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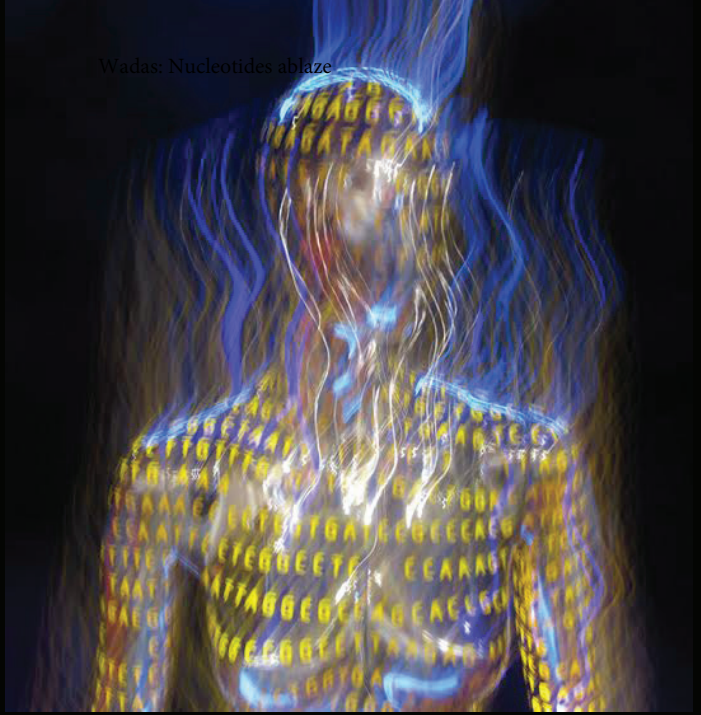
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He didn't enter immediately?

No. I suppose he might have been putting the key back in his pocket.

So you waited. Then what?

He stepped from the patio into the living room, holding the gun in his right hand.

You saw the gun?

It was the first thing I saw as he stepped in. He was holding it out in front of him.

Then what did you do?

As I said earlier, I lunged at him, grabbing his wrist with one hand, and the hand holding the gun with my other.

And that's when you, when the gun fired.

Yes. I pushed him against the door when I lunged. The barrel of the gun slammed into his abdomen and fired. What did you do then?

I retrieved the gun from where

he'd dropped it and placed it on the dining room table.

Did you offer any assistance to the deceased?

I checked his pulse. He was dead.

What did you tell the police when they arrived?

Just what I've testified today.

Do you feel responsible for Audie Johnson's death?

No.

No?

Objection, your honor. Asked and answered.

Sustained.

You feel no culpability about this man's death?

Objection.

Sustained, counselor.

You have a very convenient con-

science, Mr. Brody.

Your honor!

Withdrawn. You put the gun on the dining room table, correct?

Yes.

I assume that's why your fingerprints were found on the weapon.

I suppose.

And you never touched the trigger, but that's where I'm confused again, Mr. Brody. I'm confused by how your fingerprints got onto the trigger guard and onto the trigger itself. How do you explain that?

Nothing to say, Mr. Brody? You testified you never touched the trigger, but your prints were found on it. Forgive me irritating confusion, but can you help me with this? Can you clarify for me how the evidence contradicts your testimony? What exactly is your explanation for this inconsistency, for this irregularity in your testimony?