

BLACKWATER _ redux

**concert
for voices & cash register**

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**directed by :
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MUSIC

MALE VOICE After 9/11 Business bo-bo-boom-ed

MUSIC

SHOTS

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SHOTS

BLACKWATER ADVERTISEMENT

Blackwater is the largest training facility in the world
and provides training in a real world environment.
Blackwater is a private
professional security and training firm.
In a broader sense
we are a turn-key solution provider
and supporting security
and peace, freedom and democracy
around the world.

CALLCENTER girl 01 I only deal with your contract
no names

SOLDIERS Go, go, go, go, go

BLACKWATER ADVERTISEMENT

Blackwater is designed from the ground up
to be a flexible, fire armed training center
and to offer you the convenience
to being able to eat, sleep
and more importantly train in one place.

MUSIC

SHOTS

CALLCENTER girl 02 you want information about our agency?
ok

BLACKWATER ADVERTISEMENT

It supports shotguns, pistols and sub machine guns
in day and night scenarios.

TRUCK starts

VOICE Go, go, go, go, go, go, go.

BLACKWATER ADVERTISEMENT

Everything that we do
our success
is because of those great men and women
that put themselves in harm's way every single day.

MOTHER of a BLACKWATER MERCENARY

They slaughtered my son,
they dismembered him,
they decapitated him,
they tortured him,
they hung him from a bridge for four days.

SONG

take off your diamonds
take off your skin
take off your holiness
take off your sin

I want you naked
I want you mad

MOTHER of a BLACKWATER MERCENARY

I want Blackwater
to acknowledge the responsibility
they had in this horrendous nightmare
and to take some accountability.

BLACKWATER ADVERTISEMENT

Our clients are important people
who are making decisions which affect the world.
Our job is to protect them
and to bring them peace of mind
so they can concentrate on the task at hand.

JOURNALIST

The company says
it can assemble
hundreds of battle-ready men.
A small private army at a moment's notice....

JOURNALIST

Five years ago
they were just about to go under
and as the Iraq war started
BUSINESS BOOMED

SOUND of BOMBS

CALLCENTER girl 03

you want to enter a mosque with our people.
ok
in boots ?
ok
and with your rifle in firing position.
ok

CALLCENTER girl 04

you'd
like to?
or will?
ok.
in a town?
in the mountains?
in a jungle camp?
ok
africa?
south america?
ok

a jungle
in
panama?
costa rica?
the amazon basin?
ok
you want to take your holiday there.
fish?
hunt?
ok

you want to hunt birds?
boar?
predators?
humans?
ok
men?
women?
both sexes?
ok
gold diggers?
whores?
natives.
ok

those ravaged by alcohol?
those with little contact to civilisation?
ok

now about your equipment.
you want to hunt these people
with weapons?
yes of course excuse me.
with weapons like your victims have?
with automatic weapons.
ok
pistols?
machine pistols?
ok

would you like to choose your own victims?
the agency should choose them for you.
ok
you want male accompaniment?
a woman.
ok
you want to be able to communicate
with this woman in your own language.
ok
you want this woman to guide you in the virgin forest.
ok
that she leads you to your victim's village.
ok
you want this woman to show you
the people we've picked out for you.
ok
you want to shoot these people in the back?
you want to look at these people eye to eye.
ok
you want to address these people.
you want to stand in front of them and shoot.
ok
you want two?
three to five?
five to ten?
ok
you also want a child?
several children?
ok

after the event you want to jump into a jeep
and be brought to safety.
after the event you want
to stay in the village for a few minutes?
ok
you want to be led around over there.
you want to shoot a few photos over there.
ok

JOURNALIST As Commander in Chief,
are you in control of and responsible
for the military contractors in Iraq?

BUSH Umm... yes, I'm..
I am responsible in that ... the state department...

LAUGHTER

BUSH Help...

BUSH They protect people's lives and uh....

FEMALE STUDENT I was hoping your answer might be a little more specific ...

LAUGHTER

BUSH And uh, I appreciate the sacrifice and the service
the Blackwater employees have made.

FEMALE STUDENT Mister Rumsfeld answered
that Iraq has its own domestic laws
which he soon applied to those private military contractors:

However, Iraq is clearly not currently capable
of enforcing its laws much less against,
you know, over our American military contractors.

I would submit to you that in this case ..
this is one case where privatization is not the solution ...

BUSH Mhm

FEMALE STUDENT And Mr. President,
how do you propose to bring private military contractors
under a system of law?

BUSH Yeah, I appreciate that very much.
I was not kidding.

LAUGHTER

BUSH I'll pick up the phone
and say
"Mr. Secretary I've got an interesting question".
I really will.
I will call the Secretary
and say: "Ron I have a very valuable question
and what are we doing about it?!"
That's how I work:
I am uh, uh.....thanks.

LAUGHTER

CALLCENTER girl 05

you want our dog squadron
to attack a demonstration
ok

JOURNALIST

Blackwater is the brain child
of camera shy multimillionaire Erik Prince.

JOURNALIST

The largest private army in the world,
but little is known about how it operates.

JOURNALIST

A big Republican contributor
whose company has won more than eighty million dollars
worth of contracts from the US-government.

JOURNALIST

The man who founded Blackwater, Erik Prince,
a former Navy Seal,
doesn't like talking to the press.

ERIK PRINCE

I am an American working for America.

SHOTS

ERIK PRINCE

Anything we do is to support US Policy.

SHOTS

ERIK PRINCE

Definition of a mercenary is
a professional soldier
that works in a pay biform army.

JOURNALIST

The contract is worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

SHOTS

JOURNALIST

The company security contractors
who earn as much as 20.000 dollars a month
have developed a reputation
of shooting first and asking questions later.

SHOTS

MERCENARY

We've got a whole group of....

SOUND OF A CHORUS

MERCENARY

Did he take that location.
Negative.
He cleaned them all out.

- CALLCENTERgirl 06** you want the agency
to intimidate Colombian cocaine farmers
ok
that we contiminate the cocaine plantations
from the air
ok
- CALLCENTERgirl 07** you want to fix the exact day?
you want to fix a time period in which the shot will come?
ok
a week?
two weeks?
ok
you want
to be killed in your bed in the nursing home?
you want it to happen while you're out for a stroll?
ok
in the park.
in the street?
ok
you want to be shot
from behind?
from the front.
ok
you want to be able to spot the sharpshooter?
you want to be torn from life
by this shot?
ok
you want to be shot in the heart?
in the forehead?
ok
- CALLCENTERgirl 08** you don't have to shout
I get the point
you want the agency to... okay today
ok
we'll take that journalist out of circulation
ok
- HELICOPTER**
- MERCENARY** Another car coming at you, blue Mercedes... Yep
- ADVERTISEMENT
for MERCENARY COMPUTER GAME**
- FEMALE VOICE** Alright guys you've got a new job available.
It's a simple verification job on an island just off the coast
So whoever wants the job
gets a nice payday.
I love working for oil companies.

CALLCENTERgirl 09

you're talking about that former rocket testing grounds
in the hot Australian desert?

ok

you want to be a supervisor there?
observer?

inmate.

ok

you want to be interned as an asylum seeker?

ok

you want us to smuggle you in there?

you want to cross the border illegally.

ok

so you want to do it yourself?

you want us to keep your action under surveillance?

ok

you want us to document it?

ok

you know that being interned in that desert gulag

can have a negative effect

on your psyche.

ok

you know

that a specialised US- guard service for hardened criminals
is in operation there?

ok

you want to take part in
Iranian and Pakistani actions ?

ok

what do you want in detail?

to be chained to a fence

in the blazing sun?

to be mutilated?

to threaten suicide?

join the hunger-strikers?

ok

have your mouth sewn up?

ok

you know

that the Australian prime minister

will describe such an action

as „moral blackmail“

and do you also know

that the sight

of your sewn-up mouth

will offend

the Australian tv-audience?

ok

JOURNALIST

Some of the words
that are commonly used to describe you guys,
at the risk of making you angry:
blond gorillas, cowboy attitude, reckless, arrogant,
aggressive, excessively aggressive.

So why is it so wrong that...
why is there this perception, do you think
that exists about Blackwater?

You know when I,
when I was in Iraq when this incident happened
I spoke to a number of different operators
and different private security firms
and most of the time people said to me :
"Blackwater are more aggressive than us!"
Why do you think that is?!

I know you said the loss of innocent lives is a tragedy.
Do you regret it?
Do you wish it never happened?

People want to know from you,
from Blackwater, that you wish
those people had not been killed.
Do you wish that innocent people didn't have to die
as a result of anything you are involved in?

ERIK PRINCE

It is absolutely not our wish
that any innocent civilian should ever die.

JOURNALIST

Blackwater is a private army that was put together
by one of America's lesser known fundamentalist wing-nuts:
Erik Prince took millions of Dollars that Daddy left him,
he cut a deal with Dick Cheney
and was awarded the right
to become America's new unofficial army.

ERIK PRINCE

I am an American working for America.

SHOTS

JOURNALIST

This is a global private mercenary army
that has its own aircraft, its own tanks,
its own ammunition stashes
that rival the Armies of many third world countries.

BLACKWATER TRAINER

Don't give up if you get shot.
don't just say I'm dead,
just finish the fucking drill alright.

JOURNALIST

Blackwater doesn't fall under the US Court Marshall Law when they break the law.
And they argue that they can't be sued
or they can't be prosecuted
under traditional criminal and civil statutes in the US.

In other words:
They operate in the dark out of the reach of anybody's law.

A CAR FULL OF BLACKWATER GUYS

FEMALE VOICE

Drivers fucking have two hands on the wheel at all times

JOURNALIST

They do that by not investigating instances where there are people killed, by covering up killings and by allowing Shooters, that's what they call them, they call the security people, an interesting term, they call them Shooters

CALLCENTERgirl 10

you want to be advised?
an estimate?
ok
you
want?
would like or want?
ok
to spend a night as a border guard.
ok
on a part of the border
where there's not much going on?
at which a lot of illegals cross?
ok
mexicans?
ok
you want to be a guard?
you want to be part of the army?
part of the border patrol?
ok
you want to join the minute-man-project?
ok
you want to sit in one of the watchtowers?
ok
you want a night-vision apparatus?
ok
a weapon?

SHOT

MERCENARY oh shit

LAUGHTER

CALLCENTERgirl 11 you want
us to blow up the Golden Gate Bridge
ok

CALLCENTERgirl 12 you want
a missile to hit
an apartment house in tel aviv
ok
you want it to look like
the mullahs were behind it
ok

BLACKWATER-MERCENARY

We were in our headquarters our safe house,
when the attack started
and the attack was on our house.
At exactly 11:30 on orders
they dropped their signs
and pulled out their AK47's

JOURNALIST Thomas says to survive there was only one thing to do.

BLACKWATER-MERCENARY

I grabbed my weapon and went right to the roof
Why did I go to the roof?
because the roof is where you can see people.
Bullet pierced right in front of my face.
I'd like to tell you that I was heroic
And that I stood my ground but I shivered my ground.
I was scared to death.

CALLCENTERgirl 13 nighttime
the sun going down?
ok
some of our people are there
observing the area
ok
then you see
a group of demonstrators approaching the house
ok
you hear the sound of a kalaschnikov
ok
you get into position
and ready your M249 – SAW machine gun
ok
you fix the demonstrators in your telescopic sight
ok
an Iraqi throws himself on the ground

what no?
 it isn't bagdad
 teheran?
 ok
 you fix the demonstrators in your telescopic sight
 ok
 and the Iranian fires his kalaschnikov up at the roof
 ok
 the bullets hiss by your ears
 ok
 you fix him in your sights
 ok
 he should be wearing a long white robe
 ok
 you ask whether you should shoot
 ok
 since no commanding officer from the fighting force is present
 one of our guys says: wait.
 shoot
 ok
 after the first shot he should lie there
 then jump up and move away
 ok
 you want to fire a salvo after him
 which takes him out
 ok

BLACKWATER HEARING

SENATOR

Are you alleging that Blackwater willingly, knowingly
 has its employees kill innocent people
 as a cost benefit way
 to preserve its reputation for keeping its clients safe?

MERCENARY COMPUTER GAME

FEMALE VOICE

This is your target
 Rodrigue Conzalez
 Universal Petroleum want him: dead or alive..so..

9/11 EYE WITNESS

The building collapsed to dust.
 You don't find a desk
 You don't find a chair
 You don't find a telephone, a computer..
 The biggest piece of a telephone I found
 was half of the key pad that was about this big

BLACKWATER HEARING

CHAIRMAN HENRY WAXMAN

What we are saying
There is a culture essentially of impunity
Of allowing excessive use of force
Allowing reckless use of force
That encourages Blackwater employees
To kill innocent people.

MERCENARY COMPUTER GAME

FEMALE VOICE So feel free to, you know....

SHOTS

FEMALE VOICE Why should today be any different?
If you want to play it quiet
Don't I always?

MALE VOICE This company...

9/11 EYEWITNESS I heard a sucking explosion
Sounded like gunfire...pang, pang, pang, pang
And it all sounded like three big explosions

JOURNALIST Blackwater knowingly sends shooters into the field
Either in steroids or other ultimate drugs
As you know steroids cause severe,
severe aggression in people

911 SOUND

9/11 EYEWITNESS We heard a big explosion coming down

A huge explosion now degrading the building

A huge explosion that we all heard and felt.

We heard a very loud, loud explosion

BILL CLINTON An inside job?
How dare you!
How dare you!

9/11 FIREMAN This country has gotten crazy.
Everybody is blaming everybody else
But the bottom line is
Bush is responsible for this
He is absolutely responsible for this.

CALLCENTERgirl 14

you want to spend a night in paris
ok
You want to go to clubs
to a cabaret
sit by the seine
ok
accompanied by a woman
a man
alone
ok
as yourself, as you are.
as someone else?
ok
as a gay man, approached by young men
as a down and out
ok
you want to sit under a bridge.
ok
you want to spend the night there.
ok
you want people from the agency to be in the area
that one of our men will be around
ok
you want him to be armed
ok
that he can produce your papers
ok
you want him to intervene
when the police arrest you.
you want him to intervene
when french right-wing radicals
show up
you want
the agency itself to hire right-wing radicals
to beat up
the homeless on that evening.
ok
you want to be spared?
you might want to be beaten up yourself.
you'll take it as it comes.
ok
no, you know,
you can stipulate exactly.
you don't want to.
you want
the agency to decide
if you get beaten up or not that evening
ok ...

CALLCENTERgirl 15

you want to set a car on fire?
a bus?
a supermarket?
a human being?
ok.
male?
female?
ok.
you want to set an old woman on fire?
A young woman?
ok.
you want her to be white?
black
ok.
a second generation immigrant?
third?
just entered illegally?
ok.
she's come to paris from north africa?
ok.
from algeria?
ok.
she should be a berber?
ok.
you want to set fire to a woman from your apartment house?
ok.
daytime?
night?
evening?
ok.
you want to do it alone?
ok.
you want to douse her with petrol and set fire to her.
ok.
afterwards you want to be brought immediately to safety?
you want to be able to observe the follow-up
from a safe distance?
you want to stay nearby.
ok.
you want
task force police and the fire department
to arrive on the scene?
ok.
you want the task force to save the girl?
you want the police and rescue crew to arrive too late?
arrive in time, but not to save the girl?
ok.
you want people to obstruct the police intervention?
ok.
you want the whole action to be filmed?
ok.
you want to be recognised in the film?

not recognised.
ok.
the film is only for your private use?
you want to decide yourself,
if it gets freely distributed.
ok.
you want the agency to inform you
if the film finds a buyer?
ok.
you want to negotiate a price yourself?
you want the agency to deal with it for you?
ok.

CALLCENTERgirl 16

in a residential area?
ok.
in a restaurant?
in a discotheque?
in a market place?
in a bus?
ok.
you want to blow up certain people?
ok.
you want the agency to gather the group together for you?
you want to pick them out yourself.
ok.
you want israelis?
you want people from the arab states?
from the west
ok.
you want americans?
ok.
you want people who work for the american government?
ok.
you want a delegation?
ok.
a delegation from a conference here in israel.
ok.
...
and now for the bus.
you want anyone to survive this attack?
nobody survives
ok.
you want powerful explosives?
you want the entire bus to be torn to pieces?
you also want
casual passers-by to be killed in the blast?
ok.
you want this to happen in the centre of jerusalem.
haifa.
tel aviv.
ok.

JEREMY SCAHILL

Well I think we are in the midst of the most radical privatization agenda in our Nation's history we of course see it in schools we see it in our health care system, in prisons and now we see it full blown in the war machine. What I ultimately see as the real threat here is that the system of ... the very existence of the Nation state I think is at stake here.

JOURNALIST

Why are you so convinced that this was not one of those cases your guys made a mistake?

ERIK PRINCE

I am not saying it's impossible to make a mistake I am saying: on the front end we do a very thorough job of finding the best of the best

These are true, proving professionals that come out of the US military that have a significant position of responsibility already Um, Um... So yes, it is a very tough job It requires the tightest of judgment It is possible to make a mistake

MUSIC

SHOTS

SOUND OF STEPS ON RUBBLE

THUNDER

JEREMY SCAHILL

You have companies now that have been funded with billions of dollars in public money using that money to build up the infrastructure of private armies. There are over 170 mercenary companies like Blackwater operating in Iraq right now that's almost as many nations as are registered at the UN. And I think this isn't just about Iraq it is also eluding the US treasury.

CALLCENTERgirl 17 as covering protection?
 ok
 survive a gas attack as a mercenary.
 ok
 the attackers fire a bazooka
 at the car following behind you?
 ok
 the car gets hit?
 ok
 the grenades hit the petrol tank
 and it goes up in flames.
 ok
 you watch the fireball in the rearview mirror
 and you order the driver to keep going!
 you want him to stop?
 to drive around the burning car?
 ok

MUSIC

THUNDERSTORM and the sound of a BARREL-ORGAN

JEREMY SCAHILL Well, I was in New Orleans
 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina
 and I think we saw a real window into the possible future.
 I was standing in a street corner
 in the French quarter on Bergen Street
 and I was talking to New York City police officers
 who had come down to help
 and this car speeds up next to us,
 no license plate,
 it was a compacted car
 and three massive guys get out of it
 and they have M4 assault rifles,
 bulletproof vests
 wearing kaki, brown sunglasses and baseball caps on
 and they come up and they say to the cops :
 "Where are the rest of the Blackwater guys?"
 They said that they were down there
 to confront criminals and stop looters

JOURNALIST Who called them in?

SCAHILL Well this is an interesting story.
 Erik Prince sent them in.
 There was no contract initially.
 But 180 Blackwater guys were sent into the Gulf.

JOURNALIST Prince's own decision.

SCAHILL

Well, so Prince sends them in.
Within a week Blackwater is given a contract
from the Department of Homeland Security
and Federal Protective Service
to engage in security operations inside of New Orleans.

CALLCENTERgirl 18

ok
it's a legal strike
illegal
ok
you want the agency to send strikebreakers
attack the factory from the air
bombard it
ok
you want production to continue there afterwards
give up the location
ok
you want
the whole area to be destroyed
ok

CALLCENTERgirl 19

ok
you want
to smoke out the abortion clinics in New York and Washington
ok
you want simultaneous actions
that it occurs on two consecutive days?
within one week?
divided into two weeks?
ok
you want media representatives to be present
ok
you want people to get hurt
that nobody gets hurt?
ok

CALLCENTERgirl 20

I only deal with your contract
no names

you'd like ...
has the method been explained to you?

you ...
I understood
you wanted to book an explosion
do you want
...
ok
no, you haven't really ...
...
no, there's no point in shouting!
calm down!

ok and
now from the top
as far as
I've understood you want
to book the blowing up of a dam
ok
you want to decide for yourself which one
ok
in china?

...
no, you didn't tell me
it was the aswan-dam
no
you only mentioned a dam
no
maybe you told my colleague
who wrote down your details.
no, definitely not!!

you know
the agency
doesn't care if the reason
is personal or political!
no
I won't listen to you!

...
and if you don't respect our
conditions I won't be able
to serve you any longer!

...
ok
you want to blow up a part of this dam?
the whole dam
ok
you want to bring the explosives yourself?
you want the agency to blow up the dam
ok
you want to watch the explosion?
document it?
film it?
ok
from the ground?
from a helicopter?
ok

...
now don't start shouting again!!

...
no, the agency can't guarantee you
that the entire slums of cairo will be flooded

...
the agency also cannot guarantee
that the catastrophe will be bigger
than that of new orleans!

but if you like
we can get you an expertise on your project
ok
you'd like that?
ok

BLACKWATER-MERCENARY

I have a lawyer, please go talk to him.

SNIPER

You're a fast mover
You know everyone says they are just
A bunch of gun-toten idiots out there
You know: looking to shoot somebody

Holy shit, look at them fuckers

BLACKWATER HEARING

SENATOR

Mr. Chairman
I'd like to ask Mister Prince
about one of these employees
whom he fired and ...
This was an employee
who got drunk on Christmas eve of 2006

SNIPERS

SENATOR

This particular man while he was drunk
shot and killed
the guard to the Iraqi vice president
and I'd like to ask you about his firing.
You fired this individual for handling a weapon
and for being intoxicated.
Is that right?

ERIK PRINCE

The men operate with a clear policy.
If there is to be any alcohol consumed
it's 8 hours between any time of consumption....

SENATOR

Was he fired or not?

ERIK PRINCE

Excuse me?

SENATOR

Was he fired?

ERIK PRINCE

Oh yes ma'am he was fired.

SENATOR

Have any charges been brought against him
in the Iraqi Justice system?

ERIK PRINCE I don't believe in the Iraqi justice system
I do believe or I know we have referred over to the..

SNIPER Another car coming at ya in the blue Mercedes...
Yep was hit.

SENATOR Have any charges been brought against him
in the US military justice system?

ERIK PRINCE I don't know.

SNIPER ...was hit.
That's fuckin awesome!
Scare the shit outta ya?
Yeah! We didn't know...
we thought somebody was firing RPG or something at us.
We were secure up on the wall...

SENATOR Have any charges been brought against him
in the US civilian justice system?

ERIK PRINCE Well that would be handled
by the Justice Department Ma'am,
that's for them to answer, not me.

SENATOR Other than firing him,
has there been any sanction against him
by any government authority –

You mentioned you fined people for bad behavior.
Was he fined for killing the Iraqi guard?

ERIK PRINCE Yes he was

SENATOR How much was he fined?

ERIK PRINCE Multiple thousands of dollars.
I don't know the exact number.
I'll get you that answer.

SENATOR If he lived in America,
he would have been arrested
and he would be facing criminal charges
If he was a member of our military
he would be under our Court Marshall
But it appears to me
that Blackwater has special rules.

SNIPER Ok, you see the road uh that goes straight out like that,
that road right there?
Yeah! Follow it straight out

CALLCENTERgirl 21

you have to say YES or NO
 or however you want to reply to my
 supposition
 or are you suddenly ashamed of your request?
 in that case
 I have to ask you to call again later
 when you're sure
 of what you want to order!

shall I register the details I have so far?
 ok

we had:
 a trip to ruanda.
 in the capitol kigali.
 you want to be taken to the genocide museum there.
 in the room
 where that sculpture is displayed.
 the mummified woman.
 you've read about her
 and can't believe
 what's in the report:
 that one can clearly see on this ...
 let's call her a WOMAN
 machete wounds
 in the area of the throat.
 as well as traces of hatchet blows between the legs.
 and
 that this woman apparently
 whether still alive or already dead
 was impaled
 through the vagina.

that's where we left off ...

THE LAWYER

the contractual partner accepts the risk
 of being either shot at, maimed or killed
 either by guns or other war weapons
 through an airplane or helicopter crash
 through sniping, land mines
 artillery fire, bazooka grenades
 car bombs, earthquakes or other natural catastrophes
 through poisoning, uprisings, terrorist attacks,
 in hand-to-hand combat, illness, etc.
 maimed or killed as a passenger in a helicopter or airplane
 to lose hearing
 an eye injury
 or suffering the loss of eyesight
 through biological or chemical war products
 by air attacks
 or otherwise contaminated internally or externally
 or wounded or killed
 by flying schrapnel, etc

CALLCENTERgirl 22

you want to go to a town.
in the north?
south.
ok.
africa?
asia?
south america?
ok.
a city of millions.
ok.
sao paulo?
rio?
ok.
you want to swim in the rich people's beaches?
ok.
dance?
ok.
in the famous ipanema beach discos?
ok.
you want to meet a famous dancer there?
ok.
talk to her after the show?
drink?
go to a hotel.
ok.
an hour?
the whole night?
ok
you also want to go with her to the slums?
ok.
meet her family.
ok.
see her little boy, who needs an eye operation?
ok.
you want to pay for the eye operation?
make a contribution?
not be bothered with it.
ok.
you want to fuck.
ok.
fucking and what else?
whipping?
execution?
ok.
shooting from close range?
ok.
at the girl's house?
in a whorehouse?
in a shabby backroom?
ok.

with cockroaches?
without cockroaches.
some customers like that.
ok.
a shabby whorehouse backroom.
ok.
and you want to shoot the girl.
alone?
in the presence of someone else?
ok.
girls?
men?
children?
a child?
ok.
before the eyes of her little son?
ok.
killing with a colt?
with an automatic weapon?
ok.
machine gun?
ok.
ten shots?
more than twenty?
many more than twenty?
a hundred?
ok.
you want to unload a hundred shots
from a machine pistol
into the girl's body.
ok.
you want to drink her blood?
you want to remove organs?
no.
a lot of customers want that.
ok.
you want the little boy shot as well?
badly wounded?
shot in the hand?
in the foot?
left uninjured
ok.
he should be turned over afterwards to his grandparents?
you have a use for him?
as houseboy?
as an object of desire?
as an organ bank?
as a son?
ok.
you want to adopt him?
you don't want to go as far as that.
ok.

you want to love him?
 comfort him?
 ok.
 how old should he be?
 three?
 four?
 five?
 ok.
 he should understand
 what you did to his mother?
 ok.
 how long should the boy stay with you?
 a week?
 a month?
 you'll decide that later.
 ok

SHOTS**NAOMI KLEIN**

What the bush administration
 has constructed since September 11
 is a privatized security state on the whole
 So the idea of homeland security
 being the primary mandate of the government
 and simultaneously
 thats this idea
 that the government will not perform any of these functions itself

SHOTS**MERCENARY**

If I see anyone I shoot him

NAOMI KLEIN

Yeah
 the core function
 of the state security evacuation in a disaster
 and...

MEN in a TANK

Here we go Baby.....

MERCENARY

Go, go, go, go

NAOMI KLEIN

I think what's frightening about it
 is the idea
 that these disasters become laboratories
 for these totally corporatized states
 I mean the green zone,
 I always had the feeling when I was in Iraq
 around the green Zone
 that I was seeing the future.

You know if we weren't careful.
This bubble,
this totally privatized bubble,
which is talked about
if it is an American control zone
it is actually a Halliburton zone.

MEN in a TANK

NAOMI KLEIN

And all of it is run by private contractors.
So you have this bubble of fully privatized functionality
I mean this is where it seems to be leading
with this use
this massive transfer of public money
to build this shadow state:

That of the Blackwaters,
and the Bacchanals
and the Halliburtons.
So you know the state becomes frail

MERCENARY

We just got shot by an RPG,
went right over our fuckin head

CALLCENTERgirl 23

you want this operation
performed on yourself?
on your daughter
ok
is she older than eight?
ten?
ok
you want it performed in a clinic?
at your house?
in another city
ok
in europe?
in africa?
ok
in north africa?
in egypt?
ok
in a five-star hotel
with boutiques, discotheques, bars, restaurants?
in a suburb of kairo?
ok
by a doctor?
a female doctor?
an ordinary woman.
ok

you want the agency to take you there
 with your daughter
 ok
 you want to stay there a few days
 ok
 you want
 it to be done
 as for all egyptian girls
 ok
 the woman should come
 to the house early in the morning
 ok
 she should wake your daughter up
 ok
 give her a glass of milk
 ok
 then she should sit on your lap
 ok
 you want to hold your daughter down
 ok
 while the woman performs
 a circumcision with a razor blade
 ok
 you want to decide yourself,
 which part of the female genital organs
 should be cut off?
 you want it done just like for Egyptian women
 ok
 you are aware
 that egyptian girls
 have no anaesthesia
 during their circumcisions
 ok

MALE VOICE

Throughout all that vast fear of conflict
 there was one band of fighting men
 who were everywhere known.

In their brief but extraordinary existence
 they won a unique reputation
 for daring to show an unfailing professionalism in combat.

Yet their courage was beyond dispute
 so too was the fear and loathing
 which they elicited
 even eventually among their own people.

And in the regular soldiers alongside whom they fought.
 In many of the most signal times of German arms
 they played a conspicuous role.

One far disproportioned to their numbers.
 In a long period of decline and retreat
 despite repeatedly sustaining appalling casualties
 their discipline remained unbroken
 their fighting order unimpaired.

Almost to the very end.

Subsequently they were burdened
 with the near exclusive blame
 for the blackest crimes of the Nazi regime
 and for all their high undoubted bravery
 they bear a reputation forever shrouded with infamy.

They were the Waffen SS.

CALLCENTERgirl 24

ok
 we had ruanda.
 kigali.
 the genocide museum.
 you wanted
 the agency to bring you to the sculpture.
 ok
 you want
 to pray there?
 to spit?
 to shoot your semen?
 ok
 you want to be stimulated?
 ok
 by a young man?
 a girl?
 you prefer to stimulate yourself?
 ok

SONG

take off your wishes
 take off your proud
 take off your emptiness
 take off your shroud

I want you naked
 I want you bad
 I want your sweetness
 I want you ... dead

TITLE

B L A C K W A T E R r e d u x

concert for voices and cash register

by krok & petschinka

with birgit minichmayr, aite tinga, barbara falter,
bibiana beglau, jule böwe and andre jung

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