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Dedication

In memory of Bradley Arthur
Taken far too soon
1990–2015
A loving son, brother, father, grandson,
friend and fellow Spurs fan
RIP Brad

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PROLOGUE

It was a cold February evening. So bloody cold, the car windscreens had started to freeze.

Beads of sweat forming on his forehead, the man wanted to take off his crash helmet, but daren't. How had it come to this? he mused, even though he already knew the answer. His brother had a screw loose, wasn't right in the head. He'd never been sane, truth be known. That was obvious, and it should have been dealt with.

There had been some good times, brilliant in fact, but the bad outweighed those massively now. His brother was a ticking time bomb that exploded every now and then, leaving a trail of carnage and sadness. Well, this time he had gone a step too far. Which was why a decision had been made to stop him in his tracks, for ever. There was no other option.

The man's heart rate went into overdrive as he heard the distinctive sound of an approaching vehicle. He knew without a doubt it was him, could hear the sleek diesel engine, and the song 'Jealous Guy' blaring out the speakers. His brother had always been a big fan of Roxy Music, reckoned Bryan Ferry's voice was second to none.

Sporting the number plate VB1, the black Range Rover screeched to a halt and a tall suited man leapt out. He looked the part, as always. Thick black hair greased back, expensive watch and shiny shoes.

'Bruv! You shit the life outta me then. Where's your motor? I'm pleased you called.'

Hands trembling, Michael Butler lifted the gun. 'I'm sorry, Vinny, I really am. But ...'

PART ONE

'I'm not upset that you lied to me,
I'm upset that from now on I can't believe you'
Friedrich Nietzsche

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