



## International Criminal Police Organization

People call you the poor man's spy team. As with anything that enough people say, it misses the point entirely. Interpol is not a *spy* team. You are a *police* agency. You do not promote the well-being of a particular country at the expense of all others — you stop crime. You catch terrorists, drug rings, those who traffic in human beings, and assassins. And you coordinate with the local police in most civilized countries. Anyone who still can't tell the difference between that and an espionage agency likely also has trouble with the differences between "right and wrong" and "us and them."

Unfortunately, the Holy See is not one of the civilized countries that welcomes cooperation with Interpol — they consider their Swiss Guard entirely sufficient for any possible crime in the city — and so you are in the unenviable position of being, *like* a spy team, undercover. And, until the proper time comes, you need to stay undercover — having your covers blown, especially in the newspaper, will make it much harder to ever convince Rome to grant Interpol proper access.

The team currently assigned to Vatican City has a long history, dating back over fifteen years to when Rousakis was an art thief and Sister Mary Ignatius (Gweniviere Capron) finally tracked her down. Of course, the two of you didn't work *together* back then. But a deal was cut in which Rousakis would provide enough evidence to bring in the ring of dealers in stolen art, and use her talents on the side of the law after that, and the partnership has proved more than successful.

You currently have two major missions to pursue.

First, a number of pieces of art have been stolen in Russia, and smuggled out of the country on a nuclear submarine. You need to recover this art, and send it to Headquarters (take it to the train station to send it out of game). For details on this, see "Smuggled Artworks". This needs to be done as clandestinely as possible — the art will be returned to the owners (including the Orthodox Church) with some eventual credit to Interpol, but without drawing any attention or embarrassment to Rome.

Second, you have been following several leads on several grisly murders, in which the heads of prominent politicians have literally *exploded*. Forensic reports suggest that these individuals had had tiny explosive charges surgically implanted in their heads, detonated remotely. Cortex bombs: the purest form of terrorist blackmail. Interpol believes that some of the people responsible for the cortex bomb emplacements will be in Rome this week — between the VIPs here for the funeral and the papal election, there is ample opportunity for them to pick targets. If you can round up the group responsible for the bombs, then you can perform citizens' arrests on them (legal in Vatican City), and bring them in to the Swiss Guard "as a courtesy." You'll want to make sure you have the complete list of terrorists and as much evidence as possible, to provide to the Swiss Guards in one fell swoop. Blowing your cover at *that* point is fine — this will be your big case that lets Interpol lean on Rome to allow you in legitimately.

As for *how* to find the cortex bombers... well, you have some truth serum. More usefully, Ignatius works in the local hospital — if anyone is treated there for serious injuries, she'll be able to find out if they have an implanted cortex bomb already (the GMs will put a note in the Box for her). Finally, Rousakis has an X-ray device which will allow you to see if anyone has any implanted metal in their head. Of course, you'll have to be careful using this, because if you announce to the public "Oh, by the way, we have a device for detecting cortex bombs" it's certain that the people *with* the cortex bombs will put you on their short list to kill. And you may well have to be careful with the victims, too — the bombers have probably implanted failsafes.

In addition to your two criminal investigations, you should take any opportunity you have to help the Reconciliation move forward. Resolving the schism between the Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Church will go a long

way to increasing cooperation and unification of Europe, politically. The better that countries get along with each other, the easier your job gets — and you can look forward to a day when there's no need for spy teams at all.

**Members:**

- Artemis Rousakis (Michelle Goldberg): A Greek Orthodox scholar, here to represent the Orthodox position in the Reconciliation Committee.
- Sister Mary Ignatius (Gweniviere Capron): For the past five years, Interpol has maintained an agent on site in Rome, working as a nurse in the local hospital.
- James Bond (Rickland Powell): The official representative of the British government to the papal funeral, Bond is not actually a member of Interpol, and has not been briefed on your current missions. However, he has worked with both of you before, and is likely to be a good source of additional assistance or supplies.