APPENDIX A

SOUND OF EXPLOSIONS, GUNFIRE & SIRENS.

ENTER TWO SPECIAL FORCES SOLDIERS IN FULL COMBAT GEAR

AND CARRYING RIFLES.

FIRST SOLDIER I knew it would come to this. It always does.

SECOND SOLDIER What does?

FIRST SOLDIER These situations. As soon as there is trouble, they call for us immediately.

SECOND SOLDIER Who do you mean by they?

FIRST SOLDIER Politicians. Leaders. Journalists. Intellectuals. The people. All talking.

Negotiating. But when it happens, they all run for cover. It is us who

have to deal with the mess…..the mess created by them.

SECOND SOLDIER It’s our job. It’s what we do.

FIRST SOLDIER I know it’s our job and we do one hell of a job.

SECOND SOLDIER So?

FIRST SOLDIER But can you not feel their resentment?

SECOND SOLDIER Resentment? I think they are glad to see us, patrolling the streets.

FIRST SOLDIER You do? Look at them. Look at them. Mulling around with dumb stupid

faces full of surprise. It’s happened and they don’t know what to do.

They look at us….patrolling the streets….a too visible sign of their failure.

Oh, they resent us…..resent us…..

SECOND SOLDIER But they need us. They need us to protect them.

FIRST SOLDIER They need us alright. They need strong young men…and women, who are

not afraid.

SECOND SOLDIER You never feel fear?

FIRST SOLDIER Never! What’s the point? If you go down, you go down. It’s the job.

SECOND SOLDIER Sometimes, I feel fear.

FIRST SOLDIER Don’t tell me that. It might mean I cannot rely on you.

SECOND SOLDIER You can rely on me. I am a woman. We are in this together.

FIRST SOLDIER Together, eh? Like them? They are together in their impotence.

SOUND OF FIRECRACKERS/SHOTS.

SECOND SOLDIER PULLS FIRST SOLDIER DOWN IN PROTECTION.

SOUND OF PANIC/PEOPLE SCREAMING, RUNNING.

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