

BEN

Unless you happen to have a key?

He continues climbing. She waits. He calls down.

BEN (CONT'D)

Come on.

(beat)

Are you afraid of heights?

NELLIE

No.

(beat)

Yes.

He looks disappointed, turns and keeps climbing. She doesn't follow.

EXT. ASIAN APARTMENT HIGH RISE - COURTYARD - LATER

She sits by the locked door. Finally it opens, revealing Ben, sweating, panting, and looking very displeased.

BEN

Elevator's broken.

EXT. ASIAN APARTMENT HIGH RISE - STAIRS - DAY

Ben preps Nellie for the meeting as they walk up hundreds of stairs.

BEN

This guy is a big deal around here,
so just don't make him mad. I'll do
the talking.

INT. ASIAN APARTMENT HIGH RISE - APARTMENT UNIT - DAY

The "guy" is a 10-year-old named CHAN. He seems to know Ben well. They speak in a local language and he then leads them to another room.

INT. ASIAN APARTMENT HIGH RISE - CHAN'S ROOM - DAY

Chan - Scene 1
START

The room is packed with computer screens, high-tech gear, Amazon boxes, DHL boxes. It's like a Third World spaceship.

Ben and Chan haggle over items of gear. Nellie tries to follow but doesn't understand a word. Apparently Ben is bartering, but it's a struggle.

BEN
 (to Nellie)
 Do you have anything to trade?

NELLIE
 Nothing... I mean, unless he takes
 credit cards.

Chan looks up.

CHAN
 Visa or Mastercard?

End Scene 1

MONTAGE: STOCKING UP

Now they're in business. There's nothing they can't buy: sleeping bags, tents, stoves, backpacks... the highest end and best of everything. The only thing Chan doesn't have is a compatible charger for Nellie's phone ("no iPhone"). We see quick cuts as their stockpile grows.

Then Ben stops.

BEN
 Shit...

NELLIE
 What?

BEN
 How much do you weigh? Without your
 clothes?

Chan grins.

INT. ASIAN APARTMENT HIGH RISE - CHAN'S ROOM - DAY

They undress to their skivvies. Chan faces the other way and Nellie scolds him every time he peeks. She also peeks at Ben, who's pile of clothes includes a watch, a knife, condoms, a small wooden figurine, and a notebook. She looks curiously at the notebook.

INT. ASIAN APARTMENT HIGH RISE - CHAN'S ROOM - DAY

They weigh themselves, each clothing item. Ben struggles with the math, but Nellie makes quick work of it. He nods, impressed.

After they get dressed, CHAN'S MOM (30's) brings food.

START

INT. ASIAN APARTMENT HIGH RISE - APARTMENT UNIT - DAY

Nellie's phone has 1% battery, but still no signal. Chan comes and hands her a small folded slip of paper, like a sacred artifact.

CHAN

I think you may need this.

She opens it slowly. It's a mysterious code of letters and numbers.

NELLIE

What is this?

CHAN

Wifi password.

End Scene 2

INT. ASIAN APARTMENT HIGH RISE - APARTMENT UNIT - DAY

She has tons of messages, all from her dad and Damiano. Texts, emails, and voicemails, all urgently searching for her. She opens one from Damiano, hits reply.

She writes: "I'm okay. Just needed to be alone for a while. Will be home as soon as possible." She pauses, flips over to Instagram, looks at @SincerelyJules for a minute. Then she goes back to the email and erases it. Ben approaches.

BEN

Come on. There's one more thing.

EXT. ASIAN APARTMENT HIGH RISE - ROOF - NIGHT

Ben emerges on the roof, maybe 50 stories up. The city skyline looms around them. Nellie tentatively follows.

NELLIE

What's up here?

He walks straight to the very edge, holds out his hand to her.

NELLIE (CONT'D)

What? No, I'm good.

BEN

You have to conquer your fear.

NELLIE

No I'm fine with being afraid.
Thanks though.