RESURGEM

"Evil is Forever"

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EXT. AFRICAN BUSHVELD - DAY

A slim GIRL of seven-years old with dark hair runs through the veld with an equally skinny eight-year old blonde-haired BOY chasing after her.

They stop by a stream and proceed to throw mud at one another, laughing all the while.

The little girl runs back into the tall grasses to escape the mud missiles being launched by the boy when she starts at a sharp pain in her ankle. She jumps back when she sees the puff adder lying in the grass, hissing.

Her ankle is already reddening around the bite marks.

BOY What is it, Jordan?

GIRL I've been bitten.

BOY

What?

GIRL A snake just bit me.

The boy pauses as the situation sinks in and he is suddenly running off across the veld.

BOY Mr. Cassidy! Mr. Cassidy!

EXT. GREEN GARDEN - CONTINUOUS

The boy bursts from the veld onto a well-kept green lawn.

The black GARDENER looks up from his raking to see the boy.

BOY

Mr. Cassidy!

The gardener stops the boy.

GARDENER Peter, what happened?

BOY Jordan's been bitten.

GARDENER Where is she?

BOY

At the stream.

The boy breaks free and runs towards the house.

BOY

Mr. Cassidy!

The gardener takes off into the veld.

EXT. STREAM - CONTINUOUS

The gardener arrives at the stream and finds the little girl sitting on the ground, crying, her face pale.

GIRL

(Crying)

Moses.

She holds out her arms to him and the gardener lifts her into his arms.

He runs off down the stream.

INT. HUT - CONTINUOUS

A SANGOMA is sitting cross legged on a grass mat, eyes closed as though in prayer.

She looks up as the gardener bursts through the animal skin draped across the doorway, the limp figure of the girl in his arms.

Without a word, the sangoma gets to her feet and moves aside for the gardener to place the little girl on the grass mat.

The sangoma moves her hands over the body of the child until she finds the tooth marks on the girl's ankle.

Rummaging through shelves of strange objects and herbs, the sangoma chews on a root and starts rubbing it into the reddened wound.

Her hands still over the wound, the sangoma starts bowing over the wound and chanting.

The little girl opens her eyes in a daze and looks about her to see strange spirit-like beings swirling in the dark thatch of the roof.

The sangoma keeps chanting, bowing lower and faster over the wound.

The little girl's eyes open wide as one of the swirling spirits descends upon her in a violent attack.

She screams.

The sangoma places a rawhide necklace around the girl's neck. Attached to the necklace are three crystals: green, red and grey.

The little girl arches her back in pain and suddenly lapses into unconsciousness.

A large MAN with dark hair and darker eyes bursts through the entrance to the hut.

He shoves the sangoma aside and lifts the girl into his arms, disappearing from the hut faster than he had entered it.

INT. CAR - CONTINUOUS

The dark-haired man is driving furiously, his brow etched with concern.

Behind him on the back seat is the little girl, lying unconscious on her MOTHER'S lap.

The dark-haired man - her father - looks worriedly into the rearview mirror and his eyes meet those of his wife's.

The little girl's eyes slowly open and she looks up at her mother curiously.

GIRL

Mom?

MOTHER Ssshh, it's going to be okay, Jordan.

GIRL

What is?

The mother looks confused and looks back down at the bite on her daughter's ankle.

It has healed, leaving behind only two very faint pin-pricks.

MOTHER

Oh, my God.

The mother hugs the little girl.

C.U. of the girl's face and zoom in on her blue eyes.

2011 - Shakhty, USSR

INT. ABANDONED BUILDING - EVENING

Zoom out from blue eyes to that of thirty year old JORDAN CASSIDY, her long, dark hair tied back in a ponytail.

She is holding a gun in one hand and a torch in the other, both hands held together as she moves silently down a corridor.

Sounds of someone moving appear from one of the rooms down the corridor.

Jordan turns into the doorway of the room and her light falls on a MAN holding down a WOMAN, a knife raised in his hand.

JORDAN

Andrei!

The man runs off into a doorway to the right of the room.

Jordan fires two shots after him.

She drops down alongside the woman.

JORDAN Ty v poryadke? (Are you ok?)

The woman nods and Jordan runs through the right side doorway after the man.

Jordan ends up in another corridor and approaches the doorway at the end of the corridor, her back against the wall.

She shines the torch into the room opposite her and continues moving sideways down the corridor to the door at the end.

She stops in front of the last doorway before swinging into it, aiming her gun and torch around the room.

The man comes out of the side room she shone the light into and stabs her in the left shoulder blade, leaving the knife behind in her back.

Jordan elbows him in the face twice before turning round and kicking him in the stomach.

The man falls to the ground, holding his stomach and his bleeding nose.

Jordan keeps the gun trained on him.

The man looks up at her and hesitates.

JORDAN

Vy preeznayetye myenya. Khorosheey. Poskolku ya preeznayu vas. (You recognise me. Good. Because I recognise you.)

C.U. of his face to see a superimposed spirit-like face appear over the man's face - a face behind a face.

Jordan reaches down and pulls the man onto his feet, the gun aimed at his head.

She pushes him towards the door.

JORDAN Upravlyayemiy. (Run.)

He turns uncertainly towards the doorway.

JORDAN Upravlyayemiy! (Run!)

She smacks him on the back of the head with her gun.

The man runs through the doorway and down the corridor.

Jordan sits down and levels her gun at the fleeing man.

She fires her gun and the man drops instantly to the ground.

Jordan crouches over, the knife still in her back when there are sounds of approaching men.

The RUSSIAN POLICE appear in the corridor and approach her in the room.

A burly DETECTIVE kneels before Jordan.

DETECTIVE Jordan, are you okay?

Jordan nods.

JORDAN I got him. He's over there.

She points with her gun at the body in the corridor.

What?

JORDAN He tried to run. We got the son-of-a-bitch.

A POLICEMAN kneels beside the body of the man and places his fingers on the pulse in his neck.

POLICEMAN He's dead.

JORDAN

(A Beat) I got him in the leg.

POLICEMAN Clean shot to the head.

Jordan shakes her head in disbelief.

DETECTIVE Don't worry, Jordan. He's the bad guy here. It'll be okay.

Cape Town, South Africa

INT. JORDAN'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

There are sounds of keys at the door and the door presently opens and Jordan walks in carrying a bag and pulling another suitcase behind her.

She dumps the keys on the table alongside the door, closes the door and leaves her bags in front of it.

She walks out onto her balcony.

EXT. JORDAN'S APARTMENT BALCONY - CONTINUOUS

Jordan looks out across the Atlantic Ocean.

She turns and walks inside, leaving the glass doors open.

INT. JORDAN'S APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

Jordan picks up the handset of her phone and dials a number.

After a moment, she hears the person's voicemail.

JORDAN It's me. I'm in town. Give me a call when you get this message. Thanks. Bye.

She hangs up.

INT. JORDAN'S BEDROOM - LATER

Jordan is having a nightmare.

Dream Montage: Jordan is chasing the Russian killer. She can see the face of a man behind the face of the killer. He is calling to her for help. She wakes with a start.

Her cellphone is ringing on the bedside table.

Jordan reaches over and picks it up.

DETECTIVE GERARD (O.S.) Hello, is this Doctor Jordan Cassidy?

JORDAN

Yes.

INT. DETECTIVE GERARD'S OFFICE, NANTES - CONTINUOUS

DETECTIVE GERARD, man of middle height and an open face, is sitting at his desk. Only the desk lamp is on in his office.

DETECTIVE GERARD Hello, Doctor. My name is Detective Jerome Gerard from the Nantes Homicide Division. I received your number from Chief Inspector Francois de Ville. I was wondering whether you'd be able to assist us with our case in Machecoul. A number of children have gone missing.

INT. JORDAN'S APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

JORDAN I'm sorry, Detective Gerard, but I track down serial killers, not missing persons.

INT. DETECTIVE GERARD'S OFFICE, NANTES - CONTINUOUS

DETECTIVE GERARD We believe these children are dead. We have already found two of them with their throats slit. They have been sexually abused, probably post mortem.

INT. JORDAN'S APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

Jordan looks out the open balcony doors to the sea outside.

JORDAN I will be on the first flight to Nantes.

Stellenbosch, South Africa

EXT. DIRT FARM ROAD - EARLY MORNING

Jordan is driving along the road in a jeep.

EXT. DRIVEWAY OF PETER'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

She stops outside a Cape Dutch house surrounded by vineyards.

As she climbs from the jeep, a blonde MAN about the same age approaches her.

He hugs her and they start walking towards the house.

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EXT. HOUSE PATIO - A LITTLE LATER

Jordan is sitting in a swing chair with a cup of coffee in her hands.

The man stands against the patio railing, holding a cup of coffee and looking at her intently.

PETER Sorry I missed your call last night.

Jordan shrugs.

PETER (indicating the raw hide necklace around Jordan's necklace with the three crystals on) You still wearing that?

JORDAN

Always.

PETER So, you got him.

JORDAN There has to be another way other than to kill them, Pete. Have you found anything?

Peter shakes his head.

JORDAN Three of them in under a year. How are they getting out? Are they being let out?

PETER I can find nothing in the scriptures. I'm sorry, Jordan.

JORDAN I've killed two men and sent another to the electric chair.

PETER You've saved 63 people.

JORDAN If I keep killing them, how am I any different from them?

PETER

You can't think like that.

JORDAN

You know what I can't stop wondering? Are they aware of what's going on? Can they see me? Do they call out for help?

PETER

It's not your fault. (A beat) Jordan, it's not your fault. God has given you the power to see them, to know them. You are meant to be where you are right now. You cannot go doubting yourself now.

Jordan gets up and walks to the railing.

JORDAN

How many more are out there, Pete? How many more do I have to kill before I become more of a monster than them?

PETER

Jordan ...

JORDAN

I'm leaving for France this afternoon. There's a serial killer murdering little boys. Let's pray to your God it's not one of them.

Nantes Airport, France

INT. NANTES AIRPORT - EVENING

Jordan walks into the airport and is almost immediately approached by a dark-haired man in his mid-thirties.

DETECTIVE GERARD Doctor Cassidy, I am Detective Jerome Gerard. I'm so glad you have arrived safely.

JORDAN Thank you for meeting me here. DETECTIVE GERARD Of course.

He clears his throat.

DETECTIVE GERARD

I tried to reach you on your phone but you must've had it off during the flight. We found three more of the victims about an hour ago. They're in Machecoul Castle. My men found them while searching for more bodies in the field behind the castle. It's just about an hour's drive from here.

JORDAN

Well, let's go.

DETECTIVE GERARD You don't want to get settled in your hotel room?

JORDAN No. Let's go.

Machecoul Castle

EXT. MACHECOUL CASTLE - LATER

They pull up outside the castle ruins in the midst of an overgrown field, which is now overrun with police and crime scene specialists.

Jordan and Detective Gerard climb from the car.

JORDAN How did you find them here?

DETECTIVE GERARD The bodies in the field were found by some kids playing in the ditches of the castle's old moat. The three inside were found by some of my people while searching for more bodies. They've been recently killed.

Detective Gerard speaks with one of the OFFICERS in French.

He turns to Jordan.

DETECTIVE GERARD Two of the victims are in the dungeon. The most recent is upstairs.

JORDAN I want to see the one upstairs.

INT. MACHECOUL CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

Detective Gerard and Jordan follow OFFICER BOILLEAU - a young, fairhaired police officer - up winding stairs to a corridor above, a trail of dried blood leading from the room at the end of the corridor.

INT. ROOM IN MACHECOUL CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

Mean lighting is placed about the room in the form of oil-soaked torches.

Jordan enters the room and sees a shimmering wave across the scene - almost like a mirage. Everywhere she looks she sees the wave. She waits for it to pass.

DETECTIVE GERARD Are you okay, Doctor?

Jordan raises her hand to quiet him.

She sees blood along the floor and pieces of wood and iron lying about the room. The enormous bed is covered with sheets caked in dried blood.

An old tub stands off to one side and the fireplace contains cold ashes with iron pokers lying in it.

Several hooks and chains hang from the stone walls. Hanging from one of these hooks is the corpse of a 7 year old blonde BOY.

Detective Gerard turns away and leaves the room briefly.

Jordan looks away and slowly pulls her gloves on.

She takes a deep breath and turns back to the body which she approaches slowly and sadly.

The body is naked and she looks behind the body to see the hook the corpse is hanging on, pierced through his neck. She looks down and sees the wedge of wood inserted in the boy's rectum.

Jordan steps away from the body and looks down at the pool of dried blood directly under it. She crouches down and examines a whitish substance on the floor. She looks across at the bed.

> JORDAN Whose blood is that?

OFFICER BOILLEAU We think it belongs to one or both of the other victims. There's more in the tub.

Jordan approaches the tub and looks down at the sludge of blood covering the bottom.

Detective Gerard enters the room again.

JORDAN The other two victims you found before this, did they have anything in their necks?

DETECTIVE GERARD No, but the medical examiner says it looks as though something thick was inserted in their necks and then torn out afterwards.

JORDAN And they were both sexually assaulted in a similar fashion?

DETECTIVE GERARD Yes.

JORDAN Blonde boys?

DETECTIVE GERARD Yes.

JORDAN I want to see the two victims downstairs.

INT. MACHECOUL STAIRWAY - CONTINUOUS

Jordan follows Detective Gerard and Officer Boilleau downstairs, looking down at the streaks of dried blood along the stone floor and stairs where they enter the dungeon.

INT. MACHECOUL CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

As they near the dungeon, Officer Boilleau and Detective Gerard cover their mouths and noses with their sleeves.

INT. MACHECOUL DUNGEON - CONTINUOUS

They enter the dungeon and Officer Boilleau points to the open door of an oven.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Their remains are in the oven.

Jordan approaches the oven and looks through it at the small bones.

Detective Gerard gags behind her and leaves the dungeon.

Jordan turns and looks in the direction Detective Gerard had been facing and stares in absolute horror at the rotting heads of two blonde boys skewered on erect poles.

EXT. MACHECOUL CASTLE - A LITTLE LATER

Jordan finds Detective Gerard squatting down in the grass, his hand over his mouth.

DETECTIVE GERARD I have a six year old son.

JORDAN

I need to find out what was burnt in the fireplace upstairs and I want your medical examiner to check the pelvic bones of the two cremated bodies. I assume you're already running the DNA from the semen found on the floor and bed through your systems.

DETECTIVE GERARD Of course.

JORDAN What is the history of this place?

Detective Gerard stands slowly.

DETECTIVE GERARD It was once Machecoul Castle, the home of the infamous Gilles de Rais; a commander in the army of Joan of Arc and a convicted serial killer of between 80 and 200 children.

JORDAN

200?

DETECTIVE GERARD That history estimates. Historians say the number is probably closer to 600.

Jordan steps back and looks up at the ruins.

JORDAN When we spoke on the phone, you said you found two other victims. Where?

DETECTIVE GERARD The ruins of Tiffauges Castle.

JORDAN How long ago was that?

DETECTIVE GERARD About four months ago. We didn't think it was a serial killer until the field.

JORDAN Do you have any suspects to the murders in Tiffauges?

DETECTIVE GERARD No.

JORDAN Did Tiffauges Castle belong to Gilles de Rais?

DETECTIVE GERARD Yes.

JORDAN How was the killer able to access the castle? Isn't it a tourist attraction?

DETECTIVE GERARD Yes. But it was closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays due to renovations. The walls were becoming dangerously frail.

JORDAN Where are the other bodies?

DETECTIVE GERARD I will show you. Jordan follows Detective Gerard around the castle and across a field bustling with AUTHORITIES. Jordan notes the three stretchers that pass her carrying the small bodies now covered with a black tarpaulin.

Detective Gerard greets some of the OFFICERS on his way in.

He stops atop a small rise and waits for Jordan to join him.

Jordan looks down into the ditch at the desiccated bones and scarce remains of at least a dozen children's bodies, mixed in with the rubble while MEDICAL EXAMINERS, CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS and CORONERS all work to gather evidence and remove the bodies.

> DETECTIVE GERARD You come highly recommended by Interpol and the FBI, Doctor Cassidy. I have to believe you will catch this monster.

JORDAN That makes two of us.

INT. JORDAN'S HOTEL ROOM - LATER

Jordan comes out of the bathroom drying her hair with a towel.

She sits down at her computer and opens up her skype where she starts typing a message to Peter.

C.U. Message: It's another one of them. Saw his residue at the scene today. Possibly the worst yet. Call me when you get this.

Jordan closes her skype and maximizes the internet pages she's viewing.

C.U.: The heading on the page reads "Gilles de Rais".

C.U. of Snippets as follows: "torturing, raping and murdering dozens, if not hundreds, of children" "he is considered by some historians to be a precursor of the modern serial killer." "In 1435 Rais retired from military service to his estates ... experiment with the occult ... sacrificing children to a demon called "Barron."" "raped, tortured and mutilated them, often masturbating over the dying victim. ...set up the severed heads of the children in order to judge which was the most fair. The precise number of Rais' infanticides is not known, as most of the bodies were burned or buried." "Rais... hanged at Nantes on 26 October 1440."

C.U.: picture of Gilles de Rais.

Another page opens up onto an online store and the title of a book "The Trial of Gilles de Rais" by George Bataille.

Jordan orders the book and clicks "proceed to checkout".

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - EARLY MORNING

Detective Gerard walks into the police station still looking strained and tired, his hair damp. He greets Officer Boilleau from the previous night with a nod.

> OFFICER BOILLEAU N'importe quel mot de votre frère, inspecteur? (Any word from your brother, detective?)

DETECTIVE GERARD Tout de même rien. Merci pour la demande. (Still nothing. Thanks for asking)

Detective Gerard sees Jordan standing in front of a wall covered with photos of children - a sign above saying "Disparus".

DETECTIVE GERARD Good morning, Doctor Cassidy.

JORDAN Morning, detective.

DETECTIVE GERARD Did Boilleau give you all my contact numbers?

JORDAN

Yes, thank you.

They look at the wall together - all of the missing children have blonde hair, some are girls but the majority are boys - all between the ages of 5 and 16.

> JORDAN There's a lot of them.

DETECTIVE GERARD All gone missing in and around Nantes within the past ten months.

JORDAN

I need you to send out a press release alerting the public to this predator and recommend that all parents with blonde children have their hair dyed dark as soon as possible. DETECTIVE GERARD But the killer will see and change his selection of victims.

JORDAN

Something tells me this guy doesn't watch TV that much and keep the press release to television and radio only.

DETECTIVE GERARD I don't understand.

JORDAN

That's okay, 'cos I do. I also need a list of all the castles, manors and churches within a 100km radius of Machecoul.

DETECTIVE GERARD You think he's a student of history.

Jordan's phone starts ringing.

JORDAN More or less.

She starts walking towards the door.

JORDAN And I need the results of those tests as soon as possible.

As she pushes open the door, she answers her phone.

EXT. NANTES POLICE STATION - CONTINUOUS

Jordan answers her phone.

JORDAN

Pete.

EXT. VINEYARDS IN STELLENBOSCH - CONTINUOUS

Peter is walking through the vineyards on his farm. He is wearing a priest's collar and black clothes.

PETER Do you know who he is?

EXT. NANTES POLICE STATION - CONTINUOUS

Cut to Jordan in the police station parking lot.

JORDAN Gilles de Rais.

EXT. VINEYARDS IN STELLENBOSCH - CONTINUOUS

PETER

Who?

EXT. NANTES POLICE STATION - CONTINUOUS

JORDAN Quite possibly the first serial killer the world recognises. A 15th century French nobleman.

Jordan pauses and looks out at the busy street in front of her.

JORDAN Pete, there is no timeline for this guy. He could easily have murdered up to 600 victims, if not more. I can't track him.

EXT. VINEYARDS IN STELLENBOSCH - CONTINUOUS

Peter genuflects.

EXT. NANTES POLICE STATION - CONTINUOUS

JORDAN I don't have time to research him further. Can you check out the libraries and speak to any historian or professor of history you can think of?

PETER (O.S.) Of course.

JORDAN Get back to me asap. (A Beat) Thanks. Bye.

Jordan hangs up.

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - LATER

Jordan is sitting at one of the desks in the police station pouring over statements and photos of the crime scenes.

C.U.: The first two victims, their necks torn open.

Another DETECTIVE, REMY walks up to Officer Boilleau and sits on his desk.

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DETECTIVE REMY
Est cela elle?
(Is that her?)
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Officer Boilleau nods.

DETECTIVE REMY Comprend-elle le français? (Does she understand French?)

OFFICER BOILLEAU N'y ressemble pas. (Doesn't look like it.)

Jordan leans back in her chair, her back to them while reading a report.

DETECTIVE REMY Elle est assez attrayante à un profiler. Américain? (She's pretty hot for a profiler. American?)

OFFICER BOILLEAU No. Elle est sud-africaine. (No. She's South African.)

DETECTIVE REMY

Sud-africain? Elle est le profiler qui a attrapé le tueur de Rostov en Russie. Quel était son nom? (South African? She's the profiler who caught the Rostov killer in Russia. What was his name?)

OFFICER BOILLEAU Sergei quelque chose. (Sergei something.)

DETECTIVE REMY Il copiait les meurtres d'Andrei Chikatilo. J'ai lu elle l'a attrapé dans le temps record. Quelque chose comme deux semaines. (He was copying Andrei Chikatilo's murders. I read she caught him in record time. Something like two weeks.) OFFICER BOILLEAU C'est ça. Mettez un nouveau record. (That's right. Set a new record.)

The detective gets up from the desk, looking impressed.

DETECTIVE REMY Toujours n'en surveillerait pas de morceau bien que, hé? (Still wouldn't mind a piece of that though, hey?)

The detective walks past her desk and Jordan gives him a dirty look as he passes her.

Just then a young COURIER stops at her desk.

COURIER Doctor Jordan Cassidy?

JORDAN

Yes.

COURIER I have parcel for you. Please sign?

He hands her the clipboard he is carrying. Jordan signs it and hands it back to the courier. The courier hands her a rectangular package wrapped in brown paper.

As he leaves, Jordan unwraps the parcel to reveal the book by Georges Batailles "The Trial of Gilles de Rais".

LATER

Detective Gerard walks into an empty station and sits down on Jordan's desk.

DETECTIVE GERARD Got the reports back from the medical examiner and crime unit.

Jordan looks at him expectantly as he hands her the reports.

DETECTIVE GERARD The two burnt victims show lacerations in their pelvic bones, consistent with the same injuries from the other three. The scene is covered with fingerprints and DNA (CONT'D)
but we've been through about
60% of our database and
still no matches.

JORDAN

At least he left us something to work with when we get a suspect. Any evidence found on the other bodies yet?

DETECTIVE GERARD Same sexual damage and similar injuries have been found on the first five we have found and we have managed to identify three of them as missing children on our board. He doesn't kill them in the same way.

JORDAN

How do you mean?

DETECTIVE GERARD Sometimes he slits their throats. Some he has completely severed their heads and some have had their arms and legs cut off. Most of them were murdered by the same weapon. My investigators are trying to identify the weapon. They know it is some sort of blade.

JORDAN Like a sword?

Detective Gerard nods.

JORDAN Any more children reported missing?

DETECTIVE GERARD Thankfully not.

Jordan studies the report in front of her and Detective Gerard looks over the photos and reports littering her desk along with pictures of castles, maps and churches.

DETECTIVE GERARD Have you eaten?

JORDAN I'm not hungry - thank you.

DETECTIVE GERARD How about thirsty?

Jordan looks up at him.

DETECTIVE GERARD Come on. I think we could both do with a drink.

INT. BAR - LATER

Detective Gerard and Jordan are sitting at a small table in the bar, a beer in each of their hands. Jordan scans the bar throughout the conversation, her gaze lingering on certain people before shifting to someone else.

DETECTIVE GERARD It's sad that we don't hear much of South African profilers.

Jordan's gaze shifts momentarily to Gerard.

DETECTIVE GERARD Is that because you don't have many serial killers in South Africa?

JORDAN

No, it's because our police force is not as evolved as those in first world countries. We're still trying to stem the flow of violent crimes and so many serial murderers and organised crime rings are left to run loose in the country.

DETECTIVE GERARD And so? How did you end up choosing this as a career?

JORDAN It kinda chose me.

Gerard nods thoughtfully and takes a swig of his beer.

DETECTIVE GERARD Seems you might be right about that. The way you managed to catch that copy (CONT'D) cat in Shakty is something of a remarkable case. How were you able to identify the killer so quickly? How did you know where he'd be?

JORDAN Calculated guess. I'm sorry to hear about your brother.

Detective Gerard slouches back in his chair and stares sadly at his beer.

JORDAN Stop me if I'm intruding.

Gerard shakes his head.

JORDAN How long has he been missing?

Jordan's attention is now focused on Gerard.

DETECTIVE GERARD Almost a week now.

JORDAN Any leads?

Gerard shakes his head.

DETECTIVE GERARD Marie said he prepared for work as normal and just didn't get there.

JORDAN

Marie?

DETECTIVE GERARD Oh, sorry. My brother's wife. We think maybe kidnapping but we don't know why or who.

Gerard shakes his head again and leans forward over his beer.

DETECTIVE GERARD He's my little brother. (A Beat) Do you have any family, Jordan?

JORDAN

DETECTIVE GERARD I'm sorry to hear that.

JORDAN You don't miss what you've never had.

DETECTIVE GERARD No parents.

JORDAN They died when I was a child. Fortunately, most memories fade over time.

DETECTIVE GERARD I won't ever forget my brother.

Gerard's phone rings and he pulls it from his belt.

DETECTIVE GERARD Detective Gerard. (A Beat) When? (A Beat) We'll be at the station soon.

Gerard hangs up and puts his phone back on his belt.

DETECTIVE GERARD Two brothers went missing an hour ago.

Gerard downs his beer but Jordan leaves hers unfinished as she leaves the table and heads for the door. Gerard follows her.

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - LATER

C.U.: Two photos of two blonde boys of remarkable similarity. The older boy has a broader smile than the younger one.

The photos are stuck to the investigation board facing the team of INVESTIGATORS and POLICEMEN in the station. Detective Gerard is standing in front of the board addressing his team.

Jordan sits on a desk off to the left of the board, her gaze fixed firmly on the photos of the two brothers.

DETECTIVE GERARD Fabien and Richard Montesiel were reported missing over an hour ago by their mother. They had walked down to the café on the corner of their (CONT'D) street to fetch milk and never came back. We need to move quickly. Doctor Detective Cassidy will give you more information.

Jordan slowly moves her gaze to the team but remains seated on the desk.

JORDAN We're not looking for a man of above-average intelligence but we are looking for a man. He's not a history professor or a doctor of any kind. He will be your guy-next-door, just a normal man with a lot of money and influence. It is highly probable that he is a brunette with dark eyes and a beard or moustache at the very least.

DETECTIVE REMY How can you know his hair colour?

JORDAN Just do your job, Remy. We really don't have time for me to explain the intricacies of mine.

DETECTIVE REMY I'm just saying...

JORDAN

Based on the previous abductions, we have less than an hour left now to find these boys alive. Later than that and we'll be picking up their corpses or even their burnt bones.

DETECTIVE GERARD

Ok, so we need to get started canvassing the place they were last seen, questioning anyone who may have seen something. (A Beat) Let's go! Let's go!

The team gets up and moves away. Jordan hops off the desk.

DETECTIVE GERARD We drive together?

JORDAN I'll catch up with you later. I'm waiting on some

Gerard nods and starts to leave when he stops and turns back. Jordan has reached her desk and leans over it to look at her laptop screen.

important information.

DETECTIVE GERARD You don't think we'll find them alive.

JORDAN I don't know that.

Gerard nods again and leaves.

Jordan sits down in front of her laptop and opens google.com. Scrolling through various sites she stumbles upon a site called 'Serial Killer Calendar'.

C.U. address tab http://www.serialkillercalendar.com/GILLES_DE_RAIS.HTML.

C.U. of text "The number of murders is generally placed between 80 and 200; a few have conjectured numbers upwards of 600".

Jordan stares at the number "600" when her phone rings. She grabs it off the table, her gaze never leaving the number on the screen.

JORDAN

Pete.

PETER (O.S.) I'm sorry, Jordan but I can't find anything on Gilles de Rais. History has no timeline of his murders.

JORDAN I know. Serial killers were unheard of then.

PETER (O.S.) Do you know who he's possessing?

JORDAN No. But I've been looking out for anyone who resembles him.

INT. PETER'S STUDY, CAPE TOWN - CONTINUOUS

Peter is standing at the window of his study, looking out at the night, phone to his ear.

PETER You know he's innocent. (A Beat) Jordan, how are you?

JORDAN (O.S.) The same.

PETER

You don't have a choice. The only way to send Gilles de Rais back is to kill the man he's possessing and you have to hang him. His soul will not go back if you kill him any other way than how he originally died. His death must be repeated.

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - CONTINUOUS

JORDAN I know but I can't think of that right now.

PETER (O.S.) You won't be doing anything unforgiveable.

JORDAN

It doesn't matter if I do. All that echoes through my mind is the number 600.

PETER (O.S.) 600?

JORDAN How many children he may have killed in the past and how many he may kill in this time if I don't stop him.

PETER (O.S.) Lord have mercy.

JORDAN

I have to go.

Jordan hangs up and stares at the computer screen a moment longer. She grabs her jacket and rushes out the police station.

C.U. of the computer screen and the words "The Ruins of Castle Champtoce The ruins of what was Gilles de Rais home and the site of his mass murder spree can still be seen in Champtoce. It is said that an apparition appears in the ruins. It takes the form of a fiery Gilles de Rais with the flames of Hell dancing over his body. When he appears it is said that the screams and moans of all of his victims can be heard echoing through the ruins."

INT. CAR - LATER

Jordan races along in the car, the GPS giving her directions to Champtoce-sur-de-Loire as she drives.

EXT. CHAMPTOCE CASTLE - LATER

Jordan turns off the car and allows it to roll along the road alongside the castle. Champtoce Castle stands gutted and ancient in amidst the town about it.

Jordan climbs out of the car and scrambles up the bank to the ruins, passing the flags placed about the castle. She walks into the hole in the keep.

INT. CHAMPTOCE CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

Echoing along the broken walls are muffled cries and moans.

Jordan draws her gun and flashlight but leaves the light off.

She moves through the doorway into the corridor.

At the far end of the corridor, she can see light coming from the large room at the end of it.

Without hesitating, Jordan swings into the doorway, her gun at the ready.

Kneeling over one of the blonde boys is a MAN.

The BOY'S hands and feet are tied and a gag has been tied over his mouth.

In his right hand, the man has a short metal rod which he has inserted in the boy's bottom.

In his other hand the man is holding his penis.

Jordan glances at the naked body of the SECOND BLONDE BOY hanging on the wall in front of her, his head lowered and blood running down his thighs.

Jordan looks back at the surprised face of the killer, splattered in blood and barely recognisable in the flickering light of the old torch burning in the sconce on the wall.

JORDAN Gilles de Rais, le pas loin du garçon. (Gilles de Rais, step away from the boy.)

The man slowly moves back, dragging the metal rod with him.

He suddenly throws the rod at Jordan, who ducks.

The man runs past her, pushing her out his way and flees down the corridor.

Jordan rushes to the door and hesitates.

She turns on the flashlight and fires at the retreating man.

He stumbles forward from the shot in his right shoulder but doesn't go down.

EXT. CHAMPTOCE CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

Jordan runs after him but as she stumbles out of the keep, he is gone.

She pounds her forehead with her fist and turns agonizingly back to the keep.

INT. CHAMPTOCE CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

Jordan removes the gag around the boy's mouth and unties his hands and feet and covers him with her jacket.

She approaches the second boy on the wall and feels for a pulse on his neck.

Grabbing one of their shirts from the floor, she slowly lifts the boy from the hook and pushes the shirt against the hole in his back in a hopeless attempt to stem the bleeding.

She sinks to the floor and cradles him in her arms.

Stroking his hair away from his face, Jordan looks at the blue eyes of the boy as he stares back up at her, tears falling freely from his eyes.

JORDAN Vous êtes sûrs maintenant. (You are safe now.)

The boy continues to stare at her and he finally stops breathing.

Jordan rests her forehead on her hand and starts to cry.

EXT. CHAMPTOCE CASTLE - LATER

Jordan stands outside with Officer Boilleau and watches Gerard talking to one of the paramedics as they load the surviving boy into the back of the ambulance.

> OFFICER BOILLEAU And that's when you fired at him?

JORDAN Yes. I hit him in the right shoulder. You'll find traces of blood in the corridor.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Did you chase him?

JORDAN Yes but by the time I got outside, he was gone. My primary concern then was for the children.

OFFICER BOILLEAU What did you do then?

JORDAN I returned to the room and called the ambulance and you.

Gerard walks up to them.

DETECTIVE GERARD Doctor Cassidy, a word please?

Jordan follows Gerard away from the scene and behind a car parked on the road.

DETECTIVE GERARD What are you doing, Jordan?

JORDAN Trying to stop a killer.

DETECTIVE GERARD Why didn't you call me? You can't just go off on your

can't just go off on your own on like this. How did you even know to look here?

JORDAN An educated guess. DETECTIVE GERARD I am not Remy. I deserve more than one of your vague responses.

JORDAN

The information I was waiting on was clarification of my theory.

DETECTIVE GERARD Which is?

JORDAN The killer is an ardent fan of Gilles de Rais. Machecoul Castle belonged to him. Tiffauges Castle belonged to him. Champtoce Castle belonged to him. It was a hunch. I got lucky.

DETECTIVE GERARD You should've told me, Jordan.

JORDAN I should have. (A Beat) Will the other boy make it?

DETECTIVE GERARD He has a lot of internal damage but the paramedics are optimistic.

JORDAN We have his blood. His days are numbered.

DETECTIVE GERARD Go back to the hotel, Jordan. Get some sleep.

Jordan nods and walks away.

INT. JORDAN'S APARTMENT - MORNING

Jordan is standing in the bathroom in her robe, brushing her teeth when there's a knock at her door.

She spits out the toothpaste and rinses her mouth.

JORDAN

Who is it?

DETECTIVE GERARD (O.S.) Gerard.

Jordan opens the door and Gerard walks in. Jordan closes the door as Gerard blushes and turns away.

DETECTIVE GERARD I'm sorry. I didn't realise you were ...

JORDAN

I'm not.

Jordan walks back into the bathroom to finish cleaning.

Gerard glances about her room at the notes, files and photos all over her bed and the coffee table.

He notices the "Trial of Gilles de Rais" on her bedside table, folded open almost to the end with the cover showing.

Jordan walks out just then and starts cleaning up the paperwork and photographs all over the place.

DETECTIVE GERARD Did you manage to get some sleep last night?

JORDAN

No.

Gerard just looks at Jordan while she continues cleaning up.

DETECTIVE GERARD The boy didn't make it.

Jordan stops and looks up at Gerard.

DETECTIVE GERARD There were internal complications that the paramedics didn't know about until they got him to the hospital. He died on the operating table.

Jordan sits down and runs a hand over her face.

DETECTIVE GERARD We have also finished removing all the victims from the field at Machecoul.

JORDAN

How many?

DETECTIVE GERARD

Thirty-one. We also know that none of them were killed there. There would be more of the victims' blood and some evidence of the killer aside from his shoe prints.

Jordan leans forward and puts her face in her hands.

DETECTIVE GERARD We are running the suspect's blood through our database and that of Interpol's but still no match. We did find one of the murder weapons, though.

Jordan looks up at Gerard.

DETECTIVE GERARD The killer left it behind at Tiffauges.

INT. EVIDENCE LABORATORY, NANTES POLICE STATION - LATER

C.U. of a short sword, its blade still covered in dried blood as it is supported by a typical sword display stand.

Gerard is standing next to Jordan as she stares at the sword.

DETECTIVE GERARD It's called a -

JORDAN

Braquemard.

Gerard stares at Jordan in surprise.

JORDAN

It's the ceremonial sword Gilles de Rais used to kill his victims. Do we know who it belongs to?

DETECTIVE GERARD

We are questioning shops for any braquemards sold since the shop opened and our museums in case of any theft. We have found nothing yet.

JORDAN We should check the airports. The killer could (CONT'D) have bought it elsewhere and brought it here.

Jordan stops and looks up at the ceiling.

DETECTIVE GERARD Interestingly, we have only found the blood of the two last victims on the blade. The killer evidently cleans the sword after each murder.

JORDAN That and he'll have more than one.

DETECTIVE GERARD More than one? These things are so rare how can anyone have more than one?

JORDAN

Detective, did anyone look at the satellite images of Machecoul Castle over the past five to six months?

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - LATER

Jordan is sitting at her desk, reading the end of the "Trial of Gilles de Rais" and making notes.

Officer Boilleau is sitting at his desk checking emails.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Detective Gerard!

Officer Boilleau stands suddenly.

OFFICE BOILLEAU Detective Gerard!

Detective Gerard hurries from his office.

Jordan closes the book and joins Gerard at Boilleau's desk.

OFFICE BOILLEAU The satellite images have just been emailed to me.

Officer Boilleau opens the first of the attachments.

C.U. An image of Machecoul Castle with the field behind it and the road in front of it, some meters from the castle. In the road is a dark car. The date and time in the corner reads January 9, 2011; 23.15. C.U. A second image revealing the same as the first picture with the same car in the road. The date and time in the corner reads January 15, 2011; 23.23.

JORDAN What car is that?

Office Boilleau zooms the picture in.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Looks like an Audi Quattro.

JORDAN Can you check how often that car shows up in the other images?

OFFICER BOILLEAU Certainly.

JORDAN And can you get a clearer image from the Satellite company?

OFFICER BOILLEAU I'll see what they can do.

JORDAN

(to Detective Gerard) We need to find out how many people in and around Nantes own a dark Audi Quattro.

DETECTIVE GERARD And if anyone reported one missing or stolen.

JORDAN Don't bother with that,

Detective. Our killer will want to use his own car.

DETECTIVE GERARD How can you be so sure?

JORDAN

Because he is arrogant enough to use his own car and vain enough to use that one.

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - LATER

Jordan is sitting on the desk in front of the board of missing children. Her feet are on the table in front of her as she holds her

legs against her body, her chin resting on her knees while she stares aimlessly at the photos of missing blonde children.

Officer Boilleau jumps up from his desk and runs across to Jordan.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Doctor Cassidy.

Jordan turns and looks at him and then at the paper he is holding out to her.

EXT. PAUL VILLENEUVE'S CHATEAU DRIVEWAY, NANTES - MORNING

Jordan climbs from the police car as Detective Gerard exits the driver's seat.

Officer Boilleau and ONE OTHER OFFICER exit from the police car behind them.

Jordan looks about her at the driveway and gardens while Detective Gerard approaches the front door and knocks.

When Detective Gerard is admitted by a MAID, Jordan follows him and the two officers into the chateau.

INT. PAUL VILLENEUVE'S CHATEAU FOYER - CONTINUOUS

The maid turns to them in the foyer.

MAID
Monsieur Villeneuve sera
avec vous bientôt,
l'Inspecteur.
(Monsieur Villeneuve will be
with you shortly,
Detective.)

DETECTIVE GERARD Merci. (Thank you)

Jordan looks about her at the paintings, artwork and statues that overpopulate the already extravagant interior decorating of the foyer and passageway leading from it.

A MAN of tall and lean stature, dark-haired and in his late forties, approaches.

JEAN TREMOILLE Inspecteur Gerard, je suis Jean Tremoille. (Detective Gerard, I am Jean Tremoille.)

He extends his hand to Detective Gerard in greeting and Gerard takes it.

JEAN TREMOILLE Je suis l'associé de Paul. S'il vous plaît … (I am Paul's business partner. Please …)

He indicates for Detective Gerard and the officers to follow him.

Jordan follows them down the passageway and into a large room at the end of it - the sitting-room - again cloaked in opulence and art of all kinds.

INT. SITTING-ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Jordan notices the coat of arms on the wall and opposite it, a battle sword and shield from the 15^{th} century.

Lounging in an enormous chair covered in a great bear fur is a wellbuilt MAN with dark hair, a small, insignificant-looking moustache barely covering his top lip; he is mid to late thirties and has very dark eyes. His right arm is in a sling. He seems to measure each person as they enter.

To his left, is another MAN of grey hair, fine lines and medium build. This man stands when the company enters.

> JEAN TREMOILLE L'inspecteur Gerard, c'est Richard du Toit, l'avocat de Paul. (Detective Gerard, this is Richard du Toit, Paul's lawyer.)

Richard extends his hand in greeting and Detective Gerard takes it.

JEAN TREMOILLE Et c'est Paul Villeneuve. (And this is Paul Villeneuve.)

The man in the large chair finally stands and shakes Detective Gerard's hand.

PAUL VILLENEUVE À que dois-je le plaisir de votre visite, l'Inspecteur Gerard? (To what do I owe the pleasure of your visit, Detective Gerard?)

DETECTIVE GERARD I can see you are a busy man so I won't keep you. Detective Gerard and the two officers take their seats as indicated by Paul as he sits back down in his chair, lounging carelessly in it.

DETECTIVE GERARD We are investigating the disappearance and subsequent murders of a number of children and came across an Audi Quattro which has been seen at one of the crime scenes on numerous occasions.

PAUL VILLENEUVE Qu'a-t-il fini faire avec moi? (What has this got to do with me?)

Detective Gerard motions to Officer Boilleau to pull out the photos of the vehicle in question.

DETECTIVE GERARD We believe the vehicle belongs to you, sir.

Officer Boilleau hands the photos over to Paul Villeneuve who stares at them dispassionately.

DETECTIVE GERARD That is your Audi Quattro, is it not? Your vehicle registration number?

PAUL VILLENEUVE Oui. (Yes.)

He drops the photos carelessly onto the coffee table in between him and Detective Gerard.

DETECTIVE GERARD Then you admit you were at the ruins of Machecoul Castle numerous times since January of this year?

PAUL VILLENEUVE Non. Ce Quattro a été volé l'année dernière. (No. That Quattro was stolen last year.)

DETECTIVE GERARD We have no report of that anywhere. Paul leans forward on his knees.

PAUL VILLENEUVE L'inspecteur Gerard, je suis le directeur général de Compagnies aériennes de Cathédrale - une société de services commerciale extrêmement réussie et lucrative d'hélicoptère. J'ai plus d'argent que je sais que faire avec. (Detective Gerard, I am the CEO of Compagnies Aériennes de Cathédrale - a highly successful and lucrative commercial helicopter service company. I have more money than I know what to do with.)

Jordan notices the look between Jean Tremoille and Richard du Toit which is more doubtful than agreeable.

PAUL VILLENEUVE Que me soucie-je si une de mes voitures va en manquant ou est volée? J'ai des douzaines plus. (What do I care if one of my cars goes missing or gets stolen? I have dozens more.)

JORDAN Pouvons-nous les voir? (Can we see them?)

Paul seems to notice Jordan for the first time.

PAUL VILLENEUVE

Avez-vous un mandat ou provoquez? (Do you have a warrant or cause to?)

JORDAN

Je ne me suis pas rendu compte que j'ai eu besoin un pour un tour de votre garage. (I didn't realise I needed one for a tour of your garage.)

PAUL VILLENEUVE Bien, vous faites! (Well, you do!)

JORDAN Qu'est-ce qui est arrivé à votre épaule? (What happened to your shoulder?)

Paul seems to recall his injury.

PAUL VILLENEUVE Cela n'a d'aucune inquiétude à vous. (That is of no concern to you.)

JEAN TREMOILLE He hurt it falling from his horse.

PAUL VILLENEUVE Jean! Vous ne devez pas être agréables à ces gens. Isabelle! (Jean! You don't have to be nice to these people. Isabelle!)

A few seconds later and the maid appears.

MAID

Oui, Monsieur. (Yes, sir.)

PAUL VILLENEUVE Montrez à ces gens dehors. (Show these people out.)

MAID

Oui, Monsieur. (Yes, sir.)

Detective Gerard and the two officers get up and follow the maid from the room. Jordan remains looking at the coat of arms on the wall.

JORDAN Le blason du Marchall de la France pendant Joan d'Arc de la campagne. (The coat of arms of the Marshall of France during Joan of Arc's campaign.)

PAUL VILLENEUVE Ainsi? (So?) Jordan turns and looks at Paul.

JORDAN Gilles de Rais.

Paul stares at her in silence.

JEAN TREMOILLE Mademoiselle...

He indicates for her to leave the room.

Jordan smiles and winks at Paul before allowing Jean to escort her from the room.

INT. PASSAGEWAY - CONTINUOUS

JORDAN How did you and Paul get into business together?

JEAN TREMOILLE We are both qualified helicopter pilots and flew many missions together. It made sense for us to open our own company.

INT. FOYER - CONTINUOUS

JORDAN And how is that going lately?

Jean opens the door for her.

JEAN TREMOILLE Good day, Mademoiselle.

JORDAN Quelquefois pas le dicton de quelque chose dit quelque chose. La bonne journée à vous, Monsieur Tremoille. (Sometimes not saying something is saying something. Good day to you, Monsieur Tremoille.)

Jordan leaves the house.

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION, DETECTIVE GERARD'S OFFICE - LATER

Gerard is seated in his chair at his desk while Jordan stares out the window.

DETECTIVE GERARD Jordan, we have no cause and Monsieur Villeneuve is not a suspect.

JORDAN Not a suspect? His car is at the scene all those children's bodies were found! His right arm is in a sling and I shot our suspect in the right shoulder. How can Paul Villeneuve not be a suspect?

DETECTIVE GERARD We have no cause for a warrant to search his premises.

JORDAN

I'm telling you, he is guilty. This is the man who is slaughtering children right in front of you!

DETECTIVE GERARD Then we will find more evidence to prove it.

Jordan shakes her head and leaves the office.

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - CONTINUOUS

Jordan walks past her desk and grabs her coat off the back of her chair.

As she's heading for the door, she sees Jean Tremoille at the front desk, asking to speak with a detective.

Jordan approaches him.

JORDAN Monsieur Tremoille?

JEAN TREMOILLE Mademoiselle.

JORDAN Please, call me Jordan.

JEAN TREMOILLE Jordan.

JORDAN What is the matter? JEAN TREMOILLE My son is missing.

JORDAN Come with me.

Jean follows Jordan.

INT. INTERROGATION ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Jordan opens the door and Jean walks inside.

JORDAN (To Officer Boillou) Please call Detective Gerard and I will need you to take Monsieur Tremoille's statement.

Officer Boilleau nods and leaves.

JORDAN Can I get you anything to drink, Monsieur Tremoille?

JEAN TREMOILLE No, thank you.

Jordan leans her back against the mirror glass wall, looking at the photo in her hand of the BLONDE BOY while Jean paces the room.

JORDAN How long ago did your son, Marc, go missing?

JEAN TREMOILLE Three hours now.

JORDAN You understand that he will not be declared officially missing until after 24 hours.

JEAN TREMOILLE Oui. (Yes.)

JORDAN How old is your son?

JEAN TREMOILLE Twelve years.

JORDAN How do you know he is missing?

JEAN TREMOILLE He called my wife and told her he was on his way home from the library and that he would pick up milk from the corner café on the way.

JORDAN How long ago was that?

JEAN TREMOILLE Three hours.

JORDAN Maybe he met a friend and they're talking.

JEAN TREMOILLE No. The library is two blocks from our house. The corner café one block. He would call if he was delayed.

JORDAN Monsieur Tremoille...

JEAN TREMOILLE I know he's missing!

Jean sinks to his knees in front of the table and leans his elbows on the table, his hands in his hair.

JEAN TREMOILLE I know.

Jordan approaches the table and leans over it towards him.

She puts the photo of Marc down in front of Jean's face.

He stares at it.

JORDAN

I know that Monsieur Villeneuve is responsible for all those children's deaths.

Jean slowly raises his gaze to Jordan.

JORDAN And if you don't tell me what you know of (CONT'D)
Villeneuve's habits of late,
he will be responsible for
the death of your son.

DETECTIVE GERARD Doctor Cassidy.

Jordan straightens when Detective Gerard enters the room.

JORDAN Monsieur Tremoille's son is missing.

Jordan leaves the room and closes the door behind her.

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION; PASSAGE - CONTINUOUS

Officer Boilleau approaches Jordan on the passage as she is leaving the interrogation room.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Doctor Cassidy.

JORDAN Officer Boilleau.

OFFICER BOILLEAU I found some interesting information that I thought you might like to know.

JORDAN

What is it?

Officer Boilleau hands her a folder with documents. Jordan opens it.

JORDAN These are the financial records of Compagnies Aériennes de Cathédrale.

OFFICER BOILLEAU It's a hobby of mine.

JORDAN This hobby of yours can get you into serious trouble, Boilleau.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Only if I am found out.

Boilleau smiles at Jordan and hurries off down the passage to the interrogation room.

EXT. STREET BENCH - LATER

Jordan is sitting on a bench alongside the road opposite the police station, eating a sandwich.

Jean Tremoille exits the police station and crosses the road. He approaches his car and takes his car keys out of his pocket.

Jordan gets up from the bench and approaches him, sandwich still in her hand.

JORDAN Monsieur Tremoille.

Jean starts at his name.

JEAN TREMOILLE I have nothing to say to you.

He opens his car door and climbs inside.

Jordan squats down between him and the open car door.

JORDAN Why is Villeneuve taking so many road trips around the country lately, filling up in towns as far off as Orleans?

JEAN TREMOILLE What?

JORDAN And why has he started spending thousands of francs on cars, horses, theatres, churches and unsavoury persons? What is his fancy concerning occult practices?

JEAN TREMOILLE Where did you get that information?

JORDAN

From the same place I got the information that his altered attitude towards the management of your company's finances started about six months ago. Now, aside from his lavish and careless expenditure, is there anything else about his personality that has changed in the last six months? JEAN TREMOILLE I don't know what you are talking about?

JORDAN

Why is an old Puma SA 330F helicopter, registration F-ABGF, so important lately?

JEAN TREMOILLE How do you know all of this?

JORDAN

You're trying my patience, Monsieur Tremoille. I know that you know that Paul Villeneuve is no longer Paul Villeneuve. Your company is heading for bankruptcy due to his wasteful spending of your money. How much is that old helicopter worth now? I mean, how much would insurance pay out should something happen to it?

JEAN TREMOILLE What do you want from me?

JORDAN

I want you to tell me everything that has changed in Villeneuve's personality over the past six months. And I want all of that information now.

JEAN TREMOILLE

I can't. I don't know what you are talking about. I just want my son back.

JORDAN

Oh, you'll get him back, Monsieur Tremoille. But I doubt very much he will be alive when you do.

Jordan stands and walks away.

Jean slams the door shut and grips the steering wheel tightly. He looks at himself in the rear view mirror.

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - EARLY MORNING

Officer Boilleau enters the station and finds Jordan asleep at her desk. He turns on his computer and walks to the coffee machine where he fills up the filter coffee machine.

He then returns to his desk and looks across at Jordan still asleep at her desk.

He starts sorting through the documents and files on his desk and stops when he reads the cover of one of the folders.

He opens the folder, reads quickly through the results and rushes over to Jordan's desk.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Doctor Cassidy.

Jordan slowly wakes up.

JORDAN

Boilleau?

OFFICER BOILLEAU You need to read this.

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - CONTINUOUS

Jordan is sitting at her desk, reading through the contents of the folder Boilleau gave her.

Boilleau arrives at her desk with two cups of coffee.

Jordan takes one of the coffees from him.

JORDAN

Thank you.

She puts the cup down without taking a sip.

JORDAN This can't be right.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Maybe they missed something?

JORDAN

Only three braquemards accounted for in the entire country of France and all three sold to different people? And none of them Paul Villeneuve?

Jordan throws the folder down and stands up.

C.U. Of the photos of three people – one woman and two men – in the folder.

OFFICER BOILLEAU I will do a background check on each of these people. Maybe there's a connection somewhere.

JORDAN But no one reported one missing. Which means we still don't know where the one in our possession came from.

OFFICER BOILLEAU I will find out, Doctor Cassidy.

The door opens and in strides Detective Gerard.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Good morning, Detective Gerard.

Gerard continues straight past the two of them to his office.

Boilleau and Jordan follow him.

INT. DETECTIVE GERARD'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Gerard unlocks his safe and takes out his gun.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Detective Gerard?

DETECTIVE GERARD My brother has been found. Remy is in charge until I return.

JORDAN

Where?

DETECTIVE GERARD Sixteen kilometers from here.

JORDAN Is he okay?

DETECTIVE GERARD I don't know. They won't tell me.

He grabs up his jacket from the back of the chair.

DETECTIVE GERARD Remy is in charge now. Gerard leaves his office.

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - LATER THAT MORNING

Jordan is working at her computer and Boilleau is working at his computer when Remy walks out of Gerard's office.

DETECTIVE REMY Boilleau, make me some coffee.

Remy walks back into the office.

JORDAN (To Boilleau) What are you? His waiter?

Boilleau just shakes his head and walks over to the coffee machine where he starts preparing his coffee whilst muttering under his breath.

Jordan walks over to fetch something from the printer when she notices Remy pick up a call in his office.

He jots down notes very quickly and she can see he's in a bit of a panic.

Boilleau walks past her towards Gerard's office with Remy's cup of coffee.

Remy slams down the phone and grabs up his jacket as he stands up.

He nearly knocks the coffee out of Boilleau's hands as he rushes from his office.

DETECTIVE REMY They found another body.

EXT. SEWERAGE DUCT IN A FIELD - LATER

Jordan follows Remy through the crowd of POLICE and CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS as he barges through them, flashing his badge.

Jordan notices the PARAMEDICS standing off to one side and the THREE CHILDREN being questioned by TWO POLICE OFFICERS about having found the body.

Remy stops at the top of the embankment and stares down into the sewerage duct.

Jordan puts on her gloves and slowly descends the embankment.

She nods at the THREE CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS as they are packing up their kits.

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR He's all yours.

Jordan kneels beside the broken body, lying on its back in the draining sewerage and water.

The victim's only remaining leg hangs off tendons and cartilage and both his arms are missing. He is naked.

Jordan looks at the face of the victim: it is Marc Tremoille.

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION MORGUE - LATER

Marc Tremoille is lying on his back on the table.

Jean Tremoille stands over his son's body.

Jordan and Officer Boilleau stand alongside one another against the wall behind Jean Tremoille.

Jean slowly sinks to his knees and weeps.

Jordan stares at the scene and tears well in her eyes.

INT. JEAN TREMOILLE'S CAR - LATER

Jean Tremoille sits in his car, hands on the steering wheel but unable to move.

There's a knock at the passenger window. It's Jordan.

Jean unlocks the car door and Jordan gets into the passenger seat alongside him.

They sit in silence for a while.

JEAN TREMOILLE Well, it seems you were right. (A Beat) About my son.

JORDAN Don't ever doubt me again.

Jean looks at her in surprise.

JORDAN You were expecting sympathy? Your son is dead because you failed to act when you needed to.

JEAN TREMOILLE How dare you?

JORDAN How dare I? How dare you! Paul Villeneuve is murdering (CONT'D) dozens of children and has been doing so for quite some time and when I arrive to help stop it and I ask for your help, you close the door in my face.

JEAN TREMOILLE It can't be Paul.

JORDAN Are you doubting me again?

Jean looks back at her with tears in his eyes.

JORDAN When did Paul stop being Paul?

There is a moment's silence as Jean stares at himself in the rear view mirror.

JEAN TREMOILLE About a year ago now. He has this little chapel on his estate where he often goes to be alone and to pray. The change was barely noticeable at first but then he ... just wasn't Paul anymore.

JORDAN How long did this take?

JEAN TREMOILLE Three to six weeks, I guess. I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that he was gone when I found him at his chapel the one day and he was painting all these strange symbols all over the place in red paint. He didn't recognise me. He called me Gilles de Silles. But then he remembered me again a few days after that. He also remembered Richard then as well.

JORDAN What had he been calling Richard?

JEAN TREMOILLE Roger de Briqueville. (A Beat) He started taking all these trips all over the country and spending lots of money on horses - Paul hated horses. He developed this fascination with Satanism and the occult. He also threatened me once when we got into a fight over all his reckless spending. He said he'd slit my throat and use my blood to communicate with Barron. I have no idea what he was talking about but he frightened me. There were all these strange people he would bring to his house. Tarot card readers, séances, I don't know. All these lavish parties he'd throw at his house. He just wasn't Paul anymore. I would know my best friend anywhere. And this man is not him. It's almost like he's ... possessed. But it can't be Paul. I mean, howwhy- how can my best friend become someone else completely?

JORDAN

Jean, I need you to get me the log books from all the helicopters Villeneuve has flown in the past six months.

JEAN TREMOILLE I - uh...

JORDAN Jean. I need you to get me those log books. Do you understand?

Jean nods slowly.

JEAN TREMOILLE I will get them for you.

JORDAN I also need you to arrange a lunch with Paul at a (CONT'D) restaurant soon and I need you to tell me when and where.

JEAN TREMOILLE Of course.

Jean starts crying.

JEAN TREMOILLE Did he kill Marc?

JORDAN

Yes.

JEAN TREMOILLE I will kill him - I will kill him!

JORDAN No, you won't.

Jordan grabs Jean by the shoulders.

JORDAN Look at me. Jean, look at me!

Jean quietens and looks at her.

JORDAN

If you kill Paul, no one will ever know what he did to your son. No one will know the truth and you will go to prison for the rest of your life. You will have failed Marc again.

Jean breaks down.

JORDAN Marc needs you to bring him justice. (A Beat) Can you do that for him?

Jean slowly nods.

JORDAN

You will have to be strong. Stronger than you ever have been. Stronger than you ever thought yourself capable of being. Jean slowly nods again and stills his crying. He looks up at Jordan.

JEAN TREMOILLE I will be.

INT. JORDAN'S HOTEL ROOM - LATER THAT NIGHT

Jordan is sitting on the couch in her hotel room looking through all the log books.

C.U. Loire and Orleans.

Jordan looks across at the picture of Gilles de Rais stuck to her wall.

C.U. Sketch of Gilles de Rais on her wall with his name clearly marked under the sketch.

INT. LE PETIT RESTAURANT - THE NEXT DAY

Jean Tremoille and Paul Villeneuve are seated at one of the tables having lunch.

Jordan enters the restaurant and grabs the nearest WAITER. She speaks quietly to him and pushes some money into his hand.

Jordan approaches the table where the two men are sitting.

JORDAN Quelle coïncidence! (What a coincidence!)

Paul and Jean look up at her as she takes a seat at their table.

JORDAN J'espère que vous ne vous opposez pas. (I hope you don't mind.)

PAUL VILLENEUVE Vraiment nous faisons. (Actually we do.)

JORDAN Cela ne prendra pas longtemps. (This won't take long.)

PAUL VILLENEUVE Me contrariez-vous maintenant? (Are you harassing me now?)

JORDAN

Pas du tout. J'ai juste cru que je vous avais permis de savoir que nous avons trouvé un de vos braquemards. (Not at all. I just thought I'd let you know we found one of your braquemards.)

PAUL VILLENEUVE Mon que? (My what?)

JORDAN

Mmm, en jouant toujours ignorant, sont nous, Gilles? (Mmm, still playing ignorant, are we, Gilles?)

Paul starts laughing.

PAUL VILLENEUVE Pourquoi bon Dieu vous m'appelleriez-vous Gilles? (Why on earth would you call me Gilles?)

Jordan laughs.

JORDAN

Pourquoi bon Dieu tueriezvous tous ces enfants? (Why on earth would you kill all those children?)

PAUL VILLENEUVE

Je ne sais pas que vous parlez d'et quand je reviens des toilettes, vous feriez mieux de partir. (I don't know what you are talking about and when I return from the toilets, you had better be gone.)

JORDAN

Ma disparition ne vous exonérera pas de vos crimes, ni vous gagnera le repentir de Dieu. Vos péchés n'iront pas impunis. (My disappearance will not absolve you of your crimes nor earn you repentance from God. Your sins will not go unpunished.)

Paul stands up furiously and marches from the table.

JEAN TREMOILLE Do you think that wise? Jordan pulls out a plastic glove and uses it to pick up Paul's wine glass.

JEAN TREMOILLE And why did you call him Gilles? I told you he called me that.

Jordan empties the wine from the glass on the ground and drops the empty glass into a plastic bag.

She smiles at Jean and gets up to leave when the waiter she spoke to earlier arrives at the table, puts a new glass down right where Paul's previous glass had been and pours some more wine into it.

When the waiter leaves the table, Jordan has already left the restaurant.

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - LATER THAT DAY

Jordan comes out of the ladies' toilets to find Boilleau waiting for her.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Detective Gerard is back and he wants to speak with you and Remy in his office.

JORDAN

Okay.

INT. DETECTIVE GERARD'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Gerard is standing looking out his window when Jordan enters the office, followed by Officer Boilleau.

Remy is sitting in one of the chairs.

DETECTIVE GERARD Where are we with the case?

DETECTIVE REMY We found another body. The victim is Marc Tremoille, Jean Tremoille's son. DNA pulled from semen, hair and skin fibres on the body matches that found on the bodies of the other victims. The markings on the severed limbs are conducive to those made by a braquemard and the victim was sexually assaulted in the same fashion as the others.

DETECTIVE GERARD Anything else?

OFFICER BOILLEAU We have identified the three people who purchased the only three braquemards in France and are researching them at the moment. No braquemards have been reported missing or stolen for as far back as I can go.

DETECTIVE GERARD And the Audi Quattro?

OFFICER BOILLEAU We still have not located it.

DETECTIVE GERARD So another child is dead and we are still no closer to finding the killer.

Gerard turns slowly and sits down at his desk.

DETECTIVE GERARD You can leave now.

Remy, Boilleau and Jordan turn to go.

DETECTIVE GERARD Except you, Doctor Cassidy.

Jordan stays behind and looks at Boilleau as he closes the door.

DETECTIVE GERARD And what have you found out?

JORDAN The same as Remy and Boilleau.

DETECTIVE GERARD Why don't I believe you?

JORDAN I don't know.

DETECTIVE GERARD I hope I don't need to remind you how important this case has become due to all the media coverage?

JORDAN

No, you don't.

DETECTIVE GERARD And how any misconduct into acquiring evidence against the killer would have dire consequences?

JORDAN No, you don't need to remind me of that.

DETECTIVE GERARD You still believe Paul Villeneuve to be the killer?

JORDAN

Yes.

DETECTIVE GERARD Is that why you accused him of it at Le Petit Restaurant earlier today?

JORDAN

Yes.

DETECTIVE GERARD And why would you do that?

JORDAN It's a psychology thing.

DETECTIVE GERARD Explain.

JORDAN Most serial killers want to be caught. They just need a reason to get sloppy. I'm his reason.

DETECTIVE GERARD Don't do it again.

JORDAN I don't need to.

There is a long silence while Gerard studies Jordan and she keeps her gaze on him.

Gerard finally leans back in his chair and folds his hands in his lap.

DETECTIVE GERARD My brother was hijacked and killed.

JORDAN

I am so sorry.

DETECTIVE GERARD They dumped his body down a bank and they dumped the car in the next town. We will probably never catch them or even find out who they were.

Jordan looks sadly at Gerard. He raises his gaze to her.

DETECTIVE GERARD I desperately don't want that to be the outcome of this case.

JORDAN It won't be. I know who he is. I'm just waiting for the evidence to prove it.

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - CONTINUOUS

Jordan leaves Gerard's office and Boilleau joins her.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Philippe wants to see us downstairs immediately.

INT. CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION LAB - CONTINUOUS

PHILIPPE - a twenty-something brunette - is sitting at a table, looking through a microscope and making notes.

Jordan and Boilleau enter.

PHILIPPE Where the hell did you get that wine glass?

JORDAN

A restaurant. Why?

PHILIPPE

The DNA from the saliva I found on it is a perfect match to the DNA found on each and every one of the victims' bodies. Perfect match! And one set of fingerprints off the glass the more prominent and more numerous- are a 100% match to the fingerprints found on the braquemard and the

(CONT'D)

prints I managed to pull off some of the victims' bodies. Whoever drank from that wine glass is undeniably the same person who murdered all those children!

JORDAN

Yes, he is.

PHILIPPE Well, who is he? The case is solved!

JORDAN

Not quite. I didn't have a warrant to get that glass. Now, I know that it was evidence gathered from a public place. But I believe I still would have needed the person's permission to take his glass from that restaurant and run a DNA test on it. Because he can now say it wasn't his glass and we would need a warrant to get his DNA in order to match it to the DNA found on the glass. Am I correct?

Boilleau nods.

PHILIPPE

But …

JORDAN

Philippe, we know who the killer is now. Hang on to this evidence for me and don't say a word to anyone. We'll get him. Don't stress.

PHILIPPE

But he could kill again before we get evidence the correct way.

JORDAN

Yes, but if we go after him now, we will lose him and the case and he will go on killing many, many more children in a different country. This is the best (CONT'D) way. Trust me. We will get that official warrant very soon.

INT. UNDERGROUND PARKING AT THE HOTEL - LATER THAT NIGHT

Jordan climbs from her rental car and locks it with the alarm.

She starts walking towards the lifts across the dark parking lot.

She is suddenly grabbed from behind and a blade pressed against her throat.

Her ATTACKER is taller than her and wearing all black, black gloves and a ski mask.

ATTACKER Votre temps dans Nantes et sur cette terre est maintenant à une fin. (Your time in Nantes and on this earth is now at an end.)

Jordan kicks his ankle hard and pushes both arms up between her body and his arms.

Jordan elbows her attacker in the stomach, spins round and delivers an upper cut punch to his jaw.

Her attacker lunges at her with the dagger but she blocks his arm away from her, grabs his arm with the dagger, punches him twice in the stomach.

Her attacker drops to his knees.

Jordan grabs his right wrist and his right bicep and breaks his right forearm with a kick.

Her attacker cries out in pain and drops the dagger.

A car comes out of nowhere and hits Jordan. She drops to the ground and watches as her attacker climbs into the car.

Bright headlights blinding her, Jordan pulls out her gun and fires at the car.

The bullets penetrate the radiator and the windscreen.

The car reverses with a plume of steam rising from the radiator and screams off out of the parking lot.

Jordan slowly raises herself to her feet and pulls out her cellphone.

INT. UNDERGROUND PARKING LOT OF HOTEL - LATER

Jordan is sitting in the back of an ambulance with a blanket around her while an OFFICER takes her statement.

Gerard stands off to one side listening to her account.

Boilleau approaches carrying a plastic bag with the dagger inside it.

DETECTIVE GERARD What kind of dagger is that?

OFFICER BOILLEAU I will find out.

The officer leaves Jordan and Gerard approaches her.

DETECTIVE GERARD Is that all?

JORDAN

Yes.

DETECTIVE GERARD He never said anything to you?

JORDAN Why would he? Probably just a mugging or attempted rape that went wrong.

DETECTIVE GERARD Are you sure you're okay?

JORDAN You heard the paramedics. Just some bruising on my legs and side. (A Beat) Why don't you believe me?

DETECTIVE GERARD Did you see how old that dagger is that he attacked you with?

JORDAN

No.

DETECTIVE GERARD It looks like something out of the Dark Ages!

JORDAN What do you want me to say? DETECTIVE GERARD I just find very strange that our main suspect in the case is killing children with fifteenth century swords and now you are attacked by an ancient dagger too.

JORDAN That *is* strange.

DETECTIVE GERARD I'm leaving two of my men to stand guard over you tonight.

JORDAN That's really not necessary.

DETECTIVE GERARD I don't care! You are keeping things from me, Jordan. And I don't like it.

JORDAN You brought me in to catch this killer, Detective. Let me do that.

Jordan gets up and walks past Gerard.

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - THE NEXT MORNING

Jordan walks into the police station and has thrown her coat over the back of her chair when Boilleau joins her.

OFFICER BOILLEAU I have some very good news.

JORDAN

Oh?

Boilleau hands Jordan a folder and she opens it.

Inside are satellite images of the Audi Quattro at Tiffauges, Champtoce and Orleans castle ruins.

C.U. of dates, castle names and the Audi Quattro itself.

JORDAN He's been at every crime scene. OFFICER BOILLEAU Well his "stolen" Audi Quattro has been at every crime scene. And I have this.

Boilleau hands Jordan a folder. She opens it and sees the photos of the three people who bought the braquemards.

JORDAN These are the three people who bought the braquemards.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Yes. And look at the names of the businesses they work for or own.

JORDAN I've seen these names before.

OFFICER BOILLEAU On the bank statements of Paul Villeneuve and Compagnies aériennes de Cathédrale.

Jordan looks up at Boilleau and smiles.

JORDAN

But we can't bring them in for questioning. We're not even supposed to have those financial statements.

OFFICER BOILLEAU No, but guess who has failed to appear in court recently for possession of and dealing in illegal hallucinogens?

EXT. OUTSIDE NANTES POLICE STATION - LATER

Officer Boilleau exits the police station and jogs across the road to where Jordan is sitting reading a book on the bench opposite the police station while eating a sandwich.

Boilleau takes a seat alongside her and Jordan hands him another sandwich.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Thanks so much. How much do I owe you?

JORDAN

Just a story.

Boilleau smiles as he takes a bite of his sandwich.

Jordan chews thoughtfully while Boilleau finishes his mouthful.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Apparently the reason Louise Trebouchet missed her court appearance is because she was out of the country. According to her personal assistant she lands tomorrow at 2pm.

JORDAN That's a very good story, Boilleau.

OFFICER BOILLEAU There's more. The officer in charge of her case will be meeting her at the airport to arrest her and bring her in for questioning.

JORDAN That doesn't necessarily help us.

OFFICER BOILLEAU It does when the officer in charge of her case is my cousin, Inspector Denis Parquet.

JORDAN That does help us.

Jordan and Boilleau eat their sandwiches in silence for a while.

JORDAN Boilleau, why are you helping me?

OFFICER BOILLEAU

I have a thirteen year old brother. And he is not going to die like those other children.

Jordan and Boilleau sit alongside one another in silence. INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - THE NEXT AFTERNOON Jordan and Boilleau are each sitting at their desks. Jordan looks up at the clock and notices it is 3.45pm.

Jordan and Boilleau exchange glances.

Detective Gerard's office door suddenly opens and he emerges.

DETECTIVE GERARD Cassidy, Boilleau, Remy, follow me immediately.

OFFICER BOILLEAU What's going on, sir?

DETECTIVE GERARD One of the court officers has a suspect in custody who admits to having dealings with your Paul Villeneuve. Luckily nothing seems to be a secret in the police department - especially if it's a suspect in a case.

Jordan gets up and grabs her coat from the back of her chair. She follows Remy, Boilleau and Gerard out the door.

INT. COURT OFFICES PASSAGE - LATER

DENIS PARQUET meets Gerard, Remy, Boilleau and Jordan in the passageway at his station.

DENIS PARQUET Detective Gerard.

DETECTIVE GERARD Inspector Parquet.

Denis and Gerard start walking down the passageway, Remy, Boilleau and Jordan in tow.

DENIS PARQUET Louise Trebouchet missed her second court appearance in a row for charges against her for the possession of and dealing in illegal hallucinogens. When questioning her of her whereabouts, she admitted to having been out of the country on business for one of her clients.

DETECTIVE GERARD Go on.

DENIS PARQUET Her client being Paul Villeneuve.

They stop outside the interrogation room door.

DETECTIVE GERARD What was she doing for him?

DENIS PARQUET She wouldn't say.

Denis opens the door to the interrogation room to admit Gerard and his party.

INT. INTERROGATION ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Inside, LOUISE TREBOUCHET is sitting at a table while a POLICE OFFICER stands at the doorway.

Gerard enters the room, followed by Remy, Boilleau and Jordan. Denis closes the door behind him as he follows them in.

DENIS PARQUET Louise, c'est l'Inspecteur Gerard. Il enquête sur le meurtre de quarante enfants dans et autour de Nantes. (Louise, this is Detective Gerard. He is investigating the murder of forty children in and around Nantes.)

Louise looks at Gerard fearfully.

DENIS PARQUET Son suspect principal est Paul Villeneuve. (His main suspect is Paul Villeneuve.)

LOUISE Je ne comprends pas. (I don't understand.)

DETECTIVE GERARD Madame Trebouchet, vous avez eu des relations avec Monsieur Villeneuve? (Madame Trebouchet, you have had dealings with Monsieur Villeneuve?)

LOUISE

Oui. (Yes.) DETECTIVE GERARD Qu'avez-vous fait pour Monsieur Villeneuve? (What have you done for Monsieur Villeneuve?)

LOUISE C'est confidentiel. (That is confidential.)

DETECTIVE GERARD Pour lequel avez-vous quitté le pays? (What did you leave the country for?)

LOUISE Ce n'est aucune de vos affaires. (That is none of your business.)

DETECTIVE GERARD Madame Trebouchet, nous savons qu'il y a huit mois vous avez acheté un braquemard d'un magasin dans Loire. (Madame Trebouchet, we know that eight months ago you purchased a braquemard from a shop in Loire.)

LOUISE

Ainsi? (So?)

DETECTIVE GERARD Les quarante-deux enfants qui ont été trouvés assassiné, delimbed et décapités ont été tous tués avec un braquemard. (The forty-two children that have been found murdered, delimbed and beheaded were all killed with a braquemard.)

Louise is silent for a moment.

LOUISE

Cela ne signifie rien. Il ne signifie pas que c'était le braquemard que j'ai acheté. Il doit y avoir beaucoup d'entre eux. (That means nothing. It doesn't mean it was the braquemard I bought. There must be lots of them.)

DETECTIVE GERARD Trois. (Three.)

LOUISE Que? (What?)

DETECTIVE GERARD Il y a trois dans toute la France. (There are three in the whole of France.)

Louise is silent and looks down at her hands.

DETECTIVE GERARD Pour lequel avez-vous acheté le braquemard? (Who did you buy the braquemard for?)

LOUISE

Moi-même. (Myself.)

DETECTIVE GERARD Alors où est cela? Parce que nous avons fouillé votre maison et ce n'est pas là. (Then where is it? Because we searched your house and it's not there.)

LOUISE Vous avez fouillé ma maison? (You searched my house?)

DETECTIVE GERARD Oui. (Yes.) (A Beat) Auquel avez-vous donné le braquemard? (Who did you give the braquemard to?)

LOUISE Je ne peux pas dire. (I can't say.) DETECTIVE GERARD Si vous ne me dites pas, je vous arrêterai pour le complice au meurtre de quarante-deux enfants. (If you don't tell me, I will arrest you for the murder of forty-two children.)

LOUISE Vous ne pouvez pas le faire! (You can't do that!)

DETECTIVE GERARD Oui, je peux et moi aller faire. À moins que vous ne me disiez pour lequel vous avez acheté le braquemard. (Yes, I can and I will. Unless you tell me who you bought the braquemard for.)

LOUISE Paul Villeneuve.

DETECTIVE GERARD Pourquoi? (Why?)

LOUISE

Monsieur Villeneuve m'a engagé pour faire séances pour lui. Il m'a demandé de faire des lectures de Carte de Tarot et l'aider à convoquer un démon appelé le Baron. (Monsieur Villeneuve hired me to do séances for him. He asked me to do Tarot Card readings and to help him summon a demon called Barron.)

DETECTIVE GERARD Pourquoi? (Why?)

LOUISE

Je ne sais pas. Je ne pouvais pas le faire. Je suis un spiritiste - pas un Pratiquant du satanisme. (I don't know. I couldn't do it. I'm a spiritualist not a Satanist.)

DETECTIVE GERARD Qu'avez-vous fait pour Monsieur Villeneuve? (What else did you do for Monsieur Villeneuve?)

LOUISE

Il m'a demandé de voyager à Loire pour acheter un braquemard. Il m'a donné de l'argent et a payé pour mon vol et frais de déplacement. Il m'a aussi payé pour aller l'achètent. (He asked me to travel to Loire to buy a braquemard. He gave me the money and paid for my flight and travel expenses. He also paid me to go buy it.)

DETECTIVE GERARD Pourquoi êtes-vous allés en Angleterre maintenant? (Why did you go to England now?)

LOUISE

Monsieur Villeneuve m'a demandé de recevoir un autre braquemard pour lui. Il a dit qu'il a égaré l'autre je l'ai reçu. J'ai dit qu'il n'y avait plus dans Loire. Il a dit qu'il savait et qu'il n'y avait plus en France. Il m'a dit que j'ai dû aller à Hampshire en Angleterre. Il y avait un magasin là qui avait un pour la vente. De nouveau, il a payé pour tout. (Monsieur Villeneuve asked me to get another braquemard for him. He said he misplaced the other one I got him. I said there were no more in Loire. He said he knew and that there were no more in France. He told me I had to go to Hampshire in England. There was a shop there that had one for

sale. Again, he paid for everything.)

DETECTIVE GERARD Où est le braquemard maintenant? (Where is the braquemard now?)

LOUISE

Je l'ai envoyé avec un courier à mon adresse personnelle. Je dois le livrer personnellement à Monsieur Villeneuve dès qu'il arrive. (I sent it with a courier to my home address. I am to deliver it personally to Monsieur Villeneuve once it arrives.)

DETECTIVE GERARD Merci beaucoup. (Thank you very much.)

Gerard gets up to leave.

LOUISE L'a-t-il vraiment utilisé braquemard pour tuer ces enfants? (Did he really use that braquemard to kill those children?)

DETECTIVE GERARD Oui, et ce braquemard est actuellement à notre poste de police avec le sang de deux victimes sur cela. (Yes, and that braquemard is currently at our police station with the blood of two victims on it.)

LOUISE Oh, cher Dieu! (Oh, dear God!)

Louise starts crying.

Gerard nods his thanks to Denis and leaves the interrogation room, followed by Remy, Boilleau and Jordan.

DETECTIVE GERARD (To Jordan) You have your warrant.

INT. PAUL VILLENEUVE'S CHATEAU - THE NEXT DAY

Jordan walks up the stairs and into the foyer. There are POLICE OFFICERS and CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS all over the place.

Jordan watches Isabelle, the maid, being escorted out of the house by a POLICE OFFICER.

Paul is led out in handcuffs by TWO POLICE OFFICERS, his right arm in a plaster cast as well as a sling now.

JORDAN Qu'est-ce qui est arrivé à votre bras ? Il semble avoir augmenté. (What happened to your arm? It seems to have gotten worse.)

Paul just sneers at her.

Jordan walks further into the house until she meets up with Boilleau.

OFFICER BOILLEAU There you are. Come with me.

Jordan follows Boilleau down a flight of stairs into an entertainment room below and to an open door with a flight of stairs leading down into a basement area.

As they arrive at the open door, Gerard is standing to one side and Remy emerges up the stairs with another braquemard in a plastic bag.

> DETECTIVE REMY It's a horror movie down there.

Remy walks past and Jordan slowly descends the stairs, pulling her plastic gloves on as she does so.

INT. BASEMENT - CONTINUOUS

Down in the basement is indeed the set to a horror film.

Shackles hang from the walls.

An old copper tub stands to one side with congealing blood in the bottom of it.

A fireplace stands to one side and CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS are still extracting pieces of bone and clothing from the ashes.

All over the walls and floor are bizarre occult symbols and circles. Candles are strewn about the room on all shelves, tables and benches. Standing against one wall are four poles, all four covered in dried blood.

> DETECTIVE GERARD At least this time there are no heads on them.

JORDAN That's because they're in the fireplace.

An OFFICER interrupts them.

OFFICER L'inspecteur Gerard, nous avons trouvé l'Audi Quattro. (Detective Gerard, we found the Audi Quattro.)

DETECTIVE GERARD Où? (Where?)

OFFICER Sous une toile de bâche dans le garage. Et il est couvert dans le sang. (Under a tarpaulin in the garage. And it's covered in blood.)

DETECTIVE GERARD (To Jordan) We got him.

INT. JORDAN'S HOTEL ROOM - LATER THAT NIGHT

Jordan is sitting on the couch, drinking a glass of wine and staring at the picture of Gilles de Rais on her wall.

Her cellphone rings and she answers it.

JORDAN

PETER (O.S.)

Pete.

Hi. How are you?

JORDAN We got him. PETER (O.S.) I heard.

JORDAN Now comes the hard part.

INT. PETER'S PATIO, SOUTH AFRICA - CONTINUOUS

Peter is standing on his patio with a cup of coffee in his hand.

PETER Jordan, Gilles de Rais was hung and then partially burnt before being buried in a church cemetery.

INT. JORDAN'S HOTEL ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Jordan puts her wine glass down on the coffee table and walks to stand in front of the picture of Gilles de Rais.

> JORDAN I know. But the hanging is what killed him. It doesn't matter what happened to his body after that.

INT. PETER'S PATIO, SOUTH AFRICA - CONTINUOUS

Peter is standing on his patio with a cup of coffee in his hand.

PETER

It is very important that Gilles knows that he will be welcomed into God's kingdom. His excommunication was reversed. He needs to know God forgives him and he is going to heaven.

INT. JORDAN'S HOTEL ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Jordan stands in front of the picture of Gilles de Rais.

JORDAN If it comes up, I will let him know. I honestly don't care what I say to him. He will die as he died before and he will go to hell as he did before.

INT. NANTES CHURCH OF THE SAINTS - LATER THAT NIGHT

Jordan is sitting in one of the pews inside the church, looking up at the angel in the enormous stained glass window above the promontory.

The door opens and Jean Tremoille enters. He greets the PARISHIONER as he's stacking Bibles in the last pew and walks down the aisle to where Jordan is sitting in the front pew.

Jean sits down beside her.

JORDAN Are you religious, Jean?

JEAN TREMOILLE I haven't really thought about it. I'm supposed to be Catholic.

JORDAN You know we got him.

JEAN TREMOILLE Yes, thank you.

JORDAN Richard is taking his case?

Jean nods.

JORDAN

He will get out on bail - he has the money to afford it. Richard will advise him to plea insanity and he will not go to jail. Instead he will go to a lunatic asylum and live quite comfortably on happy pills for the rest of his life.

JEAN TREMOILLE No.

JORDAN

Yes.

JEAN TREMOILLE But you can testify he is sane?

JORDAN And their psychologist will testify that he is not.

JEAN TREMOILLE No.

JORDAN Jean, I'm sorry. There is nothing more I can do. (Cont'd) (A Beat) Unless.

JEAN TREMOILLE Unless?

JORDAN Jean, this man is a monster. He didn't just kill little children. He destroyed them.

JEAN TREMOILLE I know.

JORDAN He deserves to die.

JEAN TREMOILLE Yes, he does. What he did to Marc...

JORDAN

Not just Marc. Think of all those other parents who had to look at their children's ruined, little bodies. Think of their torment and guilt for not being able to save their children from such gruesomely horrible deaths. Their innocence stolen from their vulnerable, little bodies.

JEAN TREMOILLE I don't have to think of it. I'm living it.

JORDAN I want to kill Paul. I want him dead.

Jean looks up at Jordan in shock.

JEAN TREMOILLE Me, too.

JORDAN I need your help to do it.

JEAN TREMOILLE Anything.

JORDAN When Paul gets out on bail, I need you to convince him to leave the country.

JEAN TREMOILLE What?

JORDAN I need you to convince him to take that old Puma helicopter from your airfield and fly out of the country.

JEAN TREMOILLE You want him to escape?

JORDAN

I want him alone. And this way, the insurance will pay out for a helicopter that was stolen by a fugitive and crashed in the ocean and so bring your company back from the brink of bankruptcy. (A Beat) What do you say?

INT. NANTES POLICE STATION - THE NEXT DAY

Jordan walks into the police station with her bags in her hands. Boilleau, Remy and Gerard are waiting for her.

DETECTIVE GERARD Well?

JORDAN

Well.

DETECTIVE GERARD I assume you watched the news this morning?

JORDAN No, but I read the papers. Villeneuve has been let out on bail.

DETECTIVE GERARD It's all standard procedure.

DETECTIVE REMY Yes and that lawyer of his is going to get him off on (CONT'D) some insanity plea and he'll live comfortably in a mental institution for the rest of his life.

DETECTIVE GERARD Maybe not.

JORDAN I will come back to testify.

Gerard extends his hand and Jordan takes it.

DETECTIVE GERARD Thank you for all your help and for sticking to the rules.

JORDAN I could do nothing less.

Jordan turns to Boilleau and he takes her hand.

OFFICER BOILLEAU Thank you.

Jordan then turns to Remy. He extends his hand and Jordan takes it.

DETECTIVE REMY Safe flight, Doctor Cassidy.

JORDAN

Thank you.

Jordan picks up her bags and leaves the police station.

EXT. HELICOPTER PAD OF COMPAGNIES AERIENNES DE CATHEDRALE - LATER THAT NIGHT

Jean Tremoille is loading luggage into the back of an old Puma SA 330F helicopter with the registration of F-ABGF.

Paul Villeneuve walks across the tarmac towards him, his right arm still in a plaster cast and a sling.

PAUL VILLENEUVE Je crois toujours que c'est inutile, Jean. Richard dit qu'il peut me recevoir de sur l'excuse de folie. (I still think this is unnecessary, Jean. Richard says he can get me off on the insanity plea.)

JEAN TREMOILLE Bien, il m'a dit qu'il ne croit pas qu'il puisse gagner ce cas. L'évidence contre vous est trop forte et avec toute la couverture médiatique vous distinguant pour être un monstre, il croit que le juge vous suspendra. (Well, he told me that he doesn't think he can win this case. The evidence against you is too strong and with all the media coverage making you out to be a monster, he thinks the judge will hang you.)

Paul shakes his head.

PAUL VILLENEUVE Vous savez, ce n'est pas ma faute. Je suis né sous une constellation tel que personne ne peut comprendre sans difficulté les choses illicites que j'ai faites. Il n'y a aucun homme vivant qui pourrait jamais comprendre que j'ai fait. (You know, it's not my fault. I was born under a constellation such that no one can understand without difficulty the illicit things I have done. There is no man alive who could ever understand what I did.)

JEAN TREMOILLE Eh bien, Paul. C'est pourquoi vous devez vous enfuir. Je signalerai l'hélicoptère volé. L'assurance paiera et nous renverrons notre compagnie à où il a eu l'habitude d'être. Je vous transférerai l'argent aussitôt que vous faites-moi savoir où vous êtes. (Come, Paul. This is why you must escape. I will report the helicopter stolen. The insurance will

pay and we will get our

company back to where it used to be. I will transfer you money as soon as you let me know where you are.)

Paul nods forlornly.

PAUL VILLENEUVE Ce n'est pas vraiment ma faute. (It really is not my fault.)

JEAN TREMOILLE Au revoir, Paul. (Goodbye, Paul.)

Paul squeezes Jean's hand and climbs into the helicopter.

Jean walks backwards away from the helicopter and watches while Paul starts up the helicopter and finally takes off.

Jean watches the helicopter fly off over the sea. He walks away.

INT. HELICOPTER - CONTINUOUS

Paul is flying the helicopter.

Jordan emerges from the back of the helicopter, dressed all in black with black gloves, black lifejacket and a parachute on.

She squats behind his chair.

JORDAN Bonjour, Gilles de Rais. (Hello, Gilles de Rais.)

Paul starts and tries to look behind him to see who it is talking.

PAUL VILLENEUVE Qui se trouve présent? (Who is there?)

JORDAN Bien, ce n'est pas votre conscience. (Well, it's not your conscience.)

Jordan emerges and takes a seat in the passenger seat in the back, up against the passenger seat in the front.

Paul looks across at her.

JORDAN Enfin, nous savons que vous n'avez pas celui. (After all, we both know you don't have one.)

PAUL VILLENEUVE Vous. (You.)

JORDAN Vous ne pouvez pas courir de que vous avez fait, Gilles. (You can't run from what you have done, Gilles.)

PAUL VILLENEUVE Vous ne comprendrez jamais. (You will never understand.)

JORDAN Non, je n'irai pas faire. (No, I won't.)

PAUL VILLENEUVE Ce n'est pas ma faute I est né cette voie. Pourquoi croyez-vous que j'ai cherché l'aide du Baron? J'allais aller au diable en tout cas pour les péchés que je ne pouvais pas arrêter moi-même du fait de commettre. (It's not my fault I was born this way. Why do you think I sought help from Barron? I was going to go to hell anyway for the sins I could not stop myself from committing.)

JORDAN

Deviez-vous apprécier commettre vos péchés tellement? Où était votre repentir quand vous avez éjaculé sur les corps mourant de tous ces enfants? Ne pensez pas à me convaincre que vous sentez n'importe quel regret pour les péchés que vous avez commis. (Did you have to enjoy committing your sins so much? Where was your remorse when you ejaculated over the dying bodies of all those children? Don't think to convince me that you feel

any regret for the sins you have committed.)

PAUL VILLENEUVE Je ne pouvais pas m'aider! C'est ma nature! (I couldn't help myself! It is my nature!)

JORDAN

Que je croie vraiment . Mais que je veux savoir est comment vous avez trouvé Paul et comment vous avez réussi à reprendre de son corps? Où est il maintenant? (That I do believe. But what I want to know is how you found Paul and how you managed to take over his body? Where is he now?)

PAUL VILLENEUVE

Je suis allé au seul endroit j'ai reconnu et ai trouvé un homme riche priant dans une chapelle. Son âme a essayé de lutter le mien mais méchant est plus puissant que bon et donc mon âme a dévoré son. Son esprit n'existe plus . Il a mangé le mien.

(I went to the only place I recognised and found a wealthy man praying in a chapel. His soul tried to fight mine but evil is more powerful than good and so my soul devoured his. His spirit no longer exists. It fed mine.)

JORDAN

Il n'est dans là avec vous
plus?
(He's not in there with you
anymore?)

PAUL VILLENEUVE No. Ce n'est pas ma faute. Je n'ai pas demandé d'être né cette voie. (No. It's not my fault. I didn't ask to be born this way.) JORDAN Comment êtes-vous sortis de l'enfer, Gilles? (How did you get out of hell, Gilles?)

PAUL VILLENEUVE Je ne peux pas me souvenir. Il y a toujours tant de bagarre là-bas. Il y avait une porte. Je ne peux pas me souvenir. (I can't remember. There's always so much fighting down there. There was a door. I can't remember.)

JORDAN Combien d'autres sortis? (How many others got out?)

PAUL VILLENEUVE Beaucoup plus. (A lot more.) (A Beat) Comment m'avez-vous reconnu? (How did you recognise me?)

JORDAN

J'ai vu le mal que vous êtes à chacune de vos scènes de crime et je peux voir votre visage maintenant derrière le visage de Paul. (I saw the evil you are at each of your crime scenes and I can see your visage now behind Paul's face.)

A subtle shift occurs on Paul's face - showing the face of Gilles de Rais behind the face of Paul.

PAUL VILLENEUVE Alors qu'est-ce qui est vous? (Then what are you?)

JORDAN Je suis votre mort. (I am your death.)

Jordan suddenly lunges forward and loops a noose over Paul's head. She unclips his safety belt and leaps back, hauling Paul from his seat. Paul punches Jordan and she falls back. As he comes for her, she kicks him in the legs, then in the face and he stumbles backwards.

PAUL VILLENEUVE Dieu me sauve! (God save me!)

Jordan watches as he stumbles backwards from the helicopter.

The rope, fastened to the leg of the passenger seat Jordan had been sitting in earlier, pulls tight.

Paul's neck snaps as the rope pulls tight.

The entire helicopter lurches to the side out of which Paul has fallen.

Jordan slides towards the side of the helicopter but manages to grab the leg of the seat to which the rope is attached.

She pulls a knife while the helicopter is spiraling out of control and cuts the rope from the chair leg.

The helicopter rights itself as the body of Paul drops into the ocean.

Jordan staggers to the side of the helicopter as it continues to fly out of control with no pilot.

EXT. OCEAN - CONTINUOUS

She jumps from the helicopter, opens her parachute and lands in the ocean.

She watches as the helicopter crashes into the sea.

She turns on the search and rescue light on her life jacket and watches as the speedboat approaches her.

EXT. SPEEDBOAT - CONTINUOUS

Jean slows the speedboat to a halt alongside Jordan as she swims towards him.

He helps her onboard and throws a blanket about her shoulders.

They both watch as the helicopter sinks beneath the waves.

JORDAN The tracking device you guys have on your helicopters will help you locate it.

JEAN And Paul's body?

JORDAN Is not on the helicopter. Jean kneels before Jordan.

JEAN

Thank you.

He extends his hand as he stands and Jordan takes it.

JEAN

Thank you.

JORDAN

It had to be done.

EXT. PETER'S PATIO, SOUTH AFRICA - DAY

Jordan puts two teaspoons of sugar in her cup of tea and pours some milk in. She stirs her cup of tea and leans back on the couch as she sips it slowly.

Peter is leaning against the one pillar of his patio, cup of tea in hand as he watches Jordan.

PETER

So, now you know.

JORDAN

Now I know.

PETER Has it eased your conscience somewhat to know the victim's soul is no longer in their body?

JORDAN

It has.

PETER

But?

JORDAN

But it just means I need to find a way to save their soul before it is devoured.

PETER

So there are many more out there.

JORDAN Yes. Many more.

THE END