Frank Farmer (Kevin Costner) is the personal bodyguard to superstar actress/singer Rachel Marron (Whitney Houston) in The Bodyguard.

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Rachel Marron (Whitney Houston) is pregnant and is about to begin a world tour, but she is hounded by the press. She hires Scott Bakula as a bodyguard. Scott's life changes when he becomes attracted to Rachel. As his feelings for her grow, Rachel begins to receive death threats. Eventually, they are able to stop the threat.

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