

BRATS ALPHA TANGO

"PILOT EPISODE: Tactical Teamwork Triumph"

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OPENING TEASER

EXT. MAX'S HOUSE - DAY

A CAR DRIVES BY, AND A PARKED MOVING TRUCK IN THE DRIVEWAY OF MAX'S NEW HOUSE IS REVEALED. A NICE MILITARY HOUSING FAMILY HOME.

DAD (O.S.)

Come on, Max. I need help unloading
the truck.

MAX STEPS OUT OF THE FRONT DOOR, SHRUGGING.

MAX
(utters aloud)

Why do I always have to be the one to
help?

MAX STOPS AT THE BACK OF THE OPENED TRUCK. DAD IS INSIDE,
BACK TURNED, MOVING STUFF AROUND.

DAD

I think you're really going to like
this place, Max.

MAX SHRUGS.

MAX

Yeah! If I can ever get settled in.

DAD CHUCKLES AS HE PICKS UP A SMALLER BOX AND SHUFFLES IT
TOWARD MAX.

DAD

How bout we make a deal?

MAX
(Sarcasm)

What's the deal, Dad?

DAD HANDS MAX THE SMALL BOX.

DAD

You help me with these small boxes, so

I can handle the big stuff.

MAX SMIRKS A GRIN, HAPPY TO ACCEPT AS HE GRABS THE FIRST BOX.

MAX

Deal.

MAX TURNS TOWARD THE HOUSE, BOX IN HAND, BUT PAUSES WHEN HE SEES KIDS PLAYING AT THE PLAYGROUND PARK ACROSS THE STREET.

EXT. PLAYGROUND - DAY

A GROUP OF KIDS HAVE SEPARATED INTO TWO TEAMS (ALPHA & TANGO) AND PLAY WITH TOY WATER GUNS, CANNONS, AND WATER BALLOONS IN AN EPIC WAR GAME BATTLE IN THE PARK.

EACH PLAYER IS TRYING TO SHOOT AT PLAYERS ON THE OTHER TEAM, AND TRYING TO DODGE BEING SQUIRTED TO STAY IN THE GAME.

BYRON (TEAM ALPHA), SOON TO BECOME MAX'S BEST FRIEND, TOSSES A WATER BALLOON (LIKE A GRENADE) AND TAKES OUT 3 TANGOS.

BYRON

Gotcha! You're out for good this time,

Tango.

THE TANGO KIDS "AW" AS THEY ARE HIT.

EXT. MAX'S HOUSE - DAY

[CLOSE UP] MAX'S FACE:

A LOOK OF EXCITEMENT AND ENTHUSIASM COMES OVER MAX'S FACE AS HE SMIRKS A SMILE, EYES WIDE.

[END CLOSE UP - ZOOM OUT]

MAX'S DAD WALKS BEHIND MAX WITH A LARGE LIGHT-LAMP IN HAND. HE NOTICES MAX EMBRACING THE NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS PLAYING IN THE PARK.

DAD

That looks like fun! Maybe tomorrow,
after school, you can go to the park.

(MORE)

DAD (CONT'D)

Who knows... You might even make some
new friends.

MAX TURNS HIS HEAD BACK TOWARD DAD.

MAX

Can I? Do you mean it?

DAD SMILES AND WRAPS HIS ARM AROUND MAX, WALKING HIM INTO THE
HOUSE (STILL HOLDING LAMP, AND MAX A BOX).

DAD

Absolutely. As long as you promise to
finish your homework first.

MAX LOOKS AT DAD WITH A SMILE ON THE FRONT DOOR PORCH.

MAX

Promise.

MAX AND DAD WALK INTO THE HOUSE AND CLOSE THE FRONT DOOR
BEHIND THEM.

FADE TO:

ROLL OPENING CREDITS

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

EXT. PARK BENCH - DAY

MAX APPROACHES THE PARK BENCH NERVOUSLY, BUT EXCITED AND EAGER TO PLAY WITH THE OTHER KIDS.

HE DECIDES TO ACT CASUAL, AND TAKES A SEAT ON THE BENCH. HE WATCHES THE KIDS CASUALLY, AND PLAYS IT COOL.

EXT. PLAYGROUND - DAY

[SOUND] *NOISE! KIDS ARGUING.*

THE KIDS DISPUTE OVER TEAM ALPHA LOSING A TEAMMATE. BRYON (TEAM ALPHA) DISPUTES HEAVILY WITH AARON (TANGO TEAM LEADER).

BYRON

That's not fair. You have to bench one
player to even the teams, Aaron.

AARON

Oh, come on! It's capture the flag,
Byron. You can play a man down.

SUZY (TEAM TANGO) STEPS INTO THE ARGUMENT.

SUZY

What about that new kid?

THE KIDS ALL LOOK AT MAX ON THE BENCH.

EXT. PARK BENCH - DAY

MAX SWALLOWS [SOUND: THROAT GULP]. HIS EYES WIDEN NERVOUSLY.

EXT. PLAYGROUND - DAY

AARON CUFFS HIS HANDS LIKE A BULLHORN AND SHOUTS TO MAX.

AARON

Hey, new kid. Want to play?

SUZY PUTS HER HANDS ON HER HIPS.

SUZY

Real settle, Aaron.

SHE STARTS WALKING TOWARD MAX.

SUZY

Come on, Lets go meet the new kid.

THE WHOLE GROUP WALKS AND FOLLOWS SUZY.

EXT. PARK BENCH - DAY

MAX STANDS UP, CHEST OUT. ATTEMPTS TO MAKE A STRONG, GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION AS THE KIDS APPROACH.

JOEY (TEAM ALPHA) LAUGHS.

JOEY

At ease, soldier.

MAX LOOSENS, AND STANDS AT EASE.

THE KIDS LAUGH, EXCEPT SUZY.

SUZY

Easy boys.

SHE TURNS TO MAX.

SUZY (CONT'D)

Have you ever played capture the flag?

MAX

I've heard of this game. I am familiar
with the rules.

BYRON SHOOTS A KEEN EYE, CONCERNED ABOUT HIS TEAM.

BYRON

Oh, are you now? Well, in that case,
do tell, please?

MAX

Each team hides and guards its flag
while trying to capture the other
team's flag. Whoever grabs the other
flag first... wins!

BYRON IS IMPRESSED. HE WALKS UP NEXT TO MAX, BESIDE HIM.

BYRON

Okay! New kid's cool. He's with us.

BYRON WRAPS HIS ARM AROUND MAX.

BYRON (CONT'D)

Welcome to Team Alpha, I'm Byron.

MAX LOOKS AT BYRON.

MAX

I accept! Nice to meet you. I'm Max.

TEAM ALPHA KIDS NOD ALONG, HAPPILY ACCEPT MAX AS ONE OF THEIR OWN.

AARON

Okay! So now that it's settled. Let's
play.

THE KIDS SHOUT A CHEERFUL "HOO-RAW" AS THEY WALK BACK TO THE PLAYGROUND FIELD, READY TO PLAY.

THEY SPLIT UP INTO TEAMS AND HEAD TO THEIR TEAM BASES. ALPHAS GO LEFT (WITH MAX), TANGOS GO RIGHT. THERE ARE 5 KIDS PER TEAM.

[TEAM ROSTER LINE-UP]

TEAM ALPHA LINE-UP: (1) TEAM LEADER BYRON, (2) JOEY, (3) KEVIN, (4) JENNY, (5) MAX.

TEAM TANGO LINE-UP: (1) TEAM LEADER AARON, (2) SUZY, (3) JASON, (4) JAY-JAY, (5) ETHAN.

EXT. PLAYGROUND - TEAM ALPHA BASE - DAY

TEAM ALPHA ENTERS THEIR BASE FORTRESS, COMMAND CENTER, AND THE HEART OF TEAM ALPHA'S BASE.

JENNY PULLS OUT A BOX AND HANDS OUT WAIST FLAGS (FLAG FOOTBALL STYLE). SHE HANDS ONE TO MAX.

MAX

What's this for?

KEVIN

(Putting on his own flag)

We play pro level here. Put on your flags, and if Tango pulls one off, you're out.

JENNY

After you're out, leave the battlefield, circle back to base, and replace your flag.

JOEY

Then... You're back in the game.

EVERYONE GRINS AND NODS ALONG.

BYRON

Try to rip as many Tango's flags off as you can. Maybe you can prove you're a real Alpha.

MAX

Then what?

JENNY

Drop them in your box. Use Philip's - he's not coming back. It's yours now... if you make the team, Newbie.

MAX NODS ALONG.

TEAM ALPHA HUDDLES AROUND IN A CIRCLE. BYRON TAKES A KNEE AT THE HEAD AND PULLS OUT A MAP OF THE PARK BATTLEFIELD.

BYRON

The Tangos tried to redesign their
fortress last night, but Joey's dad
had to approve the work first.

JOEY

I swapped the old man's cabinet this
morning. So, now we have the new map.

BYRON REVEALS THE MAP ON THE GROUND. HE POINTS TO TANGO'S
BASE COMMAND.

BYRON

My guess is this is where they will
hide their flag.

THE TEAM STUDIES THE MAP.

BYRON (CONT'D)

We'll run a three, two.

BYRON POINTS TO THE MAP AS HE TALKS.

BYRON (CONT'D)

Three of us will defend our flag, and
two will deploy to capture theirs.

BYRON LOOKS UP TO MAX.

BYRON (CONT'D)

New kid. You'll deploy with Joey. The
rest of us will defend our flag.

EVERYONE NODS ALONG AND BREAKS FROM THE HUDDLE WITH A 1,2,3.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. CAR - PARK STREET - DAY

DAD DRIVES BY THE PARK (IN CAR). HE EYES MAX PLAYING WHILE ON THE PHONE WITH MOM (HIS WIFE).

MOM (V.O.)

Is Max O.K.?

DAD SEES MAX IN THE HUDDLE.

DAD

He's fine. I think our Max has finally made some friends.

MOM (V.O.)

Really?

DAD

He's at the park now... Playing.

MOM (V.O.)

Good for him. I'll be home to make dinner. Sounds like Max will have some exciting stories to tell. See you then, bye.

[SOUND FX] *CLICK!* PHONE HANGS UP.

DAD LOOKS OVER AND SEES MAX, AND HIS FRIENDS (TEAM ALPHA) BREAKING FROM THEIR POW-WOW HUDDLE. HE SMILES AND DRIVES OFF.

DAD
(Utters proudly aloud)

Go get 'em, boys. Hoo-raw!

EXT. PLAYGROUND - BATTLEFIELD SET-UP - DAY

BOTH TEAMS TAKE TO THE BATTLEFIELD. TEAM ALPHA IN A 3,2 (THREE DEFENDERS AND TWO INVADERS). TEAM TANGO RUNS A 2,3 (TWO DEFENDERS AND THREE INVADERS).

JOEY AND MAX REACH THE MIDDLE (OPEN FIELD AREA) OF THE BATTLEFIELD, AND SEE TWO TANGOS APPROACHING IN THE DISTANCE.

JOEY

You go right, and I'll go left.

MAX NODS AS HE BREAKS OFF TO THE RIGHT.

JOEY (CONT'D)

Try to stay unseen... and don't let the
Tangos get your flags.

JOEY DISAPPEARS INTO THE STRUCTURED (TANGO'S LIAR) LEFT SIDE.

MAX
(Utters aloud)

I can do this.

MAX SEES THE TWO TANGOS COMING, AND QUICKLY EVADES INTO THE STRUCTURE ON THE RIGHT SIDE. HE STOPS AND WATCHES THE TANGOS PROCEED FORWARD (SUZY AND JAY-JAY).

SUZY

Come on! Let's go this way.

SHE POINTS TO THE LEFT ALPHA-SIDE LIAR STRUCTURE.

JAY-JAY

SHHHH! They'll hear you.

SUZY COVERS HER MOUTH AND SILENTLY SIGNALS TO JAY-JAY. HE FOLLOWS HER QUIETLY AND THEY BOTH DISAPPEAR INTO THE STRUCTURE.

MAX, AFTER WATCHING, TURNS HIS BACK TO THE WALL.

MAX
(Utters aloud)

Boy, did they go the wrong way.

They'll never get past Byron and
Kevin.

MAX TURNS AROUND AND SEES ETHAN SNEAKING AROUND THE CORNER.

MAX (CONT'D)
(utters, whispering aloud)

Those dirty Tangos... they got three
invaders.

MAX CREEPS QUIETLY BEHIND ETHAN, UNSEEN.

MAX (CONT'D)
(utters, whispering aloud)

Not today, Tango. You won't get past
me.

MAX SNEAKS UP FROM BEHIND AND YANKS ONE OF ETHAN'S FLAGS.

MAX (CONT'D)

Gotcha! You're out, Tango.

ETHAN TURNS.

ETHAN

Not bad, new Kid, but the game's not
over yet.

ETHAN RUNS OFF (TO SIDELINE) AND HEADS BACK TO BASE TO
RESURRECT.

MAX
(utters aloud)

I need to capture that flag before
Ethan warns the others.

MAX PICKS UP THE PACE AND MOVES FASTER, ADVANCING TOWARD THE
TANGO'S BASE, WHERE BYRON ASSUMES THEY KEEP THEIR FLAG.

EXT. PLAYGROUND - TEAM TANGO BASE - DAY

THE TANGO TEAM FLAG WAVES FIRMLY, CENTERED IN THE BACK OPEN
SPACE OF THE BASE AREA - A BRASS PAINTED BELL BEHIND IT.

MAX APPROACHES AND STOPS BEHIND A STRUCTURED WALL, UNSEEN.

MAX
(utters, whispering aloud)

I got you now, Tango.

MAX TURNS AS A VOICE SHOUTS FROM THE SIDELINE, IT'S ETHAN WARNING THE OTHERS.

ETHAN (O.S.)
(Shouting, distant, a bit
muffled)

Watch out for the new kid. Code Two!

MAX LEANS BACK AGAINST THE WALL.

MAX
(utters, whispering aloud)

What's a Code Two?

MAX LOOKS AROUND THE CORNER AGAIN AND SEES ETHAN TALKING WITH AARON. ETHAN PUTS ON A NEW FLAG. HE'S BACK IN THE GAME. ETHAN AND AARON APPROACH MAX, LOOKING FOR HIM TOGETHER.

MAX SPOTS A HIDING SPOT IN THE CORNER.

MAX (CONT'D)
(utters, whispering aloud)

That looks like a good place to hide.

Those Tangos will never find me there.

MAX HIDES HIMSELF AS AARON AND ETHAN ENTER THE AREA, IN SEARCH - THEY LOOK AROUND.

ETHAN

I saw him come this way. He should be
here by now.

AARON

Yeah, but he's still new. Maybe he
hasn't figured out the battlefield
course yet.

MAX SWEATS AS HE HIDES, BUT HE CAN SEE AARON AND ETHAN LOOKING AROUND FOR HIM.

ETHAN

You're right! I think I know where he
might be. Follow me.

ETHAN AND AARON RUN OFF, IN SEARCH OF MAX. AS THEY EXIT THE AREA, MAX WIPES THE SWEAT OFF HIS FOREHEAD.

MAX
(utters, whispering aloud)

Hew! That was a close one.

MAX STEPS OUT FROM HIS HIDING SPOT AND LOOKS TO SEE WHERE AARON AND ETHAN WENT. SUDDENLY, AND UNEXPECTEDLY, HIS FLAG IS YANKED FROM BEHIND.

JASON

Not close enough... Rookie.

MAX DROPS HIS HEAD IN DEFEAT – SHRUGS – SADDENED HE HAS BEEN OUTSMARTED AS AARON AND ETHAN POP BACK AROUND THE CORNER.

AARON

Lift that chin up, soldier.

ETHAN

Hey, look at the bright side – you did
get me. And it's only your first day.

JASON PUTS HIS HAND ON MAX'S SHOULDER.

JASON

You didn't really think you would get
us on your first day, did ya?

A SPARK OF EXCITEMENT COMES OVER MAX'S FACE.

MAX (V.O.)
(Thought)

Like you said, Ethan, it's not over
yet.

MAX DASHES OFF TOWARD THE SIDELINE TO HEAD BACK TO BASE TO RESURRECT.

AARON
(Shouts proudly)

That's the spirit, Champ.

EXT. MAX'S HOUSE - DAY

MOM DRIVES UP AND PARKS IN THE DRIVEWAY. SHE OPENS THE TRUNK TO GRABS A GROCERY BAG, ONE BROWN PAPER BAG FOR SUPPER. SHE TURNS AND SEES MAX SPRINTING ON THE SIDEWALK.

MOM
(Utters joyfully)

Hmmm! There he is.

EXT. PARK BENCH - DAY

MAX SPRINTS TOWARD THE BENCH AREA AS MOM APPROACHES HIM.

MOM

Everything Ok?

MAX SLOWS DOWN, BUT HE DOES NOT WANT TO STOP - HE'S ON A MISSION.

MAX

Everything's great, Mom. I can't stop now, I'm in the middle of a game, but I'll be home for supper... Promise.

MAX SPEEDS UP AND SPRINTS OFF.

MOM

Take your time.

MAX'S VOICE MUFFLES IN THE DISTANCE.

MAX

What's for supper?

MOM

Meatloaf and mashed potatoes.

[ZOOM IN ON MAX]

MAX

Oh Yeah! Good choice.

MAX RUNS OFF.

[ZOOM IN ON MOM] MOM SMILES, PLEASED.

EXT. PLAYGROUND - TEAM ALPHA BASE - DAY

THE ALPHA TEAM IS HUDDLED AROUND THE FLAG, HEART OF THE BASE.
MAX APPROACHES.

MAX

They got you guys, too?

BYRON PUTS HIS HAND UP, LIKE A STOP SIGN.

BYRON

All part of the plan, Max.

JENNY

We're surprised you lasted as long as
you did. Good job!

BYRON PLACES TOY CHESS PIECES ON THE BATTLEFIELD MAP ON THE
GROUND. MARKING THE LOCATION OF THE TEAM TANGO PLAYERS. HE
LOOKS UP TO MAX, ONE PIECE IN HIS HAND.

BYRON

Who, and where did they get you?

MAX

Jason snuck up on me from behind--

MAX POINTS TO MAP, WHERE HE GOT OUT.

MAX (CONT'D)

--Here.

BYRON PUTS A TOY CHESS PIECE ON THE MAP WHERE MAX POINTS AS
JOEY HANDS MAX A NEW FLAG TO PUT ON.

JOEY

How did they get you?

MAX

When I was hiding from Aaron, while he
was guarding the flag--

BYRON

--Where?

MAX POINTS TO THE MAP.

MAX

That's where the flag is.

BYRON MARKS THE SPOT.

BYRON

Good job, Max. Now we know where
they're hiding it.

MAX

Yeah, but they have three invaders.

JENNY

Even better.

THE TEAM LOOKS AT JENNY.

JENNY (CONT'D)

The Tangos only have two guards. This
should be easy.

THE TEAM NODS ALONG.

BYRON

If this intel is correct, Max just
might be the key to winning this gam.

MAX SMILES.

MAX

What's the plan, Captain?

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. MAX'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

MOM "HUMS" AROUND THE KITCHEN AS SHE PUTS A MEATLOAF INTO THE OVEN AND BEGINS STIRRING MASHED POTATOES.

SHE LOOKS OUT THE WINDOW AND SEES THE PARK ACROSS THE STREET. MAX AND HIS NEW FRIENDS (JOEY & JENNY) HAVE REACHED THE OPEN FIELD AREA, CENTER OF THE BATTLEFIELD. THEY ARE ABOUT TO ENTER TANGO'S LAIR (TANGO'S SIDE OF THE BATTLEFIELD).

EXT. PLAYGROUND - BATTLEFIELD SET-UP - DAY

INTERCUT BETWEEN THE ACTION AND PLAN (SOMETIMES BOTH)

SPLIT SCREEN: LEFT BATTLEFIELD - RIGHT BASE HUDDLE

LEFT:

BATTLEFIELD: TEAM ALPHA SENDS OUT 4 INVADERS, LEAVES ONLY ONE DEFENDER (JOEY). 4 KIDS RUN INTO BATTLE, AND ONE STAYS BEHIND TO DEFEND.

RIGHT:

BYRON LEADS/TALKS, KIDS HUDDLE AROUND.

BYRON

The Tangos have a good strategy, but
not if we blitz them. They can't stop
all of us. If we split up and attack
from all angles, they won't know what
hit them.

ZOOM TO RIGHT
SCREEN (RIGHT
BECOMES FULL
SCREEN)

INTERCUT: ALPHA BASE HUDDLE

BYRON LEADS/TALKS, KIDS HUDDLE AROUND.

BYRON

When we reach the field, we'll split
up, and then... we all head for the
flag individually.

INTERCUT: BATTLEFIELD (MIDDLE - OPEN FIELD SPACE)

MAX, BYRON, JENNY, AND KEVIN RUN/ADVANCE IN THE OPEN FIELD,
RUNNING TOP SPEED TOWARD THE TANGO'S LIAR. AS THEY APPROACH,
BYRON GIVES THE COMMAND.

BYRON (CONT'D)
(SHOUTS LOUD WITH AUTHORITY)

NOW! Break.

EACH ALPHA SPLITS UP, SPREADING WIDE, AND ENTERS, VANISHING
INTO THE TANGO'S LAIR STRUCTURE.

INTERCUT: ALPHA BASE HUDDLE

BYRON LEADS/TALKS, KIDS HUDDLE AROUND.

BYRON (CONT'D)

Once we reach the Tango's liar, we'll
be on our own. We'll have to move in
stealth, but also quickly.

MAX

Like a snake.

THE HUDDLED ALPHA TEAM LOOKS TO MAX, WANTING AN EXPLANATION.

MAX (CONT'D)

WE'LL HAVE TO SLITHER LIKE A SNAKE,
SNEAKING UP TO POUNCE ITS PREY.

TEAM ALPHA NODS ALONG.

CUT TO: SPLIT
SCREEN

SPLIT SCREEN: RIGHT BATTLEFIELD - LEFT BASE HUDDLE

RIGHT:

VARIOUS CLIPS OF MAX, BYRON, JENNY, AND KEVIN SLITHERING AROUND THE TANGO'S LIAR - QUICK, SWIFT, AND UNSEEN (LIKE SOLDIERS SNEAKING UP ON AN ENEMY). REMEMBER, THEY HAVE SPLIT UP, SO SHOW EACH ONE INDIVIDUALLY, VARIOUS CLIPS.

LEFT:

BYRON LEADS/TALKS, KIDS HUDDLE AROUND.

BYRON

Max is correct. That's exactly how we must advance. Each one of us will have to... [PAUSE BEAT] slither as Max said.

TEAM ALPHA NODS ALONG.

BYRON (CONT'D)

As we advance, be on the lookout for Tangos. Don't let them get you.

RIGHT:

JENNY ENTERS A SPACE, SEES A TANGO, AND QUICKLY HIDES.

LEFT:

KIDS HUDDLE AROUND.

JENNY

What do we do if we see a Tango?

KEVIN

Take em' out.

BYRON

No! Do not take them out. That's what they're expecting.

RIGHT:

JENNY DUCKS DOWN AND REMAINS HIDDEN/UNSEEN. SHE LETS THE TANGO CLEAR THE AREA AND MOVE ON, REMAINING UNSEEN IN STEALTH.

LEFT:

BYRON LEADS/TALKS, KIDS HUDDLE AROUND.

BYRON (CONT'D)

Let them pass. Remain unseen.

RIGHT:

JENNY COMES OUT OF HIDING SPOT ONCE THE TANGO HAS LEFT. SHE ADVANCES FORWARD TO COMPLETE HER MISSION.

LEFT:

BYRON LEADS/TALKS, KIDS HUDDLE AROUND.

BYRON (CONT'D)

Once it's clear, continue the mission
and advance.

ZOOM TO LEFT
SCREEN (LEFT
BECOMES FULL
SCREEN)

INTERCUT: ALPHA BASE HUDDLE

KIDS HUDDLE AROUND, AND JOEY STANDS UP.

JOEY

If you don't take out the Tangos, I'll
be left defending our flag alone. I'll
be outnumbered.

INTERCUT: BATTLEFIELD (TANGOS BASE - FLAG)

MAX HIDES BEHIND AN INFLATABLE COLUMN. HE CAN SEE THE TANGO'S FLAG, BUT ITS HEAVILY GUARDED BY TWO TANGOS (AARON & JAY-JAY)

[NOTE] BYRON VOICE-OVER NARRATES AS THIS SCENE UNFOLDS.

BYRON (V.O.)

Not if we take them out first.

Remember, the first team to capture
the enemy's flag... wins.

MAX LOOKS AROUND AND SEES BOTH BYRON AND JENNY. ALL THREE ARE
CLEVERLY BLENDING INTO THE ENVIRONMENT. THEY ALL SEE EACH
OTHER, BUT THEY ALSO SEE THE TANGOS GUARDING THEIR FLAG.

INTERCUT: ALPHA BASE HUDDLE

BYRON LEADS/TALKS, KIDS HUDDLE AROUND. MAX LEANS IN.

MAX

So, what do we do once we reach the
flag?

JOEY

That's if... You reach the Tango's
flag.

JENNY

That's a big... if.

BYRON POINTS TO THE MAP ON THE GROUND AS HE TALKS.

BYRON

If you reach the flag, wait for
backup. Then we make our move.

CUT TO: SPLIT
SCREEN

SPLIT SCREEN: SHOW BATTLEFIELD & TANGOS BASE/FLAG RANDOMLY

[NOTE] BYRON VOICE-OVER NARRATES AS THIS SCENE UNFOLDS.

MONTAGE OF CLIPS: AARON AND JAY-JAY GUARD THE FLAG, AND SHOW RANDOM CLIPS OF SUZY, JASON, AND ETHAN ADVANCING ON THE BATTLEFIELD, STILL NAVIGATING CAUTIOUSLY THROUGH THE ALPHA'S LIAR.

NOTE: ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO ALPHAS, THE TANGOS DO NOT KNOW THIS. THIS SLOWS THEM DOWN, AS THEY TOO, MOVE IN STEALTH WITH ANTICIPATION.

BYRON (V.O.)

The Tangos have three invaders, so
we'll only face two at the flag. The
invaders won't know we're blitzing –
four against two gives us the edge.
Plus, their invaders will slow down as
they try to hide, not knowing where we
are. That should give us enough time
to regroup at their flag and make our
final move.

END THIS SEQUENCE WITH A SHOT OF MAX, BYRON, AND SUZY
REGROUPING AROUND THE TANGO BASE/FLAG.

CUT TO: SINGLE
SCREEN (TANGO'S
BASE - FLAG)

EXT. BATTLEFIELD (TANGOS BASE - FLAG) - DAY

MAX SEES AARON AND JAY-JAY GUARDING THE FLAG. HE LOOKS TO
BYRON FOR ORDERS, FOLLOWING THE LAST PART OF THE PLAN.

BYRON CLUTCHES HIS FIST TO MAX, WHICH MEANS HOLDS YOUR
POSITION. THEN HE POINTS TO JENNY FOR GO.

JENNY MOVES IN. SHE SPRINTS AND GOES FOR THE FLAG.

JAY-JAY SEES HER AND PURSUITS HER. A CLEVER DEFENSIVE TACTIC,
AND JENNY HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO EVADE. SHE ESCAPES TO THE
RIGHT, BACK INTO THE LIAR AREA. JAY-JAY PURSUES AFTER HER.

MAX LOOKS TO BYRON AS HE BEGINS A SILENT COUNTDOWN, "TEN,
NINE" -- BYRON LUNGES OUT AND MAKES HIS MOVE FOR THE FLAG.

MAX CONTINUES TO COUNTDOWN SILENTLY, FOLLOWING HIS ORDERS.

AARON SEES BYRON AND PURSUES WITHOUT HESITATION. AARON CLEVERLY BLOCKS ANY CHANCE BYRON HAS OF CAPTURING THE FLAG.

DEFEATED, BYRON FLEES TO THE LEFT, BACK INTO THE TANGO LIAR AREA. AARON PURSUES AFTER BYRON.

AS THEY DISAPPEAR INTO THE LIAR, MAX HAS FINISHED HIS COUNTDOWN. THE TANGO'S FLAG IS WIDE-OPEN FOR THE TAKING. THE TANGOS TOOK THE BAIT, AND NOW MAX SPRINTS FOR THE FLAG.

SUZY AND BYRON ARE STILL BEING CHASED AS MAX REACHES THE TANGO'S FLAG. MAX LIFTS THE FLAG IN HIS GRASP AND RINGS A BELL PLACED BEHIND THE FLAG. *RING! RING! RING!*

THE GAME IS OVER. TEAM ALPHA HAS WON.

INTERCUT: VARIOUS PLAYGROUND BATTLEFIELD LOCATIONS

AS MAX RINGS THE BELL OF VICTORY, SIGNALING THE GAME IS OVER, THE PLAYERS ON THE BATTLEFIELD STOP PLAYING. ALPHAS CHEER, AND TANGOS SHRUG IN DEFEAT.

INTERCUT: BACK TO TANGOS BASE

MAX HOLDS THE FLAG IN VICTORY AS JENNY, JAY-JAY, BYRON, AND AARON RE-ENTER THE AREA. THEY STAND BEFORE MAX SILENTLY, WITH HONOR AND RESPECT, AS HE WAVES THE FLAG.

AARON
(with honor and respect)

Not bad, new kid.

BYRON PLACES HIS ARM ON AARON'S SHOULDER.

BYRON

His name is Max... And he's an Alpha.

MAX STANDS AT ATTENTION.

BYRON, JENNY, JAY-JAY, AND AARON STAND AT ATTENTION.

MAX SALUTES. THEY SALUTE BACK.

FADE OUT

THE END