and asks if the sweep of the fingerprint file can be done this week. Ghita promises to do her best. Jeannie uploads the search program by modem.

A detective calls on her at the university: Sgt. Michelle "Mike" Delaware from the Sex Crimes Unit, a warm-hearted redhead. She apologises for the patrolman and says she sympathises with Lisa's decision to withdraw the rape allegation. Then she goes on to talk about the incident and the kind of man the rapist probably is. She feels sure he set fire to the gymnasium building to create chaos as a cover for rape. Most rapists are serial offenders and he will probably attack another woman in a week or so unless he is caught. Mike asks Jeannie to help her persuade Lisa to cooperate in finding the guy. Jeannie agrees.

But not so easily.

That evening Jeannie has dinner with her tennis opponent, Jack Budgen. He is a powerful figure in university politics, serving on all the most important committees including the tenure panel. They have dated several times but they have not yet slept together and Jeannie is not sure he wants to. This evening he makes a serious pass. She turns him down. He points out how much he could help her career, a line that makes her even more resistant to his advances. He tries to insist, and there is a

this would work better. I think, if it's a dinner with B, one in which their love relationship unravels. She for the first time sees him as the old man he really is; and he fearfully recognizes this change in her.

nasty scene. Jeannie leaves knowing she will not be dating Jack again.

She has been unlucky in love and now, as often before, she wonders if all men are creeps.

*Need to set up how this meeting in terms of scientific
III. TUESDAY evening. What finding is she hoping for to feel successful?
Is she at all worried about Berisford?*

7. Jeannie flies to Richmond, Virginia, to see Dennis Pinker.

First she meets his parents. To her dismay they, like the Logans, deny that their son could possibly be a twin. So she is pessimistic when she arrives at the jail. If her technique proves a failure she does not know how she will find the right subjects for her study. Besides, the search program is the cleverest thing she has ever done: it has to work!

The prison governor warns her that Dennis Pinker is clever and dangerous. He turned off the electric power in a cinema, molested several women in the confusion, and then killed a girl who grappled with him. Jeannie must have an armed guard with her all the time she is interviewing Dennis.

Duly warned, she is taken to the interview room. As the door opens, she holds her breath....

8. Berisford Jones meets with Paul Barck in Washington. They are joined by the third co-founder of Genetico, General Jim Proust, former deputy director of the CIA, now widely tipped as a Republican presidential nominee. All three stand to lose millions if the Genetico takeover is thwarted. Barck is panicky, saying: "We should confess everything." Proust is the opposite. "I still have loyal friends in the intelligence community," he says. "We could just have Jeannie Ferrari disappear." But Berisford keeps a cool head, saying: "This is not a crisis, this is a problem. All we have to do is stop Ferrari using her search program. I'm her boss, I can do that." Barck points out that he will need some kind of pretext. "I'll think of something," he says.

These characters need some interpersonal history of closeness and enmity, success and failure to give depth and interest to their encounter. Who (a person and a company) will be over Genetico? In addition to cash for their stock, will they and/or it have employment contracts after the merger. An attorney should be involved.

Need some info on services
Beneficial to
or services
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What are the products
That this other company will pay so much for?

9. As soon as Jeannie sees Dennis Finker she breathes a sigh of relief: he is obviously Steve's identical twin. It would be impossible to tell them apart. The prison nurse takes a blood sample, so that Jeannie can do a DNA test, but she is sure of the result already.

Dennis is polite and charming, like Steve, until he suddenly says: "You're going to give me your panties." Jeannie tries to ignore this and carry on. Dennis scores high on intelligence and aggression: his psychological profile is very similar to Steve's.

How would he keep the rat from chewing his way out through all this interviewing and testing?

Later he points at the guard and says: "Robertson is terrified of rats." A few moments later he takes a live rat from his pocket and releases it. Robertson screams (Jeannie does not). Robertson attacks the rat with his nightstick. Meanwhile, Dennis draws a homemade knife and holds it at Jeannie's throat. She can hardly believe this, it happened so quickly. He tells her to take off her panties. She pulls down her K-mart white cotton briefs. She is terrified of what he will do next, but he just puts them in his pocket.

He hides the knife, sits down and looks innocent. Robertson kills the rat. Jeannie realizes that Robertson did not see the incident with the panties. She makes a split-second decision to say nothing about it.

A few minutes later she walks out of the jail with no panties on.

Her technique has been vindicated, she has been scared half to death, and a mystery remains. Why are the Pinkers and the Logans so sure their sons are not twins?

Perhaps Lorraine Logan and Charlotte Pinker went to the same hospital and got one each of someone else's twins. Jeannie calls the two women and learns that Dennis and Steven were born in different hospitals five weeks apart. The mystery deepens.

But in an earlier scene, she has already told him!

After she has spoken to Lorraine Logan, Steve comes on the phone. He is horrified to learn of the murderer who is his double. When Jeannie tells him the DNA test will establish beyond doubt whether they are twins, he insists on driving to Baltimore to watch the test being carried out.

In the text you'll have to establish that she goes through some complex procedures to be in a room where she can have physical contact with this criminal. Better if this is more because of his personal interest in her.

If she has the mother with Alzheimer's I doubt we need this father. Better if she has to cope with some mother emergency, a broken hip or some other illness. Or maybe now the mother has become so confused she needs to be moved to a nursing home or to a more specialized facility. X

10. Steve watches horrified as his genes are compared, one by one, with the murderer's, and they all are identical.

He is so shaken that Jeannie takes pity on him and takes him back to her apartment for a cup of coffee. This cheers him up: he could stand having a murderer for a twin if it meant he got to see more of Jeannie Ferrari.

However, on her doorstep they find a dirty, unshaven, somewhat drunk middle-aged man. Jeannie tells Steve it is her father, and asks him to take a rain check on that coffee. Disappointed, Steve leaves.

11. Jeannie's father, whom she hardly knows, has just completed his third jail term for armed robbery. She takes him in and makes him bathe and shave. She borrows fresh clothes, cooks him dinner and gives him a bed for the night.

Introduce his existence and their relationship earlier.

IV. WEDNESDAY
Should we have the scene in which B with much trepidation sets this up with the reporter?

12. First thing Wednesday morning, JFU's provost calls Berisford in a panic. He has received an aggressive phone call from a New York Times reporter who says that people's privacy is being invaded by a computer program in use in the psychology department. The provost is basically a fund-raiser and he hates anything controversial. Berisford was expecting this call: it was he who tipped off the reporter. Now he tells the provost he has grave doubts about Jeannie's program, which is anyway not very successful. They agree that Jeannie should stop using it.

Suggest you combine him with Budger.

They summon Jeannie and tell her that neither JFU nor Genetico can afford this kind of publicity. They offer her a raise and a more elevated title, but insist she must put her name to a press release that admits mistakes were made and says the offending computer program is no longer used.

Jeannie refuses angrily.

Berisford points out that the program has so far produced only one pair, the parents of whom vehemently deny that they are twins. Jeannie shocks him by saying she met Dennis Pinker

Probably he should decide to do this after rejecting other more unpleasant plans of attack. But he should want not to do any of this.

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yesterday and he is Steve's double. Then she shocks him again by saying she has already run the DNA tests that prove the two have the same genes.

Berisford calls Proust and tells him Jeannie refused to stop using her program.

"Then fire the bitch before she gets any further."

Too late: she saw Dennis Pinker yesterday.

"Damn." *How does this inhibit or prevent her being fired?*

Berisford reminds Proust of what he said about his old CIA contacts. "Could they help Dennis escape from jail? Then disappear?"

Better if these guys are not stuck with us. Also I think we need a plan to endanger or jeopardize her. Maybe plant some cocaine in her apartment, and then raid it.

Proust promises to have it done. Mad as hell, Jeannie calls the Times. She defends her work vigorously and says she is continuing with it. She points out that her employment contract guarantees her the freedom to pursue her chosen course of research.

After she hangs up she realizes she is in deep trouble. No matter how this turns out, she has quarrelled with her professor and the leading man in her field. She is going to find it tough to get another job.

She goes home. Her father has gone. So has her TV, her CD player and her car. *This also could be a worsening of her mother's situation.*

The phone rings: it is Steve Logan. She bursts into tears, says she has had the rottenest day of her life, and hangs up.

14. Steve gets in his car, drives to Baltimore, and arrives on Jeannie's doorstep with flowers, wine, pizza and ice cream. Of course she lets him in.

He shows her today's newspaper, which announces the takeover bid for Genetico, and suggests this is why so much fuss is being made about bad publicity.

They talk about the puzzle of Dennis and Steve. Jeannie realises that both Lorraine Logan and Charlotte Pinker gave birth in their late thirties and only once. Did they have subfertility problems? Steve says his mother certainly did: she has written about it. They call her. She says she was sent for hormone

treatment to a clinic used by the US Army's Health Services Command, the Cotswold Clinic in Philadelphia. Jeannie calls Charlotte Pinker. Did she have a subfertility problem? Yes. Did she have hormone treatment? Yes. Where? Well, Desmond was in the military at the time, and they sent her to a place in Philadelphia, the Cotswold Clinic....

A phone call establishes that the clinic still exists. She makes an appointment to visit tomorrow. Perhaps they can help to unravel the mystery.

Jeannie is softening towards Steve, and he hopes for an invitation to stay the night. But Jeannie kisses him and sends him away.

from whom? Maybe J's phone is now being tapped by Beckett? X

15. Berisford Jones gets a call "I thought you ought to know: Jeannie Ferrari has made an appointment to visit the clinic tomorrow." Berisford says: "Jesus Christ, that girl never gives up! All right, I'll deal with it."

If he and I had been lovers, you would add a wonderful overlay of emotion to this conflict - making it more than just business. X

V. THURSDAY

Personalise this in terms of a specific investigative journalist.

16. The New York Times appears with an article about ethical problems of scientific research that uses Jeannie as a prime example. She is quoted as vowing to continue her work in defiance of the university authorities.

She is once again summoned to the provost's office. This time she is fired. She says they can't fire her: she has an employment contract. Berisford points out that she has breached it by talking to the press about internal JFU affairs without the permission of the university's public relations office.

Faculty cannot be dismissed without a hearing by the disciplinary committee. Jeannie recalls despairingly that the committee's chair is her former date Jack Budgen. The hearing has been arranged for tomorrow. Meanwhile Jeannie is "suspended". She learns what this means when she finds her office locked and her personal belongings in a plastic bag on the floor outside the door.

This firing affects only her personally. Better if she's supporting another person or persons who depend on her. This is a slap in the face and a career blow, but it should also be ruinous financially.

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She is in despair. Yesterday she had the world at her feet:
today she is finished.

She calls the FBI. Ghita is reluctant to talk to her. Her bosses have read the *Times* and they are afraid the bad publicity will touch the Bureau. However, all this blew up after Ghita ran the program, and the results have already been emailed to Jeannie. Jeannie says she cannot retrieve her mail because her computer is locked up in the office. Ghita says she did not keep a copy, and she hangs up.

Jeannie tries to access her JFU computer by modem from her home PC but her codes have been cancelled.

Feeling that the mystery of Steven and Dennis is somehow at the heart of all this, she rents a car and drives to Philadelphia to keep her appointment at the Cotswold Clinic.

Living in the Baltimore environs, I would assume she sure she.

17. In the lobby of the clinic Jeannie picks up a glossy brochure. She is taken to the records department. She explains her task and shows the releases signed (routinely) by Charlotte Pinker and Lorraine Logan authorising Jeannie to check their medical records. But as she is doing this she realises a clerk is feeding records into a shredder. She asks what is happening and he tells her: "I'm up to 1980." The very records she has come to see have been shredded this morning.

Looking in the glossy brochure she sees that the clinic is part of Genetico, Inc.

She leaves. Over a cup of coffee at a lunch counter near the campus of the University of Pennsylvania, she leafs through the brochure and learns that the company pioneered *in vitro* fertilization. This, she suddenly realises, is how Charlotte and Lorraine were impregnated with identical twins. But how come they don't know? They must have been experimented upon without their knowledge. Is that why Berisford is so desperate to shut Jeannie up? *How? In what way does she suspect?*

Looking up she sees Steve. What is he doing in Philadelphia? She calls him. He acts funny and she feels strange. She kisses him and she gets a weird feeling that this is not Steve. But he likes the kiss and starts to feel her up.

I assume this has been in some way arranged or set up by B or Rachel. How effective and dramatic if we know what they're planning for her. x

She pushes him away. Suddenly he shouts: "There's a guy with a gun!" This creates a panic as people scream, dive for the floor, run from the diner, run into the kitchen. In the confusion, "Steve" pulls Jeannie into a storeroom and tries to rape her. She escapes.

Are we meant to believe this was Dennis or someone else?

When she gets home, Steve calls. He swears he was not in Philadelphia. Could there be a third twin? Jeannie calls the jail in Richmond and learns that Dennis Pinker has escaped.

She is relieved that Steve was not the man who attacked her, but Dennis's escape means her proof has disappeared.

Nervously she agrees to see Steve again tonight. She is remembering that his psychological profile is similar to Dennis's. But when he arrives she feels safe.

She tells him her IVF theory. Steve, who is a law student, sees immediately that if Jeannie is right the two mothers could sue Genetico for millions. The mere announcement of such a suit would bring the share price tumbling down and cause the takeover to be cancelled. No wonder Berisford is so determined to stop Jeannie investigating.

Over dinner, Steve asks Jeannie what lawyer she has hired to represent her at tomorrow's disciplinary hearing. She has not even thought about it. But the university will have a lawyer, he says. Looking through the wad of rules she has been given, he sees that she has the right to be represented by a lawyer or other person provided she notifies the chair of the committee in advance. Steve proposes that he should represent her. She calls the chair, Jack Budgen, and notifies him. Then they spend half the night rehearsing the arguments and questions.

Are we to assume that the report was Clive and B he has the confidence to accuse Steve? Or why else would all this need to be established earlier.

18. Berisford gets a call from Jack Budgen telling him that Jeannie has asked Steven Logan to represent her. He calls the police and anonymously tips them that Steve is the man who raped Lisa Hoxton.

I doubt that it's legal for the police to arrest anyone on the basis of an anonymous tip.

19. Steve is arrested moments before the hearing begins and Jeannie has to defend herself. The previous evening's rehearsal has put her in command of the arguments and she does brilliantly, making a fool of the University's fancy lawyer and of the hostile chair, Jack Budgen. But the committee consists of professors and there is no way they are going to find for her against a professor. She is fired. The decision has to be ratified by a full meeting of the Senate, the university's governing body, but that is a formality.

Jeannie dashes off to jail to see Steven. She arrives at the same time as Lisa Hoxton. There is an identity parade that Jeannie is allowed to watch. Lisa looks straight at Steve and says: "That's him. He's the one who raped me."

Jeannie is devastated. Her intuition was wrong after all. Steven is a psychopath like his twin.

But then she gets over the shock and begins to think straight. In her heart she knows Steven is not a rapist. She goes to talk to him. They agree there must be a third twin: if Genetico impregnated two mothers, why not three? The way to find the third twin would be to use her database search program. (No doubt this is why Genetico have been trying so frantically to make her stop using it.) If she could find the third twin she would be vindicated and she could prove Steve's innocence.

She knows Dennis's fingerprints are on the FBI file. So are Steve's because of a minor adolescent offence. If there is a third twin who raped Lisa and attacked Jeannie he is likely to be on the file too. She calls Ghita from police headquarters. Just one question: Was there a set of triplets in the results? No, says Ghita. Then, just before she hangs up, she says one more word: "Quads."

Jeannie stares at the phone. Four identical quads foisted on unknowing army wives by Berisford and his colleagues 23 years ago. And their names are in Jeannie's computer!

That night she tries to break into her office at JFU. She bungles it, and only just escapes being caught by the police.

*But does or doesn't she
think this was Dennis?*

This, I think, should be an issue from the beginning.

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VII. SATURDAY

20. The newspapers carry a report that General Jim Proust will bid for the Republican nomination, and his campaign will be financed by his longtime friend Paul Barck, who is about to become a multimillionaire from the sale of his company, Genetico Inc. Proust's platform will be to reduce government spending on everything except the police and the military, and phase out welfare in ten years. *Better if P is not a cliché. Couldn't he be as complex and multifaceted as Proust?*

Jeannie looks up Proust on CompuServe and learns that he began his military career with the US Army's Medical Research and Development Command at Fort Detrick, in nearby Frederick, Maryland. *Both Paul Barck and Berisford Jones served there with him. What are the technical specialties of the other two?*

She theorises that IVF was an accidental, highly profitable offshoot of their real interest, which is the genetics of aggression. Both Steven and Dennis have abnormally high aggression. And to this day Genetico finances research into innocent army wives used as the unknowing hosts. Now the three men are desperately trying to cover up this early experiment so they can sell their company and finance a run at the presidency. And if Proust becomes president, children like Jeannie Ferrari will never go to college.

She racks her brains for a way to get her email. She wonders if she could use another faculty member's home computer to access the JFU system. She goes to Jack Budgen's home, talks her way in, and gets him out of the way long enough to use his PC. Despite several nerve-wracking moments she retrieves her email, copies it on to a floppy disc, and gets out of there.

Back at home she looks at the results of the FBI sweep. The "quads" are Steven and Dennis plus a Clifford Jones and a Henry King. Checking them out she discovers, ominously, that Henry King has died within the last few days. Clifford Jones has an address in Philadelphia. She gives the name and address to Mike Delaware.

She needs to be threaded through, or by now she's forgotten.

Clive presumably knows about his clones or at least about Steven; but this was not established. X

The Philadelphia police swoop on the address. No one is there but they find Lisa Hoxton's panties. ~~Unclear. Would Dennis have left these with Clive? Would both Dennis and Clive be panty fetishists?~~ X

21. Berisford hears of the raid. He desperately needs to find out how much Jeannie knows. ~~From Clive? Where is Clive?~~ X

22. Steve ~~released or on bail?~~ gets out of jail and goes to Jeannie's place. But she is paranoid and cannot get rid of the thought that he might be Clifford Jones. "Why would he come here?" Steve says. "I don't know--to spy, maybe," says Jeannie. Steve leaves. X

VIII. SUNDAY

23. Next morning Jeannie feels guilty about sending Steve away, so when he shows up she throws her arms around him and kisses him.

They discuss the situation. Jeannie needs to prove that she is a good scientist and that her dismissal was unwarranted and malicious. She also wants to stop Proust from becoming president. The only way she can do these things is to produce another clone to stand alongside Steve for the world to see. But of the three, one is dead and two have disappeared.

They begin to make love. As he is kissing her breasts, Jeannie realises with total certainty that *this is not Steve*. What can she do? Whichever one he is, he is a psychopath. But she cannot let him make love to her!

Then he does something that reminds her of Berisford. A flashbulb goes off in her head and she puts it all together in a moment of intuition: Clifford is Berisford's son Clive.

"I know who you are, Clive," she says.

He tries to laugh it off but she persists. Then he becomes angry and she gets very scared. At the last moment the real Steve shows up. He hits Clive so hard he passes out. They tie him up.

Together they devise a plan. They will keep Clive prisoner and produce him tomorrow at the press conference. But, to allay

Better if there's a substantial clue

This needs setting up in advance.

Establish that she called left a message on his machine, inviting him to come. ✓

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Seems a crazy thing for him to do. He needs a compelling reason.

suspicion, Steve will pose as Clive and go to Berisford's house.

24. Steve has a series of tense moments as he orients himself in the house he is supposed to know well. There is a maid who says: "Please don't hurt me today, I'll do what you like later." Berisford also has a live-in lover, a woman of about 30 called Debbie. Seems unnecessarily sleazy to me.

Berisford asks Steve what he learned at Jeannie's house. Steve invents a reply. That night Debbie climbs into Steve's bed, saying: "I've given him two sleeping pills--he's out for the night." Steve weighs the odds and decides he had better oblige her. Afterwards she says: "You're not him. But I won't tell."

25. Clive is securely tied up at Jeannie's apartment, being guarded by Lisa Hoxton, who is holding a baseball bat and ready to use it at the least excuse.

Jeannie tracks down Michael Madigan, CEO of Faber the pharmaceuticals giant that is buying Genetico, and manages to get him on the phone. She tells him the story. Naturally he is reluctant to believe her. Furthermore, he has been warned by Proust that a disgruntled ex-academic is going around peddling slanders about Genetico. She tells him that in that case she will bring two clones to the press conference tomorrow.

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26. The maid serves breakfast. Steve accidentally jostles her, making her drop a plate of rolls. He apologises and bends and starts picking up the rolls. After a moment he notices that the other two are staring at him in disbelief, and he realises he is behaving in a way completely uncharacteristic of Clive. There is a long silence, then Berisford says: "What have you done with my son?"

27. Jeannie gets a call from Berisford: he has Steve at the point of a gun, he says. He proposes an exchange. She says she

Would he own a gun? If so, needs to be prepared. x

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has a better idea. She points out that Henry King is dead and Dennis Pinker has vanished. How long, she asks, will Clive be allowed to live, once the takeover is achieved and Proust is on the road to the White House.

There is a long silence, then Berisford says: "What have you got in mind?" *This I think, must be their big confrontation.*

28. As the press conference opens, Jeannie and Berisford show up together, with Steve and Clive in tow. The event becomes chaotic and the takeover is cancelled in a blaze of publicity.

29. JFU gives Jeannie her job back and apologises publicly. Then Madigan gets her on one side and asks her about her search engine. He finishes by offering her a job at twice the salary. She accepts. Steve asks her to marry him. She says she will think about it.

The end.

*Jeannie and I are the two
contending forces, and I think they
need a huge personal clash to
climax your story.*