

The Third Triumvirate

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Logline

Garth Brady loses his life trying to oppose the Crimson Cupola, leaving his vice, Mike Parker, to complete his mission.

Characters

Garth Brady (M) - The president of the Northern American Triumvirate. He uncovers his grandfather's plan to cause havoc and tries to stop him. Although he dies trying, he leaves instructions for his vice to continue.

Mike Parker (M) - The vice president of the Northern American Triumvirate. He takes up Garth's mission and sees it to fruition despite the attacks on his family.

Victor DeSalle (M) - Garth's grandfather and leader of the Crimson Cupola. He wants total control of the Northern American triumvirate and has Garth assassinated for betrayal.

Three Act Summary

Act One

- On a typical day in the earth's orbit, the satellite network sees different cargo ships and smaller fighters

showing their machinery and weapons. Two fighters attack an approaching asteroid. The ships and the asteroid implode. The implosion causes a big chunk of the asteroid to be steered away from earth while the implosion dust burns up in the atmosphere.

- At night in Virginia Beach, Parker estate, three black hang gliders are guided by black rubber-clad pilots on a triangular formation over the estate. The lead pilot, Chameleon Kara, lands alone on the deserted beach and checks her backpack.
- Chameleon fires a grapple gun on the cliffside and climbs the rope before crouching in scrub pines on top. Chameleon shoots a lethal dart in a nearby sentry's neck and throws him over the cliff. Meanwhile, Sheba Garrett lands her glider near the mansion and goes in halfway before an armed sentry accosts her.
- The sentry tries to one-up Sheba, but Sheba kicks his weapons to the ground and snaps his neck. She runs through the maze to reach an unlit bedroom. When Sheba opens the unlocked window, a crossbow hits her, killing her. Later, Moses Richmond, the protectorate agent having heard the shot, opens the door and turns on a light. He removes Sheba's cowl to study her face.
- In another part of the Parker estate, Nimrod Alister lands his glider near the edge of a forest. He evades two sentries as he climbs up the Parker mansion. Moses sees him and calls a sentry to alert them of an intruder. Moses and his sentry monitor Nimrod's movement. When Nimrod sticks his head out of a fireplace, Richmond blows it off.
- Chameleon gets into the master bedroom and sprays solvent on the skylight lock. She uses a grapple rope to get to the floor. She exchanges the shaving cream with something else and climbs back out of the skylight. Chameleon heads toward the cliff and lethally darts two sentries before racing down the beach cliff stairs.

- At the beach shoreline, Chameleon opens her pack, gets ready, and dives into the surf. Later, Richmond is contacted by Chuck Fisher, who informs him that Mike Parker's bedroom has been breached. Richmond examines the hatch lock in the master bathroom from a ladder while Fisher watches. They try to figure out how the intruder damaged the lock.
- Fisher tries to figure out the reason for the invasion until Richmond finds the suspicious shaving cream. Fisher and Richmond go to the cliff wearing gas masks. They discover there's nerve gas in the canister planted for Mike Parker. Fisher is confused because the security is for Garth Brady. Richmond blasts the canister and leaves with Fisher.

Act Two

- Eric Wilford has problems getting his car to work, so he walks to his house, where Alvin, his father, makes popcorn. Alvin is startled by Eric's entry, and they both sit to watch the final elections while eating popcorn. The news shows Garth Brady as the first president of the Northern American triumvirate and the victim at the vice president Mike Parker's house.
- Alvin and Eric watch Brady introduce his cabinet members, Jocquin Martinez, Andre Roget, Tyrone Williams, John Black feather, Major Carmen Valdez-Franklin, and Irene Tupik. Alvin and Eric argue over the news before Alvin stretches and leaves.
- At the Mike Parker estate, Margaret, Mike's wife, expels all the media people from the house at Brady's request while the president and members of his cabinet celebrate. They start a discussion about some policies until Garth reminds them to focus on the party. Everyone leaves the party, and the cleaners start cleaning. Surveillance continues at Parker's internal camera. The monitor records the audio report and records the cleaners.

- Garth and Mike go jogging in wet sand as they discuss. Garth stumbles, and Mike helps him up. An agent startles Mike, but Richmond dissuades him. Brady calls out to his bodyguards, and Garth convinces Mike to join the armored vehicle.
- The armored vehicle arrives at Mike's beachside, and he jumps out quickly, Brady waves him on alone, and Parker runs up the steps without looking back. Garth frowns toward the driver because he's scared. Craig teases Garth, who shuts him up to find out from Richmond why the squad appeared without being summoned.
- At Eric's workshop, Eric listens to his radio while the broadcasters Peter and Rudy discuss environmental issues. Eric smiles and continues working. At the Triumviral Department of Intermodalism, the chairman Max Stromberg presides over twelve executives. The vice chairman, Spencer Mitchell, enters and takes the vacant end chair. He passes out copies of a report and activates a wall screen that shows regional temperatures.
- A monitor in the Scansat monitor station observes and records the TDI boardroom meeting. Meanwhile, Max continues his meeting and eventually hits the floor, convulsing before passing out. Spencer calls for an ambulance, and two security guards escort Dr. Charles Edmonds. Dr. Charles mentions the strangeness of Max's death.
- At the white house, President Garth Brady answers a secretarial page when the secretary, Wilma, announces Mike's entrance. Wilma calls again to announce Mitchell's entry. Mitchell hands over his report to the president, who mandates him to find a solution to the environmental problem.
- Garth and Mike go to the Whitehouse basement, where there are several automated computers with many technicians. Mike and Garth get seated, and Garth uses a remote control to display data across wall screens. Garth displays information and zooms in on an image of the TDI boardroom.

He switches off the monitor and explains to Mike that he has access to all information on earth.

- Dr. Edmonds watches Dr. Quentin Black carry out an autopsy on Max's body. Quentin shares the details of the autopsy suggesting death from exotic natural causes. Dr. Edmond decides to continue the autopsy on his own after Dr. Black leaves. Later, at the garage, Dr. Edmond slumps dead from a dart shot, and two men put his corpse in their trunks.
- Meanwhile, Richmond opens a passenger door, smiling as the two men enter the car. At the white house triad office, Wilma announces the entry of two visitors. Victor DeSalle and Milton the mountain enter Garth's office. DeSalle canes his grandson for showing off the monitors and offers to kill his vice, Mike. Victor leaves orders for him and leaves.
- Carmen and her husband, Richard Franklin, snuggle on the couch, watching a newscaster display an emergency triumvirate broadcast. Garth gives an address informing the country that global warming is accelerating. He mentions the government's plan to tackle it while Carmen and Richard discuss it in their homes.
- After the speech, the press is outraged, and Garth snaps his fingers for soldiers to come in. Reporter Martin Wagner questions the president's show of force and NACAM edict. Another reporter, Jeniffer Scott, asks the president a question. Richard tells Carmen of his doubts about people complying with the laws.
- After listening to the president, Eric turns off his TV and calls Jennifer Scott's paper. He hangs up and goes to pack. Cupola agent, Justin Philips, and his men go to the Wilford home to abduct Eric's dad, Alvin, and they leave Eric a message. Eric destroys his computer and leaves the house with supplies.
- Meanwhile, Victor DeSalle is driven by Milton to meet Atlanterran president, Barry Claude Xavier. Xavier joins DeSalle's ride as they discuss Garth's actions. Garth and

Mike enter the triad office. Garth asks Mike to press a button, which removes them from Cupola's surveillance while Garth shares top secrets about the Crimson Cupola.

- Garth and Mike continue talking over their drinks, and Mike shares his plans to incite a rebellion. When Mike leaves, DeSalle calls Garth to find out what happened with his office scrambler. Alvin wakes up in captivity, and animals attack him. Sebastian Singh releases him and shoots him as he leaves the cell. Sebastian carries Alvin's body.
- When Alvin wakes, Tau Singh questions him before killing him, and Sebastian takes him out. Tau Singh goes into an arena to announce punishment for a senior agent. Sebastian prepares for the skinning of agent Justin Philips. Tau discusses with Sebastian his cannibalism desire.
- At the universal region's council, Milton escorts DeSalle and Xavier into the meeting. An intercom leaves instructions for the meeting. The three presidents are introduced, and the meeting starts in earnest as the council discusses the NACAM policy.
- A technician works on the Chess Roulette Cube at the white house and leaves afterward. Back at the universal region's council, Victor DeSalle shuts down his cell phone and focuses on the meeting as every delegate takes a vote. When the meeting ends, DeSalle is pleased and schedules a gauntlet at the amphitheater for Sebastian and Milton.
- At the amphitheater, DeSalle, Presidents Xavier, Singh, Brady, and other distinguished guests watch the gauntlet. Garth feels sick, and DeSalle offers his driver to get him home. The fighters battle as everyone watches. When Milton fights a ninja, she reveals herself to be Chameleon.
- Later in the white house, Garth presides over a meeting with his cabinet members. Garth leads his ministers out of the door. Garth goes to the rostrum to give a speech creating a new command force, NACEO, to protect citizens. Jennifer, the reporter, questions the president, and when he replies, he receives a shot to the head.

- Carmen announces Mike Parker as the president of North America. Later in the triad, President Parker invites Carmen and Scott to share the secret of the Crimson Cupola. Meanwhile, Milton packs so many pistols, and Andre Roget notices. Roget meets DeSalles to update him on important information.
- Dr. Rudy Zadock and his staff at the global reaction alliance headquarters watch the assassination. Vicky Taylor screams and discusses with Dr. Zadock about the upcoming debate. Later, Rudy gets a call that informs him that his staff is needed early. He activates an intercom for emergency meetings.
- At the Scansat Surveillance Station, the monitor calls DeSalle to inform him of Parker's plans. DeSalle practices shooting with the security person. Vice President Martinez meets Eduardo del Rio and the other Latin delegates to discuss the annexation of South America as the fourth triumvirate. DeSalle prepares to eat breakfast when he gets a call from Reginald that South America has canceled the annexation plans. DeSalle and Milton figure there's a betrayal.
- Meanwhile, Eric is driving when he notices a stalker. He defends himself, and the stalker bus somersaults and explodes. Eric arrives at the global reaction alliance, and a pistol is pointed at him. He fights his assailants back. Meanwhile, Mike Parker gives a debate on global warming. He introduces the team.

Act Three

- The citizens, including Mike's family, listen and watch the debate. The global warming crisis team starts their debate, causing different reactions from different people, including the press. After the debate, Mike Parker opens the floor for the citizens to vote. Mike exchanges greetings with Greater African president, Masai Gampu, and Australian prime minister, Virgil Tasman.

- Meanwhile, Mike's mother, Abigail, makes her grandchildren watch their father's speech. She kisses them goodnight while four Cupola agents watch her. Richmond makes a phone call to discuss Abigail's security. Abigail is surprised when her house goes dark, and Richmond continues to monitor her. She is shot as she climbs the stairs and fires off blindly at her attacker. The attacker kills her, and Richmond reports it while his agents take their captives to the car.
- Later, DeSalle calls Mike to threaten him to reinstate NACAM, NACEO, and TransTRak. They come to an agreement when DeSalle uses Mike's children as a bargain. Mike goes on to assemble a meeting at the triad office to discuss his plight. Carmen offers to go in search of his kids. Rudy informs Mike of Eric's prototype arriving at his headquarters.
- Carmen and her team attack the oubliette to rescue Mike's children. Tau Singh and Abner Quimby discuss when Tau receives a phone call about the children's escape. Carmen's forces escape while Mike meets with Gampu and Tamsan.
- Carmen drives out to Delaware with Mike's children. At the triad office, Parker sits at his desk making a broadcast. His broadcast reveals the threats and triggers a rebellion. DeSalle is enraged by Mike's broadcast. He orders Reese, the North American central scansat commander, to kill Mike but Reese tells him it's impossible.
- Colonel Oscar, manning the Tesla shuttle, broadcasts to the Bifrost and DaVinci shuttle, and they respond. DaVinci and Firmament peel away, exploding both new Polaris fighters. The shuttles continue to fire shots and destroy each other across different continents. Mike stands at the white house to read out the votes for secession. He declares independence for the countries while the citizens cheer.
- After Mike's broadcast, Wilma announces visitors. When the visitors come in, he realizes it's Carmen bringing his kids safely. DeSalle meets with Xavier, giving orders to destroy the confederacy. Quimby tries to attack DeSalle, but Milton

kills him. While Xavier and Singh go to their office, Victor learns of the new plan to hedge against North America's rebellion.

- Meanwhile, Clark Patterson and Richard are watching the new monitor in the Tesla class, Remora. The Remora continues to detect more submarines. Below the Atlantic Ocean, there's an explosion as submarines fire at each other. At the white house, Parker and Martinez watch the dawn of a new North American Confederacy.