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EXT. BAGHDAD - NIGHT

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OPEN ON A NIGHT SCENE OF BAGHDAD January 1991

Iraqi Flak guns light the night sky, the wailing sirens echo through the night, the streets are deserted as the whine of a single bomb descends through the skies to its target below, the flash and then the explosion rips through the air, this is followed by a, much larger series of bombs which shower down onto an unseen target and devastation ensues. A Cruise missile is seen from behind as it scans the streets seeking out its foe; it hones in onto a large building and slowly moves into position as it thumps head on into the building; the building cracks and then implodes as the missiles payload erupts sending the occupants to hell. Smoke and fire light the scene and then silence.

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EXT. PAPHOS AIRPORT - EVENING

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Feb 13th 1991, Paphos Airport:

A troop of British soldiers are being dispatched into several waiting lorries:

LORRY INT: CORPORAL RICHARD COLE 24 seated at the back of the lorry is peering outside as the roads pass him by: he turns to his fellow soldier passengers in the lorry.

RICHARD is Speaking to PRIVATE JONES just 19!

RICHARD

It doesn't look like diplomacy is working?

JONES

No give it a week we'll be gone, the air war's not doing it either.

RICHARD

You think so, that soon?

JONES

(Resigned to his fate)
Once the politicians have had said their last bit, it will be our turn.

The lorries continue their drive along the bumpy coast road towards Episkopi, the back of their lorry is silent. Faces without expression, wondering what will happen. As if to break the silence and the mood. EDWARDS 26 changes the topic, as he points out the island's most famous landmark.

EDWARDS
There she is guys!

RICHARD
What?

RICHARD looks around to where he is pointing.

EDWARDS
The Rock, Aphrodite's Rock, that's
where the legend says she was born.

JONES (NOT CONVINCED)
What there?

EDWARDS
Came out of the sea she did; Just
there

He points his finger towards the tall rock in the foreground.

JONES
Bollocks!

EDWARDS (AMUSED)
Almost! Dick actually some God
dick made her, it was cut off and
thrown into the sea and out of the
foam came Aphrodite.

JONES (WICKED LAUGH)
Some Orgasm that!!!!

EDWARDS (ALL LAUGHING)
Dirty fucker!

RICHARD moves the canvass window aside and takes a better
look from the back of the truck onto the rocks that are named
Petra Tou Romiou, birthplace of Aphrodite Goddess of Love.

RICHARD (INQUISITIVE)
But it's just a rock!

EDWARDS (ASSUREDLY)
It's all in the guide book.

He hands the book to RICHARD who nods his thanks.

JONES (IRONIC)
Still! Funny us being here, seeing
tomorrow's Valentines.

RICHARD watches as the truck rounds the bend and loses sight of the rocks, as the moon cuts like a searchlight across the rocks to scan the shoreline.

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