

Crushed Mexican Spiders



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'Crushed Mexican Spiders' is classic Fischer. Don't be fooled by the title: the poet laureate of London grime is on home ground as a woman returns home to discover the key to her Brixton flat no longer works... 'Haunting images and crisp one-liners are about all that link it with the second tale, 'Possibly Forty Ships, the true story of the Trojan War.

In a scene straight out of a Tarantino movie, an old man is being tortured, pressed to reveal how the greatest legend of all really happened. Let's just say it bears scant resemblance to Homer: 'If you see war as a few ships sinking in the middle of the waves, a few dozen warriors in armour, frankly not as gleaming as it could be, being welcomed whole-heartedly by the water, far, far away from Troy, if you see that as war, then it was a war...'