## Vengeance When All That's Left is Revenge

He barely had time to register the shocking sight in the first-floor window when the shooting started. There was an extensive gun fight taking place inside the building. He drew his service pistol and took up a quick position at the right front corner of the building when he heard sirens approaching from four backup patrol cars that were still several blocks away. The shooting suddenly stopped and he could hear rapidly approaching footsteps coming from inside the building so he braced himself for a gun battle of his own. The approaching sirens prompted the fleeing

henchmen to break out their heavy artillery. As they came through the building's front door and made for their SUV at the curb, Jake called out for them to halt.

This brought swift gunfire that was literally tearing the corner of the brick building apart in front of his face, as well as the next building immediately behind him. They were using armor piercing rounds that narrowly missed Jake's head as he dove for deeper cover. The four patrol cars came to a screeching halt forming a V-shaped street blocking pattern. Two cars approached from each side of the building with each team of officers exiting immediately and returning fire on the escaping villains.

They all joined Jake in diving for cover as the very loud, heavy gunfire that echoed up and down the street began to rip through windows, doors and fenders of all four cars in both directions. The officers continued taking fire as the gunmen got into their SUV and drove off smashing through two of the patrol cars in their path that were nose to nose.

Jake was able to get off several clean shots in the direction of the driver from his position at the decimated



corner of Mel's apartment building, hitting the driver in the shoulder and head. That drove him forward causing the SUV to veer sharply left and directly in the path of an approaching tractor-trailer who began blasting his air horn immediately.

Traveling the short one mile distance, Marcie arrived discreetly at Mel's apartment as the SUV bounced off the truck and headed for a tree. Like Jake did previously, she saw a horrifying sight through Mel's front window with the only difference being she recognized that the person pinned to the wall was her sister! As the loud armor piercing rounds were fired once again at the patrolmen, Marcie lost it in her car and screamed, "MELLLANIEEEEEEE!!!!!!"

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