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BELÉN, TIAGO, KUXTA AND THE REST OF THE ESCAPEES FROM THE FORCED LABOUR CAMP ARE HIDING IN SAN SÉRVULO'S INDUSTRIAL WASTE DUMP.

WE HAVE TO MAKE A MOVE. THIS PLACE WON'T BE SAFE MUCH LONGER.

BUT WHERE TO? WE CAN'T TRUST ANYONE!

THE STADIUM. WE ARE GOING TO LET EVERYONE KNOW ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON...

... TIAGO AND I WILL GET IN WITH OUR PASSES...

... ONCE WE'RE IN, WE'RE GOING TO USE THE DRONE TO HACK INTO THE STADIUM SCREEN.

THAT'S FAR TOO DANGEROUS! YOU'LL BE SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE AND DRONES!

TRUE! BUT WE'LL BE SAFE AS SOON AS THE SCREEN STARTS SHOWING THE LABOUR CAMP IMAGES.

IT'LL BE A SHOCK! NO ONE KNOWS THAT SAN SÉRVULO'S ECONOMY IS BUILT ON SLAVE LABOUR...

... THE ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED AND ANALYZED. THINGS WILL HAVE TO CHANGE...

... THE ENTIRE WORLD'S OPINION OF THE ISLAND IS GOING TO CHANGE...

... ALL THE VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING WHO ARE BEING HELD IN THE CAMP WILL BE SET FREE...

... AND INTEGRATED INTO SOCIETY AS CITIZENS WITH RIGHTS.
LET'S GO! WE NEED TO GET THERE BEFORE SEJAUN TIRUVO'S CLOSING SPEECH.

THE REST OF YOU, STAY AROUND THE STADIUM, MIXED IN WITH THE CROWD. THAT WAY YOU'LL BE SAFE.

THE WHOLE WORLD IS ABOUT TO FIND OUT EVERYTHING.

THESE ARE OUR SEATS.

IT'S JUST A 100-METRE FLIGHT...

...100 METRES TO FREEDOM AND JUSTICE.

BOOM!

THE DRONE WILL HOOK UP TO THE BACK OF THE SCREEN AND...

WHAT HAPPENED?

NO, IT BLEW UP FROM THE INSIDE. THE DRONE SELF-DESTRUCTED.

DID IT BLOW UP MID-FLIGHT????? WAS IT SHOT DOWN?

IT CAN'T BE!!! WE'RE DOOMED!!! AND THE CAMP VICTIMS TOO!
IN THE MEANTIME, IN THE AMAN MITBAH BUILDING, SEJAUN TIRUUD GETS READY TO CLOSE THE AIR AND FIRE FESTIVAL.

NEVER IN MY WILDEST DREAMS DID I IMAGINE ANY OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

IF ONLY THEY KNEW WHO I REALLY WAS. IF THEY KNEW WHERE I CAME FROM, WOULD THEY ADMIRE ME SO?

A THIN LINE DIVIDES GOOD FROM EVIL.

BUT, AT THE END OF THE DAY, PEOPLE ONLY CARE ABOUT THEIR OWN WELL-BEING.

THE COMMON GOOD IS A MATTER FOR A PRIVILEGED FEW.

AND YOU’VE GOT TO DEFEND YOURSELF AT ALL COSTS.
Nobody knows I've had three lives. I was Abdul Rachimoff in the first...

... a teenager who smuggled weapons and counterfeit goods into San Servolo on rafts made of rubber tyres...

... one of thousands that lived on the fringes of society, and on the fringes on my own well-being too...

... we inspired fear because we would do anything...

The police were always after us. They said we were criminals, but in my opinion crime is always brought about by poverty.

... to reach a tiny sliver of that well-being.

... smugglers go to prison. I tried to save myself by feigning death, but I failed.
IN MY SECOND LIFE I WAS KIMEN NUMBER 1...

... A CRIMINAL, LOCKED UP IN A CAGE, WHO WENT ON TO START THE MOST TERRIFYING CRIMINAL GANG IN HISTORY: KIMEN...

...PRISON WAS OUR EDUCATION; ONCE OUT, WE BROUGHT TERROR TO ALL...

... BUT IN OUR EYES WE WERE HEROES...

... WE MADE MILLIONS. AT LAST I CAME TO KNOW WHAT WELL-BEING WAS...

... BUT WE WERE ALSO AFRAID AND HAD TO FACE THE TERROR. WE HAD TO CHANGE, BLOOD WAS SPROUTING FROM BOTH SIDES...
IN MY THIRD LIFE I AM SEJAIU TIRUUD, SAN SÉRVOLO'S HEAD OF STATE.

...THE MOST SUCCESSFUL RULE THE ISLAND HAS EVER SEEN...

...I PUT ALL MY MONEY INTO TECH AND, UNDER A FALSE NAME, I STARTED A COMPANY: AMAN MITBACH...

...KIMEN HAD TO DIE. AND I KNEW HOW TO KILL HIM... WE FEIGNED KIMEN'S DEATH. SOME GANG MEMBERS, THOSE WHO WERE UNGOVERNABLE, WENT BACK TO PRISON. OTHERS BECAME A PART OF MY GOVERNMENT...

...THE PEOPLE LOVED ME. I BROUGHT THEM SAFETY, SURVEILLANCE, TRANQUILLITY AND WELL-BEING...

...BUT SOMEONE HAD TO DO THE HARD WORK TO PROP US UP. I BROUGHT THOUSANDS OF THE WAR'S DISPLACED PERSONS HERE...

...THEY AND SAN SÉRVOLO'S MARGINALISED GROUPS BUILT OUR ECONOMIC MIRACLE.
"You would have to be naive to think that there is anything on this island that is beyond my control."

"The Sayab siblings, they're clever, enthusiastic, creative, idealistic: dangerous."

"There are many ways to tell the story of what they have done and discovered..."

"... they have infiltrated our immigration security facilities..."

"... they have engaged in espionage by tampering with and manipulating security equipment..."

"... they have held secret meetings to conspire against my government..."

"... they have sabotaged and destroyed island infrastructure..."

"... and they are responsible for the illegal entry of 10,000 people into our territory..."

"... with that background, a terrorist attack would be hardly surprising."
WE MUST RECOVER THE UNEXTALI. IT CONTAINS PROOF OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE FORCED LABOUR CAMP.

NO, IMPOSSIBLE. IT'S COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY THE AMAN MITBACH DRONES...

... BUT THERE'S MORE. IF THE UNEXTALI SELF-DESTROYED IT'S BECAUSE IT WAS NEVER REALLY UNDER OUR CONTROL...

... THEY ALWAYS KNEW WHAT WE WERE UP TO, AND THEY ALLOWED IT.

WHY WOULD THEY ALLOW IT?

I DON'T KNOW.

THE DRONES ARE COMING FOR US!!!

RUN!!!
In another corner of the city a funeral is being held for Mixba Jaaj, chief of police.

I am very sorry for Mixba's death, Clarisse. I knew you were really fond of him.

Thank you Mister Secretary of State, but I have to tell you something...

... Mixba did not die of natural causes. I think he was murdered.

Clarisse this is neither the time nor the place...

Mixba had found out something disturbing...

... if he were here, he would show you himself.

This false sense of security will not prop up my government for much longer...

I'm not in the mood for a party today.

... only terror will.
Secretary, you have to send someone to verify the existence of that forced labour camp.

No. I will not act on hearsay.

Tiruvod's administration, to which I belong, has allowed us to live in peace!

Yes secretary, but at whose expense?

It could also be real. Don't you think our economic miracle is suspicious?

This video could be a montage, or filmed in another country, or worst case scenario an isolated case of piracy.

You are so insolent!

I will not tolerate any more lies, Clarisse.

Stop right there Secretary/Minister! If you don't believe me, you should at the very least speak to the Sayab sibling's parents.

No sir. Neither my wife, nor I, nor my children have done anything wrong.

Bring them now!

You and your family have put the island's reputation on the line,
PEOPLE OF THE WORLD! GIVE OUR LEADER A WARM WELCOME! SEJAUN TIRUUD!

THE MAN WHO BROUGHT US PEACE AND SAFETY!

PEOPLE OF SAN SERVOL! PEOPLES OF THE WORLD! HAS OUR PLANET EVER SEEN A HAPPIER DAY?

KABOOM!

DO NOT RUN! DO NOT PUSH!
EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL!
KEEP CALM!
WE ARE REPORTING LIVE FROM THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK...

... IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE SADDEST DAYS IN THE HISTORY OF OUR ISLAND...

... A TRAGEDY Brought ABOUT BY THE SAYAB FAMILY'S CRIMINAL AMBITION. FORMER KIMEN MEMBERS WHO ATTEMPTED TO SEED TERROR AMONG US...

... LEADER TIRUUD HAS DECLARED HE WILL NOT ALLOW ANOTHER CRIME OF THIS NATURE...

... WE MUST REMEMBER THAT THE SAYABS ILLEGALLY INTRODUCED OVER 10,000 PEOPLE WHO WERE THEN ENSLAVED IN A FORCED LABOUR CAMP...

... WHERE THEY MANUFACTURED PIRATED TECHNOLOGY. Fortunately, THESE PEOPLE WILL BE DEPORTED IN THE COMING DAYS...

... IN LIGHT OF THE CRISIS, LEADER TIRUUD HAS ANNOUNCED THAT 500 UNMANNED WARSHIPS WILL BE GUARDING OUR COASTS...

... IN THE MEAN TIME, THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND AGENT CLARISSE CHEN HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED FOR FORMING PART OF THIS CRIMINAL ORGANISATION...
"OUR PAIN IS DEEP", OUR LEADER HAS SAID, "BUT WE WILL REGAIN OUR STATUS AS AN EXAMPLE OF PEACE AND HARMONY FOR THE WORLD..."

... THE SCENES AT THE FUNERAL ARE DEVASTATING...

IN MOURNING, ALL THE SURVEILLANCE DRONES WILL SWITCH THEMSELVES OFF FOR FIVE MINUTES...

... THE POLICE ARE ENTERING THE PRECINCT. WE HAVEN'T WITNESS THEIR PUBLIC INTERVENTION IN YEARS!

WHAT! THE POLICE ARE DETAINING LEADER TIRUUD?! WHY?

THIS IS CAUSING A RIOT! PEOPLE ARE DEFENDING THE LEADER! OTHERS ACCUSE HIM OF BEING BEHIND THE TERRORIST ATTACKS!

... BUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE DRONES? THEY HAVE GOT TO STEP IN IMMEDIATELY!!...

... WE HAVE RECEIVED NEWS OF A BLACKOUT AT THE AMAN MITBACH BUILDING. THE CENTRAL BRAIN IS SHUT OFF...

... THE CROWD IS CALMING DOWN! SOME PEOPLE ARE CALLING FOR ATTENTION TO AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE.
LEADER SEJAUN TIRUUD UNDER ARREST

SERVOLIANS! WE HAVE UNDENIABLE PROOF THAT TIRUUD ORCHESTRATED AND OPERATED THE TERRORIST ATTACK!

... WHAT'S GOING ON, GERMAINE? I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING!

... IT WAS A FRONT TO HIDE THE FACT HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLANDESTINE FORCED LABOUR CAMP...

... MIXBA JAAJ? AT THE FUNERAL? HADN'T HE DIED DAYS AGO?

... I PRETENDED TO BE DEAD IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGATIONS! I HID RIGHT HERE IN THE CEMETERY...

... CLARISSE CHEN HELPED ME DO IT. BEING A DEAD MAN WAS THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD TAKE THEIR EYES OFF ME...

... SHE HAD TO APPREHEND THE SAYABS, KNOWING THEY WERE INNOCENT, TO BUY TIME AND PROTECT THEM...

... A YOUNG BOY, UNCONNECTED TO THE DRONE SURVEILLANCE, WAS OUR MESSENGER...

... FORTUNATELY NOT EVERYONE AT AMAN MITBAH IS CORRUPT. SOME OF THEM HELPED US KEEP AN EYE ON TIRUUD AND RECORD HIS MOVEMENTS...

... IT'S TIME FOR SERVOLO TO TAKE BACK FREEDOM AND JUSTICE!
THE SAYABS WERE SET FREE AT ONCE

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW FRIGHTENED I GOT WHEN I HEARD YOU HAD BEEN CAPTURED, BÉLÉN.

I WAS AFRAID SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN TO YOU, KUXTA.

SIX MONTHS LATER A GENERAL ELECTION TAKES PLACE IN SAN SÉRVULO.

AMAN MITBACH HAS BEEN EXPROPRIATED, TIRUVUD AND HIS ASSOCIATES ARE BEING INVESTIGATED, JUDGED AND IMPRISONED*

... AND WE HAVE BEEN PAID REPARATIONS FOR THE UNWARRANTED TIME SPENT IN THERE...

... THEY FREED ALL OF US WHO WERE HELD IN THE FORCED LABOUR CAMP...

THEY'RE SUXTAA!

I'M VERY SAD WE WEREN'T ABLE TO PREVENT THE ATTACK, DAD!

WE ARE FREE, KIDS!
... AND A PLAN TO GRANT US RESIDENCE AND WORK PERMITS HERE ON THE ISLAND IS UNDER WAY...

WE ARE HAPPY FOR YOU, KUXTA!

FABULOUS! SEE, TIAGO? 10,000 REFUGEES COMING INTO THE CITY WITHOUT FEAR, AS CITIZENS WITH RIGHTS.

YES! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! WELCOME!
**Glossary**

**Accountability:** An environment of oversight that ensures compliance with laws, procedures and regulations, while promoting transparency, access to information and public integrity.

**Human Rights:** Rights inherent to all human beings, without distinction as to race, colour, gender, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. All human rights, whether they are civil and political rights, such as the right to life, equality before the law and freedom of expression; economic, social and cultural rights, such as the rights to work, social security and education, or collective rights, such as the rights to development and self-determination are indivisible, interrelated and interdependent.

**Justice:** An ideal of accountability and fairness in the protection and vindication of rights and the prevention and punishment of wrongs. Justice implies regard for the rights of the accused, for the interests of victims and for the well-being of society at large.

**Organized Criminal Group:** Structured group of three or more persons, existing for a period of time and acting in concert with the aim of committing one or more serious crimes or offences, in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit.

**Rule of Law:** A principle of governance in which all persons, institutions and entities, public and private, including the state itself, are accountable to laws that are publicly promulgated, equally enforced and independently adjudicated and which are consistent with international human rights norms and standards.

**Violent Extremism:** The beliefs and actions of people who support or use violence to achieve ideological, religious or political goals. In other words, the willingness of an individual to use violence or the threat of it to enforce certain radical or extremist views.

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