

## Episode Two - KOKI

DAY. London. Tonioni's bespoke dry cleaners. Eager TONI (40) helps Benny to his Merc with a load of dry-cleaned clothes. He urges Benny to expand their business, open up another shop. Benny is cautious.

Alice Gallery. Benny glares at the Georgian windows. 'New Visions' is sprayed across. Benny lets himself in...

Sleeping bodies, party rubbish, bold paintings. Benny steps around a bronze 'Trump On A Unicycle' sculpture. He calls, "Pascalle!" She slinks downstairs half-dressed, flirtatious in her embarrassment. Didn't expect Benny back so soon. Benny wants order restored by afternoon, or their deal is off. He only allowed gallery space, not the window display and certainly not the flat. Pascalle is defiant, "Four more paintings sold and three more Trumps. We're a hit show."

Stowbay FC training ground. Orange-hair FABIO KOKI (25) parks his Ferrari. A glance at his jewel-studded watch. A football bounces against his window. Players laugh, emerging for training. Nuggety factotum SIDDH (65) grins.

London. Jordan & Keen public relations. Suave owner LANCE JORDAN (50) inspects paintings on Benny's iPad. But he's changed his mind on buying. He's negotiating a merger with an ad agency. Maybe Benny can be a partner. Benny suspects it's an empty gesture. He's duly flattered, but too committed to his own projects. Worse, Lance needs to pull out of their Chateaux Mirande development too. A chance for Benny to up his investment with the other partners. Benny hides his frustration.

Alice Gallery. Pascalle, in pink latex gloves, bosses her friends in a clean-up. She yells upstairs, "Marcus!" A vain figure emerges, in no hurry to assist.

A shiny tourer motorbike speeds along a motorway.

London. Accountant's office. Wise-owl NORRIS (50) beams a welcome from behind his desk. Benny presents a painting, "To brighten up the place." He laughs at Norris's agitation. "On loan..."

Benny needs to increase his Chateaux Mirande investment. Norris responds with a bluesy flourish on harmonica, and a pained review of the situation. Benny was a brilliant company man in advertising and PR, but is a novice at hands-on business. His vanity projects are failing. He's 'bet the house' and now he must cut his losses. And how could he have lost wonderful Alice and Daisy? Benny assures he can turn things around, but he's rattled.

Stowbay FC training ground. Live-wire ELLIOT (25) parks his tourer motorbike, disappointed the training session is over. He hears changing room banter. Inside, Koki takes clothes from his locker. His flashy watch falls out, bounces on a kitbag and lodges in a shoe...

Elliot ventures into the building. He sees Siddh mopping a floor. Sudden changing-room commotion. Koki is furious, "Who stole my watch?" Players react. Some take out phones, eager to video a flare-up. Elliot opportunely peeks in, discretely recording with his phone. Koki pushes out past him...

Koki accuses Siddh, "You stole my watch. Thirty grand." Siddh is incensed. He squares up in fierce combat mode. Players pull Koki away. The coach Zeger intervenes. He sees stranger Elliot, and confiscates his phone. Players hide their phones. Koki screams at everyone, "You find my watch, or I quit!" Back in the changing-room he tries to slide a foot into his shoe...

Outside, Siddh tears off his hi-vis staff vest in anger. He rides away on his moped. He kicks at Koki's Ferrari in passing...

London. Benny is in his parked Merc, on a video call with Pascale. She's sold more art. She shows the tidied gallery interior. Benny presses her about the flat. Pascale smirks and shows a key. "You need a better place to hide it." She replaces it in a desk drawer. "Just supposing, do I still have the job?" Benny offers a guarded smile, "Keep selling, keep supposing..."

He gets a call from Zeger about the Koki-Siddh flare-up and 'snooping' video-maker Elliot. "Now the stupid story go public. Bad for Koki, bad for the team. What we gonna do?" Exasperated, Benny fastens his seat-belt.

Dmitri's villa. Inside, Maude collects wilting flowers from vases. Outside, she discards them and picks fresh flowers. She gazes away across the bay...

Stowbay mid-estuary. Dmitri's schooner. His dinghy discretely delivers party girl TIFFANY (30), extra shapely in a life-jacket. In his cabin Dmitri has her giggling as they entangle, eager to get intimate...

Dmitri's villa. A gardener mows the lawn. Hector checks a security camera. A youth valets a Range Rover. Maude packs an artist's easel and blank canvases inside it.

Stowbay FC. Benny, arriving, is met by Elliot's plea, "I was road-testing my bike. Just had a look around." Benny retorts, "I said nothing confirmed." Elliot takes Benny's phone and shows clips of the Koki-Siddh fracas, leaked on social media...

They enter the boardroom. Anton confronts, "First you want to help, then you don't, now you're spying on us." Benny assures that Elliot was just visiting on impulse, an eager video maker doing a recce on spec. Dapper office manager JUSTIN (30) asserts he handles all the video needs. Elliot claims he didn't leak the story anyway. He wouldn't, and how could he? His phone was seized. Zeger hands it back, admitting it was his players to blame, going public, telling tales. "What happens in the changing-room should stay in the changing-room..."

Anton fumes, "A disaster." He quotes social media on his phone, "Spoilt brat Koki... Prima donna... Kick him out... Who needs a £30,000 watch?" He slides his phone down the conference table, for Benny to check...

Benny shrugs, "Asking for trouble, picking on a humble staffer. It's obvious Koki should make a public apology to Siddh, in person." Justin says Siddh's not answering calls. Anton's phone rings. Benny checks the caller - it's Koki's agent Gobbo. Anton throws up his hands. Benny blocks the call. The phone

rings again - Dmitri. Anton hides his face in his hands. Benny slides the phone back. "Tell him you've just briefed me." Elliot follows Benny out...

Secretaries search for Siddh's address, charmed by Benny. He phones supporters' club chairman Wayne. Where does Siddh live? Wayne is in a pub with his postie mates, angered by Koki. "Calling Siddh a thief, Siddh the Gurkha. Ridiculous. I'll put the word out." Benny is impressed, "Siddh the Gurkha." A secretary finds a photo of Siddh and club legend Des.

Koki's luxury home. Elliot takes video kit from his motorbike, observed by a security guard. Inside, he sets up lights. Benny scribbles prompts on Tonioni shirt cards. Justin fusses, nominally in charge. Koki's glam girlfriend Syreene helps him into a club jacket. His visiting Mother despairs at his shock of orange hair. She tries to tie it back. Koki resists...

Gobbo hustles in. Benny warns, "Siddh was a Gurkha soldier. Deeply insulted no doubt, but too proud to kick up a fuss." Koki claims Siddh was alone during training, it was obvious to accuse him. Gobbo retorts, "That won't do, son. You're in deep shit." Koki panics. He thrusts his luxury watch at Benny, to give to Siddh. But Benny insists he must apologise...

He shows the prompt cards - *I'm young, it was stupid, big pressure to perform for club, I apologise to everyone, most of all to Siddh, I hope we can be friends.* Gobbo nods approval. Benny places Mother in Koki's eye-line for the video. Gobbo steers the distracting Syreene away, "So whadya do?"

Beach. Siddh is alone sea-fishing, battling the elements, working off his anger. Des strides toward him. They share a 'big man, little man' hug. Des assures the watch has been found. Koki's accusation of theft was stupid. Totally out of order. Siddh is bitter. Football is corrupted by money. A £30,000 watch? Ridiculous. He'll quit his job. Des assures things will work out. Just have a break. He suggests a quick interview. Now. He'll apologise to Siddh on behalf of the club. He signals...

Benny and Elliot approach. But Siddh waves away the video camera. He just wants to be left alone. Des hides his frustration. He urges, "You'll be at the bangers tonight?" Siddh's eyes light up, "My grandson Ed, gonna win." Leaving, Benny sees kids kicking a ball. He's thoughtful.

Guitar workshop. Daisy cuts and sticks letters onto a sheet of blue paper, spelling 'GURKHA W...' She's surrounded by acoustic guitars in repair. A craftsman adjusts Daisy's guitar, eliminating the fret noises. She turns to share her delight with Benny. He's at another bench with Elliot, busy editing Koki's video apology. "Go with this one. Doesn't sound so sincere, but he looks it."

Sophie Fashions. Sophie drinks wine with Alice, confiding about husband Gareth - a County Court barrister, always away, and surely having it away. She's needy, touchy-feely. Alice is disconcerted. Sound of the shop bell interrupts. It's Daisy with her guitar, beaming...

NIGHT. Bangers stock-cars. Stadium lights switch on. Dirt track. Food stalls, ambulance, teams prepare. Siddh works on an 'Ed 7' car with young Ed...

Des urges Siddh, "A charity match against our academy. All we need is a handshake. You and Koki." Siddh resists. Des displays Daisy's handiwork. It spells 'GURKHA WELFARE TRUST', with a cut-out silver trophy. Siddh lets the idea sink in. His eyes light up, "We got a good team..."

Benny presses reluctant Koki forward. Elliot is ready with his video camera. Siddh, still bitter, taunts Koki with another combat face-off. Koki tosses his watch to him. "Here, take." Siddh lets it fall to the dirt. He kicks it back. Onlookers jeer. Koki turns away, but Mother glares at him. Siddh takes pity. He laughs and offers his hand. Jeers become cheers. Elliot records the handshake...

Benny is satisfied, job done. A tannoy announces Des Manders. Des waves to the crowd. The tannoy announces patron Dmitri, just arrived. Benny reacts in surprise. Hector clears the way for Dmitri (still wearing yacht skipper cap). Dmitri shows his phone. He demands to know more about Siddh's problem with Koki.

Bangers action. Crashes, chaos and beers. Dmitri and Des draw Benny in to the thrills. Benny checks his phone. He has to leave. Dmitri nudges Des to go after him. "Hey Benny, you know how do get things done. How about tackling our boy Ollie?" Benny glances back, regretful, "Sorry Des, I'm no expert on addiction."

Marina. Benny parks. He sends a phone message to Daisy with kisses and photo of Koki and Siddh shaking hands in front of her silver trophy...

He doesn't see Dmitri's Bentley tailing him. Hector drives Dmitri on.

Sophie Fashions. Alice's flat. Alice and Daisy are flopped out on a sofa - Alice with an arm around Daisy, Daisy with an arm around her guitar.

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'A' story - Business. Benny is let down by associate Lance, sternly advised by accountant Norris, angered then impressed by pushy gallery assistant Pascale.

'B' story - Dynasty. Elliot's misguided enthusiasm draws Benny back, dealing with star player Koki's wild accusation of theft. Further impressed, Dmitri and Des challenge Benny to help re-habilitate Ollie.

'C' story - Family. Benny gets Daisy's guitar fixed, amid business pressures.

'D' story - Affairs. Sophie's lonesome desire for Alice.