Triangular Synapse 2085

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Chapter 1

It was a cold summers evening and outside the rain was thundering
down. The neon lights of the street below were getting distorted
in the raindrops that were running down the window. Reflected in
the window was Zachary's short purple hair, blue eyes and muscular
build. No doubt due to all the time he spent working out. Zachary
then walked over to the window and closed it to stop the rain from
dripping down onto the floor. Zachary then returned to his laptop
and sat on the sofa next to his black trenchcoat. The wall mounted
holographic tv was still on in the background and was tuned to the
news channel. It's glow was in turn lighting the room in a deep
red. "In other news the presidents daughter known to be working on
research regarding nuclear fusion was kidnapped earlier today in a
raid at the local university research labs in downtown Chicago;
Police have no leads." Zachary looked over to the tv and sighed as
if to say that the police never seemed to have any good leads.
Then his phone rang and he picked it up.

"I assume your watching the news?" Said Kalyssa Mathews Zachary's
boss from Triangle. "We could use your help if you don't have
plans this evening." "Yeah I am available" Said Zachary over the
phone "But I will need transport." "Leave that to me" said Kalyssa
as her signal crackled in and out. "I think Lucy is somewhere
nearby let me drop her a message; Hold on I need to run a trace on
this connection as there seems to be someone else on the line."
With that Zachary turned off the holographic tv and logged out of
his laptop and placed it on charge. He then put his phone in his
pocket and pulled on his trenchcoat. On the way out of his flat he
grabbed his keys and flicked off the light switch with a loud
thunk. With a crack of lightning the room was covered in shadows
from the windowpane and other objects around the room.

As Zachary passed into the hallway and locked his front door
behind him the crazy cat lady from next door was playing vr tennis
in the corridor. He continued downstairs and waited for his ride
just outside the front door in the cold poring rain. After a few
minutes he could see the neon purple headlights of the armored
Triangle suv. Once it pulled up alongside the pavement Zachary
checked that the door to his apartment block was locked behind him
before venturing out into the rain. "Hey Lucy thank for the
pickup" said Zachary once he had got himself seated in the suv and
pulled on the seatbelt. "Do we have any more information." "Not as
yet" said Lucy her blue eyes lighting up as she put her foot on
the accelerator and the suv shot forward into the rainstorm. "I
think Kalyssa has got her hands full at the moment; Hopefully we
will get more intel from her at the briefing." "Fair do's" said
Zachary as the suv drove down the ramp that lead onto the highway
as thunder crashed overhead. "I don't normally do evening call
outs you know." "Yeah I know" said Lucy her strawberry blonde hair
sliding across her shoulders as she looked around her to check
that it was safe to join the highway. "But hey when the boss
phones it tends to be important."

As they joined the highway Lucy flicked the windscreen wipers onto the highest setting as the rainstorm intensified. "So you dm for this op then?" Asked Zachary as he felt the car accelerate down the wet highway the moon barely visible through the lightning Storm overhead. "Looks like we may get electrical interference." "The Triangle systems are state of the art I think we will be fine" said Lucy as they sped by the cars in the slower lanes and the blue neon signs on the edge of the highway. "Wow the rain is really chucking it down." "So where you getting up to anything interesting tonight then?" Asked Zachary to Lucy as they neared the turnoff ramp to the Triangle headquarters. "Or just watching tv?" "You know me So much tv was being watched" said Lucy as she signaled the suv turn signal before turning onto the off ramp. "Well here we are; Once we have signed in we need to find Kalyssa."

As they turned off the highway and approached the security checkpoint Lucy flashed her id at the barrier and they were though. Through the front window of the suv Zachary could see the massive depthscraper ahead of them plunging over three miles straight down. The dark red neon flood lights illuminating the road ahead of them that lead to the entrance to the main complex. After another minute of driving they reached the entrance; Lucy put the suv on autopilot before jumping out of the suv and walking into the complex alongside Zachary.

Inside the security was tight and it took them over 15 minutes to get cleared to board the elevator at the back of the room. With a lurch the elevator started dropping them into the ground. "Better press the button then" said Lucy as she reached past Zachary and pressed the button for floor 486. "This elevator is too slow." The outside shot upwards as they dived further underground. The light from the moonlight slowly getting replaced by the dark red neon light from the windows on the other two sides of the Triangle headquarters. "Getting close the dive time I think" said Lucy as she pulled out a syringe out of her trenchcoat pocket and injected herself with anti nausea medicine. "At least we found out what lines of code were giving me all the headaches and nausea on the last mission." "Yeah synapses are a funny thing" said Zachary looking out at the hundreds of offices shooting upwards. "Cyberware and the in ear canals can have weird effects on the human machine neural bridge." "Well it's not like I can just install new cyberware" said Lucy looking towards Zachary. "The not without more surgery; So I am kinda stuck with my old and janky cyberware." "Next stop floor 486 cyberware dive labs" said the elevator's ai. "Zachary and Lucy please proceed to briefing room X86B."

As the elevator came suddenly to a stop and the doors slid opened Zachary and Lucy disembarked and began walking down the corridor to the briefing rooms. "Not far now" Commented Zachary as he silenced his phone. "Should be just up ahead." "Yeah it's

somewhere around here" said Lucy as she put her phone on silent as they came round the corner and arrived at the briefing room. "Ah here we are."

The door slid open as they approached it; On the other side stood Kalyssa who welcomed them in. Her slim frame, long brown hair and hazel eyes getting lit up from behind by the dark red projector behind her. "Feel free to take a seat we won't be long" said Kalyssa as she took up a position besides the projector and began going over the mission plan. "So Sophia has been out of contact for over twelve hours; All location traces on her cyberware have come back negative; I suspect a rival corporation is behind the kidnapping or is paying a private military group to do it." "Sounds like who ever is is behind it knows what they are doing as well." said Zachary giving a far away look as he pondered the information. "So you want to dive into the cyberware carrier wave?" "Exactly we have been running locater services on our ai for the last several hours" Said Kalyssa as she turned to the next slide using her cyberware. "It seems like the hostile vpn tunnel comes out from a London ipv9 address; They also have a virtualized fileserver running the cloaking threads that are jamming Sophia's location data from being seen by us."

"So I assume you have a secure connection with that mainframe" said Lucy looking first to Kalyssa then over to Zachary then out the window towards the other offices on the other sides of the Triangle. "You have signal lock?" "We have the server address that the carrier wave emerges from in London yes" Kalyssa swapping to the final slide. "Our ai cracked it's end to end encryption just before you arrived." "So how do we get her out then?" said Lucy crossing her legs in the chair she was sitting in. "You guys will need location data for extraction I assume?" "Precisely so heres the plan" said Kalyssa. "Zachary you and Lucy are going to connect via Sophia's carrier wave and enter the hostile computer system; From there a further dive will be required from Lucy to put you into there deep level computer system thats been virtualized on there main fileserver."

"So crash the virtual server" said Zachary. "Expose there real world location." "I have teams on standby around the world and in orbit for extraction in the real world" said Kalyssa as she turned off the presentation. "But we need a real world location for the cavalry charge." "We are going to have do fight them in both worlds" said Lucy as she stood back up. "Both the real world and cyberspace." With that the three of them exited the briefing room.

"So Kalyssa" said Lucy as she walked beside Kalyssa and Zachary down the corridor. "Are you dm for the first dive then." "Yeah we are short staffed tonight" said Kalyssa as she walked alongside the glass wall that overlooked the drop that lead towards lower levels of the Triangle headquarters. "It's flu season and most of the department is off sick." "Then hire more staff" said Zachary as he walked beside Lucy. As the dark red neon light streamed in through the window besides him. "Or is your department underfunded again?" "You know we are underfunded" said Lucy as they approached the dive room. "The government prefer to spend there money elsewhere even as times change around them." "No change then" said Lucy as they reached the entrance to the dive room and Kalyssa inputed her clearance code into the orange keypad by the door. "Well here we are; Best arm your cyberware."

The door slid sideways and they entered the dive room. The inside of the dive room was lit by flickering dark red neon and was filled with cables running everywhere and dangling off all the surfaces, old energy drinks and various takeout containers littered the desks and floor. In the the middle of the room a large computer with nine screens and multiple keyboards and other peripherals drew there attention to the middle of the room. "Great nobody ever cleans up after themselves" said Kalyssa as she walked over to cupboard next to the microwave and heated up a bowl of onion soup; Before walking over to the computer and logging in. "This place is always a total dump." "Not hard to clear up either" said Zachary as he threw away some old biscuits into a nearby peddle bin. "Lucy any preference on ice filled bathtubs?" "Closest to dive computer is normally best" said Lucy as she walked over to the bathtub nearest the dive computer. "I normally get less nausea that way." "Sounds good" said Zachary as he walked over to the bathtub next to Lucy and begun hanging up his clothes on the nearby hangers. "Lucy you better get ready too." "Almost there" said Lucy as she was already putting on her diving clothes and putting her hair up into a ponytail. "Just a moment." Just then the microwave went ping and Kalyssa walked over and picked up her onion soup. Kalyssa then returned to her seat at the computer as Zachary and Lucy lowered themselves into the bathtubs that were filled with ice cold water.

"I hate this bit" said Lucy as herself and Zachary plugged the main cables into the base of there skulls. "I always feel so dizzy." "Right I'm going to try and set up the connection" said Kalyssa as she grabbed a spoonful of onion soup before she began typing code into the computer. "I should have the main connection to the London server in a second or two." "Just be quick about it said Zachary as he and Lucy connected the remaining eight cables to each of there spines. "I'm ready to do this." "Yeah same" said Lucy as she was clearly fighting off the nausea. "Can you sync our cyberware at some point." "Ok connection to London server is up and I am beginning the synchronisation" said Kalyssa as she

triumphantly hit the enter key. "You should be good to go in few seconds once we have lock on to Sophia's carrier wave." "Ok nauseas gone" said Lucy as she gave the thumbs up out of the bathtub. "Ready to rock." "Same here" said Zachary as he also gave a thumbs up." "Ok stable connection to Sophia's carrier wave established" said Kalyssa. "I will stay in contact once your on the other side via your cyberware; Best of luck to you both; Here we go to the bufferspace then after that the mission."

Suddenly Zachary and Lucy's vision was filled with graphical artifacts and static before there vision fell backwards down into a black tunnel. Then with a twang the digital world snapped into their view and the chromatic aberration, static and other graphics artifacts subsided. "So here we are yet again" said Zachary as he looked around at the pure white environment of the bufferspace around him. "Kalyssa we need gear" "One moment" said Kalyssa over there cyberware "Loading gear service." Suddenly they Lucy and Zachary were surrounded by rows and rows of guns and body armor. Zachary and Lucy then began pulling on body armor and equipping grenades "Ok Kalyssa" said Lucy over the cyberware as she holstered two sub machine guns looking towards Zachary who nodded and in turn holstered a massive and very classified exotic experimental weapon alongside two pistols before nodding a look of approval back towards her. "Carrier wave if you would be so kind."

Suddenly there was a flash of white light and Zachary and Lucy found themselves standing in a creepy deserted street with flickering neon signs of all colors. Although the sun was high in the sky no heat was being transfered to the streets surface. "Well this is quiet" said Zachary looking around the streets rooftops then towards the closed windows; Before looking around at street level. "To quiet if you ask me." "Yeah I know what you mean" said Lucy as she looked around then towards an single open window. "I think were being watched from that window." "It must be where they are hiding the hostage" said Zachary as he and Lucy walked over to the houses front door and ringed the bell. "Time we introduced ourselves." "So team I have an update" said Kalyssa over Zachary and Lucy's cyberware. "It seems that there are no civilians on this computer system so we have the greenlight to engage anyone we encounter other than Sophia."

Suddenly a girl screamed from the open window and Lucy rung the doorbell. "We are not accepting guests at this time" said a male voice from the other side of the door. "Please leave this computer system." "Well we asked nicely" said Lucy as she pulled out two sub machine guns. "Time for aggressive negotiations." With that Lucy shot out the doors lock and shoved the corp hired mercenary on the other side into the radiator in the hallway. "Well he's out cold we should clear upstairs of hostiles and check for Sophia." "Right let's go" said Zachary as he and Lucy made their way upstairs. "Just got to find the right door." On the way up the stairs a mercenary pulled out a gun and got ready to fire. But Lucy acted quickly and hacked into his cyberware and caused him to

fall over backwards. Smashing into a grandfather clock. Lucy then
Continued up the staircase with Zachary.

"I see two mercenaries on the other side of the door" said Lucy as
she peeped through the keyhole on the far side of the hallway.
"Watch your fire as we don't want to hit Sophia." "Obviously" said
Zachary as Lucy kicked in the door and they were met by a hail of
gunfire and dived into cover behind the sofa. "Two hostiles nine
and eleven o'clock." "I see them" said Lucy as she opened fire on
the mercenary at nine o'clock as Zachary pulled out two pistols
and shot the mercenary at eleven O'Clock; Before looking towards
the blonde hair and brown eyed girl tied to a chair in the middle
of the room. "Sophia you ok?" "Yeah but where am I" said Sophia as
Zachary and Lucy untied her from the chair she was attached to.
"Is this the real world or not?" "Yeah this is a hostile computer
system" said Lucy helping Sophia to her feet. "We were sent here
to get you out; But first we have to find out where we are." "I
may be able to help you with that" said Sophia still half crying
pointing out the window. "I overheard that they are cloaking my
cyberware from the library basement somewhere in this city."
"Talking of mercenaries I see more" Said Zachary "Coming down the
street; They must of heard us." "Sophia follow us" said Lucy as
she once again raised her dual wield sub machine guns. "We will
protect you."

"Kalyssa we need an exit" Said Zachary over the cyberware glancing
onto the street below."Is there a back exit or something." "Give
me a second" said Kalyssa over the cyberware whilst making soup
slurping and typing nosies. "There is an outdoor fire escape that
leads to a rooftop vtol; Not exactly silent bit it could work."
"Kalyssa I need to be able to fly that vtol" said Lucy over her
cyberware as they smashed through the window and ran up the fire
escape. "Also check the rooftop for hostiles." "Right can do" said
Kalyssa over the cyberware as she hurriedly typed commands into
her keyboards. "Ok you should be able to fly the vtol and theres
no bad guys on the roof."

Once on the roof Zachary and Lucy holstered there weapons before
helping Sophia into the vtol. Before Lucy dived into the cockpit
and took off whilst Zachary jumped into the door mounted railgun.
"Kalyssa do you have a location on the next dive?" Said Zachary
over the cyberware as the vtol took to the air. "We are going to
be pretty easy to spot here." "Yeah it's in a library basement on
the other side of town; I'm uploading the coordinates to your
cyberware now" said Kalyssa over the cyberware. "Our ai has
managed to drag up some old maps of this computer systems
architecture; Just watch out I a seeing multiple hostile drones
inbound." "We got contact" yelled Zachary over the noise of the
wind as he swung round the railgun around and opened fire. "Lucy
get us to the coordinates." Zachary fired a second shot towards
the two drones chasing them blasting it out of the sky in a cloud
of sparks. "Missile hold on" yelled Lucy as she pulled a near
vertical banked turn to the right to avoid the incoming missile.

"That should throw of the drone." Sure enough the drone slammed into the building and exploded behind them in a shower of sparks and glass. "Kalyssa I'm getting nausea again" said Lucy over her cyberware. "The syringes are in my trenchcoat pocket." "On it" replied Kalyssa over the cyberware. "Back in a moment." Out of the cockpit's window Lucy could see another group of three drones about to come into combat range. But before they could open fire Lucy used her cyberware to hack into there systems. Forcing them to crash into the ground.

As the vtol approached the coordinates provided by Kalyssa the ground came into sharp focus as they decelerated. Then they crash landed into the top of the library and quickly exited the vtol's burning wreckage. "Theres a maintenance access staircase ahead of us" said Lucy as she ran alongside Zachary holding her two sub machine guns. "That grey door on the white wall ahead of us." "I see it" said Zachary as he took point and kicked the door off it's hinges using his enhanced strength. "Sophia stay close." "I'm right behind you" said Sophia as she followed Lucy and Zachary down the staircase towards the basement. "How many floors does this building have." "Definitely a few" said Lucy over her cyberware as she took multiple steps at once. "Kalyssa any hostiles nearby." "Not that I can see" said Kalyssa over the cyberware. "The basement should be just a few more floors below you now; It's got at least six mercenaries in it."

Once they reached the bottom floor of the maintenance access stairway behind which was the server room; Lucy kicked in the door and dived into the room firing both sub machine guns towards the mercenaries on the other end of the room. They opened fire tearing apart the table Lucy was hiding behind. Zachary then walked into the room through the gunfire and pulled off his trenchcoat and dropped it to the ground revealing his dual wield bioplasma thrower. Suddenly two streams of crackling neon blue bioplasma was sent shooting toward the mercenaries. It impacted the mercenaries setting them on fire and throwing them through the air so fast that they got stuck halfway through nearby walls and concrete pillars. "Well that was a solid plan" said Zachary looking towards the carnage. "They moved so fast that they ignored the collision on those things." "Ok that was amazing" said Kalyssa over the cyberware. "The terminal to the virtualized fileserver should be just up ahead."

"Zachary over here" said Lucy as she walked over to the computer that sat by a bathtub filled with ice. "Well I'm ready when you are." "Right let's do this" said Zachary as he dropped all his gear beside the bathtub before climbing in and plugging the main cable into the back of his head; Before seeing to the eight cables in the bathtub. "Lucy you ready to dive?" "Hold on a moment" said Lucy as she began typing commands into the computer. "Just waiting for synchronisation with the fileserver; Ok I have it see you in a minute."

Suddenly Zachary vision was filled with graphical artifacts and static before his vision fell backwards down into a black tunnel. Then with a twang the digital world snapped into the view and the chromatic aberration, static and other graphics artifacts subsided. Ahead of him he could see a vintage 2011 laptop sitting on a table in front of him. Zachary walked over to it and sat down next to it. "Looks like they saved a bit of money on this interface" said Zachary to Lucy over his cyberware as he pulled a cable out of his wrist and plugged it into the serial port on the laptop. "Let's crash this thing." "Right I just need to open up a port or two here" said Lucy over the cyberware. "Whilst I'm at it can you get me root access." "On it" said Zachary as he began typing code into the laptops command line. Before eventually the blinking pipes character told him everything he needed to know. "Lucy we have root access; Obtaining Sophia's real world address now." After some more rapid typing Sophias address appeared on screen. "Lucy we have her real world location" said Zachary over his cyberware. "She's being held at a rival corporation's headquarters; the brain computer interface development labs; Shes in Vancouver."

Suddenly Zachary was thrown backwards as the laptop turned into a three headed dragon and began setting fire to the room he was in. "Lucy I thought we had root access" said Zachary over the cyberware as he pulled out dual wield pistols out of the holsters on his hips; Before diving sideways and opening fire on the dragon. "I will deal with the security system you forward Sophia's real world location to Kalyssa." "On it" said Lucy quickly over the cyberware as Zachary flanked the dragon and continued shooting at it's three heads blasting one right off it's neck. "Ok done; But we have a bit of a problem here as well." As Zachary took out the second head of the Dragon he could hear Lucy battling mercenaries on her end over the cyberware. "Ok this whole place is coming down" said Zachary as the roof fell in and crushed the dragons remaining head. "Get me out of here."

Suddenly there was a flash of white light and Zachary was back in the bathtub in the same location as Lucy and Sophia. Zachary quickly pulled the cable out of the back of his head before removing all the eight cables connected to his spine. Lucy then dived behind the bathtub Sophia was hiding behind whilst continuing to shoot at the mercenaries. "I will show you trying to shoot at my dm" Yelled Zachary as he grabbed his guns off the ground whilst Lucy covered him with sub machine gun fire. "Now it's my turn." Zachary then began firing his dual wield bioplasma thrower. Suddenly two streams of crackling neon blue bioplasma was sent shooting toward the mercenaries. It impacted the mercenaries setting them on fire and throwing them through the air so fast that they got stuck halfway through nearby desks and tables. "Sophia how you doing?" Asked Zachary looking towards Sophia. "You holding up." "I'm ok" said Sophia as she covered her ears as Zachary and Lucy continued to shoot at the incoming mercenaries from behind the bathtub. "I just want this over to be honest." "Kalyssa how are we doing" said Zachary over the cyberware as he set fire to another mercenary as they dived behind cover. "Have your teams secured Sophia's real world location yet." "Not yet but we have agents de-orbiting now and they have the location set in there drop pods" said Kalyssa over the cyberware as more typing and soup noises could be heard in the background. "That said now I have root access I can do this."

Suddenly the room was tipped upside down and everyone was thrown into the air. Zachary and Lucy managed to kill several mercenaries as they fell alongside Sophia before crashing down behind a now broken table. Then as the dust settled Zachary could see that all the walls of the room were blank and that there was only one mercenary left; Who was quickly shot through the head by Lucy and her sub machine guns. "Kalyssa I'm out of ammo on these sub machine guns" said Lucy over the cyberware. "What else you got?" "Hostiles coming through the wall near the neon blue sign" said Kalyssa over the cyberware over a furry of typing. "Also you know chair'fu now." Suddenly a mercenary blew a hole in the wall only to get impaled in the stomach by the leg of a flying chair thrown across the room by Lucy. "Well that worked" said Lucy over the cyberware. "Bit silly though." "Yeah not logical at all" said Zachary over the cyberware as he opened fire with his dual wield pistols on yet more mercenaries as they poured in through the wall. "Kalyssa the floor is hot lava and the mercenaries guns have no ammo." "Yes I believe they are out of ammo" said Kalyssa over the cyberware as lots of typing noises were heard in the background. "Done it and our agents drop pods have landed in the compound."

As the mercenaries sunk into the lava; There guns clicking due to being out of ammo; Zachary Lucy and Sophia were carefully balancing on there floating piece of floor. More mercenaries began to shoot them through the hole in the wall. But Zachary and Lucy

both threw a grenade into the hole and the mercenaries were thrown
backwards from the force of the explosion. "Hostiles behind you"
said Kalyssa over the cyberware as she made fast typing noises in
the background. "I got this." Suddenly several racks of guns
erupted out of the walls, floors and the roof crushing the
mercenaries against the environment in a explosion of blood.

Suddenly Sophia disappeared from the room in a cloud of graphical
artifacts. "Ok Sophia's out and safely with our agents" announced
Kalyssa over the cyberware. "I'm pulling you back into the
realworld standby."

Suddenly there was a flash of white light and Zachary was back in
the Triangle dive room bathtub next to Lucy's and they both began
to disconnect the cables on there backs before pulling out the
main one connected to the back of there heads. "Nice one team"
said Kalyssa as she got up from the dive computer. "Another op
success there." "I still have a headache" said Lucy as she put
back on here clothes. "I hope we get rewarded for this late call
out." "Indeed" said Zachary as he finished putting on his
trenchcoat. "Kalyssa any news on that?" "You got it" said Kalyssa
as she walked over to Zachary and Lucy and gave them both a high
five. "You both earned it tonight rescuing the presidents daughter
and saving her research on nuclear fusion; I will walk you both to
the elevator."

With that Zachary and lucy walked alongside Kalyssa out of the
dive room and towards the elevator. "Lucy can you give me a lift
back to my place?" said Zachary as he walked past the window that
looked over to the far side of the Triangle's headquarters. "At
least the weather has clear up a bit." "Yeah looks like the
lightning has cleared up" said Lucy as she looked up through the
window towards the sky far above them. "Kalssa you need a lift
back as well?" "Thanks for the gesture but I need to hang around
here for a bit longer" said Kalyssa as they reached the elevator.
"I have some paperwork left over from yesterday; All these
conspiracies and corporate wars leave so much mess for me to clean
up." "Ah ok" said Lucy as she and Zachary stepped into the
elevator. "I guess we will see you later then." "Yeah see you
around" said Kalyssa as Lucy pushed the button for the ground
floor. "Goodnight to the both of you."

"Ok I have summoned the suv" said Lucy as she summoned the suv
using her cyberware as the elevator shot upwards before stopping
halfway. "Oh this stupid elevator." "Yeah this really should be
fixed" said Zachary as he looked out of the elevators window
before he pushed the ground floor button and the elevator
restarted and shot upwards. "It really should only require one
button press to reach the ground floor." As the Triangle
headquarters shot downwards as Zachary and Lucy's lift shot
upwards towards ground level.

Once back at ground level Zachary and Lucy walked out of the

elevator and through the security checkpoint and got into the suv that had pulled up outside. "Well homeward bound I guess" said Lucy as she turned on the windscreen wipers and headlights. "Time to go." With that Lucy pushed her foot down into the accelerator pedal and the suv shot forward back up the hill towards the highway. Soon they were through the perimeter security checkpoint and back on the highway. "Not far now" said Lucy after a few minutes of driving along the highway. "Want to go out for supper next friday?" "I got plans" said Zachary as he tried to remember his schedule. "Next saturday however that I can do." "Sounds good" said Lucy as the rain continued to fall on the suv as they drove down the highway. "Not much traffic tonight." "Yeah but it is like midnight" said Zachary as he looked towards Lucy; Her strawberry blonde hair getting lit up by flashes of purple light as other cars overtook them. "So not many people would be out on the road."

After a while the conversation had died down and Lucy pulled up alongside the sidewalk by Zachary's apartment complex under a blue neon sign. "Well thats you" said Lucy as she got reached over Zachary and opened the door. "Have a good evening and I will call you to arrange a time for supper on Saturday." "Sound good" said Zachary he hopped out of the suv as Lucy closed the suv's door and drove away. "Nice girl very helpful."

With that Zachary rummaged around his trenchcoat for his keys before finding them and opening the door to the apartment complex. As he climbed the stairs he noticed that the crazy cat lady had gone to bed. Once at the top of the stairs Zachary opened the door to his flat before closing it behind him and locking it. Zachary when walked over to his sofa and sat down for a moment to relax. He then got up and hung up his trenchcoat on the coat hanger next to the door before going to bed. Once in bed Zachary looked at the celling watching the shadows cast by the neon signs and traffic from outside flying around on the ceiling.

The end