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THE CALL L'appel

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What if your son had gone to join the Jihad in Syria?

It seemed like a morning like any other morning for Cecilia, a single mother, until she discovered that her son was gone. He'd left a video message saying that he had left for Syria to join the Jihad and his brothers of the Islamic State in the fight against the infidels. He said he was happy and not to worry. He promised to call... Cecilia is in shock; she didn't see it coming. She wants to, needs to, understand, how her son, who wasn't the least bit religious, could have been radicalized so fast? Who is responsible for this? And why didn't she realize it? After questioning his friends and acquaintances, she goes in search of answers following the slightest hints. But at night, alone, at home, all there is, is the silence of waiting, staring at the phone, expecting his call, the one that will give her back hope.

Fiction based on a social reality. *The Call* is a graphic novel about the radicalization of young kids and a story about incomprehension: that of a mother's vis-à-vis her son's choices which echo those of society facing a phenomenon that goes straight to the heart.

Specs:

- one-shot; 128 colour pages
- Date of release: Nov. 2016

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