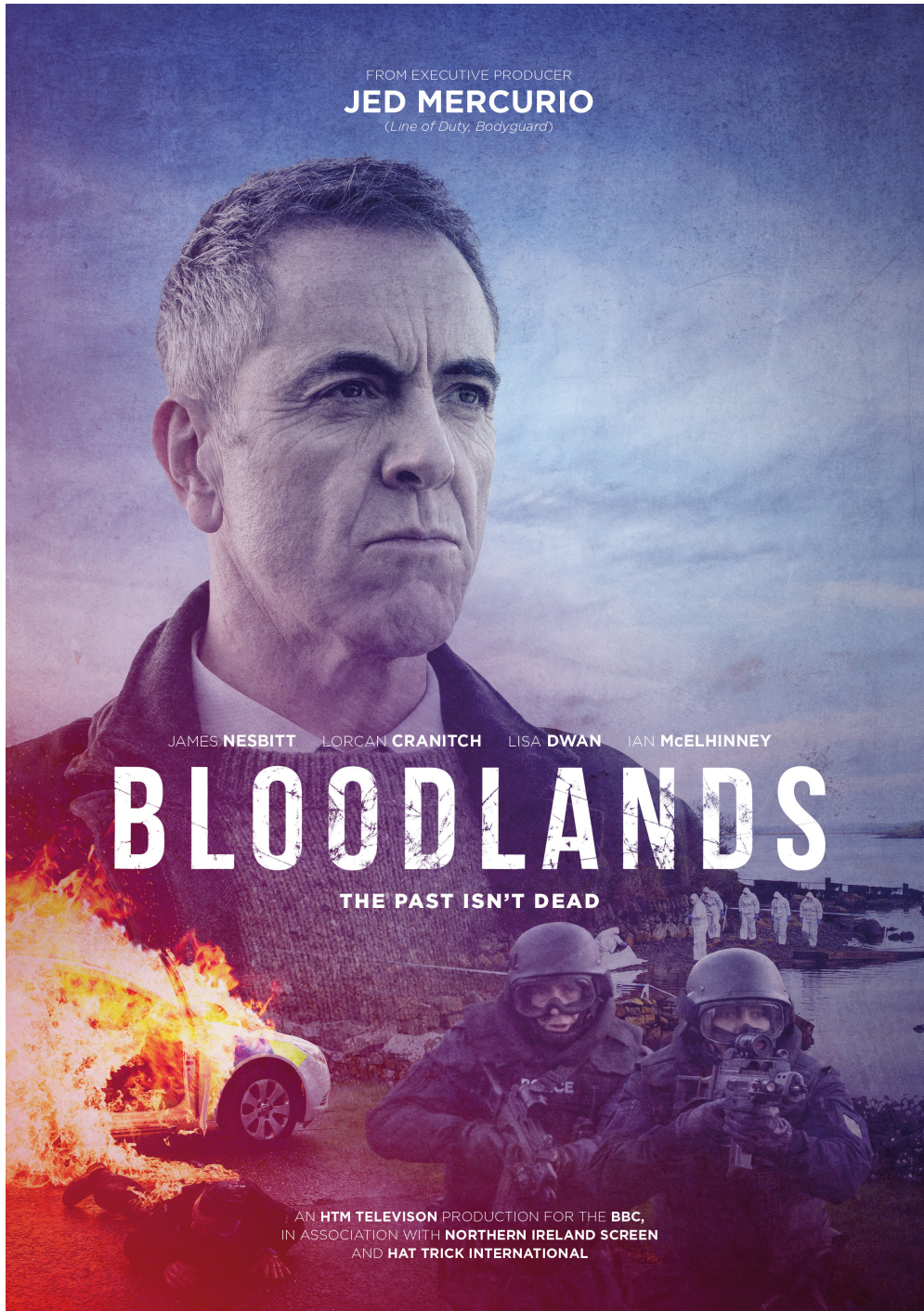


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# **Season One**



# Episode 1

Season 1  
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Guest Stars: Flora Montgomery (McCallister), Nicky Harley (Hospital Receptionist), Roy Heayheard (Farmer), Brenda McNeill (Bomb disposal officer), Nigel Mercier (HMSU Commander), Matthew Sharpe (Constable Scott), Hugh Irvine (CSI Officer), Michael McGeown (Police officer), Mark Quigley (Detective)  
Summary: When a former IRA man is abducted, DCI Tom Brannick is forced to confront an assassin who haunts his past, in order to crack the investigation in the present.



When a vehicle was pulled from Strangford Lough, craggy veteran detective Tom Brannick discovered the calling card of a former foe. Codenamed Goliath — after one of the Harland & Wolff shipyard cranes which loom over Belfast — the mythical assassin was implicated in the disappearance of four people in the lead-up to the Good Friday Agreement back in 1998.

Now, seemingly, Goliath had left a postcard depicting the landmark yellow cranes, taped inside the vehicle's wing

mirror to signal that he was back — and used an old loyalist paramilitary authentication code word, "Major White", to alert police. DCI Brannick's former mucker, DCS Jackie Twomey, strongly advised Brannick to leave the Goliath investigation in the past, keep the peace and concentrate on the abduction of the watery vehicle's owner: ex-IRA gunman turned "legit" local haulage magnate, Pat Keenan.

However, Brannick and his equally stubborn partner, DS Niamh McGovern decided that breaking open the Goliath cold case was their best hope of solving Keenan's kidnapping. Except McGovern didn't yet realise how close to home it all was.

With the Catholic community still deeply suspicious of the police, Keenan's family hadn't reported him missing, preferring to call upon "their own people". DCS Twomey's fears of sectarian violence flaring up were soon borne out when a patrol car was petrol-bombed. Brannick helped rescue his fellow officers, smothering the flames and burning the lining of his expensive coat in the process.

Local politicians were soon on the TV news, criticising police for "failing our community". Police chief Twomey used this as an excuse to come down from Belfast HQ and assume command,



declaring the delicate situation had been mishandled and that as a senior Catholic officer, he could win back public trust.

Brannick's suspicion, however, was that Twomey merely wanted to keep a closer eye on him and stop him investigating Goliath. Was there more to Twomey's misgivings than diplomacy? His habit of peering furtively through Venetian blinds seemed to suggest so.

When McGovern put pressure on Brannick to come clean about the significance of the postcard, he brought his partner up to speed on the shadowy figure of Goliath. In early 1998, this admirably even-handed assassin had picked off anyone, Protestant or Catholic, who posed a threat to the Peace Process.

Goliath's access to police intelligence made it likely it was an inside job. It was arranged to look like the victims had done a runner and all four had credible reasons to leave, meaning everyone chose to accept this version of events. Despite Brannick's best investigative efforts, their bodies were never found.

Those four targets? Protestant paramilitary godfather David Corry, IRA quartermaster Joe Harkin, priest-cum-arms dealer Father Simon Quinlan and Brannick's wife, Emma, a military intelligence officer.

The covert nature of Emma's job meant her disappearance was never made official but it was assumed her cover had been blown and she'd gone to ground. What's more, the Goliath files had mysteriously gone missing. Someone didn't want Brannick getting to the truth.

Police corruption? An embedded conspiracy? A codename in the vein of "H" or "The Caddy"? Bloodlands truly does share a lot of DNA with *Line Of Duty*.

Retracing Keenan's movements on the day of his disappearance, Brannick and McGovern learned he'd attended a medical appointment for blurred vision. Our Pat was "a ladies' man — and sometimes he pays for it", so his symptoms might have been due to syphilis or taking too much Viagra. Quite the charmer.

At the hospital, the detective duo ran into trauma consultant Tori Matthews. She wasn't just remarkably friendly but took a particular interest in Brannick's daughter, Izzy, a medical student who Dr Matthews was about to start teaching.

Meanwhile, Chris Walley from Cork-based teen tearaway comedy *The Young Offenders* played it straight as Brannick's underling, Billy "Birdy" Bird. Although you might have struggled to recognise him without a bumfluff 'tache and tracksuit.

A searing final sequence saw Brannick and McGovern pursuing a vital lead that had been suppressed first time around. Twenty years ago, a local dairy farmer had reported suspicious digging activity on an unpopulated island on Strangford Lough but her statement was never followed up.

Taking a search team out to the desolate island against Twomey's orders, they eventually found a burial site. Beneath the ground were three skeletons with execution-style bullet holes in their skulls. And one was wearing the owl pendant necklace that Emma Brannick always said "helped her see in the dark".

In a Heathcliff-esque moment, Tom's long-submerged emotions finally erupted. Had he finally found his wife's grave? This powerful gut-punch of a scene had echoes of the "Disappeared" — 16 civilians abducted, murdered and secretly buried by terrorists during the Troubles, 13 of whom have since been found. Hauntingly emotive, politically resonant stuff.

The island search was intercut with a dramatic car chase. A red hatchback with Keenan's number plates had been spotted at a petrol station. Police followed it to a shabby hotel where Keenan was being held captive, chained to a radiator like his fellow countryman and real-life namesake Brian in Beirut.

Slight snag: his hotel room door was booby-trapped. Thankfully, a bomb disposal expert soon realised the device was a hoax. Inside, another Goliath postcard meaningfully placed at Keenan's feet. The assassin hadn't just re-emerged after 22 years but was leading law enforcement on a merry dance.



## Episode 2

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Guest Stars: Stella McCusker (Valerie), Emer Casey (Sandwich Shop Owner), Roy Heaybeard (Farmer), Sean Sloan (Pat's Solicitor), Hugh Irvine (CSI Officer), Mark Quigley (Detective), Matthew Sharpe (Constable Scott),  
Summary: Tom continues to search for Pat Keenan's kidnapper, hoping they will lead him to Goliath. But is somebody leading him down a false trail?



We picked up where we left off: on the suitably desolate island in Strangford Lough where police had made a grim discovery. There were three skeletons, meaning one presumed victim of the long-dormant assassin code-named Goliath was still whereabouts unknown. They'd all been shot in the head at close quarters with a 9mm pistol, execution-style.

Protocol wouldn't allow DCI Tom Brannick near the investigation, quite rightly, since one of the bodies might be his long-missing wife Emma. Instead he settled for staring broodingly out of windows at bleak landscapes, like the tor-

tured hero of a Scandi drama.

At this stage, they couldn't tell if any of the bodies were women — although one was wearing an owl pendant that matched Emma Brannick's. So was it her? No, closer examination eventually found out that all three were male. Well, it's only midway through the series. Tom's questions can't all be answered yet. Soon there was to be another dramatic turn of events on that island, but more on that twist later.

On the orders of DCS Jackie Twomey, Brannick concentrated on the "live" case: namely the kidnapping of IRA man turned haulage mogul Pat Keenan. He grilled Keenan about his Viagra-induced blurred vision ("Been overdoing the wee blueys?"), cracked a gag about "upstanding members" and threatened to tell Pat's wife about "who he'd been riding". It was, we soon realised, all a distraction tactic while tech whizz DC Billy "Birdy" Bird covertly downloaded the data from Keenan's phone.

They used geo-tracking to map pervy Pat's movements on the day of the abduction, cross-referencing it with CCTV from places he'd been. Keenan had met a brunette woman in a café, then later left a haulage conference to get into her car and, seemingly voluntarily, drive to the hotel

where he was held captive. A motorcyclist had since visited the venues in question, confiscating security footage. It could be Goliath cleaning up after himself.

As he chased shadows, Brannick grew increasingly suspicious that the kidnapping, which seemed to be pointless — Keenan was chained up, near a fake bomb, with no ransom demanded — had instead been orchestrated by someone whose main aim was for police to reopen the cold case and find Goliath. After all, there had been no Harland & Wolff calling cards back in 1998. This Goliath-hunter might be laying a false trail.

A little less police jargon and fewer acronyms this week. What there was revolved around the ICLVR — the real-life Independent Commission for the Location of Victims' Remains, established to locate missing people presumed murdered during the Troubles. With typical gallows humour, they were wryly nicknamed "Time Team", "History Boys" and "Time Bandits".

Taking jurisdiction over the burial site, they set about identifying the victims, informing their families — we saw them visit David Corry's brother Adam and Joe Harkin's widow Siobhan — and returning their personal effects. Clues might be contained therein but frustratingly for detectives, any findings weren't admissible. Legally, at least.

We also heard how military intelligence officer Emma Brannick had been "a spook with 14 Intelligence Company" — the notorious SAS-trained reconnaissance unit known as "The Det". Involved in plain clothes operations during the Troubles, the unit was accused of collusion with loyalist paramilitaries in connection to IRA deaths.

Sidekick DS Niamh McGovern befriended a new character in police pathologist Justin "Dinger" Bell. A long-serving veteran who knew Brannick of old, Dinger called him "Tom, the great enigma" and told Niamh how, for the sake of the peace process, police had heavily suppressed the Goliath case — "and underneath it all, poor Tom, just trying to find his wife".

He soon raised a tantalising theory. "Who's to say Emma Brannick didn't engineer her own disappearance?" mused Dinger. "If anyone could, she could." Now that would be a plot twist.

When there was a sighting of the mystery motorcyclist's cloned licence plates, Brannick and McGovern set off in perilous pursuit of this possible connection to Goliath. They tailed the rider until he knocked on Siobhan Harkin's door and suddenly pulled a gun. Startling him before he could fire, they gave chase, apprehended him and made him remove his helmet. It was Pat Keenan's hirsute henchman.

Keenan and Harkin used to run guns over the border for the IRA. There was a dispute about who owed money to whom. Keenan falsely believed that Siobhan, who was rumoured to have taken over Joe's operation when he disappeared, was behind his kidnapping. Now he'd ordered her killing in retaliation.

He was already looking shifty, thanks to his habit of peering through blinds and saying "trust me" to people who clearly didn't. DCS Twomey also has a habit of wearing waistcoats, rather like DS Steve Arnott in *Line of Duty*.

Now the grumpy gaffer went off-piste. After the Keenan-on-Harkin attack, he snuck off to a remote caravan where he had a secret burner phone stashed and made a furtive call to... Siobhan Harkin. The pair met up in a graveyard — talk about a location freighted with meaning — where Twomey told her: "We need to be careful."

Trauma consultant Tori Matthews had been befriending Brannick's daughter Izzy, showing a tad too much interest in her parental tragedy. Dr Matthews mentioned that she'd lost her own father when she was young. When the ICLVR's island dig was reported on TV, Izzy casually mentioned that "daddy thinks the third body is a priest". Matthews did a double take.

The fragrant medic inserted herself further when she gatecrashed a family outing to watch Ulster Rugby. In flirtatious conversation with Tom, she explained how she'd been living in London but recently returned to Belfast to care for her sick mother.

On their way out of Ravenhill Stadium, Izzy suddenly vanished among the crowds. Cure a visceral moment of sheer panic Tom until Tom realised she'd been bundled into a van, given a scare, then driven down an alley and thrown out again. A badly shaken Izzy passed on an ominous threat from Pat Keenan: "Threaten my family and I'll threaten yours". As she told Tom later: "I know you'd do anything to protect me."

As we'd begun to suspect, Dr Matthews had a motive for sniffing around the Brannicks. Visiting a care home, she told her elderly mother: "They found dad. He was murdered."

Her mother wept movingly over a photograph of Father Simon Quinlan — the third body in the island grave. It seemed the arms-dealing priest had an illegitimate family.

Tension had been steadily building between Brannick and Adam Corry. The grieving old man made noises about how his brother might have been killed over a consignment of Protestant paramilitary weapons and vowed: "I'm going to find the answers. It's all going to come out." He railed at the ICLVR shutting down Brannick's investigation and scoffed at mentions of Twomey.

His brother's personal effects included a UVF (Ulster Volunteer Force) ring and that owl pendant — which had, we now saw, the initial "E" engraved on the back. E for Emma Brannick, maybe? During their seemingly polite chat, Brannick stared significantly at a teapot with two cups, at Corry's bulging notebook and his framed tribute to local First World War hero Frank MacFeale.

When Brannick learned that MacFeale's name had been used as a pseudonym when the Goliath-hunter quizzed the Strangford Lough harbourmaster, he realised it was Corry. But who'd been round for cosy cups of tea? Dr McBlondie? The mystery brunette kidnapper? Cue a 10-minute climactic sequence as Tom stormed round to Corry's house and went fully rogue.

In his confrontation with Corry, Brannick learned that he knew about Goliath from drunk, loose-lipped coppers back in 1998. Had Corry somehow masterminded a kidnapping with the killer's hallmarks, designed to make police reopen the case? Surely the house-bound pensioner wasn't capable himself, so who had he told?

Snatching Corry's notebook, he saw that it was filled with theories that Twomey was either Goliath himself or protecting the assassin's identity. An old IRA contact, possibly. Twomey had been in all the right places over the years and now inserted himself into the investigation again. In Brannick, though, the justice-seekers had a possible ally. As Brannick scanned Corry's scribbles, the wily old stager pocketed a dictaphone.

The pair eventually struck a deal: Brannick would take Corry (complete with oxygen tank) to see his brother's final resting place on the island, in exchange for the identity of his fellow Goliath-hunter. In a graveside showdown, Corry intimated that his brother David had an affair with a married woman — and it was Emma Brannick, hence the owl pendant. He asked if Tom had found out, got Twomey to kill David and had been covering for his old mate ever since. Was Twomey actually Goliath? Was Tom?

Corry's repeated use of Brannick's full name gave the game away — he was trying to record an incriminating admission on the dictaphone. "No one will ever hear it," promised Brannick. Corry protested: "I came here to see my brother." "You will," snarled Brannick, cold-bloodedly shooting him in the head.



## Episode 3

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Season Episode: 3

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Guest Stars: Stella McCusker (Valerie), Nicky Harley (Hospital Receptionist), Sara Dylan (Beaten Woman), Hugh Irvine (CSI Officer), Mark Quigley (Detective)  
Summary: Tom and Niamh launch a manhunt for Adam Corry, who has disappeared in mysterious circumstances. Tori Matthews agrees to help Tom in the quest to identify the notorious assassin Goliath, who appears to be at large once again. As pressure builds on the police, Tom must confront the possibility Goliath may be one of his fellow officers.



We rejoined DCI Tom Brannick shortly after he'd coldly assassinated Adam Corry on the island in Strangford Lough. The grim-faced killer hid the 9mm murder weapon in a trawlerman's hut. How fishy.

He soon snapped back into police mode to accompany DS Niamh McGovern as they searched Corry's cottage and launched a manhunt. Covering his tracks, Brannick made a point of mentioning how he'd handled Corry's notebook on a previous visit, explaining the presence of his fingerprints. Recent pages

had been ripped out — presumably because they noted his arrival. Brannick briefly struggled with his duplicity, almost throwing up outside and later telling daughter Izzy: "I'm not a good man. I'm not what you think."

After Corry's cosy cuppas with his mysterious fellow Goliath-hunter, prints found on the teacup didn't match any on the police database. These likely belonged to Corry's co-conspirator. DNA from the cup also matched that of the woman caught on CCTV in Pat Keenan's car. But who was this mystery brunette?

Kidnap victim Pat Keenan was busy conducting his own unofficial enquiries. Searching for the brunette who orchestrated his abduction, he interrogated a woman who fitted the description, before dumping her at Belfast's Royal Victoria Hospital. Having attended a medical appointment shortly before being snatched, Keenan figured someone at the hospital was involved.

The finger was beginning to point towards trauma consultant Tori Matthews, the lecturer who'd been cosying up to Brannick and medical student Izzy. After all, viewers learned last week that the doctor was the illegitimate daughter of arms-dealing priest Father Simon Quinlan — one of three Goliath victims whose remains were dug up on the island.

When Brannick visited the hospital to investigate, Matthews had put a computer alert on Keenan's file in case police came calling. Confirmation, if it were needed, that the blonde medic was more involved than she let on.

Izzy had been trying to matchmake them anyway, so Brannick duly wined and dined Matthews. When he faux-casually mentioned the Corry case, her reaction gave her away. He threatened to arrest her and Matthews swiftly confessed she was Quinlan's secret daughter.

Adam Corry had been helping to hunt her father's killer and hatch a plan to get the cold case reopened. Due to his promiscuity, Keenan was an easy target for a honey trap. She'd played with fire but it worked — they'd never been closer to unmasking the long-dormant assassin. Dr McBlondie was the Goliath-hunter after all.

As a fellow victim's family member, would Brannick join her justice mission? Nope. "Leave it alone," he growled. "That's my final offer." Was he protecting Matthews or instigating another cover-up?

Despite Brannick weighing it down, Corry's corpse soon washed ashore. The execution-style bullet wound to his head convinced DCS Jackie Twomey it was Goliath's work. The manhunt escalated from missing person to murder.

Cue a furious visit from Adam's sister Linda, who'd now lost both her brothers, accompanied by local Protestant leaders. "You can smell the doilies and abstinence from here," said Twomey drily — a line worthy of Derry Girls.

When Brannick ordered the seizure of Corry's Goliath files, the quietly shrewd Niamh (what odds on her being the one to finally crack the case?) worked out that Corry used the alias Frank MacFeale in his amateur sleuthing. They'd flagged the name shortly before he disappeared, meaning it had to be an active officer who'd connected it with Corry. Further proof that Goliath was a police insider.

"You as good as killed Adam Corry," barked Twomey at Brannick. He didn't know the half of it but Twomey did deduce that the only officers in a position to link MacFeale to Goliath were from that very station. He told DC Billy "Birdy" Bird to draw up a list of officers who were serving back in 1998 and still in the Dunfolan district now. Would Goliath be on the list?

Only three individuals had been active for the last 22 years: police pathologist Justin "Dinger" Bell, Brannick and Twomey. Awkward. And only Brannick ever met Adam Corry. Even more awkward.

Twomey's 1998 personnel files had been heavily redacted — possibly by intelligence services. Meanwhile, McGovern noticed that Corry's notes mentioned that an unnamed police officer unofficially ran IRA quartermaster (and Goliath victim) Joe Harkin as an informant. When the number "2421" cropped up, Brannick got the bit between his teeth. All officers back then had a Belfast PO box to communicate and store evidence while out in the field. Box 2421 was Jackie's.

Niamh and Birdy were shaken by the idea of investigating their boss but Brannick was on a mission. There's an insider among us, he reminded them, abusing their position to commit murder. As Twomey became prime suspect, he allowed himself a small smirk of satisfaction.

Before he was killed, Corry sent a parcel to Tori Matthews containing his Goliath leads. These included his brother David's necklace — a gift from his married lover, who may or may not have been Brannick's wife Emma. Maybe there's still DNA in it, Corry suggested in the accompanying note. When Tori consulted Tom, he pointedly took the pendant off her hands to get tested.

Corry's notes made a big deal of Twomey suppressing the Goliath investigation. Now Brannick manipulatively encouraged Matthews in the belief that Twomey was Goliath — or at least covering for him. She offered to help build a case against him, vowing: "Justice at all costs. Leave peace to the politicians. Let's give them evidence they can't ignore."

They concocted a scheme for her to plant Goliath's calling card at Twomey's caravan, tucked inside a copy of *History of the 36th Ulster Division* — hiding it on the bookshelf next to Paula Hawkins's *Girl On The Train* (a story of gaslighting and unreliable narrators), Kate Ellis's *Marriage Hearse* (about murdered brides) and Mark Billingham's *Death Message* (a police term for informing someone that a loved one has been killed). "We have the right man," Tom assured Tori.

We held our breath as Twomey headed for the caravan too — but he was just after his burner phone to arrange another shady rendezvous with Joe Harkin's widow Siobhan. Police had rumbled that he'd run Joe as a source, so he advised her to flee. If it got out that Siobhan helped him, she'd become a target for republican reprisals. But Twomey was in trouble, too.

Police were anonymously sent a snap of Twomey's hideaway with "Search the caravan" written on it, just to hammer home the point. DNA on the photo matched that from Keenan's car and Corry's house (because it was all Tori's), authenticating the snap as sent by the Goliath-hunter.

Indignant Twomey insisted his colleagues proceed with the search, which found the incriminating crane postcard — and on it was a fingerprint from Adam Corry. It was enough for Brannick to arrest Twomey for the old man's murder.

The DCS was led to a holding cell. Brannick glowered through the viewing flap. Having framed his boss for a murder he committed, that nice James Nesbitt was a long way from the upstanding officer we figured a fortnight ago. But is he Goliath as well?





## Episode 4

Season 1  
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Guest Stars: Sean McNamee (Intelligence Officer), Noel McGee (Jackie's Solicitor)  
Summary: Tom Brannick enlists the help of Heather Pentland to find out what Jackie Twomey knows about Goliath. Tori Matthews and Tom's daughter Izzy put pressure on Tom to get to the truth. With lives on the line, Tom must unmask Goliath before it's too late.



Ever since that shock gunshot rang out across Strangford Lough in episode two, we'd feared the worst: that protagonist DCI Tom Brannick was the legendary assassin known as Goliath. So it proved. The long-dormant killer was hiding in plain sight as the officer leading the investigation. A fittingly dark twist to conclude this dense and haunting slice of Northern Irish noir.

The killer cop's deadly secrets all came bubbling up to the surface when Dr Tori Matthews — illegitimate child of one of

his victims and the mysterious "Goliath hunter" who'd been edging ever closer — threatened to expose him to beloved daughter Izzy. Brannick had spoken all series of his desire to protect Izzy. He didn't just mean from physical danger but from the knowledge of who her father truly was.

In early 1998, during the build-up to the Good Friday Agreement, Brannick came home to find baby Izzy screaming alone in her crib. Protestant paramilitary godfather David Corry called to say that he had Tom's wife Emma, a military intelligence agent who'd infiltrated Corry's loyalist terror operation. If he ever wanted to see Emma again, Tom had to "do certain things" — namely take out IRA quartermaster Joe Harkin and gun-running Catholic priest Father Simon Quinlan.

As an RUC officer, Tom was well-placed to track the republican pair's whereabouts. He ambushed them on that pivotal island in the lough, where they were awaiting delivery of a weapons shipment. He then lay in wait for Corry to retrieve the high-powered sniper's rifles — except he arrived with Emma, who was clearly Corry's lover rather than hostage. He shot Corry in a jealous rage before burying him alongside Harkin and Quinlan. But what of his wife?

Brannick couldn't bring himself to kill Emma as well — she wasn't just his wife but the mother of his one-year-old daughter, after all — so he told her to vanish instead.

He insisted he had no idea where Emma was now — presumably living under an assumed identity somewhere. Like police pathologist Justin "Dinger" Bell said two weeks ago: "Who's to

say she didn't engineer her own disappearance? If anyone could, she could." So it seemed. The presumed-dead spook was out there somewhere.

As this episode began, DCS Jackie Twomey was being treated as the prime suspect. Brannick enlisted a specialist interview team from Belfast, led by Heather Pentland. Pentland's innocuous exterior belied a fearsome inquisitor. In a bravura 15-minute grilling reminiscent of sister show *Line of Duty*, she took Twomey to the cleaners.

He claimed he'd never met murder victim Adam Corry. She proved he had. She exposed his serious security breach in running IRA man Joe Harkin as an unsanctioned source. She probed why he had a burner phone for contacting Harkin's widow Siobhan, despite her involvement in an ongoing case. Pentland accused Twomey of positioning himself to hinder the Goliath investigation and suppress any findings.

However, the only evidence for murder was that Goliath postcard with Adam's fingerprint on it, which Matthews and Brannick colluded to plant at Twomey's caravan. It wasn't enough. Brannick began to get twitchy.

DS Niamh McGovern clocked that her partner was behaving suspiciously. He was too pushy for a conviction, verging on panicky. His co-conspirator Tori kept phoning to check that Twomey would be charged. He pretended the persistent caller was Izzy but Niamh quickly realised he was lying. Even DC Billy "Birdy" Bird looked askance at the rattled gaffer.

She began to suspect he'd framed Twomey — especially when forensics concluded that the caravan lock had been forced and the postcard was from a different batch to the original Goliath calling cards. As hangdog Dinger said: "Find the person who's got most to gain by framing Jackie Twomey."

Niamh found a cunning way to communicate with Twomey. Taking a cuppa to the interview room, she expressed her concerns in Irish Gaelic. Twomey advised her to look into Emma Brannick's disappearance, putting Niamh in touch with a military intelligence contact who owed him a favour. The game was afoot.

Emma Brannick had operated under the call sign "Green Finch". Cross-referencing Green Finch's files with Tom's medical records, Niamh realised he took sick leave for that rugby career-ending hip injury around the time she went AWOL.

Furthermore, there was a two to three-week gap between Green Finch last checking in with her handlers and Tom reporting her disappearance. It was always assumed she was the last of Goliath's four victims. In fact, Emma was the first to go missing — and Tom suddenly took leave the next day. As a horrified Niamh told Birdy: "Jesus, this all started with the boss and his wife."

Postcard-planter Matthews was incandescent when Brannick admitted they didn't have enough to nail Twomey. Getting changed in the hospital locker room, she spotted Izzy's owl pendant. It matched the necklace found with David Corry's remains, which Brannick still hadn't sent for DNA testing. Noting the significance of the "T" and "E" initials engraved on the back, she began to unravel Brannick's web of deceit.

Meanwhile, Brannick was ambushed by armed henchmen working for kidnap victim Pat Keenan. "Someone will answer for what happened to me," vowed the ex-IRA man. "With or without you." OK, Bono. He ordered Brannick to find the mystery brunette (aka Matthews in a wig). He'd await Brannick's call and handed him a burner phone number.

Brannick soon heard from Matthews, who'd tricked Izzy into coming to her house in the Mourne Mountains. "Don't you touch her!" growled Tom, granite-faced to match the craggy scenery. "You have explaining to do," Tori told Tom. "Come alone or Izzy could always disappear." Through Dunfolan police precinct window, Birdy noticed Brannick's frantic dash to his car. They tracked his mobile signal deep into the Mournes before he switched it off and went dark.

Arriving at Matthews' holiday home, the guileless Izzy figured she was matchmaking her father with her mentor. She delightedly left them to it while she cooked a romantic dinner-à-deux. Brannick desperately tried to persuade Tori they were allies — a bit rich, considering he'd murdered her father. "We don't have a common cause," she spat. "You took revenge on the man who stole your wife."

Adam Corry had worked it all out, so Tom silenced him. "Killing Adam was the worst thing I've done in 22 years," he sobbed. "I thought I'd moved away from all that but I'm still the same man."

When the aghast Matthews learned the full extent of his crimes ("There's a darkness in you"), she told him to hand himself in. Brannick admitted there was a gun that tied him to all four Goliath murders — the 9mm pistol he'd hidden in a trawlerman's hut on the shores of Strangford Lough. "Leave me to tell Izzy," he pleaded, playing on Tori's soft spot for her star student. "It'll destroy her."

When Matthews drove off to fetch the proof, Izzy blithely assumed they'd had a row. "Go after her," she said. Except she didn't mean it in the same way Brannick did.

In a propulsive final sequence, Brannick turned his phone back on and made an ominous call. As the signal came online, armed police scrambled to intercept him. Meanwhile, Matthews found the fishing hut — but the gun had gone. Tom had effectively called in a hit on her. Keenan was lying in wait to take vengeance for his abduction and shot her. Brannick promptly gunned down Keenan, then covered his tracks by tossing the old warhorse's phone into the lough, just as police arrived to discover Brannick standing over two dead bodies.

They were quick to deduce that Keenan was Goliath. When Tori finally hunted down her father's killer, went the story, he shot Tori with the same gun used in the other three Goliath murders. Brannick, in turn, had taken down a dangerous terrorist serial killer. Neither Niamh nor Twomey seemed particularly convinced by this version of events but the latter wanted the case tied up neatly and it all fitted.

So Brannick had assassinated three people in 1998, not the four that police assumed after Emma disappeared. Now he'd coldly killed two more — Adam Corry and Pat Keenan — bringing his death toll up to five. "Are you convinced that Keenan was Goliath?" asked Pentland and Twomey in his debriefing. After a pause, Brannick replied: "Yes." The only person who knew his secret for certain had been killed and he'd pinned everything on a dead man. Job done.



# **Season Two**





# Episode 1

Season 2  
Episode Number: 5  
Season Episode: 1

Originally aired: Sunday September 18, 2022  
Writer: Chris Brandon  
Director: Jon East  
Show Stars: James Nesbitt (DCI Tom Brannick), Lorcan Cranitch (DCS Jackie Twomey), Charlene McKenna (DS Niamh McGovern), Chris Walley (Billy 'Birdy' Bird), Michael Smiley (Dinger), Jonny Everett (Detective), Susan Lynch (Heather Pentland), Ian McElhinney (Adam Corry), Asan N'Jie (Larry), Lisa Dwan (Tori Matthews), Peter Ballance (Pat Keenan), Kathy Kiera Clarke (Clare Keenan), Cara Kelly (Siobhan Harkin), Lola Petticrew (Izzy Brannick), Caolan Byrne (Ben McFarland), Valerie Lillley (Linda Corry), Victoria Smurfit (Olivia Foyle),  
Guest Stars: Diarmaid Murtagh (Robert Dardis), Brian Robinson (Constable Tiny), Breige Roche (Mrs Ford), Vanessa Ifediora (Judith Kenny), Paul Garrett (Taxi Driver), Don Wycherley (AJ Boyd), Vanessa Emme (Leah Hardy), Chris McCurry (Davy), Elly Condron (Sandra Dardis), Brian Devlin (Mr Ford), Jesse Frazer (James Dardis), Emma Little Lawless (Estate Agent)  
Summary: A local accountant's murder leads DCI Tom Brannick and DS Niamh McGovern into a web of intrigue surrounding the victim's widow, Olivia Foyle.



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## Episode 2

Season 2  
Episode Number: 6  
Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Sunday September 25, 2022  
Writer: Chris Brandon  
Director: Jon East  
Show Stars: James Nesbitt (DCI Tom Brannick), Lorcan Cranitch (DCS Jackie Twomey), Charlene McKenna (DS Niamh McGovern), Chris Walley (Billy 'Birdy' Bird), Michael Smiley (Dinger), Jonny Everett (Detective), Susan Lynch (Heather Pentland), Ian McElhinney (Adam Corry), Asan N'Jie (Larry), Lisa Dwan (Tori Matthews), Peter Ballance (Pat Keenan), Kathy Kiera Clarke (Clare Keenan), Cara Kelly (Siobhan Harkin), Lola Petticrew (Izzy Brannick), Caolan Byrne (Ben McFarland), Valerie Lillley (Linda Corry), Victoria Smurfit (Olivia Foyle),  
Guest Stars: Diarmaid Murtagh (Robert Dardis), Patrick Buchanan (Mike), Elly Condron (Sandra Dardis), Vanessa Emme (Leah Hardy), Jesse Frazer (James Dardis), Lucy McConnell (TSG Protection Officer), Richard McFerran (DC Ruddy), Don Wycherley (AJ Boyd)  
Summary: A raid on an abandoned house uncovers the hiding place of Robert Dardis. Tom is forced to use drastic measures to find the whereabouts of the gold.



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## Episode 3

Season 2  
Episode Number: 7  
Season Episode: 3

Originally aired: Sunday October 02, 2022  
Writer: Chris Brandon  
Director: Jon East  
Show Stars: James Nesbitt (DCI Tom Brannick), Lorcan Cranitch (DCS Jackie Twomey), Charlene McKenna (DS Niamh McGovern), Chris Walley (Billy 'Birdy' Bird), Michael Smiley (Dinger), Jonny Everett (Detective), Susan Lynch (Heather Pentland), Ian McElhinney (Adam Corry), Asan N'Jie (Larry), Lisa Dwan (Tori Matthews), Peter Ballance (Pat Keenan), Kathy Kiera Clarke (Clare Keenan), Cara Kelly (Siobhan Harkin), Lola Petticrew (Izzy Brannick), Caolan Byrne (Ben McFarland), Valerie Lillley (Linda Corry), Victoria Smurfit (Olivia Foyle),  
Guest Stars: Shaun Blaney (Stephen Foyle), Jane Brennan (Lauren Fitzpatrick), Patrick Buchanan (Mike), Colin Carnegie (Priest), Richard Croxford (Yacht Club Secretary), Vanessa Emme (Leah Hardy), Dan Gordon (Noel Timoney), Rachel Handshaw (FBI Agent Paula Halcrow), Vanessa Ifediora (Judith Kenny), Geraldine McAlinden (Counsellor), Amy Molloy (Louise Foyle), Diarmaid Murtagh (Robert Dardis), Nigel O'Neill (Chief Superintendent), Don Wycherley (AJ Boyd)  
Summary: Tom and Olivia work together outside the official police investigation as their search for the gold forges a most unsavoury alliance.



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## Episode 4

Season 2  
Episode Number: 8  
Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Sunday October 09, 2022  
Writer: Chris Brandon  
Director: Audrey Cooke  
Show Stars: James Nesbitt (DCI Tom Brannick), Lorcan Cranitch (DCS Jackie Twomey), Charlene McKenna (DS Niamh McGovern), Chris Walley (Billy 'Birdy' Bird), Michael Smiley (Dinger), Jonny Everett (Detective), Susan Lynch (Heather Pentland), Ian McElhinney (Adam Corry), Asan N'Jie (Larry), Lisa Dwan (Tori Matthews), Peter Ballance (Pat Keenan), Kathy Kiera Clarke (Clare Keenan), Cara Kelly (Siobhan Harkin), Lola Petticrew (Izzy Brannick), Caolan Byrne (Ben McFarland), Valerie Litley (Linda Corry), Victoria Smurfit (Olivia Foyle),  
Guest Stars: Jane Brennan (Lauren Fitzpatrick), Colin Carnegie (Priest), Rachel Handshaw (FBI Assistant Director Paula Halcrow), Vanessa Ifediora (PC Judith Kenny), Diarmaid Murtagh (Robert Dardis), Jonjo O'Neill (Ryan Savage), Brian Robinson (PC Tiny)  
Summary: With the origins of the gold confirmed, an American gangster arrives in Dunfolan to take back what is his. Birdy makes a shocking discovery.



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## Episode 5

Season 2  
Episode Number: 9  
Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Sunday October 16, 2022  
Writer: Chris Brandon  
Director: Audrey Cooke  
Show Stars: James Nesbitt (DCI Tom Brannick), Lorcan Cranitch (DCS Jackie Twomey), Charlene McKenna (DS Niamh McGovern), Chris Walley (Billy 'Birdy' Bird), Michael Smiley (Dinger), Jonny Everett (Detective), Susan Lynch (Heather Pentland), Ian McElhinney (Adam Corry), Asan N'Jie (Larry), Lisa Dwan (Tori Matthews), Peter Ballance (Pat Keenan), Kathy Kiera Clarke (Clare Keenan), Cara Kelly (Siobhan Harkin), Lola Petticrew (Izzy Brannick), Caolan Byrne (Ben McFarland), Valerie Lillley (Linda Corry), Victoria Smurfit (Olivia Foyle),  
Guest Stars: Jonjo O'Neill (Ryan Savage), Vanessa Emme (Leah Hardy), Dan Gordon (Noel Timoney), Vanessa Ifediora (PC Judith Kenny), Chris McCurry (Davy), Brian Robinson (PC Tiny), Matthew Sharpe (Constable Scott), Don Wycherley (AJ Boyd)  
Summary: Tom is forced to deal with the killer in order to stay in the hunt for the gold, but a revelation from Izzy threatens to knock him off course.



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## Episode 6

Season 2

Episode Number: 10

Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Sunday October 23, 2022  
Writer: Chris Brandon  
Director: Audrey Cooke  
Show Stars: James Nesbitt (DCI Tom Brannick), Lorcan Cranitch (DCS Jackie Twomey), Charlene McKenna (DS Niamh McGovern), Chris Walley (Billy 'Birdy' Bird), Michael Smiley (Dinger), Jonny Everett (Detective), Susan Lynch (Heather Pentland), Ian McElhinney (Adam Corry), Asan N'Jie (Larry), Lisa Dwan (Tori Matthews), Peter Ballance (Pat Keenan), Kathy Kiera Clarke (Clare Keenan), Cara Kelly (Siobhan Harkin), Lola Petticrew (Izzy Brannick), Caolan Byrne (Ben McFarland), Valerie Litley (Linda Corry), Victoria Smurfit (Olivia Foyle),  
Guest Stars: Dan Gordon (Noel Timoney), Rachel Handshaw (FBI ADIC Paula Halcrow), Vanessa Ifediora (PC Judith Kenny), Thomas Lappin (Receptionist), Emma Little Lawless (Estate Agent), Chris McCurry (Davy), Andrew McNeill (Waiter), Naseen Morgan (Sadie), Diarmaid Murtagh (Robert Dardis), Jonjo O'Neill (Ryan Savage), Matthew Sharpe (Constable Scott)  
Summary: Tom falters on the tightrope between his investigation and illicit pursuit of the gun and the gold, as it all threatens to come tumbling down.



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# Actor Appearances

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## B

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Shaun Blaney .....	1
0203 (Stephen Foyle)	
Jane Brennan .....	2
0203 (Lauren Fitzpatrick); 0204 (Lauren Fitzpatrick)	
Patrick Buchanan .....	2
0202 (Mike); 0203 (Mike)	

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## C

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Colin Carnegie .....	2
0203 (Priest); 0204 (Priest)	
Emer Casey .....	1
0102 (Sandwich Shop Owner)	
Elly Condron .....	2
0201 (Sandra Dardis); 0202 (Sandra Dardis)	
Richard Croxford .....	1
0203 (Yacht Club Secretary)	

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## D

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Brian Devlin .....	1
0201 (Mr Ford)	
Sara Dylan .....	1
0103 (Beaten Woman)	

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## E

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Vanessa Emme .....	4
0201 (Leah Hardy); 0202 (Leah Hardy); 0203 (Leah Hardy); 0205 (Leah Hardy)	

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## F

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Jesse Frazer .....	2
0201 (James Dardis); 0202 (James Dardis)	

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## G

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Paul Garrett .....	1
0201 (Taxi Driver)	
Dan Gordon .....	3
0203 (Noel Timoney); 0205 (Noel Timoney); 0206 (Noel Timoney)	

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## H

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Rachel Handshaw .....	3
0203 (FBI Agent Paula Halcrow); 0204 (FBI Assistant Director Paula Halcrow); 0206 (FBI ADIC Paula Halcrow)	
Nicky Harley .....	2
0101 (Hospital Receptionist); 0103 (Hospital Receptionist)	

Roy Heaybeard .....	2
0101 (Farmer); 0102 (Farmer)	

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## I

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Vanessa Ifediora .....	5
0201 (Judith Kenny); 0203 (Judith Kenny); 0204 (PC Judith Kenny); 0205 (PC Judith Kenny); 0206 (PC Judith Kenny)	
Hugh Irvine .....	3
0101 (CSI Officer); 0102 (CSI Officer); 0103 (CSI Officer)	

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## L

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Thomas Lappin .....	1
0206 (Receptionist)	
Emma Little Lawless .....	2
0201 (Estate Agent); 0206 (Estate Agent)	

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## M

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Geraldine McAlinden .....	1
0203 (Counsellor)	
Lucy McConnell .....	1
0202 (TSG Protection Officer)	
Chris McCurry .....	3
0201 (Davy); 0205 (Davy); 0206 (Davy)	
Stella McCusker .....	2
0102 (Valerie); 0103 (Valerie)	
Richard McFerran .....	1
0202 (DC Ruddy)	
Noel McGee .....	1
0104 (Jackie's Solicitor)	
Michael McGeown .....	1
0101 (Police officer)	
Sean McNamee .....	1
0104 (Intelligence Officer)	
Andrew McNeill .....	1
0206 (Waiter)	
Brenda McNeill .....	1
0101 (Bomb disposal officer)	
Nigel Mercier .....	1
0101 (HMSU Commander)	
Amy Molloy .....	1
0203 (Louise Foyle)	
Flora Montgomery .....	1
0101 (McCallister)	
Naseen Morgan .....	1
0206 (Sadie)	
Diarmaid Murtagh .....	5
0201 (Robert Dardis); 0202 (Robert Dardis); 0203 (Robert Dardis); 0204 (Robert Dardis); 0206 (Robert Dardis)	

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## O

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Jonjo O'Neill ..... 3  
0204 (Ryan Savage); 0205 (Ryan Savage); 0206 (Ryan Savage)

Nigel O'Neill ..... 1  
0203 (Chief Superintendent)

————— Q —————

Mark Quigley ..... 3  
0101 (Detective); 0102 (Detective); 0103 (Detective)

————— R —————

Brian Robinson ..... 3  
0201 (Constable Tiny); 0204 (PC Tiny); 0205 (PC Tiny)

Breige Roche ..... 1  
0201 (Mrs Ford)

————— S —————

Matthew Sharpe ..... 4  
0101 (Constable Scott); 0102 (Constable Scott); 0205 (Constable Scott); 0206 (Constable Scott)

Sean Sloan ..... 1  
0102 (Pat's Solicitor)

————— W —————

Don Wycherley ..... 4  
0201 (AJ Boyd); 0202 (AJ Boyd); 0203 (AJ Boyd); 0205 (AJ Boyd)