

I. Kathryn Raily -- Extract

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by Janet and David Peoples and filmed as
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Lt. Jim Halperin (Chris Meloni)

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[Kathryn's on a call from D.C. to Jim Halperin and some associates, and she asks him to do her a research favor]

KATHRYN (V.O.)

If the outside becomes inhospitable,
what do we need to do? What exactly?

Nora and Steve, startled and confused, glance at each other.

JIM

Consider it done. I have court in an
hour and I know somebody who can help
- a real "research whiz".

INT. OFFICE/KIT THE RESEARCHER - DAY

KIT, Filipino, 40-ish, a researcher for a district court judge, sits at her desk. Jim leans against her wall as Kit reclines back and scopes out her guest.

KIT

Research whiz? You mean the Uber-
Researcher! Le Capitaine of Scrutiny!

JIM

The mega-maestro of data manipulation!

KIT

Smart enough to know you're looking
for something. Okay, what's it today?

JIM

Like to know what you could dig up
about civilian defense during, say,
nuclear attack.

KIT

Does one of your fraud suspects have a
hobby in weapons of mass destruction?

JIM

Well, I have a bead on a cult that's
into that sort of thing. Anyway,
don't you owe me a favor?

KIT

Let's see - you did pick up lunch a few weeks ago, but I think that was for prior research services rendered!

JIM

Didn't I look after your parrot once?

KIT

Not me, I'm allergic to fowl.

JIM

Well, if we all have to be herded underground in an emergency, I'll give you my spot at the front of the line!

KIT

Who says you'll be near the front?!

JIM

Cops are right after doctors and before lawyers, I think.

KIT

Really? I think cops are somewhere between convenience store clerks and insurance agents! I'd have both feet in the door before you even get a glance at the place, buddy. Like that old movie - the one with Henry Fonda as President. What was it called...

MALE VOICE (O.S.)

Fail Safe!

KIT

Yeah, right. And this guy says file clerks - A.K.A. "Researchers" like moi - would survive a nuke because of all the paper around that insulates us!

JIM

I have lots of paper in my office. I have a notepad.

Jim pulls his plain little notepad out of a jacket pocket.

KIT

Sure, when a bomb goes off there'll be a pale spot where your pocket was.

Jim holds the notepad in front of his abdomen.

KIT (CONT'D)

(snickers)

Lower...lower!

JIM

So, whatever you can dig up about long-term survival planning, thanks.

Kit pulls up close to her computer.

KIT

Okay. Are we talking about terrorism, rogue nation, nuclear accident...

JIM

Any and all. You know, and if they have some stuff on bad germs on the loose, that sort of thing.

KIT

Okay, they've been doing studies on these since the 50's. I can ignore the raving zombie scenarios, right?

(Jim snorts)

Don't worry, I'll find you plenty of reading material. When do you need it?

JIM

Like, yesterday? Already picked up my supplies at the yard. Hole dug in the ground. All set. Just don't know how many frozen steaks to take down!

KIT

Check back tomorrow, Lieutenant.

JIM

(blows a kiss)

You're amazing, Kit. Owe you lunch!

KIT

I pick the restaurant this time!