Scott Mitchell is a young English human rights lawyer who operates in Moscow defending persecuted ethnic minorities. He returns to the city from a successful prosecution of the Russian government in Strasbourg for war crimes committed against the Chechens and is instructed by an enigmatic beauty to search for her missing father.

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