

# RED SPARROW



# OUTLINE

The film begins in the south of Western Australia on a beautiful winery in Margaret River. An Australian man Grant and Chinese woman Maryann are getting married in a perfect setting in front of family and friends. The vows are exchanged and they are clearly in love. As the evening reception takes place, several of Grant's friends observe that there is an absence of Maryann's friends or family and they explain that she is an orphan.

Weeks later, Grant and Maryann settle in to their new life together working on a winery that is owned by Grant's family. One evening, Maryann goes to take the rubbish out when she senses danger. She narrowly avoids getting shot by a gunman and flees. A fight and chase ensues around the property and Grant is shot in the process. Maryann manages to overpower the gunman and kills him with her bare hands. A shocked Grant is overcome by this and even more troubled by Maryann's never before seen skills. He says that they need to go to the police but Maryann says they can't and she explains that they need to leave.

Maryann performs first aid to Grant's wound and persuades him to leave the property and not tell his parents or

anyone else. He realises that when he was sleeping she got rid of the body and she refuses to tell him where it is. They drive to Perth and fight along the way. He demands to know what this is about and she tells him that her old employer is trying to kill her because she left her work. She refuses to tell him what line of work she did. Grant asks what they are meant to do in Perth and Maryann says they need to hide out while she plots the next move, as the employer will deploy another hitman to track her down.

Maryann goes to a payphone and calls a number. She speaks to The Boss who is overseas in his office. This is the first time she has made contact since running away. She tells The Boss to call off the hitmen but The Boss refuses. He calls her Red Sparrow (her codename) and tells her that because of her actions (i.e. killing the first hitman) he is sending the Black Eagle.

Grant pushes Maryann to fill him in on her background, because he truly loves her. He asks whether she loves him and she hesitates. They have little time to talk however, as the Black Eagle has already tracked them down



and there is another chase through Perth. This time, Maryann is able to escape the Black Eagle and in the process, she and Grant get separated.

Grant has Maryann's bag and goes through it to find several items she has kept hidden. One is a false passport. The other contains a series of numbers. Grant calls one and the phone is answered by The Boss.

Maryann goes to a nature spot (perhaps somewhere in Kings Park) where she and Grant once spent romantic dates. Grant, thinking the same thing, is there. She says she doesn't think they can stay together because of her past, and the fact it will put Grant and his family in danger. He tells her that he called The Boss and agreed to make a deal for her freedom. She is shocked and tells him that there can never be a deal, and that The Boss will use it to double cross them.

At that point, they realise that they have been followed to the Kings Park nature spot by several goons who attempt to kill them. A chase through the streets of Perth ensues till they are trapped and have to fight their way out. In the following fight, Grant is forced to kill one of the goons.

Maryann and Grant escape to a hotel and from there, she confesses to her past. She explains that she was part of a Chinese death squad run by The Boss. She said that she discovered that after a number of contracts, each assassin is then disposed of so that nothing can ever be traced back to The Boss and his clientele, many of whom are business and government officials from around the world. She said that she realised she would be killed very soon so she fled. She wanted to start a new life and intended to keep to herself, however meeting Grant and falling in love with him was unexpected. Grant says that he wants to stay with her no matter what, and admits that now he has killed someone he would do it again if he had to. The two of them, no longer hiding anything from each other and even more devoted to their mutual survival, make passionate love.

Working together, Grant obtains several computers and technical equipment. Using her skills as a hacker/intelligence operative, Maryann sets up an encrypted office that allows her to hide her address and locate others. She calls Black Eagle to try and reason with him to pull out of the contract, explaining that soon his time will also be up. Black Eagle tells her that he is going to go after Grant's parents if she doesn't give herself up. Grant is terrified but angry at the same time. He wants to go after Black Eagle himself, but Maryann convinces him not to be rash.

Meanwhile, she realises that Black Eagle is calling The Boss and when she tracks the call she realises that she can locate The Boss.

Maryann agrees to meet Black Eagle at the Crown casino, somewhere where it is public and hopefully safe for her to try and reason with him. She tells Grant that she believes she can convince him to pull out of the contract and doesn't want to have a deadly showdown. Grant hangs nearby with a gun.

The meeting occurs, in plain view of the public at the casino. Black Eagle and Red Sparrow meet and after a tense conversation, it is clear that Black Eagle is totally devoted to his mission and in a flash, a fight commences. With a mixture of guns, knives and any other weapon available, the two assassins battle it out as the casino is drawn into chaos. Grant attempts to help Maryann and is injured in the process. Ultimately, a thrilling and climatic fight culminates to the point that Red Sparrow outsmarts Black Eagle and kills him. As the police arrive, Maryann and Grant manage to narrowly escape.

As they flee, Maryann calls The Boss to tell him that he's failed again and he should leave her alone. The Boss laughs and reveals that he knew she would win and that he only sent Black Eagle after her because he wanted her to kill him, thereby ridding

himself of another assassin. Maryann, shocked and feeling somewhat bad for Black Eagle rides off with Grant to an uncertain future.

We time cut to a week later and The Boss is in his luxury apartment (perhaps in Shanghai, Hong Kong or Chengdu?). He is planning another job for an unknown client when he receives a call. It is from Maryann who asks for his word that The Boss leave her alone. The Boss refuses and says that he is thinking further on what to do with her. Maryann simply replies "very well" and at that point, The Boss is killed by Grant who was nearby. The Boss the whole time, blending in. Grant leaves.

The film ends with Maryann and Grant traveling the world as a husband and wife hitman team. They decide that they will now work together, taking down corrupt and evil syndicates like The Boss. Just as they enjoy a meal, Maryann gets a message on her phone that says "Red Sparrow will fly again" which is a code she normally receives about a new contract.

THE END

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In 2012 Matt produced an independently financed thriller called Bedlam, which was sold at the American Film Market to After Dark Films and Lionsgate Entertainment, and was released in early 2015.

Matt's most recent credit as a writer/director is a Screen New South Wales' funded short film called Pocket Money (2014) which debuted at the Sydney International Film Festival and has screened at numerous festivals. The film was awarded best screenplay at the Canberra Short Film festival and best young actor at the St Kilda Short Film Festival. It is currently due to be shown at South Korea's Seoul International Extreme Short Image & Film festival in September.

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