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THOMPSON (First Light Operative):

Salt Lake City doesn't ping. No chatter. No blood theft. No missing mortals. [NOTE: All prior scans confirmed. This continues to defy expected Kindred behavior.] We've swept it twice. Ground teams, drone scans, psychic readings.

And you're telling me that's normal?

LECONTE (Camarilla Liaison - Ventrue):

It's Utah, Agent Thompson. Most Kindred avoid it. Thin bloodlines. Conservative faith saturation. High surveillance. Dry feeding grounds. We call it a 'Dead Zone.'

[ANNOTATION: Confirmed in Camarilla briefings from Denver, circa 2008.]

THOMPSON:

Don't insult my intelligence. Every dead zone has ticks. You can't have five million people and no leeches. You know what this smells like? An old one. Hiding. Feeding soft. Maybe even turning Kindred into ash before they can call home.

LECONTE:

(pauses) There are rumors of something ancient buried in the desert. The Sabbat thought so too-sent a war pack through Ogden in '03. Never reported back.

THOMPSON:

We noticed. Their last transmission mentioned 'black salt' and [FLAGGED PHRASE: Recurring term in localized occult texts. Cross-reference Grail Codex.] 'whispers in the foundations.' Sound familiar?

LECONTE:

It shouldn't. Not to me. Not to anyone alive. [POSSIBLE INDICATION OF LONG-FORM MEMORY ALTERATION OR TIME-DORMANT ENTITY.]

THOMPSON:

(leans in) Your people have a stake in this silence. If there's a Kindred presence here, it's off-grid by design. So either help us dig-or you're protecting something. LECONTE: What I'm telling you is this: if something *is* in Utah, it's not playing the Game. It's older. Slower. It doesn't want territory. It wants to be forgotten. And that's worse.

THOMPSON:

(quietly) Then we'll remind it what the sun feels like. [RECOMMEND: UV-irradiated probe deployment if intel confirmed.]

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