This is another chapter in the continuing story of Lieutenant Eve Dallas and her husband, Roarke along with the cast of supporting characters: Feeney, Peabody, McNab, Dr. Mira, Mavis, Nadine, Summerset, et al-in the year 2059.

Eve and Peabody are called to the grisly murder scene of a sidewalk sleeper. Someone had stolen the corpse's heart. When the two arrive on the scene, not only do they have to confront the body, but officer Ellen Bowers, who has it in for Eve.

As Eve and Peabody begin working the murder other homeless dropouts are found dead, with various organs sliced out by a first class surgeon. But organ-legging has been obsolete for decades, because of cheaper, better, artificial replacements. So the crimes don't seem to make any sense. As Eve worries about this, Bowers weaves her web to destroy her. An internal investigation based on Bowers' complaints ends with Eve's suspension. Gone is her shield, her identity.

Ms. Robb may have gone a little more scifi this time, with the discussions of future medical procedures and advanced artificial organs and all, but she's still given her readers a story that will keep them burning the midnight oil. Also, it was nice that we get to see Eve rely on the help of her husband and her friends, rather than to try and take on all her burdens herself. It made her appear more human, more identifiable.

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