

## THE LAST ASSASSIN

When outspoken Senator Jacqueline Leonard rolls into Los Angeles for a \$1,000 a plate dinner, no one expects more than a handful of protestors. But when the Senator steps out of her limo, she is shot dead by an assassin. Though the Secret Service apprehends the insane Gordon T. Gebhart with rifle in hand, witnesses say there was a second gunman. When they get to the grassy knoll, they find Walter Browning - an unarmed, no priors, chain drug store manager from the suburbs. Browning says he \*saw\* the second gunman and can describe him.

Secret Service Chief Gus Beddoe receives an anonymous letter that the Senator was the first victim, and this "second gunman" will next go after the President.

Beddoe realizes their witness is an ace in the hole, and has his two most trustworthy Secret Service agents secretly take him to a secluded mountain cabin for safe keeping as Beddoe and his team try to follow the clues to the killer. Agent Marie Sinclair is strictly by-the-book - you have to be damned good to be a female top agent. Agent Don McGraw works by intuition, and that makes him reckless in Sinclair's book. The two have never worked together and don't like each other much, but Browning is the key to stopping this assassin from striking again.

After a hit squad finds their hiding place, each wonders if the other is working for the assassin. How else could they have been found? As the three defend the mountain cabin from a series of hit squads, the antagonism between McGraw and Sinclair escalates... and McGraw wonders if Browning is really the killer. Sinclair's defense of Browning leads to a romantic entanglement between the two.

When the Last Assassin attacks the cabin and kills McGraw, Sinclair overpowers him... and he tells a crazy story: Browning killed the Senator as an assassin for hire for the Spider Organization, and the President is his next target. But they no longer want the President dead - and have been trying to cancel the contract... and cancel the only one who can connect them to the Senator's death at the same time. That's why the hit squads have been after Browning. Browning says that's crazy! He's a drug store manager! When the Secret Service got to the knoll there was no gun around - so how could he be the second gunman? Sinclair believes him... and kills the Last Assassin. Browning runs into her arms, kisses her...

Then grabs her holstered gun and shoots her point blank in the chest!

Browning steals McGraw's ID and clothes, takes the Secret Service car and drives to Los Angeles. On the grassy knoll, he retrieves his sniper rifle from an elevated hiding place - a radio controlled line attached to the top of a power pole - and goes to assassinate the President Of The United States who has come to Los Angeles for the Senator's funeral. He has the Secret Service ID, car, and uniform that will get him close enough to use that sniper rifle! And no one knows who he is!

Except Agent Marie Sinclair, who was wearing a vest and survived.  
And is now racing to Los Angeles to stop the assassination.

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