am1 it was very still)L-L+H* L+H* except for the friendly drip and patter of the rain L-H* L+H* L+H*н* that had gone on L-L+H* H* almost continuously nearly a week now L-% н* L+H*L+H* am2 %H he was just sitting H+!H* drinking the last luke-warm cup of coffee L-H% L*+!H L* !H* г* !H* when the buzzer went L-8 L*+H sophia L-% L+H* answered the buzzer L*+H

L+H*

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and came back looking annoyed L-
    н*
                        L+H*
and a little ruffled L-%
             н*
am3
police L-%
L+H*
          earth do they want L-%
what on
 L*+H
          L*
                   H*
as he went out H-
н*
           г*
he changed his frown to the slight smile L-
                             н*
     H*
                                    H*
                 L*
that was his everyday H-%
             H*
business face L-%
 H*
 putting on his face L-%
 н*
                 !H*
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were the usual pair of comedians H-L*+H г* ordinary Harlem policemen H- in short leather jackets Lн* н* н* !H* !H* H* car patrol L-% H* what's up H- he asked H-% H+L* L+H* am5 the first scratched his hair with his cap L-% H* !H* !H* don't really know L-L+H* H+L* seems your wanted down at the bureau L- that's all L-\$H* H* H* L+H*

am4 only Sophia L- saw his real face L-H% L+H* L+H*

outside H-H+L*

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this time of night H-^H%
L* L*
H% I have to work in the morning L-H%
             L*+H
maybe you won't need to work in the morning L-%
L+H*
               L+H*
                                    L*
am6
%H he didn't like that L-H% why L-L%
              L*+H
                            н*
Have I won the football pools H-^H% he joked H-%
        г*
               H*
                        н*
                                         г*
They both laughed heartily L-%
     L* L*
                 H*
He saw H- Sophia didn't like it either L-L%
    H*
            L+H*
                         г*
                                 H*
She wore the face H- with which she fought trouble L-L%
     H*
              H*
                                    H*
                                           H*
am7
van der Valk needed a shave L-%
 H*
              н*
                      н*
looked tired L-
        н*
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н*
          н*
with abrupt jerks of his forearm L-%
        н* н*
                         H*
I'm an inspector of the Amsterdam's police L-% he said calmly L-%
L+H*
                       !H*
                                     !H*
                                                      г*
I'm sorry to get you out so late H-%
     г*
                            н*
It's important however L-%
        н*
am8
the man had tiny nervous compulsions L-%
    н*
            L+H* L+H*
                            H*
one L- was to rub the side of his nose L- with his forefinger L-%
L+H*
                 н*
                         H*
                                   н*
                                                    н*
Martin listened L- with his eyebrows high and L-
        !H*
                           н*
L+H*
                                     н*
   idea at all H- what was coming L-%
no
L+H* H*
            г*
                            H*
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and was stubbing out a cigarette

am9 van der Valk lit a cigarette without looking at it L-H% H* H* H+L* H+L* H* and fanned the smoke away from his face L-% H* н* L+H* he took a fresh sheet of paper L- and wrote a line L- at the top L-% н* н* н* H* remember H-L+H* last night L-% L+H* H* say between nine and ten L-% н* H* %H give me the details L- just as you recall them L-% L* H* !H* am10 I'd been to the cinema L-% L* L*+H L*+H it always gives me a headacheL-L% H* !H* when I'm like that H- I L- I like to walk L- it rests me L-% H* L* H* L+H* H*

Van der Valk nodded and wrote a couple of lines L-% L* L+H* L+H*

Where did you walk L- give me the L- it inerary L- if you can L-% L+H* H* H* H* H*