#### SCENE 1. TONY'S ROOM

# A studiedly calm conversation between MICK - a notorious criminal hard man who has just, annoyingly, been "born again". And his counsellor, TONY. We're in a quiet room in a prison.

1. TONY: I'm hoping this technique is going to be useful to you, Mick.

It's going to help you with your anger problem ...

2. MICK: I don't really have an anger problem any more.

3. TONY: It's something I've taken from Neuro Linguistic

Programming. Basically let's say that when you were a child and you did something good, your Mother used to

hug you.

4. MICK: I don't think so.

5. TONY: Maybe it was a bad example.

6. MICK: Then again maybe I never did anything good.

7. TONY: Let's use a different example. Footballers. Michael Owen

scores a goal.

8. MICK: Increasingly unlikely given the level of service he currently

receives from his team mates.

 They hug him, don't they. So in his mind, over the years, goals and hugs are associated. A 1. MICK: See that just makes me think of when next door had this

bleeping duck that used to wake us up and in the end, well

I did try to talk to him. But as he said, there's no point

talking to me, it's the duck. And so. Well the duck ended up

shredded. On a pancake.

2. TONY: You can actually swear. You don't need to say bleeping.

3. MICK: Since I accepted Jesus as my personal saviour, Tony, I

don't swear.

4. TONY: Holidays? Maybe on the beach with your kids

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1. MICK: See, I never did. Not until Jesus came into my life, in this

prison. He came to me here in prison and he set me free.

See my real prison is me.

2. TONY: That's true of all of us. On one level. You know - whatever

works for you - but we're talking here about when you get

out of prison and life will be less structured and predictable.

3. MICK: This is where we're failing to connect, I think. I am quite

happy in here. I feel freer now than I ever did thanks to the

Lord Jesus. And I know you hate me asking this, Tony,

but ...

3. TONY: I'm Jewish Mick, we keep going over this.

4. MICK: The Lord Jesus calls to everyone.

5. TONY: I'm sure he does. But we're here to talk about you, not me.

Can we try and find somewhere in your life, one single

positive memory. Sometime when you felt proud, or in

control, or that you'd achieved something.

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# The sound of a key in the door.

1. MICK: It's OK. I'll be OK in a minute.

#### **SCENE 2. PRISON CANTEEN**

# The sounds of cutlery clashing and men talking to each other. Three men on one table. They all sound much younger than MICK. They are LEE, PHIL and WAYNE. They all groan, wearily.

1. LEE: Oh, no. He's coming.

2. Phil: Oh why us? Why doesn't he leave us alone?

3. WAYNE: (MUTTERING):Don't let him sit here again, please don't

let him sit here, don't let him ... he's spotted us.

#### Collective groan.

4. MICK: Afternoon, gentlemen.

5. WAYNE: Afternoon, Mick.

6. MICK: Shall we say grace?

# All three together, with the weariness of primary school children told it's time for Maths, "Yes, Mick."

7. LEE: Wayne was already saying a bit of a prayer there, when

you came over, Mick. Praying quite hard he was. Only I don't think it got the answer he wanted, did it, Wayne?

8. WAYNE: Shut it.

9. MICK: Now, now. Let's hold hands.

Chunnering and muttering and someone yelps, "Ow!", presumably after Mick has squeezed their hand.

There's an air of menace in the grace too.

1. MICK: (CONT'D)Dear Lord, Help us to appreciate the food you

have given us. Help us to treat each other with respect and not swear at the table. Or talk with our mouths full. Please help me, especially, Lord, not to lose my temper if these kind of things do happen. Lead me not into temptation.

Amen.

# The sound of cutlery.

2. ALL: (MUTTERING) Amen.

3. WAYNE: You got post today, Mick.

4. MICK: Don't speak with your mouth full please, Wayne.

5. WAYNE: Sorry, Mick.

6. MiCK: Thanks for telling me, all the same. I like a bit of post.

The sound of a letter being ripped open, followed by The Announcement.

## THE INVITATION:

We hear again the text of an invitation read by an ANNOUNCER, not a character.

7. ANNOUNCER: In February 1977, early punk-heroes the Adverts played the Police Soci

# MICK's voice joins in with the announcer's over the last two sentences, as he is reading it out to himself / Tony.

1. MICK: This. Has. Got to be a wind up.

2. TONY: I can't understand how it came to you. This is exactly the

sort of thing which can really unsettle you.

# We hear TONY briskly reading the rest of the letter.

3. TONY: (CONT'D)To secure your place on the guest list, simply

register on this website. Why not leave a comment for the

other audience members to see.

4. MICK: Yeah I'll just nip down to my local cybercafe, shall I? Order

myselsmy e.

## **SCENE 3. TONY'S ROOM**

## MICK is ranting and raving.

1. MICK: Is it meant to be amusing? Because who is actually

amused? Are you amused?

2. TONY: Mick, we have ground rules in here and shouting at me, is

against those ground rules. I didn't post this to you.

3. MICK: If I find out who did, I'll rip them apart.

4. TONY: You're angry, Mick.

5. MICK: I AM NOT ANGRY!

6. TONY: Ground rules, Mick. Let's go back a step. You really want

to go to this, don't you? That's why it's rattled you.

7. MICK: Course I

On the soundtrack we here a hubhub of voices, then a testing roll on a drum and the sound of an electric guitar being roughly tuned up. A roadie says, "one, two ..."

1. TONY: (CONT'D)Now I'd like you to take all the sounds and colors

in that memory and make them a bit sharper, a bit brighter.

Can you do that?

We hear the same sounds again but clearer - individual words are distinguishable now and the memory runs on until a proper guitar chord is played.

2. TONY: (CONT'D)Mick, Mick ...

3. MICK: (AS FROM A DREAM) Yeah

4. TONY: How does that feel?

5. MICK: Tony, you have found the missing piece of the jigsaw of

me.

#### **SCENE 4. CANTEEN**

# Clash of cutlery etc. and the same discontented muttering from the table of young men.

1. WAYNE: Oh he's looking a bit preoccupied today. Is he going to give

us a miss? Is he? Yes! No.

# There's a clash as MICK bangs down his tray. A tense moment as nothing is said.

2. WAYNE: (CONT'D)Afternoon, Mick.

3. Mick: Afternoon, gents. In the name of the Father and off the ...

# The squeak of a fork on a plate. Someone has not stopped eating.

4. MiCK: (CONT'D)When you're ready, Lee.

5. LEE: I am ready, Mick. I'm ready to eat.

# This is another of his muttered challenges. It's meant to be a grumble, rather than open defiance.

6. Mick: What was that, Lee?

7. Lee: Sorry. Sorry.

8. Wayne: Lee, you know Mick hates it when you talk with your

mouthful. Sorry about that, Mick.

9. LEE: Sorry again then.

10. MICK: You're leading me into temptation, Lee.

1. LEE: Luckily you're a Christian. So you'll forgive me.

# There's a tense moment. Then MICK breathes out.

2. MICK: You're right. I need to control myself more. I'm going

to do that from now on.

3. LEE: Good.

4. WAYNE: Lee. Shut it.

5. MICK: Grace, everyone.

6. LEE: You carry on. I'm starving.

7. Phil: (WHISPERED) Lee ...

8. MiCK: What was that, son?

9. LEE: I'm starving. I'll eat my curry and you eat Jesus.

10. MICK: Are you talking to me?

11. LEE: You said you're going to control yourself. Let's see

you do it.

# This is a direct challenge. PHIL panics.

12. Phil: I'm sorry about this, Mick. He had a bad night. I'm really

sorry. Mick?

13. Wayne: Mick? What's he doing?

1. LEE: He's saying his prayers, innit? Joining his hands and

saying his prayers.

We are now inside MICK's head. In the background we can hear the voices of the lads but in the foreground we can hear the noise of the concert and in particular a female voice yelling, "Mick! Mick!" the sound of which mixes with ...

2. Wayne: Mick? Mick?

3. Mick: Right. Oh. This looks good. Very good. One thing about

this place, they always get the rice just right. Nice and

fluffy. Not stuck together. Don't you think?

4. Wayne: Errm. Yeah.

5. Mick: I just want to say - just because I say grace that doesn't

mean you have to. I don't want to bully anyone into it. I

want to set an example. I'd lik-0.0. o Tj0.15456 Tc (h) cs. o Tj0.15456 Tc

#### **SCENE 5. Tony's room**

#### MICK is talking to TONY about his day.

1. MicK: There was an incident, you see, in the canteen, where this

young lad - Lee McGivan. D'you know him?

2. TONY: Quite ... articulate.

3. MiCK: Mouthy. There's dozens of him in here. Teenage

recreational arson, gang membership. Gun crime. No manners. I always make a point of sitting with him, just to

keep a lid on him. For the public good, if you see what I

mean. I keep him quiet, everyone's that bit happier.

4. TONY: Very thoughtful.

5. MiCK: Today, he had a go at me. A straight out, full on, in your

face go. He tried to rattle me. No one does that. Not in

here. Because ...

6. TONY: Because the last person who did was Eddie Latimer who

you more or less drowned in his bath.

7. MiCK: It's not personal. It's about setting limits, isn't it? The

problem with half the people in here is that they've got no

boundaries. I put some barriers up for them. It helps them.

Anyway, he jumped over the barrier today. And he landed

right on my wick. The red mist was rising. I was ready to

take him apart. I did what you said and ...

8. TONY: That's great, Mick. Really good. I'm pleased for you.

1. MiCK: So you see I really am a different man.

2. TonY: Great. I'm happy it was useful.

3. MiCK: So that being the case, I was wondering, could you swing

it for me to go to this gig.

4. TonY: Could I ... I must've missed that. What did you say?

5. MiCK: I want to go to this gig. I think it's important for me.

6. TONY: Mick, you're in prison.

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1. TONY: Legally it is very much the same Mick Martindale. Mick, I'm

glad that you feel you're making progress but I think you're

underestimating the distance you have to go. You're a

violent man.

2. MiCK: I've changed.

3. TONY: Nobody changes just like that.

4. MiCK: What about St. Paul?

5. ToNY: I'm not really seeing that connection.

6. MiCK: He used to kill Christians lee he 456 Tc (e) Tj-0.08544 Tc (a (h) Tj- (t St.

1. TONY: I believe you're on your way to controlling your anger. I

don't believe that makes you Nelson Mandela.

2. MiCK: Watch me. That Lee kid. He's in my face now. You watch

me. You see if I control my anger or not.

#### **SCENE 6. CANTEEN:**

# People are settling down to eat. WAYNE hisses at LEE.

1. WAYNE: What're you doing now?

2. LEE: Sitting down.

3. WAYNE: Don't sit in his chair. Come on, shift, he's coming over.

4. LEE: How is this his chair? Is his name on it? Did he make it?

It's a chair.

5. PHIL: Shift. Come on. Can't we just eat in peace?

6. Lee: Alright, Micky man, wanna seat? Sit over there.

Long pause.

7. MicK: Thank you, Lee. I will.

# Murmurs of astonishment. Then quiet.

8. LEE: There's been a lot of tongues wagging about you, Micky.

Did you know that?

9. WaYNE: Lee, Mick's saying his prayers.

10. MiCK: Amen. Who said that?

11. LEE: Everyone. You can't keep a secret in here, Mick. People

who work in the post room - a lot of them are little better

than criminals. They're saying you used to be in a pop

group. You were a proper pop star.

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# **SCENE 7. TONY'S ROOM**

## TONY and MICK are debriefing again.

1. MiCK: The thing about this place, everything is scaled down isn't

it? Outside, you might want to stand up for your house or your family or even your footie team but in here you don't

have any of those things, you just have ...

2. TONY: Your chair.

3. MiCK: So that was a difficult moment for me.

4. TONY: I wonder what makes him do it? Because he mus

1. MiCK: You know what, yeah. I have.

#### **SCENE 8. CANTEEN:**

## LEE is trying to wind Mick up again.

1. LEE: So how's my man Mick feeling today? Like a Virgin? Eh?

2. MICK: I'm well, thanks. In the name of the Father ...

3. LEE: Oh come on. Papa don't preach.

The other two groan. MICK suddenly laughs.

4. MiCK: Very good.

5. Phil: What was she like, then, Mick? Madonna?

6. MiCK: Oh you don't really get to know people like that, Phil.

They're surrounded, you know. The entourage. You get a message on your walkie talkie saying she's about to walk through the room and you're not supposed to talk to her or look at her. No fun. The real fun was at the beginning, when people didn't go in for all that. I remember walking up

to Joey Ramone ... remember Joey Ramone? The

Ramones? Beat on the Brat. That was the finest gig I ever saw and I said so to him and he said, great then maybe you could help us push the van. They were in this transit van and it wouldn't start. I helped the Ramones push their

van. May 4th 1977.

7. Lee: Mick Martindale. Pusher to the stars. D'you get that?

Pusher.

MICK laughs again.

1. MiCK: Very good. They were golden days. Tough but gold, you

know. Taught me a lot

2. LEE: Like what?

3 MiCK: What?

4. LEE: What did they teach you? Because the bottom line is,

you're in jail along with these two zeroes. So how much did

you learn, really?

5. MiCK: That's a challenging question, Lee. I'll give it some thought.

# **SCENE 9. TONY'S ROOM**

# TONY and MICK are talking again.

1. MiCK: He asked me straight out what I learned. That's good isn't

it. He's reaching out to me I think.

2. TonY: I hear you gave the Ramones a push.

3. MiCK: Put Iggy Pop to bed once too. He fell asleep in the car park.

Everyone forgot he was there. Picked him up, carried him

to his room. Tucked him in like a baby.

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1. MICK:

Well there was already a bit of tension, you know. Some of the girls - Mo Motormouth, that girl they called Thing they'd walked through town to the gig so everyone who was looking for a fight, knew where to find one. There were a few skins, suede heads, people like that. Looking for trouble. They threw a few bottles at the windows and stuff. People at the gig. They didn't care. They didn't want a fight. I think they took flying bottles as a compliment. Except for this one idiot. There's always one. And he was standing at the door, yelling at them, calling them fascists and stuff and saying, come on in and see what you get. Muttley he was called. He was very wound up about someone in a Led Zep t-shirt as I remember. Oh yeah. He was wound up about everything, really. But especially t-shirts. A guy called Terry was there - I think he'd set the gig up - and he was selling these punk t-shirts he'd made himself. This Muttley character, he went nuts when he saw that. "We're here to make anarchy, not sell t-shirts", all that. Then these Led Zep gimps caught his attention and they did look like they were going to rush the door. But I dealt with that.

2. TONY: How did you dt sl

1. MICK: I picked him up. I put him under my arm. I went out

1. MICK:

Oh the Clash at Harlesden, I remember that. They were all pogoing around right up in front of the stage, and crashing into each other you know, falling on top of each other. And the band were like, can someone sort this out. So I did. At the time, I thought I was just sorting out a situation. But I realise now I crossed a line that night. I went from protecting the audience - from skins or gimps or whatever - to protecting the band. From the audience.

2. TONY:

And you feel that was ...

3. MICK:

That was when I started to drift, yeah. I mean everyone did, didn't they? The Clash went off and toured America with Generation X. Signed to CBS. Good luck to them, but that was it. It was all over. They turned into a rock band. A great rock band. I turned into hired muscle. Just the same.

4. TONY:

Did you tour America with the Clash?

5. MICK:

Me? No. The point I'm making is that everyone else sold out. And so did I. I didn't see jumping on people as violence. I saw it as career development.

6. TONY:

And it all started that night.

7. MICK:

I suppose. I worked in a bank till then. I very nearly didn't go. I would have been quite happy sitting in front of the telly, watching Mike Yarwood, sewing a Mott the Hoople patch onto my loons. But then Mo Motormout MICK: I don't regret anything, Tony. The road I took brought me to
 Jesus. I could have had a life that was respectable in the

eyes of the World but still be lost in darkness.

2. TONY: Why do you want to go to this reunion, Tony?

3. MICK: I'd just like to see how people turned out, you know.

4. TONY: But surely one of those people is someone - this Muttley

guy - who must really hate you? What if you see him there.

How are you going to feel?

5. MICK: Are you thinking of swinging this for me?

6. TONY: No, Mick, I'm asking you to think about the real reason

you'd like to be there. I'm being hypothetical.

7. MICK: You don't sound hypothetical. You sound like you're

softening up.

8. TONY: There is nothing I can do to get you to that gig. Believe me.

9. MICK: You see I have done wrongs. And if you've done wrongs,

you should try and put them right. I'd like to seea ti Tj0.12 Tc (k) Tj-0.085

1. MICK:

I know that, Tony, I know. I think that's why I'm focussed on this kid, this Lee. He is just like that guy. exactly the same. A little ball of anger. Just asking for it the whole time.

I think the Lord has given me another chance. I think when he winds me up, that's the penance isn't it? That's the price I've got to pay. And if I can reach out to him, and put him right, then that'll make up for leaving the other one half728 Tc (t) Tj0 Tc (2)

## **SCENE 10. CANTEEN:**

# Canteen noises again. A chair being pulled back.

1. WAYNE: Lee, you forgot your food.

2. LEE: You get my food for me, I'm proper sick of queueing up. I'll

have the pasta.

3. WAYNE: You want me to get your food for you? What are you

chatting?

4. LEE: Here. Have one of these for yourself.

5. WAYNE: What's this?

6. LEE: It's a phone card. Five quid on there for you. Take it. I've

got loads.

7. WAYNE: Where did you get them all?

8. LEE: Donations. From well-wishers.

9. WAYNE: Where did you get them?

10. LEE: People see me shoving that big tellytubby around they

proper think I'm bo

1. MICK: It was when you asked me what I'd learnt. That set me thinking, you see.

1. MICK: I don't have a problem in this world, Lee. I'm saying to you, what'soblem t

# **SCENE 11. TONY'S ROOM**

# TONY and MICK are debriefing.

1. TONY: Respect? He said that?

2. MICK: That's what he said. He gave me respect.

3. TONY: And why shouldn't he, Mick? Joe Strummer did.

4. MICK: If your dad is interested by the way, I've got a lot of what

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## **SCENE 12. INT. MEDIA CLASS - DAY**

Computers are starting up. Desks are being arranged. People are talking to each other in a quietly industrious, pass-me-that type of way. LEE is talking to MICK.

1. LEE: Sit there then, Mick. It's supposed to be like a diary. A

video diary. Like talking to Big Brother. Only what you said

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was so inspiring to me ...

2. MICK: I'm glad.

3. LEE: Yeah so I wanted you to say it for Big Brother, here, so I

can keep for always. Show it to people. All that.

4. MICK: I'm not sure I remember. It's not like I had it written down.

e that.

5. LEE:

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1. LEE: Go on.

2. MICK: Errrm. Well just that punk, when it kicked, in it was like -

d'you want me to start again?

3. LEE: Yeah.

4. MICK: Before punk I had this big record collection. Once I heard

New Rose, I threw it all out. It was history. You only

needed two records - Anarchy in the UK and New Rose. That was it. Like the Clash said, No Elvis, Beatles or the

Rolling Stones. Start again. It can be ...

5. LEE: It was better standing up.

6. MICK: Standing up?

7.LEE: Yeah. Go on.

8. MICK: Can't remember where I was.

# The background noise has started to die down, as though the Lee-Mick business was starting to attract attention from the other inmates.

9. LEE: Start again then.

10. MICK: OK. To me, punk was all about do it yourself, you know.

Just do it, you know. Here's three chords. Now form a

band. Even the dj-0.07728 Tc (i) Tj0Tj0.12 Tc (s) Tj0 Tc (. ) Tj0 -20.88 TD

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### There's a ripple of tittering. It's obvious that MI

#### **SCENE 13. TONY**

1. TONY:

It seems a lot of people have got the idea that you're scared of him. So obviously that makes them scared of him. And the downside of that is - well when you were the daddy, you had one agenda. He's got a bit of a different agenda. Not such a peaceful agenda.

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Suddenly, TONY's voice fades out and we hear instead the familiar sounds of the preparations for that gig. We assume that MICK is doing his NLP thing again.

This time, however, we can understand a little more of what we're listening to. We can hear a carping teenage male yelling abuse, we can hear glass flying and chanting from outside and someone shouting, "Mick, over here, quick."

And the shouts of "Mick" blend back with Tony's voice.

1. TONY: (CONT'D)Mick? Mick? Hello? Oh. Thought we'd lost you there.

2. MICK: At first it was him. I'd sit in the canteen and when that lad was trying to wind me up, I could hear Satan. I could feel that Satan was in him, tempting me to settle things with my fists again. But that stopped. And now Satan's found another mouthpiece. He's found you.

3. TONY: That's a fairly extreme position to adopt, Mick. Oh Mick, come on.

But instead of his answer we hear the noises of the gig again and we surmise (I hope) that Mick has put his hands together and is concentrating on a happy thought.

#### SCENE 14. INT. CANTEEN DAY

# A GUARD is calling out a list of names, Lee's is one of them. This is the names of people who've got letters etc. We can hear backchat and chairs being moved around etc.

#### Mick's name is called.

1. WAYNE: Prince is writing to thank you, Mick.

2. LEE: No, Prince wouldn't write. Joe Strummer maybe.

3. PHIL: Joe Strummer's dead, idiot.

4. LEE: Is he? That's a bit sad, isn't it? How did that happen?

5. MICK: (QUIETLY TO WAYNE) See? I am getting through to him.

6. LEE: So who is it from then?

We hear a letter opening and MICK catches his breath as

he scans it.

#### **SCENE 15 TONY'S ROOM**

#### MICK is talking sheepishly to TONY.

1. MICK: I just wanted to say I'm sorry about calling you Satan.

2. TONY: I've been called worse things.

3. MICK: I need your help. I got this letter. I don't think I can read it ...

4. TONY: Really? I haven't got you down as learning difficulties. I

thought ...

5. MICK: No, no. What? You thought ... I've read the entire Bible. I'm

learning New Testament Greek. I can't read this

emotionally. It's from him. From this character.

6. TONY: I'm afraid ...

7. MICK: From Muttley. From the angry guy.

8. TONY: Oh. Is he still angry?

9. MICK: I don't know. I'm scared to read it, in case it sets me off.

10. TONY: (READING) "Yourn tn

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TONY: Let's read on and see, shall we? "I was always having a go.
 The thing that made me write was, they are having a reunion for the

1. TONY:

"There were some gimps outside. They'd been throwing bottles earlier and singing Stairway to Heaven, trying to spark a fight. When you threw me out, they all cheered. They were planning to give me a beating, I think. But once they got hold of me, they just calmed down. One of them was a mate of mine, from school. And instead of beating me up they just had this school debating society type of argument with me about the importance of musicianship." Is this making you feel better or worse, Mick?

2. MICK: Read on.

3. TONY:

"The lad from school had his little sister with him. She'd tried to get into the gig but she was too young. I said I'd take her home so these lads could go to rock night at Boodles. Well, I never took her home. We stayed together. We had a daughter..."

#### The NLP music rises over the speech.

4. TONY: (CONT'D)Mick? Mick are you alright? Mick?

5. MICK: Why's he telling me this?

6. TONY: He's thanking you. He's making sure you ...

7. MICK: He's got his life, his nice little life, all sorted out. He's out

there. I'm in here. Does he think I don't know that?

8. TONY: He thinks he owes his life to you.

1. MICK: Isn't that a coincidence? Because I think I owe THIS life to

him. And if I ever get hold of him  $\dots$ 

2. TONY: Exac

#### **SCENE 16. INSIDE JAIL RECREATION ROOM**

The OFFICER is calling out the names of people with visitors. Noise of people leaving this area to see their visitors.

#### PHIL is sitting with MICK.

1. PHIL: No visitors today, Mick.

2. MICK: No visitors the last five years, Phil.

3. PHIL: Yeah.

4. MICK: She said if I got sent down again, that'd be the end. And ...

5. PHIL: Sometimes work has to come first, eh?

Suddenly there's a lot of shouting and bawling, yelling and the sound of chairs being chucked around.

The unmistakable voice of LEE yelling, "I'll have you shot! I'll have you shot before you get home! Get out of the way! Move. Shift!"

Tables are flying. Guards are yelling.

LEE bursts into the room.

6. LEE: Get back. Get right back.

A door bangs. More tables flying.

7. PHIL: Lee ... what's up. lad?

8. LEE: Shut it. Where's the payphone?

The sound of an old payphone being dialled and a voice prompt asking for pin numbers and so on.

LEE curses and rummages through his pockets.

9. MICK: What're you doing, Lee?

1. LEE: Making a phone call, Dipsy. There's a lad out visiting

someone and he's just sitting there laughing at me.

2. MICK: So you're phoning the Samaritans.

3. LEE: I'm phoning my mates and I'm going to have him shot on

the way home. What're you .. Get off ...

# There's sounds of tearing and pulling and plastic shattering. MICK is smashing up the phone.

4. LEE: (CONT'D) Don't do that. You think smashing up the phone is going to stop me? There's another one round the corner you tellytubby.

### Suddenly there's shouting at the end of the corridor. GUARDS have arrived.

5. MICK: It's alright. It's alright. I've got him. Haven't I, Lee?

6. LEE: Get off me.

7. MICK: You should be thanking me. You'd be in here the rest of

your life if you'd made that phone call.

8. LEE: I wouldn't be in here in the first place if it wasn't for you.

9. MICK: What was that?

10. LEE: People like you. People who look right through you. Like

your not there.

11. MICK: I don't do ...

1. LEE: There was one like you on our street. He's why I'm in here.

Just kept looking right through us. Him out there, he's

giving me the same look.

2. MICK: Who's us?

3. LEE: Me. Shocky. Bottle. Tinky Winky.

4. MICK: You were big into the tellytubbies you lot, weren't you?

5. LEE: We were kids. We were supposed to be. We were playing

out. We used to play footie after school. Or we just to play

races on the walkway and then when we got a bit older, we

just carried on playing out. But with different things. Cars

and stuff. It was just playing out. And it was good when

people started burning you for it. It was good when people took a bit of notice, you know. Get back! Tell them to get

back!

#### We're assuming the GUARDS are coming at him.

6. MICK: It's alright. We're all calm now. Let's just finish the

conversation eh, lads.

1. LEE:

Except this one, this guy from Poland or somewhere. He just used to walk past us. We used to shout at him. Didn't even blink. Sit on his doorstep. He stepped over us. Empty his bins. He just left it. We put his windows in one night when he was watching the telly. He didn't even get up to close the curtains. He was like a zombie or something. He wasn't like trying to ignore us, like head down and walking quick on the other side of the deck. He'd walk right through the middle of us. Wouldn't even blink. He used to make me feel like I was turning invisible.

2. MICK:

He was just trying to cope. He was like me. Trying to soak it up.

3. LEE:

Well I give him something to soak up in the end. Put him in intensive care. He turned up at court and identified me. First time I'd ever seen him look at me.

4. MICK:

And is that him in there today?

5. LEE:

Not him. Same as him though. Give me the exact same

look.

6. MICK:

Don't!

He's shouting at the GUARDS who have now got the drop on the distracted LEE. He groans and curses and hits the floor. There's the sound of people shoving him, restraining him, and him groaning.

7. GUARD:

Thanks, Mick. Nice job.

#### **SCENE 17. TONY'S ROOM**

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1. MICK: Did he really say that?

#### MICK is laughing.

2. TONY: It's a serious charge, Mick. You've got a status in here and

if it turns out to be ...

3. MICK: Oh put it away, Tony. Is this conversation being monitored

for training purposes or something.

4. TONY: I don't know how you disprove an assertion like that. I

suppose you could appeal to the good in him but ...

5. MICK: Muttley, that guy I jumped on at the Adverts gig. I jumped

on him. I didn't care if he lived or died. He wrote to me and

thanked me, like I was his big benefactor. Lee, I treated

him like a baby, and he hates me.

6. TONY: That's one way of looking at it. Another way is that the guilt

you've been carrying around about this character, it's

unnecessary isn't it? He came out of it well. So you don't

need to feel bad. I think you said you wanted to be nice to

Lee to make up for being bad to this ...

7. MICK: So now I don't need to be good to Lee?

8. TONY: The glue thing is quite serious. You're seen as a role

model and this ...

9. MICK: He video'd it. When I was talking about glue, it was when

he was videoing me. If you want to see what I really said,

get the video and watch it.

#### **SCENE 18. TONY'S ROOM**

#### Tony is talking to LEE.

1. TONY: Lee ... we haven't really talked before, one to one.

2. LEE: Cos I'm not a nutter.

3. TONY: I wanted to ask you about a tape, a video tape.

4. LEE: What d'you think I am? Blockbuster?

5. TONY: I think you video'd Mick talking about his addiction to

violence. An inspirational video, I heard.

6. LEE: Oh that, yeah. So?

7. TONY: I'd like to see it.

8. LEE: Gone mate.

9. TONY: How d'you mean, gone? You wiped it?

10. LEE: Passed it on, lad. It was hilarious. Mashed it up a bit,

passed it on. It's on youtube now.

11. TONY: How can it be on youtube.

12. LEE: That's what was going on visiting time. Caused a little fuss,

passed it to my mate when no one was looking. And now

it's on youtube. Five thousand hits already. Here. Have you

got a 3g phone? I'll show you then?

13. TONY: So the incident during visiting?

1. LEE: Just a little distraction. Here's what it was really about.

### Tinny music starts up. Tony is watching the clip on youtube.

2. TONY: Oh. My. God.

#### **SCENE 19 OFFICE**

#### MICK and TONY are talking again.

1. TONY: Mick, sit down. I ...

2. MICK: I want to go back on the wing, Tony.

3. TONY: It's a tough one Mick. Glue, you know. I was here when

glue was the drug of choice last time. It was a nightmare.

We spent half our time body searching art therapists.

4. MICK: Come on, everyone knows I didn't do that. The video ...

5. TONY: The video's been lost, sadly. Mick, I was wondering ...

maybe you could think about not going back to the wing.

You know, you've been unsettled there recently, your role

there has changed. Maybe you'd be happier making a

fresh start ...

6. MICK: Lost? How can it be lost?

7. TONY: Lee passed it to some friends on the outside.

8. MICK: That's good. It inspired him. Maybe it'll inspire them.

9. TONY: Maybe. Anyway, what about a different wing.

10. MICK: The wing is my wing. I'm doing the Lord's work there. I'm

making a difference. He's called me to do that.

1. TONY: Mick, I'm going to show you what happened to the video. I

want you to know that a lot of people on the wing, they've seen this. People who've had out days, people who are

tagged, people with library privileges. A lot of people on

the wing.

2. MICK: What're you talking about?

3. TONY: I'm going to show you what Lee did to that footage, Lee.

### We can just pick out Mick's voice saying, "stand up, sit down" and we deduce that he's been comically edited.

4. MICK: Who's that jumping up and down?

5. TONY: That's you, Mick.

## And now a vocal track appears. Mick's sage advice has been set to tellytubby music, along with certain mad repetitions.

6. TONY: (CONT'D)And that's your inspirational talk. Ten thousand hits on Youtube.

#### As it sinks in.

7. TONY: (CONT'D)I want to know that you can cope with this before you go back on the wing. That's why I'm showing you, eAsmyou,(ou) Tj0 Tc (, ) T

1. TONY: If you're sure.

2. MICK: I'm fine.

### MICK gets up and a door slams.

3. TONY: (CONT'D)Martindale ... Mick ... come back.

#### **SCENE 20 INT. BATHROOMS DAY**

The sound of water running into a bath in a big, echoey old bathroom.

The sound of LEE laughing with his mat

1. WAYNE: I got the towel and ... oh. Errm. Sorry to interrupt. Are you

ok, Lee?

2. LEE: Wayne get help ...

3. MICK: Close the door after you, Wayne. There's a draft.

#### The door closes.

4. MICK: (CONT'D) Elvis. I was in the Vortex and they announced it that Elvis was dead. And evryone cheered. I cheered. And then this bloke got up on the stage and he started in about how it was wrong to cheer anyone's dead. And what had Elvis ever done. He was a working class lad like us. His Mother loved him. He invented rock and roll. And I was thinking, got a point there. He really did. And what happened? People started gobbing on him and lobbing bottles. Students mostly. Gobbing and throwing bottles and I thought - all the local councils who tried to ban us, all the radio stations that wouldn't give us air play - is this going

5. LEE: It's fine.

6. MICK: Put a bit of hot in if you like.

cold by the way?

7. LEE: Really.

8. MICK: All of these people who wouldn't listen, (co) Tj-0.08544 Tc (u) Tj-0730216 ID e.II r.169f8544 Tc .0772-0.08544 Tc (oa) Tj0.12 Tc (y) Tj-0.085 .Tj-0.-0.08544 Tc (D) Tj Tc (t ) Tj

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1. MICK:

And you know how that made me feel? Angry, Lee. Very very angry. You see all that stuff about me just trying to keep order, and just doing a job - that's rubbish. The fact is, you've got to be cruel to be cruel. And I am cruel. I loved it. I love this. I love it that you look scared, that's the harsh truth about me. And about your current predicament. Another thing I'm disillusioned with is my councillor. I thought he had my best interests at heart. But he didn't. He just wants this place kept quiet. Same as everyone else. He taught me this technique that helped me keep my anger in. You've probably seen me do this with my hands. That's what stopped me finishing you earlier. But it doesn't work any more. See? Still angry, Lee. Everything lets you down in the end. The only thing I can think of is, the Lord Jesus. Now I'm too angry to turn to him right at this moment. But maybe it would work for you. What d'you think? Maybe He can sa

1. MICK: Not yet. Thy Kingdom Come thy will be ...

2. LEE: Done on Earth, yeah? And in Heaven. Give us this day our

daily bread ...

#### The sound of water being sploshed about.

3. LEE: (CONT'D) What're you doing?

4. MICK: I'm washing your back, Lee. I bet no one's scrubbed your

back for you for ages, have they?

5. LEE: No, Mick.

6. MICK: There you go. You can do your own neck. IS that the only

towel you've got?

7. LEE: Yeah.

8. MICK: I'll get you a dry one.

The sound of water as LEE washes himself.

#### **SCENE 21 INT. CANTEEN:**

#### The sound of cutlery and crockery. LEE sits down.

1. WAYNE: You alright, lee?

2. LEE: Yeah good. Mick was just telling me about his technique.

It's good.

3. MICK: It's alright. It'll only take you so far. No substitute for the

power of prayer.

4. LEE: Put your hands together like that. And you think happy

thoughts.

5. MICK: You find a happy memory. Try to visualise it. Then make

all the colours that big brighter. Then press your hands

together. Keep doing it till it's sort of anchored ...

As he's doing it, the sound of children playing out rises on the soundtrack. Boys calling to each other and commentating on themselves as they play football. The voice of the young LEE can be heard yelling...

6. YOUNG LEE: Oh and it's a goal!!!!

Another kid yells, "Yesssss!!!! Big Hug!!!" this last in a tellytubby voice and then the two of them sing the telly tubby theme but are drowned out by the rising chords and drums of Mick's own happy memory - the Adverts live