

The Ransom

Thriller · Two-hander · 3 min · Male role · Adult · Advanced

(A crisis room. A man, a headset. A distorted voice in the earpiece.)

LE NÉGOCIATEUR

I'm listening. We can find a solution. No one has done anything irreparable yet.

LA VOIX

Two million. Unmarked. You have until midnight.

LE NÉGOCIATEUR

That's a lot, in little time. Let me speak to the child. Proof of life, and I'll release everything.

LA VOIX

What child?

LE NÉGOCIATEUR

...I'm sorry?

LA VOIX

I don't have a child. I called you. Look at the photo that's just been slipped under your door.

(He turns. An envelope, on the floor. He opens it.)

(His voice changes.)

LE NÉGOCIATEUR

That's... that's my daughter. Outside her school.

LA VOIX

Now we negotiate for real. And this time, it's you who's out of practice.

What you can do with it

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