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Season One

The Empty Chair

Season 1
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Summary: Powerful businesswoman Nessa Stein is thrown head-first into a game of political cat-and-mouse when a Palestinian businessman with close connections to her family's empire is killed.



Twenty-nine years ago, a young Nessa Stein, along with her brother Ephra, witnessed how their father Eli, a prominent businessman who supplied weapons to Middle Eastern countries, was brutally murdered in a restaurant. Twenty-nine years later, Nessa, who had just been made Baroness by the Queen for her influence and contribution as the head of her father's company, returned to the same restaurant where her father was killed. In front of family, friends and business contacts, she announced a new

business partnership: Instead of selling weapons, Nessa's company would be producing broadband technology to Middle East to bridge the poverty gap.

Curiously absent in this celebration was Nessa's special guest, Samir Meshal, an Israeli who had won the contract from the Stein company. His chair at the celebration was empty. Later, Nessa was told by her staff that Meshal was found hanging from a flag pole at his hotel and a suicide note was left at his table.

The MI6 was tasked to investigate the suicide with Hugh Hayden-Hoyle handling the case. Hugh had his own problems to deal with, a scandal that may cost him his job. But being an expert in Middle Eastern affairs, he was assigned to this case. Hugh suspected foul play, especially after discovering that the "suicide note" was sealed in an envelope. The envelope bore no fingerprints of the deceased. Later, Hugh conferred with his informant to find out more about the "suicide." It wouldn't be long before his questions bring him to the Stein's office.

Nessa discussed with concerned Israeli and Palestinian lobbyists about her plans for the contract now that Meshal is dead. Who would take over? These lobbyists were already against

her choice from the beginning, but Nessa had always been headstrong, despite creating many enemies in the business. Pressured and stressed by what was happening, she met in secret with Atika, an old friend and her nephew's nanny, and cried her heart out to her, blurting something about being found out. Atika assured her that it was not going to happen. What was Nessa hiding?

At this point, the friendship between these two women was expounded in a flashback. Eight years prior, while in the Gaza Strip, Atika was kidnapped by gunmen, while Nessa screamed for her friend. What significance does this have to do with the latest on-goings?

Later, the Stein family formally celebrated Nessa's Baroness honor by attending a classical music performance. But before the event actually started, the power at the venue was cutoff, and the alarm bells blared. Guests panicked, and Nessa was whisked by one of her most trusted security people away. However, as they waited for the car, Nessa spotted her nephew, Kasim, being dragged outside of the venue by a captor.

Nessa chased after her nephew on foot, and, closing in on the captor, she was almost shot by his gun, but her security saved her. However, the captor had already called for backup, and they escaped in a motorcycle with Kasim. Meanwhile, Nessa was left in the middle of a London park with her bodyguard bleeding out. Was Kasim's kidnapping related to the business deal Nessa was trying to accomplish with the Israelis and Palestines? Were they sending out a message? Or is this connected to the suicide?

The Unfaithful Husband

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Guest Stars: Tom Bateman (Greene), Meg Davies (Lady Angela Roberts), Rupert Frazer (Commander Garrett), George Georgiou (Magdi Muraji), Amira Ghazalla (Alima Meshal), Paul Herzberg (Daniel Borgoraz), Jamie Hinde (British Security Agent), Martin Hutson (Max Boorman), Nicole Lopes (Mazel Stein), Martin McDougall (Brigadier General Berkoff), Suzann McLean (Nurse Marlene Dalloway), Julia Montgomery Brown (Rebecca Lantham), Nathan Osgood (Taxi Driver), Ben Smith (Michael Gatz), Lynne Verrall (Lady Margaret Andrews)
Summary: Nessa's past, including her kidnap eight years previously in Gaza, is dug up by MI6 boss Sir Hugh Hayden-Hoyle, who is intent on getting answers despite being blocked by the CIA.



The episode opened with a flashback to Gaza, with Nessa and Atika as prisoners. The scene was brief, but it explained why Nessa, at present, with all her fame and money, chooses to sleep in a panic room that is no bigger than a prison cell. It also explained why she goes around town with body guards. Being the daughter of an arms dealer, whose clients are some of the most dangerous people in the Middle East, threats seem inevitable with the Stein family. But after the Gaza incident, her security details were made tighter.

Cut to the present day, and Nessa was seen hooking up with one of her security men, which she figured out was probably MI6. Her body guard denied this of course, and she insisted that she doesn't feel threatened, despite what was happening with the family. Later, her body guard reported to the MI6 that Nessa may have already blown his cover. He also said that the police were taking care of Kasim's kidnapping case. So why was there an MI6 in Nessa's security?

Turns out, with Hoyle receiving more pressure from his boss, Julia Walsh, into Meshal's suicide case, he decided to look into other directions. They had been digging up into the Stein's family for possible connections to the suicide. Walsh also told Hoyle that the CIA would also like to be in the loop.

A mistress of Meshal surfaced, but before they could investigate her, they talked to Meshal's wife, suggesting that he could be involved with another woman and that this was a crime of passion. But the wife insisted that this was not possible, considering Meshal was sick with prostate cancer.

Deconstructing the mistress, Rebecca Lantham, Hoyle made it clear to her that the MI6 knew she was lying and pointed out that Meshal was actually impotent. The "mistress" was in fact an American named Tracey Vorman, who worked for the FBI. With her cover busted, Tracey reached out to her handlers so that she could come back home safely. But as she had become expandable to whoever was behind this operation, Tracey was executed by someone she did not expect. Her shooter was then also killed by a hired cleaner. Who is behind all these, and why have the FBI and CIA become so interested in Meshal's case?

Back at the Stein's turf at the house of Nessa's brother, it's becoming clearer that the relationship between the couple, Ephra and Rachel, has strained. The tension was compounded by another incident during an earlier event with a heckler causing undue stress. Rachel, who is pregnant, expressed her anger to her husband and sister-in-law, saying that it was Nessa who was causing all these, putting their family in danger.

Later that night, with Rachel already in bed, Ephra and Atika talked in the kitchen about Kasim and the Gaza incident. Whatever the connection was, Atika didn't want to say anything anymore. The two ended up having sex on the kitchen table. Yes, the nanny and the brother are having an affair.

Despite her assistant's advice to lay low, Nessa still wanted to attend to all of her business engagements. In one hotel event where she was speaking to a room full of people, her phone suddenly rang. Panic-stricken, she knew what this call was about because earlier that day, someone mysteriously handed her a phone and told her to wait for a call. In a masked voice, the kidnappers on the phone said, "We know your secret, Ms. Stein..." They also instructed her to look into something to prove that Kasim is still alive. Atika rushed to Nessa to comfort her and to also get confirmation about Kasim.

At the MI6, Hoyle was busy looking at photos of Nessa and Atika at the Gaza prison, and there, he saw that Atika was actually holding a baby. Could that baby be Kasim? Was he her son or Nessa's? Did one of them get pregnant while in prison?

And what was Nessa's secret, which seemed to be the key to all of this?

The Killing Call

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Guest Stars: Philip Arditti (Saleh Al-Zahid), Ben Adams (Car Salesman), Celia Adams (Jenny), Rebecca Clay (Nurse), Claire-Louise Cordwell (Gail Gatz), Rupert Frazer (Commander Garrett), Aymen Hamdouchi (Muhammad Ibn Saeed), Suzann McLean (Nurse Marlene Dalloway), John MacKay (Caleb Schwako)
Summary: Nessa's security advisor follows a lead as he hunts down the missing boy. Meanwhile, her brother Ephra makes a startling discovery that could blow the family, and its work, apart.



Nathaniel Bloom, Nessa's chief security, had recovered from the gunshot wounds he sustained trying to save Nessa during Kasim's abduction. He immediately got to work in locating leads that would point to the kidnappers and somehow traced this to the family of the driver of the kidnapper's accomplice. He's good, and he's careful. But Nessa was worried for him and hoped that Bloom would let the police handle it. When Nessa saw how determined he was and how his instincts were always right about the leads, Nessa

allowed him to go after the kidnappers with a request that whatever Bloom planned to do, there should never be any trace back to the Stein family.

While Nessa was genuinely worried for Bloom's safety, she also hesitated allowing her chief security to go after the kidnappers because they have been harassing her with phone calls all along. Confessing to the kidnappers that her "secret" was no longer safe and fearing for Kasim's life, Nessa had to cooperate. She told the man on the phone that he was being tracked down by her security. This episode gave a face and an identity to the perpetrator, sort of actually revealing a name. But Nessa knew who he was, and the guy did actually have a connection to her Gaza abduction eight years ago. Was this kidnapper also connected with Kasim's real father?

Speaking of Kasim's father, the police looked into the boy's paternity, thinking that this may have a connection to the case. They came to Ephra's house for a paternity test. Ephra was already having doubts about who Kasim's father really was, learning through Detective Hoyle that Atika had not been upfront with the details of the father's identity or even the details of the Gaza incident. Ephra wondered if Kasim was actually his son. The paternity test turned out negative for any traces. The police used Kasim's toothbrush to lift DNA samples, and Ephra saw that before the police came, Atika replaced Kasim's toothbrush with a new one, which she used before giving to the police. Why was Atika trying so hard to hide the father's identity?

Back at the Stein Company, Shlomo Zahary, one of Nessa's father's old business associates, continued to convince Nessa to give Meshal's contract to him. He also said that she was being manipulated into granting the contract to a Palestinian associate. But despite his relationship with the Stein family, where he's almost like a godfather to both Nessa and Ephra, Nessa still refused his pleas. Nessa's decision was a fair assessment, especially after learning that Zahary was allegedly part of shady deals before. She had to protect the company's reputation. But Detective Hoyle gave Zahary papers proving that he had nothing to do with those questionable contracts. Despite showing these papers, Nessa still wouldn't budge.

So what was Hoyle up to? Why was he giving proofs and papers to Ephra and Zahary? Did he intend to draw Nessa out into admitting the truth about Gaza so that she would also reveal the perpetrators behind Meshal's suicide and Kasim's kidnapping? Hoyle also found out that before Nessa headed Stein Company, it was actually Ephra who took charge. Why did that change? Meanwhile, Hoyle had to also deal with a personal crisis. He had been sleeping with his boss, and yet he continued to stalk his ex-wife.

By the end of the episode, Bloom had already tracked his lead. But before he could do anything else or find out more, he was shot in the head by the guy who had been calling and harassing Nessa.

The Ribbon Cutter

Season 1

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Guest Stars: Philip Arditti (Saleh Al-Zahid), Claudio Allodi (Accordion), Omar Azouzouzi (Education Minister), Rachid Berrada (Principal's Associate), Atticus Blick (Israeli Soldier), Hassan El Guenouni (University Principal), Julian Firth (Ernest Blakefield), George Georgiou (Magdi Muraji), Michael Hadley (Dinner Party Guest), Paul Herzberg (Daniel Borgoraz), Kemi-Bo Jacobs (Ephra's Office Assistant), Jasper Jacob (British News Reporter), Sam Kanater (Senior Education Minister), Nasser Memarzia (Zahid Al-Zahid), Maurice Meyer (Violinist), Sef Naaktgeboren (Naming Ceremony Singer), Patrick Poletti (American News Reporter), Liza Sadovy (British News Reporter), Malika Sayed (Female Palestinian Driver), Abdellatif Touhfi (Qadi), Gregor Truter (Dinner Party Guest)
Summary: Going back eight years, a younger Hayden-Hoyle climbs the ranks of MI6 whilst Nessa and Atika endure atrocities during their time held captive in Gaza and their captors scheme as to how she can best serve their cause.



The episode opened to the time when Ephra was the head of the Stein company and Nessa was merely doing her brother's bid, sitting on the sidelines and attending functions on his behalf. She was his ribbon cutter.

There was a party for Judith, the daughter of Ephra and Rachel, at the Stein's residence. Even Shlomo Zahary, their father's old time business associate whose proposals Nessa turned down in the present day (as seen in "The Killing Call"), was in attendance. Ephra gave a

speech about thanking everyone for being there to celebrate Judith's birthday, and he also announced plans for the company, saying that in a matter of days, Nessa would be headed to the West Bank to open a computer facility supported by the Stein's Foundation, with Shlomo as their business partner.

Nessa arrived at the West Bank, meeting Atika for the first time. Atika was hired by Ephra as her translator. From the way she talked, it was obvious that she was fond of Ephra.

After the opening of the facility and giving a speech in front of the students, Nessa talked with the administration of the university and, in passing, mentioned that she hoped that they would be able to make use of the US \$1.5 million fund their company donated. They were baffled because they never received anything that substantial.

Nessa frantically called her brother to clarify this because if she slipped up, she would apologize for it. Ephra said that he didn't know anything and wondered how come Nessa found out about it. Nessa told him that she's not just a ribbon cutter. She has read all the documents and papers about the company, and she saw this money in an excel entry. The two argued, with Ephra insisting that Nessa left the way things were. Ephra knew that exposing corruption in this part of the world would be dangerous, but it was the one thing Nessa wanted resolved.

Ephra had lied about not knowing where the money was used for. According to Monica, the British Foreign Office tactician based in Washington DC, the US \$1.5M had been used as ransom money paid to the Fatah in connection with the release of an Israeli soldier. Monica told this fact to Julia, the head of the MI6. This was probably why, back in the present time, the CIA had been closely monitoring Meshal's suicide case and the Steins, hoping to find a connection.

Nessa wanted to dig deeper into where this money went, after having talked to leaders, who told her that it was a mistaken entry and that they have corrected this with the funds going to concerned parties. Atika warned her that she's threading on a dangerous territory, especially when Nessa planned on going to Gaza to find answers. But en route to Gaza, Nessa and Atika were kidnapped. It was the scene that played over and over in the past four episodes of "The Honourable Woman."

Julia of the MI6 tried, but failed, to arrange for their release. Ephra was upset with the British agency, but she warned Ephra to hold off any plans of rescuing his sister using the Israelis, as this would spark war. This scene between Ephra and Julia showed stellar acting. It was a verbal face off that showed how intense the conflict was.

Back in Gaza, Nessa was raped by one of the Fatah guards, Saleh Al-Zahid, who apparently was only ordered to do this, motivated by the fact that it was the Stein family who killed his wife and children who were casualties of war. The Stein's main business before shifting to telecommunications was dealing with weapons with Middle Eastern factions. Hence, Al-Sahid believed that the Steins were responsible for his family's death. He was also the son of one of Fatah's most influential leaders. He was the same man who kept calling and harassing Nessa in "The Killing Call"; the man who kept asking if her secret is still safe. He was the man who killed Bloom, Nessa's chief security.

Ten weeks after the rape, Nessa and Atika sat before the Sharia court, who told them that they could be released if Nessa agreed to keep the baby, which would grow up to be Kasim. She begged the elders to release Atika with her, and her request was granted.

Two Hearts

Season 1

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Guest Stars: Imad Edderaj (Samir Altif), Uriel Emil (Shimon Ben Reuven), Shani Erez (Kidma Admissions Officer), Reeve Fletcher (Hannah Stein), Yassen Hassan (Security Guard), Paul Herzberg (Daniel Borgoraz), Martin Hutson (Max Boorman), Richard Katz (Aron Yavin), Jacob Krichefski (Yaniv Levi), Nicole Lopes (Mazel Stein), John Mackay (Caleb Schwako), Nasser Memarzia (Zahid Al-Zahid), Eric Meyers (Kidma Uni Principal), Raad Rawi (Jalal El-Amin), Pierre Santarossa (Ariel Eban), Yaron Shavit (Listening Room Man), Nicholas Woodeson (Judah Ben-Shahar)
Summary: As Atika and Nessa remain in captivity, the secret that will bond them forever is revealed. Meanwhile, an academic in Tel Aviv working at a university funded by the Steins uncovers corruption that could have far-reaching consequences.



The episode opened with another flashback. Now almost to her term, Nessa asked Atika where she would be giving birth, and Atika told her that since they haven't been really out of the room, it's where she'll have to do it. Nessa was worried. Once she got home and the world got wind of what actually happened to her, she knew that all her decisions will be judged based on this.

"I could give birth to a child. That's not me, that's just biology. But what I say or do or think, what I want this company to

achieve, that's me. I can have this baby and I might live. But whatever happens, I'm gonna lose my life."

Atika suggested that when they get out, she would claim that she's the mother of the baby so that Nessa could go on with her life as normal.

Back in London at the Stein's, Shlomo Zahary was wondering why Ephra was being erratic and emotional with his decisions for the company. There were cables to be set up at the West Bank, but Ephra has not approved this yet. Ephra lost it and cried in front of Shlomo, who grew concern, especially since they're like family besides being business partners. But Ephra couldn't tell him that Nessa was kidnapped in Gaza or that his hands were tied as the Israelis were calling the shots with the business. He couldn't even tell this fact to his own wife, whose relationship with Ephra has started to strain. Shlomo could only hug him.

Ephra met with the Israeli from the last episode ("The Ribbon Cutter") who ordered him to lay the cabling Shlomo wanted done. Ephra asked if doing this would get Nessa back, but the Israeli only said that once the cables were down, they would ask Ephra for something else again. And so, work at the West Bank started.

It was finally time for Nessa to give birth, and she labored at the room where they were held captive, with only the help of Atika and a midwife. Then Kasim was born. A few days later, with the help of Monica Chatwin, the attachè to Washington from the British office, Nessa and Atika were pulled out, with helicopters literally fetching them from their room. Atika immediately took the baby from Nessa when one of the soldiers who came to save them asked whose it was. Their secret was to stay hidden beginning that night.

Now this arrangement of saving Nessa and Atika didn't come without any conditions though because Monica wanted Nessa to head the Stein's company with Ephra stepping down. He was more than willing to do that, without any questions. But when Monica asked why the cables at West Bank were laid down, he didn't want to reveal his own secret with the Israelis.

Meanwhile, MI6 head Julia Walsh was also talking to the Israelis about their deals with the Steins and the cables and came to the conclusion that Nessa was important in all these.

Back in the present day with Kasim still missing, Ephra told his sister that he just found out from Atika after seven years that the boy is really her son, which led to Ephra also admitting that he was sleeping with the nanny, as seen in the episode "The Unfaithful Husband." Ephra also knew about the kidnappers calling Nessa. There was no shock nor surprise in Nessa's face. Just concern and amusement that they have all these secrets. Here's one other secret that may have to be clarified in the later episodes: Did Nessa just admit to Atika that she loves her more than a friend?

The Mother Line

Season 1

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Season Episode: 6

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Guest Stars: Philip Arditti (Saleh Al-Zahid), Kaizer Akhtar (Tariq Ibn Saeed), El Jirari Ben Issa (Sniffer Device Engineer), Atticus Blick (Israeli Soldier), Reeve Fletcher (Hannah Stein), Aymen Hamdouchi (Muhammad Ibn Saeed), Paul Herzberg (Daniel Borgoraz), Martin Hutson (Max Boorman), Richard Katz (Aron Yavin), Jacob Kricheski (Yaniv Levi), Nicole Lopes (Mazel Stein), Raad Rawi (Jalal El-Amin), Yaron Shavit (Listening Room Man), Justin Shevlin (Tom Crace), Aaron Vodovoz (Telecomms Engineer), Nicholas Woodeson (Judah Ben-Shahar)
Summary: When a Palestinian businessman makes Nessa an offer regarding the cabling initiative in the Middle East, Nessa discovers the full cost of her release from captivity eight years ago.



The episode opened with Nessa sitting at a bar and drowning all of her problems with alcohol. She hooked up with a man she met there, who recognized her as the Baroness. Inside a private room, he hit her in the head and then raped her. Coming to her senses but still bleeding from the head, Nessa tried to find a taxi to go back home. An MI6 agent, who had been tracking her all along, came to her assistance, but she refused his help. Later, Hugh Hoyle of the MI6 came to pick her up and took her to a safe place where she

was tested. He also asked if Nessa wanted to file a complaint against her rapist because they have already arrested him, and he was tested too. She refused, and Hoyle brought her home. While in the car, Hoyle talked to her about Gaza:

Hoyle: "What happened tonight, did it happen before? Did it happen then?"

Nessa: "What does it say in my file?"

Hoyle: "It doesn't."

Nessa: "Why do you need to know?"

Hoyle: "I want to help."

Nessa: "You want to help me or you?"

Hoyle: "Both of us."

Nessa: "All you spies need to coordinate better."

Nessa found out that the professor at the university the Stein Foundation supported was murdered, as seen in the episode "Two Hearts." Hoyle told her that someone already made claims to the murder — the Israeli terrorists. But Hoyle wasn't convinced. Hoyle clarified that there was a deeper reason why the teacher was murdered. Maybe he discovered something else he wasn't supposed to. Nessa denied this, and Hoyle sort of hinted that she shouldn't trust her brother. Nessa was confused by Hoyle's questions and statements.

Nessa: "Are you trying to help? Coz it doesn't feel like it. It feels like you're trying to put a split right in the heart of this business."

The Palestinian Jalal el-Amin had a business meeting with Nessa, with regards the problems at the college, with the listening post and the dead professor. But el-Amin also revealed that they know Nessa's secret: Kasim. He went on to say that if she wanted the boy safe, she should award the cabling contract to them. el-Amin said that they needed a Palestinian standing by her side. They want to be certain that Nessa is everything she stood for.

Meanwhile, with the help of Nessa's man on the field, Aron Yavin, who discovered the wiretap (sniffer) that lead to the listening post at the school, Shlomo brought forth more evidence that he really wasn't behind any illegal activities. However, this lead to Nessa learning that it was Ephra who was behind everything all along.

So now the truth was out: It was Ephra who helped fund the \$1.5 million ransom money for the young Israeli soldier captured by the Palestinian extremists. It was Nessa who discovered the money trail under the Stein Foundation while on her trip to the West Bank eight years ago. Her inquisition led to her abduction, where she was subsequently raped and got pregnant. The Israelis pledged to help Ephra with the release of Nessa, but in doing so, they also asked Ephra for favors in their business — one of which was the setup of a wiretap in one of Shlomo's cable operations. Ephra admitted that he did all these to help because no one was going to do it. Nessa was so mad at her brother that it led to a big confrontation. She accused her brother of turning her into a puppet and for never saying anything about these deals all these years.

Nessa: "You wanna know why they've taken the boy? Because the Palestinians were suspicious that this is what you and the Israelis were up to all along."

Ephra: "You're blaming me for Kasim's kidnapping?"

Nessa: "They wanted Samir Meshal (The Empty Chair) close enough to watch over us, and now they have someone else. You know who my choice is? I haven't got one. Because every fucking road to this leads back to you."

Knowing what she knew now, Nessa used this to demand that the Israelis give her full support regardless of whoever she appointed for the contract. Nessa was not going to be made into a puppet. But then, she awarded the contract to the Palestinians with el-Amin, in the hopes of getting Kasim back.

There was something else that Shlomo and Yavin discovered from the sniffer — the information of which was brought to the attention of Hoyle and the MI6. Thus, the agency set up a trap, which led to the US Embassy: Monica Chatwin. Hoyle then brought this fact to his boss, Julia Walsh, who still insisted, as it was before, that they keep the Americans out of this mess. But really, what did the Americans want to accomplish here?

For whatever reason, Atika told Rachel, Ephra's wife, about Nessa being the mother of Kasim. This enraged Rachel, as she felt that her husband lied to her. Hugh later told Ephra that he's like "the hero that nobody thanks," which was sort of true. With everything, Ephra had good intentions, but dealing with two sides that are at war, it was hard to find a common ground.

Kasim's father, Saleh Al-Zahid, the man who raped Nessa in Gaza, also figured in this episode. He had to flee his safehouse because of an unfortunate accident involving the child of one of his comrades.

The Hollow Wall

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Summary: Hayden-Hoyle uncovers an international government cover-up in relation to the Stein wiretap and Ephra is drawn into making a fatal mistake. In Palestine, an act of terrorism stuns the Stein family and the wider international community and has far-reaching repercussions.



The episode opened with Al-Zahid, Nessa's rapist and the father of Kasim, meeting Monica, the British spy working with the Americans. There were in a little known motel and they got suspicious when the motel staff came to the room to "check" the smoke alarm. Monica already knew that someone was on to them. The MI6 were actually tapping on to her satellite phones, tracing all the calls coming in and going out.

At the Stein's office, Nessa, who was preparing for her trip to Hebron where the cable project would be rolling out, was met by MI6 agent Hugh Hoyle, who updated her on the sniffer that was found in one of her data cabling sites previously. He said that he has the leads and link and showed Nessa this picture of Al-Zahid, who came to the United Kingdom with Israeli papers. Nessa said that he's not Israeli, he's Palestinian and Hugh wondered how she knew. She started to have panic attacks and this was where Hugh realized who Al-Zahid was in Nessa's life.

Wanting to help Nessa out, Hugh asked her what he can do to ease Nessa's panic attacks, and all she sought was to confront her other rapist (from last week's episode "The Mother Line") perhaps as a substitute retribution for the rape that she endured from Al-Zahid eight years ago.

Meanwhile, at Ephra's house, after a confrontation with Atika, who revealed Nessa's secret to Rachel in last week's episode, the lovers decided to go on short trip to the Stein's cottage. While there, the two acted like a couple of sixteen year olds, oblivious to what else is happening around them.

Nessa was back at the West Bank with her assistant Frances. At the press conference, her business partner, El-Amin, was conspicuously a no-show, when they have earlier agreed that they would be present in all the events together. They wanted to let the press and the world know that they were one united front, and that the business deal was a successful venture between an Israeli (Nessa's heritage) and a Palestine.

Frances called El-Amin's people to confirm if he will be able to come to the inauguration. He apparently had food poisoning, but Nessa demanded that he should be there. While Nessa changed clothes, Frances found out that Nessa signed off the contract for El-Amin as a deal that will have the Stein's forever attached to him and the Palestine's business ventures. This ticked off Frances, worried that Nessa is making a bad business decision, but Nessa asked that she should trust her.

And so, the groundbreaking took place. Thankfully, El-Amin was present despite looking really sick. They faced the press and their pictures and videos were taken. Then Nessa, feeling like she has made good her part of the bargain, asked El-Amin when she would be able to see Kasim. El-Amin promised him that it will happen that night, and she hastily left El-Amin's side and then went to board a truck she was supposed to start to signify that the inauguration is all set.

But Nessa saw that El-Amin boarded his car already, leaving the premises, so she ran after him. Just as she was a few yards away from the truck, a bomb that triggered it went off. The reports said 75 people died on the site, including Frances and possibly Nessa.

Upon Monica's orders, an Israeli extremist group immediately made claims for this incident, citing that Nessa has betrayed her people, especially when she has a Palestinian bastard son, so she deserved to die. They outed Nessa's secret to the world. They were also the same group that claimed killing the professor from the Stein university in the episode "Two Hearts". The Israeli government, however, denied these claims and said that they have been a staunch supporter of the Steins since the beginning.

The MI6 saw everything that was happening in the news and on their satellite feeds. Hugh was briefing his boss, Julia Walsh, all throughout, who couldn't believe what was going on. When she told Hugh before to avoid looking into Monica and the Americans, then she must've believed him now.

Back at the Stein's cottage, Ephra and Atika were caught by Rachel, who had long suspected about the affair. Atika quickly took out a satellite phone calling someone, confusing Ephra. He was even more confused when they heard about the news report of the bombing as the TV was on. But before anyone could react or do something, a sniper hit Ephra twice on the neck and he died instantly.

It was Al-Zahid who killed Ephra. Atika and he have been working together all along with Monica, who had been orchestrating everything. When Al-Zahid saw that Rachel was there, he motioned to Atika that she has to be killed, too. Atika instead shot Al-Zahid and even said, "You shouldn't have raped her."

Rachel, perhaps due to trauma, went into labor right there, so Atika helped her into the room and assisted in the delivery, just like she assisted when Nessa gave birth to Kasim.

With Ephra dead and Nessa possibly dead, too, it looked like the Palestinians were able to achieve one thing: wipeout the Steins.

The MI6 traced one of the calls from Monica's satellite phone to the Stein cottage, and there, the authorities saw two bodies, and Rachel in labor, with Atika helping out. Atika was later handcuffed. It would be curious to see what she will have to say to the MI6 later.

Finally, the MI6 tried to find the person behind the last trace they did on Monica's satellite phone, which lead them to Washington, to Kate Larsson, the adviser to the secretary of state. It seemed to be hinted that when Kate said, "She. Has. Agreed," that perhaps all these events, dating as far back as eight years ago, can be traced back to the Americans.

The Pairing Knife

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Summary: Hayden-Hoyle uncovers that Nessa has been manipulated both by people close to her and by governments intent on exploiting her work. A thrilling climax in the desert wastelands sees Nessa fighting to save both her life and that of the kidnapped child as she attempts to make her way home.



MI6 Agent Hugh Hayden-Hoyle surmised that Samir Meshal, the man killed in the very first episode ("The Empty Chair"), was the go-between for the Palestinians and the Americans. Because Meshal made the mistake of calling the Palestinians to relay that the U. S. Secretary of State, Tippi Hagen, had agreed to their arrangement, he was heard on the wiretap by both the Americans and the Israelis. Before the Israelis could find out whatever it was that the secretary agreed to, the Americans had Meshal killed but

made it appear as suicide.

Did the secretary agree to the murder of Nessa Stein? No, thought Hoyle. It should be something political — something that will make the Americans look good to the world. Turned out, what they agreed to was for the Americans not to use their United Nations veto power should the Palestine ask for statehood.

Secretary of State: "We, the American people, will not stand in the way of Palestine's quest for statehood."

The British, along with the rest of the world, was shocked. Did the Americans just made the war in the Middle East worst by siding with the Palestines?

Following the bombing in Hebron in "The Hollow Wall," was Nessa Stein really dead? Shlomo received a surprising voicemail. Nessa was alive, and she was, again, a prisoner in the same place she had been eight years ago.

Knowing that Nessa lived, the MI6 sought for help from Palestine, which insisted that this was only a ploy by Israel for the stand the Americans took against them. The MI6 then turned to Israel for help, citing this was a chance to save its face. According to their diplomat, they cannot risk it. But they will not stand in the way of saving Nessa, which meant that the British will have to do it. The airspace above Palestinian territories belong to the Israeli. They were free to use this without the Israelis attacking them.

The British enlisted the help of Atika then, whom they have arrested following Ephra Stein's death. They told her that they get her cause about fighting for the statehood of Palestine. But if Nessa gets killed, they will be forced to reveal to the public about what they did to Nessa eight years ago. However, there's a problem: the wiretap with the Americans. These people should not know Nessa is alive, or the Americans will kill her to save face too.

Hoyle: "I'm giving you the chance to go back there and explain to your people what this would mean to your cause, if Nessa Stein doesn't come out of Palestine alive."

So finally, Atika came face to face with Nessa, who quickly realized her role in this whole thing. Atika made it clear that she didn't condone her rape, but she assured Nessa that Kasim had been cared for while in the custody of the Palestines after the alleged kidnapping. She also told Nessa that the reason why she was in this cause was because of her father's bombs and weapons, which wiped out her whole family when she was 12 years old.

Nessa and Atika met with the elder Al-Sayid, the man who ordered his own son to rape Nessa — the man who wanted revenge against the Steins. He was taunting Nessa to kill him with a paring knife, but Nessa rose above that, so he agreed to let Nessa free. She could leave his house, but she will remain lost in Pakistan. But he didn't agree to her bringing Kasim with her because, as his grandchild, Kasim is his now.

This angered Atika because Al-Sayid was taking this personal, veering away from their cause. Al-Sayid stabbed her, but Atika killed him. She then called up Monica Chatwin on the satellite phone, asking for help to be pulled out of the territories. Monica instructed her to bring Kasim to Nessa. Nessa was actually brought outside of Hebron to an American spy waiting for her, who told her to stay put because Kasim was going to be brought to her too.

Atika realized that this was a trap. The spy was brought there by Monica to kill all of them. Atika sacrificed herself so that Nessa and Kasim can escape. Calling for help from the British on the satellite phone, she gave Hoyle the signal to launch an airstrike on her and the spy.

Nessa and Kasim survived and were brought to Israeli grounds where Shlomo welcomed them with a hug. See, he was her only ally from the very beginning. The whole family was reunited later at Rachel's hospital room in London, where she had just given birth to a beautiful baby. Monica was killed in her sleep, perhaps by the Americans, because she failed at keeping Nessa dead. Hoyle retired from his job to concentrate on work at the academe, as well as wooing his wife back.

Actor Appearances

A

Noureddine Aberdine	1
0107 (Journalist)	
Ben Adams	1
0103 (Car Salesman)	
Celia Adams	1
0103 (Jenny)	
Alex Afia	1
0101 (Mustapha Shamar)	
Kaizer Akhtar	1
0106 (Tariq Ibn Saeed)	
Claudio Allodi	1
0104 (Accordion)	
Philip Arditti	4
0103 (Saleh Al-Zahid); 0104 (Saleh Al-Zahid); 0106 (Saleh Al-Zahid); 0107 (Saleh Al-Zahid)	
John Attwell	1
0107 (Journalist)	
Omar Azzouzi	1
0104 (Education Minister)	

B

Tom Bateman	1
0102 (Greene)	
Rachid Berrada	1
0104 (Principal's Associate)	
Atticus Blick	2
0104 (Israeli Soldier); 0106 (Israeli Soldier)	
Oliver Bodur	3
0101 (Kasim Halabi); 0107 (Kasim Halabi); 0108 (Kasim Halabi)	
Jonathan Bonnici	1
0101 (Waiter)	
Stephen Boxer	1
0101 (David Thurber)	
Julia Montgomery Brown	1
0102 (Rebecca Lantham)	

C

Lachele Carl	1
0108 (Secretary of State)	
Rebecca Clay	1
0103 (Nurse)	
Christian Contreras	1
0108 (Robert Hardy)	
Thomas Coombes	1
0107 (MI6 Field Agent)	
Claire-Louise Cordwell	1
0103 (Gail Gatz)	

D

Doron Davidson	1
0107 (Hotel Manager)	

Meg Davies	1
0102 (Lady Angela Roberts)	

E

Imad Edderaj	1
0105 (Samir Altif)	
Lois Ellington	2
0101 (Young Nessa); 0108 (Young Nessa Stein)	
Uriel Emil	1
0105 (Shimon Ben Reuven)	
Shani Erez	1
0105 (Kidma Admissions Officer)	

F

Julian Firth	1
0104 (Ernest Blakefield)	
Reeve Fletcher	4
0101 (Hannah Stein); 0105 (Hannah Stein); 0106 (Hannah Stein); 0108 (Hannah Stein)	
Rupert Frazer	2
0102 (Commander Garrett); 0103 (Commander Garrett)	

G

George Georgiou	4
0101 (Magdi Muraji); 0102 (Magdi Muraji); 0104 (Magdi Muraji); 0108 (Magdi Muraji)	
Amira Ghazalla	1
0102 (Alima Meshal)	
Hassan El Guenouni	1
0104 (University Principal)	

H

Michael Hadley	1
0104 (Dinner Party Guest)	
Aymen Hamdouchi	2
0103 (Muhammad Ibn Saeed); 0106 (Muhammad Ibn Saeed)	
Yassen Hassan	1
0105 (Security Guard)	
Paul Herzberg	6
0102 (Daniel Borgoraz); 0104 (Daniel Borgoraz); 0105 (Daniel Borgoraz); 0106 (Daniel Borgoraz); 0107 (Daniel Borgoraz); 0108 (Daniel Borgoraz)	
Jamie Hinde	1
0102 (British Security Agent)	
Ed Hughes	1
0107 (MI6 Operative)	
John Humphrys	1
0101 (Radio Interviewer)	
Martin Hutson	6

0101 (Max Boorman); 0102 (Max Boorman); 0105 (Max Boorman); 0106 (Max Boorman); 0107 (Max Boorman); 0108 (Max Boorman)

I

El Jirari Ben Issa 1
0106 (Sniffer Device Engineer)

J

Jasper Jacob 1
0104 (British News Reporter)
Kemi-Bo Jacobs 1
0104 (Ephra's Office Assistant)
Taoufik Jennanni 1
0108 (IDF Border Patrol)
Fatima Zahra El Jouhari 1
0107 (Journalist)

K

Sam Kanater 1
0104 (Senior Education Minister)
Richard Katz 2
0105 (Aron Yavin); 0106 (Aron Yavin)
Jacob Kricheski 3
0105 (Yaniv Levi); 0106 (Yaniv Levi); 0107 (Yaniv Levi)

L

Laurel Lefkow 1
0107 (Kate Larsson)
Nicole Lopes 5
0101 (Mazel Stein); 0102 (Mazel Stein); 0105 (Mazel Stein); 0106 (Mazel Stein); 0108 (Mazel Stein)

M

John MacKay 2
0103 (Caleb Schwako); 0107 (Caleb Schwako)
John Mackay 1
0105 (Caleb Schwako)
Martin McDougall 2
0102 (Brigadier General Berkoff); 0108 (Brigadier Harlan Berkoff)
Suzann McLean 2
0102 (Nurse Marlene Dalloway); 0103 (Nurse Marlene Dalloway)
Nasser Memarzia 3
0104 (Zahid Al-Zahid); 0105 (Zahid Al-Zahid); 0108 (Zahid Al-Zahid)
Maurice Meyer 1
0104 (Violinist)
Eric Meyers 1
0105 (Kidma Uni Principal)
Edmond Moulton 1
0101 (Young Ephra)

N

Sef Naaktgeboren 1
0104 (Naming Ceremony Singer)

O

Nathan Osgood 1

0102 (Taxi Driver)

P

Fred Perry 1
0107 (Hotel Concierge)
Patrick Poletti 1
0104 (American News Reporter)

R

Adnan Rashed 1
0101 (Samir Meshal)
Raad Rawi 3
0105 (Jalal El-Amin); 0106 (Jalal El-Amin); 0107 (Jalal El-Amin)

S

Liza Sadovy 1
0104 (British News Reporter)
Pierre Santarossa 1
0105 (Ariel Eban)
Malika Sayed 1
0104 (Female Palestinian Driver)
Yaron Shavit 2
0105 (Listening Room Man); 0106 (Listening Room Man)
Justin Shevlin 2
0106 (Tom Crace); 0107 (Tom Crace)
Ben Smith 2
0101 (Michael Gatz); 0102 (Michael Gatz)
Julian Spencer 1
0101 (Abductor)
Aidan Stephenson 2
0101 (Eli Stein); 0108 (Eli Stein)

T

Dominic Tighe 1
0108 (Reaper Analyst)
Abdellatif Touhfi 1
0104 (Qadi)
Gregor Truter 1
0104 (Dinner Party Guest)

V

Lynne Verrall 1
0102 (Lady Margaret Andrews)
Aaron Vodovoz 1
0106 (Telecomms Engineer)

W

Nicholas Woodeson 4
0101 (Judah Ben-Shahar); 0105 (Judah Ben-Shahar); 0106 (Judah Ben-Shahar); 0107 (Judah Ben-Shahar)