

A Screenplay

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Budget: Circa £5m (low)

Genre: War Drama

Length: 96 pages

Premise: War tears a couple apart and finally brings them back together, utterly transformed.

Pitch: Love is war's worst enemy.

Logline: Death can't stop young Other and Minnie finding each other again after everything World War 2, betrayal, murder and revenge can throw at them. Neither can love.

Synopsis: In the last 6 months of his life in 2009, A. N. OTHER (87) tells his son JOHN his life story. John writes it all down . . . FLASHBACK to 1939. Young Other leaves his new bride MINNIE and their 2 children behind and goes off to war. The horrors he encounters darken his character. Minnie suffers the London blitz, and struggles to remain hopeful. Other soon stops writing home; he feels if he tells Minnie how things are, she will be scared, and lying has never been his thing, until now . . . Following the North Africa campaign, Other is sent to Italy, where he falls in love with the beautiful Elli. He and his best mate GOAT run scams afforded them by their work in Army logistics, which makes a welcome break from the terrors of the front line. But by now Other is a dog of war – addicted to it. In London, Minnie meets and falls for JOE – a US Airforce pilot. She is reluctant to sleep with him out of faith in Other. In time, and believing that Other must now be dead, she yields to Joe, however. Other's parents PHYLLIS and FRED write to Other telling him she has been unfaithful. Other returns to London, enraged. He confronts Minnie, causing her to miscarry Joe's baby. Other ends up in jail. Phyllis visits, and tells Other that Fred isn't his father. His real father was the WWI veteran who raped her then shot himself in 1921. Other returns to war in Italy feeling even more traumatised. Joe and Minnie resume their relationship in London. Other makes Elli pregnant in Italy. Goat is burnt alive during a raid on a convoy they are driving. It sends Other over the edge: he goes AWOL. He falls in with the local Mafia, which is headed by Don Cippani. Cippani challenges Other to prove himself by leading a raid on an Allied payroll convoy. During the attack, Mafiosi decide to execute British soldiers. Other kills the Mafiosi to save the soldiers. Cippani kills Elli in revenge – cutting Other's unborn child out of her. Suicidal, Other takes revenge by slaughtering Cippani and all the men that stand in his way. Other returns to the UK. He is incarcerated for going AWOL. Now the war is over, Minnie plans to go back to America with Joe with her children. But Joe is burnt to death in a refuelling accident. A year later, Other is freed from jail. He turns up on Minnie's doorstep. Minnie doesn't quite shut the door in his face. Not quite. . .