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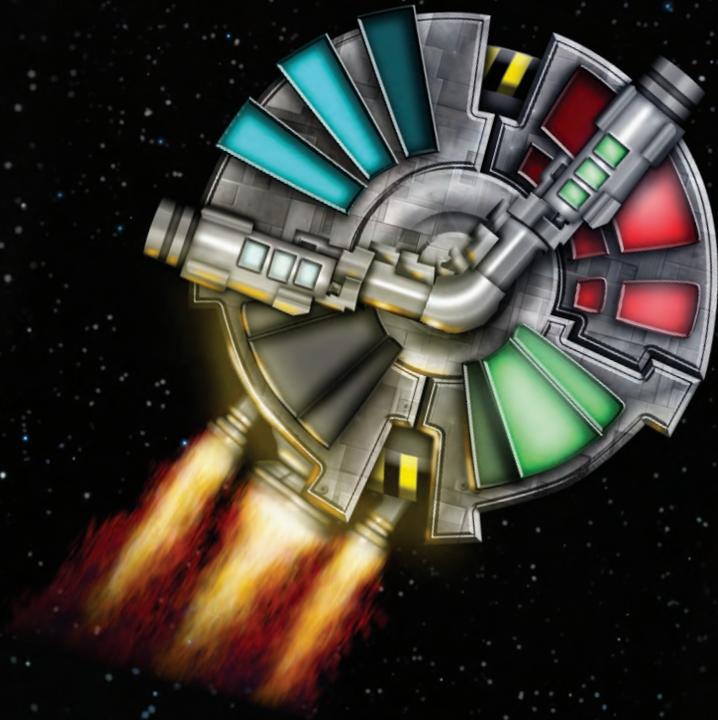


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IF WE'RE GOING
TO DO THIS...



THEN THERE
ARE SOME THINGS WE
NEED TO GO OVER
FIRST.



THIS WILL END THE WAY IT BEGAN.



WITH FIRE...



BLOOD...



AND TEARS...



BUT BEFORE WE GET TO ALL OF
THAT, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REVIEW
WHAT'S ALREADY HAPPENED. SO,
LET'S TALK ABOUT SELIM AND
HER BROTHER MATTHEW.



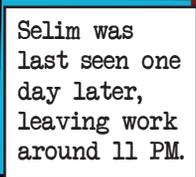
Matthew George, 28. Enrolled in the Boston Fire Academy.



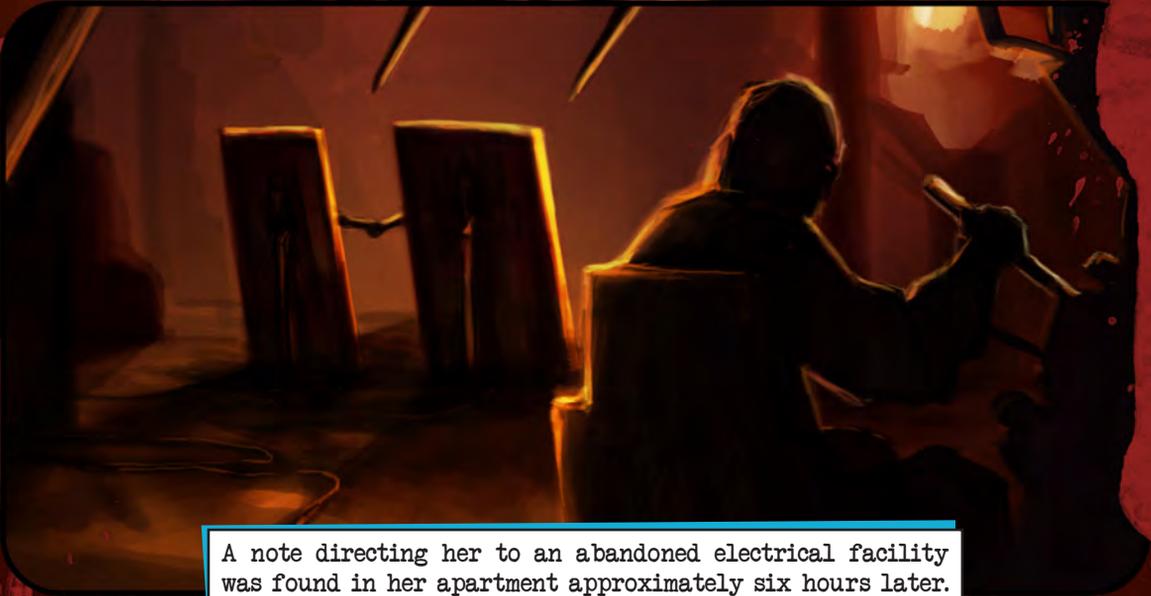
Selim George, 25, his younger sister. A nurse at Boston Medical and a kickboxing instructor.



Parents and friends say they were very close. Matthew was reported missing on September 9th, 2006. His keys were on the ground near his apartment.



Selim was last seen one day later, leaving work around 11 PM.



A note directing her to an abandoned electrical facility was found in her apartment approximately six hours later.

Provenance.

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LOOK AT HER ARM.
GALLAGHER SAID THOSE WERE
FROM BEFORE SHE DIED, BUT THEY
AREN'T DEFENSIVE WOUNDS, THEY
GO AROUND HER
WHOLE ARM.

WHY
HURT HER WHEN
HE KNEW HE WAS
GOING TO KILL HER
ALREADY?

THIS GUY'S
DISTURBED, ERICA.
HE LIKES HURTING
PEOPLE.

I KNOW, JOHN.
BUT WE'RE STILL MISSING
SOMETHING. SOMETHING
IMPORTANT.

I CAN FEEL IT.

Time of death for the
George siblings is placed
at approximately two hours
after Selim went missing.



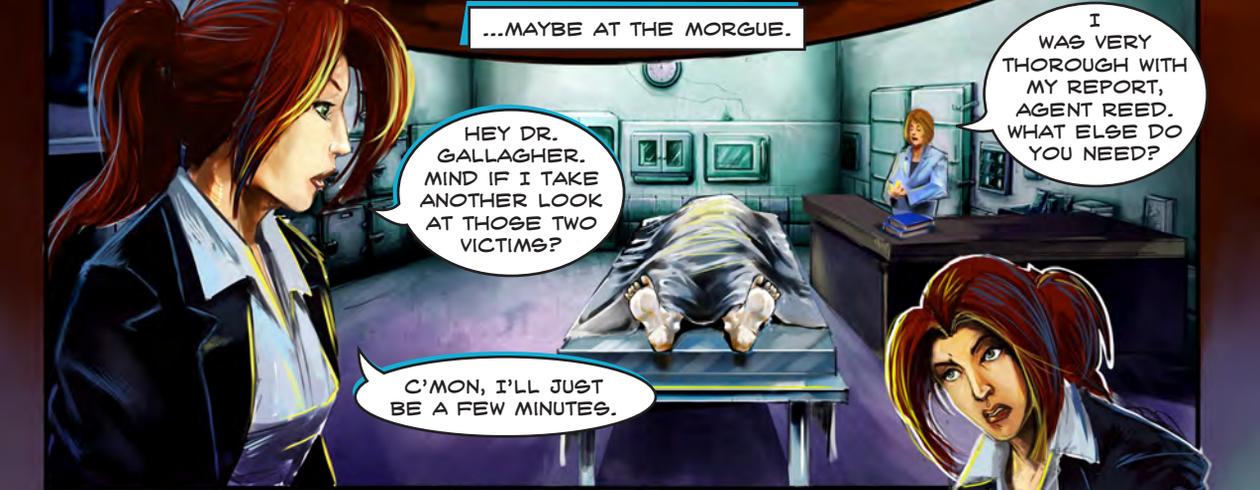
WHAT I
WANNA KNOW
IS HOW HE RIGGED THIS
THING UP. HE DID THIS AND
HE TOOK DOWN A GUY
WHO WENT THROUGH
THE ACADEMY

STRONG
AND SMART, GOODIE,
MY FAVORITE COMBINATION!
HEY... DO YOU WANNA TRY
DOING YOUR THING
ON THEM?

SHH!
DON'T LET
MCADAMS HEAR
YOU, I DON'T NEED
OUR FREAKIN'
DIRECTOR
FINDING OUT.

PLUS I
CAN'T IN HERE.
TOO MANY
PEOPLE...

...MAYBE AT THE MORGUE.



HEY DR.
GALLAGHER.
MIND IF I TAKE
ANOTHER LOOK
AT THOSE TWO
VICTIMS?

I
WAS VERY
THOROUGH WITH
MY REPORT,
AGENT REED.
WHAT ELSE DO
YOU NEED?

C'MON, I'LL JUST
BE A FEW MINUTES.



VERY WELL.
BUT GLOVES ON!



SORRY,
GALLAGHER...

...BUT I NEED DIRECT CONTACT FOR THIS TO WORK.

MATT!
MATTY, I'M
HERE, I'M COMING!
PLEASE, PLEASE
BE OKAY!

YOUR BLOOD
WILL SAVE
HIM

OH GOD...

AHHHH!
NNHH...
OH GOD...
MATTY, PLEASE
BE OKAY...

AHHH!

I CAN'T...
MY ARM...
I CAN'T GET
IT OUT!

THEN
YOU CAN'T
SAVE HIM.

DAMMIT!
I WAS REALLY
HOPING I'D GET A FACE
OUT OF THAT. BUT SHE'S
THE ONE HE WANTED TO
SUFFER, EVEN
THOUGH HE KNEW
HE WAS GONNA
KILL HER.

THAT MESSAGE, THAT ENTIRE
DOOR, WE NEVER SAW THAT! HE
TOOK IT WITH HIM, CLEANED UP
AFTER HIMSELF...

WHY?
DID HE KNOW
THE GEORGES?
EVERYONE'S GOT ALIBIS,
BUT SHE WAS A NURSE.
SHE'D BE MEETING
PEOPLE ALL THE TIME,
NO WAY WE CAN
TRACK 'EM ALL.

ERICA
COULDN'T LET IT GO.
NOT WHEN SHE HAD A BROTHER,
A BROTHER SHE WOULD'VE DONE
ANYTHING FOR, JUST LIKE
SELIM WOULD'VE DONE
FOR MATTHEW...

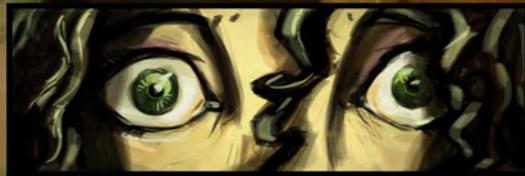
AND
CAMERON
FOR JOE.

HANG ON,
JOE! PLEASE,
HANG ON, I'LL
GET YOU OUT, I
SWEAR!



...AND
JANELLE FOR
ROBERT.

BLOOD
BUYS
HIM
TIME



HER
BROTHER MUST
BE INSIDE. THESE
ARE GETTING MORE
COMPLEX, AND
MORE PUBLIC.

HOW IS
HE GETTING ACCESS
TO THESE PLACES AND
BUILDING MATERIALS?
HE'S GOTTA HAVE
A SUPPLIER OR A
CONNECTION.



THEN
WE NEED TO
FIND IT

DO NOT CROSS

HOW'S THAT COMING ALONG?

HURRY UP. IT NEEDS TO BE DONE SOON.

BECAUSE YOU'RE A PART OF THIS, TOO. WITHOUT YOU, NONE OF THIS HAPPENS, AND IT'S FAR TOO LATE TO GO BACK.

IT'S COMING.

I DON'T KNOW WHY...

COUGH

...WHY I'M EVEN HELPING YOU.

OUR PATH WAS CHOSEN LONG BEFORE NOW. NOW, WE'RE JUST WALKING IT UNTIL WE GET TO THE FINAL DOOR...

AND THE END BEGINS.



BUT ERICA STILL HAS HARD WORK AHEAD OF HER...

AND THERE WILL BE LOSSES SHE MUST ACCEPT.



THE PAIN OF HER PAST, I'M
AFRAID, IS NOT OVER YET.

BUT PAIN HAS MADE
HER STRONG.

AND THE PAST MUST
BE UNCOVERED IF
THE FUTURE IS TO
BECOME CLEAR.

THE PAST
ISN'T
UNCLEAR.

NOT TO
US. BUT THE
CHOICES THAT
DETERMINE THE
FUTURE ARE
NOT OURS
ANYMORE.

THOSE CHOICES ARE HERS.

THE PATH IS BEFORE HER...



AND IT WILL BRING US EITHER JUSTICE OR CONDEMNATION.

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WHO WILL BE
THE CAIN KILLER'S
NEXT VICTIM?

MOLENAAR
BITTAR
HALLAHAN

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