

EXIT STRATEGY (a feature film) inspired by a true story

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LOGLINE: A dethroned, internationally renown life strategist intentionally exposes herself to a series of dangerous scenarios hoping someone will off her, but becomes further frustrated when every incident backfires and she's repeatedly hailed a hero.

PRIMARY CAST TYPE:

Gabby Cardoni: Jennifer Garner; Melissa McCarthy; Jennifer Anniston; Halle Berry;

SYNOPSIS:

Dr. Gabby Cardoni, is an interesting dichotomy of a highly esteemed professional at the top of her game, and in her off hours, a playful, light-hearted kid magnet, affectionately known as Mrs. Rogers. Her reputation in both arenas is unexcelled.

However, after suffering several highly publicized blows to her personal life, this world-renowned life strategist, has the plug pulled on her speaking engagements, publishing deal and television show. It rocks her world and her faith. In fact, she wishes she were dead or at least invisible. But, her pride prevents her from caving to the voices in her head due to what she reasons would happen to her reputation, post mortem.

Instead, she sets out on a mission to put herself in risky situations, hoping that someone else will do the deed. But, with each effort her plan backfires and she comes out the hero rather than the victim. Under any other circumstances, this could be viewed as somewhat humorous, but for the fact that she's living it. She draws more positive press coverage than ever becoming an almost serial feature on the nightly news.

Although undisclosed to her, everyone from agents, to book publishers to film producers are taking note. She has no way of knowing that the journaling she's been doing to document her nightmare is shaping up to become a highly sought after best seller or movie script. She's lost sight of the truth that often times the prize comes after the preparation and remains hidden from view until sufficiently incubated.

Eventually, feeling frustrated, exhausted and with all hope at an ebb, she capitulates to an unknown and vastly redefined future; one not in the spotlight, but behind the scenes and with immeasurable potential and purpose. It's an outcome she never expected, but she's been navigated back to her first love, children. Once resigned and at peace as a full time resident of this place called surrender, Gabby rediscovers the love, laughter and life she'd forgotten and the invaluable lesson that sometimes winning requires losing everything.