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Reuel sits on the visitor's side of an imposing desk.

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REUEL

Thanks for meeting on a Saturday.

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ROBIN LARKIN (50s) sits across from him.

ROBIN
That's alright, I work on the Sabbath.

REUEL
The Sabbath's on Sunday, unless--
Are you Jewish?

Robin can't help but smile.

She's sophisticated, secular, and ambitious. Reuel outranks her, but in this department, she sits in the big chair.

REUEL (CONT'D)
Are you going to Bob's funeral?

ROBIN
I don't socialize with the people I investigate.

REUEL
Not even in death?

ROBIN
Especially not then.

Now it's Reuel who can't help but smile.

REUEL
Did you get my report?

ROBIN
Vasili Sirin's defection? It was a gripping read.

REUEL
I'm here to help. We're all on the same team.

ROBIN
You filed your report only after your operation failed and it became impossible for you to hide it from me any longer. You're on your team. And for the last two years I've been doing everything in my power to bring you down, which means I'm on my team.

REUEL

Well then I guess my sitting here should serve as a reminder to you that your team is losing.

Robin grins. Reuel softens...

REUEL (CONT'D)

But the reason I'm here is because there's work to be done.

ROBIN

Yes, but it should be done by someone else.

(explains)

Using Joe Turner of all people to defect your asset is a sure sign that you have stayed on the shelf well past your expiration date. I used to think you acted out of malice, but this...

(re: report)

...this is a much more human and ordinary form of incompetence.

REUEL

If you're done hurling insults at me. I came here because we have a mole whose treachery, I'm sure, has already hurt the agency in ways we can't begin to know, and I think we should work together to find him.

ROBIN

Thank you for your report... I'll let you know when my department has something to report back.

Reuel knows when he's being dismissed. It takes balls.

ROBIN (CONT'D)

Unless there's anything else?

BLACK.

END

JOE (PRE-LAP)

I can just sleep on the couch.

Mae opens a closet door. Joe is standing behind her.

REVEAL we are--