## HI DDEN

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We hear the ring tone of a TELEPHONE.

MALE VOICE #1 (PHONE) Help desk. May I have your customer I.D.?

MALE VOICE #2 (0.C.) WB-08-20-19-19.

MALE VOICE #1 (PHONE) And for verification may I have characters one, four and eight only of your password.

MALE VOICE #2 (O.C.)

T-F-T.

The voices are calm and educated. Male Voice #2 belongs to JAMES MORPETH, whom we will meet later.

We hear a car, its wheels swishing through pools of water on a narrow English country road.

The telephone conversation continues over...

EXT. COUNTRY ROAD - EVENING 1989

The car passes through a quiet village.

MALE VOICE #1 (O.C.) You're verified. Are you calling from an open line?

MALE VOICE #2 (O.C.)

Yes.

MALE VOICE #1 (0.C.) One moment while I secure.

Ahead we see the lights of a large, isolated house on the edge of the village. The house belongs to a man named Braddick.

The car pulls to a stop. The lights remain on, the engine turns over.

2 EXT. CAR - EVENING 1989

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Two men get out. The driver remains behind the wheel. The men are late 20s, early 30s. They're tense.

The man who got out of the passenger seat is handsome, with a ruthless smile. His name is MARK VENN.

The other man is PAUL HILLMAN.

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Mark talks through the open window to the driver, Hillman lurking just behind them.

MARK You're gonna be okay, no problem.

## CUT TO:

## 3 INT. MORTUARY - DAY 1989

DETECTIVE SERGEANT FENTON RUSSELL snaps back a white sheet to reveal a man's face. We don't see who it is. We do see that there is a second BODY on an adjacent trolley.

Russell looks up at GEORGE, a big man, powerful and grizzled like an old lion. George can't help himself. He lets out a pitiful groan.

> MALE VOICE #1 (0.C.) You're secured. How may we help?

MALE VOICE #2 (0.C.) It seems to be a virus.

4 EXT. CAR - EVENING 1989

Marks grins.

#### MARK

It's not complicated. Me and Hillman go in, you wait, we come out, we drive away.

CUT TO:

5 INT. CAR - MOVING - EVENING 1989

Sirens and flashing blue lights behind them. Mark, in the front seat, in obvious distress. Hillman in the back, getting panicky.

## HI LLMAN Move! Come on, move!

The police car behind is gaining on them.

6 INT. TABAC - DAY - PARIS 1989

An attractive woman in her late thirties is buying cigarettes. She pays and leaves. Her name is JENNIFER MOSCATI. She has a baguette in her hand.

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7 EXT. TABAC - DAY 1989

She walks down the street, tears off the tip of the bread and munches it as she walks.

An Algerian man, MEZWAR TANZIR, steps out of a doorway and follows her.

## 8 INT. BRADDICK'S HOUSE, SITTING ROOM - EVENING 1989

TWO MEN are about to sit down to a meal. GEOFFREY BRADDICK (54), who owns the house. Braddick is weal thy and successful, and everything he does is done on his terms.

He directs BEN LANDER (32) impatiently and gruffly. Lander has the look of a soldier on leave - muscular, lean, cleancut.

The door bell rings.

Braddick freezes. He looks to Lander.

9 EXT. PARIS STREET - DAY 1989

Jennifer turns to see Tanzir behind her. Tanzir pulls out a KNIFE.

CUT TO:

CLOSE ON - FRANCES

a woman in her early to mid thirties, dark, beautiful, desperate and trouble.

PULL BACK TO REVEAL:

10 INT. HARRY'S OFFICE, KENTISH TOWN - DAY

She is sitting opposite

HARRY

Behind his desk. He's early 40s, handsome in a dangerous way. Good with people. But here he's on the back foot.

FRANCES What are you doing? You're throwing this away?

HARRY I don't know what to say. I'm sorry. 7

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Sorry? I don't believe this. I don't believe you. When did you decide this?

HARRY

Frances--

FRANCES When?! When!

HARRY I don't know. It wasn't like an instant thing.

Fuel to the fire.

## FRANCES

So this has been going on in your head all this time? When we were out having dinner? When we were in bed?

HARRY I've got back to back appointments--

Frances is on her feet in a second.

FRANCES Appointments? You're talking about appointments?! This is my life, Harry!

Harry was really hoping it wouldn't come to this.

## 11 INT. OUTER OFFICE - DAY

It's a down-at-heel north London solicitors' office. Cheap furniture, cheap reproductions on the walls.

Harry's PA is MATT (20s), North London lad, little formal education but sharp.

A young woman enters. She is GINA, self-possessed, attractive. She is expensively dressed, classic business suit, perfectly groomed.

> GINA (slight accent) I'm Gina Hawkes. I have an eleven o'clock appointment with Mr Venn.

Matt checks Harry's diary. There's a scream from Harry's office.

FRANCES (O.C.) (not entirely audible) You can't do this to me!

MATT Mr Venn's 10.30 is running a little over.

Gina throws him a look.

FRANCES (O.C.) I'm not going to let you ruin my life!

MATT

Why don't I see if I can find you another appointment?

GI NA

l'll wait.

She finds herself a seat and unfolds a newspaper. The front page story is headlined:

WORSLEY VOWS TO KEEP COALITION TALKS ALIVE

Accompanying the story is a photo of BRIAN WORSLEY, the prime minister (Harrow, Cambridge, married to a viscount's

FRANCES

GINA I don't suppose he'll be long now.

- 14 OMI TTED
- 15 INT. OUTER OFFICE DAY

The connecting door bursts open and Frances storms in, melodramatic and tragic. She's in such a state that she's oblivious to the fact her breasts are visible.

She looks at Gina: not Harry's usual kind of client. Harry emerges behind her looking stressed and weary.

FRANCES (to Gina) I don't know what he's promised you, but trust me - he won't deliver.

She turns to Harry, throws him last contemptuous look and exits, pulling her clothes together.

MATT This is Ms Hawkes, your 11 o'clock.

GINA (dryly) I won't offer to shake your hand.

HARRY Would you like to come into my office?

Gina regards the open door.

GINA Why don't we go out?

16 EXT. KENTISH TOWN ROAD - DAY

Hustle and bustle on the street.

17 INT. CAFE ON KENTISH TOWN ROAD - DAY

Harry brings a coffee to the formica table. Cheap.

HARRY I should warn you. The coffee's terrible. 16

## GI NA

We're a specialist firm.

HARRY What do you specialize in, exactly?

GI NA

Right now in getting my client off a murder he didn't commit.

## HARRY

If he didn't do it and he's got your expensive brain behind him I'm sure in no time at all your client will be basking on the beach of whatever Caribbean island he has his offshore account with.

GI NA

His name's Steven Quirke.

Beat ... Harry taking this in.

HARRY

Stevie Quirke? Little Stevie? What's this all about?

GI NA

I told you--

#### HARRY

I don't get it. An expensive lawyer acting for an over-thehill career criminal like Stevie Quirke? How did that happen?

GI NA

In the usual way - Mr Quirke called my office. He told me he was innocent and I believe him.

HARRY

Well, it's true that Mr Quirke has been acquitted a number of times. But innocent? That would be a first.

GI NA

It's early days but I'm thinking of sending the brief to Nigel

## HARRY

Shoul dn't that be *Sir* Nigel Fountain? I approve very much. I'm just wondering where all the money's coming from. Nigel Fountain doesn't work for free and, no offence, but you don't strike me as the bleeding heart type either. My question stands: what's this all about?

#### GI NA

Mr Quirke's innocence is not the only unusual feature. He also turned himself in.

HARRY Stevie? A walk-in?

## GI NA

Three days ago.

## HARRY

So Stevie turned himself in and confessed but... he's innocent?

GI NA

I was getting to that.

HARRY

Could you get to it a little faster, Gina, because I'm getting confused.

GI NA

My client did turn himself in and he did confess. But. When I went to take instructions, he insisted he'd made the whole thing up.

HARRY

(laughs) l'm sure he did.

## GI NA

He confessed because he's terrified. So terrified, in fact, that he'd rather be in prison.

HARRY What's he terrified of?

GINA He won't tell me. He wants you to help him. HARRY

How?

## GI NA

He wants you to find someone for him.

#### HARRY

Look. You're a smart woman. I know you're smart because you're not drinking the coffee. But I'm just a high street solicitor. Me, myself and I. What you need is an enquiry agent. I can recommend one.

GI NA

The man Mr Quirke wants you to find is Joseph Francis Collins. (off Harry's look) You know him, I believe.

HARRY

Stevie Quirke and Joe Collins?

GI NA

(cool) Mr Quirke anticipated your reaction. Accordingly, he instructed me to tell you that he has information, which he is willing to pass on to you.

HARRY Information about what?

GINA Your brother Mark.

Harry stares at her.

HARRY What did he tell you exactly? About Mark? His exact words.

GI NA

Exactly what l've told you. l'm following my client's instructions. You have my card. (politely) Thank you for the coffee.

She leaves. Harry sits there. Thinking.

FLASHBACK:

18 E/I. BRADDICK'S HOUSE - EVENING 1989

Ben Lander opens the door. Mark smashes a fist into his face. Lander staggers back and falls.

19 INT. CAFE – DAY

Harry still sitting there. He picks up Gina's card and looks at it. He takes out his mobile.

20 INT. OUTER OFFICE - DAY

Matt picks up.

MATT Venn and Co.

CROSSCUT:

HARRY Matt, I want you to find out everything you can about a firm called Hodgkins Truss Wilson.

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MATT Where are they? London?

HARRY No address on the card.

CLOSE ON - MATT'S COMPUTER

He navigates away from a page on prime minister Brian Worsley's coalition talks and Googles Hodgkins Truss Dead.

## GEORGE

Mark.

George hangs his head, struggling not to let grief overwhelm him.

22	INT. CAFE – DAY	22
	Harry drains the coffee and exits.	
23	INT. BELMARSH PRISON - CORRIDOR - DAY	23

Beat... Harry regards him carefully.

HARRY

You walk in. You confess. Because you're scared? Then... what? You decide you're not so scared after all? You want out? What?

QUIRKE (with emotion) I'm offering a deal here! Help me, you get what I know. That's all I got to deal with, Harry. You understand?

Harry looks at him for a moment.

HARRY How did you find Gina Hawkes?

QUIRKE What do you mean?

HARRY

Stevie, I couldn't find Gina Hawkes and people might say I'm somewhat better placed than you.

QUIRKE Someone gave me her number.

HARRY

Who?

QUIRKE I don't remember.

Harry's look says: I don't believe you.

HARRY And she agrees to act for you why?

QUI RKE Yeah, I know that's true. Harry releases his hand. His voice is cold again. HARRY Mark. Tell me now or I'm out the door. He stands and starts for the door. **OUI RKE** You're all I got left, Harry. You turn your back, I'm dead. HARRY If you know who killed Mark, tell me now. Beat... Quirke Leans forward. QUI RKE You'll never guess who I bumped into. (off Harry's look) Paul Hillman. Harry staring hard at Quirke. Harry slowly returns to his seat. QUIRKE (CONT'D) Straight up. FLASHBACK:

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INT. CAR - MOVING - CLOSE ON HILLMAN - EVENING 1989 25

Staring back at the flashing blue lights behind them.

HILLMAN Shit. There's two of them now.

MARK

Relax, Hillman, will you? We're going to be okay.

DRIVER There's one in front.

Hillman swivels round to see a POLICE CAR coming right at them on the narrow road. He grips the back of the seat in front of him.

> HILLMAN We're going to hit them! Stop!

MARK (calmly to the driver) You can do it, kid. Focus. QUIRKE Few days ago, just before I come in here. Harry, if Hillman's alive, what does that say about Mark?

A red mist descends over Harry; this is as much as he can take. He grabs Quirke by the throat.

HARRY What the hell are you playing at?

QUI RKE

Harry--(as Harry squeezes) Harry, pl ease--

Harry releases him. Quirke fights to get his breath back.

QUIRKE (CONT'D) I seen him, Harry, and he's breathing like you and me.

HARRY The dead don't come back.

Harry struggles to keep himself under control.

QUI RKE

I saw him.

HARRY Okay. Where?

Beat...

QUIRKE I don't really remember.

HARRY You saw a dead man and you don't remember where?

QUI RKE

The tube.

HARRY Where on the tube? What station, what line?

QUIRKE I saw him. I swear on my child's life.

Harry studies him.

HARRY Why do you need me to find Joe Collins? How can Joe help you?

MATT

Frank Hanna called. Three times. He wants to know why you're not answering your mobile and why you're not there.

He glances at the waiting clients.

MATT (CONT'D) Mr Peters is here and Mrs Crawford. What should I tell them?

## CROSSCUT:

30 EXT. BELMARSH PRISON - DAY

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Harry walks to his car.

HARRY

Clear the rest of the day. I'm not coming back. Did you get anything on Hodgkins Truss Wilson?

MATT

All I could find is their registered ID, 309098, but there's no other details, not even a DX address.

HARRY Nothing? How do they do business?

MATT Just the number you gave me.

HARRY Did you try it?

MATT It goes straight to robot.

HARRY What about Gina Hawkes?

## MATT

I've tried Google, Yahoo, Facebook - nothing. Which is only a little weird, because my mum, she shows up on Google and the only thing she's famous for are school dinners.

HARRY

We represented a client called Joe Collins, Joseph Francis Collins, about five years ago--

## MATT

(promptly) Possessi on of Class A drugs. Snaresbrook Crown Court. He was the only defendant and he was acquitted. Thanks to you.

HARRY

Dig out the file.

MATT Harry, l've got like a million things to do.

HARRY Call me when you've got it.

MATT (resigned) Anythi ng ĕl se?

HARRY Don't expect overtime.

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Russell looks directly over at Harry - neutral and menacing at the same time.

Harry gets a jolt. He watches Russell proceed to the gate.

## 31 INT. HARRY'S CAR - STATIONARY - DAY

Harry tries to put the key in the ignition. He can't. His hand is trembling.

FLASHBACK:

## 32 INT. OLD FASHIONED POLICE CELL - NIGHT 1989 32

Brick walls, low lighting, high barred window.

THREE MEN in the cell. Two are cops - one of them Fenton Russell. The third man is the prisoner.

The prisoner, who face we don't see, is thrown across the cell and slammed into the wall.

THE PRI SONER' S POV--

RUSSELL Braddick is dead. Two policemen are dead.

The other cop punches the prisoner in the kidney. The prisoner collapses and is pulled back up again.

RUSSELL (CONT'D) Maybe you weren't driving. Maybe you had the gun. Maybe you were the shooter.

Another punch.

RUSSELL (CONT'D) You were driving or you had the gun? Your choice.

BACK TO:

33 INT. HARRY'S CAR - MOVING - PRESENT TIME

Harry hits some buttons on his mobile.

HARRY

lt's me.

34 EXT. A SMALL GARDEN - DAY

LAUREN, attractive, late 30s, is watering plants in her garden.

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CROSSCUT:

HARRY I've just seen Fenton Russell.

Lauren stops what she is doing.

LAUREN

Where?

HARRY I need to see you, Lauren.

35 I NT. LAUREN' S BEDROOM - EVENING

HARRY and LAUREN lie in bed. Post coital. It was good.

LAUREN Don't get i deas - this is not going to happen again.

Lauren gets out of bed and starts to get dressed. Harry stares out the window, pensive.

HARRY What was Russell doing at Belmarsh?

LAUREN He's a cop. Cops are like solicitors - they go to prisons from time to time.

HARRY The same day, the same time I happen to be there?

LAUREN Harry, it's a coincidence. Unpleasant, but just a coincidence.

HARRY Lauren, the man I went to see told me he saw Paul Hillman, alive.

Lauren turns to him.

LAUREN What? Who? Who said that?

HARRY An old face - Stevie Quirke. He was insistent. He saw Paul Hillman. A few days ago.

# LAUREN

(concerned, sympathetic) Harry. Hillman's dead and gone. Someone's messing with your head.

HARRY

Why?

## LAUREN

I don't know why. But leave it al one. Harry, listen to me. Listen. Hillman is dead. That whole thing is gone. Over. The time has long passed for you to move on.

Harry takes this in.

LAUREN (CONT'D) Come on. Michael's going to be home soon and I don't want him finding you here.

HARRY You a3cm BT - Tc 12 c4nconcernedshould see mo0 Oof q 1 0

HARRY

LAUREN Internet dating. (off his look) Don't look like that. That's the way it's done now.

HARRY I broke up with Frances today.

## LAUREN

Agai n?

HARRY For good this time.

LAUREN Too bad. She seemed like a nice girl. I don't know what she was doing with you.

HARRY What were you doing with me?

LAUREN I'm not as nice as her. Come on, Harry. Michael's going to be home soon. Up!

She exits. Harry's mobile rings.

HARRY Harry Venn--

## CROSSCUT:

35A INT. STRAND HOTEL, GINA HAWKES'S ROOM - NIGHT

35A

GINA It's Gina Hawkes, Mr Venn.

HARRY

Harry.

GINA

You called.

HARRY I got in to see your client. I'd like to talk to you more about his case.

GINA I could see you for twenty minutes at 10 o'clock. HARRY Twenty minutes?

GINA I have a meeting at ten thirty.

HARRY You do meetings at night?

GINA When they're important.

HARRY I'll be there at ten. Where are you?

He reaches over for a pen and slip of paper.

36 I NT. LAUREN' S KI TCHEN – NI GHT

Lauren is opening a glass of wine and getting supper ready for herself and Michael. A small kitchen television set plays in the corner.

> ITN NEWSREADER ... The protestors were not one homogenous body. Different groups with different agendas surged off in all directions, some clearly intent on violence. Shops in Pall Mall and Picadilly were attacked and set alight. In Whitehall, police vans were smashed up and overturned by a mob of students and anarchists said to number up to 5,000.

TELEVISION FOOTAGE - CROWDS, FLAMES, POLICE SWINGING BATONS, CHAOS IN THE STREETS...

ITN NEWSREADER (CONT'D) At the same time, the main body of protestors coming along the Embankment were driven back by police using water cannons and CS gas. There were further violent clashes between police and protestors in the City of London, with at least eighty arrests. There have been all egations from the march organizers that police over-reacted and claims that as many as 180 people needed hospital treatment as a result of the cl ashes.

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ITN NEWSREADER (CONT'D) There is an as yet unconfirmed report that one of those admitted to hospital has since died. We'll bring you more on this as news comes in. The Metropolitan Commissioner has strongly defended his officers and condemned what he called "the unprecedented levels of rioting".

FOOTAGE OF BRIAN WORSLEY, THE PRIME MINISTER...

ITN NEWSREADER (CONT'D) Prime Minister Brian Worsley also praised the police and condemned the violence. And in what many political commentators are interpreting as a thinly veiled reference to his chief critic, former cabinet minister Alexander Wentworth, the prime minister went on to say that "those who have been trying to whip up an atmosphere of hysteria and panic must bear responsibility for the chaos and disorder on our streets." However, Mr Wentworth toniaht dismissed the prime minister's statement with a stinging rebuke of his own.

FOOTAGE OF ALEXANDER WENTWORTH comes on the screen: impressive, authoritative, handsome in a well-groomed, richman way.

> CLIP OF WENTWORTH Let's not kid ourselves. The reason the police are out there having to deal with this level of disorder is because Brian Worsley is bankrupt. With the recent revelations about his financial affairs, we now know he is morally bankrupt. He is now also politically bankrupt. His coalition has fallen apart. He simply has no idea what to do. This is not a man to lead us out of the gravest crisis we have faced since the Battle of Britain.

Lauren hears Harry on the stairs.

LAUREN Have you seen this?

She indicates the television pictures.

LAUREN (CONT'D) This feels different, doesn't it?

HARRY What's different about it?

LAUREN We don't have a government for one thing.

HARRY Have you noticed? I haven't noticed.

He goes to her.

HARRY (CONT'D) It was good to see you.

He goes to kiss her. Lauren is very clear that's it no more than a peck on the cheek.

LAUREN

See you.

Harry turns to go.

HARRY (CONT'D) Michael? Did you hear me?

Michael ignores him and goes upstairs.

HARRY (CONT'D) Did you see that?

LAUREN I see it every day.

HARRY Lauren, he needs to show some respect.

LAUREN You need to spend time with him.

Harry turns to go.

HARRY Internet dating? (serious?)

LAUREN Goodbye, Harry.

He exits.

37 INT. STRAND HOTEL - NIGHT

Modern furnishing, low lights. Harry sits at a table nursing a drink and looking through the evening paper.

The headline reads:

WENTWORTH CALLS ON PM TO GO AS UNREST GROWS

Harry checks his watch: 10:40. He's on the point of leaving.

Gina Hawkes materializes and glides into the seat opposite. She looks gorgeous, made up and dressed for a classy night out.

> HARRY You always dress like that for work meetings?

GINA I didn't say it was a work meeting.

HARRY Do you want a drink?

## GINA An old fashioned.

Harry is impressed.

HARRY (to the waiter) An old fashioned and another vodka.

GINA You went to see Mr Quirke?

HARRY Do you do a lot of crime, Gina?

GINA Not as much as you, I believe.

Harry doesn't know how to take this: Is she hinting at something more?

HARRY

What I mean is: your client, Mr Quirke, hasn't got a hope in hell. I thought you'd like to know that. That's my advice you can have it for free.

GINA (smiles) I deal in lost hopes, Mr. Venn.

HARRY

Harry.

She smiles politely.

HARRY (CONT'D) What kind of a criminal lawyer are you, Gina. In fact, are you any kind of criminal lawyer at GI NA

Possibly a bit of Dutch, possibly a bit of French. I had a peripatetic childhood.

The waiter comes up, smiles professionally and sets out the drinks. He leaves the bill and departs.

HARRY

Who are you, Gina Hawkes?

She looks at him coldly.

GI NA

My client asked me to contact you in order to locate a witness he believes is crucial to his case. I carried out his instructions, as I was obliged to. This does not give you the right to be insulting.

HARRY

Name me one lawyer anywhere in London, anywhere in the country, you've had dealings with.

GINA Isn't Sir Nigel Fountain good enough for you?

HARRY Apart from this case. Just one.

GINA If you'll excuse me.

She swallows her drink and gathers her things.

GINA (CONT'D) One thing I should have (nods) That's worth finding him. But why is it worth twenty thousand to you?

GINA (starts to stand) Thank you for the drink, Mr Venn.

## HARRY

Harry.

He reaches out and takes her wrist, stopping her. He looks down at her hand. The sexual tension is palpable.

HARRY (CONT'D) (softly) You're wearing the wrong nail polish.

GI NA

I like it.

HARRY It doesn't suit you.

GINA What would you suggest?

HARRY Forget about this meeting you say you're going to. Have another drink.

GINA You're smart. Don't be too smart. Harry.

She smiles at him and slips her hand from his grip.

He watches her go, admiring the view, then tosses his credit card on the platter. The waiter comes over with the machine.

HARRY (to the waiter) The woman I was with?

WAI TER

Yes, sir.

HARRY You haven't by any chance seen her before?

WAITER She's a guest. HARRY She's staying here?

## WAI TER

Yes, sir.

38 SCENE IS CONTINUOUS

HARRY I'd like to leave a message for her.

WAITER Certainly, sir. Harry follows the bellboy to 327. The bellboy slips the letter under the door.

HARRY You know what? This is not a joke. I'd like to boost your pay.

The bellboy looks around.

BELLBOY I would like you to do it too.

HARRY What would it cost me to get five minutes in that room?

The bellboy looks like he might be interested.

HARRY (CONT'D) I'm not going to take anything. I'm not going to do anything. Just a quick look. No one will know. Five minutes.

BELLBOY Five hundred.

HARRY Why don't we split the difference and say thirty quid?

41 INT. GINA HAWKES'S ROOM - NIGHT

Harry picks up the letter and pockets it. He goes to a laptop. It asks for a password. He types Gina, then gina, then ginahawkes. No go, as he expected.

There's some paperwork on the desk: Depositions from R v. Quirke. Copies of statements of police witnesses, forensics reports, phone records, etc. All in order. Harry scribbles down some details.

42 EXT. TABAC - DAY 1989 42 Jennifer Moscati walks down the street. She tears off the tip of the bread and munches it as she walks. BACK TO: 43 INT. GINA HAWKES'S ROOM - PRESENT TIME 43 Harry turns over a page. FLASHBACK: FXT. PARIS SIDE STREET - DAY 1989 44 44 Jennifer continues down the quiet street. She becomes aware of someone following her. She turns to see--MEZWAR TANZIR BACK TO: 45 INT. GINA HAWKES'S ROOM - PRESENT TIME Harry stares at Mezwar Tanzir's photograph FLASHBACK: EXT. PARIS SIDE STREET - CLOSE ON TANZIR - DAY 1989 46 46

Coming up behind Jennifer. She turns. He pulls out a knife. He indicates her purse.

> JENNI FER MOSCATI (in French) Take it. Take it, don't hurt me.

Tanzir takes the purse. A motorbike approaches. Tanzi r turns to go to the bike.

Inwardly, Jennifer heaves a sigh of relief. Then Tanzir turns back to Jennifer...

Tanzir knifes Jennifer. He grabs the baguette, jumps on the bike and they take off. He tears off a piece of the baguette and starts eating.

BACK TO:

47 INT. GINA HAWKES'S ROOM - PRESENT TIME 47 FOLDER 2 IS MARKED "BRADDICK"

## 35.

HARRY

Mark.

There are also photographs of Braddick, Lander and Hillman, with names and brief biographical details.

There is also a photograph of a special forces type with the name underneath - JASON STYLES.

[NOTE: The photos are all from the period around 1989, including that of Styles]

HARRY (CONT' D)

Styl es?

Harry stares at the photo for a long time. Mesmerized. Transfixed.

HARRY (CONT'D) Jason Styles. (beat...) Who are you, Gina Hawkes?

There's a soft knock at the door. Harry freezes. Someone comes in.

BELLBOY You have more than five minutes.

HARRY One more minute.

BELLBOY I cannot take the chance.

HARRY (offering him a bill) Here's twenty more.

BELLBOY

Make fast.

Harry goes to the wardrobe. He goes through the pockets of

# BELLBOY (coming in) You have to go. Now!

51 INT. MATT'S GROUND FLOOR FLAT, DALSTON - NIGHT

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Harry is unpacking the R v. Collins box in Matt's cramped livingroom. Matt returns with two cans of Red Stripe.

MATT I've got some blow, if you want it.

HARRY Later. Maybe.

Harry divides the papers. Matt turns on the iPod dock. Some awful sound comes out, which Matt dances to.

> MATT (danci ng) Harry...?

> > HARRY

Yeah?

MATT What are we looking for?

HARRY Anything that can help us find Mr Joseph Francis Collins.

Harry starts leafing through the file...

MONTAGE:

PAGES OF DEPOSITIONS AND WITNESS STATEMENTS...

MUGSHOTS. . .

PHOTOGRAPHS OF EXHIBITS...

CUSTODY LOGS. . .

MATT CHOPPING SOME COKE...

HARRY LOOKING OVER, TRYING TO IGNORE THE COKE...

READING A DEPOSITION...

HARRY FINDING A NAME...

DEAN STUBBS... HARRY RINGS IT...

HE LOOKS OVER AT THE COKE...

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52 INT. MATT'S FLAT - MORNING

Harry opens his eyes. He's sitting on the floor, back against a chair. He looks around at the detritus.

He gets wearily to his feet, passes Matt and MATT'S GIRLFRIEND sprawled out in bed and goes into the kitchen.

Harry stretches and yawns and gets a glass of water. He feels bad - beer and coke.

He turns on the radio...

#### RADIO NEWSREADER

News outlets of the RDD Media Group have today published claims that the prime minister Brian Worsley set up two secret offshore bank accounts with assets totalling nine million pounds...

Harry looks at his phone: Three missed calls from Lauren. Harry hits some numbers on his mobile.

> HARRY (into the phone) I thought you said it wasn't going to happen again.

LAUREN (PHONE) Michael's been arrested.

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Lauren looks drawn and tense. She looks Harry over, registering his condition.

HARRY Don't worry - worse case you'll get five years. (off Michael's look) Kidding. You'll get a rap over the knuckles.

Michael looks glum.

HARRY (CONT'D) Why did you do it?

Beat... Michael looks at him.

MI CHAEL Who are you?

HARRY Your father.

MICHAEL No. No, my father left.

Lauren comes up.

LAUREN What were you thinking?

MI CHAEL

Sorry.

LAUREN Go get in the car.

He goes.

LAUREN (CONT'D) Thanks for coming. You should go home and shower. And change your clothes.

Lauren turns to go.

HARRY

Lauren.

She stops.

HARRY (CONT'D) Thanks for telling me. About Michael.

She smiles and goes.

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# 55 EXT. HARRY'S OFFICE - DAY

Harry pushes at the door to the building. To his surprise it doesn't open.

He checks the time. It's almost 11. He gets out his keys and enters, turning off the alarm before climbing the stairs to the first floor suite.

56 INT. OUTER OFFICE - DAY

Harry enters. The phones are ringing.

#### HARRY

# Matt? Matt?

No one in. Harry is not pleased. Harry ignores the ringing phones and goes to the safe. He spins the dial, opens it and removes an envelope. Matt walks in. In better shape than Harry.

HARRY (CONT'D)

You' re late.

MATT Yeah, I had a heavy night.

Matt hits the phone messages and goes to put on the kettle.

FRANCES (MESSAGE) Harry, it's Frances, I hope you listen to this because I'm genuinely trying to help you. I'm trying to help you become a better person.

MATT This should be interesting.

HARRY

Turn it off.

FRANCES

You need to take a long hard look at yourself, Harry, and you need to apologize to me for the way yFRANCESpen.

# HARRY (warni ngl y)

Matt--

Harry leans over and presses a button to stop the message.

HARRY (CONT'D) Call the clerk at Barter Court Chambers. See if you can get me ten minutes with the head of chambers, Nigel Fountain.

MATT What do I tell him?

HARRY Say it's to do with the Quirke case.

MATT You know you've got that hearing at Highbury?

HARRY

Remind me?

MATT That woman they arrested for taking the photograph of the bus?

On the way to the door...

HARRY

Call Lisa Merrick, see if she can get down to cover for me.

MATT

You're gonna get struck off, Harry, you're not careful.

HARRY Thank you for your concern.

MATT The concern is about me and my job.

As Harry exits...

MATT (CONT'D) And don't forget Frank Hanna.

57 I NT. BOXING GYM - DAY

A real old sweaty boxing gym. Not a friendly place to those

Dean swings a vicious left. Harry turns away, which is why Dean's fist connects only to the back of Harry's head. All the same Harry goes down and out.

FLASHBACK:

58 EXT. BRADDI CK' S HOUSE - NI GHT 1989

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Watched by the driver in the waiting car, a PASSING POLICE PATROL CAR pulls up.

HARRY' S POV:

TWO COPS get out...

They look around, taking things in, just checking...

One cop goes to the front door...

The other appears at the car window and taps for the driver to lower it...

Mark hesitates...

The cop taps impatiently and starts to speak into his radio...

Mark is about to comply when...

BANG! BANG! BANG!

The cop at the house is thrown backwards by the force of the blast...

MARK AND HILLMAN run from the house towards the car...

The cop at the car blanches. He turns and puts his hands up. . .

Hillman walks up to him, takes aim and shoots him in the head...

Mark jumps in the car. Hillman jumps in the back.

# HI LLMAN

# What are you waiting for! Go!

Harry throws the car in gear and screeches away.

BACK TO:

59 INT. CHANGING ROOM - ON HARRY - PRESENT TIME

Harry sits up and has to lie down again. His head is swimming.

He looks around. It's a changing room. A couple of men are drying themselves off, getting dressed. The naked man gets into one of the three shower cubicles.

Harry's mouth fills with vomit. He just about makes it to a bin.

60 INT. BOXING GYM - DAY

Harry lurches up to Gerry and hands over his card.

HARRY Give this to Dean next time he comes in. Tell him to call me, day or night.

GERRY You want some water?

He hands over a bottle.

HARRY He sucker punched me.

GERRY Don't come back.

HARRY Tell him no hard feelings.

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- 1 INT. HARRY'S CAR STATIONARY ON HARRY DAY

Head back, eyes closed, suffering. His mobile rings.

HARRY (into the mobile) Yeah?

FRANK HANNA Know how many times I've called you? 60

FRANK HANNA Get here lively, H. The judge has already told the jury he'll accept a majority.

Harry ends the call, puts the car in gear and pulls away.

# 62 INT. SNARESBROOK CROWN COURT COMPLEX - DAY Harry hurries through the corridors. The USHERS and FLUNKIES know him. He hurries into...

# 63 I NT. COURT NUMBER 3, SNARESBROOK - DAY 63

...just in time to see...

### FRANK HANNA

(40s), slow-moving, fast-thinking with a long history of criminal violence, shaking hands with his QC and JUNIOR COUNSEL.

FRANK HANNA Thought for a bit there you weren't gonna show, H.

HARRY I got you a result, didn't l?

FRANK HANNA I'm an innocent man. If you can't get an innocent man off, what are you good for?

HARRY The innocent ones are the hardest, believe me.

FRANK HANNA You don't look too good, H.

64

INT. CORRIDOR IN THE COURT COMPLEX - DAY

64

Harry and Hanna are alone together.

HARRY I met a woman yesterday.

FRANK HANNA

Ni ce?

HARRY Beautiful. Intelligent. Looks like she has money.

FRANK HANNA You should be a very happy man.

HARRY On paper. Trouble is I think she's trying to set me up.

FRANK HANNA

For what?

# HARRY

(Iow) The thing that happened that night with Mark and Hillman.

FRANK HANNA The Braddick thing? (off Harry's Look) Holy shit. HARRY

I know.

FRANK HANNA Mark's dead.

HARRY

I know.

FRANK HANNA You want my advice?

HARRY

No.

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INT. HARLEY STREET DOCTOR'S SURGERY - DAY

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Harry sits on an operating table, legs over the side. DR STURGESS, 60s, Scottish, is examining his head where he was punched.

DR STURGESS Is your vision at all affected?

HARRY No, it's fine.

DR STURGESS Headache?

HARRY

Yes.

DR STURGESS How often do you take cocai ne?

HARRY Excuse me? (off Sturgess's look) I had a little last night.

DR STURGESS Is it a regular thing?

HARRY

No.

DR STURGESS We've taken an X-ray but I'm going to recommend you have an MRI.

HARRY I don't think it's that bad.

DR STURGESS Just to be on the safe side.

Dr Sturgess goes to his desk and taps at his computer.

HARRY You were recommended by a friend of mine. Gina Hawkes?

DR STURGESS I'm making an appointment for you.

HARRY She says the Zopiclone is really helping her with the insomnia.

DR STURGESS But there'll probably be a bit of a wait. Let me find out.

HARRY

Beautiful woman, isn't she?

Sturgess stops what he's doing. Stands and goes to a tray on which are instruments. He begins filling a hypodermic needle.

> STURGESS You'll need a tetanus shot.

HARRY It wasn't that bad, Doc. No blood--

STURGESS Roll up your sleeve, please.

He comes towards Harry, needle poised. Harry hesitates. There is something about the doctor now that has become menacing.

STURGESS (CONT'D) (a command) Roll up your sleeve.

The doctor comes closer, ready to give Harry the injection.

Harry slips off the table.

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HARRY (chattering) Some other time. Thanks, anyway. Not enough doctors on the ball these days. I'll come back.

He goes out.

# 66 INT. RECEPTION AREA OF SURGERY - DAY

Harry quickly pays the RECEPTIONIST and rejoins Frank Hanna, who has been waiting.

HARRY What do you think?

# FRANK HANNA

Doabl e.

### 67 INT. STREET – DAY

They walk to Harry's car, past a CCTV camera.

### FRANK HANNA

But doable for what? What do you want?

#### HARRY

I don't know who Gina Hawkes is. And I can't find out - she doesn't show up anywhere. But if she's on the doctor's books, there'll be medical records. There'll be an address, there'll be something. That's what I want.

FRANK HANNA

0kay.

HARRY They'll be computerized.

FRANK HANNA I got a guy.

HARRY Call me when it's done.

FRANK HANNA You'll answer this time?

HARRY

Here.

He hands over some money.

Expenses.

As he gets into the car...

# FRANK HANNA

H. Back when I was working, some mornings I'd be driving to the job and I'd look out and see all these people doing ordinary things. Waiting at a bus-stop, buying a newspaper, buying a sandwich, and I'd look at them and think why am I putting myself through this? They're all relaxed, happy, probably. Me? I'm on my way to pull a robbery and the blood is beating in my veins, my head feels light, I'm feeling sick... One time I turned to Wendell, remember Wendell? I turned to Wendell and I said, You know we could stop. We could go to a caff, have a Morpeth nods and the waiter pours a bit in his glass. He takes a sip, rolls it around in his mouth, then nods. The waiter starts filling their glasses.

VERNEY I didn't know anyone still drank Valpolicella. It's always been more or less plonk.

MORPETH They've improved it. Very drinkable now. (raises his glass) Cheers.

VERNEY

Cheers.

They drink.

VERNEY (CONT'D) You're right. Very tasty.

MORPETH Here he is. Alex! The man of the hour. VERNEY It's because you're principled. You have integrity.

MORPETH Something Worsley could do with.

VERNEY I think it's too late for that, don't you. (she sees something) Speak of the devil.

They turn to see--

BRIAN WORSLEY

The prime minister. He look exhausted, stressed and defensive. He is accompanied by AIDES and MINDERS.

VERNEY (CONT'D) You'd think forming a government would be more important than having lunch.

Worsley stops by their table. Beat... Frosty.

WORSLEY

Al exander.

WENTWORTH

Bri an.

WORSLEY Hello, Elspeth.

VERNEY Hello, Brian. You know James Morpeth?

Worsley nods neutrally: Morpeth is not his favourite person.

WORSLEY You've known me since Cambridge, Elspeth - do you honestly think I would take bribes?

VERNEY

If you'd like to give us your side of the story, I'd be more than happy to arrange an interview.

WORSLEY I've already said I know nothing about these so-called offshore accounts. Enjoy your lunch. Worsley exits. Back to business... Verney fishes out a file and passes it across to Wentworth, who opens and scans it.

# WENTWORTH

What's this?

VERNEY The dirt to put Worsley in his political grave.

They glance over to see Worsley exit.

MORPETH Brain Worsley is a dead man walking.

69 INT. HARRY'S OFFICE - RECEPTION - DAY

Matt is reading the sports pages when HARRY enters. Harry's mobile goes.

> HARRY (into the mobile) Yeah?

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70 EXT. ST PANCRAS STATION - DAY

Gina is heading for the Eurostar check-in.

GINA (into the mobile) This is Gina Hawkes.

HARRY Where are you? I'll be there in twenty minutes. Okay, half an hour. We'll have lunch.

GINA I'm on my way to Paris.

HARRY I'll take the next train. We'll have dinner.

GINA Have you thought about what we discussed?

HARRY I've thought about you, Gina. Constantly. Day and night, you really want to know. 70

### GI NA

Will you take the job?

#### HARRY

If I can have a down payment of ten thousand pounds.

GINA GINA

Call the Hodgkins Truss Willson number and leave your bank details. The money will be in your account by the end of the day.

#### HARRY

You work fast, Gina. I like that. Where should we have dinner? I know a place on the Rue du Bac--

### GI NA

I expect two updates a day, at midnight and 7am. If at any time you find anything significant you are to call me at once.

HARRY Do you want to define significant? For instance, you've become a significant part of my life and-- He takes out the PHOTOGRAPH OF STYLES that he took from  $\operatorname{Gina's}$  room.

HARRY (CONT'D) Have you ever heard of a man named Jason Styles?

GI NA

No. Why?

HARRY

Oh, Gina, lovely Gina. You'd be smashing in the box, you know that? If I didn't know better I'd believe you were telling the truth, and I never believe anyone.

GINA Just find Joe Collins, Mr Venn.

HARRY

Harry.

She hangs up. Harry stands holding the phone, smiling. The phone rings and without thinking...

Harry and Matt stare at the building.

HARRY Somebody called and warned me to get out of the office.

MATT Frances coming with a gun?

Harry doesn't answer. They are both quiet. Nothing happens.

MATT (CONT'D) Some people have a strange sense of humour, Harry. (shrugs) You can stay out here. I've got work to do.

He starts back into the office.

Explosi on!

They are both thrown back. They stagger to their feet and look at the mayhem in the office where they both could have been killed.

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