

DETONATION ENGLAND

Logline:

When an extremist terrorist group consisting of some of the UK's Elite top professionals - 'The English Roses' plots to destroy the Houses of Parliament as a part of a larger plan to win back a country they fear is losing its identity, a London cabbie finds himself innocently caught up in the plot becoming the unlikely hero in a race against time to thwart the English Roses and save the day...



Synopsis:

In a cottage on the outskirts of London – The English Roses HQ, Roses leader VINCENT DRAKE (50's, think Ray Winstone) has Armenian weapons specialist ABRAHAM held hostage, using violence to force him into making a detonation device that will enable the Roses to trigger a bomb to blow up the House of Parliament. Holding his wife as insurance, Drake gives Abraham to noon to finish the detonator...

JASON BANKS (early 30's, think Dominic Cooper), a typical London Cabbie, kisses his heavily pregnant wife; SELENA goodbye as he sets off for another day driving his black cab around the bustling streets of the country's capital. As the clock strikes noon back at Roses HQ, Abraham finishes the detonator. But when his wife is killed, a now enraged Abraham kills his Rose captors and escapes with the detonator.

As Jason is about to head home to his wife after his last fare of the evening, Abraham staggers out in front of his cab. Discovering he has been shot, Jason helps him into the back of his cab and heads to the hospital. On route, two Rose members; HOLT and TYSON in a unmarked Police car, pull Jason over and demand the detonator which Abraham has hidden in the cab. Unable to find it, Holt shoots Abraham and turns to Jason who being a kickboxer manages to fight them off and escape - fleeing in his black cab.

Unknowingly now in possession of the detonator, Jason is now the one man standing between the Roses imminent terrorist attack. And when a woman who wants to get home after a hard day; VICTORIA (late 20's, think Felicity Jones) innocently jumps into the back of his cab, she finds herself suddenly mixed up in the danger as a high speed chase through the streets of London ensues. But with Jason's years of experience driving around London, he manages to masterfully get away – for now...

With Rose members in every sector including the Police - detectable by a small rose tattoo located on the inside of their wrist, Jason and Victoria soon discover there is no place to hide. Jason seeks advice from his 'tech head' friend; TJ who confirms they are in possession of a detonation device built to trigger a very powerful bomb. After narrowly avoiding the Roses guns for a second time, Jason seeks out the help of the head of international terrorism at MI5, GARY STONE (40's, think Mark Strong) who arranges for them to be picked up from the nearest tube station. But when they discover Holt waiting by the entrance of the station, a dramatic chase on foot ensues, leaving Jason now believing the MI5 are involved in the plot. With nowhere left to turn, Jason and Victoria have no choice but to keep running...

The night takes a final drastic turn for the worse when Jason receives a call from Drake demanding the return of the detonator in exchange for Selena who he now has taken hostage. Feeling out of options, Jason has no choice but to return the detonator to save his wife and unborn child resulting in an explosive finale that could still see Jason save the day...

Born out of a vivid dream about a London Cabbie caught up in Die Hard style scenario being chased around London trying to foil a terrorist plot, Detonation England is an Action Thriller at heart, but at its core, it's a story about English - current affairs, fears, nationalism, and pride.

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