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BLACK INC.

Investigation Firm Specializing In:

Domestic Terrorism & Prevention • Industrial Espionage

• International Private Security

Clients: FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES • PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

(when Normal Diplomatic Channels are not an Option)

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CONCEPT

BLACK INC. IS A FRESH AND UNCONVENTIONAL CONCEPT ABOUT COVERT OPERATIONS USING HUMAN INTELLIGENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING . . . IN TODAY'S COMPETITIVE WORLD OF TERRORISM, INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE, PRIVATE SECURITY, AND CYBER CRIME.

A fter making a recognizable name in both the public and private sector over a 22-year period, Richard Black realizes that over-inflated bureaucracies in government and the halls of industry now paralyze the world. It's Critical Mass on all fronts.

Based on his diverse experience, Black is convinced that building a successful investigation company in today's brave-new-world needs three primary elements . . .

- Abundant supply of accessible contacts at every level to build an internal "intelligence network."
- A team with the right *combination* of specialized skills in today's world for researching, tracking, and executing solutions.
- Superior technology that enhances the effectiveness of the company putting them in front of their competitor.

BLACK succeeded in putting together the best team of intelligence operatives that currently exists in the marketplace — getting the job done skillfully and fast.

Sleek, efficient, creative, highly qualified and equally talented, this organization's phenomenal success has been fueled by the masterful output of RICHARD BLACK — who on his best days rivals the genius of the late Steve Jobs and the savvy of Richard Branson.

Knowing that the company could not survive at the top by serving corporate and government interests only — Richard also positions his company of specialists "for those clients who sometimes prefer not to go through normal channels or agencies."

> This was the business model that Black believed could be profitable — without compromising success for demanding clients.

BACKSTORY

 ${f R}$ ichard's experience dealing at the highest level of government, along with impressive achievement in the private sector, produced a diverse group of carefully cultivated contacts who trust him. Knowing that he could capitalize on that trust — and push pass bureaucracy without working outside the law — BLACK INC. has now effectively developed its own private "intelligence" network . . . probing into areas that are often off-limits to most.

Diligently cultivating seven well-trained individuals, with highly developed skills in every arena of today's super sonic world, Richard formed the BLACK INC. Team. A phenomenal group; but it's their exceptional combination of skills which makes them invaluable as a unit — and what successfully drives them to continually find effective solutions for their unusual clients.

However, in starting BLACK INC., Richard knew that he'd also need a hook that would make his new company stand out — giving them an edge.

During his days in the technological private sector, Richard was fascinated by the idea of "drone" exploration — and worked on designing one on his own time. He almost came up with a potentially workable drone — but the science - and his skills, weren't quite there to make it a reality. Now a few years later, the technology, the opportunity, and a skilled inventor finally presented itself.

Black threw every penny he'd saved throughout his diverse career into his new company and the development of a drone that could spy without leaving any evidence ... looking something like a camera phone with wings. Even in the short while BLACK INC. has been investigating domestic terrorism and industrial espionage, this invention has paid major dividends in aiding their investigative superiority.

Based on the team's success, and its company's young tech guru, Richard established a small technology division within the company to "develop tools of their trade." While this division needs of a high influx of money to stay viable — a greater array of clients

can be served; accompanied by large company profits, of course.

But ultimately ... for BLACK INC., it's the assets that go home at night that are still their ace-in-the-hole.

This is the business model that Richard gambled on.

L's almost 20 years into the 21st century and we've entered into a perpetual period of war coupled with various national/international economic crisis' — that appears in one form or another. A perfect storm.

Unfortunately, unless we're blown off the face of the earth or made into a vast wasteland — the service this company provides will be in high demand for a long, long time.

BLACK INC. is hitting its stride. Working off-grid and outside the established system, it achieves amazing feats that niether government or Fortune 500 companies could achieve.

Which terrorism exploding across the globe . . . the stability of the financial world bouncing like the dice on a roulette wheel , , , and the rule of law ignored . . . there is no more credible, full-service investigative company on the horizon.

For now.

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The BLACK INC. SPECIALISTS

Richard Black (44)

Founder, BLACK INC.

Joshua Carl (JC) Garfield (52)

Head of International Law & Business Affairs

Angelica Marino (28)

Director of Cyber Operations

Ryan Robilet (32)

Director of Security Operations

Elliot Stern (29)

Managing Director of Logistics & Transportation

Renda Lawson (34)

Intelligence Analysis Director

Sidney Beth Townsend (23)

Technology Director

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Richard Black (44) BLACK INC. Founder

Growing up in the mountains of Wyoming as the youngest of four sons of hard working parents, Richard considered himself blessed when he was accepted to Princeton college on a full athletic scholarship. After graduating with an Engineering Degree, he might have qualified for the NFL, but four years of ROTC lead him to a commission in the US Navy — with direct orders into the Navy SEALs.

Receiving his Trident after ten grueling months of training on the East Coast, he found himself facing a rapidly changing world where the larger enemy was far worse than one particular country. Just as he was finishing his first pre-deployment work-up, the first World Trade Center bombing in New York City on Feburary 26, 1993 confirmed that the enemy was everywhere. During the next eight years, due to "instability" around the globe, he was deployed an additional four times to various hot-spots between Bosnia and the Middle East. It was only a week after 9/11 that Richard was recruited by the CIA, and he resigned his Navy commission.

However, after seven years of assignments spanning the globe, Richard left the CIA because of the continual red tape he felt hampered almost everything the bureau tried to accomplish. Knowing there had to be a more efficient way to deal with this new world terror, he jumped at the chance when an offer from Homeland Security came along at the end of 2008.

Although Homeland Security was still a young government agency, it didn't take Richard long to remember why it was so hard to effectively work within the restraints of the government. His instincts were good and he made some excellent calls in four years, but dealing with the baggage that comes along with the position - and the egos of those higher-up — left him drained and disillusioned with any large bureaucracy. Having accomplished as much as he felt he could, and no longer able to accept the red tape and personal stagnation that is an intricate part of the government process, Richard departed his post in Homeland Security in 2013 for a position in the private sector.

The technological world had changed forever in the new century, giving Richard a chance to use his engineering skills in a unique way. He worked in one of the more successful emerging technology companies and was able to developed two security computer program patents — becoming a modest success in the new tech revolution.

However, never able to leave his old world behind for long, it was during this time that Richard became a guest professor in International Relations at several prestigious DC universities. Slowly he came to the *(continue)*

conclusion that his vast experience — along with his back-door intelligence channels and his personal contacts in the private sector — could provide a better and more efficient way to solve problems. He knew companies or agencies that specialize in security in both the government and private sectors eventually become ineffective by their size and power structure. Post-9/11 changed our way of life irrevocably, and Richard Black knew there was a better way to deal with this new world.

Feeling he could protect the safety of his country better on a personal level, Richard formed BLACK INC. By finding the perfect team, coupled with his experience and leadership, Richard believed that he could insure the finest safety service for his clients . . . the greatest satisfaction for him . . . *and* the highest monetary rewards for his firm. It took him just under a year, and almost every cent he had, but he pulled together a unique and highly qualified team. It was a chance of a lifetime, and he was going for broke.

The goal was to start by specializing in Fortune 500 companies and private individuals, but as BLACK INC.'s credibility grew in a relatively short time, even Richard's old government contacts came calling. Today, companies across every industry have tentacles that reach an international level — and terrorism has moved beyond being just a political threat. Sadly, business is blooming — and BLACK INC. Investigation Company, even in a competitive field, is primed to be as close to the best there is. As long as they can keep the doors opened.

Not a team of super-heroes, BLACK INC. is a group of talented people with unique resources guided by a visionary leader. By depending on each other's talents, they prove how to get a difficult job done efficiently — and ahead of everyone else.

Residing in Washington DC, Richard has plenty of social contacts both in and out of government circles – which he *thoroughly* enjoys.

In great physical shape, he often plays basketball with his college roommate who continues to be one of his best friends — a newly appointed deputy with the Joint-Chief of Staffs, Jake Marlow. Often Jake will bring two of his new colleagues — the youngest serving Supreme Court Judge, and someone they call POTUS.

Amazing ... by the time all the Secret Service are in full attendance, they're never lacking for enough to fill the court.

Washington DC ... it's a heady town.

Joshua Carl (JC) Garfield (52)

Head of International Business Affairs

JC keeps the BLACK INC. team from straying into illegal waters.He moves the team up to the line, without crossing it.Although as "creative" lawyer, he does help reinvent the line.

BACKGROUND

Called "JC" by only his closest confidants – Josh possesses all of the qualities the nickname implies: strength, determination, and clear vision. A second generation military officer, his strict Citadel training of duty and honor served him well when he was ordered to accomplish even the most unthinkable assignments.

Sidelined the last five years of his commission due to an injury (and determined not to retire until his pension kicked in), Josh studied law. Attaining the rank of Major in the US Marines, he then became a JAG lawyer until he gave up his commission in order to serve as a US Deputy Attorney General.

JC and Richard Black's lives crossed paths many times in their varied careers — and JC was first on board when Richard created BLACK INC. He has now become Richard's most trusted advisor, both profession-ally and personally.

Requiring a mere 45 feet of well-placed luxury in which to live comfortably . . .

JC lives in a modern houseboat tucked discretely into a slip on the Potomac. This is where he can reach out to the world from his boat's "secure room" — watching closely to monitor BLACK Inc.'s propensity to push the boundaries.

This is especially true when it comes to BLACK INC.'s new techlogical "toys." On that subject, JC is constantly checking in with their new tech wizard, Sidney ... often putting limits on the toys' usage that can make both Richard and Sidney somewhat weary.

Other Talents:

Command of several mid-eastern languages; a highly skilled skier who has mastered most of the world's great mountains . . . where he survived a deadly avalanche that actually changed the course of his career.

Angelica Marino (28) Director of Cyber Operations

Angelica can successfully circumvent any computer program . . . and gets access for BLACK INC. into privilege information without leaving a trail. She has discovered the key to specific codes with which both her Silicon peers and government "experts" have difficulty.

BACKGROUND

As a child Angelica was raised in Europe, and is the daughter of the CEO of one of Washington's top think tanks.

Playing with the big boys came way too easily for this feisty petite woman of Italian-American descent. Commonly referred to as Angel, she graduated from Stanford with her masters in computer sciences at the tender age of 22. Immediately the Silicon Valley beckoned her - while still recovering from it's latest tech downturn. A cycle that would become the norm as this giant grew invasive in the daily lives of everyone.

Seeing the writing on the wall, she spent several years in the emerging field of social media where she was instrumental in developing Facebook & You Tube to its current status. In demand, she joined Google where she was asked to head up "cyber solutions" — but eventually found that in a large company, wheels turn ever-tooslowly for her quick mind.

It was then that Angel recognized a great new opportunity in "cloud-based solutions" — one that would give her extensive experience without exposure to the world's eyes. She started her own company specializing in cyber crime, and became prolific in what is known in common parlance as "hacking."

She soon became highly adept in the area of industrial espionage investigation. She loved the covert aspect to important assignments, but had difficulty in running the day-to-day demands of a company. When Richard came calling with the perfect solution, she was ready — even if it meant moving back to the city of her father's influence.

Both her father and mother are high profile Washington residents, but had never given their daughter a lot of credit for using her positions to better herself. However, now even they have to admit that knowing where all the skeletons are in the new cyber world – from Apple to Microsoft – makes Angelica very valuable(*continue*)

And for one who chooses not to pick her words carefully, she catches many of her adversaries off-guard just when the "negotiations" get tough.

One of the sweet perks Richard included when he lured Angelica into BLACK INC. ... making sure that every piece of equipment she might need as head of Cyber Operations was at her disposal. And with everything linked between her Georgetown bungalow and BLACK INC.'s logistical set-up at their D.C. headquarters, Angelica is often able to do vital work during the night ... without loosing time getting out of her pajamas.

Quite a look for a beautiful computer wizard.

Other Talents:

Black Belt; sharpshooter. As an expert in the Tango, she continues to compete in dance competitions world-wide.

It clears her mind.

Ryan Robilet (32) Director of Security Operations

Ryan's years in the field protecting assets and analyzing difficult situations has given him the uncanny ability to successfully piece together even slivers of physical evidence. With this talent, he often projects with outstanding accuracy what actually occurred in the most perplexing BLACK INC. cases.

BACKGROUND

Charm, wit, and intelligence — coupled with outstanding good looks — give no indication to a passing observer that this man is a former Lt. Commander in the Navy SEALs ... and, a highly trained assassin. This is a man who is always up for an evening that includes a tux.

Obsessed with what makes humans "tick," Ryan was part of a research group in his junior year of high school, basically studing how one masters "cognitive and critical thinking." He graduated from college with his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Forensics, but he always knew that he would enter the military — he needed to be part of the elite mechanism that would give him a perspective only few could appreciate.

Ryan needed to test himself and discover his level of endurance. Amazingly, he succeeded in areas never expected. In the military during both dangerous deployments, his actions under fire often saved lives and drew respect from those who served with him. It was here that he became an expert in both asset protection and maritime operations.

Ryan continues to be fascinated by the study of human nature, and uses that knowledge to the company's advantage when piecing together the obvious evidence. In fact, from Ryan's years of observing human nature in the most heinous and difficult situations, Richard has come to rely on his unique ability to read the physical evidence and to see more than even most expertly trained eyes would. Every team needs a "forensic guru" — and Ryan can often read his adversary as well as he can read a satellite picture. Although he has a tendency to be defiant, his nature demands that he seek the most pragmatic solutions — proving to be a team player even under difficult circumstances.

Besides, how bad can a man be who prefers a tuxedo rather than jeans?

Other Talents:

An avid musician accomplished on both the drums and sax; speaks German (badly); excels at poker & bridge; and is passionate about tennis & skiing.

And — the world outside of his team, has no idea that he has a young child.

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Elliot Stern (29)

Managing Director of Logistics & Transportation

Being a logistics expert is a unique talent. It's a particular mind-set that sees both the big picture and the details especially under pressure, which often occurs during the surveillance of a situation. On short notice Elliot has the ability to find available equipment and individuals with specific talents which serves to maneuver the team strategically. With clever planning and unusual resources, Elliot's pulled BLACK INC. out of more-than-one tight situation.

BACKGROUND

As an African-American, Elliot has excelled at everything he's ever done. Mich he came by naturally ... but the loving and diciplined atmosphere in which he was raised pushed him to test himself above and beyond. Adopted as an infant, and raised on the East Coast by wealthy and powerful parents of Jewish descent, Elliot attended the best schools. He finished college at 21 and attended two years of law school when he realized that he was living the life that his father wanted. Having always realized that his dreams were in the sky, he turned to aviation ... to become a fighter pilot.

Although not happy about Elliot's decision, his father pulled every string he could to get him a commission in the US Army. Elliot was not above letting him; thus the dichotomy of his nature.

His pilot training ended as the war-on-terrorism ramped up to its highest level, and his specialty became testing new helicopters; taking them into the most dangerous parts of the globe.

Elliot realized that he was born to the air - a place where he became invincible, and no danger was too great. His skill and confidence did not go unnoticed by his superiors and he was soon given assignments that more experienced pilots would have envied. Elliot was destined to become one of most revered helicopter pilots in the Army's recent history.

Rising to the rank of Captain, and with valuable talents reaching far beyond his flying skills, the military soon found that when on assignment logistics and procurement were Elliot's forte. However, while overseeing major operations involving land, sea, and air, he also felt the ever-tightening constraints of military politics and bureaucracy.

Unfortunately, even being "the best" — in a world laced with politics — doesn't guarantee personal success. Approached to join BLACK INC., at a critical time when he was supposed to "re-up" — he quickly said yes to a challenge that would allow him to think out-of-the-box.

Although he flies little in his present occupation, keeping current with his pilot licences has saved BLACK INC. valuable time at critical moments. Always a perk.

Other Talents: Voracious reader; passionate about chess; never turned down a good game of golf; speaks both French & Latin(!). And ... there isn't a video game he hasn't mastered.

Renda Lawson (34) Intelligence Analysis Director

Highly educated and military trained, but raised by parents with a diplomatic pedigree, Renda is friends with the world. BLACK INC. relies on her numerous contacts with major government agencies, embassies, and private enterprise. Titans of industry are on her Christmas list.

Renda has meticulously developed a network of those who "actually" do the work in each area across various industries. Results: Individuals based in a multitude of bureaucracies who never talk to each other . . . talk to Renda.

This is her ace-in-the-hole: BLACK INC.'s head start over their competitors.

BACKGROUND

Renda's Eurasian features belie her age and enhance her beauty. Born in San Francisco of a Chinese-American mother and outstandingly handsome Irish-American father, she grew up meeting and dining with dignitaries from all over the world.

Both parents had distinguished careers in the diplomatic field. By pulling every string available, they kept the family together as they were assigned to major cities all over the world.

Renda was lucky enough to end up in the deep south during the last few years of high school ... where strangely enough (based on her physical looks), she picked up a southern accent that she carries with her to this day. A beautiful Eurasian with a southern accent ... not someone you forget easily.

Confused about what she wanted to do with her life, Renda joined the Marines immediately after high school – blindly forsaking all college offers. Within two years she was a well-trained medic but also excelled at being a warrior, and liked being sent to areas where survival was a top priority.

The world she was now seeing couldn't be any further away from what she experienced growing up.

Four years later maturity set in, along with a great deal of confidence. Leaving the military, she was easily admitted into John Hopkins University where she assumed she would eventually study medicine. An elective class on international relations, and an outstanding visiting lecturer (Richard Black), finally led her in the direction she was meant to follow. Eventually she graduated with honors in the accelerated BA/MA program with The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies. During that time she participated in the John Hopkins' Bologna Center in Italy, and studied a year in France.

Renda was now armed with an impeccable background in International Affairs, along with her education, her upbringing, and her experience in the field as a Marine.

This gave her a level of expertise that was hard to deny.

Completing her European studies, she was offered a position at John Hopkins' Baltimore campus, where Renda became one of the university's most sought after professors. She had been teaching, publishing, and advising the previous administration when approached by BLACK INC.

The offer came just in the nick of time — her need for adventure had produced a good case of "is that all there is." She knew that somewhere she could use her experience better — and BLACK INC. provided just the right opportunity.

With BLACK INC. Renda is often tied to several phones and two laptops during every case ... usually at a tall table in front of several large monitors spanning the world. The find balance in her life, Renda's true comfort is riding her beloved horse whenever the moment allows. At least the team usually knows where to find her.

nd . . . She and Richard Black have a well-kept secret:

It was Richard, representing Homeland Security, who was giving a lecture in Renda's International Relations class. Richard was 10 years older then she, and effectively changed her direction in life. Then, during a work assignment for Homeland Security in Europe, Richard visited her when she was finishing her studies — and thus they began an intense affair. For reasons they won't discuss, the torrid affair ended quickly after six months, just a month short of Renda's BA/MA graduation in Europe. They never saw each other again … until he was in the private sector, and they both were part of a prestigious panel at John Hopkins when she was a professor. At this time, he was just starting to form Black Inc., and needed a contact he was unable to find — which was unique for Richard. Renda, to his surprise, was able to help him. It was then that he knew that Renda was the last missing link he needed for BLACK INC. … no matter what they would have to do to mask their sexual tension. However, the wicked sense of humor they use between them often helps.

Other talents:

Several languages; excellent horsewoman; nutrition buff and a growing expert in religious studies. Renda is the first to volunteer as a paramedic during national emergencies.

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Sidney Beth Townsend (23) Technology Director - "Guru of Gadgets"

A brilliant protege at M.I.T. who had an advance degree in both physics and computer sciences by the time she was 20, Sid's forte was not just "thinking outside the box" ... but tinkering at it until she made something a reality.

> Toys, drones, guns, computers, cars ... unimaginable objects became her obsession and ultimately BLACK INC.'s assets.

Sid's the youngest team member, and part of the BLACK INC. team from day one. Her early work in developing the special drone technology for BLACK INC.'s "intelligence gathering," launched the company into the forefront of today's investigations industry.

BACKGROUND

Sidney Beth Townsend was destined to be different. The only child of two brilliant University of California science professors, she was born late in their lives — and considered their "special gift" after years of unsuccessful attempts. Wanting to nurture their gift, they vowed to make sure she grew up in the most open and free-thinking environment possible. To say that her upbringing was unconventional would be an understatement.

Believing a Montessori philosophical education was the most progressive education for gifted- children, Sid spent her formative years in classrooms that encouraged its students to learn, develop, and engage in an open thought process. It was apparent that she flourished in this cloistered environment; learning to read and write at 'lighting speed" — and excelling in science and technology. She could take apart and put together a computer in record time by the time she was 10.

This "exceptionalism" led to her early entry into M.I.T. at 16 — and an advanced degree by 20 in Physics and Computer Technology. She was known at the university as the "guru of gadgets" and the go-to-student who could solve other students' difficult projects.

In her fourth year at the M.I.T. she was made a Senior Teaching Fellow, while working on her Master's in Advanced Physics and Electronic Technology. It was at this juncture in her young life that she met Richard Black.

Richard Black was a guest teacher for a Masters Seminar at M.I.T. While teaching the week-long class he encountered the wunderkind that was Sidney Beth Townsend; quickly learning from others of her brilliance, and her meteoric career at the university. During their brief time together, Black was impressed with the quickness of Townsend's mind and the intelligence that she demonstrated in his fields of endeavor. Richard's eye for exceptional talent zeroed into this awkward but inspiring protegee.

Richard had been around a lot of brilliant people throughout his life, but Sid was continually thinking outside the box; completely unafraid to take risks. And - Sid's enthusiasm for "what might be possible" (as she was often fond of saying) was infectious.

It was then that Richard vowed to keep track of Townsend, knowing someday they could be of value to (continue)

each other. But then, Sidney Beth Townsend took a sharp left turn in another direction.

After years of pent-up insecurities and feelings of social inadequacy that no educational system could rectify ... upon her graduation from M.I.T. Sidney Beth impulsively decided to sign-up for the US Army hoping her talents could be of use somewhere outside the world she'd always known.

She was sent overseas on dangerous assignments to de-code and reinvent a solution in anti-insurgence operating procedures: i.e. find new toys that could outwit the enemy.

While traveling from one hotbed to another, her driver ran over an improvised explosive device (IED), and overturned their jeep. Sidney was AirEvac immediately, but even the doctors at the U.S. base in Germany couldn't save her leg. She returned home perceiving that she had a brain nobody understood, and a body that limited her as a woman. And additionally, dealt with some symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) that no one outside the military could understand. Even her army therapist admitted she'd been handed an "unique" hand in life.

Through his various military contacts, Richard had kept track of Sid's whereabouts, and upon her return he immediately contacted her. Using his best efforts, and capitalizing on the trust they had built, Richard asked her to be part of a new venture he was calling BLACK INC. He knew without a doubt that this young woman was born to be one of Black's specialized team of experts. The concept of his company's mission, and his offer excited her; thus helping to start her process from feeling emotionally and physically broken.

Once Sidney joined The Team there was a period of adjustment. As bright as she was (or because of), she was still awkward in her "socialization" in a foreign environment. Often talking in "geek" speak, Sid didn't realize that no one in this group really understood her parlance. She learned to trust the team, but found that metaphors or allegories shared amongst them were a mystery to her ... taking almost every-thing "literally," as she had since childhood.

It was a growing experience for everyone ... but, entering Sid's laboratory still continues to be an odd excursion for the team members. However, they learned to indulge their "guru" and her eccentricities — never knowing what they were navigating was due to her extraordinary high IQ, or her military traumas.

Aware that her artificial leg made her "even more" different than her female teammates, Sidney only wore long skirts or pants, and recoiled against compliments that tried to put her at ease. But with each case she began to understand her value as an actual team member ... slowly giving her the confidence she never really had.

But Townsend delivers the goods, and her work in developing drone technology as a major intelligence tool for the company makes BLACK INC. a premiere company in its field. And while Sidney Beth soon learned the art of self-depravation — which at times brought honest humor to tense situations — she also began "teaching" a great deal to her appreciative colleagues.

Other talents:

Devoted to Karaoke ... especially when imbibing in the rare drink. Archery champion since grammar school. 18



BLACK INC. International Investigation Firm

Pilot Concept Pilot Script Available

THE CUBAN / BEIJING CONNECTION

Richard Black's crack team of counter-terrorism agent/analysts are pressed into service to solve a geopolitical kidnapping - involving Cuba, China and the U.S. — where our immediate outgoing President finds himself embroiled in a situation involving his niece's life that is suddenly thrust into a national crisis.

For the first time in history, the United States may become part of a hastily-planned, but cleverly-maneuvered operation that will ante up 500 Million dollars in ransom money to pay for the return of a kidnapped American citizen-and, what's more, this unprecedented and unauthorized operation will be completely known about by both the U.S. Treasury Department and the Central Intelligence Agency.

In a heart-stopping series of events, BLACK INC. will quickly set in motion a skillful and ingenious plot using back-door intelligence channels that have become the hallmark of its expertise - setting them apart from any and all competitors.

Our story unfolds within a dark maze that begins in New York City, quickly spreading fear through the higher echelons of Washington, D.C. — ultimately leading our specialized team of experts to the serpentine and labyrinthine back roads of the Cuban countryside.

The saga begins in NYC about 9 PM on an unbearably cold January evening. AnnaLee Burjon, a young and beautiful translator, is leaving the UN Headquarters Building and making her way to her upper East side apartment; almost simultaneously, her aunt and uncle, the outgoing U.S. President and his wife, are making their way in a limousine down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. Suddenly, the ex-President receives a frightening text that indicates his niece has been kidnapped; accompanied by a picture of her which dramatically illustrates the jeopardy her bruised and battered body is in.

We quickly learn that the abducted young woman is actually the daughter of Charles Burjon, the controlling family heir of Knightbridge Enterprises, the second largest private multinational retail corporation in America. Burjon's wife is the sister of the outgoing President, Walter Davidson, and it is the *(continue)*

Burjon's daughter who has just been abducted. Both the Burjon and Davidson cars have been in a motorcade winding through the city on their way to an Inaugural Ball and both their limousines make a sharp 180 as the news of the young woman's peril is communicated from one car to the next.

As the large black chauffered cars speed off toward the Bujon's Estate, Charles and Marie Burjon are facing every parent's worst nightmare . . . and this catastrophic occurrence now becomes BLACK INC.'s immediate priority as Knightbridge Enterprises is its exceedingly powerful and important client.

The next several hours are critical and the BLACK INC. team works every precious one – quickly and effectively — inevitably leaving their cumbersome bureaucratic counterparts two steps behind. They attack on several fronts. First, Renda Lawson networks their intelligence from their world of contacts, while Ryan Robilet exploits their expert resources — primarily through comprehensive satellite pictures. And at the same time they work the tried and true, boots-on-the-ground investigation by immediately dispatching Elliot who flies himself to New York City in the Team's 2-engine plane.

BLACK INC.'s hallmark of working quickly kicks into high gear and Richard is able to report two vital aspects of the kidnapping. The clues they've uncovered prove that the kidnapping occurred not because of "who" the woman was ... but, instead, because of "what" the President's niece inadvertently witnessed before she left the UN Building.

Then a discovery by Elliot in AnnaLee's East-side apartment gets the investigation moving in the right direction. A simple, unsent text — typed on the AnnaLee's cell phone just before her abduction — and simultaneously recorded on her iMessage app on her home computer ... reveals what the kidnapped woman saw.

BLACK INC.'s tentacles have a far-reaching effect. Within a few short, vital hours it's revealed that what first looked like a kidnapping may only be the "tip of the iceberg." A carefully planned act of aggression and terror must be terminated — and the best-case scenario is stopping a planned coup of a hostile country hours before its scheduled commencement, and the hope of finding the President's niece alive. One thing becomes crystal clear to every member of the team— the odds are not in their favor.

A s this investigation progresses – the BLACK INC. Team will uncover the real crisis facing them:

The kidnappers — a large, powerful cabal of very wealthy Cubans and Chinese — are flying under the radar of both governments. This consortium of malcontents is planning within the next 48 hours to initiate a coup to begin an unraveling of Cuba's existing government, designed to form a new regime that will owe its alle-giance to China.

It seems clear that China would love nothing better than to control the real estate - and its waterways -

which is a mere 90 miles off the coast of the United States.

Richard Black has friends all over the world, and one happens to be Captain Matt Mason of the U.S. Coast Guard who commands a vessel assigned to patrol the Western Caribbean. In conversations with the Captain Mason, Black learns that the Coast Guard intelligence reveals that the Cubans have allowed China to build an oil platform just off the Cuban coast — which in exchange, has given Cuba access to vital oil that it needs; a quid pro quo arrangement benefiting each country's interest.

Additionally, Richard is also informed that NSA and other intelligence agencies have "periodically" monitored satellite surveillance over this platform. Richard asks his friend to pull up the last seven days of satellite pictures and to feed BLACK INC. hourly reports of activity that continues to take place on the platform.

The reports reveal something that has gone relatively unnoticed so far: In the last week, an increase volume of cargo ships — ferrying equipment and personnel from the platform to the island — seems to have taken place.

Piggybacking off their storehouse of resources, Richard and BLACK INC. employ the use of a well-known financier's resources in the Caribbean Sea, and helicopter several of their agents onto his yacht. One of the agents aboard is Sid Townsend, the company's drone expert, who brings along his latest invention — an advanced "aircraft" that can't easily be detected or heard when it's in operation.

Utilizing the unique technology that Townsend has developed at the BLACK INC. lab, the drone covertly uncovers a large buildup of troops in the dense jungle found between Cienfuegos and Havana, Cuba. From the surveillance video, it appears that the recorded encamped area is serving as a base camp for hundreds of soldiers who are manning a large cache of munitions and high-tech equipment. The drone capabilities provide our Team with enough information through their surveillance ops and allied intelligence, that they're able to determine that a coup attempt may be imminent.

BLACK INC. Team members, now working with special warfare forces, form a private covert operation to secure proof of a cabal, and subsequently devise a plan to foil the mission that they've uncovered.

In the end, the rest of the BLACK INC. Team - with an assist from the CIA - work tirelessly and sagaciously to find the kidnapped young woman alive before she becomes collateral damage in a scenario that originally did not include her involvement. # # #

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SERIES IDEAS

Future Episodes (5)

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#1 THE MEXICAN CARTEL

LOG-LINE:

BLACK INC. has been brought in to discreetly discover why students have disappeared from the USC campus. Each one is male, Hispanic, and from wealthy families. The chase leads from a major Ivy League college to deep into Mexico — and finally to the Mexican Consulate in Los Angeles. For the Mexican Mafia, human trafficking becomes a new vehicle for drug distribution to the young and wealthy.

SYNOPSIS

OPENING:

Due desperate phone call from the Chancellor of USC and 10 minutes later Richard Black is sliding into his car in front of the Bonaventure Hotel just as the sun is rising.

Traveling through the empty streets of downtown, five blocks goes quickly as he reaches a warehouse undergoing construction for new condos. He enters and sees two men at the other end of the cavernous building.

Within seconds Richard is standing over a brutally beaten body of a young man who was to graduate from USC in five days. Next to Richard is the USC Chancellor, and the victim's father — a very powerful business man in the Los Angeles Hispanic community.

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"Migrant young men are forced into prostitution and drug-running by slavery ring in Mexico."

The headline for this LA Times expose seemed distant enough when read on a quiet Saturday morning in upscale Beverly Hills — stirring up duel feelings of compassion, and undeniable relief that today's news didn't affect this protected enclave.

Nothing could be further from reality.

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BLACK INC. will be asked by University of Southern California's governing board to "quietly" investigate two students missing from campus in the past 15 months. Each student was male, of Hispanic heritage, and the child of wealthy, but illegal, parents residing in the US.

What the team uncovers initially is only the head of the snake, and further exposure seriously threatens future political relations between the US and its southern neighbors.

The authorities are in a quandary.

To say or do nothing would be immoral. To take action could easily provoke the beginning of brutal hostilities and massive retributions against innocent Americans by the Mexican underworld.

Ultimately, BLACK INC. finds that young males are being forced to sell drugs — among other services — on large campuses from the southwest to the southeast. These males, who are trained to act like college students, were either brought up from Mexico after years of being part of a slave ring ... or actually recruited on the campus. Those recruited here are good-looking young men already attending college – usually popular party animals — and vulnerable to extortion. No matter what the state of their family income ... they are in the country illegally.

The students missing from USC are the ones who ultimately rebelled, or whose families interfered.

The Mexican Mafia ... today's largest and most dangerous criminal organization working in the United States ... is the dangerous machine behind this trafficking.

BLACK INC.'s thorough investigation reveals that the coordination of this particular billion-dollar drug activity on college campuses is being driven from the Mafia's Los Angeles headquarters ... Mexico's Consulate on Wilshire Blvd. in downtown Los Angeles.

Suddenly, today's headline is no longer a distant occurence.

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#2 THE PATENT PIRACY

LOG-LINE:

When the entertainment division of a major conglomerate is hacked, more is at stake than emails written by egotistical executives. That incursion provided a deep portal into the parent company's international website — where the complete schematics exist for a "virtual reality" patent. This is a new and valuable breakthrough for multiple industries that is years ahead of its nearest competitor. Now a 50 million dollar ransom is being extracted, or the data gets released to the open market.

BLACK INC. has to find the international thieves before these innovative patent details are leaked and major contracts are cancelled with the company. Far more is at stake than a drastic drop in their stock price.

OPENING:

Julia puts down the phone and immediately put her head in her hands ... sweat was breaking out all over her body. As the head of Triumph Studio, she foolishly believed that her emails were private. Over the years, things were written — and received — that could put the parent company in financial jeopardy; ruining major high profile careers.

As the media frenzy consumes the airwaves and the Internet, little does anyone know that this devastating breach is just the tip of the iceberg. And for Julia, the downward spiral of being humiliated and blackballed from the industry she's clawed her way to the top ... is only the start of her troubles.

SYNOPSIS

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United Flight 782 has just landed at Reagan International and Richard Black is the first passenger off as he steps into the cold outside from the aircraft cabin. Although the flight from Rome had wi-fi service he slept for most of the trip, and hasn't checked his phone or e-mail until now.

When he turns on his cell, he's shocked at the number of calls waiting for his attention. One number stands out -a 310 area code - that has 20 calls to him from Julia McZier, President at Triumph Studio in Los Angeles. He immediately dials his VM and hears Julia's anxious voice, imploring him to head for the other end of the Reagan Airport, where a Gulf-stream 650 is waiting to ferry him to L.A.

Julia McZier's successful track record these past few years rivals any of her counterparts at the competing major studios. Rarely at a loss for words, Julia almost never loses her cool ... so when-Richard is able to call her as his driver is retrieving his luggage, she fills him in on the "basic facts" urgency of the moment and why she's been calling him for the last ten hours. She'll never trust technology again, and fills him in on the details later in person.

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Backstory: Triumph Studios' internet has been hacked, and far worse than the Sony breach (when hacking was in its infancy), the studio's parent company, Tri-Allegiance — a major computer software and hardware manufacture — has invested close to a billion dollars in a new virtual reality invention that's been top secret.

By hacking the studio ... the breach reached deep into the corporate Internet that holds the patent and all vital information. All the plans and designs are now subject to exposure, and the thieves are demanding a 50 Million ransom for the information. They also reveal that either way, they have no problem selling the information to the highest international bidder.

The patent links the 4K ((ultra high digital resolution) to extraordinary virtual reality in their new home entertainment game. However ... this creation has far greater application than in the consumer/entertainment field; including the military, manufacturing, retail, communications and medical arenas. In fact, as a hardware/software manufacturer, Tri-Allegiance, has been working behind closed doors in conjunction with other private companies who also have major government contracts. And equally important to major investors — this particular invention by the company is several years ahead of its competitors.

BLACK INC. is Triumph's only hope of resolving this situation before it becomes an international story — not only ruining an iconic studio, but more importantly, a high-profile Fortune 500 company ... and ultimately, threatening security on an international scale.

On the cell phone conversation, Julia explains to Richard that she, her CFO, and the Director of Operations of the parent company are on the plane awaiting them, and will thoroughly brief him on their way to Los Angeles. As they finish speaking, Richard is in the Limo on his way to the waiting Gulf Stream.

Immediately upon hanging up, Richard calls his Director of Security, Ryan Robilet — to meet him at the awaiting Gulf Stream at Reagan International, ASAP. The rest of the BLACK INC. Team heads into their Washington Headquarters to coordinate the top secret investigation from there.

As Richard and Ryan join the Triumph Executives on the flight west, we will see them launching an all-out investigation ... putting the facts together through their network of private contacts ... while the clock is ticking. They only have 72 hours to find the culprits and prevent the theft from being sold —along with the potential financial expose of the decade, which could rock every stock exchange around the globe.

Black Inc. has handled a lot of things in their time during the last few years ... from solving election frauds in foreign countries, to damage control cases in state capitols, to the Halls of Congress ... and then along the Wall Street corridors. But, Internet piracy on this scale, is a first for them.

For the next five hours, the Gulfstream becomes a war-room. With the help of uncovering the layers of the studio's most protected information, and the careful tracking through the dark web by the Team in Washington ... we learn that when the GS650 lands at Van Nuys, Richard and his colleagues have narrowed the field of suspects to three strong possibilities in diverse areas.

Unfortunately ... their first lead points heavily toward a daring inside job buried deep inside the Executive chambers of Triumph Studios.

#3 THE MACAU TAKEDOWN

LOG-LINE:

The repercussions of a few simple traffic tickets given to a high-ranking U.N. Diplomat in New York City sparks a global investigation . . . eventually exposing a brilliant scheme halfway around the world of the Chinese government's planned seizure of the Macau casinos owned by an American billionaire.

OPENING:

A few days after a reckless diplomat is given his 10th traffic ticket in NYC, a special courier package is being delivered to the top-floor Las Vegas suite of casino magnet, Ben Alderberry. Standing by a sprawling wall of glass overlooking the Las Vegas Strip, Alderberry's face drains of color as he reads the content of the official letter from the Chinese Government. In shock and disbelief, he immediately instructs his assistant to get his lawyer, his CIA contact, and BLACK INC. He quickly adds, "Get Richard Black first."

SYNOPSIS

Richard Black and a highly attractive brunette are nestled in a corner of 70l while enjoying a 2005 Chateau de Sancere Rouge. Although captivated by this beautifully sophisticated woman in D.C.'s most romantic bistro, Black is having trouble ignoring the annoying text that keeps reappearing on his iPhone. Unable to resist, he finally reads the full message and apologetically ends the evening. The following text from international business man Ben Alderberry is one of the few things that could make Black give up an evening with this perfect woman:

"In trouble - inexplicably caught deep in an international grab-attempt by the Chinese government. Everything's at stake - need Black Inc.'s help. Ungent."

One of the world's top businessmen, Alderberry realizes there are no better "fixers" for hire than Richard Black's Team of Experts. If the Chinese are going to seize his Macau operations, and accuse him of masterminding the theft of millions from a Chinese based UN operation — it's time to bring in the biggest guns he knows to free his empire from being dangerously caught in some preposterous and ill-defined political ploy.

BLACK INC. galvanizes into action, knowing that it's going to take every resource they have to undo the trap that's been put in place for a man whose fortune has been made from Monaco to London, and Las Vegas to Macau.

Alderberry has been accused by the Chinese government of being the mastermind of an off shore scheme to defraud China and a U.N. charitable organization China sponsors . . . which has millions of dollars earmarked for aid to developing countries in the Pacific Rim.

The Team, in utilizing its vast intelligence network in Washington, D.C., Beijing and New York, discovers that the missing fortune appears to have been funneled into a shell corporation hidden deep within the financial structure of Alderberry's Macau Enterprises. A magnet for the rich and powerful all over the world, Alderberry has three of the most popular and spectacular casinos on the island.

It seems clear that Alderberry knows nothing about this absurd turn of events. Regardless, the Chinese Government intends to hold he and his organization responsible for this violation against their sovereignty. Either the money is immediately returned or Alderberry loses his holdings in Macau and the considerable fortune that comprises them. At this point, both the US and Chinese governments are keeping this out of the press — but that won't last long.

Renda Lawson, BLACK INC.'s Intelligence Director, using her U.N. contacts learns that a high-living, free-wheeling diplomat in charge of the Chinese/UN charitable organization has suddenly disappeared after being threatened with the loss of his immunity. However, her sources also indicate that his disappearance may have more to do with his known association with the "trusted" right-hand lieutenant of Alderberry's Macau Enterprises — who has also disappeared from sight than with his diplomatic immunity and the numerous traffic violations he racked up.

Renda fills in Ryan Robilet, BLACK INC.'s Director of Security, who further unearths the connection between the two men. Immediately Ryan and Richard Black are on a flight to Beijing — where they go head-to-head with both Chinese government officials and some very formidable Chinese underground types.

Their investigation unfolds when Angelica Marino, BLACK INC.'s Director of Cyber Operations, reveals a complicated trail of serpentine off-shore deposits. She successfully unwinds the money trail leading from the UN to Alderberry's Macau's enterprise.

BLACK INC. shrewdly connects the criminal plot between an ambitious and immoral diplomat — and a highly-talented, but avaricious Alderberry Executive who worked together to deceive the Chinese government and Alderberry Enterprises. Highly risky considering the players involved — but greed knows no limit. Working seamlessly together the BLACK INC. team uncovers the ruthless scram, and move the spotlight of the US Justice Department from their client to the United Nations "special operations."

Using every tool at their disposal in their arsenal of intelligence and "back-door deplomacy," Richard Black and his unique team of experts stay "just within" the boundaries of legalities. Here credit is given to Team member JC Garfield, who specializes in making sure they stay on the right side of the law — wherever they're negotiating their way through a minefield of explosive circumstances.

Whether it's their acute ability to use subterfuge to their advantage ... their unparalleled capability of synthesizing intelligence and responding quickly β ... or their unusual use of advanced technology, BLACK INC. is the agent of choice — and the best "fixers" money can buy.

#4 BEWARE OF PHILANTHROPISTS BEARING GIFTS

LOG-LINE:

An oil tanker is mysteriously sunk - instantly, taking crew and cargo with it, including an outstanding research scientist. BLACK INC. investigates, and what the Team discovers leads them to the conclusion that the resulting tragedy is the equivalent of a well-planned and cleverly disguised piracy on the High Seas.

OPENING:

Far out to sea, as the dawn light streaks the horizon, Dr. Robert Kim looks over the bow of the massive oil tanker he's called home for several months. He pulls out his cell and calls his wife. In mid-conversation while gazing at the calm ocean, his eyes widen as what appears to be millions of tiny bubbles pierce the water directly under the front half of the 450 foot vessel. Within minutes, the gigantic tanker violently starts to sink below the surface . . . and all lives are lost. Kim's last words were: "Oh my God, we're going down!"

SYNOPSIS

Ande Kim has just been disconnected from her husband as his cell phone suddenly went dead in mid-sentence. Panicked, she immediately phones her friend, Darrell Laske, the managing Director of the CIA. Perplexed and anxious, Laske, in San Diego, calls BLACK INC. in Washington, D.C. He and Richard Black served two deployments in the Navy and Laske knows there is no better source for assistance in the private sector than Black's Team of Experts.

Within a hour after Black has been contacted, Richard has gathered his agents together in their downtown DC loft where they are deep in a briefing about the loss of the tanker — learning that Kim was part of a highly-secretive experiment being conducted by the U.S Government and the Scripps Institute in La Jolla, CA. The confidential research was designed to advance underwater explorations with a new submarine equipped with the latest technology that exceeds any similar amphibious vehicle in existence.

Armed with the basic details and having watched satellite footage of the downed area provided by the Team's Director of Security Operations, Ryan Robilet, several of the BLACK INC. team head for San Diego on a private jet. After visiting the accident site they'll use their expertise and technological savvy to learn the cause of the sunken tanker as quickly as they can. Richard Black, J. C. Garflield (Head of International Affairs), Renda Lawson (Intelligence Analysis Director) and Sydney Townsend (Black Inc's Technological Wizard) will set up their base at Scripps Institute out of which Noble Prize recipient, Robert Kim exclusively worked.

Only six hours after the tragedy at sea the BLACK INC. Team lands in San Diego, where the Coast Guard informs them that that wealthy eco-activist, Douglas Havenport had arrived first on the downed tanker's site before the parent company had a chance to start rescue operations. As the first vessel there, Havenport proclaimed his salvage rights for the tanker — claiming a "symbolic victory" by the getting rid the ship's massive amount of oil as a "gift to mankind."

In usurping all other activities so hurriedly, Havenport's motives are obviously suspect. The public act of preemption galvanizes BLACK INC. as they quickly discover that the prototype submarine that was being developed was actually built by one of Havenport's subsidiaries. But the builder had added destructive capabilities unknown to Kim and his associates in a second prototype sub Havenport had build for himself.

Armed with the schematics of the submarine, Sydney Beth Townsend deduces that as the tanker traveled through the ocean, the Havenport's submarine was designed to cause a major gas eruption below the surface so that when the first half of the tanker entered that specific area it would be held up by the buoyancy of the bubbled eruption \ldots while the second half — not held up by the eruption – would immediately sink.

BLACK INC. worked closely with the Scripps' scientists and government entities, but also outside the normal restrictions imposed on most government agencies — giving them the unique ability to dig deep into personal records that forensically left a financial trail.

In the final analysis, they figured out that Havenport was looking to destroy the one competing company that prevented him from monopolizing the oil carrier business. And equally important, during periods of oil glut, he retains control over the highly lucrative business of oil tanker-storage. The research and the submarine on board were merely "collateral damage."

Clearly, his eco-activist reputation was simply a guise under which to hide his greed — which more aptly made him an eco-terrorist; but one who could not ultimately foil the brilliance of the resourceful and effective BLACK INC. experts.

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#5 THE FRAME-UP: Fashion Week Espionage

LOG-LINE:

A top fashion house in New York City has just had major design elements leaked before its upcoming runway show in this year's Fashion Week. BLACK INC. becomes involved in the investigation of the theft in a completely unexpected manner. Despite a new and unusal arena, the team of experts rises to the occasion and averts a disaster which threatens to destroy the season's unveiling — and with it, a successful fashion house's empire.

OPENING:

From her massive studio loft in New York City, iconic fashion designer, Delores Hartsfield, searches the web for "accessories" that she can use to showcase this year's models.

What she comes upon is her worse nightmare. Major design elements from her new collection are staring back at her from the pages of a cheap knock-off website. Her new husband, Phillip Hayes, a well-known Broadway producer, hears her audibly ominous gasp some 50 feet away, and rushes toward her office to see what might be wrong.

As she frantically explains what just transpired, she does her best to control the growing fear she's been the target of industrial espionage at the highest level. Convinced that her top staff never saw the final leaked designs, she believes that the only two people who could have released them are standing in the loft - looking at each other.

SYNOPSIS

Monica Holt has been Delores Hartsfield's top design assistant for almost a decade ... and the widely rumored successor to her empire. Ms. Holt, the newest serious relationship of Elliot Stern, Black Inc.'s Director of Logistics, has invited Stern and a couple of his company's associates to one of Hartsfield's Fashion Week galas. However, minutes before the BLACK INC. colleagues arrive at the Peninsula Hotel, Elliott receives a text from Monica stating that she's just been accused of stealing major design elements from the upcoming collection - a bizarre turn of events that neither she nor her guests can fathom.

Eliott, Ryan Robilet, and Renda Lawson head directly to Monica's West Side apartment — where they find her distraught, confused and barely holding it together. Damning evidence was delivered to Hartsfield that morning in the form of an anonymous e-mail with an attached photo that shows a woman purported to be Monica handing a package to two men in a secluded corner of Bryant Park.

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Monica realizes that her situation is not in BLACK INC.'s normal realm of cases — but desperately turns to them for help. Without fighting these preposterous allegations, not only would her life be ruined — but they could bring down a fashion empire in the process.

Richard Black, in Palm Beach on other business, joins his team in New York to assist them in determining the best way to proceed. He convinces Delores Hartsfield to give BLACK INC. twentyfour hours before she launches formal charges with the police against her second-in-command. Once she agrees, the next 24 hours become a whirlwind of activity as they put the pieces together. They immediately set up headquarters in Hartsfield's 5,000 square foot Tribeca loft - where cell phones, laptops and BLACK INC. gadgetry shares space with mannequins and bountiful bolts of fabric.

In quick succession, BLACK INC. learns that besides Delores and her husband, only Monica knew that all of her designs were kept in a secure safe in Delores' home office. As the investigation proceeds, everyone who has come in contact with Delores is vetted, including her new husband, Phillip Hayes, an award-winning Producer and tech entrepreneur — but it quickly becomes apparent that he had no motive or reason to sabotage his wife or his company.

Using every resource at their ready, and scouring contacts in both the worlds of fashion and business, the BLACK INC. team unearths and exposes the cheap 'knock off' website that obviously revealed the design elements in question. They discover that the cut-rate site is connected to a small European company with a dubious reputation for selling stolen information and using strong-arm tactics in their dealings. Once BLACK INC. obtains this key piece of knowledge, they use it to track down the company and discover more damning evidence. They discover that this company is clearly a front for illegal drug trading — its most lucrative business.

By cultivating their individual contacts, BLACK INC. has always found a way to cleverly use their gathered intelligence to unearth even more valuable information that they ultimately use to connect the dots in their search for clarity. As an example of their sleuth-like effectiveness, Elliott Stern calls an old military friend, now a NYC Detective — to do a classified data base search on any recent activities that might indicate some connection between the corrupt company and the Fashion company leak. This connective outreach proved to be the best link in solving the case.

The NYC Police records indicated that Madison Hayes, Delores' Hartsfield's stepdaughter, had some dealings with the European company. The Team then turns their focus on to Madison Hayes, a well-to-do suburbanite in Darien, Connecticut, who also happens to have a major drug habit. Their investigation brings to light that Ms. Hayes was deep into her dealer for nearly \$80,000 dollars - with no way to pay her debt. Desperate, she hatched the plan to frame Monica Holt - as the likely culprit - and photo-shopped her picture in place of hers at the appointed delivery location. The Team also discovers that Madison learned of the whereabouts of the design elements by overhearing family conversations in the loft.

BLACK INC. once again, resolved a complex case in a 24-hour period of time — which would have probably taken the police (or others) 24 days. With "time of the essence" in this case, and an accused person connected to one of their Team, they moved quickly and efficiently averting disaster. By doing so, BLACK INC. saved a rising career . . . and an esteemed fashion empire in the process.