

Sir John and Robert Massacre All At Cesena

Hawkwood, mercenary general, condottiere
L'acuto, "keen one" was his nom de guerre
In Renaissance wars he fought on every side
But Robert's massacre crushed his pride

Cesena City seized by Robert, the anti-pope
Hawkwood, conquering general, gave all hope:
"The besieged city walls will be repaired.
And the innocents of Cesena will be spared!"

But the cardinal insisted, "tis not to be!
I'll not give the people of Cesena liberty!
No rest until their slaughter is complete.
I want to see them rotting in the street!"

Said Sir John, "Eminence you're a man of God!
Innocents beneath the feet of war are trod!"
Cardinal replied, "God speaks not of warfare!
Not one single swaddling babe shall I spare!

Send your drunken soldiers into each street.
And for every terrified citizen that they meet
thrust a rusty sword into his quivering belly.
Lord have charity; for the Church hasn't any!"

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Mutilation Murders

The torso of a black child has been discovered in London's Kensington Gardens. Detective Chief Inspector Hawthorne and his men quickly discover that the boy was a victim of a ritualistic killing. At Heathrow airport a second child, Jubulani, and his mother disembark from their plane. On his arrival in London Jubulani is kidnapped. A Ju Ju witchdoctor in South London is preparing the new child, Jubulani, to be sacrificed. Hawthorne is racing against time to save the boy.

Midwinter's Children

Georg, a nine-year-old street child, has been captured by human traffickers from Moscow and is about to be sold to a child pornography ring in Amsterdam. Detective Chief Inspector Hawthorne, from Suffolk CID, is on the case...

The Black Daimler

Nexus, a London-based Chinese dissident, learns that his friend was found with an axe embedded in his head. As more of his politically active associates die, he becomes involved in a frantic struggle to understand and defeat the threat to himself and his organisation.

The Expendability Doctrine

Oil tycoon Keith Connors is found dead in the garden of his villa; undoubtedly the work of a pro. His ex-wife flees to Libya, where she is linked to the brutal murder of the White House Trade Representative. In his investigations, Inspector Hawthorne discovers a sinister web of treachery and greed in the international oil business.

The Devil's Brothers

Catherine Bronston, a fifteen-year-old girl, is snatched outside her local swimming pool. The kidnappers, ruthless Albanian mafiosi, issue a ransom demand containing dismembered body parts. Catherine's father fears that the ongoing police investigation could reduce the possibility of her being found alive.

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