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All Hell Let Loose

Hus i helvete

SWEDEN 2002, 88 min.

In Swedish and Farsi with English subtitles

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DIR Susan Taslimi **PROD** Anita Oxburgh **SCR** Susan Taslimi **CAM** Robert Nordström **ED** Lasse Summanen **MUS** Ale Möller **CAST** Melinda Kinnaman, Hassan Brijany, Caroline Rauf, Melize Karlge, Omid Mottaghi

NORDIC SELECTION

"You've ruined my life," Serbandi growls to his daughter, Minoo. It's not unusual dinnertime conversation in this Swedish household of Iranian expatriates. Angry, self-destructive Minoo, recently returned from America to attend her sister's wedding, would be a handful for any parent, but to her father she's yet another intolerable sign of his inability to control his family or his life. His wife insists on having a career of her own, his other daughter can't keep her hands off her fiancé before the wedding, his young son is sneaking cigarettes and Serbandi himself is embarrassed by the fact that he, the man of the family, is doing the cooking for his catering business. And then there's Serbandi's confused, red-haired, traditionally dressed mother who's offering ribald old-country advice while puffing on her long-handled cigarette holder. Iranian-born director and actress Susan Taslimi deftly balances humor and sadness in this story of a family whose conflicts often teeter on the edge of tragedy, but are halted just short of it by their unshakeable affection for each other. *All Hell Let Loose* is a funny and touching study of familial love in all its tender, outrageous and destructive manifestations.

—*Pamela Troy*

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Susan Taslimi (b. Tehran, Iran, 1950)

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