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ACT 1

CAPTAIN MICHAEL AMUND HARVEY and his second in command/friend SERGEANT (?) WILLIAM "WILL" KEEN are stationed at the US army base in Iraq(?). They are part of the effort to keep the peace between Iraq and Iran(?) during their current peace treaty and keep the order/protect Iraq in the event that war breaks out. Captain Harvey has just gotten word from the higher ups that they are going to conduct a low-profile scouting mission on the [disputed border town \(?\)](#), which had been previously destroyed. There have been reports of illegal border crossing by the Iranians, who believe their boarder includes that town. This is not the boarder that the US and Iraq acknowledge, according to them this town is part of Iraq. Iraq does not know why the Iranians have so much interest in this town suddenly but by no means intend to let them have it. Harvey says he "wants to be in and out of there, no one should see us near the border and no one should know we had any reason to be there. [If the Iranians find out we're investigating the town for Iraq then it could lead to a full boarder war.](#) This isn't a 'secret' mission per-say but Iran is very touchy about us going anywhere near what they consider 'their' border right now." He plans to take a small troop of his best men and consults Keen about the mission. They have a day to prepare and will be leaving the next evening.

Keen arrives at Harvey's quarters to invite him out to drinks with the squad, an unspoken tradition Keen and Harvey created before going out on missions. When Keen gets there the door is barely cracked open and, though Keen has no intention of eavesdropping, he hears something that catches his attention and doesn't knock on the door right away. He hears the tail end of a conversation between Harvey and GENERAL PHILIPS, with the words "make sure no one hears about this" floating out the door. Just as Philips opens the door to leave Keen puts his hand up like he was just about to knock. Philips looks startled but recomposes himself as Keen gives a salute; he smiles at Keen, wishing him luck on tomorrow's mission. Keen enters Harvey's quarters and asks him what that was all about, Harvey replies that it was just a second briefing on tomorrow's mission, Philips is just kind of high strung about it going well. Keen then extends the invitation to grab a drink with the squad and Harvey agrees saying he could use one. ((Does this slow down the beginning too much?))

Harvey is not seen for the rest of the day or the next until it is almost time to move out. He gathers the handful of soldiers going on the mission and they head out a little before sunset. They head north east toward the small border-edge town, which was destroyed during the last outbreak of war, with a total of 10 soldiers. [One of the soldiers, TANNER,](#) is quite the character, he has the habit of bringing his phone with him and recording vlogs to send to his daughter before missions. The other guys lightly tease him about this but in reality they think it's a cute idea.

They approach the town on foot once they get within range, carrying firearms and sporting their camo combat uniforms. They can all be identified as US army by their uniforms, a safety precaution in case they happen upon other soldiers or unfriendlies.

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Tanner has his phone sticking out of his jacket pocket. Once they get to the beginning of half standing buildings Harvey issues out orders to split up and search the destroyed town for possible illegal activity. Keen and MYERS are ordered to stick with him and search the perimeter first before meeting with the rest of the squad in the town square.

Harvey, Keen and Myers routinely clear the first few blocks before they hear shouting and shells coming from the center of town. Myers rushes towards the center of town ahead of Harvey and Keen even after Harvey issues orders to stay back and approach slowly. Harvey and Keen round the building just in time to see Myers get shot down as he rushes out into the street. Harvey curses and signals Keen to stay back. Harvey inches forward to check around the corner where the shot seems to have come from but there is no one within range. He falls back to where Keen has stayed and signals that there may be snipers in the buildings above though they are not being fired at. They can still hear the sounds of fighting coming from the square as they continue their approach.

As they get nearer to the square Harvey motions to go into one of the more intact buildings and up a flight. Harvey and Keen silently clear the floors as they ascend. Keen finds the sniper that likely killed Myers on one of the top floors and shoots him in the back of the head. Keen turns the body over and realizes that it is an Iranian soldier and points this out to Harvey. Harvey suggests that they have likely stumbled on an attack being made by Iran and claims this could be an act of war. From this floor they can see the town square and the fire fight going on there between the US and Iranian soldiers. Harvey makes a brief plan of attack with Keen and they make their way down and proceed towards the town square.

Keen and Harvey split up once they get to the ground floor and head toward the town square. As Keen is closing in on the first of the square battle he is attacked from behind. He had a brief struggle with an Iranian soldier before shooting him. As he turns to make his way into the square the building the Iranian soldier came out of explodes and sends Keen onto the ground in the square. Keen's ears are ringing and everything is blurry as he watches soldiers attacking soldiers not certain which ones are which. People suddenly start dropping as someone comes out of nowhere with an automatic weapon. The man with the automatic weapon comes towards Keen and hits him with the gun. Cut to black.

Keen drifts in and out of consciousness and hears snippets of conversation and a gunshot. He continues to drift in and out as Harvey checks him over and carries him back to the jeeps they left behind. Harvey asks Keen what happened, if he's alright, and what he remembers; Keen answers but is not able to think straight or remember anything that happened after the explosion. They go straight back to base to report the incident and Keen is dropped off at the base hospital.

Keen wakes to find himself in the BASE HOSPITAL after having many nightmares of flashing lights and clicking and whirring noises (the unconscious interpretations of a CT scan). There is a base officer stationed just outside of Keen's room that can be seen from the doorway. A DOCTOR MORGAN, evident by the hospital ID she wears, comes

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in to check on Keen now that he has woken up. She explains that Keen has suffered a head trauma resulting in a minor concussion. She asks Keen if he remembers anything, his name, if anything hurts, the usual check-up for a patient who's awoke from a concussion. Keen wants to know why there is an officer stationed at his door and asks the doctor if his squad mates are all right. The doctor has a sad look at that question but doesn't say anything because she has been ordered not to interact with Keen more than she must to perform her job. Doctor Morgan tells Keen that he should be back to normal in a few days and doesn't need to worry. He may experience headaches and some slight dizziness for the first couple days but that is completely normal and will pass. His memory may be regained in bits and pieces or not at all, there is no sure way to tell but wait. The Doctor leaves with Keen demanding answers to no avail.

Keen has been kept without any knowledge of what happened at the border for the next several hours until Investigative Officer EVELYN WOODS comes in to take a statement. She is the one to tell Keen about the death of the rest of his squad but that Harvey is still alive. Keen doesn't remember much but learns Harvey has been taken into custody and accused of treason and that she is gathering statements for the trial that is going to take place. He tells Woods what he remembers of the mission details and what happened up until the point that he forgot. He's questioned about his knowledge of the location they went to and he gives the location he knows from the mission briefing but this does not seem to convince her. She leaves telling him to contact her if he remembers anything more and that they will be seeing each other again.

Keen is discharged from the base hospital but not to return to duty due to being involved in the case. As he makes his way out of the hospital there are many other soldiers looking at him oddly and whispering as he is passing through the halls. One brave soul, SERGEANT KIRSTEIN comes up to him and asks if he really ran and left his friends to die like the rumors say. Keen is offended by the statement and the guy keeps egging him on with other comments on how much of a coward he is. Keen is visibly getting ready to fight the guy when ANOTHER OFFICER comes up to him and breaks the conversation asking Keen to come with him.

The officer takes Keen to COLONEL CARVER's office and fills Keen in on the details of how they came to arrest Harvey for treason. Keen learns that there was a survivor on the attacker's side, an Iranian Mole for the US, who claims he saw the entire thing and that Harvey was working with the leader of the Iranian squad. Keen asks if they can trust the guy's information and Carver says that it seems like they can, he's given the US reliable information before, but it will be up to the judge and the higher ups whether or not he can be trusted against the word of one of our own soldiers. Carver also explains that the Iranian government is now claiming the US soldiers have wrongly set foot in Iranian territory by going into that town, which they now view as on the Iranian side of the boarder, and have broken the peace treaty by firing on their men, and are now claiming it was an act of war. The Iranians claim the Iraqi government is trying to use the US to take control of their land. "Either we were in the wrong and Harvey broke the treaty or they were in the wrong to fire on us. But with this informant claiming it was set up by Harvey and the leader of the Iranian squad it makes me worry someone wants

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us to start a fight over this.” Carver explains that they have to go to trial to decide if Harvey should be treated as a traitor or not, there’s no way around it since they have a witness that claims Harvey was working with them. Carver needs Keen to testify one way or another in order to come to a real conclusion in the trial since he is the only other eye witness left alive. Keen is told that the date is set for a week from now since there is a lot of pressure to come to a conclusion on this entire thing. Keen has till then to regain his memories or at least decide which way to testify so he doesn’t seem wishy-washy on the stand. Carver stresses the importance of getting him to testify and promises he’ll do everything he can to keep his condition under wraps so he’s able to.