

600 Seconds – Detailed Solution

Would you like to know more about the historical background and connections in UNDO - 600 Seconds? Below are the details for all of your decision options for each of the Story cards in the case.

A Reminder: What Truly Happened

A group of terrorists blackmailed the United States government. The terrorists occupied several floors of a skyscraper and placed a bomb there. They accepted that death was likely on the mission.

The final briefing was in a pizzeria opposite the skyscraper in the early evening. The group then entered the skyscraper, secured several floors with armed force, and planted a bomb on the 17th floor.

The deceased – Terence – was an old CIA agent who had planned to fly to Hawaii with his son Robin to join his wife and daughter. However, Robin was called to work on short notice and Terence waited for him in the Sky Lounge to celebrate New Year's Eve.

Robin was responsible for a foreign delegation located on the 18th floor of the skyscraper. Although he was supposed to finish work well before midnight, Robin hadn't arrived at Terence's Sky Lounge. Then, shortly before midnight, Terence got a call from his superior who informed him of the bomb threat and asked him to investigate as he was the only agent on site.

Terence took the elevator to the 30th floor where shots were reported. He was surprised there by a group of armed men. Terence tried to negotiate with them, but they opened fire and he was shot in the leg before he managed to shoot all of the attackers.

Meanwhile, Robin tried to escape the terrorists who had taken the delegation and staff hostage on the 18th floor. He freed himself from his bonds and climbed into a ventilation shaft.

Injured, Terence reached an abandoned shopping arcade and bound his wound with a few gauze bandages. When his pursuers tracked him down, he fled to the outside terrace. There he encountered a young woman standing on the parapet who he assumed was trying to kill herself. Gunshots from the pursuers forced the two of them to jump onto a window-washing platform and use it to lower themselves. The mechanism suddenly quit on the 20th floor and Terence shot out a window so the two could jump into the casino foyer.

In the casino, they quickly realized that something was wrong when they were suddenly lit up from outside by the search lights of the terrorist's helicopter. As the woman fled, Terence considered storming the casino, but after peeking through the cracked-open door, he decided that he had no chance against the crowd of armed hostage-takers. So, he followed the woman instead.

Then, Terence went to the floor where his son was supposed to be working. He met the leader of the terrorists there, who pretended to be a janitor. The leader drew his gun and shot Terence in the foot before he was struck down by Terence. Terence searched him and found a circuit diagram of the bomb and a floor plan for the 17th floor. Terence hurried there but the door of the room marked on the floor plan was locked.

In the meantime, Robin had crawled through the ventilation shaft and exited one floor below into a room where he accidently discovered the bomb. Suddenly, someone shook the door and Robin decided to climb back into the shaft.

Terence kicked the door in and saw someone trying to climb into a shaft. He grabbed their legs and pulled them out into the room. Robin! Terence was relieved that Robin was still alive. He sent him to the first floor to escape and devoted himself to defusing the bomb. But he had too little time to prevent the catastrophe.

Details for All Decision Options

1: Pizzeria Scorsese, New Year's Eve, 8:57 pm

- **A:** At the same time that the terrorist leader was crossing the street, Terence was on his way to the skyscraper to celebrate with Robin. If you caused the dog to bite Terence, he would have lost time and would have an injury that would hinder him the rest of the evening. (-10 Seconds) (1 Wound)
- **B:** If the terrorist leader had been hit and injured in front of the pizzeria, he would have been hindered for the rest of the evening, thereby giving Terence more time. (+20 Seconds)
- **C:** This is what actually happened. The man was the terrorist leader. He felt his belt pouch to ensure everything important was still there: prayer book, weapon, cell phone everything was in place. Then he entered the skyscraper. (0 Seconds)

2: Sky Lounge, 49th floor, 11:50:00 pm

- **A:** It would have taken Terence a lot of time to go downstairs and back up again. He should have considered beforehand that the elevator wouldn't operate without electricity ... (-30 Seconds)
- **B:** This is what actually happened. Terence immediately went to the 30th floor because shots had been reported there. (0 Seconds)
- **C:** If Terence had gone to the 17th floor first, he would have known that something was wrong there because the elevator was locked from the outside. But it would have taken him extra time to get to the 30th floor afterwards. (-20 Seconds)

3: Z.P. Tax Consulting, 30th floor, 11:50:40 pm

- A: If Terence had immediately jumped to safety, he wouldn't have been wounded and he would still have silenced all of the intruders. Without injury, he would have taken time to search their pockets. This would have taken a few seconds, but at least he would have found a **Screwdriver**, which would be helpful in defusing the Bomb later. (-10 Seconds)
- **B:** This is what actually happened. The intruders weren't interested in talking and opened fire immediately. Terence was able to silence them all, but one shot grazed his leg, which prevented him from doing anything more. (0 Seconds) (1 Wound)
- **C:** Terence would have gained valuable seconds if he had immediately escaped into the stairwell. (+10 Seconds)



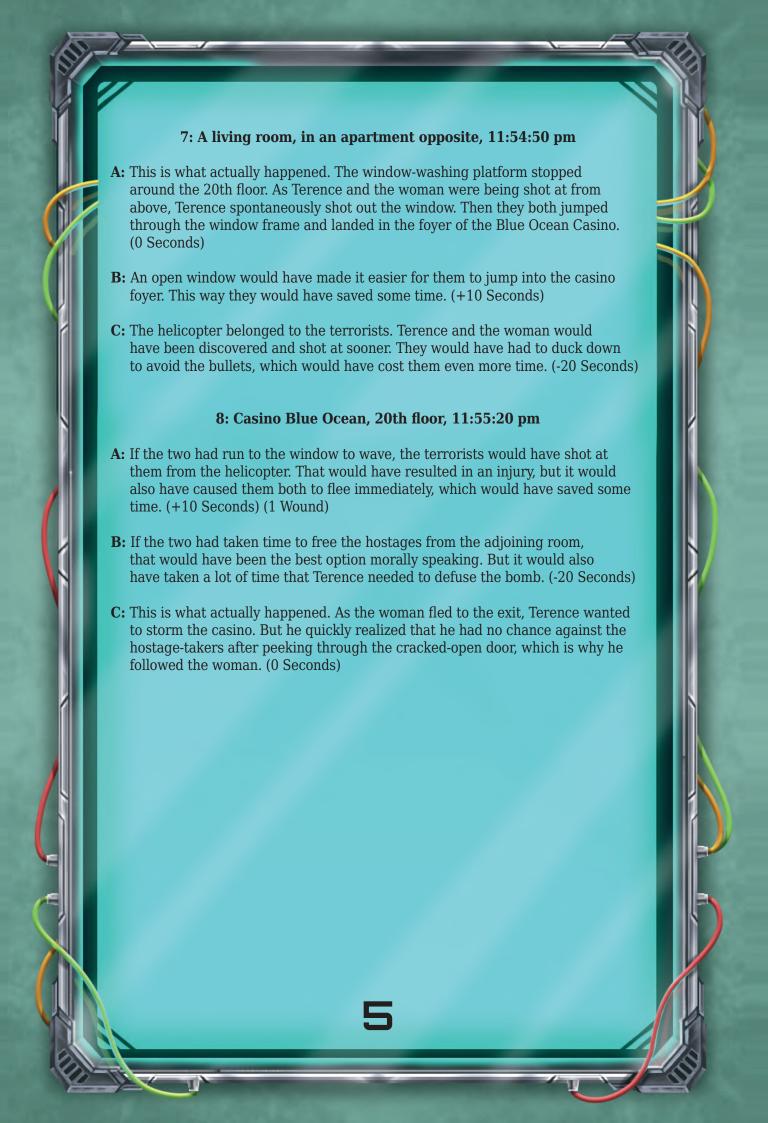
- **A:** This is what actually happened. Robin freed himself from his bonds and escaped by climbing into a ventilation shaft. This shaft initially led him sideways to a junction. There, Robin decided to climb down because it was easier than climbing up. (0 Seconds)
- **B:** Opening the translation app would have given Robin useless information. He would have wondered: "what the hell does thirty problems mean?" After that, Robin would have tried to break free however, this would have had no effect on Terence's time. (0 Seconds)
- **C:** Receiving a text message tapped out by foot would have confused Terence and would cost him some precious seconds. (-10 Seconds)

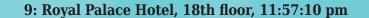
5: A Shopping Arcade, 25th floor, 11:52:10 pm

- **A:** The New Year's Eve rockets would not have had any meaningful use later and would have had no effect on his time. (0 Seconds)
- **B:** Taking the chewing gum would have had no effect on Terence's time. But at least the **Aluminum Foil** would have helped him defuse the bomb later. (0 Seconds)
- **C:** This is what actually happened. Terence was already wounded from a bullet grazing his leg and expected there might be more injuries this evening. That is why he pocketed the **Gauze Bandages**. (0 Seconds)

6: An outdoor terrace, 25th floor, 11:52:40 pm

- **A:** If Terence had tried to calm the woman down, she would have listened to him at first. But the moment she saw the gun in his hand, she would have jumped onto the window-washing platform. Terence would have followed her and discovered the platform a little earlier. (+10 Seconds)
- **B:** If the woman had jumped immediately, that would have been the quickest way for Terence to discover the window-washing platform and he would have followed the woman there. (+20 Seconds)
- **C:** This is what actually happened. Terence was afraid the young woman would kill herself. So, he crept up quietly and pulled her off the parapet. That cost him a lot of valuable time. (0 Seconds)





- A: The janitor would have tried not to arouse suspicion and so would have slowly complied with Terence's request. After that, Terence would have disappeared into the stairwell. This would have taken longer than what actually happened. The janitor would not have run after Terence, as he saw no great danger in Terence. After all, it was less than 3 minutes until the bomb exploded. (-10 Seconds)
- **B:** Terence thought it was possible that the man wasn't a real janitor, but he wasn't sure. Had he simply knocked him out, it would have been a compromise to either take out a possible terrorist or cause minimal harm to a possibly innocent janitor. This also would have taken the least time because it would not have occurred to him to check the man's belt bag since he had no presumption that this man was actually a terrorist. (+10 Seconds)
- C: This is what actually happened. The supposed janitor was actually the terrorist leader. He pretended to have proof of his job in his belt pouch. He found his gun, which he quickly drew to shoot Terence. Terence reacted quickly and shot the terrorist but was hit in the foot himself. Then Terence searched his belt pouch because there was an interesting looking plan sticking out of the open pocket. He found both a floor plan of the 17th floor and a Circuit Diagram of the bomb. (0 Seconds) (1 Wound)

10: An office, 17th floor, 11:58:40 pm

- A: This is what actually happened. Robin panicked when he saw the bomb. When someone rattled the doorknob, he was afraid the terrorists were looking for him. He decided to climb back into the ventilation shaft. Meanwhile, Terence kicked the door in and saw someone trying to climb into a shaft. He reached for the legs and pulled the person out. Robin! Father and son briefly fell into each other's arms. Then Terence sent his son to the ground floor to escape and then began defusing the bomb. (0 Seconds)
- **B:** Of course, if Robin had opened the door from the inside, it would have been the fastest way for Terence to get into the room. He would not have wasted time in shooting the door open or kicking it in. (+20 Seconds)
- C: Due to the faked accent, Terence would have suspected that terrorists were behind the door. Therefore, he wouldn't have tried kicking the door in, but would have shot it open. At least this would have made for a quicker entry. (+10 Seconds)

11: A meeting room, 18th floor, 11:59:10 pm

All 3 of the named people (technician, actress, pizza delivery boy) belonged to the terrorists. They were dressed differently so that the terrorists could react spontaneously to different unexpected events.

- A: Had the technician been dispatched, Terence would not have let him go as he did the Pizza delivery boy because he hoped to find something in the technician's toolbox that would be useful in disarming the bomb. This would have taken more time, but he would have gained a useful can of Freeze Spray (-10 Seconds)
- **B:** The actress would have pretended to be fleeing in panic. As Terence tried to calm her down, the woman would have quickly drawn her gun to shoot Terence. He would have shot her, but he also would have been injured. However, this would have saved some time as it would have all happened very quickly. (+10 Seconds) (1 Wound)
- **C:** This is what actually happened. The pizza delivery boy checked the bomb in the room. Terence hid behind the desk to stay unnoticed and hopefully to preserve enough time to defuse the bomb. The pizza delivery boy didn't notice him and went away. (0 Seconds)

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