

## Train to Pakistan (Film)

### Part II.

As a sub-plot of the film, the audience see Hukum Chand's tryst with a teenage prostitute Haseena. Hukum Chand is aware that his own deceased daughter would have been Haseena's age if alive but the pangs of guilt are not enough to arrest his carnal desire for Haseena. Haseena belongs to a neighbouring Muslim village and being young and innocent is quite unaware of the political turmoil brewing and the dance of death that it is ensuing. In one of the dialogues between Haseena and Hukum Chand that the audience are told that sins like prostitution are but innocent in the face of brutality that humankind is capable of. As rumour flow, the comparatively calm waters of Mano Majra start feeling the ripples and the old and experienced members of both the communities meet to decide the course of action. It is decided that until the communal turmoil subsides, it is better for the Muslim community of the village to take shelter in the nearby camp secured by the administration. The belongings of the community would be taken care of by the local Sikhs.

Trucks arrive from Pakistan to take the Muslims to the nearby camp from where they would be transported to Pakistan by train. As soon as the Muslims leave the village loot and plunder of their homes and cattle starts. Nooran, the daughter of the blind Muslim weaver is a last attempt to meet Jagga

visits his house and meets his mother. She asks for a promise from his mother to tell him that she came looking for him and that she is pregnant with his child.

A gang of rioters arrive at Mano Majra and ask the local Sikh men to settle scores with the Muslims by butchering them. They get the support of a local gang of dacoits. They plan to tie a rope to the two ends of a bridge through which the train to Pakistan passes to topple the passengers sitting on the roofs of the train and to attack them as the train stops. And if the train doesn't stop, the casualties are bound to be larger.

The police and the administration in spite of being informed of the plans are in no position to stop the planned violence. In a bid to ~~pt~~ clean his conscience, Hukum Singh orders the sub-inspector to release both Jagga and Iqbal. Jagga when comes to know about what transpired in the village after he was arrested decides to rescue Nooran. Knowing that it would be futile for him to search Nooran in the camp, he plans to foil the strategy of the rioters. He reaches the bridge and cuts the rope to save the passengers from falling and in the process is shot and killed by the rioters. The Train to Pakistan safely crosses the bridge as a result of Jagga, the dacoit's supreme sacrifice.

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The End.