

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