

The Call.

By Paul Lister

"My dog's got no nose."

"Come on."

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"You never did understand the joke, did you?"

"That's what makes it good, the perspective is changed. But it's not the only answer, are you beginning to understand Brother?"

"You I know I can't just leave, do you remember Darfur?"

"Don't change the subject Mike, we both know that the information was bad."

"Orders is orders isn't an excuse."

"I don't want to know who's there. No, I don't want to talk to her, if you try to put her on, or Beth, I'll do it."

"Because I'm doing it for her, I'm doing it for all the children. And I'm doing it for you."

"You know why. One of us had to take that shot Brother, one of us had to take that risk. Like you keep saying, Orders is orders. And you believe in that. I knew that you would pull the trigger, so I pulled it first."

"I know you would have done, and I know you will now, if you think it's for the greater good. Do you think it's for the greater good now, Mike?"

"I know you don't want to and I'm not even sure you could make the shot. Even when we went hunting as kids, I was always the better marksmen. And the glass in these old telephone boxes in thick, there's bound to be a deflection. And you can't get any closer, I picked Trafalgar for a reason."

"Yes, I can see the press."

"No I don't want Jen and Beth to see that, I don't want them to see me explode when I put the receiver down and I don't want them to see their Brother in law, their Uncle, put a high calibre bullet through me either. The press will film that, yes, but right now they're finding out who I am and why I'm doing what I'm doing."

"If you say it one more time Mike then this conversation is over. I took the shot because control didn't know who else was in the room with him. Number six on the terror list."

"I know I wasn't to know. I saw his back and I fired. I didn't know he was hugging his baby at the time. It's got to stop. My dogs got no nose Mike. Say it man, say it."

"Like Death."