

THE HARDER THEY FALL

A SCREENPLAY BY CURT JAMES



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When a bungled robbery in a busy multi-storey London shopping mall turns into a mass hostage situation, the one man, they overlook, is not just a broken, homeless bum, but a dangerous and violent one-man army.

SYNOPSIS

On a cold, rainy winter's day in London, a homeless man, James Keagan walks into the high-tech, prestigious shopping mall - Square One, seeking shelter. But James isn't just any drifter; he's an ex-soldier who went missing in action eighteen years ago. After surviving torture, brutal captivity and escaping through sheer cunning and brute force, he returned home only to find his family had moved on. Believing he was too broken to return to their lives, he let the world think he was still dead. Broken-hearted and angry, he could never return to a life in society.

Inside Square One, a major maintenance upgrade is underway, preparing for a huge diamond exhibition. However, one of the maintenance crews are actually a Romanian terrorist organization, planning a massive heist targeting designer stores, jewelry, and most importantly, the diamonds. When their escape route gets blocked, their bungled robbery turns into a chaotic, high-stakes, mass- hostage situation.

As civilians are taken hostage and the situation spirals out of control, James slips into the shadows, preparing a ruthless military-style assault on the terrorists. His PTSD triggers vivid flashbacks to his time in Afghanistan, but he channels his trauma into a relentless assault on the enemy, using the skills that kept him alive all those years ago.

As the body count rises and law enforcement surrounds the building, James races against time to neutralize the threat before more innocent lives are lost. The stakes skyrocket when it's revealed who their "loose cannon" actually is. The stakes get even higher when it's revealed that James' daughter Katie, who he never knew, works in the mall. Unaware of her father's identity, she becomes a pawn in the terrorists' game. Their leader, Vladimir, uses her as a bargaining tool, his surrender for her freedom.

But James doesn't give up easily. When Vladimir sets the building ablaze and the odds stacked against him, James relies on his wit, urban combat skills, and unyielding determination to survive. In an explosive showdown, James proves that no matter how outnumbered or outgunned he is, the bigger they are... the harder they fall.

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