

Crosswired - Episode 17

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**SCENE 1:**

Dr Hadoop walks through the Boston Public Gardens, heading toward the Swan Boats. He sees the person he's been told to meet.

HADOOP (firmly)  
Excuse me, do you know last night's Sox score?

POWELL  
It was a lousy freakin game. You don't wanna know.

HADOOP  
I had 20 dollars on them winning a shutout.

POWELL (softly)  
You're late.

HADOOP  
Green line was a nightmare. No AC. And in this heat...

POWELL  
Over a hundred again today. What's that, 4 days in a row?

HADOOP  
You know why I'm here?

POWELL  
You're looking for a man.

HADOOP  
Yes. Do you know where--

POWELL  
We been looking for him, too.

HADOOP  
So you haven't found him? Margery said--

POWELL  
Sshh. No names.

HADOOP  
I was told you knew where he was.

POWELL  
We did. We lost 'em.

HADOOP  
Dammit. I'm wasting my time.

POWELL  
Easy, buddy. I got someone knew where he was being taken. Told her to expect ya.

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HADOOP                               What? Who?

POWELL                                I told ya, no names. You got a car?

HADOOP                                Yeah, but, I really don't want to use it.

POWELL                                Good. Smart. I like that. I got a car for ya. You leave me yours and you take mine.

HADOOP                                But...

POWELL                                I'll take care of it if you take care of mine. It's got, whaddya call it... sentimental value. Besides, no one needs a car around here. I'll park it out in Malden. It'll be fine.

HADOOP                                Ok, fine. How will I know this person?

POWELL                                You'll find details in the glovebox. You use Signal?

HADOOP                                Yes.

POWELL                                Smart fella. Her name and contact stuff will be there. Better hurry. Storm's comin'.

HADOOP                                But, where am I going?

POWELL                                You're goin' to Kansas, Dorothy.

**SCENE 2:**

Simon, Gretchen, and Jada are in a root cellar beneath an abandoned farm house. Jada hands out a canteen.

JADA                                    Here. Drink.

GRETCHEN                              Thanks.

SIMON                                  So now what?

JADA                                    For now, just keep quiet. We're trying to bring up a comm link. We'll see what we can do.

SIMON                                  We can't just sit here. Things are moving out there.

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JADA (angry)  
I said be quiet and--!

GRETCHEN (calming)  
You said this was all that was left.  
What happened?

JADA  
We had orders to take out a power  
grid. We needed to shutdown the  
Avdiivka Plant.

SIMON  
You were in the Ukraine?

JADA  
Not physically, no. This was a cyber  
attack.

SIMON  
But we were...

JADA  
You were what?

SIMON  
Nothing.

GRETCHEN  
Simon. You need to pick a side.

SIMON (pause)  
We had a campaign. The Russians were  
planning something big and we needed  
to stop it. Before we could,  
though...

JADA  
We took out the grid. Shut it all  
down.

SIMON  
Yeah. We thought the Russians were  
onto us.

JADA  
Well, we were told there was an  
attack coming, so we were instructed  
to prevent it. Supposedly we had an  
agent embedded who got the intel.

GRETCHEN  
And what happened to your team, Jada?

JADA  
We were holed up in a tiny apartment  
outside Pittsburgh. Me and a couple  
others. Bounced our attack through a  
bunch of different Tor relays, came  
out at an Indonesian node and then  
took control of a system in Dubai.

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JADA (cont'd)

Launched the attack from there. They still managed to track us down.

SIMON

What? How?

JADA

They had to have had intel. No way they could have traced us. Anyway, suddenly there's a SWAT team breaking down the door. I was the only one to get away. I was able to rendezvous with the rest of my team and we fled here. What were you doing--

One of Jada's team - JACKSON - enters the room.

JACKSON

Commander...

JADA

Yeah?

JACKSON

Incoming call.

JADA

HQ?

JACKSON

No. It's a different channel.

JADA

Who?

JACKSON

You better take it.

Jada leaves the cellar and goes upstairs. She can be heard answering the call in the distance.

JADA

Who is this?

GRETCHEN

Simon? What are you thinking?

SIMON

Either they were sloppy and got a compromised node or someone knew the plan ahead of time. I'd guess the latter.

GRETCHEN

You think they have a spy inside?

SIMON

Could be. It's how it works. KANTO puts spies in the government, the government puts spies in KANTO...

GRETCHEN

(pause)

The embedded agent she mentioned...

SIMON

That was me, wasn't it.

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GRETCHEN                   Probably, yeah. Dr Garvin. He'd offload data from you during treatment and would send it off to us.

SIMON                        So everything I knew...

GRETCHEN                   We'd know. Eventually. The attacks by KANTO? Those were because of intel we got from you and others like you.

SIMON                        Other cyborgs?

GRETCHEN                   No. Just spies. You may have been our most advanced spy, but not the only one.

SIMON                        So, these others...

GRETCHEN                   I don't know who they are or where they are. You were my responsibility.

SIMON                        (pause)

                              Sorry. This Jada... she's relieved.

GRETCHEN                   What are you talking about?

SIMON                        Whoever she's talking to. I can sense it. Must be good news.

GRETCHEN                   We could use some of that right now.

SIMON                        She's coming back.

Jada walks back into the room.

JADA                         I've got someone wants to talk with you.

GRETCHEN                   What?

JADA                         Go ahead Marius.

GRETCHEN                   (surprised)

                              Marius?

MARIUS                      Ms Williams. Simon. I'm glad to hear you're safe.

GRETCHEN                   What happened? Simon said he saw you die.

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BOYLE Will you stop? Simon, if the Agency has been compromised we are all at risk. We... Shit.

ABRAHMS What?

BOYLE Aster. See if you can reach her, Abrahms.

ABRAHMS Yes, Mr Boyle.

GRETCHEN What's going on? Marius?

MARIUS Has Dr Bannister gotten there, yet?

GRETCHEN Bannister?

MARIUS She detoured for gas. Has to still be out there somewhere.

JADA Was she heading here?

MARIUS Yes. She had the details.

GRETCHEN No sign of her yet. What do you want us to do, Marius?

MARIUS Ball's in your court Agent Boyle.

BOYLE Right. Listen, I want you to sit tight. Is your location secure?

JADA As far as we know. Marius, is that what you want us to do?

MARIUS For now, we're cooperating with Agent Boyle here.

BOYLE Ok. Good. Stay put. Stay silent.

ABRAHMS Just getting her voice mail.

BOYLE We're heading back to Fort Meade. It's time something was done about Mr Conway.

SIMON I... We can't just sit here and do nothing. There's... Shit.

GRETCHEN Simon? What's wrong?

SIMON Dr Hadoop. The satellite he was working on.

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GRETCHEN                   What about it?

SIMON                        It's been bothering me for awhile.  
The NSA doesn't use MIT to design top  
secret spy satellites.

BOYLE                        Conway met with this Hadoop while you  
were all captured. He and the Russian  
doctor were released shortly after.  
Of course, that didn't turn out so  
well.

SIMON                        What are you talking about?

BOYLE                        You didn't hear? The Russian woman  
committed suicide on the train ride  
back.

SIMON                        Dr Warkovsky is dead?

GRETCHEN                    Simon?

BOYLE                        Locked herself in a bathroom and shot  
herself.

SIMON                        (pause)

                              It wasn't a suicide. It had to be  
murder.

BOYLE                        How?

GRETCHEN                    Simon, you might be experiencing a  
little paranoia. It's ok.

SIMON                        Bullshit! It's not paranoia. There's  
no way that woman kills herself.  
Boyle, there's something going on  
here.

BOYLE                        Alright. Well, we'll keep that under  
consideration.

SIMON                        We need to find Hadoop. If he's  
alive...

JADA                         He's alive.

SIMON                        What?

BOYLE                        What?

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JADA                   Hadoop. The MIT professor, right?  
He's alive.

SIMON                   How do you know that?

JADA                   He made contact. He's heading this  
way. Said he needed to find Mr  
Dougherty.

SIMON                   Where? I need to find him.

BOYLE                   Just sit tight.

SIMON                   Fuck you. You don't give me orders.

BOYLE                   Marius?

MARIUS                  Commander Davis, you are under orders  
to restrain Mr Dougherty if necessary  
to prevent him from leaving your  
care. Is that understood?

JADA                   Yes sir.

SIMON                   Try and stop me.

GRETCHEN               Simon, let's just give them a little  
time. 24 hours. Dr Hadoop is coming  
here. Mr Boyle, can you handle your  
situation in 24 hours?

ABRAHMS                The entire DC area is a mess. The G-  
20 summit. The protests...

SIMON                   The what?

ABRAHMS                The G-20 summit... The Group of 20?  
Only the most powerful economies and  
central banks on the planet. They  
meet every year to plan out--

SIMON                   To control the world.

GRETCHEN               What? What are you saying, Simon?

SIMON                   If you were trying to take control of  
the world, in addition to  
infiltrating government spy agencies  
you'd want control of the major  
economic forces. No? Maybe even run  
it all from there.

BOYLE                   Shit.

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MARIUS I think Mr Dougherty may be right.

BOYLE Look, the summit is going on for a couple more days. Not all the representatives have even arrived yet. Give us 24 hours to deal with Conway, then we'll try to tackle the most heavily guarded event known to man. Agreed?

GRETCHEN Yes sir.

BOYLE Simon?

SIMON Fine.

BOYLE Good. Feel free to start developing a plan.

**SCENE 3:**

Gretchen walks into the barn where Jada and Jackson are already talking.

JADA Grab yourself some breakfast. Hope you like grits and jerky.

GRETCHEN Not exactly what my mother used to make. Any word from Boyle or Marius during the night?

JADA Wasn't expecting any.

GRETCHEN How about Dr Hadoop?

JADA Nothing.

GRETCHEN No news is good news, I guess.

JADA So what's the deal with your friend. Seems angry.

GRETCHEN Yeah. Hard to blame him. Finds out he's a cyborg that we created and he's been manipulated into spying on the country he loves. I'd be pretty pissed. Throw on top of that that I... misrepresented myself.

JADA He thought you and he...

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GRETCHEN                   Yeah. It's more than that, though. The tech in his body... I think his brain is rejecting it in some way. In theory, he could be pretty much immortal, but this... degeneration. We were hoping to find someone to do what Garvin did.

JADA                        The doctor?

GRETCHEN                   Yeah. Simon killed him before he could get his latest treatment.

JADA                        This Dr Bannister...

GRETCHEN                   I don't know. She was involved in getting data to us. I don't know how good of an actual doctor she is.

JADA                        So then, Simon... Actually, where is he?

GRETCHEN                   He... I thought...

JADA                        Shit! Jackson? Get Wallace on the comm. He was supposed to be watching him.

JACKSON                    Right. Wallace? You there? Wallace? Nothing.

RADIO SQUAWK

SANDERS                    Commander. Someone took the car.

JADA                        Son of a...

GRETCHEN                   We need to go after him.

JADA                        That was our only vehicle.