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At Ease

A murder inside a military camp. A country on the verge of political rupture. And a new forensic method that could change criminal investigation forever.

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But while Johan investigates inside the military camp, Sonja pursues her own leads in the surrounding village. Soon, the murder becomes entangled with another disturbing event—one that draws Sonja back towards the secrets of her own dark past.

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- Adressa, About The Silence Beneath

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