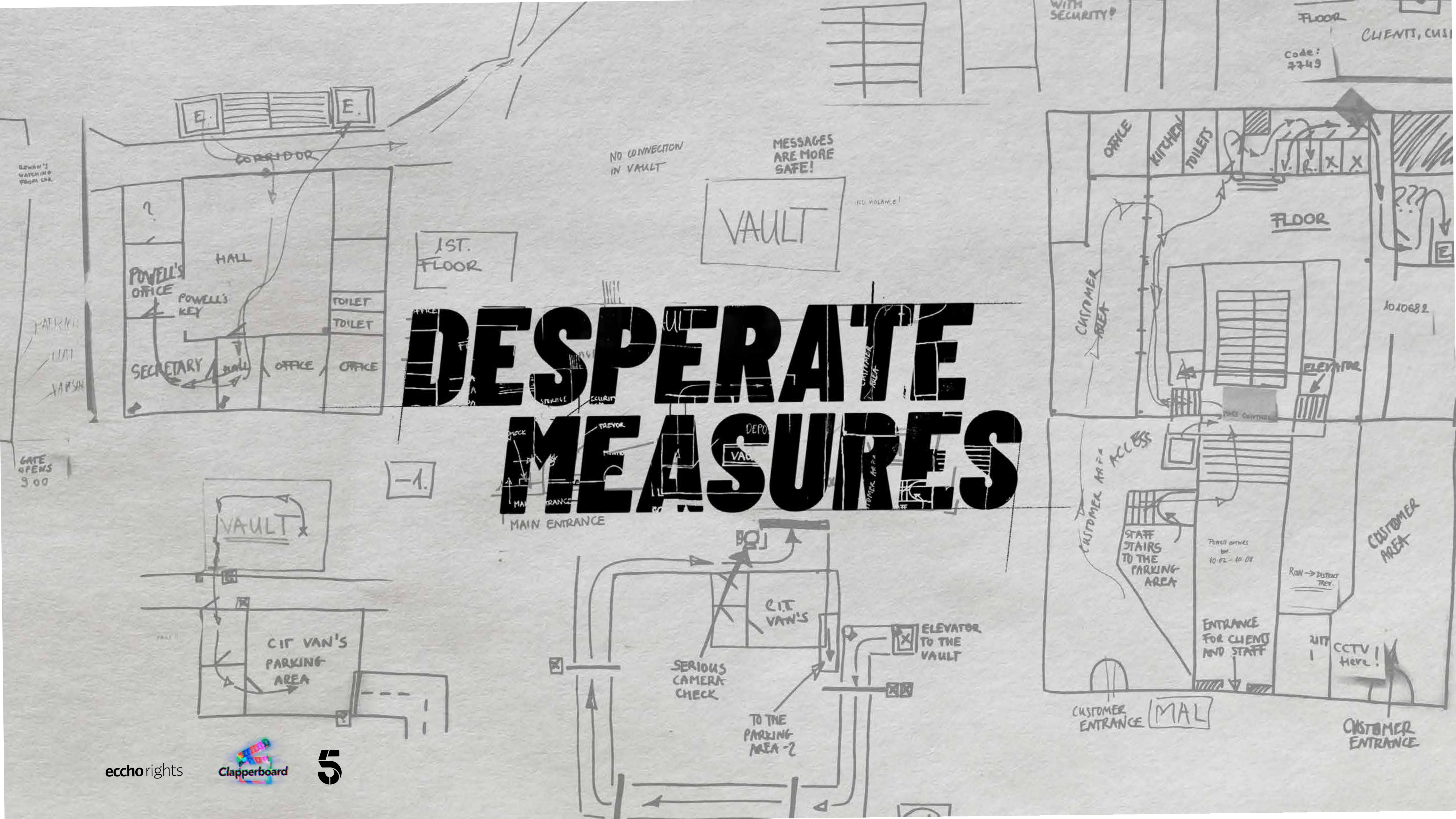


DESPERATE MEASURES





Diligent bank clerk Rowan has raised her teenage son Finn on a lawless estate whilst paying off her absent father's debts. Rowan's life spirals out of control when Finn is coerced into a botched drug deal by a local gang. With Finn's life on the line and a violent gang leader encroaching on her life, Rowan is faced with recouping the money that Finn lost. Desperate to save her son and having exhausted all other options, Rowan commits to a dangerous heist at the bank she works in.

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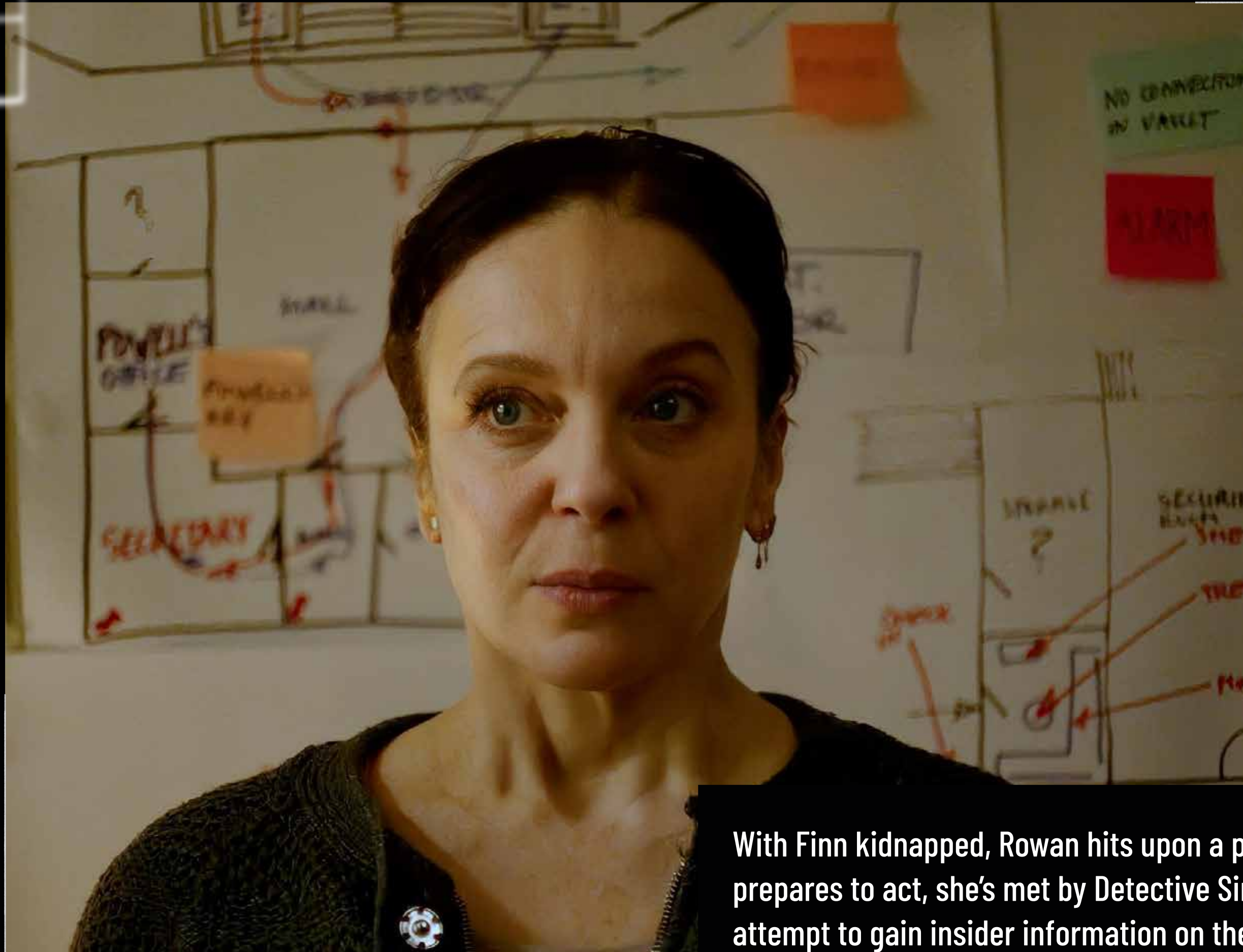
EPISODE ONE

As bank clerk Rowan prepares for an appraisal at work, her teenage son Finn bumps into a mate, Conor, who's driving an expensive car. Conor lets Finn have a drive, but things get tense when Finn is directed to a dodgy house where Conor is delivering a package. When Conor returns to Finn with a bag of cash, the police descend, and the lads are forced to flee. Finn escapes, but Conor is arrested. With the cash seized, Conor is released, picked up by his boss Kristof. Rowan is made redundant, and returns home to Finn who admits the mess he's in. Before Rowan can act, Kristof rocks-up and demands repayment for the lost cash. Rowan is at a pawnshop trying to make some quick cash when the store is raided. When Rowan recognises one of the robbers as her ex, she tries to blackmail him for help, but he refuses. Out of options, Rowan tries to flee town with Finn, but Kristof shockingly kidnaps him. As her son is driven away, Rowan is left horrified.



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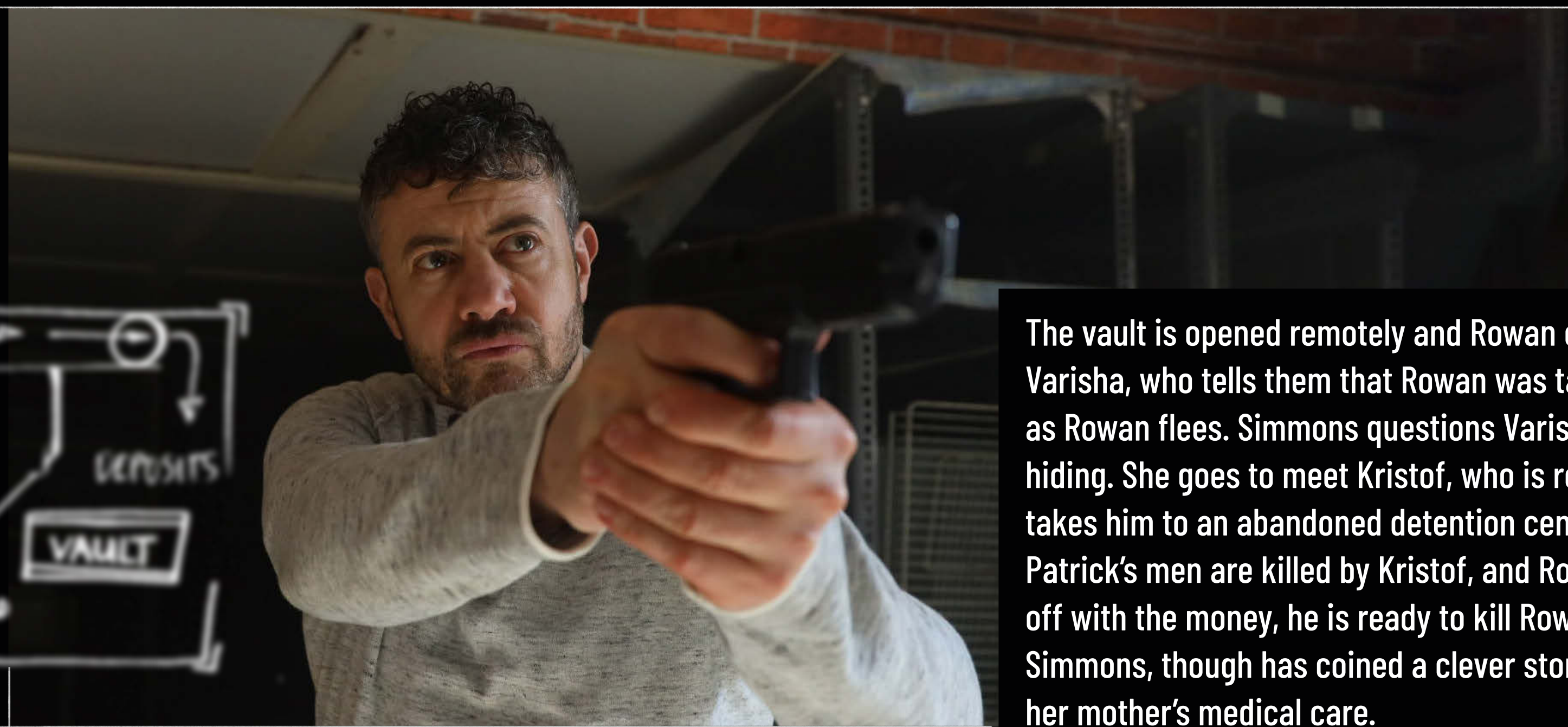
EPISODE TWO

With Finn kidnapped, Rowan hits upon a plan to rob the bank that let her go. Patrick agrees to help. As a tense Rowan prepares to act, she's met by Detective Simmons looking for info on Conor and Finn. But Rowan keeps quiet. In an attempt to gain insider information on the bank, Rowan attempts to plant a secret camera on her old colleague Varisha. But she is rumbled and is forced to admit that Finn is in trouble. Varisha returns the camera but refuses to help further. Meanwhile, Rowan's dad, Mal, works out where Finn is being kept and informs Rowan. As they go to find Finn, Darren rumbles the plan and kills Conor in cold blood as a warning. Rowan swears she'll get the money from the bank, and offers to double the money that she owes. Later, with Varisha's mum needing medical support, Varisha agrees to help rob the bank by offering her vault keys. Rowan has assembled her team... but a suspicious Simmons is looming.

EPISODE THREE

As Rowan plans the bank robbery with Patrick, Mal and Varisha, she's interrupted by Detective Simmons looking for Finn. After hiding their plans and despatching Simmons, Varisha leaves to be with her mum. When Patrick disparages Varisha, Rowan sees Patrick as a liability and refuses to involve him. Rowan plans to use Mal inside the bank to trigger fire alarms, and use Varisha to help access the vault. Realising she needs someone to disable the cameras, Rowan turns back to Patrick. With the plan in place, Mal accesses the bank toilets and sets off a smoke bomb. As the bank is evacuated, Rowan and Varisha head for the vault. But in a shocking volte face, Patrick betrays Rowan and brings in his own gang to intercept the cash. When Mal tries to intervene, he's shot by one of Patrick's men. With Mal gravely injured, Patrick locks him in the vault with Rowan and Varisha. As Patrick escapes, Rowan despairs in the darkness of the vault.





EPISODE FOUR



The vault is opened remotely and Rowan escapes. Firefighters arrive at the vault to find an unconscious Mal and Varisha, who tells them that Rowan was taken hostage. Simmons arrives and recognises Mal in a stretcher just as Rowan flees. Simmons questions Varisha about Mal, but she plays ignorant. Rowan figures out where Patrick is hiding. She goes to meet Kristof, who is ready to kill Finn. Rowan exclaims that she can get him millions, and she takes him to an abandoned detention centre. They find Patrick and his men with the cash and a shoot-out ensues. Patrick's men are killed by Kristof, and Rowan, having acquired a gun, is forced to shoot Patrick. Before Kristof takes off with the money, he is ready to kill Rowan and Finn, but is shot dead by a dying Patrick. Rowan is interrogated by Simmons, though has coined a clever story that relieves her of any suspicion. She gifts Varisha a bundle of cash for her mother's medical care.

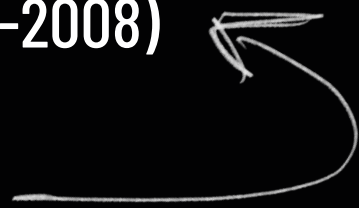


ACTOR PROFILES

AMANDA ABBINGTON



- Sherlock (2014-2017)
- Mr Selfridge (2013-2016)
- Swinging with the Finkels (2011)
- After You've Gone (2007-2008)



WARREN BROWN



- The Responder (2022)
- Strike Back (2017-2020)
- X Company (2015-2017)
- Luther (2010-2015)

FRANCIS MAGEE



- Zack Snyder's Justice League (2021)
- White Lines (2020)
- Rogue One (2016)
- Layer Cake (2004)

SUNETRA SARKER



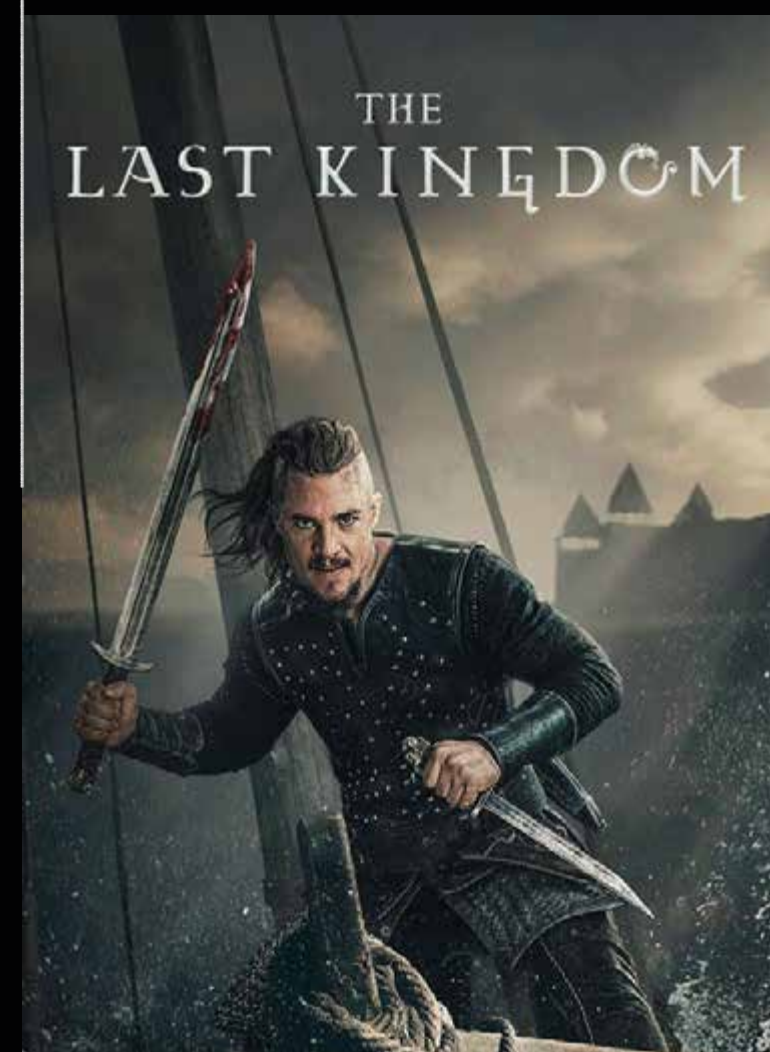
- Casualty (2007-2021)
- Ackley Bridge (2017-2021)
- Broadchurch (2017)
- No Angels (2004-2006)

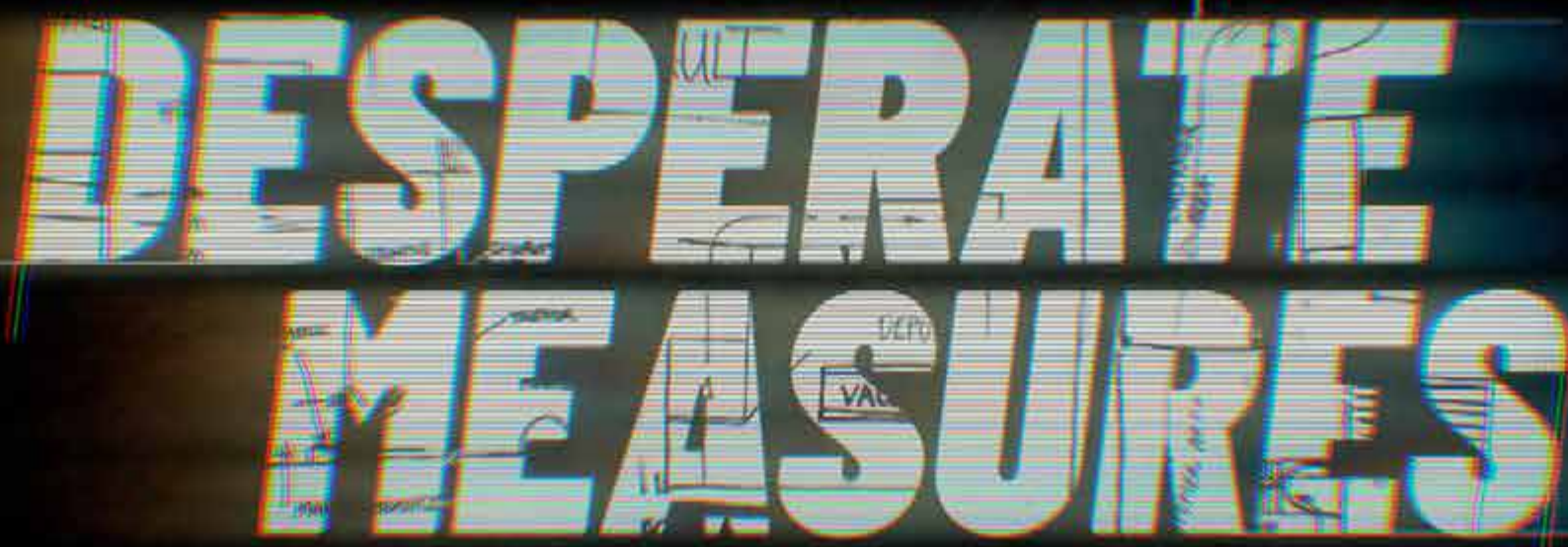


DIRECTOR PROFILE

ANTHONY PHILIPSON

- The Last Kingdom (2022)
- Our Girl (2013-2020)
- 8 Days to the Moon and Back (2019)
- New Blood (2016)
- 24 Hours in ER (2011)
- Coopers (2010)





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