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THOU SHALT NOT KILL Jeffrey Macas

EXT. VILLAIN'S LAIR ON A REMOTE ISLAND - NIGHT

JOSEPH, the hero, clears the lair's henchmen in a bad ass fashion. Using only hand-to-hand combat and nearby props, Joseph knocks out his enemies.

Joseph makes his way into the main room where JUDAS, the villain, is situated. Judas has MARIA, Joseph's love interest, imprisoned.

MARIA

Joseph! Please save me!

JOSEPH

Maria!!!

JUDAS

I'm afraid you're too late Joseph. Inside Maria is a special poison, 500 times more potent than a King Cobra. The poison will slowly spread throughout her lower body, then eventually to her lungs where she will be paralyzed. Your only chance of saving her is in this vial.

In blind rage, Joseph charges at Judas and subdues him with a strong choke.

JOSEPH

Judas!!! Hand me the vial!

JUDAS

Mwahahaha, I'm afraid this is a special kind of vial. You see Joseph, this vial on its own is just viagra mixed with apple cider vinegar. The key missing ingredient is my heart's blood. If you want it, you're going to have to break your only rule...

MARIA

Joseph please! I don't have much time.

JOSEPH

Maria... You know I love you more than anything in the world. I just... (MORE)

JOSEPH (cont'd)

can't do it. I can't bring myself to take another human life.

JUDAS

Joseph, you deadass killed like 30 dudes 10 minutes ago.

JOSEPH

What!? Your henchmen? Nah, I just beat them up really badly, I didn't kill anyone.

The TV in the main room rewinds to show footage of Joseph beating up the henchman. It is then revealed that everyone Joseph fought dies in an ironic brutal death. For example, the henchman that had his hands tied in rope is revealed to have accidentally been hung in a farce manner.

JUDAS

No... You killed exactly 32 dudes in the last 10 minutes. Some of them attended my wedding. Condolences to their families.

JOSEPH

Are you serious!? Oh my God, I had no idea. Well, that was just self defense. I've never killed anyone else in my life.

JUDAS

What the hell are you talking about? You killed like 600 people just earlier today.

JOSEPH

Huh!?

JUDAS

That civilian plane you hijacked in order to get to this island.

JOSEPH

What about it? I made sure everyone was safe before I jumped off.

JUDAS

Bruh, you gave everyone a heartfelt speech then took the only parachute and dipped.

The TV rewinds to show footage of the plane debris in the ocean. The footage shows some child survivors crying looking for their parents.

JOSEPH

Oh damn, to be honest, I thought one of the guys knew how to fly that thing. That was an honest mistake.

MARIA

Well now's your time to redeem yourself Joseph! Judas plans to purge the world to create his new order. If you kill Judas now, you can save millions of people!

In anger, Joseph slams his fists onto Judas' desk.

JOSEPH

Maria! You don't understand! Judas may kill millions of innocent lives, but if I kill Judas, then how am I any different?

Red lights emit from everywhere in the lair. The sound of propulsion dominates the air. Joseph then raises his fists, realizing he had accidentally pressed the red button labeled "Nuke all minorities and unprivileged subgroups".

JOSEPH (cont'd)

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JUDAS

You fool! What have you done! I was supposed to be the one to press that button! I had planned this for the last 20 years.

In grief, Judas kills himself.

JOSEPH

Phew, thank God he killed himself! I'm still the good guy! I'm still a good guy!!!

MARIA

You are a great guy. Now save me.

Joseph then extracts blood from Judas' heart and mixes into the vial.

MARIA (cont'd)

I love you Joseph

JOSEPH

I love you too, now hold still.

Joseph then aggressively injects Mary with the vial needle.

JOSEPH (cont'd)
Oh shit, is this shit working?

Maria is silent. Joseph continues to puncture Maria until her body is left with nothing but deep cuts.

JOSEPH (cont'd)
Damn I was too late... Oh well, my
heart's in the right place.

BLACK OUT.