



## **RESPONSE**

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David Roth, an experienced ex-**FBI** agent has his work cut out for him as head of the **INTERPOL**'s most elite team: the IRT (Incident Response Team). Each episode David and his team will fight the world's most dangerous international criminals, while also battling the powerful countries attempting to interfere in the case. The team has one more card up their sleeve: diplomatic immunity, meaning they can fight crime outside the boundaries of the law in order to obtain justice. The problem is that justice is a relative term under David's leadership.

### **Background**

On December 16th 2009 President Barack Obama signed an amendment to Executive Order 12425, granting the International Criminal Police Organization (**INTERPOL**) certain rights on American soil that place it beyond the reach of U.S. law enforcement agencies, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (**FBI**).

In 2012 Interpol recruited the first Incident Response Team (**IRT**), a small unit of people with special expertise and diplomatic passports who can be briefed, equipped and deployed anywhere in the world within 12 to 24 hours of the occurrence of an incident, crime or disaster.

### **The Story**

David Roth and the IRT have one mission and one mission only: to stop the world's most dangerous criminals from making their next move. The team's specialty consists of performing quick and neat operations, while working as a go-between alongside the various forces and countries involved in the case. Since the team has diplomatic immunity, they're practically above the law: they don't need to use arrest warrants and can exercise unconventional interrogation methods. This makes David's team into more than just soldiers and warriors: they're basically David's henchmen. David plays a dangerous game, and his power is almost limitless. At the same time, he has little room for error... It only takes one incident in which he or his team take matters too far and there could be an international debacle. David knows this and therefore created the perfect team, with a representative from each country in the UN Security



Council: China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. By doing so, David knew he would gain the trust and support of these strong countries in all his missions. David searched for people that were not just the leading professionals in their field (a Profiler, a Terror Specialist, a Computer Genius and a Police Investigator), but he had one more request of his elite team: they all had to be "stray dogs" with no family or emotional ties of any sort. This was a calculated request by David in order to sever all ties and prevent pressure from their home countries.

David and his team face more than just the dangers of the next criminal mind - they also face the danger of the political powers and international intrigue and their own power, which threatens to corrupt them as well.

### **The Characters - The Suitcase Team**

The **IRT** are a group specially chosen by David for the simple reason that they have severed all ties with their pasts and can't look back... David and his team now live out of their suitcases; moving from place to place in the blink of an eye. They were born to be free, without boundaries or borders, and with a desire for living life on the edge, in the constant shadow of danger.

**David Roth:** 38, American, divorced, hand-picked to lead the IRT unit after questionably leaving his position as head of the FBI counter terror negotiations unit. In an effort to control his inner demons, David exhibits absolute self-control as an international professional. On the other hand, in his personal life, he is inept and helpless (a trait manifested by his obsessive eating habits). Roth chose to become a fanatic justice fighter, and as far as he's concerned- he and his team are the law...The problem is that there's no law powerful enough to overcome the emptiness and pain inside of him: a result of years of bloody, vengeful operations, and a lonely existence he sentenced himself to. Similar to the biblical King David, who was forbidden to build the holy temple because of the blood on his hands, so is David Roth, who knows that the acts he must commit towards reaching the goal of a better world will ultimately ban him from being part of such a place.

**Remy Caron:** 35, French and single, with looks that some women might call ugly but incredibly sexy at the same time. As a professional on David's team, he is compelled to



abstain from close interpersonal relationships, which helps him stay in focus by not having to reveal his feelings. The work on the IRT unit is an excuse to guard himself from the world that he perceives as a playground to satisfy his need for constant adrenalin. But behind his cool demeanor and French mannerisms, lies a dark secret that threatens to come to light at any time.

**Ruth Strauss**: A British widow, childless, age 50, attractive and very well groomed, a former professor at Cambridge University, with degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science (the only person in the world twice awarded the distinguished Turing prize). One morning, Ruth discovered that the man who blew himself up in front of the U.S. Embassy was her own husband, who had recently converted to Islam. She can't help but feel as though she failed by burying herself in Academics and missing all the signs of the impending disaster in her own home. In an attempt to take control of her life, she turns to action and volunteers her skills to the world of David Roth's cold-hearted justice.

**Alex Denisov**: 27, Russian, single, and beautiful. After the death of her father, a Russian oligarch who was killed for his involvement in the Russian Mafia, Alex realizes that her whole life has been based on lies. She abandons her study of psychiatry and joins the IRT as a profiler. This impulsive move impels her to take on a role that she believes will make the world a better place. Unable to cope by herself, she becomes the protégé of IRT commander David Roth, and the two share a bond of both unspoken love and fatherly protection.

**Des O-Yung**: 30, a ruggedly-built Chinese with the look of the archetypical warrior, who previously served in the Snow Leopard corps (Anti-terror unit of the Chinese police). Des left his position to join the IRT and is the product of a rigid Chinese education: he is a devoted soldier - never taking his eye off the target. However, when the question of dedication to his homeland arises, he is torn between loyalties. But his allegiance to his country is not the only place where Des bends the rules of the IRT: he has succeeded in hiding from David the fact that he is married with a daughter, which, if it were known, would result in his immediate expulsion from the IRT unit.



## **The World**

The show has an international vibe to it due the team's constant change in countries and crime scenes. In each episode the team will catch the criminal at large in various locations around the world, and therefore episodes can span anywhere from the Amazon Jungles to Mecca. The IRT's headquarter may be in Leon, France, but they seldom stay there for too long and are always on the go. No place is really "home" for this group since the very nature of the IRT is a nomadic one, with no strings attached, a kind of wandering entity ready to go to any corner of the world to defeat the next criminal threat.

## **Episode Structure and Dramatic Engine**

Each episode will open in a new location in order to fight the dangerous crimes, which are only moments from taking place. While each episode will primarily focus on the international crime at hand, which the team must fight against a ticking clock, allowing the audience to experience a sensation of "here and now", this is not the sole distinctiveness of RESPONSE. Thus series will not only deal with resolving global disasters and capturing the criminal minds behind them, but it will also reveal to the audience the unique individuals of the IRT unit. The show will explore the shady past of David and his team, as well as how their past's affect their work on the case. While David's five team members should come with clean slates and no ties to their pasts - each and every one of them has their own secrets, which they hold onto for dear life. Although David knows nothing about most of these secrets, he still uses their individual strengths and weaknesses in order to solve each crime as quickly and cleanly as possible: even if that means hurting the people closest to him... his own team.

## **Log Line Pilot**

A Chinese plane is hijacked over the continental United States. The hijacker, a dangerous Russian killer, makes no demands and refuses contact of any kind. What is he waiting for? David and the IRT must work quickly to save the passengers and avoid an international diplomatic incident, while hovering over all of this is a secret from David's past that threatens to jeopardize the entire mission.

## **Examples of future episodes:**



Ruth, whose husband became a Muslim and carried out a suicide attack before she joined the Interpol, succeeds in locating the people who sent him on his deadly mission. She asks David to help her take revenge, but things get complicated when it turns out that her husband's handler is an MI6 agent planted inside the terrorist group.

Des's family secret will emerge when a Chinese terrorist infiltrates a hi-tech company in San Francisco. The IRT is called by the FBI to handle the situation, and they discover that the "terrorist" is a family man sent to steal advanced technology. The Chinese regime has taken his family as hostages until the mission is carried out. Des, who receives orders from higher ups (the Chinese authorities) cooperates and helps in the theft of the technology. To his horror, he learns that his wife and daughter are also among those being held hostage.

The exposure of a brutal transatlantic drug trafficking network confronts Remy with a loss: his twin brother, killed during the confrontation with the underworld mob of pimps and drug dealers. A series of alarming revelations raises questions in David's mind: did Remy really have a twin brother or is it only a fabricated story covering his own secrets...

A decisive episode can bring about internal conflict between David and his protégé, Alex. Alex's mother learns that it was David himself who was responsible for the death of Alex's father, the Russian oligarch; the mother declares David a 'dead man' and Moscow becomes a death trap. Alex must choose between allegiance to family or loyalty to the unit and to David, the man responsible for her father's death...but also her protector and mentor for the past several years.

Season Finale: The IRT crosses one red line too many. Francois, the head of Interpol, decides to disband the IRT and revoke its members' diplomatic passports. David and the team have 24 hours to resolve a crisis before the order goes into effect. If they succeed in their mission, it will prove beyond a doubt the importance of the unit. However, David faces a difficult personal dilemma: if they do cross the red line, the group could be dismantled; and if they don't, he will have to face a personal moral dilemma that will challenge everything David believes in and stands for.



### About the series' creator

Nimrod Harel is a professional mentalist who appears all over the world, presenting an incredible range of astonishing phenomena related to the connection between mind and body and probing what is beyond. He is the creator of the suspense drama "The Believer", which was recently sold to Fox International Channels and is currently undergoing adaptation for the American audience. Among his other activities, Nimrod is the creator and host of five different Television formats involving the art of perception and other related subjects, as well as the revolutionary game show "The Big Picture".

One such international format is "The Real Hustle", in which his task is to build and train a group of five people to successfully carry out complex (yet legal!) sting operations.

Like David Roth, the main character of the series, Nimrod is guided by his own set of internal rules. He convinces his audience to believe he has supernatural powers strictly for the purpose of amazing and entertaining them. Often he feels his work conflicts with external law and morality, as his actions are a fabrication of actual supernatural powers, based on illusion.

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