

## The Upset

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EXT. GRAVEYARD-NIGHT

A funeral is being conducted by candlelight. Soldiers are present and the coffin is obviously that of a soldier's.

ADA, mother of the dead soldier, deeply hurt by the death and is about middle-aged.

ADA  
Goodbye Aidan.

DAVID, Ada's husband, weather beaten and middle-aged as well, places a comforting hand on Ada's shoulder.

A crash of glass bottles is heard from the bushes which disrupts the silence. This arouses surprised shrieks from some mourners including Ada.

Worried, ADA calls out.

ADA  
Who's there?

Laughter from the bushes. The mourners stare at the bushes, expectantly.

JOHN, naive and clearly drunk, 16.

JOHN  
Looks like there's a funeral on.

ALI, Middle Eastern and as drunk as John, 16

ALI  
Is that a soldier?

FOLLOW:

The two boys as they saunter out of the bushes and into full view of the mourners.

PICK UP:

ADA as she gasps when catching sight of ALI. JOHN appears to be unaffected and turns away.

ADA  
What are you doing here?

JOHN  
Well, this isn't private property,  
is it?

Defiantly, ADA turns away from the boys.

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ADA  
Go away. You have no respect for  
the dead. Especially you.

ADA swings back and gives ALI a pointed look. ALI, however  
does not understand why.

ALI  
What?

ADA  
Don't act dumb. It's because of  
your kind that my boy is in the  
ground.

A few mourners gasp at ADA's audacity. DAVID tries to settle  
her.

DAVID  
Darling, you're confused-

ADA  
No I'm completely fine. The Middle  
Eastern's killed my little boy for  
nothing.

ALI  
Ma'am, I'm sorry but don't you  
think this labeling is a little  
irrational?

ADA is enraged and shouts.

ADA  
Irrational? My son is dead and you  
call me irrational. My son died  
because of your brothers back in  
Afghanistan. It's because of you  
that he's dead.

DAVID ambles to a shocked ALI.

DAVID  
Maybe you should go, son.

ALI  
I'm sorry for your loss and what  
they did to him.

ALI nods his head respectfully before scuttling off with  
JOHN.

ADA is still shouting.

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ADA

You're not sorry and you never will  
be!

ADA collapses and weeps. The mourners gather around  
comforting her.

CLOSE ON:

Aidan's grave.

FADE OUT