BODYGUARD Episode 4

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- 09:59:30 VT CLOCK (30 secs) World Productions Bodyguard Episode 4 - DRIC924E/02
- 09:59:57 CUT TO BLACK
- 10:00:00 SUPER CAPTION: **PREVIOUSLY**

Music 10:00:00

DUR: 2'46".

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David shows his warrant card to the Train Guard.

DAVID Sergeant David Budd, Metropolitan Police.

David gazes out of the window at the platform and glimpses a young Asian man (the Subject) on the platform.

GUARD (V.O.)

British Transport Police have put out an alert on a possible suicide bomber attempting to board a London-bound service.

David moves to the toilet door and sees the VACANT sign. He pushes open the door.

David is shocked to see a Muslim woman in her 20s wearing traditional dress -- Nadia Ali. She's hyperventilating, pumped up ready to act. She wears a coat over her robes. There's a suicide vest over robes under her coat. In one hand is a trigger with a wire leading inside her sleeve. She grips the trigger, ready to squeeze it.

> DAVID (CONT'D) Don't do that! Please don't do that! Please! Just stay still. Stay still.

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10:00:11 TITLE CARD: BODYGUARD

DAVID (V.O.) The man that was in here before?

CUT TO:

David with Nadia. Nadia holds the trigger ready to squeeze it.

DAVID (CONT'D) Is that your husband? Nadia nods. Yes. DAVID (CONT'D) And your husband wants you to die? She starts to panic a little more. So does David. Tears trickle from Nadia's eye. CUT TO BLACK: 10:00:18 SUPER CAPTION: RICHARD MADDEN CUT TO: David on his laptop looking at her voting record. Then watching her on TV. JULIA I can't see any justification for believing the Taliban would govern Afghanistan in peace and harmony, or Iraqi insurgents would ever have formed a stable democracy. That doesn't require apologising for the past. David rewinds the interview. Looks dark. JULIA (CONT'D) (V.O.) ... That doesn't require apologising for the past. In a drawer David digs under clothes to find an illegal pistol. David has removed a panel. He places the gun inside. He replaces the panel. David and Julia. Close. Kisses. They snog for a few seconds. She breaks off, fixes him an intense look. JULIA I know you'll never let anything bad happen to me. DAVID (V.O.) You said it. David with Andy. DAVID (CONT'D) Out in Helmand.

C/U David. DAVID (CONT'D) If you ever found yourself right beside one of those ... David primes the illegal pistol. DAVID (CONT'D) ... bastards that sent us out there, you'd just close your eyes and pull the trigger... David on the roof. David crosses a metal gantry and then turns off sharply to his right, out of shot. David's anxiety builds. He's trembling. But then he acts. DAVID ARMED POLICE! It's Andy. ANDY You've got to finish the job. David wakes, and is on her, grabbing the hem of her nightdress with each hand and then folding it up and crossing his hands hard across the top of her chest so that the nightdress strangles her. She gasps and chokes, clawing at him. His eyes are dead, asleep. He keeps the pressure on. She starts to wilt. She seems to be letting out her last gasps. CUT TO BLACK: 10:01:01 SUPER CAPTION: KEELEY HAWES JULIA (V.O.) Whatever your training has made you, it's out of control... CUT TO: DAVID No. I'm fine, Julia.

> JULIA No... You are far from fine.

CUT TO BLACK: |

10:01:08 SUPER CAPTION: GINA MCKEE SOPHIE RUNDLE VINCENT FRANKLIN LONGCROSS (O.S.) We've taken the liberty of... CUT TO: Longcross opens a jiffy bag and takes out a tablet. He passes Julia a single sheet document as well. David is highly suspicious and curious about what he's hearing. LONGCROSS (CONT'D) ... providing you with a tablet. So the material can't be traced to your own devices. David steps into the corridor as Longcross starts heading away from Julia's door towards the Armed Officers at the end of the corridor. DAVID I need to ask you to identify yourself? LONGCROSS Richard Longcross. Julia reads the file on the tablet intently. We only get glimpses but it's pretty juicy stuff: ... 50 units a week ... serious sexual assault ... SAMPSON (V.O.) They're feeding her intelligence they're keeping from us! And we move to Craddock's office. SAMPSON What is she up to? Looks at David. SAMPSON (O.S.) (CONT'D) You need to find out. Julia goes into the building carrying a file, observed by David, let in by a member of staff. David glimpses the Prime Minister appearing from

deep inside to greet Julia.

PRIME MINISTER

Julia?

JULIA Prime Minister.

PRIME MINISTER This is unexpected...

Roger with Mike at no.10.

ROGER

Julia's snatching the key to No. 10. We need to do something, fast.

HUNTER-DUNN Who the hell does she think she is?

Longcross nods in agreement.

LONGCROSS Do you want a plan put in place?

CUT TO BLACK:

10:01:35 SUPER CAPTION: PAUL READY NICHOLAS GLEAVES STUART BOWMAN

CUT TO:

Julia takes David's hand.

JULIA I want you right beside me, not because it's your job, but because it's our choice.

Tahir with Julia. David watches.

TAHIR If you fulfil your engagement at St. Matthew's, you'd get the exposure you need.

JULIA I'm sure the police would take a different view.

Tahir and David's eyes meet. A look passes between them that could be acknowledgement, or could be complicity.

SAMPSON This is a very, very dangerous politician. Someone who must be stopped. David reacts. CUT TO BLACK: 10:01:54 SUPER CAPTION: DAVID WESTHEAD NINA TOUSSAINT-WHITE ASH TANDON ANJLI MOHINDRA CUT TO: Tahir on his phone. TAHIR (Into phone.) What do you want? David keys his phone. It looks like he could credibly have just finished a call. All his conflicts are playing out in his face. David reaches the door at the back, where Tom remains. DAVID (V.O.) (Whispers.) You see anyone out there? TOM (Whispers.) No. DAVID (Whispers.) Stay put. CUT TO BLACK: 10:02:04 SUPER CAPTION: CREATED AND WRITTEN BY JED MERCURIO DAVID (V.O.) What's in the briefcase? TAHIR (V.O.) Research files. CUT TO: On David.

DAVID Show me. Tahir cracks open the case. David looks inside coldly while Tahir sweats. David is completely matter-of-fact. Kim comes out of the auditorium to investigate. She approaches David. KIM (O.S.) Everything okay, Skipper? DAVID False alarm. David starts running towards the stage. His POV Kim moving fast towards the stage Julia sees Kim approaching. An explosion consumes Julia. The blast throws David back and the smoke fills the auditorium. CUT TO BLACK: 10:02:20 SUPER CAPTION: PRODUCED BY ERIC COULTER PRISCILLA PARISH CUT TO: SOPHIE RAWORTH (T.V.) The Home Secretary Julia Montague was among those injured in the blast at St. Matthew's College. ROGER (V.O.) (To David.) I heard there were security breaches from the word go. What the hell happened? David just looks at him bitterly. And Mike steps up. DAVID A search team swept the auditorium twice. Everything was clear. ROGER Well it wasn't, was it!

SO15 Control Room.

	SHARMA After today's incident, we can't rule out a connection SAMPSON (V.O.) Suggesting the gunman had at least one accomplice. David steps out into the night. More ambulances are arriving with the last of the casualties. David struggles to process what's happened,	
	utterly devastated.	
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10:02:41	SUPER CAPTION: DIRECTED BY JOHN STRICKLAND	 X
	CUT TO:	A Music Ends 10:02:46
10:02:43	EXT. MAJOR TRAUMA CENTRE. LATER THAT NIGHT. NIGHT	Music 10:02:43 DUR: 0'58".
	The hospital is lit up with blue lights of police patrol cars and the lights from the TV crews.	Specially composed.
	TV news crews deliver reports from outside the police cordon/checkpoints that control access to the Emergency Department, their dialogue overlapping.	
	And mostly under the police sirens and music.	
	TV NEWS REPORTER 1 (0.S.) All inquiries are being referred to Downing Streetbut so far No. 10 have made no official statement except (to say they are deeply shocked by the attack and are hoping for the recovery of all those injured in the blast including the Home Secretary. It's thought that the Home Secretary's ex-husband and current Government Chief Whip, Roger Penhaligon, has arrived at the hospital and is being briefed on his ex-wife's condition. Counter Terrorism Minister Mike Travis was also seen arriving). TV NEWS REPORTER 2 (overlapping) (JESIP, the Joint Emergency Services Interoperability	

Programme, has declared a Critical Incident at St. Matthew's College. Emergency Services remain on the scene, including bomb disposal officers of the Metropolitan Police Explosive Ordnance Unit. So far we are being advised that no further devices have been detected but a cordon remains round the building) and the public are being advised to stay away from the Bloomsbury area of London. David sees a convoy of police vehicles pull up -- two patrol cars on blue lights and an unmarked car on blue lights. TV NEWS REPORTER 1 (CONT'D) (Overlapping) (Among the most critically injured was Home Secretary Julia Montague who appeared to be launching a leadership bid) and we're also being advised by hospital officials Ms. Montague's currently undergoing major surgery... Armed police guard all the entrances and exits, carrying carbines. Sharma gets out of the unmarked car. Deeply anguished, David steps out of the shadows and takes in the scene. Sharma heads towards the police cordon flashing his warrant card at armed uniformed officers manning it. SHARMA DCI Sharma. Sharma continues into the hospital. TV NEWS REPORTER 2 (CONT'D) The Metropolitan Police is on high alert across London with off duty officers being called in from home to help in the urgent quest to identify and round up any accomplices... His phone rings. He sees it's Vicky again plus a list of missed calls from her and unplayed voicemails. He declines the call.

David makes a sharp exit before he's seen. CUT TO: 10:03:31 INT. MAJOR TRAUMA CENTRE. SURGICAL WAITING AREA. MOMENTS LATER. NIGHT This is a space with a clinical look adjacent to clinical areas. Hence medical personnel coming and going. Also armed police on guard. Enter Sharma. Flashes his warrant. HOSPITAL TANNOY (O.S.) Trauma call, E.T.A. 15 minutes. Trauma call, E.T.A. 15 minutes. Tom Fenton is waiting. Tom's minor facial and hand lacerations have been dressed with Steristrips or he's had a few stitches put in. He's low and traumatised. A uniformed PC is with him. Х Music Ends 10:03:41 SHARMA P.C. Tom Fenton? DCI Deepak Sharma, SO15.

TOM

Sir.

SHARMA

Sorry this is crap timing, mate, but I was trying to form a picture of the events surrounding the explosion. Witnesses have already told us one of your Principal's aides, Tahir Mahmood, appeared at the side of the stage, and that he was carrying a briefcase...?

TOM

I didn't have eyes on that myself, sir.

SHARMA What about afterwards -- anything from Mahmood?

TOM No, sir. He died instantly.

SHARMA What do you recall about the final moments before the explosion?

Beat.

TOM

Kim -- PC Knowles -- she approached the stage. That's when the device went off. I was looking towards PS Budd, to get a... a steer on what was going on.

SHARMA

(Makes notes.) What about Budd?

TOM

I'm a bit in the dark on that, sir. He left the auditorium and when he came back in that's when Mahmood appeared on the stage.

SHARMA What was Budd doing outside?

TOM

I don't know, sir.

SHARMA

That's unusual, though, isn't it? More than a coincidence?

TOM (Doesn't know. Can't help.) I'm so sorry, sir.

SHARMA

Look. Before you go off duty I need you to write up a first account. Everything you can remember, everything.

Sharma nods to the PC to escort Tom away.

TOM

Okay, sir.	Music 10:04:57
SHARMA (To armed Police Officer) Thanks.	DUR: 0'54". Specially composed.
Exit Tom.	
Sharma reviews his notes, suspicions building.	
LAURA KUENSSBERG (ON TV)(V.O.) Amid the profound sense of shock here tonight	
CUT TO:	

10:05:03 INT. COBALT SQUARE. SO15. MEETING ROOM. LATER THAT NIGHT. NIGHT

Sampson watches the TV News report.

Laura Kuenssberg gives a report:

LAURA KUENSSBERG (ON TV) ...two big straightforward questions are being asked. First... Was Julia Montague the intended target of this attack? And second... Was she just moments...

CUT TO:

10:05:15 INT. COBALT SQUARE. SO15. INCIDENT ROOM. LATER THAT NIGHT. NIGHT

Rayburn and other members of the team sombrely watch a TV news report.

LAURA KUENSSBERG (ON TV) ...away from launching a bid to take over No. 10? On that first question the answer is we simply do not know. On the second... Well for many months there have been deepening divisions between her and the Prime Minister. The two at odds over their approach to security. With the Home Secretary pushing a more hard line stance with the controversial bill RIPA18.

Enter Sharma towards the end of the report. An officer sees him enter and calls out to Rayburn.

SO15 OFFICER 3 (OVERLAPPING)

Sarge.

Rayburn turns.

RAYBURN

Boss.

And switches off the TV.

RAYBURN (CONT'D)

Over here.

She leads him straight to a computer screen. Others gather round too. SO15 Officer 3 operates the computer to show video. SO15 OFFICER 3 (Off nod from Rayburn.) All the TV cameras were trained on the Home Secretary. We have this wider view from a CCTV camera.

The video plays.

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Music Ends 10:05:51

10:05:53 INT. ST. MATTHEW'S COLLEGE. AUDITORIUM. DAY

SCREEN INSERT INTO PRECEDING/FOLLOWING SCENE: Julia delivers her speech from the stage. Pictures only, no sound.

She looks into the wings. We can see Tahir.

Kim approaches the stage. David follows. Julia continues her speech.

Julia eyes David.

The stage erupts in an instant. Bright light, then a curtain of smoke.

CUT TO:

10:06:00 INT. SO15. INCIDENT ROOM. CONTINUOUS. NIGHT

Everyone reacts sombrely to the video.

SHARMA Show us frame by frame on the explosion.

SO15 Officer 3 complies. Everyone studies the screen intently as it shows Julia noticing Tahir in the wings. The first moment after the explosion is revealed on a single frame and it expands so quickly the point of origin is unclear. The stage buckles under their feet and flying debris obscures the briefcase.

> RAYBURN From this angle it's unclear if the explosion originated from the briefcase.

SHARMA You've shared this with Fort Halstead?

RAYBURN

Yeah.

SHARMA One for them to figure out. (To Team.) Ta. Sharma indicates for Rayburn to step away with him. SHARMA (CONT'D) You got a location on Budd? RAYBURN On it, sir, then we'll get him straight in for a statement. SHARMA (Beat. Thoughtful.) Not just yet.

Rayburn's intrigued by Sharma's seemingly strategic response.

CUT TO:

10:06:34 EXT. STREET OUTSIDE DAVID'S FLAT. LATER THAT NIGHT. NIGHT

David walks across the estate. His phone rings. He sees it's Vicky again plus a list of missed calls from her and unplayed voicemails. He declines the call. He turns a corner and sees a gathering of police outside his flat.

> RAYBURN In the concealed files.

> > UNIFORMED OFFICER

Sarge!

Rayburn turns.

RAYBURN

David.

David's forced to comply. He sees a search team and reacts with instant anxiety.

DAVID

What's going on?

RAYBURN

We're tracking communications involving the Home Secretary's inner circle in case they were compromised.

DAVID

Okay...

RAYBURN We're looking for anything that might help us. (Starts writing in her notebook.) Are you okay to consent to us taking all of your phones, computers and any other relevant devices you've been using for work?

DAVID

Uh...

RAYBURN

(Still writing.) And it'd be a big help if we could also search your address please. It's not a POLSA search or anything that detailed.

She offers him the notebook and her pen. (She's written that she's requesting consent for the search.) David knows he's got to cooperate or else it's highly suspicious.

DAVID

Sure. Anything to help.

David signs the notebook and she takes it back.

Rayburn holds out her hand. Beats. David gives her his keys. Rayburn signals to the search team -- one takes the keys and they open the front door and start filing into the flat.

Rayburn puts on blue gloves and opens an evidence bag.

RAYBURN

Cheers. (beat) And the phone.

Having no choice, David drops his phone in the bag.

RAYBURN (CONT'D)

Ta.

Rayburn heads into the flat.

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RAYBURN (CONT'D) Right let's get on with it.

Alone, under the watchful gaze of a couple of PCs, David looks very edgy. CUT TO: 10:07:50 INT. DAVID'S FLAT. DOWNSTAIRS. MOMENTS LATER. NIGHT A desktop, a laptop and a tablet are bagged in evidence by teams wearing white suits and blue gloves. RAYBURN Bag up that computer and any other devices he has lying around. CUT TO: 10:08:01 INT. DAVID'S FLAT. BATHROOM. MOMENTS LATER. NIGHT One of them goes into the bathroom and starts searching through his overnight bag. Another checks the boiler while another officer bags David's clothes. CUT TO: 10:08:07 EXT. DAVID'S FLAT. NIGHT David waits to enter his flat. We hear a voice call out. OFFICER (O.S.) Sarge! David reacts. CUT TO: 10:08:15 INT. DAVID'S FLAT. UPSTAIRS. MOMENTS LATER. NIGHT The search team studies a paint mismatch on the panelling. Intrigued, Rayburn moves closer. RAYBURN Open it up. The officer removes the panel. It comes off easily. Rayburn peers down into the space behind. She feels around. It's empty. But her suspicions have been raised. CUT TO:

10:08:50 INT. COBALT SQUARE. SO15 INTERVIEW ROOM. LATER THAT NIGHT. NIGHT

David sits alone at the table. He's depressed and anguished. Being trapped inside four walls only serves to increase his agitation as he reflects on Julia's condition and the bombing.

Enter Sharma and Rayburn.

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SHARMA Mind if we crack on while everything's still fresh?

DAVID

Sir.

Rayburn pulls out her pocket book as they take their seats.

SHARMA

One of your CPOs, Tom Fenton's, provided us with a first account.

Sharma and Rayburn both refer to hard copies in their files.

RAYBURN

Fenton was on duty with you and PC Kimberley Knowles during the Home Secretary's speech.

DAVID

That's correct.

RAYBURN

Fenton recalled you and PC Knowles left the auditorium a short time before the explosion.

DAVID

Yes.

SHARMA

Why?

DAVID I uh, saw someone outside the auditorium. I went to investigate.

RAYBURN Someone acting suspiciously?

DAVID

That's what I went to investigate.

Who was this person?

DAVID What does Kim say? (Off their discomfort.) What?

RAYBURN

I'm sorry, David. Kimberly appears to have been very close by the stage when the device went off. She died of her injuries.

David is devastated. They give him a few beats to deal with his feelings.

SHARMA

Look, mate, you know how important this might be. Who was it?

DAVID (Beat. Very anguished.) Tahir Mahmood.

Shocked, Sharma and Rayburn both make a note. David looks very low and troubled, very anguished.

SHARMA

In what way was he behaving suspiciously?

DAVID

He wasn't. Or I'd have detained him.

SHARMA So, what was he up to?

DAVID

He needed to get information to the Home Secretary, he was looking for backstage access.

RAYBURN That's unusual, isn't it?

DAVID I wouldn't know.

SHARMA

A big speech. Some flunkie arsing about on stage kind of ruins the image, doesn't it? Music 10:09:52

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composed.

DAVID It's like I said. It's not my area.

RAYBURN Witnesses report Tahir Mahmood was carrying a briefcase.

DAVID Yes. He showed me the contents. (Beat.) Home Office documents.

SHARMA How thoroughly did you examine the briefcase?

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DAVID I inspected the contents.

RAYBURN "Inspected"?

DAVID I looked inside. Documents. Nothing else.

SHARMA Did you search Mahmood?

DAVID

If I saw grounds under Stop and Search, I'd have searched him. He was a vetted government aide going about official business.

RAYBURN So you didn't search him?

DAVID (Beat. Anguished.) No.

SHARMA

Some of the witnesses are informing us that the explosion originated from the briefcase.

David just looks even more anguished. Sharma pulls CCTV vidcaps out of her file -- the images from just before the auditorium.

RAYBURN

We've got these video captures of CCTV in the seconds before the attack.

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composed.

(Indicates vidcap.) As you can see, Knowles approached the stage.

DAVID

Yes.

SHARMA Looks like she's alarmed that Mahmood was up there.

DAVID

That's possible...

SHARMA

(Indicates vidcap.) And here's you, not so quick on the uptake.

DAVID

Like I said, I didn't think he posed a threat.

SHARMA Why did you say? "what did Kim say?"

David is silent.

SHARMA (CONT'D) You were the officer in command. You could've ordered him to be removed.

David just looks very anguished, exuding guilt and self pity. Sharma studies him then gestures for Rayburn to put away the images.

> SHARMA (CONT'D) This is the second attempt on the Home Secretary's life.

> > RAYBURN

(Off David's silence.) Following the Thornton Circus sniper attack.

SHARMA

Both times you were the PPO, the officer in charge of the Home Secretary's protection.

DAVID

Yes, sir.

Either you've got rotten luck, mate, or it's a coincidence.

DAVID

Yes, sir.

SHARMA I don't believe in coincidences.

DAVID I can't help you there, sir.

SHARMA Maybe you can help me with something else. Why the Home Secretary?

DAVID

Sir?

SHARMA

Not the Prime Minister. Or a softer target. You join her protection team and we've got Thornton Circus, we've got St. Matthew's College... What's gong on?

DAVID

The Home Secretary has been the Government's most visible spokesperson for national security since well before I was her PPO.

SHARMA

(Beats.) Louise. (Throws a look to Rayburn.)

RAYBURN

(Refers to files.) Thank you for providing access to your devices. We've only had time for an initial examination. Now there appears to be occasions when you turned off your mobile phone. Why is that, David?

DAVID Cannot be disturbed. (Shrugs.) Save battery.

Rayburn reacts.

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You're aware the effect is to deactivate the phone's GPS so your movements can't be tracked.

DAVID That's not the reason.

RAYBURN

You also carried out a search on the Home Secretary's parliamentary voting record.

SHARMA Yeah, why was that, David?

DAVID

Curiosity.

SHARMA

Your duty's to protect a politician regardless of their policies. What were you curious about?

DAVID

Nothing in particular.

Awkward beats. Both Sharma and Rayburn look more suspicious of David.

SHARMA

David, tell me something, why did you abscond from the hospital?

DAVID

"Abscond?" No, sir. I was with the Home Secretary. Government officials arrived... I was ordered to give them privacy.

SHARMA You just walked out.

RAYBURN Didn't report back to your unit,

didn't provide a statement...

SHARMA

Louise had to track you down.

DAVID Not hard, sir. Was it? I went home.

SHARMA Why weren't you assisting the inquiry?

DAVID

I just wanted to be alone.

SHARMA An inquiry into an act of terror perpetrated by someone you were the last police officer to be in close contact with?

David looks lost, very troubled. Sharma and Rayburn share a look. They're not buying David's story.

RAYBURN

David, is there something you're not revealing to us regarding the state of your mind before, during or after the attack?

DAVID

(Beats.) No.

Sharma and Rayburn study David. David is anguished and defeated, the walls closing in. Rayburn softens.

RAYBURN

Right. Well they're searching your flat. You got anywhere you could stay tonight? Anyone you can call?

DAVID

(Yeah). Yeah.

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CUT TO:

10:15:52 EXT. SAFE HOUSE. LATER THAT NIGHT. NIGHT

Rayburn watches from the street. David walks up to the door and knocks.

The door opens and Vicky appears on the threshold in a dressing gown.

PROTECTION OFFICER (O.S.) (Into Radio.) It's the husband. PS Budd.

DAVID

Sorry.

She lets David in.

He moves like a broken man.

PROTECTION OFFICER (O.S.) (Into Radio.) All secure here. Rayburn and Vicky make brief eye contact and then Vicky closes the door. Rayburn is conflicted about David's emotional state. CUT TO: 10:16:28 INT. SAFE HOUSE. LATER THAT NIGHT. NIGHT Still in her dressing gown, Vicky has a cup of tea with David. VICKY

After you hung up on me I kept trying to call you back.

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DAVID They took my phone as part of the investigation.

VICKY Why couldn't you just let me know you were okay?

DAVID

Cos I'm not.

She studies his misery, doesn't know how to deal with it or where it's coming from.

VICKY They've said one of the police officers was killed. Is it someone you knew well?

DAVID We worked together.

He keeps looking very low. She doesn't know what to say.

DAVID (CONT'D) Your new bloke. He gonna make a good dad?

VICKY You're their dad, Dave. You'll always be their dad.

David barely responds, vanishing into his own

space. She tries to comfort him. VICKY (CONT'D) David... DAVID It's my job to protect the Principal. Now she's in an operating theatre fighting for her life! He puts up a barrier, shuts her out. She's seen this before, and knows to give him space. VICKY Look. The sofa's made up for you. I need to go up. He nods. Nothing more. VICKY (CONT'D) We'll talk in the morning, yeah? DAVID (Yeah). She exits upstairs. Moments later we see David look upstairs. David finds a set of keys labelled "D's keys" in Vicky's handbag, takes them and exits. CUT TO: 10:18:34 INT. MAJOR TRAUMA CENTRE. SURGICAL WAITING AREA. LATER THAT NIGHT. NIGHT TV in waiting area. SIMON MCCOY (T.V.) ... after the emergency services

...after the emergency services were alerted at around 5 o'clock yesterday. There's now speculation that their initial findings suggest the incident bears similarities to recent acts of terror involving explosive devices such as the failed First of October rail attack. (continues under, background) (And the attack on Heath Bank Primary School in South London. Both those devices contained the powerful explosive substance TATP, tri-acetone triperoxide,

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and both those devices were found to be controlled by highly sophisticated electronic circuitry). David shows his warrant card to a Surgical Administrator. DAVID I'm the Home Secretary's Principal Protection Officer. Is there any news? SURGICAL ADMINISTRATOR I'll take care of this. She's still in the operating theatre. I can take your number and call if there's an update? DAVTD Thanks. I'll uh... I'll wait. He glances at the TV. And then takes a seat. SIMON MCCOY (T.V.) The police's biggest fear has always been that these devices represent the work of a single bomb-maker or a bomb-making terror cell. Officers from the Metropolitan Police's Counter Terrorism Branch, SO15, have been working round the clock to identify suspects but apart from the man and woman detained for their part in the First of October attack there have been no further arrests. The Met's head of counter terrorism, Commander Anne Sampson, has come under increasing pressure. However sources close to Commander Sampson have told BBC News that the Met are facing an extraordinary threat. Out on David. CUT TO: 10:19:37 INT. HOME OFFICE. LOBBY. NEXT DAY. DAY The lobby is guarded by armed officers at all entrances/exits.

Heading in, Sampson and her retinue all show their warrant cards to armed officers.

X Music Ends 10:19:46

SAMPSON

Commander Anne Sampson.

Sampson leads her retinue through.

CUT TO:

10:19:51 INT. HOME OFFICE. 4TH FLOOR. CONFERENCE ROOM. MOMENTS LATER. DAY

Protection officers guard the outside of the room. Inside Mike meets with Sampson and her cronies, Hunter-Dunn and his, plus the Perm Sec, the H of CT and the PPS.

MIKE

Thank you all for coming in. The PM's asked me to step up to Acting Home Secretary. Now it goes without saying, I'd never wish in a million years to assume this role under these circumstances, and I hope it's not long before Julia's able to retake the reins. And in the meantime my duty's very clear: to identify those responsible and neutralize any threats still at large. I know you'll all help me to do that.

The civil servants give their support.

HUNTER-DUNN

The Security Service is working round the clock. We'll continue to serve faithfully.

Hunter-Dunn is unusually subdued. Mike takes in Hunter-Dunn's manner. It's a significant beat between them. (Hunter-Dunn doesn't know that Mike knows he was feeding secret intelligence to Julia.)

Outside the Conference Room, Rob takes up a discreet position to follow events. He can't hear but he can see the projector screen.

MIKE I understand I.S. have put out a tweet...

HUNTER-DUNN

(Refers to file.)
"We salute our brothers who have
stuck a knife in the heart of the
British state."

SAMPSON

They're not actually claiming responsibility; plus the tweet's light on detail with no specific mention of the bomber.

Sampson seizes the opportunity to take charge. She operates the slide monitor with a remote control, bringing up images and reports of the St. Matthew's attack.

> SAMPSON (CONT'D) We're conducting a meticulous forensic examination of the crime scene and we've begun inspecting CCTV of the venue. So far only one suspicious individual has been detected, a presumptive suicide bomber killed instantly by the blast.

Sampson brings up an image of Tahir Mahmood, passport. Shock from the Home Office staff.

SAMPSON (CONT'D) Tahir Mahmood.

Mike looks utterly devastated, realising this is a PR catastrophe. Outside the Conference Room, Rob is shocked and confused. Ashen, he slips away.

MIKE

(To Permanent Secretary.) My God. How could it be someone from our own department? Aren't we meant to vet these people?

HUNTER-DUNN

(Off Perm Sec's hesitation.) The evidence incriminating Mahmood is still only circumstantial. He was vetted. Thoroughly. He had no terrorist associations whatsoever. How could he? He was cleared to work in the heart of government.

SAMPSON

We've only just begun examining Mahmood's communication history. Counter-terrorism officers have been carrying out raids throughout the night -- we've taken a number of Mahmood's family members into custody. It's too early to exclude

Music 10:21:06

DUR: 1'06". Specially composed.

	anyone or anything (To Hunter-Dunn, hard.) far too early.	
	HUNTER-DUNN The more pertinent question is how and why did the police officers responsible for the Home Secretary's safety fail to detect the bomb in the first place?	
	SAMPSON You're not listening, Stephen, the device wasn't planted beforehand, it was smuggled in by Mahmood.	
	HUNTER-DUNN You don't have proof yet and all I'm hearing, Anne, is you trying to point the finger at the Security Service.	
	MIKE For Godsake stop this! The country's relying on us to work together.	 X Music Ends 10:22:12
Hunter land.	-Dunn looks pissed off his blow didn't	
	SAMPSON Thank you. Now I know this is difficult for everyone to contemplate, but my officers need access to all staff associated with Mahmood.	
Mike l	ooks uncomfortable.	
	MIKE Naturally we will cooperate fully, but this must be in strictest confidence.	
	SAMPSON Absolutely.	
	MIKE This cannot get out. Cannot.	

HUNTER-DUNN (To Sampson, pointedly.) No leaks.

Move to Sampson.

SAMPSON

(Doesn't bite. To Mike.) The more we delve into this inquiry the more likely it seems all the recent terror events could be connected. In our view the probability is extremely high of a single bomb-maker. All these incidents could be connected under a single conspiracy. Accomplices to that conspiracy could still be at large, including the mastermind behind it all.

MIKE

Yes.

SAMPSON

I don't in the circumstances mean to sound unsympathetic, but it would help to know if the Home Secretary's wishes still apply regarding the Security Service taking the lead in these investigations?

MIKE

It's a police matter.

SAMPSON

Thank you very much.

Sampson looks satisfied. Hunter-Dunn looks bitter. Mike still looks uneasy.

MIKE (Generally.) Thanks.

With a nod from Mike, all the Home Office staff exit.

Sampson can't resist a dig.

SAMPSON New broom, Stephen. Seems the Acting Home Secretary's not as susceptible to the bullshit.

Exit Sampson and her retinue.

Hunter-Dunn fumes.

Music 10:23:39

CUT TO: 10:23:39 DUR: 0'28". Specially composed.

10:23:44 INT. HOME OFFICE. 4TH FLOOR. CONTINUOUS. DAY

Rob watches Sampson and her aides and then Hunter-Dunn and his leave. Rob sees Mike gesture to the Perm Sec, HoCT and PPS to be left alone as Mike shuts himself in his office looking devastated.

Then Mike catches sight of Rob. They both look very, very worried.

CUT TO:

10:24:05 INT. SAFE HOUSE. MOMENTS LATER. DAY

Vicky comes downstairs in her dressing gown.

X Music Ends 10:24:07

Music

10:24:24

composed.

DUR: 3'39". Specially

She goes into the living room. A duvet has been neatly folded next to pillows on the settee.

VICKY

David?

No answer.

No answer. Vicky looks very worried.

CUT TO:

10:24:19 INT. MAJOR TRAUMA CENTRE. SURGICAL WAITING AREA. LATER THAT DAY. DAY

Half asleep on a seat, David stirs as he sees the Surgical Administrator lead Roger and Julia's mother through the waiting area. David moves to follow.

> ROGER What the hell are you still doing here? You had your job, and you failed.

David stops dead, burns with resentment. The Surgical Administrator leads Roger and Julia's mother away.

> ROGER (CONT'D) (To Julia's mother.) I'm sorry.

David watches from afar as a consultant trauma surgeon, scrubs soaked in sweat, accompanied by solemn staff and officials, breaks the news to Roger and Julia's mother.

> ROGER (CONT'D) Roger Penhaligon.

TRAUMA SURGEON Hello. (Tiny beat. O.S.) We did everything we could. I am sorry. Julia's mother is devastated. Roger puts an arm round her. David looks on. In turmoil, he looks like a man who doesn't know what to do, where to go. He exits. PRIME MINISTER (V.O.) It is with the deepest regret... CUT TO: 10:25:13 INT. SO15. INCIDENT ROOM. LATER THAT DAY. DAY Sharma, Rayburn, and the rest of the team are watching TV. The Prime Minister gives an address outside No. 10: PRIME MINISTER (ON TV.) ... that I can confirm that despite the heroic efforts of our emergency services the Home Secretary Julia Montague... CUT TO: 10:25:22 EXT. DAVID'S FLAT. LATER THAT DAY. DAY David heads towards his flat, pulling out his spare keys. He wears an extremely dark expression. PRIME MINISTER (V.O.) (TV.) ... succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced dead a short while ago. I wish to express my Government's gratitude to those members of the Emergency Services who've rendered assistance and extend our deepest sympathies to every victim of yesterday's attack, which also claimed the life of our esteemed colleague, Julia Montague. CUT TO: 10:25:43 INT. SO15. INCIDENT ROOM. LATER THAT DAY. DAY

As before. PRIME MINISTER (V.O.) (ON TV.) Our thoughts and prayers go out to her friends and family at this tragic time. CUT TO: 10:25:48 INT. DAVID'S FLAT. BATHROOM. CONTINUOUS. DAY PRIME MINISTER (V.O.) (ON TV.) Yesterday's assault on our democratic process was a cowardly act perpetrated by individuals with no regard for our values of tolerance, respect and the rule of law. David unscrews a large spotlight on the ceiling to reveal a cavity above. He reaches in. Hidden there are an illegal firearm and a memory stick. David takes the illegal firearm, a Makarov pistol. CUT TO: 10:26:03 INT. SO15. INCIDENT ROOM. LATER THAT DAY. DAY As before. PRIME MINISTER (V.O.) (ON TV.) My Government and I will continue to be vigilant against these conspiracies which betray the unity of our nation. These plots do not always arise from outside our number. CUT TO: 10:26:16 EXT. DAVID'S FLAT. LATER THAT DAY. DAY David primes the pistol. PRIME MINISTER (V.O.) (ON TV.) Outside our community... CUT TO: 10:26:20 INT. SO15. INCIDENT ROOM. LATER THAT DAY. DAY

As before. PRIME MINISTER (V.O.) (ON TV.) ...some fester within --They switch off the TV. Rayburn studies the boards. All the major figures are displayed -- Julia, Tahir, Andy etc. Sharma and Rayburn ponder, gazing at the image

of Andy. The heading on the evidence boards changes from ATTEMPTED MURDER to MURDER OF JULIA MONTAGUE.

CUT TO:

10:26:28 INT. DAVID'S FLAT. MOMENTS LATER. DAY

Three envelopes stand up on a table addressed to Vicky, Ella and Charlie.

David enters holding the gun. He pauses for a while and looks at a photograph on a shelf.

David kneels.

He brings the gun up to his head, points it at his temple.

His hand trembles, he emits short breaths as he builds up the courage to pull the trigger...

He starts to sob uncontrollably. He lays the gun down.

His hands over his face as he weeps. His whole body tenses, he emits a louder sound as he prepares for the moment...

DAVID

Fuck!

He brings the gun up to his head, points it at his temple.

His finger tightens on the trigger...

David's POV a picture on the wall drawn by Charlie with little arrows to Me, Dad and Ella.

O.S. - He pulls the trigger. The shot rings out and a flash of blood and David slumps to the

floor.

CUT TO:

X Music Ends 10:28:03

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10:28:04 EXT. DAVID'S FLAT. MOMENTS LATER. DAY

Camera pans back from the exterior of the flats.

CUT TO:

10:28:13 INT. SO15. INCIDENT ROOM. MOMENTS LATER. DAY

Sharma enters urgently. Rayburn goes straight to him when she sees him.

RAYBURN Boss. We've got CCTV on Mahmood.

SHARMA

Great.

Rayburn leads Sharma to a computer station, where a number of officers are crowded round studying the CCTV on screen.

RAYBURN

Play again.

SO15 Officer 3 shows the video.

SCREEN INSERT INTO PRECEDING/FOLLOWING SCENE: Rob walks into view holing the briefcase.

He's about to enter a room and Tahir steps out. Rob stops Tahir. There's brief dialogue.

SHARMA

Is that the briefcase?

RAYBURN

Yes, sir. Just watch what happens next.

Then Rob hands Tahir the briefcase. Freeze frame.

Rayburn and the others have seen this before but Sharma sees this for the first time.

SHARMA

Shit.

Turns to SO15 Officer.

SHARMA (CONT'D) Play on.

SO15 Officer 3 continues the video.

SCREEN INSERT INTO PRECEDING/FOLLOWING SCENE: There's more dialogue between Rob and Tahir. Tahir handles the briefcase resentfully and exits to catch up with Julia.

Rob watches him go with a dark expression.

RAYBURN (O.S) We're going through the Palace of Westminster Security to ID him.

SHARMA Thanks, Louise.

Rayburn moves off. Sharma stares at Rob's freeze-frame, knowing the tension's racking up. Sharma moves off.

CUT TO:

10:29:09 INT. NEW SCOTLAND YARD. SAMPSON'S OFFICE. MOMENTS LATER. DAY

Sampson's Assistant enters.

ASSISTANT (O.S.) Ma'am. DCI Sharma.

Enter Sharma.

SHARMA

Ma'am.

Sharma crosses to Sampson. Shows Sampson a personnel file on Rob.

SHARMA (CONT'D) Rob Macdonald. He's worked at the Home Office for three years, the last two as Special Advisor to Julia Montague.

SAMPSON Why is he of interest?

Sharma shows Sampson the vidcap of Rob handing the briefcase over to Tahir.

SHARMA Just a couple of hours before the bombing.

Sampson looks edgy. Sharma does too. They're

both aware of the political fallout.

SHARMA (CONT'D) We understand Macdonald's at the Home Office now. Louise Rayburn's on standby to bring him in.

Sampson isn't forthcoming with a yes.

Sharma looks at her questioningly, his frustration showing.

SHARMA (CONT'D)

Ma'am?

SAMPSON I've only just got the Home Office back on side. Leave this with me, Music 10:29:48 if that's okay, Deepak. DUR: 0'32". Specially Sharma doesn't take it well. He gives a grudging composed. nod and exits. Sampson looks very troubled. She goes to the phone, hesitantly. ASSISTANT (O.S.) (Out of phone.) Yes, Ma'am? SAMPSON (Into phone.) Put me through to Mike Travis at the Home Office... ASSISTANT (O.S.) (Out of phone.) Ma'am. CUT TO: 10:30:17 EXT./INT. DAVID'S FLAT/VICKY'S CAR. MOMENTS LATER. DAY Vicky has parked up outside David's flat. She Х Music Ends gets out of her car still wearing a jacket over 10:30:20 her nurse's uniform. She climbs the stairs that lead to David's flat. She approaches the front door. She looks worried as she rings the bell.

No answer.

VICKY Dave! It's me! Vicky knocks on the door.

David!

No answer.

Vicky moves to the window. She can't see in because the blinds are closed. She raps on the glass.

VICKY (CONT'D)

No answer. Vicky bangs on the door harder.

VICKY (CONT'D) David, I know you took my keys. (On Vicky.) David I've been phoning you all morning! I'm worried about you! Look. Open the door! Or I will call the police!

Vicky steps back, not knowing what's going to happen. She's very worried, very tense. She hears a noise

She moves quickly to the door. And looks through the letterbox.

VICKY (CONT'D) Dave, is that you?

No answer.

VICKY (CONT'D) Look open the door or I mean it I will call the police!

Tense beats. Vicky is on edge waiting for something to happen. She hears the key turn in the lock and the door opens.

We don't see what Vicky sees -- only her look of shock and horror.

VICKY (CONT'D)

CUT TO:

10:31:37 INT. DAVID'S FLAT. KITCHEN/LOUNGE. MOMENTS LATER. DAY

Dave!

Vicky carefully washes out the wound on the side of David's head. There's a bruise, a burn and foreign material stuck in his scalp that she plucks out with pincers. There's also a trickle of dried blood from his ipsilateral ear canal. VICKY (Of stuff she's plucking out.) What is this stuff? DAVID Brass fragments. VICKY Fragments of what? DAVID From the case. VICKY What case? DAVID The bullet case. She's shocked as she realises he's shot himself, Music 10:32:14 then angry. DUR: 1'54". Specially VICKY composed. Oh, my God... Dave, what the fuck. She see's 3 enveloped addressed to Vicky, Ella and Charlie. She lets out a gasp/cry of shock and anger, possibly some incoherent words. VICKY (CONT'D) What about... What about Ella and Charlie. DAVID I... (Trails off, anguished.) VICKY I'm taking you straight to the hospital. DAVID No. No one can know about this. VICKY There is a burn and a bruise and it looks like you've ruptured your eardrum. DAVID They'll heal, won't they?

VICKY Yes, Dave, in time -- but -- Jesus Christ, you cannot keep pretending that you're okay. Dave, you shot yourself. DAVID Not quite. (Beat.) It was a blank round. VICKY Well, why did you use a blank? DAVID I didn't know it was. Tense, horrible silence between them. DAVID (CONT'D) I don't know how that could've happened... David looks very confused by it all. Vicky doesn't know what to say. DAVID (CONT'D) Right, Vic. You better go. The kids, eh. VICKY There's no way I am leaving you here like this. He shows resistance, but she faces him down. JUSTIN WEBB (V.O.) Waterloo Station was closed while bomb disposal officers were called to investigate a suspect package. CUT TO: 10:33:47 EXT. LONDON MONTAGE. DAY/NIGHT

Various GVs of the city transitioning from day to night.

Police car blues and twos with two police officers on foot.

MARTHA KEARNEY (V.O.) The alert proved to be a false alarm and services resumed this evening, though there will be

delays due to the earlier disruption. Later, dark now. Police car parked up two officers in high viz jackets. Uniformed officers running. NICK ROBINSON (V.O.) A terror cell is still at large; the palpable fear on the streets of London is that the bomb-maker will construct more devices. Newsstand with Evening Papers. Headline - KILLED IN HER PRIME - WAS MONTAGUE TO BE PM? MISHAL HUSAIN (V.O.) A terror alert at Vauxhall Bridge was another false alarm yet all police leave remains cancelled until further notice. CUT TO: 10:34:05 INT. SAFE HOUSE. KITCHEN/ LIVING ROOM. SAME TIME. NIGHT In the kitchen, Vicky whispers into her mobile phone. Door closed but you can see through to the dining area through the glazing. VICKY (Into phone.) Look. I'm really sorry. I can't Х tonight. A friend's come over. Music Ends 10:34:08 (Listens. Glances at David.) She's having a bit of a crisis... (Listens.) David eats takeaway pizza out of the boxes with Ella and Charlie. David wears a baseball style hat to cover his head wound. The kids keep staring at his hat. David catches the kids staring at his hat. ELLA Why are you wearing that? DAVID

> ELLA You don't normally wear a hat indoors.

It keeps my head warm.

CHARLIE You said it's silly. DAVID Then I'm being silly. The pizza good? ELLA It's nice. CHARLIE It's okay. The kids tuck in. David gazes at them and starts to well up. Charlie looks up and sees. CHARLIE (CONT'D) Dad, what's wrong? DAVID Nothing. I just need a hug. David opens his arms and his kids come in for a Music 10:34:47 hug. He grips them tightly and tears roll down DUR: 1'15". his cheeks. Specially composed. ELLA Dad? Are you all right? DAVID I just did something silly today. CHARLIE Wearing the hat? DAVID That too. David hugs them tighter. DAVID (CONT'D) I love you both very much. David looks happy to be alive. Vicky sees. She's very touched, and glad. DAVID (CONT'D) Right. Come on, Pizza. Vicky comes into the dining room and sits beside David. Sips her wine.

CUT TO: | 10:35:38 EXT. LONDON EYE. NIGHT Mike POV as he looks down from his office. ANNITA MCVEIGH (O.S.) (TV VOICE OVER.) In her political career Julia Montague was a divisive figure. In the weeks before her assassination, she was best known for spearheading the controversial RIPA-18 bill... CUT TO: 10:35:48 INT. HOME OFFICE. JULIA'S OFFICE. LATER THAT NIGHT. NIGHT Mike waits tensely, watching rolling news on TV. MONTAGE ON TV: Images of Julia, images of the St. Matthews attack, a queue of people lined up to sign a book of condolence in a church. ANNITA MCVEIGH (T.V.) (CONT'D) ... through the House of Commons. Her stance on national security issues made her a target of protests by civil liberties groups. Ms. Montague was the target of an earlier, assassination attempt by a gunman who fired shots at her ministerial car. Х Music Ends (Continues in background) 10:36:02

Rob knocks on the door. Enter Rob. Mike switches off the TV.

MIKE

Shut the door, Rob.

Rob shuts the door behind him.

MIKE (CONT'D) I've had a call from Anne Sampson, SO15 Commander. They want to go over some things with you.

Immediately Rob gets very tense.

Mike turns off the TV.

ROB

Just me or? (Off Mike's look.) Oh, Christ, Mike, Jesus Christ...

MIKE

Look, mate, Sampson was at pains to point out she doesn't want to jeopardise our working relationship -- guarantees complete discretion this is a voluntary interview --

ROB

It wasn't even my idea!

MIKE

-- a voluntary interview and consent to forensic searches.

ROB

Searches for what?

MIKE

They need to examine your home and vehicle for traces of explosives.

ROB

What? Mike? Seriously?

MIKE

Look, okay? No one needs to know anything about it. We'll get you the best solicitor.

ROB

For Godsake! What? Mike!? Why is this all on me? Are they gonna interview you?

MIKE

I said enough. They won't find anything. There's a simple, plausible story for you to stick to. And you will stick to it.

Rob looks anguished. Mike faces him down.

CUT TO:

10:37:01 INT. SAFE HOUSE. LATER THAT DAY. DAY

David eats some lunch barely picking at his food on the kitchen table. Vicky's in her uniform, gathering her things to leave for work.

Vicky's minder gets a radio message.

POLICE (RADIO)(O.S.) We've got post Emma. You all right to come and pick it up? We're down at the end of the road

VICKY'S MINDER (O.S.) (into radio.) On my way.

Vicky comes downstairs.

VICKY'S MINDER (CONT'D) I'll be back in a sec.

And she steps out of the door. Vicky goes into the dining room.

VICKY You've barely eaten.

DAVID I need to get back to work.

VICKY You're not well enough.

DAVID Something's going on, something I can't figure out.

VICKY What makes you say that?

DAVID

Someone tampered with my gun. It was behind a skirting board, then I shifted it ... Someone had access to my flat, carried out a thorough search...

VICKY The police searched your flat.

DAVID

If they found an illegal firearm, they'd seize it, they wouldn't just change out the bullets for blanks ... No, this was someone else, someone with expertise ... someone with an agenda...

VICKY Who would that be?

David reflects. He looks like he's got an idea.

David looks very troubled. So does she.

CUT TO:

10:37:57 INT. SO15. INTERVIEW ROOM. NEXT DAY. DAY

Sharma and Rayburn interview Rob, accompanied by a very posh-looking Solicitor. Rob's had time to prepare with his Solicitor and is a bit calmer now but the tension still breaks through when he's under pressure.

SHARMA

(With resentment, to DIR.) For the DIR Mr Macdonald is being interviewed on a voluntary basis and has chosen to be accompanied by a solicitor.

Rob senses Sharma's hostility. Rayburn's more mollifying.

RAYBURN Thank you for assisting our inquiry.

ROB Anything to help, anything at all.

RAYBURN

Let's start with the attack on St. Matthew's College. What were your movements that day, sir?

ROB Commons that morning, then back to the Home Office.

RAYBURN You didn't travel with the Home Secretary and her team?

ROB

Unfortunately I couldn't. There's uhm, too much to deal with following the vote on the RIPA-'18 bill.

RAYBURN More like "fortunately".

Rob doesn't bite on that.

SHARMA You normally skip big speeches? ROB

I was frustrated not to be there but I was needed in the office.

Sharma doesn't look convinced. He throws a look to Rayburn. She lays out vidcaps of the scene between Rob and Tahir in the Central Lobby.

RAYBURN

For the DIR I'm showing Mr Macdonald video capture images from the Palace of Westminster. Who are seen in these images?

ROB I am and Tahir Mahmood.

RAYBURN And how would you describe your relationship with Tahir Mahmood?

ROB

Good.

SHARMA Why are you lying to us, Mr Macdonald?

ROB'S SOLICITOR

My client is telling the truth. Provide some basis for that question or kindly withdraw it.

Rayburn lays out a transcript in front of Rob.

RAYBURN

A forensic lip-reader has examined the CCTV and according to her transcript the conversation between you appears acrimonious.

ROB

Politics is a high stress business. There are words and then it's all forgotten over a few beers.

ROB'S SOLICITOR

(To Rob.) Therefore it is truthful to say that you had a good relationship with Mahmood.

ROB But I didn't know him well. We weren't close. Again Sharma doesn't look convinced. Rob's tension racks up. ROB (CONT'D) (Unsettled.) Obviously we're all extremely shocked to think he might be involved. Sharma shows Rob the vidcaps of the briefcase handover. Rob looks ashen. SHARMA So, what's going on here then, Mr Macdonald? Music 10:39:48 DUR: 2'37". ROB Specially I was uhm... I'm providing Tahir composed. with documents relating to the Home Secretary's speech. RAYBURN Where did you obtain the briefcase? ROB (Beats.) It was Tahir's. SHARMA You took a long time to answer. ROB Sorry, it's been a very difficult time, and I couldn't immediately recall. It was Tahir's. He left it with me, and I was returning it to him. RAYBURN Was there anything suspicious about the briefcase? ROB Not that I can think of. SHARMA If you were just giving him documents, why the need for the briefcase? ROB It seemed easier that way, and we were returning his briefcase. Rayburn leans in.

RAYBURN

"We"?

ROB

(Beat.) I.

Rayburn lays a print-out in front of Rob -Tahir's call history with lots of numbers blotted out just leaving Rob's.

RAYBURN

We've managed to get Mahmood's communication history. A call was received to his phone before the bombing. Now according to his contacts, it's listed as your number.

Rob's tension racks up again.

SHARMA

What was the purpose of this call, Mr Macdonald?

ROB

Probably I just called him to make sure that everything was okay. It's an important speech and I was frustrated not to be there in support.

SHARMA

Everything wasn't okay, though, was it?

ROB

I'm sorry?

SHARMA

Mahmood attempted to interrupt the Home Secretary's speech.

ROB

Not on my account.

Sharma glares at Rob in frustration.

RAYBURN

Odd, though, isn't it? Literally a couple of minutes before Mahmood rushes backstage he receives a call from you. You sure he didn't tell you he needed to do that?

Certain.

SHARMA He didn't seek your advice about it?

ROB No. Whatever Tahir was doing, I'm completely in the dark about it.

Rob looks very cool and in control. Sharma and Rayburn are frustrated.

CUT TO:

10:41:33 INT. SO15. STAIRCASE. NEXT DAY. DAY

Rayburn and Sharma make there way to the Control $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Room}}$.

RAYBURN (V.O.) These are all of Mahmood's movements.

CUT TO:

10:41:38 INT. SO15. CONTROL ROOM. NEXT DAY. DAY

Rayburn and Sharma study CCTV of St. Matthew's College, watching Julia questioning Tahir in the lobby, Tahir receiving the call from Rob, Tahir being questioned by David.

> RAYBURN (CONT'D) With the Home Secretary. (Moves to next monitor) Receiving a call from Rob Macdonald. (Moves to next monitor) Being stopped by David Budd.

Sharma freezes on an image of David with Tahir.

SHARMA (O.S.) Why didn't he spot the bomb?

Sharma exits.

CUT TO:

10:42:20 EXT. BLACKWOOD HOTEL. LATER THAT DAY. DAY

This is the hotel where Julia stayed. David looks around to make sure he's not being watched or followed, and heads into the building.

Music Ends 10:42:25

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10:42:31 INT. BLACKWOOD HOTEL. LOBBY. MOMENTS LATER. DAY

David enters, shows his warrant card to the manager.

DAVID

Hello.

MANAGER

Sir.

DAVID Police Sergeant Budd. I'd like to speak to your security manager please. He'll remember me -- we had a few briefings when I stayed here.

MANAGER Certainly, sir.

The manager picks up a phone.

MANAGER (CONT'D) (Into phone.) Security.

CUT TO:

10:42:25 INT. HOTEL. SECURITY OFFICE. MOMENTS LATER. DAY

The Security Manager (Chris) shows David CCTV coverage from the time of Longcross's visit. David refers to his pocket book.

DAVID Right. This is the time I'm interested in. The Home Secretary received a visitor.

SECURITY MANAGER Okay... 10 O'clock.

Footage plays of the corridor outside Julia's room, with the armed officers at each end. It plays uneventfully and then skips, missing about 15 minutes.

DAVID What happened there?

SECURITY MANAGER Sorry, Dave, it shouldn't do that.

The Security Manager rewinds and plays it again. And the same thing happens. Music 10:43:18 DUR: 1'02". DAVID Specially Shit. Let's look at the lobby, or composed. the lifts? See if we can nab him that way. SECURITY MANAGER Okay. The Security Manager calls up the footage quickly on the computer. He plays it. And exactly the same thing happens -- it skips. David takes a note of the timings. DAVID Stair access? He plays it. And exactly the same thing happens. Both of them are stunned. SECURITY MANAGER I don't know what to say, mate. DAVID Chris, no bullshit now, who's had access to these hard drives? SECURITY MANAGER I checked the logs already. No one's been at it. No one. David reflects, very troubled, staring at a freeze frame of the opening screen. DISSOLVE TO: 10:44:14 INT. NEW SCOTLAND YARD. SAMPSON'S OFFICE. THAT NIGHT. NIGHT Sampson video-conferences with Sharma and Rayburn. SAMPSON Do you have any leads yet on Х Mahmood having any accomplices or Music Ends association with terrorist groups? 10:44:20

INTERCUT WITH:

10:44:18 INT. COBALT SQUARE. SO15. INCIDENT ROOM. SAME TIME. NIGHT

Sharma and Rayburn present the evidence boards. Rob is on there with the possible link to Tahir, as well as all the other things in play at this point.

SHARMA

No, ma'am. All the searches so far relating to Rob Macdonald have failed to detect any traces of explosives.

RAYBURN

And it's still unclear if the device was in the briefcase all along or if Mahmood made the pickup within the venue. Plus there's still no CCTV of any of his backstage activity.

SAMPSON

All right.

Pregnant beats. Sharma and Rayburn aren't sure if the conference is over.

SAMPSON (CONT'D) What's the latest re David Budd?

RAYBURN

So far the CCTV does appear to support Budd's version of events.

SHARMA

He's still a person of interest, ma'am.

SAMPSON

We've retaken responsibility for interviewing Nadia Ali. She's our best lead to the bomb maker. She's terrified, though, still in thrall to her husband. However, speaking of PS Budd, I believe there's a short-cut into convincing her she can trust us...

Music 10:45:10 DUR: 0'36". Specially

composed.

Sharma immediately looks sceptical, but Rayburn is more neutral.

CUT TO:

10:45:12 EXT. CITY STREETS. NEXT DAY. DAY

There's a visible police presence on the streets -- patrol cars plus armed officers on foot.

MARTHA KEARNEY (V.O.) A police spokesman repeated concerns the blasts are the work of a single bomb-maker. METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONER (V.O.) We have a prime suspect in the attack on St. Matthew's College. CUT TO: 10:45:19 INT. RAYBURN'S CAR. CONTINUOUS. DAY Rayburn drives. David sits in the back with a plainclothes DC beside him. He wears his hat. The car radio plays. METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONER (V.O.) That killed the former Home Secretary, Julia Montague. Rayburn's car moves through the traffic. MIKE (O.S.) (Out of radio.) For security reasons at this time we are continuing to withhold the name of the suicide bomber responsible for the attack. It is not yet known if he was acting alone nor is it yet confirmed whether he was a member of a recognised terrorist organisation. MISHAL HUSAIN (O.S.) (Out of radio.) Mike Travis in the House of Commons earlier today. RAYBURN (OVERLAPPING) What's with the new look? MISHAL HUSAIN (O.S.) (Out of radio.) And what now for RIPA-18? Having lost its... She turns off the radio to get David's full attention.

RAYBURN

The hat?

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DAVID

Keeps my head warm.

David looks edgy. Rayburn steals glances at him via the rear-view mirror. She's not buying his hat response.

RAYBURN

Do me a favour, mate, and remove the headgear. (Off his resistance.) You're going to have to at some point.

Reluctantly David takes off the hat, revealing the wound to the side of his head -- singed hair, a superficial scalp burn, bruising.

> RAYBURN (CONT'D) You didn't get that in the explosion. What happened?

DAVID A gas ring was playing up, I had my head right over the hob, didn't realise the gas was open on one of the other rings. When I hit the spark...

Rayburn absorbs David's story. It seems believable. He looks convincing.

CUT TO:

10:46:24 INT. COBALT SQUARE. SO15. INTERVIEW ROOM. LATER THAT DAY. DAY

David and Rayburn face Nadia. She's accompanied by a solicitor and an Appropriate Adult (female, Muslim). Nadia is very nervous, intimidated by the situation and the procedures.

RAYBURN

Nadia, thank you very much for speaking to us. If anything's unclear, please feel free to consult with your solicitor or your Appropriate Adult. If at any time you need to stop, please just say so. Do you understand?

NADIA

Yes.

RAYBURN

I'm now going to hand you over to Police Sergeant Budd.

DAVID As-salãmu'alaykum.

NADIA Wa'alaykumuas-salãm.

DAVID For the DIR, I said "Peace be upon you" and the interviewee replied "And also upon you."

Everyone's immediately impressed by the Arabic.

DAVID (CONT'D) So, Nadia, how are you doing...?

Nadia can't form an answer, too intimidated and not sure what to say.

DAVID (CONT'D) This is all very intimidating. That's why the officers here thought it would be a good idea for me to talk with you. That was scary, on the train, when we met. I'm really glad that no one got hurt that day.

NADIA

I am too. Thank you for helping me.

Already it appears that Nadia is trusting of David, which Rayburn notes.

DAVID Nadia, what I'd like to do is ask you some questions about the bomb, you intended to use on the train. That'd be all right?

Nadia nods.

RAYBURN Sorry, Nadia, is it okay if you could speak up, for the recording?

NADIA

Sorry. Yes.

DAVID How did you obtain the bomb? Nadia hesitates, terrified.

DAVID (CONT'D) I know you're frightened, but we can protect you. Now you believe me, don't you?

Nadia nods.

RAYBURN

Sorry, Nadia...

NADIA Sorry. Yes.

DAVID Where did the bomb come from?

NADIA

My husband.

SOLICITOR

At this point I should note for the tape that I've briefed my client regarding the legal compellability of a spouse, and Nadia's Appropriate Adult is satisfied that she's cooperating of her own free will.

David and Rayburn look at the Appropriate Adult, who nods in agreement.

RAYBURN

Thank you.

DAVID Your husband gave you the bomb to wear?

The memory is traumatic. Nadia wipes back tears.

NADIA

Yes.

DAVID I know this is very upsetting. But you're doing really well.

RAYBURN

Really well.

DAVID Did your husband build the bomb himself? Nadia hesitates over the answer, terrified.

DAVID Take your time answering. Did he build it?

NADIA

No.

DAVID He got it from someone else?

Nadia hesitates, even more scared now.

DAVID (CONT'D) Nadia, we're desperate to find the person who's been creating these devices. He's killed and wounded dozens of people, and he'll kill more if we don't catch him.

NADIA He said it was a gift.

DAVID

A gift? Who from?

NADIA He wouldn't tell me.

DAVID

Okay, you're doing great. This is really helpful. Perhaps he had meetings with someone...?

NADIA I was never allowed.

DAVID You weren't allowed to know who he was meeting?

NADIA Sometimes he would lock me in the house, when he went out.

DAVID

That must have been very frightening... and upsetting.

Nadia nods.

Rayburn is starting to be impressed with David's sensitivity in getting this information out of Nadia.

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DAVID Were there any names he mentioned? Or people he was close to that you were suspicious of? NADIA There was only one time... DAVID What happened? NADIA He locked me in the house, but I was crying so loud he thought the neighbours might hear... DAVID What did he do? NADIA He forced me into his car. He made me go with him. DAVID (O.S.) Where? NADIA I don't know. A car park. RAYBURN In London? NADIA (O.S.) I don't know. I think so. DAVID Was it a long drive or short? How many minutes? NADIA Twenty. No more. DAVID That's great, that's great. Rayburn is writing thorough notes now. DAVID (CONT'D) (O.S.) What happened in this car park? NADIA

He met with a man. The man gave him something.

DAVID That's very important information. Well done, Nadia. What did this man give your husband?

NADIA

(Hesitation.) I can't remember.

DAVID

Could it have been a piece of luggage or a case of some sort?

RAYBURN (Admonishing, for leading question.) David --(To Nadia.) You don't remember what the item was?

Nadia shakes her head ruefully.

RAYBURN (CONT'D) The interviewee is shaking her head. Can you describe this man?

Nadia looks scared.

DAVID

No one can hurt you, Nadia. You're safe now. Was he an Asian man?

Nadia looks very scared. She nods hastily, wanting the questioning to be over.

RAYBURN

The interviewee is nodding. Good, thank you, Nadia.

Rayburn lays out head-shots -- 12 men of similar appearance to Tahir plus a photo of Tahir.

DAVID

Have you ever seen any of these men before? Just take your time.

Nadia's gaze roams over all of the pictures. It lingers on Tahir then moves on.

NADIA

I don't know. Maybe.

Rayburn and David look frustrated. Rayburn starts collecting up the photos.

RAYBURN

I think we should take a break now, Nadia. I'm going to ask my colleagues to get together some maps and some satellite photos and we're going to see if you can help us locate this car park. | | X Music Ends 10:53:06

Nadia nods, still a bit intimidated. Rayburn gets up to turn off the DIR. David reflects on what's been said.

RAYBURN (CONT'D)(O.S.) DS Rayburn pausing interview at 1550.

CUT TO:

10:53:21 INT. COBALT SQUARE. SO15. STAIRS. MOMENTS LATER. DAY

Nadia is led away with a police escort.

David waits, watched over by a PC.

Enter Rayburn.

RAYBURN (To PC.) Cheers. (Exit PC. To David.) Well done in there. Feels like we're finally getting somewhere at last.

DAVID If we're able to locate where her husband met with the bomb supplier, maybe Nadia can pick him out from CCTV...

Rayburn moves to finish the conversation.

RAYBURN Yeah. We'll see.

He stands his ground.

DAVID

Louise. Stuff's happening, behind the scenes. Someone acquired access to my flat without my knowledge.

RAYBURN

We carried out a search. There was no sign of forced entry.

DAVID

There's more to this, Louise. Take Tahir Mahmood's position at the Home Office. If he's really the bomber he wasn't vetted properly. Who's in charge of vetting?

RAYBURN

The bosses are the ones in a slanging match with the Security Service. Way above my pay grade.

DAVID

Tahir couldn't have been acting alone. He wasn't carrying the bomb when I searched that briefcase. Someone else we don't know about either gave it to him or planted it for him to pick up. Someone with access.

RAYBURN

Well. Who?

DAVID

After the Home Secretary moved to the Blackwood Hotel, someone acquired clearance to make a secret visit to her suite. He had an insight into her movements, was able to bypass our security. He gave the name "Richard Longcross". I viewed CCTV from the hotel. It's been tampered with, so there's no evidence of his visit. Security Service, I'm sure of it.

RAYBURN

I'm not investigating the Security Service. I'm investigating Tahir Mahmood. I'm sorry, David. End of.

Rayburn signals for the PC to escort David out.

DAVID

The Principal was killed on my watch. I want to be part of finding the bastards that did it.

RAYBURN Maybe that's a reason for you not to be.

She's sympathetic but exits. He's left very frustrated.

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The PC escorts out David.

CUT TO:

10:55:24 INT. SO15. VANTAGE POINT. SAME TIME. DAY

Rayburn and Sharma spy on David.

SHARMA

This is grade-A bullshit, Sampson involving him in the inquiry while he's still a person of interest. Two attacks on the Home Secretary, Budd P.P.O. for both, Mahmood's briefcase. I don't trust him. He's hiding something.

They watch David exit.

CUT TO:

10:55:47 EXT. SO15. COVERED WALKWAY. SAME TIME. DAY

David reflects on everything, his frustration with getting to the truth...

He looks up in the direction of Sharma and Rayburn.

CUT TO:

CUT TO BLACK:

10:55:50 INT. SO15. INCIDENT ROOM. MOMENTS LATER. DAY

An officer studies CCTV footage.

Enter Rayburn.

RAYBURN

Anything?

OFFICER

No. Nothing yet.

Rayburn crosses to another screen. David in the hallway with Tahir.

CCTV Footage - Tahir exits and we stay on David. A moment then david turns and we cut to black.

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                          Rayburn NINA TOUSSAINT-WHITE
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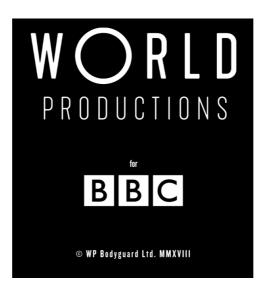
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