



Living with Abaddon

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Janet 'The Cleaver' is free to find happiness. Life's hard when you're stuck with a criminal record, an asshole husband and a scheming demon.

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Heavy rain. Officers TURNBULL and CRISP arrive at a clearing. Blue flashing lights pick out a disorientated young woman - it's Janet. Her white dress soaked in blood.

Officer Crisp peers around the scene with a torch a beat-up car and white van are parked. He steps in a muddied pool of bloody water. Turnbull follows the stream of blood to its source.

On the car bonnet Crisp sees what remains of a body. A meat cleaver buried into the metalwork. A severed penis passes lazily between bloodied wipers.

The officers look at Janet. Crisp shines a light on her face.

JANET WHEELER (now 59) believes she is controlled by ABADDON (1500), a medieval demon posing as her protector. The gruesome murder of JIM BLAND was the demons' finest work - and Janet's ultimate downfall.

On the eve of her release from prison Janet can't sleep. A shadow crawls the walls casting shapes around the cell. She squeezes her eyes shut holds her breath.

A demonic entity unfurls high in a corner. It descends shrouding her in its' darkness. Janet's BFF is back!

Returning to cheating husband DON she meets JOAN his gold digger mistress and BARBARA, their overbearing daughter.

BARBARA:

"Mum says she's no good never was never will be. You can't chop someone up into mince and still be normal. She's not right in the head that one."

The Cleavers' return opens up painful wounds in the community. BRENDA, the aggrieved widow of Jim, launches a witch-hunt against her nemesis. Nets are twitching and as the media descends, it's pitch-forks at dawn.

Pressure mounts and Janet is soon lured back into crime. She realises that in order to find true happiness, she must cast out the malevolent forces in her life.

'Living with Abaddon' is a dark-comedy series set in present-day British suburbia. The story explores themes of mental health, ageing and sexual uniformity, with fantasy and horror elements weaved throughout.

Shortlisted for interview by the BBC Writersroom Open Call 2021, **'Living with Abaddon'** is available on request as a 60 or 30 page pilot.



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