



THE ARRANGEMENT

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Like The Godfather—*But With Cops*.

A gripping, street-level power saga that reimagines the NYPD's Detective Borough Command as a five-family crime syndicate. *The Arrangement* blends the power struggles of *The Godfather* with the institutional rot of *The Wire*—delivering a multi-ethnic, morally complex ensemble tailor-made for today's prestige streaming era.



The Commanders



Xavion Jefferson

BRONX



Raquel Cabrini

STATEN ISLAND



Cillian Maxi

BROOKLYN



Ramona Ruiz

QUEENS



Raul Santiago

MANHATTAN

What if the city's five boroughs were run like crime families
—each led by its own Borough Commander.

The Show:

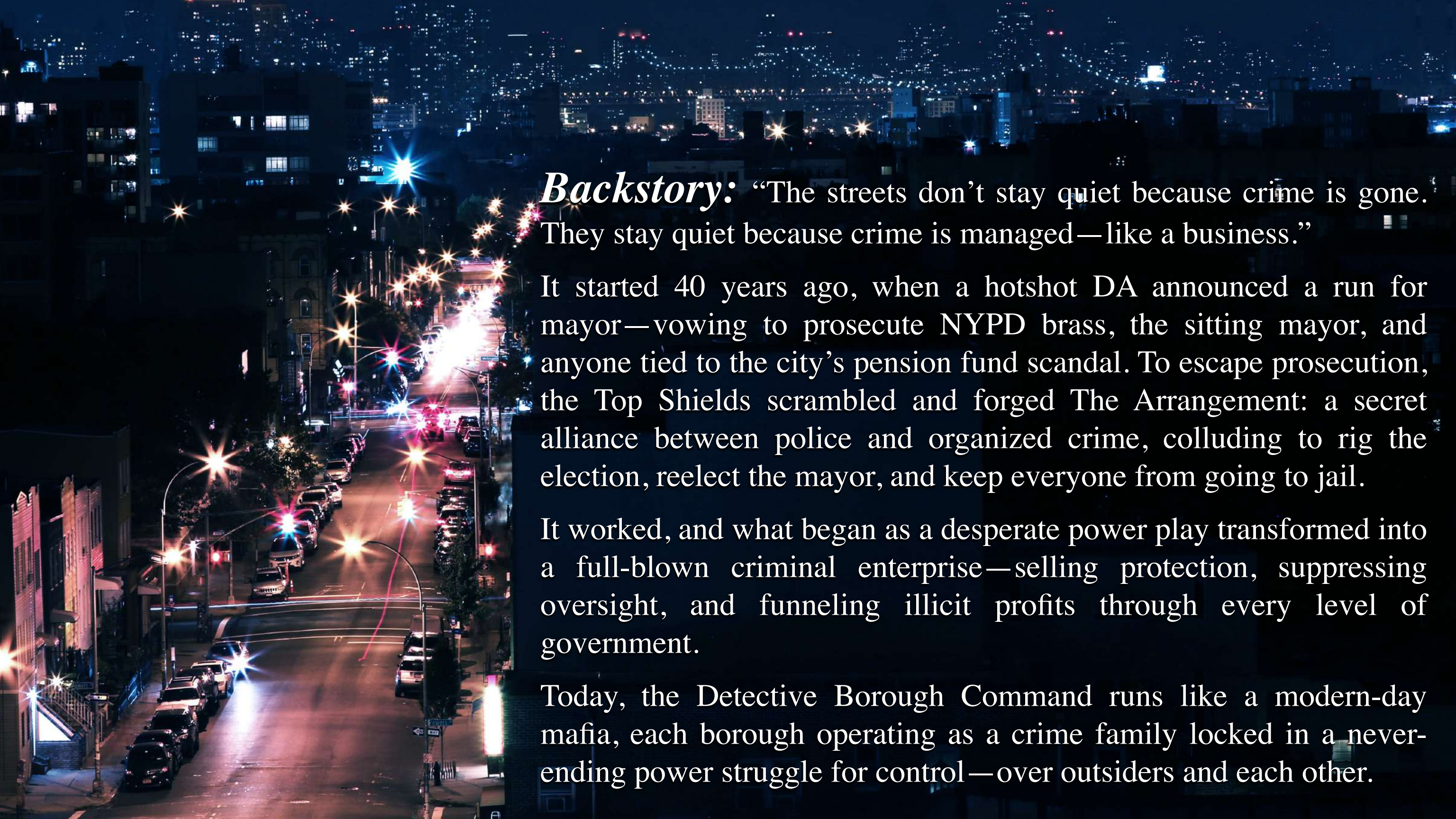
The Arrangement isn't a crooked cop show. It's a modern-day crime saga about a four-decade-old secret criminal enterprise operating inside the NYPD's elite Detective Borough Command.

It's *The Sopranos*—only the crews are led by Black, White, Hispanic, and even female Shot-Callers.

It's *House of Cards*—but the ruthless power struggles happen inside New York's Borough Command, not the halls of D.C.

It's *Training Day*—but stretches out over multiple seasons, not 24 hours.





Backstory: “The streets don’t stay quiet because crime is gone. They stay quiet because crime is managed—like a business.”

It started 40 years ago, when a hotshot DA announced a run for mayor—vowing to prosecute NYPD brass, the sitting mayor, and anyone tied to the city’s pension fund scandal. To escape prosecution, the Top Shields scrambled and forged The Arrangement: a secret alliance between police and organized crime, colluding to rig the election, reelect the mayor, and keep everyone from going to jail.

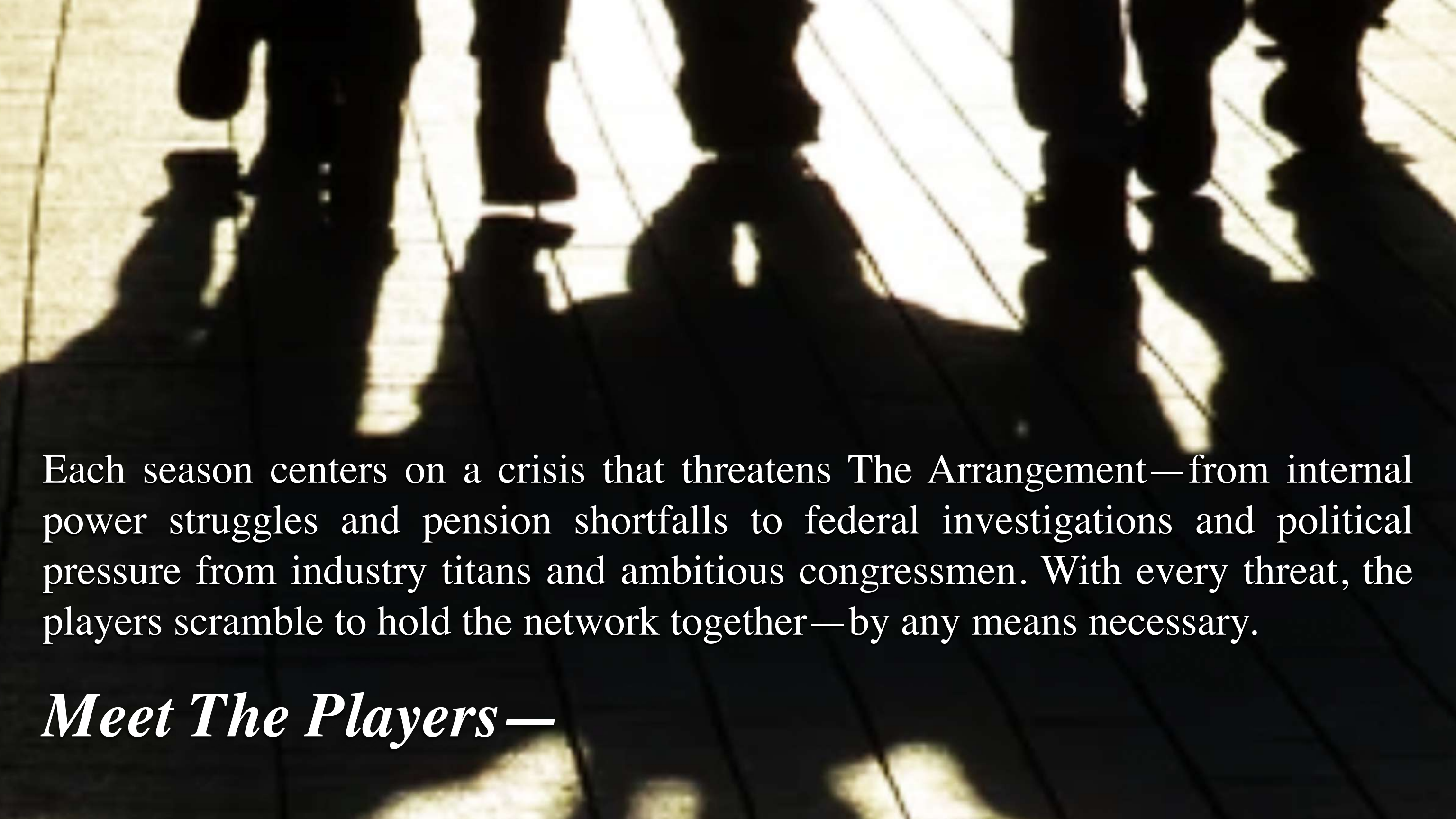
It worked, and what began as a desperate power play transformed into a full-blown criminal enterprise—selling protection, suppressing oversight, and funneling illicit profits through every level of government.

Today, the Detective Borough Command runs like a modern-day mafia, each borough operating as a crime family locked in a never-ending power struggle for control—over outsiders and each other.

Tone:

The Arrangement is gritty, grounded, and cinematic. It blends the institutional realism of *The Wire*, the moral tension of *Training Day*, the power plays of *The Godfather*, the crew dynamics of *Goodfellas*, and the atmospheric intensity of *Heat*. It's a character-driven saga where corruption isn't a twist—it's the foundation.



The background of the entire image is a high-contrast, black and white photograph showing the silhouettes of several people. They appear to be in a meeting or a formal gathering, with some individuals standing and others possibly seated. The lighting is dramatic, coming from the side, which creates deep shadows and highlights the outlines of the figures. The overall mood is serious and professional.

Each season centers on a crisis that threatens The Arrangement—from internal power struggles and pension shortfalls to federal investigations and political pressure from industry titans and ambitious congressmen. With every threat, the players scramble to hold the network together—by any means necessary.

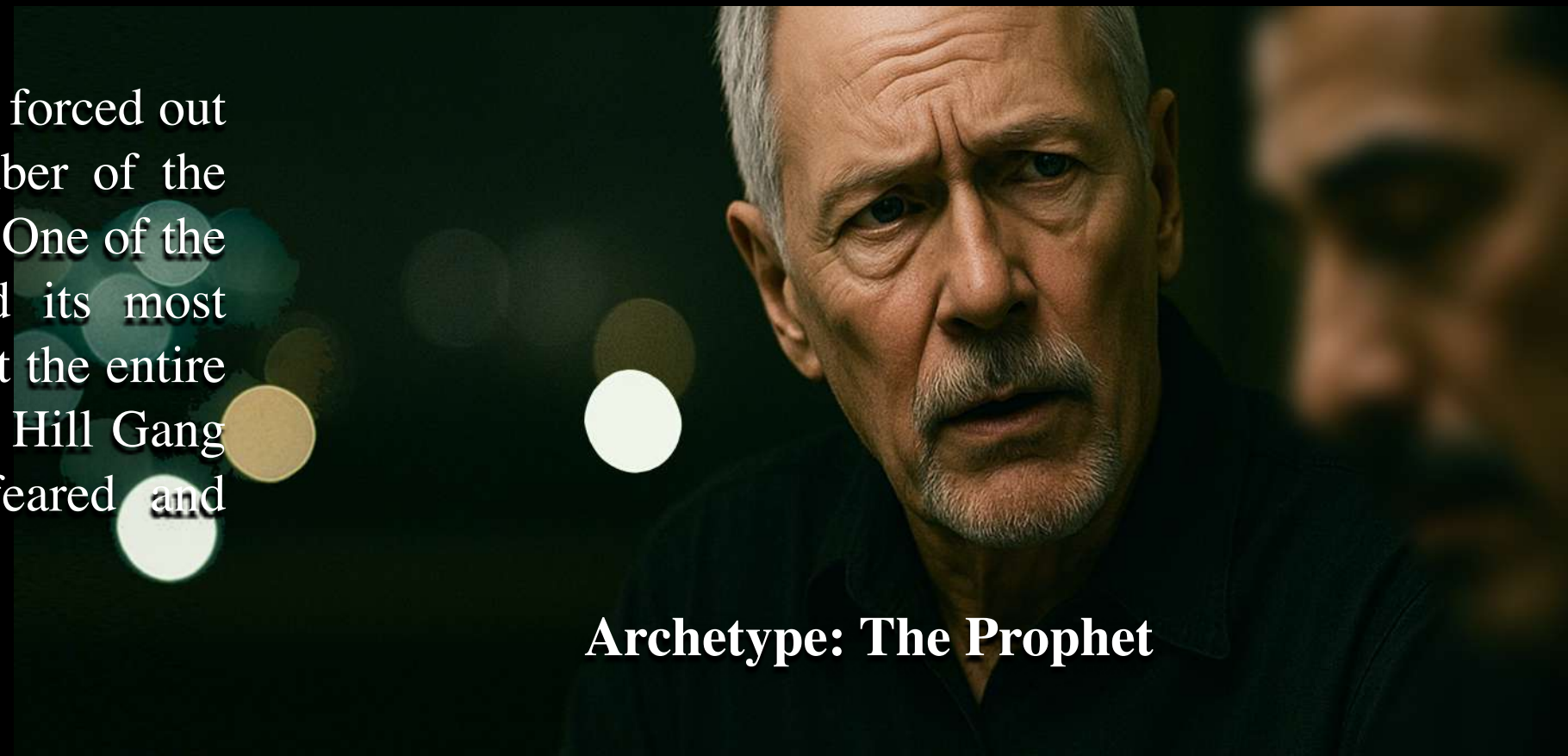
Meet The Players—



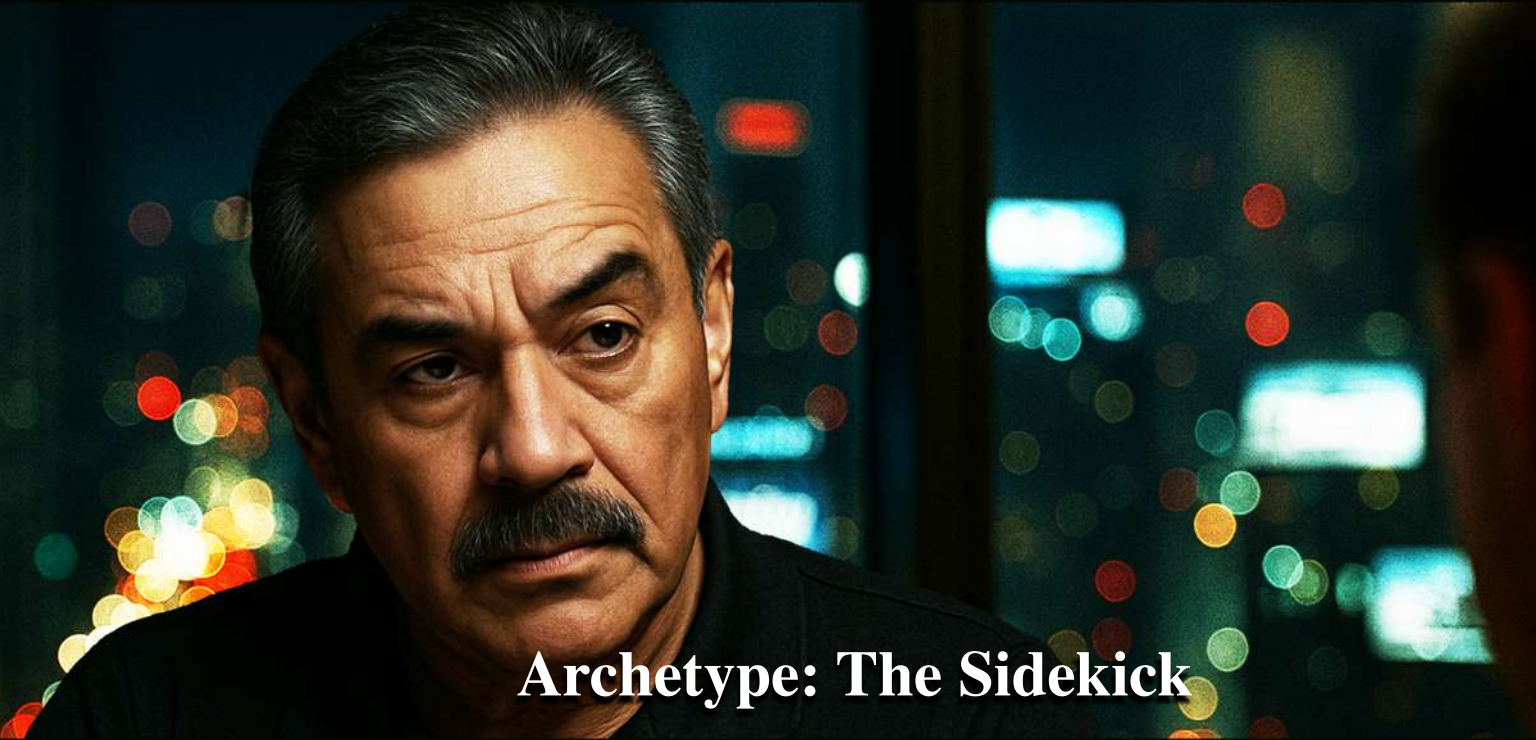
Archetype: The Godfather

Commander Cillian Maxi: 10 year veteran as Brooklyn Borough Commander. He took over after Dr. Cool retired on a psych disability. Loyal, tough as nails, and a force to be reckoned with. Maxi is the Shot-Caller among all the Commanders because of his earning ability and the deadly crew of enforcers under his command. He's trying to hold the line as a 40- year-old system of corruption begins to collapse.

Dr. Cool: The wild Card. Retired Commander forced out on a psych pension but still an active member of the Arrangement. Eccentric, soulful, and brilliant. One of the original architects of The Arrangement and its most infamous member. He once waged war against the entire NYPD, the feds, and Whitey Bulger's Winter Hill Gang—and won. Unpredictable, Uncontrollable, feared and revered in equal measure.



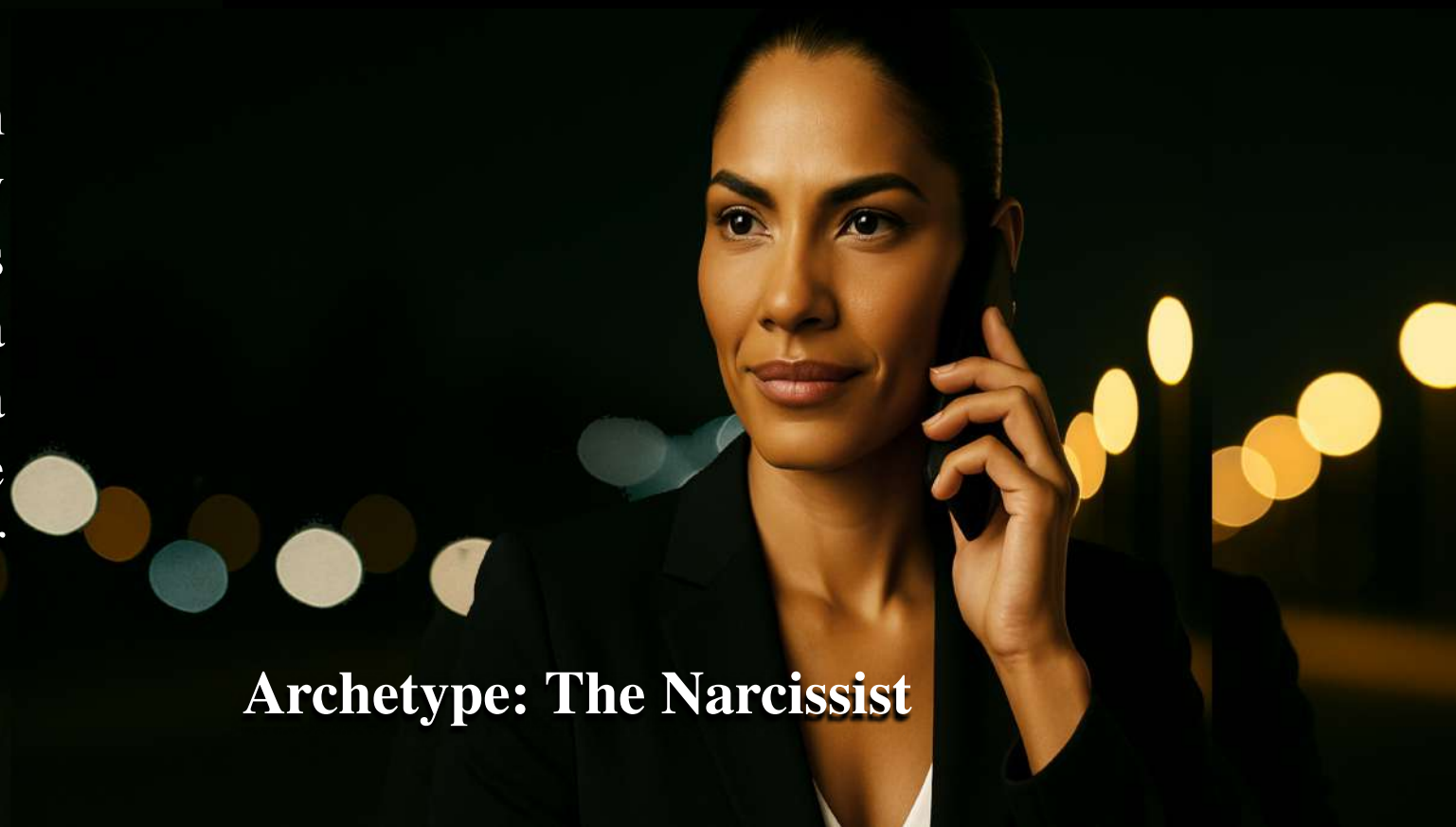
Archetype: The Prophet



Archetype: The Sidekick

Commander Raul Santiago (aka *Comandante Papi*): Newly appointed Manhattan Borough Commander, strategically installed to back his power-hungry niece, Romona Ruiz, in her bid to dethrone Maxi. A Ruiz loyalist and trusted enforcer, Santiago leverages his new position and political connections to tip the balance and undermine Maxi's dominance.

Commander Romona Ruiz: Queens Borough Commander. Brilliant, ruthless, and unapologetically power-hungry—a master manipulator. A political chess player who masks deep-seated fury and trauma beneath a veil of strategic calm. In season one, she executes a precise power play to dethrone Maxi and become the city's Shot-Caller by playing all sides against each other with surgical precision.



Archetype: The Narcissist



Archetype: The Hustler

Commander Jefferson: Bronx Borough Commander. Calculating, duplicitous, and a master of political skulduggery. He plays both sides and wields blackmail as his weapon of choice. Though skilled in manipulation, he's ultimately outplayed by Ruiz in season one and coerced into doing her bidding.

Commander Raquel Cabrini: Staten Island Commander. Intelligent, stoic, and pragmatic. A loyal ally and protégé of Maxi. Targeted by her arch-nemesis Ramona Ruiz in season one. Cabrini rises to become Ruiz's fiercest adversary in a full-blown war by season two.



Archetype: The Protector



Archetype: The Enforcer

Vincent Terranova (aka "Robo-Cop," Brooklyn's Luca Brasi): Narcotics Detective, currently suspended pending an Internal Affairs investigation. He is Maxi's loyal enforcer and the most feared cop in the city. His arc follows a brutal vigilante's transformation into a reluctant moral reckoner, making him one of the series' most pivotal and unexpectedly endearing figures.

Terrell Jackson: Narcotics Detective and Vincent's trusted partner. Currently incarcerated following a deadly narcotics heist that left three men dead, he is under Internal Affairs investigation and suspected of involvement in a broader network of corrupt officers within Brooklyn's Detective Borough Command. Loyal, refuses to betray his partner and bears the weight of that choice. Yet he holds a powerful asset: an incriminating server that may be his only path to freedom.



Archetype: The Martyr

Season: 1

An aerial photograph of a large industrial shipyard, likely in New York City. The foreground shows a large red ship hull under construction, with various cranes and industrial equipment. In the background, a body of water is visible, with more ships and industrial structures along the waterfront. The sky is overcast.

Betrayal strikes as Queens Commander Ramona Ruiz attempts to dethrone Brooklyn Commander Cillian Maxi—the current Shot-Caller, biggest earner, and leader of the city's deadliest crew.

Using blackmail and political muscle, she steers a \$1.9 billion federal fund toward the Newtown Creek revitalization project—a rundown shipping port on the Brooklyn-Queens border that she must control before the money is released.

The catch? Newtown Creek is controlled by Maxi, and he'll need to give it up or the deal dies.

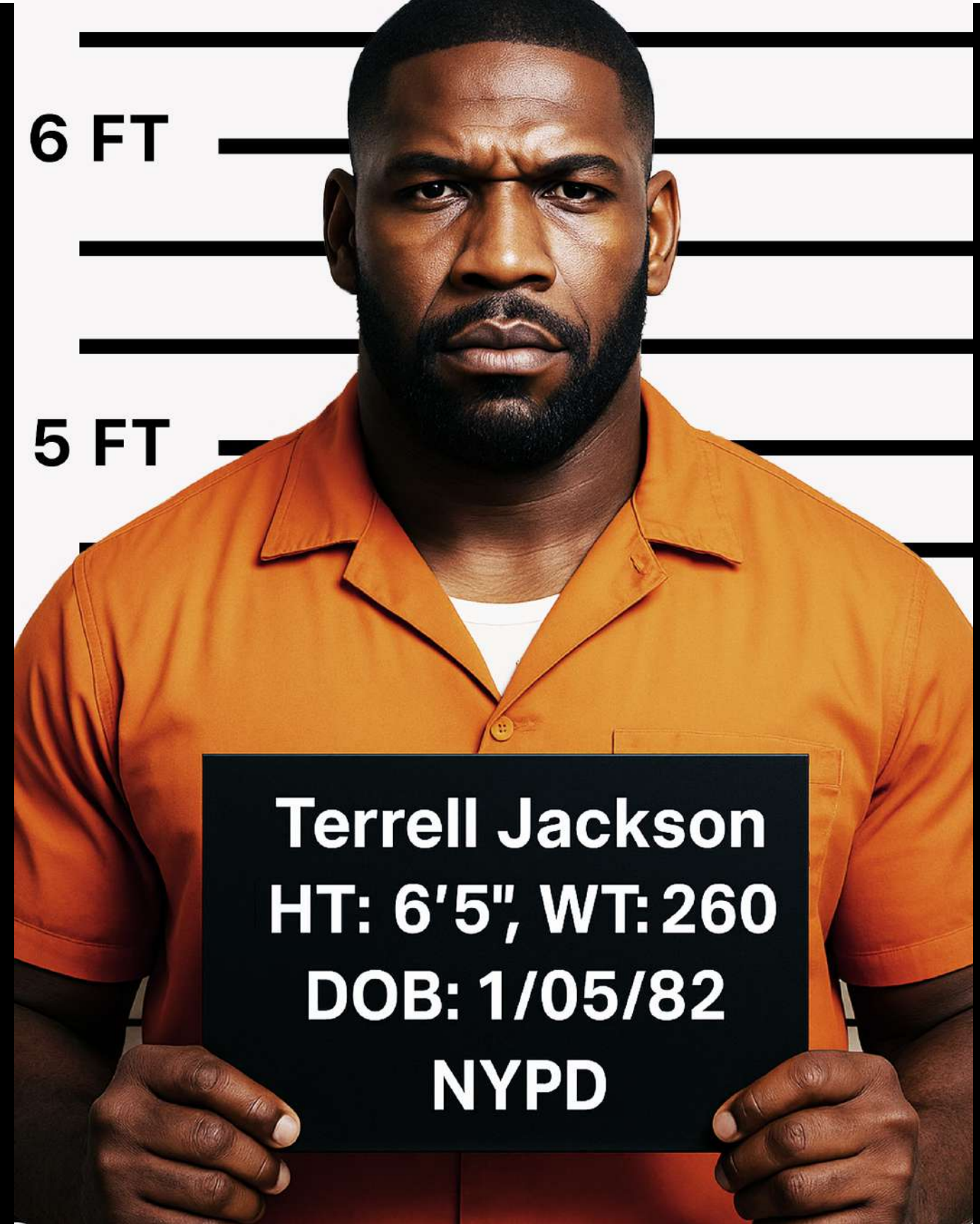
The Mayor and Commissioner are counting on that funding. Desperate to keep their crumbling criminal empire afloat, they conspire with Ruiz in a quiet war to bring down Maxi. But Maxi won't give up his crown without a fight.

Episode: 1

We open with an unsanctioned drug heist gone wrong—three dead at the hands of Brooklyn Narcotics Detective Terrell Jackson. But Terrell holds the kind of dirt that could blow the Arrangement wide open.

While Internal Affairs Detectives Doyle and Castillo investigate Borough Command corruption in Brooklyn, Vincent and his enigmatic mentor Dr. Cool execute a deadly robbery of a witness turned informant.

As the web of corruption widens, we meet some of the Shot-Callers— Brooklyn Commander Maxi, Bureau Chief Bubba, and Staten Island Commander Cabrini—each trying to hold their secret criminal alliance called “The Arrangement” together before it implodes.





Episode: 2

The episode opens with a secret dinner among NYPD brass, where a fierce battle over the Manhattan commander replacement exposes deep fractures. Maxi's pick is blocked by an unlikely alliance between Ruiz and Bureau Chief, Big Bubba Bramson—signaling that something more sinister is at play.

Terrell Jackson is marked for a jailhouse assassination and Vincent is pushed to greenlight the hit, while Dr. Cool pulls off a chaotic narcotics heist with Bobby and Shelly, kicking off the “Ice Cream Boys” subplot.

The episode ends with Vincent's fatal message reaching The Stickman—who OD's on a hot dose of heroin.

Episode: 3

We open with the urban legend of “head in a box” as rookies stumble into Vincent—aka RoboCop—at a local bar.

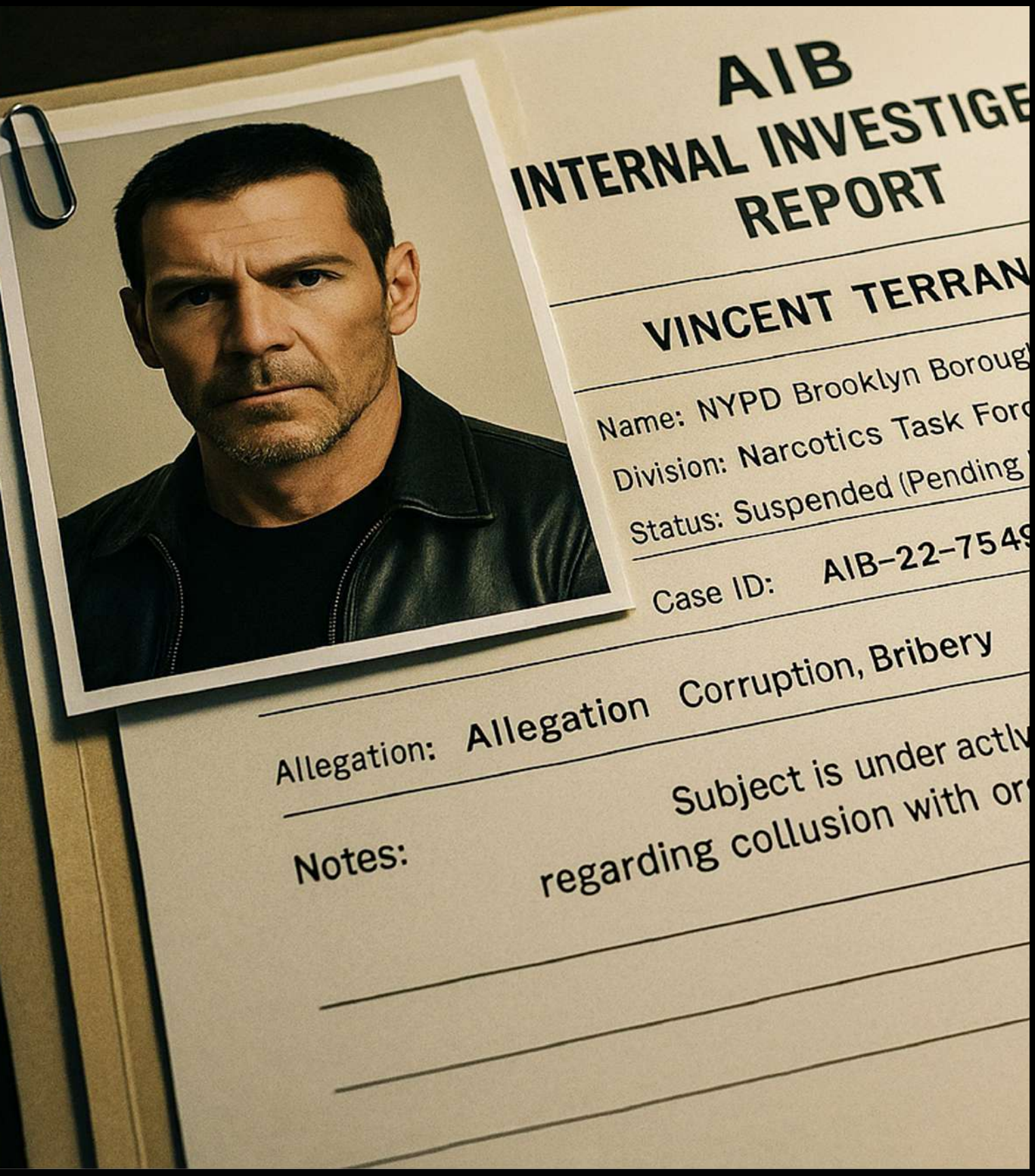
Dr. Cool chains up Odell Manwood and forces a confession in a cold-case cop killing.

Ruiz pressures her uncle, newly appointed Manhattan Commander Santiago, to help back her bold move to seize JFK’s cargo operation from Maxi and his Brooklyn crew.

Knowing the fallout if the secret files are exposed, Bubba quietly hunts for Terrell’s missing hard drive.

The episode ends in a prison bloodbath with Terrell as the victim—and Eve hides the truth from her kids after learning her husband was nearly killed in prison.





Episode: 4

We open with the death of the Stickman, a bloated confidential informant whose OD was murder. Mikey Shanks, a swaggering homicide sergeant, takes over the scene to hide the details.

Meanwhile, Staten Island cops Chipidillo and Roccabutto botch an off the books collection job in Queens.

Ruiz plays political hardball by blackmailing Bronx Commander Jefferson advancing her control of the JFK cargo cash cow.

Vincent misses picking up his son due to being high with his mistress. The episode climaxes in tragedy: Vincent's son Christopher is struck in a hit-and-run by the same witness Vincent failed to silence—Billy Grimes—closing the walls in on Vincent even further.

Episode: 5

In the aftermath of multiple power plays, Maxi is on the ropes while Ruiz stages a takeover of JFK—complete with red heels and an entourage of dominance.

Chipidillo and Roccabutto accidentally steal a container of sex toys that turns out to contain kilos of narcotics, leading to beef between Staten Island and the Queens crew.

Shanks gathers intel on an off the books gambling operation run by Jefferson in Santiago's Uptown territory. Meanwhile, Bubba uncovers a ghost hack of sealed court records, linked to Terrell.

The episode ends with Maxi and Cabrini reaching a moment of honest exhaustion and Dr. Cool warning Vincent he's being tailed—while Shanks targets the Uptown bookmaking operation, hoping to provoke a war between Jefferson and Santiago.





Episode: 6

Vincent leads a tactical assault on a fentanyl trap house, deploying gas grenades and flashbangs to seize product and take hostages. He tracks down gang leaders Thug Nasty, King Tone, and dozens of Gunner thugs tied to recent killings.

Eve secretly meets wheelchair-bound cyber-unit Darya, who uncovers massive real estate fraud buried beneath falsified court liens—and needs Terrell's server to unlock the final piece.

Manhattan commander Santiago is blindsided by a wave of coordinated robberies—masterminded by Maxi and blamed on the Bronx—fracturing the newly formed Bronx–Manhattan–Queens alliance.

The episode ends with boroughs on the brink of war, as Commissioner Quinn quietly backs Ruiz's power grab—and her sabotage of Maxi.

Episode: 7

The NYPD's secret power structure unravels. Maxi and Dr. Cool, both hardened and haunted, back Vincent's rogue mission. Vincent interrogates Russian trafficker Artem via live feed—showing a man being devoured by a giant snake, “Salvator.” Bubba uncovers Staten Island's stolen shipment and pressures Cabrini, who scrambles to protect her crew.

Eve resists Darya's plan to rob an AMC firm but ultimately joins. Ruiz pushes Bubba to release \$1.3 million in hush funds to stop a war between Santiago and Jefferson. Dr. Cool, Shelly, and Bobby target a marijuana warehouse. Chipidillo's affair continues—unaware his house is sprayed with Uzi fire. Vincent frees trafficked kids, leaving a red-and-blue mushroom cloud behind.





Episode: 8

Vincent rescues a group of trafficked children from a hidden compound, leaving two Spec Ops agents unconscious in a blown-up car trunk.

Bubba uses the situation to politically isolate Maxi and push Ruiz's JFK claim through.

Dr. Cool recovers from his near-death experience and receives a hospital visit from Vincent.

Darya and Eve launch a high-risk heist at Loebe & Loebe, using a hydraulic breacher to crack open a corporate vault and retrieve the incriminating server.

Episode: 9

Bubba finds Leebrick murdered and chaos at Loebe & Loebe—Commander Santiago is being arrested by a rogue Spec Ops unit claiming higher jurisdiction.

As he scrambles to contain the crisis, Eve Jackson demands her husband and Darya's release in exchange for a server containing explosive data on the Committee of Five—the shadowy group which hijacked the Arrangement's finances. Maxi agrees and pressures Bubba, who complies if Maxi protects his family.

Meanwhile, Crowe interrogates Darya in a Bellevue psych ward, injecting her with Sodium Pentathol, until Bubba rescues her using a fake command van and traffic checkpoint. Darya hacks Spec Ops HQ, pulling sealed court files to blackmail the Committee. A shootout erupts—Bubba kills Crowe. The evidence is buried, the bodies cremated. The Committee folds. The cops reclaim the city. The DCOP is executed for betrayal.






Episode: 10

Eve and attorney Halbroke secure Terrell's release via political blackmail. Maxi and Cabrini discuss power shifts and “anchoring” tactics, revealing Ruiz's JFK bluff as part of a grander move to seize Newtown Creek and its \$1.9B Superfund.

Vincent, emotionally shattered, hunts down Billy Grimes, leading to a final confrontation in a church where he spares him.

The episode climaxes as all major borough commanders and the Bureau Chief descend on Riverside Park in a *Warriors*-style showdown. Each arrives flanked by a personal army, bracing for either peace—or violence—in the sitdown between Maxi and Ruiz. The outcome could spark an all-out war.



All 10 episodes are written and available upon request. Each has received coverage with scores ranging from 8 to 9.5 and earned “Consider” or higher.

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