

# **Volume 2: The Shadow of M**

## **Chapter 1: The Message of Silence**

**Monday morning, 7:45 - Houssen Memorial School, Toliara**

A week has elapsed since the key. Johary thought he found calm ... until he opens his bag this morning. No pen. Instead, a folded paper. "If you want to know the truth ... Go to 8:00 at the library. - Johary increases an eyebrow. Still this "M"? He thought it was over. But a good detective never leaves an unanswered mystery.

**7:58 - Silent Library**

Johary pushes the door gently. The room is empty ... well almost. Four students are already there. Lucia: arms crossed, look of lynx. Jessica: Eat chips in a stash. Cristiano: reads a big book entitled "Secret Codes for Beginners". Fidélo: Observe a pen as if it were a potato frit. "This is the club of Fool Detectives? Lance Johary. "Have you got the message too? Lucia asks. "Yeah. And you? "The same. Except trustéo. He just followed the smell of chips. Jessica said laughing. "Hey! It's wrong! I came for ... uh ... hum ... Defend school! Crives Fidélo. Suddenly, all the lights go out. A red projector lights up on the white screen on the wall.

A blurred silhouette appears. "You are finally all there. Bravo. "It's you, M? Johary shouts. "Exact. What you lived last week ... was just a test. "But why? Who are you? The silhouette remains silent. Then an image appears: a school card with a red circle around a strange place: the class of the 6th place near the basketball court. "Find what has been hidden there. Before ... someone else do it. The screen turns off. Silence. "Good. Uh ... it was scary or it's me? Cristiano said. "We go?! I'm ready to hit someone! Excrete Fidélo, Overexcite. "Tap that? We do not even know what we are looking for. Lucia breath. "And we have maths in 5 minutes. Jessica adds the chips always in hand. Johary looks at the card in his hand. He feels that this is only the beginning. He smiles. "That the investigation begins ... but discreetly. Because we have maths. »

## **Chapter 2: The local forgotten**

**8:30 - Recreation**

The five young detectives are behind the main building, hidden behind a tree. Lucia brought the copy of the map projected by Mr. They trace the path to the place encircled in red. "This local is the one that the director calls" chat zone ", right? Cristiano murmur. "Yes. It is said that even the fly

refuse to enter. Joke Jessica. "Or that a former teacher has left his socks since 1999." Adds Lucia, very serious. "I'm not sure I understand the plan ..." said Fidélo holding the map upside down. "Give that. Johary sighs by taking again the card.

8:42 - Near the class

they arrive discreetly. The room is a rusty metal door, with an old padlock. But ... the lock is already open. "It's a trap? Johary murmur. "Or someone has already passed ..." Chuchote Cristiano. "Let's go. I go to front. I am muscular. Proudly declares Fidélo. He pushes the door gently ... ScreenEeech. Inside, a room filled with paper on the ground, broken furniture and ... a wooden safe at the bottom. Lucia advances and tries to open it. It is locked. On the trunk, a puzzle engraved: "I am small but I wear great secrets. I can be hidden in a drawer, or lost under a sheet. If you find me, the key to the mystery you hold. "A gum? "Propositions Fidélo. "No. "A rule? "Either. "A sausage? "Stop. Cristiano reflected then slap fingers. "A notebook! A notebook! Johary searches the lockers, and suddenly ... he finds a small red notebook between two old books. He opened it ... and there, the plans of the school, names of students, strange sketches, and at the end, a signed letter: "The M project begins. That no one discovers the truth. " Lucia reads aloud: ""

M has several faces. One of them is closer than you think. "" "What does that mean? Jessica said. "It means that M is not alone ... and that someone in the school works for him. Johary murmur, the frowning frown. Suddenly ... a noise behind them. "Hush! Someone comes! They freeze. Steps approach. "Quick! Hide yourself! »

## Chapter 3: Panic in the corridors

8h58 - Corridor, Building B while Johary, Lucia, Jessica, Cristiano and Fidélo are always hidden in the class, a group of students crosses the corridor. Ferida, Mialy, delicious, Ny Antso, Rodric, Floriane, Andy Brayan, Rayan, Saina, Fortuno and Fredo walk towards the platforms. "You noticed that Johary did not come to the first class? Mialy, worried. "Yes, he certainly prepares a shot. "Lance Andy Brayan sneering. "Or he sleeps somewhere ..." "He said he would do an investigation. Do you think it's a link with the weird letter we received this morning? Ferida said, coming out a mysterious leaf from his pocket. All stop. On the sheet: a black m and a strange message: "The most clever pupil will fall as fast. Beware of your friends. " "Good ... it's scrolling there. Delicious murmur. "And if ... it was a threat? NY ANTSA request. "I bet it's still a Johary staging to get noticed. Grogne Andy Brayan.

9:07 - In the old local

Johary Chuchote: "You heard? Voices ... "Lucia gently opens the door. They come out discreetly. But too late: Rodric, Rayan and Fortuné runs running. "Aaaaah! Ghosts! Cree Rodric seeing out the five detectives. "It's us, stupid. Johary said. "Ah ... OK. Floriane, Mialy, Fredo and the others join them. "We were looking for you everywhere! Said Mialy. "What did you do in this room? "We investigate. On Mr. and it's very serious. Johary said, showing the logged notebook. Cristiano adds: "This notebook speaks of a mysterious project. And someone in the school observes us. All look at each other, worried. Suddenly, Fidélo stumbles, drops the notebook ... A page comes off and falls on the ground. Top, a name is written ... "Arnel". "It's ... the sports teacher?! Exclaims Florian. "Impossible. He speaks too much to be a spy. "Said Fortuné. "But we have to check ..." Johary said, serious.

9:20 - direction the class of the first band all the band discreetly goes to the class of Mr. Arnel. They are more than ten students now, all silent like Ninjas. "Ok, Fredo and Rayan, you ride the guard. Mialy, Lucia, with me. The others, planning. They enter ... and discover on the desk a black file marked "confidential - project M". But ... the office is trapped. A record is triggered:

"Congratulations Johary. You put your nose where it was not necessary. You have until noon to find me. After ... it will be too late. All freeze. "He knows my name ..." Johary whisper, eyes wide.

## Chapter 4: High Risk Recreation

10:00 - Race Court, Houssen Memorial School

La Cloche rings. Students come out of their classes. Cree, laughter, games ... But in a corner, Johary, Maly, Lucia, Jessica, Cristiano, Ferida, Fredo, Fortuno, Rayan, Rodric and Ny Antso are gathering around a broken bench. "The registration said that time plays against us ..." said Lucia. "You have to look for other indices. We are still two hours. Johary said. Meanwhile, Fidélo approaches them running, arms loaded with ... bananas. "I thought you were hungry. He said proudly. "Fidélo is looking for a dangerous spy. Not a snack. Fortunate groove. "And then, who eats bananas during a serious investigation?! Added Jessica. But Fidélo insists, and without wanting it, makes a banana drop ... stack on a slab of the soil that sinks. A click. "Huh? Mialy breath. The slab opens slightly, revealing a small compartment hidden in the yard. Inside: a USB key labeled "M - step 1" project. "Fidélo, you may

have to save the investigation ..." Johary said, shocked. "I told you, bananas, that's the key! Responds Fidélo, very proud.

10:15 - Computer room, quickly borrowed by Floriane

Floriane Pirate quickly one of the old PCs (because she is secretly a genius hackeuse). On the key: a blurred video. A masked man, disguised as a teacher, look at the camera. "Johary, your friends are getting closer. But you still ignore everything. This is not a simple game. The M project is running. Next step: The library. But beware ... Some of your friends lie. "What?! Exclaims Ferida. "Someone here is an accomplice? Frozen silence falls on the group. All look at each other. "What if it was Andy Brayan? He is jealous of Johary. Proposes Rodric. "Or Cristiano ... He just arrived! Rayan murmur. "Or even ... me? Added Johary with irony. "You become Parano. Lucia said, crossing his arms.

10:35 - End of recreation

While everyone go back, Johary slips to his friends: "This afternoon, we go to the library. And we finally discover who is Mr. "but, in the shadows behind a wall ... a student looks at them discreetly.

He comes out a walkie talkie and whispers: "They found the USB. Next step switched on.

## Chapter 5: The index in books

10:30.

After recreation, Johary walks alone in the hallway. He feels that something is wrong. Everything is going too fast. Too good. Too false. It enters the library. Strangely ... empty. Not a student. Not a noise. He goes to the shelf of local history books. Paper exceeds a book entitled "Secrets of Toliara". He pulls the paper. "You are only at the beginning, Johary. The game is just beginning. King T." His heart beats quickly. He looks around. A shadow passes behind the windows ... but disappears immediately. Meanwhile, outdoors, Mialy, Ferida, delicious and fortunate speak. Mialy: "Johary Change ... It's more serious than usual. Ferida: "I bet he hides us. Fortuné (whirling on himself): "And if he was followed? As in Tintin? They decide to go to search him together. Back to the library. Johary opens the book. Between the pages, a strange code: "N45-G12-LX9" he takes a picture, but a deaf noise behind him will go jump. A voice comes out of an old loudspeaker on the ceiling: "The

pawn has moved. The king observes you. It's no longer a game. "You have up to 12h.

## Chapter 6: The mole in school

10:45.

Johary finds Mialy, Ferida, Fortunoe and Delicious in the yard. Ferida (breathless): "We heard a bizarre noise in the library! Johary: "It's no longer a joke ... I received a message from King T." He shows them mysterious paper and the encrypted code. Delicious: "" N45-G12-LX9 "... it looks like a coordinate, right? Fortuné (reflective): "And if it was the number of a book ... or ... a locker? But in this school ... there are no lockers. At that time, Cristiano passes next to them, whistling ... too quietly. Mialy: "Cristiano ... It drags too often near the teachers' room. Johary: "Do you think he could be an accomplice? They follow him discreetly. Cristiano enters the room EPST ... where Mr Arnal is already there, arms crossed. Johary sticks his ear against the door. Cristiano (whispering): "It starts to be wary ... He found the message. Mr Arnal: "Perfect. The test enters its final phase. King T will be satisfied. "Shock. The teacher is an agent. Johary back silently. He looks at his friends. Johary: "It's more serious than I thought. There is a teacher in the

shot. Fortuné (whispering): "What do we do now? Johary (serious for once): "We play their game. But in our way. »

## Chapter 7: Facing M

11:05.

Johary and his friends discreetly move away from the EPST room. They now know: Mr Arnal is an accomplice. But they do not have time to explain everything to others. We must act quickly. They decide to return to the library ... where everything started. Upon entering, the room is always empty. Too quiet. But this time, a noise of step is heard. A silhouette advances between the rays ... it's Dylan. Dylan (M), arms crossed, a slight smile: "I knew you would come here, Johary. You can not stop you from looking for ... "Johary advances, firm, but calm. Johary: "You work for King T. Why? Dylan: "Because he, he understands what the school could become. Not a place of boredom ... an elite field. Only the best can survive. And you are part of the test. Mialy (shocked): "Dylan, are you sick or what? Dylan: "Not sick. Awake. Besides ... you still have 55 minutes. If you do not find the last index, Johary, you lose. Suddenly, Dylan launches a book in Johary. He opens it: a torn page of a school plan, with a red point in a

corner ... the storage room forbids near the computer room. Dylan moves towards the door and said, "You play, detective. The king is waiting for you. Then he disappears in the corridor.

## **Chapter 8: The chamber of the shadow**

11h15.

Plan in hand, Johary, Ferida, Mialy, Fortunate, Delicious, Jessica, Floriane, Saina, Fredo and Cristiano approach the prohibited storage room, an old local always closed for years. Fortuno: "It's here ... But how do we enter? Cristiano (Tremblant): "Are you sure you have to do that? I have a bad feeling ... "Johary goes out a clamp he has taken in the techno bag. Click. The door gives way. Inside: a dark room, dusty, with papers on the ground, photos of students, an old broken TV, and especially ... a wall full of notes connected by red strings. Mialy (shocked): "It's ... a planning of operations? Jessica (who observes): "There are even our names on it. They find an observation newspaper held by M. and a letter signed by ... "T". "Mission M is a success. The key was a test. The real event will start in the next quarter. You have to recruit the best. Do not let them escape. King T." Johary: "It was just a test ... All I did ... It was

just for their game? Suddenly, a hidden alarm is triggered. A robotic voice says, "Detected infiltration. Cleaning in progress." A strange smoke begins to invade the room. Fortuno: "Fleeze !!! Everyone comes out. The door closes automatically behind them.

11:30 am.

The group is safe and except, but shocked. Johary (blowing): "We fell on ... a real organization. Dylan is only a pawn. Mialy: "And we ... we are the targets. »

## **Chapter 9: The Escouade J**

11:35.

After having escaped the trap of the lair, Johary remains silent, sitting on a bench in the courtyard. His gaze is serious. It's no longer a simple game ... It's a secret war that started. Ferida approaches: Ferida: "What are you going to do now? Work still solo? Johary looks up. He understands. Only he will not succeed. He gets up, gather his friends: Mialy, Ferida, Fortuné, delicious, Jessica, Lucia, Fredo, Cristiano, Floriane Rodric, Rayan, Andy Brayan, Saina. Johary: "We have to create a team. Not just friends. A real unit ready for everything. To thwart the King T, to defend our school ... we

will be the squad J. "Mialy (smiling):" J for Johary?  
Johary: "J for justice. And Johary, maybe a little.  
»Role Allocation: Mialy: Main Strategist Ferida:  
Fortunate Suspects: Farfelves (but sometimes  
useful) Jessica & Lucia: Document Analysis Fredo  
& Cristiano: Monitoring Florian, Delicious & Rodric  
Corridors: Discreet question of the students  
Rayan & Andy Brayan: Digital Spies Saina:  
Infiltration and distraction they swear to keep the  
team secret. No teacher, no adult should know.  
But while they shake hands ... a red shine flashes  
on a tree in the distance. Mialy: "It's ... a camera?  
Johary: "They already look at us. »

## **Chapter 10: The mask slides**

11:45. In a discrete corner of the court, while the  
rest of the group discusses Strategy, Johary calls  
Cristiano away. Johary (piercing look):  
"Cristiano ... pay attention to what you do. I know  
everything. Cristiano Bleait. Cristiano: "What are  
you talking about? Johary: "Do not do the  
innocent. I saw you enter the director's office  
Monday at noon ... Still, you said that you were  
sick. And you were also too nervous when we  
talked about the lair. Cristiano recedes a step.  
Johary (quieter but firm): "I give you a chance. If  
you want to be in Squade J, be loyal. Otherwise ...  
I can find you. Cristiano drops his head. Silent. He

does not deny. But Johary now monitors him as a  
silent wolf. Meanwhile, Fredo, Fortuné and  
Jessica discover a coded message slipped under  
the door of the local techno. "The test begins. A  
traitor is among you. The king is observing you."  
Signed: M Jessica: "It's me ... he continues the  
game. Fortuné (serious for once):" It's more than a  
game. He wants to divide us. In the shadow, on  
the roof of building B, a teenager with a black coat  
observes the group through binoculars. ??? : "The  
squad J ... Have fun. The next blow will be fatal.  
The teenager turns and removes his coat,  
revealing his face under the hood. It is, another  
student, apparently under the orders of King T. Y  
(smiling maliciously): "I will give you a little lesson.  
His badge is marked with a red crown, clearly  
identifying his loyalty to King T.