

Excerpt from HOW HIS BRIDE CAME TO ABRAHAM

[I.E.D. EXPLOSION HITS PATROL, and LATER...]

EXT ROAD, BOMB SITE LATE AFTERNOON

Fingers in spilled blood, SABRA surveys shreds of uniform strewn on road, sees paper in grass, picks it up...PHOTO of BEN and ABE, between them, arms linked, is SARA. Sabra wipes blood from it.

EXT GRASS, EDGE OF RAVINE LATE AFTERNOON.

Wounded ABE asleep in tall grass, ominous cliff near. Twilight bird flutters past. Abe's eyes open, startled, can't believe what he sees through blurred POV, tries to focus - and to his horror, sees ARAB, (Sabra) head bound in kaffiyeh which hides her, poised above him, head back, drinking from canteen.

Arab/Sabra drinks thirstily, unaware of Abe in grass, then gazes, excited, toward Israel. SHOT OF ISRAEL ON HORIZON. Stealthily Abe reaches for rifle, repressing a shriek from his pain, and, on adrenaline surge, aims Galil AUTOMATIC RIFLE-

ABE

Halt.

Arab/Sabra freezes, alarmed. [He repeats in Arabic]

ABE (CONT)

Raise hands or I shoot.

Her fight instinct clicking in, Sabra dives on Abe before he can fire. Abe swings rifle barrel tangling her legs, tumbling her-

SABRA

(ANGRY YELL)

Aaahh!

ABE

Gotcha! You son of a bitch!

Abe swings rifle on his back, grabs Arab/Sabra, lurches onto his knees, grapples fiercely, rolls with his prey. Finally,

by crushing with superior weight, Abe controls the Arab, reaches to tear off the kaffiyeh, and... LONG DARK HAIR TUMBLES OUT.

ABE (CONT)

You're a girl?

The instant Abe's surprised by her beauty, Sabra kicks his wounded foot; he howls, collapsing; she's up, about to jump off the cliff, but Abe aims his rifle from the ground.

ABE (CONT)

Stop! Or I shoot.

Sabra freezes, arms spread. (*She'll speak halting English*)

SABRA

Do it. Shoot me.

Abe, surprised, answers in English -some Arabic or Hebrew words-

ABE

Come here.

Sabra glares at Abe like a wild thing trapped, fierce, alien as an animal.

ABE (CONT)

Come here!

Sabra moves slowly to him, her focus frozen on his IDF INSIGNIA.

[...and on they go...]