

ISIS GENTRIFIES

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INT. RESTUANT

The LOCAL and the VISITOR sit down at a table as a WAITER comes over and hands them menus

WAITER

(Bored) Welcome to the Falafel shack and juice bar, where the only martyr will be your hunger. The daily beheading of the infidels will begin at six.

LOCAL

I think we are going to have two falafel waffles please.

WAITER writes the orders and leaves.

VISITOR

Wow Greenpoint has changed a lot since the last time I was here.

LOCAL

I know. But that's what happens when ISIS gentrifies a place.

VISITOR

I wouldn't think ISIS would be great as making a place nicer.

LOCAL

Well, It really depends on your definition of nice. If you are into Mosques, Minarets, and the rubble of former Minarets you will love it here.

VISITOR

I bet the rent is pretty good too.

LOCAL

Its alright, as long as you don't mind paying in artillery shells. I hear in Williamsburg they are charging a mortar and an ignition pin for a studio, if you can believe it.

VISITOR

Uh, why not... So what do you do for fun around here now? I'm guessing you can't go to concerts or anything.

LOCAL

Don't be ridiculous. We still have galleries and concerts. Although most of the time we do just end up denouncing stuff when we are there.

VISITOR

Yeah, denouncing stuff is pretty kick ass.

LOCAL

Plus, now my ultimate league has switched over to kidnapping and extortion. Where is our waiter?

VISITOR tries to wave waiter down as LOCAL fires a burst from an automatic rifle into the air.

VISITOR

Err... I heard that's a good workout. All the cross fit gyms I know are adding an fleeing from captors workout.

LOCAL

Yeah, caring bodies into abandoned parking structures, chasing down foreign journalists, I think I'm in the best shape I've been in years.

WAITER comes back with food.

VISITOR

Hey, what's this music playing?

WAITER

Oh, its a post-fundamentalist band. You probably never heard of them.

WAITER leaves.

VISITOR

Ugh.. Jihadsters.

LOCAL

Jihadsters?

VISITOR

Yeah. That must be the most annoying thing about living here.

LOCAL

I don't know what you are talking about.

VISITOR

Oh come on. The trust fund terrorists? Guys with beards saying they are jihadists but spending all day in coffee shops?

LOCAL

They do seem to blog an awful lot for an armed insurgency.

VISITOR

Right? Anyway, want some dessert?

LOCAL flags down waiter

VISITOR (CONT'D)

Can I have the Mulhamad-Mango-Smoothie-Surprise-Praise-Be-Onto-Him?

WAITER

Would you like some opium with that?

VISITOR

Yes. Yes I would.

WAITER leaves

VISITOR (CONT'D)

They have opium here? Damn!

LOCAL

Yeah, but its not even afghani.

VISITOR

Is that a bad thing?

LOCAL

Not if you don't mind stuff from the Karbala Province. (Scoffs)

VISITOR

Okay. I get it. Artillery shells and assault riffles? (Mocking) I was here before it was a war zone.

LOCAL

Come on. Ill extort the infidels
just like the next guy, but that
doesn't mean I am pretentious about
it.

VISITOR

You sound like a jihadist.

LOCAL

No... I'm just a fundamentalist.

VISITOR

A few years ago you were suing your
landlord like a real American, but
now suddenly you are all about
extorting the infidel?

LOCAL

I really don't need to hear this
from you.

VISITOR

Look at yourself. A fundamentalist?
That super-tight robe? A pair of
those huge black dorky assault
rifles? This isn't you.

LOCAL

Shut up! That's it, I'm moving to
Falluja, where people get it.