

"THE LOST BOOK: EPISODE 2"

FADE IN:

DOUBLE-DECKER BUS TRAVELLING ACROSS MAP TO LONDON

SPLIT SCREEN - INT. BUS AND INT. OFFICE - DAY

Aileen and Kyle talk on the phone

KYLE

The book. The head librarian
thinks Doc Rebus's bookshop in
Iowa City might have a copy.

AILEEN

Iowa City, right. K.B.E.?

KYLE

Only hints. Doc Rebus's shop is
rumoured to be a front for a
shadowy secret society called..

KYLE'S BOSS (O.S.)

(shouting)

Kyle!

KYLE

...Invisible Inc.

KYLE'S BOSS (O.S.)

That better not be Aileen Adler
you're talking to.

The phone line goes dead.

AILEEN

Kyle? Kyle?!

PLANE TRAVELLING ACROSS MAP TO ST. LOUIS THEN CEDAR RAPIDS;
DOUBLE-DECKER BUS FROM CEDAR RAPIDS TO IOWA CITY

FULL SCREEN SIGN: DOC REBUS'S BOOKSHOP

INT. DOC REBUS'S - DAY

Aileen stands at the counter and shows her press pass to
LYN, the bookseller.

AILEEN

I'm writing about the Challenger theft. I hear you have a copy of the journal.

LYN

It's a facsimile of the original.

Lyn gets the book out of a locked cabinet and places it on the counter.

Watson smells that something is wrong and nudges Aileen. Aileen turns the page - and discovers that everything apart from page one has been torn out. "K.B.E." has been scrawled across the inside back cover.

AILEEN/LYN

(Gasp of surprise/horror)

Aileen holds the book down for Watson to sniff.

LYN

That is... was... the only known copy.

AILEEN

This is serious. Where can we find some, umm, hidden help?

LYN

We're about to close.

AILEEN

You must know of, umm, covert organisations?

LYN

Time to leave, I'm locking up.

Lyn takes back the journal, and surreptitiously passes Aileen a card. Aileen looks at it as she turns away.

FULL SCREEN CARD

The back of the card carries a handwritten message: "Copper Beeches Café, noon tomorrow". As Aileen looks at it the words gradually fade out, leaving a blank rectangle.

FADE OUT.

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