

'TIP OF THE SPEAR' by Nicholas Cameron

LOGLINE: Elizabeth Lowell is the pride of Bastion, a private military company fighting alongside Police on the brutal streets of future London. Her mentor, Edina Danko, grooms her for future leadership until a ruthless, unknown figure terrorizes the capital and Lowell must abandon her loyalties to keep the city from exploding.

SYNOPSIS: London, 2052. A Bastion fireteam, led by Captain ELIZABETH LOWELL, defeats three Chechen thieves whose van contains assault rifles belonging to HECTOR WILLIAMS, a gang boss fighting an eviction order on Clearwater Gardens (his home) by any means necessary. At Bastion HQ, Lowell and her boss, EDINA DANKO, are anxious over an impending Westminster vote that decides if Bastion will stay permanently or must leave the UK forever. That night, a team of mercenaries raid a police storage facility and take back the guns. The mercs wear ballistic masks depicting a BEAR, WOLF, EAGLE and their leader, a TIGER. Tiger gives Hector the guns and offers to work for him.

The mercs set a trap for Bastion at Azure Park, the unfinished apartment block intended for the relocation of Hector's community. Lowell's team battle the mercs. Lowell kills Bear before discovering that he is BILLY, an old army colleague, and Tiger is AIDEN KELLY, her commanding officer supposedly killed in action. The mercs blow up Azure Park and escape. The Bastion fireteam are all killed, except for Lowell. In hospital, Lowell learns from Edina that her team are dead, and police are convinced that Kelly is working for Hector. Lowell visits JACKIE, Billy's wife. She doesn't yet know Billy is dead and thinks he still works for a man named CLAY BURNHAM, who provides bodyguards for celebrities. Lowell is being watched by police when she is attacked in her home by Wolf and Eagle. She kills Wolf and flees from Eagle, only to be chased by police. She escapes by ditching her motorcycle in the river. While cops search for her, Lowell visits Burnham, who agrees to help her and takes her to ANDERS BRANDR, an ex-GCHQ tech expert who can help find Kelly. Meanwhile, in Westminster, politicians become increasingly convinced that Bastion should leave.

Brandr finds Kelly by reprogramming the city's facial recognition system and sends a drone to spy on him. Through the drone, Lowell eavesdrops on a meeting between Kelly and Edina, discovering that they are plotting to frame Hector for the mercs' actions. Edina intends to win the upcoming vote by escalating the violence until it becomes a problem only Bastion can handle. Eagle assassinates the Home Secretary and Hector is blamed. Bastion are ordered into Clearwater gardens to take down Hector. Lowell races to get there first and disables Burnham's car so he can't follow her.

At Clearwater Gardens, Kelly executes Hector, throwing Hector's gang into chaos. Lowell evacuates Clearwater Gardens' residents while Bastion exterminate Hector's gang. Lowell plays a recording of Edina and Kelly to the Bastion operatives, and they lower their guns, allowing police to arrest the gang members. Kelly and Eagle escape in an armoured personnel carrier (APC) and Lowell chases them in a Bastion truck. Brandr follows them via the drone. The heavier APC smashes Lowell's truck into a shop front, but Burnham arrives in his fixed car. Lowell takes a grenade launcher from the back of the truck, gets into Burnham's car and the chase continues to Bastion HQ. Lowell fires the launcher at the APC, causing it to crash into the Bastion HQ lobby, killing eagle. Kelly crawls out and Lowell shoots him dead.

A helicopter waits for Edina on the roof of Bastion HQ, but Lowell is lifted by Brandr's drone to the top of the building. Lowell lands on Edina and they fight hand-to-hand until Lowell chokes Edina out. Weeks later, Bastion leaves the UK, but Lowell stays in London, splitting her time between training police officers in close quarters combat by day and supervising Burnham's bodyguards at night.