

SERIES 2 EPISOE 3

"HID THE LINE"

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1 EXE PICK UP TRUCK - DAY

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5 INCLIVING ROOM- HUSE - PRESENT - DAY

10 or 15 minutes have passed. Zoe and Karen have sat down Zoe is shaken, tears in her eyes, processing. Karen is sat opposite, watching her...

> ZCE Wre you . . there?

Karen nods.

ZCE (CONT D)

I knewit was too good to be true. After the army spat himout. You lot were waiting with open arms. Is that what you do? Go after the vulnerable ones? Stalk hospitals?

KAREN

You deserved to know the truth But you have to trust me, Zoe, put your head above ground, Velorum'll come after you I shouldn't be telling you any of this. I didn't expect --I was going to leave this and go

She puts the duffel on the table. Zoe looks inside -- it's full of cash

ZŒ

Did they send you?

KAREN

Not I'd be six feet under if they found out I was ever here.

ZŒ

May are you

KAREN

Because it's my fault he's gone. I let the situation get out of control. I should have -- could have stopped it. I had a chance to intervene, but I chose Velorumover him I fell in line and vatched it happen Because..that's vhat I do It vas my fault, and I'mso sorry.

Zoe stares at her, eyes beginning to glow hot...

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6 EXE HUSE - CONTINUES - DAY

Karen rushes aut of the house --

ZŒ KAREN QJP.! I'msorry, I --

Zoe SLANS the door on her. Karen stands on the doorstep, bag in hand, heart twisting She heads up the drive, too upset to notice a van across the road, idling, watching her.

Karen holds on to the front gate, winded, trying to collect her breath, and then heads for her pickup.

- 7 **ONTIED**
- 8 **OMTIED**
- 9 INC. VAN DAY

REMEAL it's Pippa and Maggie watching from the van Pippa has her hood up. Both of their gazes are fixed, and heavy.

MINTITLE SMASHES ON SCREEN

ACT ONE

10 EXT. MILL - EVENING - PRESENT - DIRECT PLOKEP

ESTABLISHING of the Mill building in the forest.

JAMIE (PRELAP) Viat's she doing here!?

11 INC MILL - EVENING

The gang are SIUNED Karen stands with Pippa. She's wearing green Exodum overalls and name badge.

KAREN Good vibes only, guys. I come in peace.

They look at each other - no fucking vay!?

PIPPA Karen's with with us.

MMAN

Wat!

Cormac pulls Rosie towards the door --

CORMAC Okay, that's us, nice to meet you! **Billy steps in front of them**

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CORMAC (CONT'D)

Get aut the way!

Maggie picks up a hatchet and SLANS it into a table.

MCGIE

Nobody moves until we say sol

12 EXT. FOREST - SAME TIME - EVENING

Lauren nervously creeps along the forest trail, looking for --

LALREN

Ben!?

She slowly retraces her steps. Panic rising A breeze stirs the trees, and a branch snaps.

LAUREN (CONT' D)

Ben?

A hand suddenly GRABS her from behind She JUMES -- it's Ben He puts a finger to his lips, and takes her by the hand

A beat later. They're off the trail, in the undergrowth Ben lowers and points to an opening. Their POV: Janez, watched by Security Guards, has finished digging two graves. One of them has been filled in The other is open still with a mound of soil next to it. Janez looks back to the Guards and pleads in Slovenian (we're far away and can't really hear). One of the Security Guards pulls a knife. Another Guard glances over --

Lauren and Ben lower and listen SOUND (only) of Janez being stabbed and VMILING, followed by THLD of himfalling

Lauren peers back over --

Janez is gone (in the ground). The Guard looks over to Lauren and Ben again They drop out of sight and quickly crawl away.

13 EXT. BUILDERS PORTACABIN - FOREST - EVENING

Lauren and Ben dash through the forest! SOUND of a valkie talkie behind them They spot the Builders' cabin They look to each other and run for it.

INC. MILL - LATER vou o t t

PIPPA

If anyone has a reason to not trust her, it's me. I don't forgive her, but we can't do this without her.

KAREN

I can't change what I did, but I want to make things right. Velorum and me are history.

MCGE

Karen's here in an advisory role.

SCHA

Advising on what? Pain, suffering and scrape back pony's.

Karen takes a step forward and the gang take one back.

KAREN

I promise I'mhere for one thing and that's to fuck stomp Velorum into oblivion

MCCIE

I recruited her myself. She got reposted to help with logistics. Helped set us up with our jobs.

KAREN I heard Velorumcane after you

JAME

Beaker.

KAREN

All fart, no shit. By the time he's realized where you are, we'll have finished this.

JAME

Finished what!? You've still not said what you're even doing here.

KAREN This an extraction mission

MMAN

Who are you "extracting"?

KAREN

Big Daddy Deveraux

JAME

Oven Deveraux!?

CCRMC

Yer' nan who owns Velorunh?

KAREN Boss nan gets here tonarrownight. A thousand guests arrive tonorrow-

BEN

They rush underneath a desk as the door to the cabin CREAKS open One of the Guards enters (OS). He treads SLOWY over to the desk, FRAMING THEM with his legs.

Tense beat.

Another Guard outside calls to him--

$\mathbf{GLARD}(\mathbf{OS})$

Zaki eni ti !

Hde!

SCUND of the Guard leaving: Lauren and Ben deflate. Lauren crawls out from under the table. She locks to blood splashed site plans on one of the valls.

LAUREN

Look at this.

18 EXE MIL - NGH

The gang hurry out of the Mill. Jamie looks back to Pippa stepping outside, watching themgo

SCHA

Wao knew Karen coul d be out-Karened

VIVIAN There's always a bigger fish

CCRMC

Hey, John McClane. Have you got a death vish? What was that about?

She looks away. Avoidant. Stoic.

Jamie heads over to Pippa. They stare for a long beat before -

H PPA

Not cool.

JAME Me!? You're in bed with Karen??

PIPPA She's a tentative lover.

Jamie looks at her - really, jokes?

HPPA (CONT D)

Let me finish this. Get out of here and find somewhere safe to wait.

MCCE

What was that! How much were you going to tell then?!

KAREN

They need to know ve're serious. Although, you cocking your glock night have done the job.

MCCE

Go to bed, Karen'

Awkward silence. Maggie looks to Billy and Pippa --

MICCLE (CONTD) Follow them Don't take your eyes off them

They nod and head out.

MIGGE (CONT'D)

Pi ppa?

Pippa hangs back. Her nerves are shot. Maggie steps towards her, wanting to confiort, but Pippa isn't receptive.

> MCCIE (CONFD) We scared himin the woods. But I didn't drug him Probably got himself heat-stroke. He's just angry. He doesn't understand that this is all for him If I hurt him I'd be hurting you, and that's the last thing I'd ever want. Not after all we've been through

Migginie pulps her håndsernn PippjoswshoulitdererQ

MAGLE (CONTD) If you want to call this off, we can Just say the word I can't do this without you I can't lose you

Karen watches themquietly. Absorbing

PIPPA

No Course not. Just leave himto ne francularion "intribute" r! Karen just stares. She does her best to look neutral, but the slightest narrowing of her eyes tells us she isn't buying it.

MACCIE (CCG 'q C git.

23 INC. MILL - PRESENT DAY - NGHT

Karen stands alone in the greenhouse. She can still hear the phones RINGING A moment as her manory settles. They FADE OUT and she is left in a starkly lonely silence. She goes to the Nill door, guardedly locks outside and shuts it...

> JAME (PRELAP) Karen's up to something

CORMC (PRELAP)

No shit.

24 INE GANG S CABIN - NGHT

The gang enter their cabin Jamie is in full activated mode, but everyone else looks exhausted --

> JANIE We need to get ahead of her.

SOPHA I thought we were leaving!

JANIE We've got to make the most of tonight, use the time we have -what are you doing?

Cormac is halfvay up to the top of one of the bunk beds.

CCRMC

Going to bed

JAME

No. We don't have time -- we've got to move now before --

Jamie looks to Rosie who is somehow already in PJ's, rubbing night creaminto her face.

> JAME (CONFD) -- where did you get pajanas!?

> > CCRMC

If I don't get a couple of hours soon, I'll be no use to anybody.

VIVIAN Yeah, cos' your input is usually invaluable.

JAME

Well. Fine. You sleep. And we'll get scoping the place out. We need to find Lauren --

MMAN

I think our newfriend night have something to say about that.

Vivian nods outside. Jamie joins her at the window and looks out at Billy lurking opposite, leant against a tree, smaking. Jamie turns back to the room--

JAME

We need to get out of h.

Sophia, Rosie and Cormac are all fast asleep.

Jamie sighs.

PRELAP SOUND of SIEEL DOORS LISENCACING

24A INE UNISCLOSED AREA - SAME TIME - N.GHT

ANGLE ON the bottomof a heavy door opening. Fluffy slippers enter a darkened room A dimlight flickers on It's Devon She's vearing a dressing gown, sleep mask on her head. She holds a cup of tea, and speaks to a group who are OFFSCREEN (SOUND of WAINFERING and PANICKED breathing) ··

DEVON

Could you not sleep too? I' mvired

REMEAL the detainees are strapped to the valls with steel restraints. They cover and are all TERRIFIED of her!

DEVON (CONT' D)

You look hungry. We can get you some nibbles? We have an anazing chef here. Chef Franju He does an anazing fregola alla pescatora. Need to keep our strength up Ah!! How are we all? Not long now

ANGLE on one of the Detainees, struggling under restraints -Freddie, 20 s, bright-eyed, baby-faced

(through tears) Way are you doing this...

He fights against the restraints. Pleading

FREDIE (CONFD) Please! Just let us go

Long Beat and then Devon shrugs.

DEVON Okay. Since you asked so nicely.

MMAN

Yeah, I think we should probably be rescuing the living, not digging up the dead

LALREN

Sorry, did you say Karen??

Jamie traces a finger along the site plans.

JANE

They were adapting what was already here. Look, they've been working on the nain house, the island...

MMAN

The island Ben, you said they'd been building something out there. That's where they could be keeping the prisoners.

JAME

But there's no way to get to it?

BEN

Nope.

LALREN

Karen!?

JANIE And you've not seen any boats?

He shakes his head

Could ve svimit?

CCRMC

Who are you? Michael fucking Phelps?

SCHA

I can swimh Well, ballet swimn We did it on the ship all the time. I choreographed this insame routine to Cardi Bs WAP where we all wore mermaid fins and --

CORMAC We're not svirming over there.

Vivian points to a shape on the plans.

VIVIAN What's that? In the woods.

VIVIAN (CONT D) It's not far from the lake.

JAME Could be a boat house or something

MMAN

You check it out. I'll take first Karen watch I'll feel better if one of us is keeping an eye on her.

LALREN

A romanticized Woodstock rehash vomited into something insta curatable. A hippie plays a handpan An aerial artist hangs fromsilks. A velocme group hand out tea, grinning --

DEVON

H, welcome, how are your

Devon and Jean velcome people. Devon spots a 40 s stocky bearded nan anongst a velcome congregation - -

> DEVON (CONTD) Who's that? He looks like a buy to let landlord We're promoting wellness, Jean, not gout. He should not be front of house. Move him

Jean hurries off to move the man

Steve and Jared, mid 30 s, American, sculpted, approach --

SIEVE H. Steve and Jared Garrett. We booked the... (lovering voice) Changenaker Package.

DEVON Welcome! So glad you could join us. How are you! How was your journey?

JARED Long, I don't have cell service?

DEVON

At Excolumive want you to give yourself permission to unplug

JARED Yeah that's not gonna' work for me.

IEVON

Lipping .

JARED

Uh uh

DEVON

Lipl ug

A tight smiled standoff.

DEVON (CONTD) There's a W-FI code in your tent. You're in a Deluxe Stargazer with roll-top bath

Devon looks to Jean telling the despondent looking worker to leave. He maps away.

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DEVON (CONT' D)

And I hope you'll join us at our velcome party later, boys, for the opening of our anahata chakras and a zoomperformance by George Ezra. Tristan

Tristan gestures for Billy to join a velocing group, before bounding over, a little "aren't I cool" half-run --

> TRISTAN At your service. Hey guys, velcane, velcane, I'mhere far you

Tristan will show you to your dwelling

Tristan picks up their luggage and heads off. They follow--

SIEVE Viay don't you "unplug" your head fromyour ass, Jared

Devon grins again and waves to a guest ...

DEVON Welcome! Hello/

Tristan leads Steve and Jared past Karen valking in the other direction Vivian and Lauren peer from behind a nearby tree --

LALREN

I can't believe she's here. What if she's legit? She might have done some work on herself.

MMAN

Been visited by three ghosts? Not sure Karen's into self-reflection No There's no way she's turned her back on the regime.

36 EXT. FOREST - SAME TIME - DAY

Jamie and Rosie follow a trail with Cormac and Sophia both trudging behind A couple of guests pass by. Jamie looks to a map he's jotted on a scrap of paper, turning it upside down

JANE

This very. I think

Jamie leaves the trail and they reluctantly follow

CCRMC

You think?

They come to a metal perimeter fence. There is a NOENIRY sign, and no obvious way through

SCHA

On well. Let's go back. We might catch the seminar on radically up leveling your personal brand

ROSIE You didn't need to come with us, you know

Jamie paces, looking through the fence.

JAME

We need to get over.

When they look up. Rosie has already halfvay clinned up the fence and lands on the other side. Jamie svallows, not sure he has the same agility. But he gives it a good go. He tries scaling the fence but drops down, and again..still nothing

CORMAC JAME (CONT'D) Do you want a bunk there, Ja · Yes please

Cormac gives hima bunk. He lands clunsily on the other side.

Cornac turns to Sophia...

SCHA

(flirtatious, coy) Be gentle with me. I'monly little.

37 EXT. SHED YARD - 15 MINUTES LATER - DAY

Vivian and Lauren watch Karen carry a tool bag into a small out building (with a buggy parked next to it).

The girls run over and head around the side of the shed. They look through a small, dirty window Their POV. It's a tool shed. Karen locks the door, turns her radio off and places the bag down. She looks to a wall of tools...

Lauren and Vivian look at each other · what is she up to?

38 EXT. FOREST - DAY

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CORMAC (CONE'D) Valat vas that!

SOHA

I need to pee.

JAME

Be quick

Sophia leaves the trail.

ROSIE (eye roll) I'll go virth her.

Cormac takes his top off, viping sweat from his face. Jamie looks at him

JAME

I don't know why you bother getting dressed in the marning (looking off) Wratever this place is, they don't want people finding it.

CCRMC

Hey, so us leaving later. I was thinking it night be for the best. There's maybe something to Pippa's kidnap plan, you know Truth coming from the horses muth or whatever. And I keep thinking Hey and Devey could rock up here at any mment.

Jamie looks at him-who?

CORMIC (CONT'D)

Beaker and his friend. We really don't want to be here when they do

Rosie returns to them--

ROSIE You need to see this...

39 EXE CHAPEL - CONTINUES - DAY

Jamie and Cormac step out on to a tree-line where Sophia is vaiting Across the way is an old chapel. A crooked wooden building that looks lost to time.

Jamie's gang move around the chapel with their backs to the vall, looking for a vay in

JAME This is it. Got to be. It probably belongs to the estate. They peer around the corner to the front of the building. A camera is directly above the main door (red blinking light).

JAME (CONFD) There's got to be another way.

Rosie points to a small basement window She kneels and pries at the window Locked They move to another window It's ever so slightly ajar. Rosie pulls at it. Jamie helps. It BREAKS off it's latch and opens. Inside is pitch black...

CCRMC

Shall we discuss th-

Jamie readies himself to slip inside.

CORMIC (CONF D)

No, okay.

Jamie slips his legs through and shimmies himself inside.

He just fits. He drops down OUT OF SIGHE Silence...

RSIE

Janie?

They gaze into the black

Long beat.

He FOPS up, reaching for his camera. Rosie goes to follow him through Cormac stops her --

CCRMC

Hang on Can ve just exercise some self-preservation, please, and not go rushing into the dark basement of death

SOLND of voices around the side of the chapel. The three of themhurry into a cenetery plot, and hide behind graves.

40 INC BASEMENT - CHAPEL - DAY

Jamie turns and looks around the darkened basement. Nobody in there. Just furniture and boxes. He takes out his camera and turns it on, using the flash to film He SCANS the space...

His light lands on a door. He goes to the door, and peers in through a window Pitch black. He uses his CAMBRA's NIGHF VISION POV. It's a long tunnel.

He tries the door. Locked He looks to some steps in the corner, leading up out of the basement, and into the chapel. He heads over...

41 INE MAIN SPACE - CHAPEL - DAY

Jamie steps out into the darkened chapel. For the most part it is just a run of the mill Slovenian style chapel. But in the centre, pevs have been removed and there are movable screens - like in a hospital surgery. And above them is a bright surgical light. SOUND of faint machinery humming

Jamie moves slowly towards the screens until he hears a VICE from behind them...somebody's in there with him. He darts to a confessional box and hides inside!! The door creaks and he winces...shush! He peers through grating... He turns on his camera and records. He moves over to the partition screens, drawn in by electrical HAMAING. He takes a breath before peering around --

It's a surgical station Equipment surrounds a bed. It's too modern and jarring in the olde world space. There is someone laid in the bed, under a sheet.

The building CREAKS in the wind

He shuffles closer to see the Figure's face... or lack of. He locks through the night-vision LCD screen on his camera. The body, eyes closed, has a white mask on It's a plastic mask with eyes and mouth cut out.

He scans the body from head to toe with the camera and all of the equipment placed around the space. There is a bubbling pot of white plastic/wax.

He puts his camera down and reaches for the white mask, hand shaking. He tries to lift it but it's hot and sticky to the touch. It sticks to his fingers. It isn't set yet, and it's not a mask, it's a mould malted directly on to the skin!

He flinches back and looks at the goo on his fingers before wiping it on to the blanket. He doesn't notice the figure's eyes FLICK open...

CREAK

Jamie turns and goes to one of the screens. He looks to the main door --

Nobody there.

Behind him, the figure sits upright. HUD ON Jamie watching the door, whilst the Figure silently, with jerky movements, climbs off the bed.

46 EXE CHAPEL - DAY

The trio have returned to the basement window Rosie is starting to warry now gazing inside the basement --

RCSIE (vhispered) Janne?!

47 INE CHIPEL - DAY

Jamie vatches the door for a beat longer before turning back, and coming face to face with the Figure!!! He goes to SCREAM as the Figure CRABS himby the throat and chokes him Jamie CASPS, trying to break free. They stagger into one of the screens, knocking it over! SMASH Jamie claws at the mask, and more of it comes away like glue. Thick, white glue!! They struggle back and forth until Jamie breaks free, SHOAING the figure down

Jamie regains hinself and looks to the Figure wheezing on the floor - something pathetic about it.

He picks up his camera.

The Figure **GRABS** his ankle!

Jamie YELPS!

The Figure looks up, eyes wide, black. Spluttering, ITS HORRIFYING and INHIMAN

Jamie tries to shake himoff, but the Figure is gripping him tight. It lets off, o, e ee/

HPPA

You've got to stop running around after him

VIVIAN We don't run after anyone.

PIPPA Meggie's gonna' flip

MMAN

Miggie can suck a fat one. You know what. You're really starting to boil my piss. You're longing off the one person who cares about you

HPPA I'mhis sister a - VIVIAN (CONT'D) And we're his friends.

They stand face to face. Same stance. Same defiance. Lauren

looks between them, clocking the weird chemistry.

IALREN I'mLauren by the way. I've heard so much about y-

VIVIAN All I'msaying is, a little bit of gratitude vouldn't go a miss.

H PPA

Come on

Vivian doesn't budge - stops Lauren too

PIPPA (CONFD) Are you always this difficult?

VIVIAN I have pathological denand avoidance. It's a real disorder.

Pippa sighs (vants to smile).

PIPPA

Really.

MMAN

Really.

LAUREN I said I'd næt Ben

MMAN

Go

BILLY Wait there.

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KAREN (CONI'D) Come on, with me, you four. Now!

Jamie takes his chance and slides the SD card into the grass. Joseph looks back at him, just missing it, or did he...?

KAREN (CONFD) Joseph, isnit it? Karen Facilities nitfianàghr.'t

She shakes his hand

KAREN (CONI'D) Good looking fella'aren't you. Isn't it it Lauren grins. Tries to play it cool.

KAREN (CONI'D) Who do you think it was dragged your arse out the forest yesterday?

JANE

That was you

KAREN Found you pill cosbied, talking to yourself. This is what she used

She hands over a box of prescription medication

KAREN (CONFD) Happy pills. Poor cowlost her daughter. Sent her doolally.

JAME Way are you helping me?

KAREN

After your wee insurrection They denoted no. Took away the one thing I love most. Lifetime ban

JANE

KARFN Set it straight? Can you bring people back from the dead?

MAGE

Well. Since you mention it.

Maggie waves in the wing mirror. A back door opens and Pippa shuffles inside. Karen looks at her in the rearview sturned

OUT ON Karen looking back to Maggie - what the fuck!

54 EXT. REAR GATE - AFTERNON

ON Karen stood with O group watching Billy unlock a large metal gate. Jamie's gang (+ Ben) converge with Ogroup. The van is parked up, ready to go --

BIIY

(sæsy) Thanks for stopping by.

CRMC

(dry; to Ogroup) Alright, well, really nice meeting vou all, yeah!

JAME

I'mnot going anywhere. If you want to go, I wan't stop you. But I'm stayi ng

Miccie (sigh) or On for the love of God

He throws the box of pills to Pippa.

JANE

I'mnot leaving you with her: That's what she used yesterday. It was Karen who found me, helped me.

Pippa locks to Karen who gives a confirmatory lock. Maggie is still playing the innocent. And then Billy breaks --

BILY

She told me not to say anything

He's clearly terrified of her.

Everyone looks to Maggie. She's staring at Pippa. Cogs whirring but she knows she's busted...

MCCLE

Pippa I only want to protect you I wasn't going to hurt him

Pippa stares. Hard Hırt.

MCGE

MMAN

56 INC MILL - CONTINUES - DAY

Karen stands firm Enotionless.

KAREN

If you're gamma' shoot me, get an with it cos' if I have to listen to another second of your shite, I'll neck myself.

MCCLE

Be ny guest.

Maggie throws Karen the gun Karen catches it.

MAGIE (CONFD) Wan't stop you this time. I'mnot going to shoot you, Karen I'mnot like you

Karen locks down to the gun in her hand...

MAGIE (CONFD) I tried I tried to help you, but you're too far gone.

KAREN "We can set this straight together".

MCCE

Wat?

KAREN That's vhat you promised. Together. Didn't take you long to go full Pussolini, did it.

Maggie goes over to the cupboard and locks it with the key.

MAGLE You're finished here. I'll let the others knowit dich't work out.

Maggie locks to the gun and snarls --

MAGGIE (CONT'D) Way don't you do us all a favour.

Maggie goes to the door. It's locked. (Grafty Karen locked it earlier when she was lingering there). She looks back --

MAGIE (CONT D)

Qpenit.

Karen just stares.

MAGE (CONT D)

CPEN IT!

Karen puts the gun away and slowly valks over. She puts the key in the lock, but halts...

KAREN

She bends, takes the key from Miggie's pocket, grabs her bag of tools and takes themover to the cupboard, hands shaking