

For the greater good.

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We are in an room with two chairs. The complete script requires three people (plus one for the commotion), and two chairs. Simple.

One of the people is the patent, the other the doctor. The doctor is already in the room, the patent comes in afterwards

PATENT

(To someone of set)

I'll be back in ten

The patent sits on the other chair and looks at the doctor

PATENT (CONT'D)

Do you believe in good and evil
doc?

DOC

I am doctor, I believe some
people are ill and that makes
them do evil things

PATENT

Okay, so what about killing for
the greater good?

DOC

Like the death penalty? No I
dont..

PATENT

No not like that, like say if you
could kill Hitler before he
started

DOC

Well you couldn't, you can't
travel in time

PATENT

Sure, it was an example. So lets
say the next Hitler, or someone
who is going to shoot a load of
people

DOC

No, I think you help this person.
Murder is murder there is no
greater good. Who is to say you
don't help them and they become
the next Einstein?

PATENT

So two people walk into a building. Let us say a father and his son, but it could be any two people

DOC

You don't want to talk good and evil any more?

PATENT

I'm getting to it. So the man starts shooting the shit out of everything. Killing anyone that he sees

DOC

Why?

PATENT

He's on a mission

DOC

So he is evil?

The patent waits for a moment

PATENT

Evil? No you misunderstand he is the good

DOC

So we're back to greater good?

PATENT

Yes

DOC

What if he gets caught?

The patent shakes their head

PATENT

He does not care, he is just there to do what he needs to do. If he gets caught and he has done what was asked of him, then he is happy

DOC

Asked of him? Who asked him

PATENT

Why god of course, who else?

DOC

Why would god ask someone to do that?

PATENT

God is all about smiting others, besides who is anyone to argue with god?

DOC

Helping a person seems the more Christian thing to do

PATENT

Like I said, God can be a asshole

DOC

So you just believe, without questioning?

A little bit aggressive, not to much but a little sharper in voice.

PATENT

Who are you, or I, or anyone to question Gods will? Where would we be if Moses had said "Are you really sure?" When god speaks you listen

DOC

Okay, I'm sorry. Please continue

PATENT

Right. The guy is stepping over bodies left right and centre. He even nearly falls over at one point slipping on the blood. He makes his way through the reception area and finds on person still alive, he looks down and realises it is a woman. She's been shot but it is a nothing wound

DOC

So what does he do? Does he kill her?

They are a little offended by this

PATENT

What, no. Jesus no. They are on a mission from God, they're not monsters

DOC

Tell that to the woman on the floor

PATENT

He leans over her and checks the wound, he gets her hand and pushes it onto it, telling her to keep pressure on it.

There is a commotion of stage, nothing major a couple of people raising their voice, a couple of noises like a box falling

The doctor looks over towards the of stage commotion, the patent does nothing.

DOC

(To commotion of stage)

Everything okay out there?

A voice replies

VOICE

Yeah it is all good, just a little problem with someone...

DOC

(again to of stage)

I thought Sally was on today?

VOICE

She's just gone to the little girls room... I'm just covering

PATENT

So he helps the woman

The doctor turns back to the patent, a little caught of guard

DOC

What... oh yeah, So he leans over and helps her.. Because he is not a monster even though bodies lay all around him?

PATENT

Sarcasm does not suit you Doc

DOC

Sorry, I just can't wrap my head around killing all those people to kill just one

PATENT

I've told you it is for the greater good

DOC

So you say. So what does he do next?

PATENT

Nothing, he just stands and waits

Confused

DOC

Waits? He just stands and waits?

PATENT

Sure, what else is he going to do?

DOC

Well you said he was there to kill someone, doing Gods work

PATENT

No I didn't. I said two people walk into the building. I never said that the one doing the shooting is there for that reason

DOC

So why not tell me about the other guy? His son was it, or daughter?

The patent looks at their wrist, a watch there before replying

PATENT

I'd say that about now they are
killing or about to kill their
target

The patent puts their arm down, grabbing a gun quick as a
flash, they point it at the Doctor

PATENT (CONT'D)

Doctor Ferguson you are guilty of
crimes against God, and I am his
vengeance

The doctor stands up in a panic

DOC

What, no this is nonsense. What
are you...

They try and calm themselves, to control the situation

DOC (CONT'D)

Put that down. Put that down
right now!

The patent just carries on as normal

PATENT

In 2025 you will develop a virus
that will wipe out a third of the
earth's population. You'll do
this

The doctor interrupts

DOC

Wait, you're wrong. I am not that
type

The patent shoots the doctor in the leg, they fall to the
ground writhing in pain

PATENT

You'll do this with the intention
of saving the other two thirds,
but that is not your decision to
make.

The doctor holds their leg where they have been shot, looking
at the patent

DOC

I am not going to do this. It is
not me, I am not like that

The patent just continues

PATENT

However, as you did it for the
right reasons and as you have led
a good life you have been granted
passage to heaven

The patent raises the gun and points it at the doctors head

DOC

Wait, no! Don't do this

The patent pulls the trigger, the doctor flattens, dead. All
life gone from them

The patent leans over the body and crosses the forehead using
their thumb

PATENT

I'm sorry it had to come to this

They stand back up, step over the body and head towards the
stage exit

PATENT (CONT'D)

(To of stage)

We all clear in there?

VOICE

(Of stage)

We're good brother, we're good.

The patent leaves the stage, leaving the body of the doctor
lying there.