

JERUSALEM SYNOPSIS

After another exhausting freezing cold day on the building site, in all Johnny Geoff and Tel want to do is to grab a quick snack from Sainsbury's where Johnny spots three Asian homeboys bullying a young trendy couple, two of them holding the girl against their car touching her up in all the wrong places while the other pushes the defenceless young lad around, throwing all his shopping on the floor looking like they're having a great laugh that as Geoff and Tel struggle to drag Johnny away under a barrage of insults and abuse from the cocky homeboys one of them will shortly come to regret. After grabbing a barbecued chicken and a bottle of Glenlivet Johnny is about to exit the supermarket when he spots one of the bullying homeboys going into the toilets. Minutes later Johnny leaves his victim badly beaten and stabbed unaware that the attack has been captured on CCTV and so is Johnny. Following a court appearance Johnny pleads guilty to grievous bodily harm and sentenced to six years in Strangeways knowing that the prisons Asian boys will be waiting to get revenge for attacking one of their own. Johnny is sent to D wing which is full of honest decent solid English criminals and seasoned football hooligans supervised by prison officer Jackie Hayhurst, a sussed out no nonsense woman in her late thirties who tells Johnny she won't tolerate any bad behaviour if he wants her approval for an early release.

Johnny shares a cell with the inimitable Mickey Fuller who is nearing the end of a ten year stretch for armed robbery. Like Johnny, Micky is a lifelong skinhead but that's where the similarity ends with Micky unable to accept that Johnny only attacked the three Asians only because they were bullies and nothing to do with the colour of their skin. Micky is a hard as nails heavyweight east end vehement Nazi skinhead ever since he was big enough to wear a pair of Doc Martens harbouring a deeply rooted psychotic hatred for anyone who isn't white and English and a diehard fan the late great Ian Donaldson of the right wing white power skinhead band Skrewdriver who Micky was a roadie for back in the day. Micky drives Johnny metal with his relentless racist indoctrination hoping he'll eventually see the light, and especially his unswerving hatred of ' all these fucking Muslim cunts invading our country and no fucker seems willing to do anything about it.

Well I'll show the oily rag headed fuckers what happens when you fuck about with the English. You just wait Johnny mate. `

` Me and a couple of my ex - army mates have been planning this for fucking ages making sure we've got every angle covered so there's going to be no fuck ups. I don't know if you know this Johnny but London Birmingham and Leeds have the biggest Mosques in the country always packed with the fuckers praying to Allah so we're going to give them something to pray for, give them a taste of their own medicine. I'm going to do the London Mosque while my mates take care of the ones in Birmingham and Leeds. We're going in dressed in fucking Burkas loaded up with Semtex high explosive connected to my mobile phone. As soon as the three of us are in place, two rings from my phone and BOOM! Hundreds of the fuckers to bits in seconds We're calling ourselves the Patriots of the Cross and our sacrifice will provide the kick start needed for all decent honest Englishmen to rise up against these Muslim fuckers and give them all what for. You call yourself a true skinhead Johnny mate so why don't join us and do the Mosque in Manchester the same time show how much you care about the country we love and are prepared to die for just like all the brave unselfish lads in the first and second world wars did to save England from the Krauts. Have a good think about it Johnny mate because me and my mates going out in one fucking great big blaze of glory with or without you so it's your shout mate. `

A question Johnny is still thinking about the day Micky is released swapping mobile numbers vowing to keep in contact with each other come the day Johnny gets his early parole which he does on his first application thanks to the character report prison officer Hayhurst hands the parole board telling them that Johnny has been a model prisoner from the day he arrived in prison. With the stamp of approval under his belt Johnny is escorted to the main gate by Jackie wishing him all the best telling him not to ever make the same mistake twice as they hug, shake hands and part company as friends. Finally after four long frustrating years in prison, Johnny is back in charge of what remains of his life once again to come and go at will doing what he wants which is just what he's thinking about when his old mates sight of Geoff and Tel screech to a stop in the old Jag XJ6 hugging one another feeling over the moon to be back together again like the old days

before jumping in the Jag for the drive back to Blackpool demolishing several lines of Charlie with a bottle of Jack Daniels en route with northern soul on full blast all the way home. Apart from visiting Johnny in prison once every two weeks to keep up his morale, Geoff and Tell have cleaned up his flat, filled his fridge with food, his cabinet with booze and a couple of bags of Charlie and five hundred quid on the coffee table until he gets back on his feet. After the party of a lifetime Johnny wakes up in bed suffering the hangover of the century which is when the loneliness of his life unexpectedly hits him harder than ever before. Johnny Geoff and Tel have been solid mates since the playground but unlike him they found the time to build lives for themselves in between football, northern soul and the wild times whereas Johnny has spent his life living for the moment, the buzz of being on the scene that is all consuming and only rewards its followers with memories of euphoric good times followed by the pain of hindsight when one gets to the age wishing that life should have been so different. For the first time in his life Johnny feels jealous that Geoff and Tel have something tangible and real to show for their lives where he's got nothing and what hurts him more is that he's now too old to even begin to redress the balance.

Even the one person he could have guaranteed would be waiting for him has moved on. Debbie who he's known for years who lives on the floor below him who he could call on whenever he was feeling low and horny for some company and tender loving care. Debbie isn't the prettiest flower in the bunch but he's been thinking a lot about her and what they've shared over the years when he was banged up missing her perfect imperfections to the point where he was going to ask her to marry him after hinting at the idea several times when she'd turn up in prison teasing him in her tight low cut tops, short skirts, black stockings and high heels. The smell of her perfume and the taste of luscious scarlet lips driving him mad with desire. That was before the moment all inmates dread when the goodbye letter from their partner turns up with the bad news that she can't hang around any longer wasting her life waiting for him and that she's found a new man to satisfy her needs. And if that isn't bad enough for Johnny to handle, he finds himself at the mercy of the probation service and social security on a strict licence to behave himself forced to report to his probation officer Mike Jackson, a case worker barely old enough to wipe his arse who explains to Johnny

the score in between playing with his mobile phone. ` I'm afraid that's how the early release system for ex-offenders works Mister Hodges. You report to me once a week for the first few weeks and we'll discuss your progress along with anything you might need. All you must do is keep on the straight and narrow avoiding trouble at all times and you'll be fine. If not then I'm afraid you'll be arrested and sent straight back to prison to serve out the remainder of your time plus any added time given to you which is the last thing you need especially at your age. `

To rub even more salt into ever deepening wounds, there's more bad news for Johnny after being summoned to the Jobcentre for an interview with his employment advisor Mister Alex Lassiter who invites him to sit down and listen to him explain the simple rules he has to abide by to qualify for rent assistance and the basic single man's unemployment allowance of fifty eight pounds a week. ` As you well know Mister Hodges you have to be actively seeking work to get your unemployment benefit but you haven't applied for one single job in the six weeks you've been claiming and I know this because the jobs are all linked to my file. I know things aren't easy for you since you were released from prison but you can't keep using that as an excuse for not working. You haven't even bothered to telephone the people whose details I've given you for an interview which leaves me in the awkward position of having to suspend your unemployment benefit if you don't make a serious effort to find work before our next meeting. ` leaving Johnny sitting there feeling his temper boiling listening to this wanker talking to him like he was some kind of a retard firing back at Mister Lassiter who is adjusting the computer screen to allow Johnny to see the jobs on offer. ` I can't fucking believe what I'm hearing from that bloke next door. I was born and bred in England and my old man died as a result of him fighting for this country and you're giving me all this shit for sixty quid a fucking week. Something's gone seriously fucking wrong with this country when shit like this is allowed to happen don't you think? ` ` Believe me I do understand and sympathise with you but every case we deal with is different so please try to calm down and deal with the issue at hand which is finding you a job. ` Mister Lassiter replies as two burly security personnel suddenly appear wondering what all the shouting is about as Johnny sits there shaking his head in despair.

SAMPLE SCENES FROM JERUSALEM

MANCHESTER FIVE YEARS EARLIER

INT. BASEMENT COURTHOUSE - DAY

CHRIS the security guard is sitting on a bench in the holding cell quickly chopping out two lines of Charlie as JOHNNY walks out of the toilet looking sharper than a razor dressed in a black Fred Perry polo shirt, a two piece grey Prince of Wales check suit and polished black brogues looking surprised at CHRIS.

JOHNNY

What the fuck are you doing Chris?

CHRIS

Fuck it mate. You look like you can use a livener. Here you are. Get your nose stuck into that

CHRIS hands JOHNNY a rolled up ten pound note watching him demolish the line in seconds before doing the same.

JOHNNY

Cheers mate. Nice bit of tackle that. How do I look?

CHRIS

Sharp as fuck Johnny. Should go down well with the judge as he hates scruffy fuckers cluttering up his courtroom

JOHNNY

Just as well I brought my new suit then. What's the judge like Chris?

CHRIS

Judge Davis is a proper old school Tory but he's fair and stands no fucking about so when you're in the dock, make sure you stand up straight and look him straight in the eye when speaking and above all none of your usual smart arse comments

JOHNNY

Fucking hell Chris that's a nice bit of Charlie mate. I feel in the mood for a right good session now. I've never been banged up before apart from a

few nights in the cells for drunken disorderly and football but between you and me I'm not looking forward to getting banged up full time one bit

CHRIS

Yeah it's going to be a nightmare mate especially if they send you Walton banged up with fucking scousers twenty four seven that's if they don't have room for you in Strangeways

JOHNNY

Fucking great. Remind me not to call you the next time I need cheering up Chris

CHRIS

(laughing)

Yeah I'd sooner get sentenced to sleeping on a bed of nails than having to share a room with one of those scumbag fuckers

The noise of a court official walking down the stairs brings the party to an end as CHRIS and JOHNNY give each other a big hug and handshake.

CHRIS

Good luck Johnny and remember what I told you. No gobbing off at the judge

JOHNNY

Okay mate. See you when I do

CUT TO

INT. COURT ROOM - DAY

JOHNNY enters the witness box as a COURT OFFICIAL hands him a bible and speaks.

COURT OFFICIAL

Do you swear on the bible to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you God?

JOHNNY

I do sir

JOHNNY hands the bible back to the COURT OFFICIAL winking across at GEOFF and TEL as the CLERK OF THE COURT stands up and addresses the JUDGE.

CLERK OF THE COURT

The final case of the day is that of the Queen versus one John Christopher Hodges charged with causing grievous bodily harm to one Mister Said Mouhtadi

JUDGE DAVIS

And how do you plead Mister Hodges?

JOHNNY

Guilty your honour

JUDGE DAVIS

I see you're representing yourself having turned down the offer of a duty solicitor. Facing such a serious charge, may I ask why?

JOHNNY

Because I'm guilty your honour so why burden the hard working tax payer with another outrageous expensive legal bill for something I don't stand a cat in hell's chance of getting away with. All I want to do now is get this over with as quickly as possible your honour

JUDGE DAVIS

(smiling and nodding at JOHNNY)

If only all defendants who've faced me were like you. Well if the prosecution is ready to proceed, I see no reason to disappoint you Mister Hodges. Mister Rayner the floor is yours

Prosecuting barrister Hugh Rayner selects some papers as he stands up and walks over to question JOHNNY.

RAYNER

For the sake of the court please state your name, age, occupation and address

JOHNNY

John Christopher Hodges. A forty five year old self-employed builder and I live in flat number twenty four, Walter Robinson Court Queenstown Blackpool

RAYNER

Going back to the day when you were arrested and charged with grievous bodily harm. Will you explain to the courts the events leading up to your arrest

JOHNNY

My mates and I had just finished work when I suggested we go and grab a snack at Sainsbury's. As we got out of the car I spotted three Asian men bullying a young couple parked close to us

RAYNER

For the sake of the court can you point out the three Asians you claim were bullying this young couple?

JOHNNY nods pointing over to three Asian males sitting in the front row, the middle one with his arm in plaster and face partially bandaged.

JOHNNY

That's them in the front row. The one in the middle was the leader but all three of them looked like they were having a right good laugh bullying the young couple seated behind them

RAYNER

So you say Mister Hodges but I'd appreciate it if you would keep your opinions to yourself as to who was the leader and if they really were bullying the young couple as you say. Just stick to the facts as they happened if you don't mind

JOHNNY

But those are the facts. Trust me I know what I saw and all three were bullying the young couple who'll tell you the same when they give their account of what happened that day. Two of them were molesting the young girl touching her up and pushing her against the car feeling her up and down while she was struggling shouting for help as the other one slapped her boyfriend around before ripping his shopping bag open kicking his stuff all over the place like it was nothing. How would you like

it if three strange blokes grabbed hold of you fondling you up and down in all the wrong places? Mind you, you'd probably enjoy it

JUDGE DAVIS

(interrupting JOHNNY behind a brief background of laughter)

Mister Hodges. Any more untoward comments like that and I will have no choice but to hold you in contempt of court. I will not tolerate my courtroom to be turned into a comedy stage for amateur performers. Do I make myself clear?

JOHNNY

Crystal clear your honour and I apologise but I feel he's winding me up all the time without giving me a chance to tell my part of the story

JUDGE DAVIS

Well of course he is. He's a prosecutor and his job is to wind people up. The trick is not to get snagged on his hook too deeply. Now please can we proceed?

RAYNER

Thank you your honour. So moving on from where we left off. What did you do next?

JOHNNY

I warned them to stop what they were doing or else I'd stop them myself. The one holding the girl approached me going for something in his pocket so I got in first with one punch to his face and a kick in his bollocks and he went down like a sack of potatoes as Geoff and Tel dragged me away listening to them shouting that they was going to kill me

RAYNER

So what happened in the supermarket?

JOHNNY

After I bought I bought a barbecued chicken and a bottle of Glenlivet for home I went to the toilets for a quick leak when Mouhtadi walks out of one of the cubicles shouting come on then you white fucker. Let's see how hard you are now without your mates round you. He pulled a knife from his jacket pocket and tried to stab me with it just missing my face by an

inch or so and that's when I just lost it. All I remember was grabbing his arm hard enough to push him off balance back into the cubicle punching and kicking him like mad which is where I must have accidentally stabbed him

RAYNER

I take it you mean you accidentally stabbed Mister Mouhtadi a total of six times, two times in his face nearly blinding him. Mister Hodges. That was some accident by any stretch of the imagination was it not?

JOHNNY

It might look that way but when a bloke pulls a knife on you looking like he's going to kill you. I tell you you'll do anything you can to stop him from stabbing you so I did what I had to do. He was the one who attacked me first forcing me to defend myself as best as I could

RAYNER

(pausing as he looks at JUDGE DAVIS sighing)

I have further questions your honour

JUDGE DAVIS

You may step down Mister Hodges

JOHNNY nods to the judge as he exits the witness box.

FADE OUT – CUE IN TITLES CREDITS AND MUSIC WHICH IS BABYLONS BURNING BY THE RUTS ACCOMPANIED BY A POWERFUL SEQUENCE OF HISTORICAL WORLD EVENTS HIGHLIGHTING THE UNIQUE LONGSTANDING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UK AND USA. – the White House - the Houses of Parliament - Union Jacks and Stars and Stripes - the first world war – English and Americans fighting in the trenches – the rise of Hitler rebuilding Germany – the invasion of Poland – the blitz and battle of Britain – the Japanese attacking Pearl Harbour – the D –Day invasion and the bitter fight to Berlin – the unfolding horrors of the Holocaust – the Americans fighting in the Pacific – Eisenhower Churchill and Stalin posing for the camera – Hitler and Evan Braun committing suicide in the bunker – the Red flag flying over Berlin – peace in Europe - the atomic bombs dropping on Hiroshima and Nagasaki - the fear of global nuclear war – Kennedy and Kruschev and the space race – the assassination of John and Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King – the race riots in the deep south- the national guard water cannons and

the Klu Klux Klan – the peace march on Washington – the Black Panthers and Muhammad Ali - the Vietnam war – acid dope and rock music – Beatles Stones Doors Dylan – Charlie Manson - moors murderers Myra Hindley and Ian Brady – the start of the troubles between the IRA and the British – skinheads punks and rude boys – the dawn of Thatcher – the Falklands war – miners strikes - the Poll tax riots – the wars in the middle east – Saudi oil fields burning for weeks – Saddam Hussein and General Gaddafi – the UK and USA invade unaware of the consequences and the emergence of the suicide bomber and Islamic militancy and Bin Laden – US embassies bombed - the 911 twin towers – the London bus bombing - public beheading of innocent hostages working in the middle – vehement anti British Muslim demonstrations on UK streets and the gruesome murder of the young soldier Lee Rigby in London hacked to death by black Muslim extremists – the rapid rise of ISIS and the attacks in France Turkey and Belgium - and finally the sequence ends where all the madness started with George Bush and Tony Blair shaking hands assuring the world that they will destroy all weapons of mass destruction and the surreal sight of Donald Trump being sworn in as the new president of the united states of America.

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