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THE DIRECTOR--WELL, **ACTING DIRECTOR**, REALLY--CALLS ME INTO HIS OFFICE AFTER MONTHS OF DEAD ENDS...

TELLS ME WE FINALLY HAVE A LEAD...

...APPARENTLY SHE'S FLEW BACK TO HER HOME SOIL... **MANHATTAN**.

AND WE'RE SURE THIS ISN'T ANOTHER FALSE TRAIL?

YES. X-33...WE'RE CERTAIN.

WE HAVE SOMEONE CLOSE TO HER.

WE DO...?
THEN WHY AREN'T THEY BRINGING HER IN?

BECAUSE I'M GIVING HER A BIT OF ROPE...

TEMPLETON'S OUR BEST CHANCE OF FINDING DAMIAN LAKE.



WE GRAB HER UP, HE COULD BE IN THE WIND FOREVER...

AND I WANT THAT MAN'S HEAD ON A PIKE.



TWO HOURS LATER, I'M HALFWAY OVER THE ATLANTIC, GOING OVER THE CASE FILES...

STILL FEELING LIKE IT JUST DOESN'T ADD UP.



BEFORE SHE BROKE LAKE OUT AND THEY KILLED TWO OF OUR TOP MEN, I WAS PRETTY SURE VELVET WAS BEING FRAMED.



NOW SHE'S LETTING ONE OF OUR AGENTS--ONE WHO WAS A FRIEND OF X-14--INTO HER TRUST?

THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE ACTIONS OF A SPY ON THE RUN.



THAT SEEMS MORE LIKE SHE'S LOOKING INTO X-14'S DEATH.



BUT I KNOW SENATOR HILLERMAN WON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT THEORY...

HE'S PARANOID NOW. THINKS HE'S NEXT ON THE ASSASSINATION LIST.



HILLERMAN RAN OUR NEW YORK STATION UNTIL A FEW YEARS BACK, BUT YOU'D THINK HE STILL DOES...

YOU'LL REPORT ANYTHING OF INTEREST DIRECTLY TO ME...

AND I'M TO BE COPIED ON ALL FIELD REPORTS.



THE SENATOR ISN'T INTERESTED IN ANSWERS. HE JUST WANTS ME TO SANCTION THEM...

NO QUESTIONS ASKED.



BUT I GUESS THEY TRAINED ME TOO WELL, BECAUSE I NEED THEM ANYWAY...

SO ALL RIGHT, MS. TEMPLETON...



WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU?



BRUBAKER EPTING BREITWEISER

VELVET

**THE MAN WHO STOLE
THE WORLD**

Part Two