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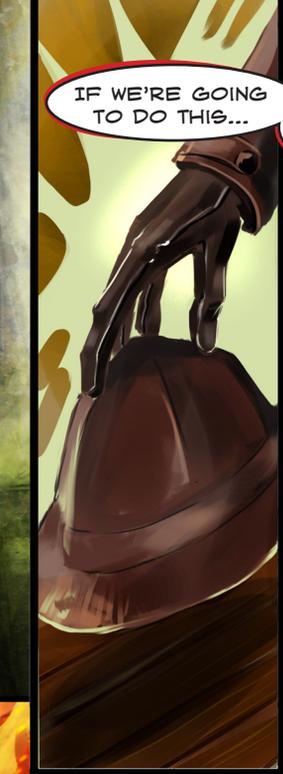


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IF WE'RE GOING  
TO DO THIS...



THEN THERE  
ARE SOME THINGS WE  
NEED TO GO OVER  
FIRST.



THIS WILL END THE WAY IT BEGAN.



WITH FIRE...



BLOOD...



AND TEARS...



BUT BEFORE WE GET TO ALL OF  
THAT, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REVIEW  
WHAT'S ALREADY HAPPENED. SO,  
LET'S TALK ABOUT SELIM AND  
HER BROTHER MATTHEW.



Matthew George, 28. Enrolled in the Boston Fire Academy.

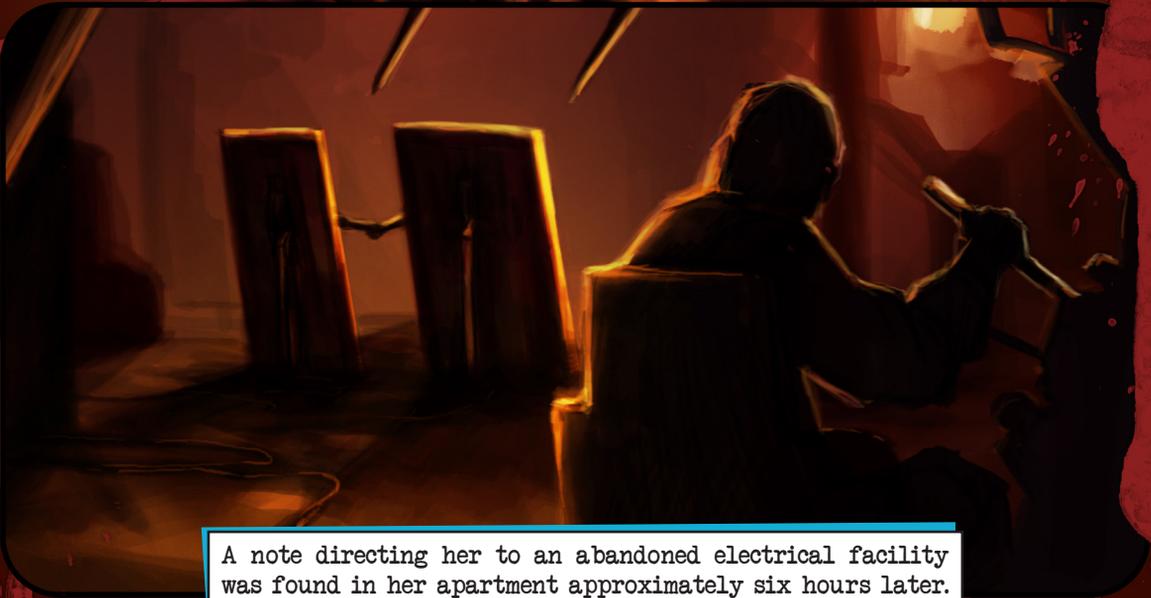


Selim George, 25, his younger sister. A nurse at Boston Medical and a kickboxing instructor.

Parents and friends say they were very close. Matthew was reported missing on September 9th, 2006. His keys were on the ground near his apartment.



Selim was last seen one day later, leaving work around 11 PM.



A note directing her to an abandoned electrical facility was found in her apartment approximately six hours later.

# Provenance.

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LOOK AT HER ARM.  
GALLAGHER SAID THOSE WERE  
FROM BEFORE SHE DIED, BUT THEY  
AREN'T DEFENSIVE WOUNDS, THEY  
GO AROUND HER  
WHOLE ARM.

WHY  
HURT HER WHEN  
HE KNEW HE WAS  
GOING TO KILL HER  
ALREADY?

THIS GUY'S  
DISTURBED, ERICA.  
HE LIKES HURTING  
PEOPLE.

I KNOW, JOHN.  
BUT WE'RE STILL MISSING  
SOMETHING. SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT.

I CAN FEEL IT.

Time of death for the  
George siblings is placed  
at approximately two hours  
after Selim went missing.

WHAT I  
WANNA KNOW  
IS HOW HE RIGGED THIS  
THING UP. HE DID THIS AND  
HE TOOK DOWN A GUY  
WHO WENT THROUGH  
THE ACADEMY

STRONG  
AND SMART, GOODIE,  
MY FAVORITE COMBINATION!  
HEY... DO YOU WANNA TRY  
DOING YOUR THING  
ON THEM?

**SHH!**  
DON'T LET  
MCADAMS HEAR  
YOU, I DON'T NEED  
OUR FREAKIN'  
DIRECTOR  
FINDING OUT.

PLUS I  
CAN'T IN HERE.  
TOO MANY  
PEOPLE...

...MAYBE AT THE MORGUE.

HEY DR.  
GALLAGHER.  
MIND IF I TAKE  
ANOTHER LOOK  
AT THOSE TWO  
VICTIMS?

I  
WAS VERY  
THOROUGH WITH  
MY REPORT,  
AGENT REED.  
WHAT ELSE DO  
YOU NEED?

C'MON, I'LL JUST  
BE A FEW MINUTES.

VERY WELL.  
BUT GLOVES ON!

SORRY,  
GALLAGHER...

...BUT I NEED DIRECT CONTACT FOR THIS TO WORK.

MATT!  
MATTY, I'M  
HERE, I'M COMING!  
PLEASE, PLEASE  
BE OKAY!

YOUR BLOOD  
WILL SAVE  
HIM

OH GOD...

AHHHH!  
NNHH...  
OH GOD...  
MATTY, PLEASE  
BE OKAY...

AHHH!

I CAN'T...  
MY ARM...  
I CAN'T GET  
IT OUT!

THEN  
YOU CAN'T  
SAVE HIM.

DAMMIT!  
I WAS REALLY  
HOPING I'D GET A FACE  
OUT OF THAT. BUT SHE'S  
THE ONE HE WANTED TO  
SUFFER, EVEN  
THOUGH HE KNEW  
HE WAS GONNA  
KILL HER.

THAT MESSAGE, THAT ENTIRE  
DOOR, WE NEVER SAW THAT! HE  
TOOK IT WITH HIM, CLEANED UP  
AFTER HIMSELF...

WHY?  
DID HE KNOW  
THE GEORGES?  
EVERYONE'S GOT ALIBIS,  
BUT SHE WAS A NURSE.  
SHE'D BE MEETING  
PEOPLE ALL THE TIME,  
NO WAY WE CAN  
TRACK 'EM ALL.