

Crosswired  
Episode 7

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**SCENE 1:**

Conway is meeting with Ms Aster in her office.

CONWAY                      Operational necessity, Madam  
director.

ASTER                        Kazin is no field agent, Conway. We  
have personnel trained in this sort  
of thing.

CONWAY                      Capturing cyborg spies in the agency?

ASTER                        You know what I mean. I should have  
been notified as soon as the  
slightest suspicion arose. It's one  
thing to find leaks in a contracting  
organization, but one of our own?

CONWAY                      Kazin felt a personal tie to the  
subject. He'd been a mentor to him  
since he started here. As soon as the  
kid disappeared, he figured something  
was wrong and he wanted to find him.  
Help him.

ASTER                        Yes, well, I need to speak with him  
right away.

CONWAY                      He... isn't available.

ASTER                        What do you mean?

CONWAY                      I authorized him to take leave. This  
entire experience has him a bit  
shaken.

ASTER                        Shaken? He's supposed to be a highly  
trained senior leader. You're saying  
he needs a rest after a struggle-free  
capture of his young, trusting  
protege?

CONWAY                      My interrogation may have been a bit  
harsh, ma'am. I had to be sure he  
wasn't harboring any sympathies for  
the plant.

ASTER                        I trust you didn't break any rules?  
Despite his poor judgment in this

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 ASTER (cont'd)

particular instance, Kazin has been a valuable asset to IAD. His record is--

CONWAY I'm familiar with his record. Trust me. He'll be back before you know it and I'll make him available to you as soon as he returns. It's my job to make sure he remains a valuable asset.

ASTER Very well. In the meantime, let's hope we recover Mr Dougherty quickly. I shudder to think of the damage he can do to this country.

CONWAY How can IAD help?

ASTER By letting my people do their job without further interference.

CONWAY Yes, madam director.

**SCENE 2:**

Boyle enters Valerie's apartment.

BOYLE Thank you for seeing me Ms...?

VALERIE Just call me Val.

BOYLE Short for Valerie?

VALERIE Yeah. You want some coffee or something, Mr Boyle?

BOYLE Call me Roger. And only if it's no trouble

VALERIE I got a pot on. I always got a pot on. Afraid I'm a bit addicted to the stuff. It's dark roast. Need cream? Sugar?

BOYLE Sugar's fine. May I sit?

VALERIE Oh, yeah. Where are my manners? I guess I'm still a little messed up.

BOYLE You experienced a terrible event. It's to be expected.

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VALERIE                   It could've been worse, I guess. But some of those people who... Donna, I mean. We used to talk in the elevator all the time. She was getting married this summer. I was going to... I had already picked out a dress.

BOYLE                     I'm very sorry for your loss. And for intruding during this difficult time. I need to ask some questions, though.

VALERIE                   The FBI already asked me all sorts of stuff.

BOYLE                     About the bombing, I know. My questions are a little different. I need to ask you about Dr Garvin.

VALERIE                   Oh my god. I completely blocked that out. Does that make me bad? Someone murdered my boss and all I can think about is the bombing. I'm sorry.

BOYLE                     It's okay, Val. Really. So much tragedy in such a short time. I've seen trained soldiers - battle-hardened - suffer just as much. You're not a bad person.

VALERIE                   (gets weepy) I haven't even thought about what I'm going to do. I mean, the office is gone. So is my boss. I haven't... God, what am I going to do?

BOYLE                     It's gonna be alright. The city has put together a support group. Some of the best counselors in the country have agreed to pitch in. Help you cope. Find a way forward for you. Okay? (pause) Good. Can I ask you some questions? I'll get through them as quickly as I can.

VALERIE                   (sniffs) Yeah, sure.

BOYLE                     What was Dr Garvin treating Simon Dougherty for?

VALERIE                   Simon? I don't think I can tell you that. Patient privacy and all.

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BOYLE Right. Did you talk to Dr Garvin after the bombing? Before he was killed?

VALERIE We were released together. After the questioning. We shared a cab back to the parking garage so I could get my car.

BOYLE Did he say anything about Mr Dougherty? Anything not related to his healthcare?

VALERIE He was worried about Simon. I think he called him. On his cell. Is Simon alright?

BOYLE We don't know. We're trying to find him. Do you think he could have harmed Dr Garvin?

VALERIE Harmed? No, they were so friendly, they... (remembers) Oh.

BOYLE Oh? Oh what?

VALERIE Wires. I forgot... Oh god.

BOYLE Wires? You saw wires?

VALERIE After the explosion. I thought he got hit by a piece of computer or something, but it was... It was him. I didn't remember. I didn't tell that to the FBI. Am I going to go to jail? I didn't mean to--

BOYLE It's okay, Val. You're not going to jail. But, if the FBI asks you more questions, please don't mention the wires.

VALERIE You want me to lie?

BOYLE No. Not lie. Just skip that bit. This is a matter of national security. The FBI is investigating the bombing. I'm trying to find Simon.

VALERIE You think he killed Dr Garvin?

BOYLE It's too soon to know that, but if Simon had wires inside him, Dr Garvin

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BOYLE (cont'd)

had to have known, right? He's a doctor.

VALERIE Well, yeah.

BOYLE But he never said anything? To you?

VALERIE No. I swear. He was treating Simon for his diabetes... Shit. I didn't mean to say that.

BOYLE Let's talk about something else. How long have you worked for Dr Garvin?

VALERIE A couple years. Maybe a little less. He had just moved to the area and was getting established. The doctor I used to work for retired, so I applied for the job.

BOYLE Where did he move from?

VALERIE Up north. Somewhere in Massachusetts. Near Boston, I think. I'm really not good at geography.

BOYLE Were there any other doctors he worked with down here? Consulting with on Mr Dougherty, for instance? Anyone he used to share test results with or anything like that?

VALERIE Yeah. Yeah, there was. I used to have sealed test results sent to a lab. To a Dr Bannister.

BOYLE Can you get me the address for him?

VALERIE Her. Yeah, sure.

BOYLE Thanks. Oh, do you know if Mr Dougherty had any family in the area?

VALERIE I don't think so. He used to talk about his mom up in Rhode island. I think his dad passed a few years ago. He had a girlfriend, though.

BOYLE Do you know her name?

VALERIE Started with a G, I think. Gretel or Gretchen or something. She came in with him a couple times.

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BOYLE Did she ever meet with Dr Garvin?

VALERIE Yeah, sometimes she'd go in with Simon. A lot of wives go in with their husbands, though. It's not usually a big deal.

BOYLE Right. Well, let me get that address from you and I'll be on my way.

VALERIE Sure thing.

**SCENE 3:**

Drs Hadoop and Warkovsky are riding the Acela train back to Boston.

HADOOP Here, I got you a water.

WARKOVSKY I hate trains.

HADOOP Beggars can't be choosers. The storm has everything messed up. How's your head.

WARKOVSKY Still hurts.

HADOOP I'm worried.

WARKOVSKY They said it will pass in a few hours.

HADOOP No, Natalia. I mean about this whole situation. Some of the questions they were asking...

WARKOVSKY Is the government. Very protective. You know how they are. And we are...

HADOOP Foreign, I know. It was something else, though. (pause) I have a confession to make. I didn't tell them everything. I didn't want them to know that I knew about... well... Simon's condition.

WARKOVSKY You think they didn't already know?

HADOOP I didn't want them to know that I knew. This is big, Natalia. Very big. If they think we knew we could be

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HADOOP (cont'd)

labeled risks to national security. They could... make us disappear.

WARKOVSKY

I see your point.

HADOOP

What did you tell them?

WARKOVSKY

They didn't ask me about the boy. I think they were more interested in you.

HADOOP

Me? What did they ask?

WARKOVSKY

They... I can't remember. My head. Maybe when I feel better will come back to me.

HADOOP

Well, whatever it was, they let us go. Mr Con... my sponsor, even promised me more resources. When have you heard that happen before?

WARKOVSKY

Is strange, that's true.

HADOOP

Before they took us... You were talking about aliens. Do you really think...?

WARKOVSKY

Sounds like nonsense, I know. Before I come to America, I spend time in Russian army. There were times, out in the field. Very far to the north. We'd be out at night, watching the, how you say, aurora, and we'd see other lights. Moving in impossible ways. Maybe just reflections? I don't know. After seeing young Simon... I don't know what to believe. Ugh.

HADOOP

What's the matter?

WARKOVSKY

Think I'm going to be sick. Excuse me.

Dr Warkovsky rises and moves quickly to the rest room at the end of the car. Dr Hadoop whistles as he looks out the window at the countryside speeding past. In the distance there's the muffled sound of a gun shot. Someone SCREAMS.

HADOOP

(shouting) Natalia?

**SCENE 4:**

A news broadcast

NEWSCASTER

Amtrak officials have directed all questions to local law enforcement. Again, in what appears to be a suicide, a passenger on the northbound Acela to Boston locked herself in a bathroom and shot herself to death. Police have not released the name of the individual. Service throughout the northeast corridor has been disrupted while the investigation continues. Passengers on Acela Express 2160 have been transferred to alternate trains, but the system is already overloaded with travelers displaced by the closure of airports up and down the eastern seaboard due to Hurricane Norris. In response to this event, Amtrak officials have directed all questions to local law enforcement.