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You're a Captain in the Investigation Bureau of the Rome Carabinieri Corps. Many'd take it as an achievement, but you feel you haven't really done anything yet and so does your partner, Domenico Diotallevi. It makes no difference to the two of you whether the terrorists are communists or fascists, both mean hours spent poring over strategies and keeping a close eye on their men. But until now, you've only bagged ordinary criminals.

You found an interesting lead six months ago and ended up tailing Enrico Etro, an infamous convicted criminal who seems to have fingers in every pie in town. Over two days his gang pulls off a robbery with a murder thrown in for good measure, and the newsroom of *Il Messaggero* finds a terrorist statement: A bomb planted on a train. Coincidence? You think not.

► *Goal:* Stop the bomb from going off and put the culprits behind bars.

► *Secret:* You didn't start keeping tabs on Etro by chance. Domenico led you to a house where a popular prostitute peddles her trade, and you watched your partner come out the door with his shirt stained bloody after beating a name out of her. She linked Etro to the terrorists for you: Apparently he tried to impress her by bragging about knowing them all, regardless of political creed. But the information

came with a threat. The woman had an affair with a Vice-Secretary in the Ministry, he's already tried to get revenge. Domenico was summoned by his men and you had to lie under oath to cover his ass. You don't approve what he did, but you never got anything done by playing by the book.

► *Barbara:* Your twin sister, though you look nothing alike. She's often on your mind, especially this year, since you'll both turn forty on Christmas Day. You doubt you'll be celebrating together: You haven't spoken in five years. Ever since she decided to marry Bruno and you told her she was making a huge mistake.

► *Bruno Bernacchia:* Barbara's husband and your childhood friend. When they decided to get married you were stationed in Milan, but a Roman colleague forwarded you an alarming dossier, off the records: Your future brother-in-law was suspected of armed robbery and manufacture of explosives. And here he is, brought in for suspected terrorism. Five years ago, you hurried back to the Capital to look him in the eye and knew right away he was guilty of everything. What will you see now?

► *Domenico Diotallevi:* Your partner since you came back to Rome. You've heard the jokes about Carabinieri going around in pairs, and there's truth in all of them. You trust him blindly, even though he broke the law and risked both of your careers. He wants to make a difference, no matter what. You admire his determination.