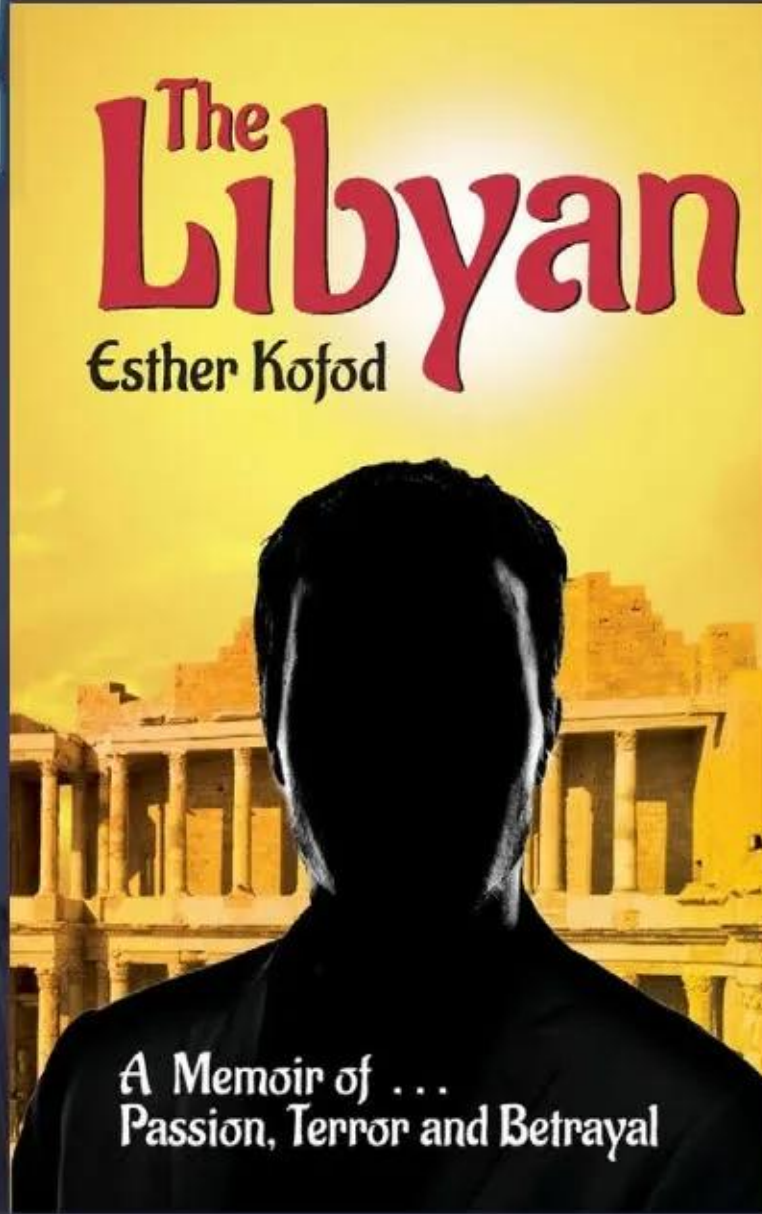


HIDDEN TRUTH SHOW WITH JIM BRESLO



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i had to

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start by looking libya up on the map

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just to make sure that in my head

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00:00:11,830 --> 00:00:10,320

i've got it right and you know one of

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the things i noticed if you wanted to

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start with geography

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uh right next to saudi arabia northern

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africa and

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but you know extremely close to italy

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and therefore europe

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yes yes so so somewhat strategic

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00:00:30,390 --> 00:00:27,119

and uh you know you hear about in the

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song the shores of tripoli

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because it played what i played an

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important role in world war ii i know

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the germans took it over

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oh they were helping the british they

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took it

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yeah that you know um the butcher of

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libya was there the uh italians

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fought with the with the germans

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and so yeah it's very it's all in my

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book

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um the the one thing is that libya was

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ruled by so many different

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countries empires the ottomans

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the italians the romans

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and they did not become are we starting

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yes libya um

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libya really just came to the forefront

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when oil was discovered

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in the 1950s it was under

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uh sanusi who was a king at that time

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and basically what happened was gaddafi

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led a revolution against him

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in 1969 and qadhafi came into a very

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good position because not only did libya

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00:01:52,789 --> 00:01:48,799

have a lot of

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00:01:56,149 --> 00:01:52,799

money but

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which he used to his advantage he

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educated libyans for the first time

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libyans were sent abroad to europe

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and many to america to was to study

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00:02:11,589 --> 00:02:10,160

so in the beginning gaddafi was was

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00:02:15,430 --> 00:02:11,599

popular he was

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00:02:17,430 --> 00:02:15,440

liked by the libyans

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how would you describe the revolution

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you know in other words was this islamic

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fundamentalist revolution

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what was the ideology behind his

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00:02:28,869 --> 00:02:25,520

revolution

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00:02:33,110 --> 00:02:28,879

he felt that um get that sanusi

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the king was not sharing the wealth

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with the people and he was a military

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man

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he was um in the uh army in fact he was

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um

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he went to military school in san hurst

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and the i the the thought is that

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really the cia helped him with the

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revolution

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uh the sunusi the king was

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on vacation at that time out of the

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country

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and basically gaddafi and his group

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of seven just took over

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the country and why would the u.s

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theoretically want sanusi

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gone because at that time um

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gaddafi had some a

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rather good relationship with

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the ambassador at that time who was in

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uh was in libya and so he

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he was picked because

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they wanted the libyans wanted sanusi

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gone it was just

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the right timing understand libya was

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very underdeveloped at that time and you

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get

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seven very bright men who decided

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hey let's run the country we can do a

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better job

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and that's what they did and and they

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were very

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popular in the beginning very very

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popular were they promising essentially

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kind of a democratic type

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rule um they they were

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and they were promising you know money

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education

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the end of poverty so yes there was so

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much hope from

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the libyans had the hope that he was

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going to do all that

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and what was the role of religion at

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that time

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was is islam it's always

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yes it was always islam um

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and but later down the line really

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00:04:38,950 --> 00:04:35,759
qadhafi kind of

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deviated a little from that but that was

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way down the line and when we say islam

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how fundamental are we talking in other

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00:04:50,230 --> 00:04:44,160
words were women

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00:04:54,629 --> 00:04:52,870
they were required but that was more a

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00:04:57,990 --> 00:04:54,639
cultural thing

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00:04:59,110 --> 00:04:58,000
that was happening in libya um not so

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much uh

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00:05:04,230 --> 00:05:01,680
yeah there was a there was a cultural no

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00:05:08,950 --> 00:05:04,240
they were sunni so they weren't the

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00:05:12,230 --> 00:05:08,960

the um you know the real orthodox type

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of islam but yes when i went to libya

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men and women ate separately in separate

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rooms

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00:05:25,350 --> 00:05:20,160

and women when they went out

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in public did cover themselves and

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one of the things i found being married

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to a libyan as an american

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was i didn't know some of the laws and

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this is what i always tell people

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00:05:39,670 --> 00:05:38,240

you want to make when you're married to

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an islamic

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you know society know your rights

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i didn't know for example like being

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um a foreigner in libya and i never

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00:05:54,629 --> 00:05:51,520

converted so

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if there was a divorce

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00:06:01,670 --> 00:05:58,560

and you leave

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you cannot take your children with you

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the children belong to the family

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the family being so who was

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the husband the family being the husband

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as well as his fam his parents

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and and uh the other thing was that um

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you know you if you're in a muslim world

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00:06:30,550 --> 00:06:27,280

a country he can divorce you

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00:06:33,670 --> 00:06:30,560

just by saying i divorce you

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00:06:36,790 --> 00:06:33,680

okay and a foreigner

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cannot leave the country without her

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so you had islamic law essentially in

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place there is what you're saying

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00:06:51,430 --> 00:06:48,160

uh both under the king

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00:06:54,550 --> 00:06:51,440

under the king and under gaddafi

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00:06:57,909 --> 00:06:54,560

correct he didn't really change that

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element of things no no he just added a

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lot of other elements

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that were you know not necessarily

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00:07:07,749 --> 00:07:04,479

islamic

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the the the thing for me was that

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having lived in many countries i've

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00:07:15,589 --> 00:07:12,240

never been in a dictatorship

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so when i went to libya i was totally

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unprepared

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and i found out later that my

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then-husband

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00:07:26,629 --> 00:07:24,880

really didn't tell me a lot of what was

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00:07:28,309 --> 00:07:26,639

happening there i guess

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00:07:30,550 --> 00:07:28,319

probably because he was afraid i

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00:07:32,309 --> 00:07:30,560

wouldn't go

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all right well let's give everybody a

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00:07:38,309 --> 00:07:33,840

little bit of background on both you

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i was born in singapore and

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00:07:45,589 --> 00:07:44,080

i lived in singapore i went to school in

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00:07:48,550 --> 00:07:45,599

switzerland

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00:07:49,189 --> 00:07:48,560

and then i came to the united states to

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00:07:52,550 --> 00:07:49,199

go to

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00:07:58,309 --> 00:07:55,029

so you're you're from a uh well-to-do

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00:08:01,909 --> 00:07:58,319

family it sounds like i

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00:08:03,350 --> 00:08:01,919

i guess so kind of uh crazy rich asians

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i saw the movie is that should

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00:08:10,070 --> 00:08:06,160

is that what everyone has in mind we're

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not that crazy in singapore now

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00:08:13,589 --> 00:08:11,039

but that's where they're from in the

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movie is singapore yes i know

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okay you're saying the movie

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misrepresented people from singapore

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me okay so you're so

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so we won't call you a crazy rich asian

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but you are a rich asian

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in eurasian a new region

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you're half chinese and half what swiss

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swiss okay interesting combination

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00:08:38,790 --> 00:08:37,519

okay so um so then you so you're going

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00:08:41,350 --> 00:08:38,800

to school in dc

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00:08:42,550 --> 00:08:41,360

and that's where you meet your to be

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00:08:45,829 --> 00:08:42,560

husband

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yes that's right um he was working

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on his master's in dc we met him and

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00:08:53,269 --> 00:08:51,920

we met and he was the first libyan i

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00:08:55,910 --> 00:08:53,279

ever met

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00:08:57,030 --> 00:08:55,920

and even though i had been to egypt you

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00:09:00,550 --> 00:08:57,040

know

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00:09:04,550 --> 00:09:00,560

i never heard of libya so i literally

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00:09:07,509 --> 00:09:04,560

had to go look it up on the map yeah

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00:09:08,790 --> 00:09:07,519

and um was he also there simply for

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school

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yes he was he was sent by gaddafi uh

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gaddafi took over in 69

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00:09:20,550 --> 00:09:17,440

and he was one of the first batch of the

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libyan students that was sent to america

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so how old was he at the time and and

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what year was this

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this was uh in 1970.

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00:09:33,670 --> 00:09:31,839

and how old was he we're not gonna ask

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00:09:36,710 --> 00:09:33,680

your age don't worry

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no that's okay um he

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he was about i think 30 at that time

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yeah the reason i ask his age is because

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you're saying gaddafi sent him i'm

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so already was he part of how tight was

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he with gaddafi at the time i guess of

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00:09:52,389 --> 00:09:50,000

the question

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00:09:53,990 --> 00:09:52,399

he wasn't at that time he wasn't at all

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00:09:56,230 --> 00:09:54,000

at that time but i do remember

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00:09:58,470 --> 00:09:56,240

something interesting was that he

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carried a picture of gaddafi in his

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wallet

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you know that's how much he liked

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gaddafi

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and how much hope he had you know

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so um we it took

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00:10:15,430 --> 00:10:12,320

four years before we got married he had

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to get special permission from gaddafi

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00:10:20,230 --> 00:10:18,480

he had to do an edit to approve our

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marriage

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because he was working by that time for

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the government

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00:10:29,509 --> 00:10:27,440

in a very high up position already

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and anyone married to a foreigner

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particularly an american

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had to have permission so for a long

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00:10:40,949 --> 00:10:37,360

time and i didn't know until later

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00:10:42,949 --> 00:10:40,959

i was being um checked

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00:10:45,430 --> 00:10:42,959

because they were afraid i may have been

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00:10:49,350 --> 00:10:45,440

an american agent

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00:10:51,590 --> 00:10:49,360

so um but i finally they finally did

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00:10:53,590 --> 00:10:51,600

give him the permission to marry me and

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00:10:56,710 --> 00:10:53,600

where was the wedding

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it was here in tallahassee

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and what's the connection to tallahassee

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um he he got omar got his uh

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was studying for his phd uh

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in political science here in tallahassee

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florida state yes

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00:11:19,269 --> 00:11:18,079

okay so the two of you moved there and

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uh

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00:11:22,310 --> 00:11:21,440

and he got his p he did get his phd

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there

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00:11:26,630 --> 00:11:23,760
yes he did and then the wedding was

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00:11:29,750 --> 00:11:26,640
there did your family attend

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00:11:31,829 --> 00:11:29,760
no my parents were not real thrilled

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00:11:36,069 --> 00:11:31,839
about it

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00:11:40,069 --> 00:11:36,079
um he's 100 libyan

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00:11:41,990 --> 00:11:40,079
yes yes his family wasn't

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thrilled about it later but i have to

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00:11:46,550 --> 00:11:43,920
say after we got married

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00:11:48,230 --> 00:11:46,560
they were wonderful they they treated me

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00:11:52,550 --> 00:11:48,240
like their daughter

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and um going to them in

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00:11:57,590 --> 00:11:55,760
in libya was a political shock

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00:11:58,790 --> 00:11:57,600

later because i didn't know what was

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happening

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but culturally it wasn't that much of a

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00:12:06,069 --> 00:12:02,959

shock

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00:12:08,629 --> 00:12:06,079

because i i lived in singapore which is

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very multi-racial and

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00:12:15,910 --> 00:12:11,920

and cultural and religious so i was okay

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00:12:17,590 --> 00:12:15,920

adapting on that part um

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so i mean it was more of a cultural

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shock really coming to

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tallahassee okay now let's just uh

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00:12:25,910 --> 00:12:24,480

you know tease the book a little bit

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00:12:27,590 --> 00:12:25,920

let's kind of act as if this was a

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00:12:29,910 --> 00:12:27,600

trailer for the book

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00:12:30,629 --> 00:12:29,920

that's going to make people want to read

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00:12:33,110 --> 00:12:30,639

it

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00:12:35,670 --> 00:12:33,120

take us through some of the highlights

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00:12:37,750 --> 00:12:35,680

of your time together with him

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00:12:39,910 --> 00:12:37,760

that was so compelling that uh you had

282

00:12:43,110 --> 00:12:39,920

to write a book about it

283

00:12:45,750 --> 00:12:43,120

okay um i felt i was in this

284

00:12:47,190 --> 00:12:45,760

in a in a situation to write this book i

285

00:12:50,230 --> 00:12:47,200

felt it was a story

286

00:12:53,430 --> 00:12:50,240

that needed to be written um

287

00:12:55,110 --> 00:12:53,440

i had an insider view to the political

288

00:12:57,269 --> 00:12:55,120

situation

289

00:12:59,030 --> 00:12:57,279

during gadhafi's time and during the

290

00:13:02,949 --> 00:12:59,040

time i was there

291

00:13:05,590 --> 00:13:02,959

because he was not just the chairman of

292

00:13:09,030 --> 00:13:05,600

the arab development institute

293

00:13:12,550 --> 00:13:09,040

and the strategic center but he was also

294

00:13:16,949 --> 00:13:12,560

um a foreign advisor to

295

00:13:20,310 --> 00:13:16,959

gaddafi after i went to libya

296

00:13:23,750 --> 00:13:20,320

it wasn't until probably almost

297

00:13:27,990 --> 00:13:23,760

a year before i realized and

298

00:13:31,030 --> 00:13:28,000

he realized how bad the situation was

299

00:13:31,829 --> 00:13:31,040

um on a friday which we do every friday

300

00:13:35,350 --> 00:13:31,839

this is

301
00:13:36,069 --> 00:13:35,360
how gaddafi started what year is this

302
00:13:46,389 --> 00:13:36,079
now

303
00:13:49,509 --> 00:13:46,399
for just a year you're saying

304
00:13:53,670 --> 00:13:49,519
yes we had just been there for a year

305
00:13:56,150 --> 00:13:53,680
um what i'm sorry was in 1977.

306
00:13:57,910 --> 00:13:56,160
what happened was that we were at his

307
00:14:00,949 --> 00:13:57,920
family's house

308
00:14:03,430 --> 00:14:00,959
and um it was friday the families

309
00:14:05,670 --> 00:14:03,440
always get together on fridays my

310
00:14:07,189 --> 00:14:05,680
children were watching the three stooges

311
00:14:09,750 --> 00:14:07,199
in one room

312
00:14:10,470 --> 00:14:09,760
and i was with the women in another room

313
00:14:13,110 --> 00:14:10,480

my little

314

00:14:15,110 --> 00:14:13,120

four-year-old came in mommy they're

315

00:14:17,350 --> 00:14:15,120

hanging they're hanging

316

00:14:19,110 --> 00:14:17,360

i didn't know what she was talking about

317

00:14:21,990 --> 00:14:19,120

you know i thought well she's talking

318

00:14:24,310 --> 00:14:22,000

nonsense but she kept insisting

319

00:14:26,470 --> 00:14:24,320

so i knew they were watching the three

320

00:14:28,310 --> 00:14:26,480

stooges so i went to walk to see what

321

00:14:32,389 --> 00:14:28,320

she was talking about

322

00:14:35,590 --> 00:14:32,399

they were hanging two libyan professors

323

00:14:39,750 --> 00:14:35,600

at the university of benghazi

324

00:14:40,949 --> 00:14:39,760

because later we find out the reason was

325

00:14:44,629 --> 00:14:40,959

because

326

00:14:47,269 --> 00:14:44,639

they had protested with

327

00:14:48,790 --> 00:14:47,279

them had been in a demonstration with

328

00:14:51,750 --> 00:14:48,800

some students

329

00:14:53,990 --> 00:14:51,760

so qadhafi wanted to teach them a lesson

330

00:14:57,189 --> 00:14:54,000

and the country a lesson

331

00:14:57,990 --> 00:14:57,199

not to demonstrate against him not to

332

00:15:01,350 --> 00:14:58,000

talk against

333

00:15:02,310 --> 00:15:01,360

him and so they were hanging that was

334

00:15:05,350 --> 00:15:02,320

the beginning

335

00:15:08,389 --> 00:15:05,360

of gaddafi's bloodshed

336

00:15:10,150 --> 00:15:08,399

from then on it became more frequent he

337

00:15:13,910 --> 00:15:10,160

would hang people

338

00:15:16,949 --> 00:15:13,920

on on on the roads and divert

339

00:15:21,189 --> 00:15:16,959

traffic so you have to drive

340

00:15:24,550 --> 00:15:21,199

by the bodies that were hanging

341

00:15:25,990 --> 00:15:24,560

um so that was the scene seeing seeing

342

00:15:28,790 --> 00:15:26,000

that was the wake-up call

343

00:15:29,749 --> 00:15:28,800

that wait a minute this this

344

00:15:32,310 --> 00:15:29,759

administration

345

00:15:33,749 --> 00:15:32,320

or regime is not heading in the right

346

00:15:36,069 --> 00:15:33,759

direction

347

00:15:37,400 --> 00:15:36,079

true and then it just got worse and

348

00:15:38,829 --> 00:15:37,410

worse from then on

349

00:15:41,430 --> 00:15:38,839

[Music]

350

00:15:43,670 --> 00:15:41,440

um and was he doing uh

351
00:15:46,389 --> 00:15:43,680
what was his level of popularity at that

352
00:15:49,990 --> 00:15:48,949
libya at that time was probably was uh

353
00:15:53,189 --> 00:15:50,000
divided into

354
00:15:54,069 --> 00:15:53,199
two types of opinions there you have to

355
00:15:57,430 --> 00:15:54,079
understand

356
00:16:00,550 --> 00:15:57,440
that because he had so much money

357
00:16:05,030 --> 00:16:00,560
he was able to give

358
00:16:08,870 --> 00:16:05,040
jobs to people who weren't qualified

359
00:16:11,269 --> 00:16:08,880
there were as many um secret police

360
00:16:12,870 --> 00:16:11,279
as there were employees in the in the

361
00:16:15,590 --> 00:16:12,880
country

362
00:16:17,910 --> 00:16:15,600
secret police was everywhere so you

363
00:16:20,310 --> 00:16:17,920

basically had people who were not very

364

00:16:23,990 --> 00:16:20,320

qualified but who made good money

365

00:16:27,150 --> 00:16:24,000

for spying for him um

366

00:16:28,310 --> 00:16:27,160

all over libya and if you took a poll in

367

00:16:31,110 --> 00:16:28,320

1976

368

00:16:31,590 --> 00:16:31,120

uh you know is qaddafi doing a good job

369

00:16:34,629 --> 00:16:31,600

or

370

00:16:36,230 --> 00:16:34,639

what do you think his approval rating

371

00:16:39,829 --> 00:16:36,240

would have been among the people

372

00:16:40,949 --> 00:16:39,839

in that year anyway okay that's before

373

00:16:43,269 --> 00:16:40,959

the hanging

374

00:16:44,230 --> 00:16:43,279

at that time there was not a lot of talk

375

00:16:48,150 --> 00:16:44,240

about him

376

00:16:51,509 --> 00:16:48,160

you know it was very i was always told

377

00:16:52,629 --> 00:16:51,519

do not talk about him to anyone outside

378

00:16:56,710 --> 00:16:52,639

of the family

379

00:16:59,590 --> 00:16:56,720

do not talk politics um

380

00:17:00,550 --> 00:16:59,600

you know so in 76 when i arrived it was

381

00:17:03,829 --> 00:17:00,560

okay

382

00:17:08,549 --> 00:17:03,839

i arrived in 75

383

00:17:11,590 --> 00:17:08,559

but in 77 was when it just

384

00:17:15,750 --> 00:17:11,600

libya became of two opinions

385

00:17:18,949 --> 00:17:15,760

people who were really afraid of him

386

00:17:22,470 --> 00:17:18,959

and and people who supported him but i

387

00:17:24,949 --> 00:17:22,480

never ran into people who supported him

388

00:17:26,390 --> 00:17:24,959

and your husband went so when did he

389

00:17:28,630 --> 00:17:26,400

turn because he went from having a

390

00:17:33,190 --> 00:17:28,640

gaddafi picture in his wallet

391

00:17:35,750 --> 00:17:33,200

to i presume no longer supporting him

392

00:17:37,110 --> 00:17:35,760

you know it was a slow it was a slow

393

00:17:40,310 --> 00:17:37,120

process

394

00:17:42,230 --> 00:17:40,320

but um what happened is i can't remember

395

00:17:45,590 --> 00:17:42,240

exactly the year but it could have been

396

00:17:49,110 --> 00:17:45,600

78 he attended um

397

00:17:51,590 --> 00:17:49,120

a disarmament conference in delhi

398

00:17:52,870 --> 00:17:51,600

and it was an international disarmament

399

00:17:56,549 --> 00:17:52,880

conference

400

00:17:59,669 --> 00:17:56,559

and i was in singapore at that time and

401
00:18:02,230 --> 00:17:59,679
he called and said for me not to return

402
00:18:04,710 --> 00:18:02,240
to libya until he told me to

403
00:18:06,390 --> 00:18:04,720
that something was happening and what

404
00:18:08,870 --> 00:18:06,400
had happened was that

405
00:18:10,870 --> 00:18:08,880
the russians at the dis at the

406
00:18:14,070 --> 00:18:10,880
conference

407
00:18:17,270 --> 00:18:14,080
contacted the libyan agents

408
00:18:20,549 --> 00:18:17,280
and said that omar was

409
00:18:23,590 --> 00:18:20,559
a cia agent

410
00:18:27,830 --> 00:18:23,600
and so he got

411
00:18:31,110 --> 00:18:27,840
a message from his brother in libya

412
00:18:33,830 --> 00:18:31,120
not uh to be careful that there was a

413
00:18:36,950 --> 00:18:33,840

warrant out for his arrest

414

00:18:37,350 --> 00:18:36,960

and they would sort it out later so that

415

00:18:41,110 --> 00:18:37,360

was

416

00:18:44,390 --> 00:18:41,120

when things starting to get um

417

00:18:45,990 --> 00:18:44,400

get very close to home and our phones

418

00:18:49,029 --> 00:18:46,000

were tapped

419

00:18:52,789 --> 00:18:49,039

and i was followed even i was followed

420

00:18:53,430 --> 00:18:52,799

um by black pejo and the secret police

421

00:18:56,950 --> 00:18:53,440

you know

422

00:18:59,190 --> 00:18:56,960

going shopping or so this was kind of

423

00:19:03,590 --> 00:18:59,200

like a stalinist

424

00:19:07,430 --> 00:19:03,600

purge where gaddafi is paranoid

425

00:19:09,510 --> 00:19:07,440

and constantly thinking about who's

426

00:19:11,750 --> 00:19:09,520

out to get him and who needs to be

427

00:19:13,830 --> 00:19:11,760

purged is that fair without a doubt

428

00:19:16,150 --> 00:19:13,840

without a doubt and people were killed i

429

00:19:18,789 --> 00:19:16,160

mean there is no doubt about it

430

00:19:20,870 --> 00:19:18,799

people would disappear would happen you

431

00:19:22,950 --> 00:19:20,880

know someone may be playing cards and

432

00:19:25,510 --> 00:19:22,960

talk bad about gaddafi and

433

00:19:28,310 --> 00:19:25,520

one of the men they would let you know

434

00:19:31,909 --> 00:19:28,320

his people know and the guy disappeared

435

00:19:35,029 --> 00:19:31,919

it was i had you know it was something

436

00:19:37,350 --> 00:19:35,039

i just could not identify with

437

00:19:38,470 --> 00:19:37,360

it was um it was fearful it was

438

00:19:41,590 --> 00:19:38,480

terrifying

439

00:19:42,310 --> 00:19:41,600

and that's how he ruled those years he

440

00:19:45,510 --> 00:19:42,320

ruled by

441

00:19:46,230 --> 00:19:45,520

instilling fear in the people what what

442

00:19:49,669 --> 00:19:46,240

do you think

443

00:19:51,750 --> 00:19:49,679

what would your husband say happened

444

00:19:52,950 --> 00:19:51,760

would he say that it turned out he read

445

00:19:55,590 --> 00:19:52,960

gaddafi wrong

446

00:19:56,549 --> 00:19:55,600

he didn't know him from the beginning or

447

00:20:00,070 --> 00:19:56,559

that qaddafi

448

00:20:03,350 --> 00:20:00,080

changed i would things change

449

00:20:05,590 --> 00:20:03,360

as with most dictatorships it always

450

00:20:08,310 --> 00:20:05,600

starts on a good premise

451
00:20:10,950 --> 00:20:08,320
but then with the power and especially

452
00:20:14,549 --> 00:20:10,960
with the money in qadhafi's stage

453
00:20:16,710 --> 00:20:14,559
he just became more and more arrogant

454
00:20:18,549 --> 00:20:16,720
and that's that's how it changed i mean

455
00:20:21,990 --> 00:20:18,559
gaddafi came from a very very poor

456
00:20:23,669 --> 00:20:22,000
family his father was a goat herder

457
00:20:26,230 --> 00:20:23,679
and wasn't he known for throwing some

458
00:20:29,350 --> 00:20:26,240
pretty lavish parties

459
00:20:31,430 --> 00:20:29,360
later much later

460
00:20:34,230 --> 00:20:31,440
unfortunately you didn't get you didn't

461
00:20:37,110 --> 00:20:34,240
get to enjoy the parties then no

462
00:20:39,350 --> 00:20:37,120
and i really i'm so glad i didn't i i

463
00:20:39,750 --> 00:20:39,360

had a chance one time to meet him and i

464

00:20:46,230 --> 00:20:39,760

just

465

00:20:46,950 --> 00:20:46,240

i couldn't shake his hand you know when

466

00:20:49,510 --> 00:20:46,960

did your

467

00:20:51,270 --> 00:20:49,520

husband um and his association with

468

00:20:55,669 --> 00:20:51,280

gaddafi

469

00:21:00,710 --> 00:20:55,679

okay that was in um in 1979

470

00:21:04,149 --> 00:21:00,720

okay we had just come back from

471

00:21:06,789 --> 00:21:04,159

another conference in moscow and

472

00:21:09,190 --> 00:21:06,799

um you know there was talk that he was

473

00:21:12,630 --> 00:21:09,200

being investigated

474

00:21:14,470 --> 00:21:12,640

um i'll just throw in this right now

475

00:21:15,110 --> 00:21:14,480

because it doesn't matter he has passed

476
00:21:18,310 --> 00:21:15,120
away

477
00:21:21,510 --> 00:21:18,320
but his uncle was the third

478
00:21:25,029 --> 00:21:21,520
guy in qadhafi's regime he was the

479
00:21:28,870 --> 00:21:25,039
interior minister and

480
00:21:35,830 --> 00:21:32,549
he got he got summoned to his office

481
00:21:37,110 --> 00:21:35,840
to his uncle's i'm sorry his uh uncle's

482
00:21:39,510 --> 00:21:37,120
office

483
00:21:40,630 --> 00:21:39,520
and he gave him a note and said that

484
00:21:43,830 --> 00:21:40,640
there was a warrant

485
00:21:45,110 --> 00:21:43,840
out for his arrest and that he was to

486
00:21:49,430 --> 00:21:45,120
leave the country

487
00:21:51,110 --> 00:21:49,440
as soon as possible so he came home

488
00:21:52,710 --> 00:21:51,120

and he told me he had to leave the

489

00:21:56,230 --> 00:21:52,720

country that

490

00:21:59,909 --> 00:21:56,240

he would make um he would make um

491

00:22:02,230 --> 00:21:59,919

you know the what arrangements to have

492

00:22:06,230 --> 00:22:02,240

the children and i

493

00:22:09,669 --> 00:22:06,240

leave and basically he left

494

00:22:12,710 --> 00:22:09,679

immediately and

495

00:22:15,350 --> 00:22:12,720

he was put on a plane you know through

496

00:22:19,270 --> 00:22:15,360

the oscars of the head of the airport

497

00:22:21,909 --> 00:22:19,280

at that time um without a ticket put on

498

00:22:24,870 --> 00:22:21,919

a plane first flight out of libya

499

00:22:26,070 --> 00:22:24,880

i was held for two weeks i could not

500

00:22:29,270 --> 00:22:26,080

leave for two weeks

501
00:22:30,470 --> 00:22:29,280
and i i didn't know how i was gonna

502
00:22:33,029 --> 00:22:30,480
leave

503
00:22:35,350 --> 00:22:33,039
um there was talk of maybe having to go

504
00:22:36,310 --> 00:22:35,360
through the desert but i had two small

505
00:22:39,590 --> 00:22:36,320
kids

506
00:22:41,909 --> 00:22:39,600
and i also had a nanny from singapore

507
00:22:43,909 --> 00:22:41,919
so i was i didn't really want to go

508
00:22:48,470 --> 00:22:43,919
through the desert

509
00:22:52,549 --> 00:22:48,480
and so um his brother

510
00:22:56,630 --> 00:22:52,559
who also happened to be a general

511
00:22:59,110 --> 00:22:56,640
at that time he told me

512
00:23:01,669 --> 00:22:59,120
that he was gonna make arrangements and

513
00:23:03,270 --> 00:23:01,679

i just had to be ready to leave at any

514

00:23:06,710 --> 00:23:03,280
time

515

00:23:09,750 --> 00:23:06,720
so one morning um

516

00:23:13,029 --> 00:23:09,760
he came he came with a soldier

517

00:23:15,990 --> 00:23:13,039
and himself and he said we gotta leave

518

00:23:17,430 --> 00:23:16,000
he said um muhammad who was the head of

519

00:23:20,549 --> 00:23:17,440
the airport

520

00:23:22,950 --> 00:23:20,559
has agreed to take up four

521

00:23:24,230 --> 00:23:22,960
people of the flight and put you on the

522

00:23:28,470 --> 00:23:24,240
flight

523

00:23:32,710 --> 00:23:28,480
and i will be with you all the way

524

00:23:36,149 --> 00:23:32,720
fine we went and

525

00:23:38,630 --> 00:23:36,159
the kids and i went to the airport

526
00:23:41,269 --> 00:23:38,640
when we checked in everything was fine

527
00:23:43,430 --> 00:23:41,279
everyone was saluting him and

528
00:23:44,630 --> 00:23:43,440
you know everything was fine so i kind

529
00:23:47,750 --> 00:23:44,640
of felt a little bit

530
00:23:51,909 --> 00:23:47,760
safe and finally

531
00:23:55,909 --> 00:23:51,919
he said um he was going to walk me into

532
00:23:59,430 --> 00:23:55,919
the terminal inside after the check-in

533
00:24:01,029 --> 00:23:59,440
and the guy said no no no don't worry

534
00:24:04,149 --> 00:24:01,039
we'll take care of her

535
00:24:06,630 --> 00:24:04,159
it's okay it's okay and he didn't want

536
00:24:07,990 --> 00:24:06,640
to argue because he didn't want to start

537
00:24:11,110 --> 00:24:08,000
a scene

538
00:24:12,870 --> 00:24:11,120

and to bring attention so he told me my

539

00:24:15,190 --> 00:24:12,880

name was hibba at that time he says

540

00:24:15,990 --> 00:24:15,200

iba everything will be okay i'll send

541

00:24:19,269 --> 00:24:16,000

the soldier

542

00:24:22,230 --> 00:24:19,279

in with you so we went in

543

00:24:25,110 --> 00:24:22,240

i went in with my kids and the soldier

544

00:24:29,510 --> 00:24:25,120

as soon as we got past the checkpoint

545

00:24:33,669 --> 00:24:29,520

where my brother-in-law couldn't see me

546

00:24:37,110 --> 00:24:33,679

the secret police came and

547

00:24:41,110 --> 00:24:37,120

they told the soldier to go away

548

00:24:44,310 --> 00:24:41,120

imshi imshi and i didn't know quite what

549

00:24:47,510 --> 00:24:44,320

was going on i knew it wasn't good

550

00:24:49,909 --> 00:24:47,520

and they took me aside and basically

551
00:24:50,789 --> 00:24:49,919
at first they ripped open everything we

552
00:24:52,870 --> 00:24:50,799
had

553
00:24:55,269 --> 00:24:52,880
the luggage that i thought was already

554
00:24:58,549 --> 00:24:55,279
sent on the plane was there

555
00:25:02,950 --> 00:24:58,559
in the back uh my children's

556
00:25:04,390 --> 00:25:02,960
toys knapsacks were all torn up

557
00:25:06,390 --> 00:25:04,400
they were looking for something they

558
00:25:09,909 --> 00:25:06,400
didn't find it

559
00:25:12,310 --> 00:25:09,919
and um finally i had

560
00:25:14,870 --> 00:25:12,320
one thing i was very afraid of there was

561
00:25:18,070 --> 00:25:14,880
something that i had

562
00:25:21,510 --> 00:25:18,080
that i knew if they found

563
00:25:23,029 --> 00:25:21,520

i would be in jail and that was i had a

564

00:25:26,870 --> 00:25:23,039

hundred thousand dollars

565

00:25:30,470 --> 00:25:26,880

american money in cash

566

00:25:31,990 --> 00:25:30,480

that um i needed to start a new life in

567

00:25:34,630 --> 00:25:32,000

america

568

00:25:35,190 --> 00:25:34,640

that my father-in-law had managed to get

569

00:25:39,269 --> 00:25:35,200

for me

570

00:25:41,990 --> 00:25:39,279

and at that time it was illegal to um

571

00:25:44,470 --> 00:25:42,000

to take more than a thousand us dollars

572

00:25:47,590 --> 00:25:44,480

out of the country

573

00:25:48,630 --> 00:25:47,600

so i was afraid of that but it was in my

574

00:25:50,630 --> 00:25:48,640

purse

575

00:25:53,350 --> 00:25:50,640

the other thing i was afraid of was my

576

00:25:56,470 --> 00:25:53,360

daughter had an american passport

577

00:25:58,549 --> 00:25:56,480

she's born in florida and the embassy

578

00:26:02,310 --> 00:25:58,559

before i left they had

579

00:26:05,990 --> 00:26:02,320

you know had told me whatever you do

580

00:26:07,190 --> 00:26:06,000

make sure that uh your daughter's

581

00:26:10,230 --> 00:26:07,200

passport is not

582

00:26:14,070 --> 00:26:10,240

found because you could be charged with

583

00:26:15,430 --> 00:26:14,080

treason because she's the daughter of

584

00:26:18,789 --> 00:26:15,440

the libyan

585

00:26:21,990 --> 00:26:18,799

and they said we will not give your son

586

00:26:25,510 --> 00:26:22,000

a u.s passport but

587

00:26:27,669 --> 00:26:25,520

any as soon as you leave libya

588

00:26:28,789 --> 00:26:27,679

arrangements will be made with the state

589

00:26:31,110 --> 00:26:28,799

department

590

00:26:33,269 --> 00:26:31,120

to parole him into the country and then

591

00:26:37,190 --> 00:26:33,279

we'll get him a passport after he gets

592

00:26:40,390 --> 00:26:37,200

in so the two illegal things i had on me

593

00:26:43,909 --> 00:26:40,400

was a u.s passport my daughter's us

594

00:26:45,350 --> 00:26:43,919

passport and a hundred thousand dollars

595

00:26:47,029 --> 00:26:45,360

so they checked everything but they

596

00:26:50,549 --> 00:26:47,039

didn't check my um

597

00:26:54,870 --> 00:26:50,559

my handbag so the next

598

00:26:57,029 --> 00:26:54,880

so i thought i was cleared went along

599

00:26:59,430 --> 00:26:57,039

and then we were stopped again by some

600

00:27:00,630 --> 00:26:59,440

more secret police and one of them was a

601
00:27:03,029 --> 00:27:00,640
woman

602
00:27:04,789 --> 00:27:03,039
and she said i had to go be checked and

603
00:27:06,549 --> 00:27:04,799
i didn't know what she was talking about

604
00:27:10,710 --> 00:27:06,559
and she said strips

605
00:27:12,789 --> 00:27:10,720
check never happened to me before

606
00:27:15,590 --> 00:27:12,799
so they started with the kids they took

607
00:27:19,669 --> 00:27:15,600
the kids one by one into a room

608
00:27:23,909 --> 00:27:19,679
then they took my maid and they came out

609
00:27:27,029 --> 00:27:23,919
when my maid came out i had my bag on me

610
00:27:29,830 --> 00:27:27,039
and i pushed it right against the body

611
00:27:31,430 --> 00:27:29,840
as i was going in so they wouldn't see

612
00:27:34,549 --> 00:27:31,440
my handbag

613
00:27:36,549 --> 00:27:34,559

i went in and i was searched

614

00:27:39,110 --> 00:27:36,559

thoroughly searched they didn't find

615

00:27:43,350 --> 00:27:39,120

anything we left

616

00:27:45,990 --> 00:27:43,360

okay so this

617

00:27:48,389 --> 00:27:46,000

i walk towards the plane you know and

618

00:27:51,830 --> 00:27:48,399

this is like after four hours

619

00:27:53,750 --> 00:27:51,840

of delay and um you know

620

00:27:56,149 --> 00:27:53,760

as i'm walking into the flight

621

00:27:58,389 --> 00:27:56,159

everyone's clapping

622

00:27:59,190 --> 00:27:58,399

because they saw what was happening to

623

00:28:02,230 --> 00:27:59,200

me

624

00:28:03,110 --> 00:28:02,240

so we get on the flight and we sit up

625

00:28:04,950 --> 00:28:03,120

front

626

00:28:06,630 --> 00:28:04,960

so it sounds like the flight had been

627

00:28:08,950 --> 00:28:06,640

delayed for you

628

00:28:10,710 --> 00:28:08,960

yes four hours so they're all they're

629

00:28:11,830 --> 00:28:10,720

all they're also clapping because

630

00:28:13,669 --> 00:28:11,840

they're happy you're finally on the

631

00:28:16,389 --> 00:28:13,679

plane so we can take off

632

00:28:17,990 --> 00:28:16,399

they're happy that they saw me they they

633

00:28:19,909 --> 00:28:18,000

knew what was happening

634

00:28:22,789 --> 00:28:19,919

remember we were all living in fear in

635

00:28:26,950 --> 00:28:22,799

those days but that wasn't the end of it

636

00:28:30,149 --> 00:28:26,960

i get on the plane the plane taxis down

637

00:28:32,630 --> 00:28:30,159

down the drive runway

638

00:28:34,149 --> 00:28:32,640

and as it's getting ready to take off it

639

00:28:37,350 --> 00:28:34,159

slows down and it goes

640

00:28:40,630 --> 00:28:37,360

back to the terminal

641

00:28:42,549 --> 00:28:40,640

i knew at that point somehow it was

642

00:28:46,710 --> 00:28:42,559

related to me

643

00:28:52,950 --> 00:28:46,720

and it was very very scary so i told

644

00:28:56,549 --> 00:28:52,960

my uh maid was actually the nanny i said

645

00:28:58,950 --> 00:28:56,559

here hold my purse if they

646

00:28:59,990 --> 00:28:58,960

keep me in libya as soon as you get to

647

00:29:03,990 --> 00:29:00,000

london

648

00:29:07,269 --> 00:29:04,000

call my father and my father will fly

649

00:29:10,830 --> 00:29:07,279

and take the children

650

00:29:13,350 --> 00:29:10,840

so i let the two secret service

651
00:29:15,269 --> 00:29:13,360
came they came and they said madame

652
00:29:18,310 --> 00:29:15,279
fatale

653
00:29:21,590 --> 00:29:18,320
out i was very calm

654
00:29:22,470 --> 00:29:21,600
i stood up to go and as we were almost

655
00:29:24,389 --> 00:29:22,480
at the door

656
00:29:27,269 --> 00:29:24,399
one turned to me and he says where's

657
00:29:31,830 --> 00:29:27,279
your handbag

658
00:29:35,430 --> 00:29:31,840
so he said on the on the seat

659
00:29:39,110 --> 00:29:35,440
and he went and he got it from from

660
00:29:39,830 --> 00:29:39,120
the nanny so we went into we went into

661
00:29:42,950 --> 00:29:39,840
the

662
00:29:46,310 --> 00:29:42,960
terminal again and i was brought into

663
00:29:48,470 --> 00:29:46,320

for questioning in a room it turned out

664

00:29:50,549 --> 00:29:48,480

he was the head of the secret police at

665

00:29:53,990 --> 00:29:50,559

the airport

666

00:29:57,430 --> 00:29:54,000

and um he questioned

667

00:29:59,269 --> 00:29:57,440

me a lot and he said let me see your

668

00:30:02,310 --> 00:29:59,279

hand back

669

00:30:05,430 --> 00:30:02,320

money and he waved it

670

00:30:08,389 --> 00:30:05,440

at me he took up my daughter's u.s

671

00:30:11,669 --> 00:30:08,399

passport and he waved it at me

672

00:30:14,950 --> 00:30:11,679

i didn't say anything but um

673

00:30:15,590 --> 00:30:14,960

i had tears in my eyes you know i mean

674

00:30:21,990 --> 00:30:15,600

if

675

00:30:25,510 --> 00:30:22,000

okay and i said and i told

676

00:30:27,590 --> 00:30:25,520

him i said you know i i'm an american

677

00:30:30,389 --> 00:30:27,600

you know i i have nothing to do with

678

00:30:33,669 --> 00:30:30,399

living politics you know

679

00:30:34,230 --> 00:30:33,679

please let my children go at least let

680

00:30:37,909 --> 00:30:34,240

them go

681

00:30:41,750 --> 00:30:37,919

okay and you know

682

00:30:45,269 --> 00:30:41,760

the kindest kindest man i've ever

683

00:30:47,590 --> 00:30:45,279

met in my life he

684

00:30:49,510 --> 00:30:47,600

he put the money and my passport back

685

00:30:53,830 --> 00:30:49,520

and he looked at me

686

00:30:57,190 --> 00:30:53,840

and he said madame you have a good trip

687

00:30:59,029 --> 00:30:57,200

i could have been in jail i mean there's

688

00:30:59,909 --> 00:30:59,039

no doubt about it i would have been in

689

00:31:03,509 --> 00:30:59,919

jail

690

00:31:04,789 --> 00:31:03,519

he let me go it wasn't until much later

691

00:31:08,149 --> 00:31:04,799

that i found out

692

00:31:09,830 --> 00:31:08,159

from you know my brother-in-law in libya

693

00:31:12,470 --> 00:31:09,840

that what they were looking for was

694

00:31:15,190 --> 00:31:12,480

secret papers

695

00:31:15,990 --> 00:31:15,200

because my husband had left libya

696

00:31:19,110 --> 00:31:16,000

without

697

00:31:20,230 --> 00:31:19,120

you know their knowledge and they were

698

00:31:23,190 --> 00:31:20,240

probably

699

00:31:25,830 --> 00:31:23,200

thinking that i was taking out secret

700

00:31:29,430 --> 00:31:25,840

papers from gaddafi

701
00:31:31,110 --> 00:31:29,440
and all this all this emanated from

702
00:31:32,950 --> 00:31:31,120
them thinking that he was working with

703
00:31:36,149 --> 00:31:32,960
the cia correct

704
00:31:39,190 --> 00:31:36,159
correct and um now

705
00:31:40,710 --> 00:31:39,200
i was approached by the cia when i was

706
00:31:43,990 --> 00:31:40,720
in libya

707
00:31:47,269 --> 00:31:44,000
i was also approached by the kgb

708
00:31:47,750 --> 00:31:47,279
we both were which was common in those

709
00:31:50,149 --> 00:31:47,760
days

710
00:31:51,029 --> 00:31:50,159
you know you had people like that

711
00:31:54,389 --> 00:31:51,039
working in the

712
00:31:58,310 --> 00:31:54,399
embassies that's what you know they do

713
00:32:00,549 --> 00:31:58,320

some people um so yeah i was approached

714

00:32:03,669 --> 00:32:00,559

by um the

715

00:32:05,590 --> 00:32:03,679

cia the first time i ever went into the

716

00:32:09,830 --> 00:32:05,600

u.s embassy

717

00:32:12,470 --> 00:32:09,840

in libya i really went to register

718

00:32:14,230 --> 00:32:12,480

as an american and to register my

719

00:32:17,430 --> 00:32:14,240

daughter and me

720

00:32:19,990 --> 00:32:17,440

and and i talked about this in my book i

721

00:32:21,190 --> 00:32:20,000

i was in line and i was taken out of

722

00:32:23,909 --> 00:32:21,200

line and

723

00:32:24,870 --> 00:32:23,919

taken him to a room i i was surprised i

724

00:32:28,310 --> 00:32:24,880

thought i was getting

725

00:32:30,310 --> 00:32:28,320

you know premier service here but what

726
00:32:33,789 --> 00:32:30,320
happened i was brought into a room and

727
00:32:35,430 --> 00:32:33,799
and later a guy came in and introduced

728
00:32:38,070 --> 00:32:35,440
himself

729
00:32:38,470 --> 00:32:38,080
and he told me that we are in what you

730
00:32:41,669 --> 00:32:38,480
call

731
00:32:44,710 --> 00:32:41,679
a bubble room and um

732
00:32:48,630 --> 00:32:44,720
that no one could

733
00:32:50,630 --> 00:32:48,640
hear into that room because i knew

734
00:32:51,830 --> 00:32:50,640
that the american embassy was being

735
00:32:54,870 --> 00:32:51,840
surveyed by

736
00:32:57,509 --> 00:32:54,880
the libyans i was warned don't go

737
00:32:58,710 --> 00:32:57,519
to the american embassy because they

738
00:33:01,830 --> 00:32:58,720

will see you

739

00:33:02,789 --> 00:33:01,840

there they're perching all over and you

740

00:33:04,310 --> 00:33:02,799

know they're

741

00:33:06,230 --> 00:33:04,320

and if they see you going there you

742

00:33:09,590 --> 00:33:06,240

could get into trouble

743

00:33:12,470 --> 00:33:09,600

but i was determined to go so

744

00:33:13,190 --> 00:33:12,480

and because i was also looking for a

745

00:33:16,870 --> 00:33:13,200

doctor

746

00:33:19,509 --> 00:33:16,880

that was my impetus for going

747

00:33:21,509 --> 00:33:19,519

anyway so we were in the bubble room and

748

00:33:24,549 --> 00:33:21,519

i i knew immediately

749

00:33:25,190 --> 00:33:24,559

that he was cia and what he was trying

750

00:33:29,590 --> 00:33:25,200

to do

751
00:33:31,590 --> 00:33:29,600
was to have contact with my husband

752
00:33:34,950 --> 00:33:31,600
and they wanted to know if they could

753
00:33:37,269 --> 00:33:34,960
call him if they could arrange a meeting

754
00:33:38,710 --> 00:33:37,279
and i told them no you can't i said you

755
00:33:41,750 --> 00:33:38,720
know

756
00:33:44,070 --> 00:33:41,760
don't call our phones are tapped

757
00:33:44,950 --> 00:33:44,080
if you call us we could be in big

758
00:33:49,350 --> 00:33:44,960
trouble

759
00:33:51,990 --> 00:33:49,360
you know so but what they

760
00:33:54,149 --> 00:33:52,000
they were very able they were able to

761
00:33:55,509 --> 00:33:54,159
get me into the american hospital which

762
00:33:58,870 --> 00:33:55,519
i couldn't get into

763
00:34:02,230 --> 00:33:58,880

it was done immediately you're in

764

00:34:04,310 --> 00:34:02,240

fine you know so yeah

765

00:34:05,430 --> 00:34:04,320

things started getting it was filled

766

00:34:07,830 --> 00:34:05,440

things

767

00:34:09,030 --> 00:34:07,840

one thing after another you know we go

768

00:34:12,790 --> 00:34:09,040

on trips we

769

00:34:15,669 --> 00:34:12,800

we get followed we get um

770

00:34:17,030 --> 00:34:15,679

it it was frightening it got more and

771

00:34:20,149 --> 00:34:17,040

more frightening

772

00:34:21,190 --> 00:34:20,159

i i was so desperate to get out towards

773

00:34:24,230 --> 00:34:21,200

the end because

774

00:34:26,629 --> 00:34:24,240

i was sure he was going to be killed

775

00:34:27,349 --> 00:34:26,639

that he would be assassinated so the

776
00:34:30,389 --> 00:34:27,359
truth is

777
00:34:32,149 --> 00:34:30,399
your husband never worked with or for

778
00:34:35,589 --> 00:34:32,159
the cia

779
00:34:38,149 --> 00:34:35,599
he worked with at one point

780
00:34:40,230 --> 00:34:38,159
okay and that's after coming back to

781
00:34:41,589 --> 00:34:40,240
america

782
00:34:43,669 --> 00:34:41,599
so not during the time he was being

783
00:34:47,190 --> 00:34:43,679
accused of it by no

784
00:34:47,589 --> 00:34:47,200
no no but he never accepted a cent from

785
00:34:51,270 --> 00:34:47,599
them

786
00:34:54,230 --> 00:34:51,280
even though they did offer to pay him

787
00:34:56,550 --> 00:34:54,240
he never did what happened was after we

788
00:34:59,910 --> 00:34:56,560

came back to america

789

00:35:02,950 --> 00:34:59,920

um here in tallahassee we had a lot of

790

00:35:07,109 --> 00:35:02,960

death threats and

791

00:35:11,030 --> 00:35:07,119

by libyans as well as americans

792

00:35:14,069 --> 00:35:11,040

and the the um

793

00:35:17,910 --> 00:35:14,079

the americans

794

00:35:21,910 --> 00:35:17,920

who worked for um gaddafi as

795

00:35:26,150 --> 00:35:21,920

his you know assassins or whatever

796

00:35:29,270 --> 00:35:26,160

were xcias they were not cias

797

00:35:30,550 --> 00:35:29,280

they were rogue cias there were two in

798

00:35:34,069 --> 00:35:30,560

particular

799

00:35:36,230 --> 00:35:34,079

that gaddafi hired and in fact they even

800

00:35:37,510 --> 00:35:36,240

lived in libya for a while so these were

801
00:35:41,190 --> 00:35:37,520
americans

802
00:35:42,710 --> 00:35:41,200
they were american cias

803
00:35:45,190 --> 00:35:42,720
they had left the cia and now we're

804
00:35:48,550 --> 00:35:45,200
working for gaddafi for big money

805
00:35:52,230 --> 00:35:48,560
correct exactly and um

806
00:35:55,270 --> 00:35:52,240
and there was one who actually shot

807
00:35:58,950 --> 00:35:55,280
a cousin of my um of my husband

808
00:36:00,390 --> 00:35:58,960
in colorado he was he was a graduate

809
00:36:03,510 --> 00:36:00,400
student

810
00:36:06,550 --> 00:36:03,520
and um you know a

811
00:36:10,069 --> 00:36:06,560
guy knocks on the door salesman

812
00:36:12,790 --> 00:36:10,079
shoots him twice in the head it turned

813
00:36:16,710 --> 00:36:12,800

out his name was tafoya

814

00:36:19,430 --> 00:36:16,720

and he he said he was working for the

815

00:36:24,390 --> 00:36:19,440

cia he was lying he was not

816

00:36:28,630 --> 00:36:24,400

he was working for an ex-cia

817

00:36:31,670 --> 00:36:28,640

who was you know employed by gaddafi

818

00:36:32,710 --> 00:36:31,680

what had he done to get himself killed a

819

00:36:42,030 --> 00:36:32,720

dissident

820

00:36:45,589 --> 00:36:42,040

were called stray dogs and they were

821

00:36:49,990 --> 00:36:45,599

specifically asked by

822

00:36:53,430 --> 00:36:50,000

gaddafi to elim to eliminate them

823

00:36:57,430 --> 00:36:53,440

to eliminate these stray dogs and

824

00:37:04,310 --> 00:36:57,440

so the dissidents um started forming

825

00:37:10,630 --> 00:37:07,510

i i i think we've told enough

826

00:37:13,030 --> 00:37:10,640

about uh your your life

827

00:37:14,870 --> 00:37:13,040

and travails in libya and getting out of

828

00:37:16,710 --> 00:37:14,880

libya to entice everybody to buy the

829

00:37:17,829 --> 00:37:16,720

book i can see why you uh

830

00:37:19,990 --> 00:37:17,839

why you wrote the book because you've

831

00:37:22,630 --> 00:37:20,000

got some incredible

832

00:37:23,510 --> 00:37:22,640

stories there but i i want to now kind

833

00:37:25,829 --> 00:37:23,520

of move

834

00:37:27,030 --> 00:37:25,839

to talking about some of the political

835

00:37:30,230 --> 00:37:27,040

things that are going on

836

00:37:32,950 --> 00:37:30,240

now in libya and soon after you guys

837

00:37:33,829 --> 00:37:32,960

left and just get your thoughts on it so

838

00:37:36,310 --> 00:37:33,839

first of all let's talk about the

839

00:37:39,109 --> 00:37:36,320

bombing the locker b bombing

840

00:37:39,829 --> 00:37:39,119

what year did that take place uh the

841

00:37:43,349 --> 00:37:39,839

lockergie

842

00:37:46,390 --> 00:37:43,359

bombing took place in 88. in 88.

843

00:37:48,230 --> 00:37:46,400

and there's and and so

844

00:37:50,470 --> 00:37:48,240

you you told me before we started that

845

00:37:53,829 --> 00:37:50,480

that there was just announced today

846

00:37:55,670 --> 00:37:53,839

an arrest in this but kind of remind

847

00:37:57,109 --> 00:37:55,680

everybody some of the background i know

848

00:37:58,950 --> 00:37:57,119

when the bombing happened

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00:38:00,630 --> 00:37:58,960

nobody knew who was responsible there

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00:38:02,870 --> 00:38:00,640

was a lot of accusations that gaddafi

851

00:38:05,990 --> 00:38:02,880

was responsible he denied it

852

00:38:09,589 --> 00:38:06,000

uh you know walk us through that story

853

00:38:13,190 --> 00:38:09,599

okay um the the bomb was a u.s

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00:38:15,190 --> 00:38:13,200

um pan am flight that was bombed over

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00:38:18,230 --> 00:38:15,200

lockerbie scotland

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00:38:20,550 --> 00:38:18,240

um over i think about 207

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00:38:21,990 --> 00:38:20,560

some people were killed and a lot of

858

00:38:25,510 --> 00:38:22,000

those were americans

859

00:38:28,390 --> 00:38:25,520

in fact there were about 30 u.s college

860

00:38:31,430 --> 00:38:28,400

students on board that flight

861

00:38:35,190 --> 00:38:31,440

and yes gaddafi

862

00:38:36,950 --> 00:38:35,200

uh scotland yard you know and the cia

863

00:38:41,910 --> 00:38:36,960

worked the case

864

00:38:45,750 --> 00:38:41,920

and um they accused gaddafi

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00:38:50,230 --> 00:38:45,760

and he denied it for a long time

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00:38:55,190 --> 00:38:50,240

but finally he took responsibility

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00:38:58,390 --> 00:38:55,200

and paid about 2.7 billion dollars

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00:39:00,510 --> 00:38:58,400

to the um to the victims

869

00:39:01,750 --> 00:39:00,520

now he would never have taken

870

00:39:04,470 --> 00:39:01,760

responsibility

871

00:39:06,950 --> 00:39:04,480

nor paid the money if he was not

872

00:39:09,990 --> 00:39:06,960

involved he was involved

873

00:39:13,990 --> 00:39:10,000

and this was worked out uh

874

00:39:17,030 --> 00:39:14,000

um this was

875

00:39:20,230 --> 00:39:17,040

worked from libyan embassies from

876

00:39:23,910 --> 00:39:20,240

the embassy in libya in uh in um

877

00:39:27,109 --> 00:39:23,920

in london and remember um

878

00:39:28,870 --> 00:39:27,119

reagan bombed libya at one time

879

00:39:30,390 --> 00:39:28,880

after the bombing in the berlin

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00:39:35,430 --> 00:39:30,400

nightclub

881

00:39:37,510 --> 00:39:35,440

so gaddafi did a lot of that stuff he

882

00:39:39,109 --> 00:39:37,520

let me ask you today when we think of

883

00:39:41,430 --> 00:39:39,119

terrorist activities

884

00:39:43,030 --> 00:39:41,440

there's always a terrorist organization

885

00:39:46,310 --> 00:39:43,040

uh racing to claim

886

00:39:47,349 --> 00:39:46,320

credit for the terrorist act so help us

887

00:39:51,030 --> 00:39:47,359

understand

888

00:39:53,910 --> 00:39:51,040

what was the motivation for gaddafi to

889

00:39:56,150 --> 00:39:53,920

take down this plane if he wasn't gonna

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00:39:59,670 --> 00:39:56,160

take credit for it

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00:40:04,150 --> 00:39:59,680

qadhafi became very anti-american

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00:40:05,910 --> 00:40:04,160

he um he was he supported a lot of

893

00:40:10,069 --> 00:40:05,920

terrorist groups

894

00:40:13,430 --> 00:40:10,079

and he's he's supported a lot of african

895

00:40:15,829 --> 00:40:13,440

company uh countries to the tune of

896

00:40:18,309 --> 00:40:15,839

billions of dollars and where they

897

00:40:21,510 --> 00:40:18,319

called him the king of kings

898

00:40:23,750 --> 00:40:21,520

and he supported the ira he supported

899

00:40:27,670 --> 00:40:23,760

the black panthers

900

00:40:30,710 --> 00:40:27,680

he supported the philippine muslims

901

00:40:33,829 --> 00:40:30,720

he was very anti-american

902

00:40:36,790 --> 00:40:33,839

i really don't understand why but

903

00:40:39,430 --> 00:40:36,800

you know why he had such hatred for

904

00:40:42,230 --> 00:40:39,440

america but he did

905

00:40:43,589 --> 00:40:42,240

he wanted very badly to have a u.s

906

00:40:47,589 --> 00:40:43,599

ambassador

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00:40:51,270 --> 00:40:47,599

and omar was slated to become the first

908

00:40:54,069 --> 00:40:51,280

libyan u.s ambassador under gaddafi

909

00:40:55,109 --> 00:40:54,079

but the state department had several

910

00:40:58,790 --> 00:40:55,119

conditions

911

00:41:01,190 --> 00:40:58,800

for that he was to stop supporting

912

00:41:02,150 --> 00:41:01,200

you know the these uh terrorist groups

913

00:41:04,550 --> 00:41:02,160

he was

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00:41:05,589 --> 00:41:04,560

supposed uh supposed to stop supporting

915

00:41:09,510 --> 00:41:05,599

the islamist

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00:41:13,270 --> 00:41:09,520

groups and he refused to

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00:41:17,109 --> 00:41:13,280

and that was one of the reasons why

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00:41:20,309 --> 00:41:17,119

we had no libyan ambassador at that time

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00:41:23,589 --> 00:41:20,319

and why we had no american ambassador

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00:41:26,790 --> 00:41:23,599

in libya at that time we did have um

921

00:41:28,710 --> 00:41:26,800

there was a uh libyan uh ambassador at

922

00:41:32,150 --> 00:41:28,720

the united nations

923

00:41:32,829 --> 00:41:32,160

and why why why was qaddafi supporting

924

00:41:39,190 --> 00:41:32,839

these

925

00:41:46,630 --> 00:41:43,190

because he liked them he they liked him

926
00:41:48,069 --> 00:41:46,640
they they looked up to him whereas he

927
00:41:50,870 --> 00:41:48,079
was not looked up to

928
00:41:53,030 --> 00:41:50,880
by the western countries so he had he

929
00:41:56,790 --> 00:41:53,040
had money to to throw around

930
00:41:59,349 --> 00:41:56,800
and and the easiest people to buy off

931
00:42:00,309 --> 00:41:59,359
would be these terrorist groups or these

932
00:42:03,829 --> 00:42:00,319
poor countries

933
00:42:06,309 --> 00:42:03,839
exactly what he did

934
00:42:07,030 --> 00:42:06,319
so the lockertie bombing then was that a

935
00:42:10,230 --> 00:42:07,040
terrorist

936
00:42:14,069 --> 00:42:10,240
simply

937
00:42:15,589 --> 00:42:14,079
no it was by gaddafi but again

938
00:42:17,270 --> 00:42:15,599

okay so he took down a plane he didn't

939

00:42:19,030 --> 00:42:17,280

take credit for it so

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00:42:20,950 --> 00:42:19,040

not at first but later he took

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00:42:23,109 --> 00:42:20,960

responsibility but again i guess i'm

942

00:42:24,870 --> 00:42:23,119

just confused as to what his motivation

943

00:42:25,430 --> 00:42:24,880

was to take on a plane but not tell

944

00:42:28,309 --> 00:42:25,440

everybody

945

00:42:29,510 --> 00:42:28,319

i took it down because of this instead

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00:42:32,230 --> 00:42:29,520

the plane goes down and

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00:42:33,430 --> 00:42:32,240

and he pretends it wasn't him and and

948

00:42:34,950 --> 00:42:33,440

everybody's scratching their head

949

00:42:36,950 --> 00:42:34,960

i just don't see what he accomplished by

950

00:42:38,150 --> 00:42:36,960

that well that's what groups like

951
00:42:42,710 --> 00:42:38,160
al-qaeda

952
00:42:45,349 --> 00:42:42,720
and isis would do but not

953
00:42:46,630 --> 00:42:45,359
supposedly a government you know so he

954
00:42:49,750 --> 00:42:46,640
was just a different type of

955
00:42:51,990 --> 00:42:49,760
terrorist he did it behind yeah he did

956
00:42:55,910 --> 00:42:52,000
it behind

957
00:42:59,349 --> 00:42:55,920
your back and

958
00:43:01,990 --> 00:42:59,359
ultimately he um you're saying

959
00:43:02,950 --> 00:43:02,000
took responsibility and now this new

960
00:43:05,190 --> 00:43:02,960
arrest

961
00:43:06,790 --> 00:43:05,200
tell us what you know about about who

962
00:43:08,309 --> 00:43:06,800
this person is that they've arrested and

963
00:43:11,910 --> 00:43:08,319

what his connections were

964

00:43:15,430 --> 00:43:11,920

okay the first person arrested was

965

00:43:18,710 --> 00:43:15,440

maharahi and he was put in jail

966

00:43:21,990 --> 00:43:18,720

in um in scotland and

967

00:43:25,349 --> 00:43:22,000

released due to bad health

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00:43:27,829 --> 00:43:25,359

okay now this one that they are

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00:43:29,190 --> 00:43:27,839

they have um that they that they've been

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00:43:33,990 --> 00:43:29,200

investigating is

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00:43:37,589 --> 00:43:34,000

the bomb maker he's the one who actually

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00:43:40,230 --> 00:43:37,599

worked on making the bomb and

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00:43:41,109 --> 00:43:40,240

the other guy were they both sorry were

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00:43:43,270 --> 00:43:41,119

they both libyan

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00:43:45,910 --> 00:43:43,280

yes they were both they're both libyans

976
00:43:46,950 --> 00:43:45,920
yeah the the first guy who was arrested

977
00:43:50,550 --> 00:43:46,960
died

978
00:43:53,190 --> 00:43:50,560
um so there is no doubt

979
00:43:54,069 --> 00:43:53,200
that gaddafi was involved but then only

980
00:43:57,430 --> 00:43:54,079
one person

981
00:44:00,630 --> 00:43:57,440
has been arrested for that

982
00:44:02,390 --> 00:44:00,640
and because you know you all have to

983
00:44:06,470 --> 00:44:02,400
understand in those days

984
00:44:09,670 --> 00:44:06,480
cadet uh libya was a very close society

985
00:44:12,710 --> 00:44:09,680
it's not like you can just come and go

986
00:44:13,270 --> 00:44:12,720
you know even when investigators were

987
00:44:16,630 --> 00:44:13,280
sent

988
00:44:20,790 --> 00:44:16,640

to tripoli to investigate

989

00:44:24,390 --> 00:44:20,800

they they had no way to access it

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00:44:28,390 --> 00:44:24,400

just as the cia had no way to access

991

00:44:30,870 --> 00:44:28,400

libyan nationals in tripoli

992

00:44:31,750 --> 00:44:30,880

such a close society and which is

993

00:44:34,630 --> 00:44:31,760

difficult for

994

00:44:35,589 --> 00:44:34,640

us here in america to understand what

995

00:44:38,870 --> 00:44:35,599

amazing that

996

00:44:41,270 --> 00:44:38,880

uh here we are 32 years later and uh the

997

00:44:44,069 --> 00:44:41,280

investigators hadn't given up on it

998

00:44:45,750 --> 00:44:44,079

and now have an arrest i know actually

999

00:44:47,109 --> 00:44:45,760

barr was the one who opened the

1000

00:44:50,390 --> 00:44:47,119

investigation

1001
00:44:52,550 --> 00:44:50,400
um by mueller were involved when this

1002
00:44:53,910 --> 00:44:52,560
thing happened

1003
00:44:56,630 --> 00:44:53,920
they were both involved they were

1004
00:44:57,910 --> 00:44:56,640
working together so it's been opened up

1005
00:45:01,030 --> 00:44:57,920
yes

1006
00:45:02,710 --> 00:45:01,040
so um our very loyal hidden truth show

1007
00:45:04,950 --> 00:45:02,720
listeners will remember

1008
00:45:06,870 --> 00:45:04,960
perhaps the only other time in all of my

1009
00:45:10,309 --> 00:45:06,880
episodes libya came up

1010
00:45:13,670 --> 00:45:10,319
and it was an interview with malik obama

1011
00:45:14,870 --> 00:45:13,680
the half-brother of barack obama and he

1012
00:45:17,190 --> 00:45:14,880
told us a story

1013
00:45:18,390 --> 00:45:17,200

about how he used to go to tripoli often

1014

00:45:21,270 --> 00:45:18,400

at the invitation

1015

00:45:22,230 --> 00:45:21,280

of qaddafi and that qaddafi was reaching

1016

00:45:26,230 --> 00:45:22,240

out

1017

00:45:29,349 --> 00:45:26,240

through malik to president obama

1018

00:45:30,829 --> 00:45:29,359

and he thought that because obama had a

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00:45:33,750 --> 00:45:30,839

muslim

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00:45:34,150 --> 00:45:33,760

background that he could reach out to

1021

00:45:39,190 --> 00:45:34,160

him

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00:45:41,030 --> 00:45:39,200

and wanted to go to the white house he

1023

00:45:41,430 --> 00:45:41,040

was fishing for an invitation to go

1024

00:45:44,309 --> 00:45:41,440

visit

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00:45:45,589 --> 00:45:44,319

obama in the white house and malik

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00:45:48,230 --> 00:45:45,599

carried this message

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00:45:50,309 --> 00:45:48,240

to barack his brother and his brother

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00:45:53,270 --> 00:45:50,319

was kind of beside himself like you know

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00:45:54,550 --> 00:45:53,280

malik what the hell are you doing

1030

00:45:57,190 --> 00:45:54,560

meeting with gaddafi

1031

00:45:58,710 --> 00:45:57,200

you know basically knock it off you know

1032

00:46:00,950 --> 00:45:58,720

when he's seeing you he thinks he's

1033

00:46:03,109 --> 00:46:00,960

talking to me you and i are not

1034

00:46:04,150 --> 00:46:03,119

you know that close you're not you know

1035

00:46:06,069 --> 00:46:04,160

an emissary from

1036

00:46:07,430 --> 00:46:06,079

the u.s for us and you should not be

1037

00:46:09,030 --> 00:46:07,440

messing around with this qaddafi guy

1038

00:46:12,790 --> 00:46:09,040

he's a bad guy

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00:46:15,910 --> 00:46:12,800

and not too long after that

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00:46:17,109 --> 00:46:15,920

maybe a couple years is when gaddafi is

1041

00:46:19,510 --> 00:46:17,119

deposed

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00:46:21,589 --> 00:46:19,520

so it's kind of an interesting story

1043

00:46:25,670 --> 00:46:21,599

because who knows had

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00:46:27,670 --> 00:46:25,680

barack accepted the idea of meeting with

1045

00:46:28,230 --> 00:46:27,680

gaddafi you know who knows if things

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00:46:29,589 --> 00:46:28,240

could have been

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00:46:31,510 --> 00:46:29,599

different but i'm sure things were way

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00:46:34,150 --> 00:46:31,520

down a road at that point

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00:46:35,510 --> 00:46:34,160

this is a pattern with gaddafi he did

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00:46:39,510 --> 00:46:35,520

the same thing

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00:46:43,990 --> 00:46:39,520

with jimmy carter's brother

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00:46:47,270 --> 00:46:44,000

okay he invited him to libya

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00:46:50,630 --> 00:46:47,280

and i'm i'm saying this and

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00:46:53,589 --> 00:46:50,640

i i i'm pretty sure it's true because

1055

00:46:56,790 --> 00:46:53,599

i i was you know involved in those days

1056

00:47:00,670 --> 00:46:56,800

a little bit with what was happening

1057

00:47:07,109 --> 00:47:03,990

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00:47:09,670 --> 00:47:07,119

to go visit okay to billy carter

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00:47:11,270 --> 00:47:09,680

billy carter okay and i was there at

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00:47:12,460 --> 00:47:11,280

that time and people are concerned about

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00:47:13,910 --> 00:47:12,470

hunter biden

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00:47:15,750 --> 00:47:13,920

[Laughter]

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00:47:17,190 --> 00:47:15,760

exactly this is the brother of the

1064

00:47:20,309 --> 00:47:17,200

sitting president

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00:47:21,030 --> 00:47:20,319

right well i'm sure jimmy carter had no

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00:47:23,109 --> 00:47:21,040

idea

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00:47:24,790 --> 00:47:23,119

yeah okay yeah billy was a little crazy

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00:47:27,829 --> 00:47:24,800

for people he was crazy

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00:47:28,309 --> 00:47:27,839

and i met him during that visit at the

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00:47:32,150 --> 00:47:28,319

u.s

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00:47:35,190 --> 00:47:32,160

embassy you know we were invited

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00:47:37,109 --> 00:47:35,200

and um talked to him i mean

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00:47:39,670 --> 00:47:37,119

it was just really strange because

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00:47:41,510 --> 00:47:39,680

alcohol is never served in libya

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00:47:44,069 --> 00:47:41,520

and everyone was walking around with

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00:47:46,870 --> 00:47:44,079

alcohol and he's giving me a beer

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00:47:48,150 --> 00:47:46,880

and you know i don't drink beer and

1078

00:47:50,950 --> 00:47:48,160

billy beer

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00:47:52,470 --> 00:47:50,960

and so he was there and it was all kind

1080

00:47:55,349 --> 00:47:52,480

of crazy you know

1081

00:47:55,829 --> 00:47:55,359

but that's that was gaddafi's way you

1082

00:48:01,510 --> 00:47:55,839

know

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00:48:03,750 --> 00:48:01,520

when you have recognition by the

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00:48:06,230 --> 00:48:03,760

american president

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00:48:07,510 --> 00:48:06,240

you have a little standing in the world

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00:48:10,150 --> 00:48:07,520

even if you're uh

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00:48:10,630 --> 00:48:10,160

you know despawn you know even if you're

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00:48:12,549 --> 00:48:10,640

nothing

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00:48:15,109 --> 00:48:12,559

yeah it seems to me they're looking for

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00:48:17,910 --> 00:48:15,119

friends anywhere that they can get them

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00:48:18,710 --> 00:48:17,920

right and and there's no better friend

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00:48:21,990 --> 00:48:18,720

to have

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00:48:23,030 --> 00:48:22,000

than the us so any of any of these bad

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00:48:27,270 --> 00:48:23,040

guys whether it be

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00:48:29,030 --> 00:48:27,280

assad um or hussein or whoever

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00:48:31,030 --> 00:48:29,040

uh they'll they'll take a partnership

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00:48:34,470 --> 00:48:31,040

with the u.s if the u.s is willing to

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00:48:36,630 --> 00:48:34,480

to do it the u.s however has to

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00:48:37,589 --> 00:48:36,640

be willing to get into bed with a really

1100

00:48:40,790 --> 00:48:37,599

bad guy

1101
00:48:42,549 --> 00:48:40,800
yes right yeah exactly and so you know

1102
00:48:45,030 --> 00:48:42,559
you got people like putin

1103
00:48:46,230 --> 00:48:45,040
who he doesn't check your morals at the

1104
00:48:48,069 --> 00:48:46,240
door he doesn't care

1105
00:48:49,829 --> 00:48:48,079
it doesn't matter he's like he's like

1106
00:48:50,470 --> 00:48:49,839
them basically he's looking for friends

1107
00:48:52,069 --> 00:48:50,480
too

1108
00:48:53,990 --> 00:48:52,079
so he'll take a friend anywhere he can

1109
00:48:54,870 --> 00:48:54,000
get it so that's why they'll latch on to

1110
00:48:57,190 --> 00:48:54,880
a putin

1111
00:48:57,990 --> 00:48:57,200
and china for that matter doesn't seem

1112
00:49:01,109 --> 00:48:58,000
to care

1113
00:49:03,829 --> 00:49:01,119

about the the morality of their partners

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00:49:04,549 --> 00:49:03,839

so these guys find partners in russia

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00:49:07,910 --> 00:49:04,559

and china

1116

00:49:09,190 --> 00:49:07,920

because the us has some moral code to

1117

00:49:12,630 --> 00:49:09,200

who we partner with

1118

00:49:15,430 --> 00:49:12,640

yeah and and and countries you know

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00:49:16,870 --> 00:49:15,440

so do countries like france and germany

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00:49:19,670 --> 00:49:16,880

you know more

1121

00:49:20,390 --> 00:49:19,680

they're more respectable in that sense

1122

00:49:24,069 --> 00:49:20,400

you know

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00:49:27,270 --> 00:49:24,079

um libya just really

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00:49:29,750 --> 00:49:27,280

you know they wanted the recognition

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00:49:32,309 --> 00:49:29,760

but they weren't willing to abide by the

1126

00:49:39,589 --> 00:49:35,670

so so tell us the the the story

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00:49:44,309 --> 00:49:39,599

of the ultimate deposing of gaddafi just

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00:49:47,510 --> 00:49:44,319

briefly um okay it was in 2011.

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00:49:48,309 --> 00:49:47,520

when um i i had given up all hope of

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00:49:51,430 --> 00:49:48,319

qadhafi

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00:49:54,630 --> 00:49:51,440

ever being gone okay so

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00:49:58,390 --> 00:49:54,640

in 2011 song cnn

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00:50:01,589 --> 00:49:58,400

anderson cooper talks about you know um

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00:50:04,790 --> 00:50:01,599

this this revolution happening and i'm

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00:50:06,150 --> 00:50:04,800

shocked absolutely shocked so i followed

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00:50:09,190 --> 00:50:06,160

that day by day

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00:50:12,549 --> 00:50:09,200

it started in benghazi

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00:50:15,589 --> 00:50:12,559

it started as a demonstration

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00:50:19,750 --> 00:50:15,599

he got mad and went in

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00:50:23,030 --> 00:50:19,760

and started killing people

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00:50:25,910 --> 00:50:23,040

and that added

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00:50:27,030 --> 00:50:25,920

you know fuel to the fire and a lot of

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00:50:29,750 --> 00:50:27,040

young libyans

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00:50:30,630 --> 00:50:29,760

ran out into the streets to demonstrate

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00:50:32,870 --> 00:50:30,640

it was

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00:50:34,309 --> 00:50:32,880

unbelievable that and you have to think

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00:50:35,750 --> 00:50:34,319

of this in light of

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00:50:37,349 --> 00:50:35,760

sorry to interrupt but you have to think

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00:50:38,710 --> 00:50:37,359

of this in light of the arab spring that

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00:50:41,750 --> 00:50:38,720

was kind of going on right

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00:50:44,950 --> 00:50:41,760

that exactly yeah that that really

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00:50:46,230 --> 00:50:44,960

started from uh iraq i think i mean the

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00:50:47,109 --> 00:50:46,240

liberty you know getting rid of hussein

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00:50:49,750 --> 00:50:47,119

in iraq

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00:50:50,710 --> 00:50:49,760

kind of started this movement across the

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00:50:51,990 --> 00:50:50,720

middle east where

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00:50:54,710 --> 00:50:52,000

they're thinking about these leaders

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00:50:58,069 --> 00:50:54,720

they thought they could never get right

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00:51:00,069 --> 00:50:58,079

right well you know that yeah am i wrong

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00:51:02,150 --> 00:51:00,079

am i wrong just like that tunisia it

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00:51:04,870 --> 00:51:02,160

started in tunisia yeah

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00:51:06,790 --> 00:51:04,880

hussein was after that and i'd like to

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00:51:10,309 --> 00:51:06,800

briefly mention that

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00:51:12,630 --> 00:51:10,319

before i go on with the revolution

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00:51:14,470 --> 00:51:12,640

the one good thing gadaffi and hussein

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00:51:18,470 --> 00:51:14,480

did the one good thing

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00:51:20,309 --> 00:51:18,480

was they kept the terrorists imprisoned

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00:51:21,510 --> 00:51:20,319

they either killed them or they

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00:51:24,390 --> 00:51:21,520

imprisoned them

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00:51:25,430 --> 00:51:24,400

so there were no islamic terrorists

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00:51:28,470 --> 00:51:25,440

there were no

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00:51:31,349 --> 00:51:28,480

extremist islamist extremists

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00:51:31,829 --> 00:51:31,359

however when gaddafi was deposed and

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00:51:34,870 --> 00:51:31,839

when

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00:51:36,950 --> 00:51:34,880

hussein was deposed

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00:51:38,870 --> 00:51:36,960

these people were let out of jail and

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00:51:42,230 --> 00:51:38,880

they were the al-qaeda

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00:51:44,630 --> 00:51:42,240

and the isis people

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00:51:45,430 --> 00:51:44,640

gaddafi and hussein would never have

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00:51:48,829 --> 00:51:45,440

allowed

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00:51:52,630 --> 00:51:48,839

that extremism to um

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00:51:54,230 --> 00:51:52,640

occur so so going back to the um the

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00:51:57,430 --> 00:51:54,240

revolution so

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00:52:02,069 --> 00:51:57,440

that's how it started in february

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00:52:04,549 --> 00:52:02,079

and it ended in um in october

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00:52:05,750 --> 00:52:04,559

now during that time america did get

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00:52:09,190 --> 00:52:05,760

involved

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00:52:11,829 --> 00:52:09,200

um obama did bomb

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00:52:12,470 --> 00:52:11,839

some military installations but it

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00:52:16,150 --> 00:52:12,480

really was

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00:52:18,950 --> 00:52:16,160

at the behest of the libyans and

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00:52:21,510 --> 00:52:18,960

gaddafi would have massacred the

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00:52:24,630 --> 00:52:21,520

population

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00:52:27,190 --> 00:52:24,640

that was not supporting him if we had

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00:52:30,230 --> 00:52:27,200

not done something at that point i mean

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00:52:31,109 --> 00:52:30,240

i was watching the news every day i saw

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00:52:32,870 --> 00:52:31,119

these

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00:52:35,510 --> 00:52:32,880

young people running around in

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00:52:38,390 --> 00:52:35,520

flip-flops throwing rocks

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00:52:41,510 --> 00:52:38,400

you know fighting these military tanks

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00:52:44,950 --> 00:52:41,520

they didn't stand a chance

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00:52:48,870 --> 00:52:44,960

so when when that when you know

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00:52:52,069 --> 00:52:48,880

after um america got involved

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00:52:55,190 --> 00:52:52,079

yes things were

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00:52:57,670 --> 00:52:55,200

on a more even keel but then when

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00:53:00,549 --> 00:52:57,680

qadhafi was murdered he was not murdered

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00:53:03,589 --> 00:53:00,559

by american bombing or americans he was

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00:53:06,790 --> 00:53:03,599

murdered by the misrata militias

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00:53:08,870 --> 00:53:06,800

a group from misrata and

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00:53:09,910 --> 00:53:08,880

he was killed in a horrible way i mean

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00:53:12,470 --> 00:53:09,920

no one deserves

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00:53:14,470 --> 00:53:12,480

to die the way he did no matter how bad

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00:53:17,510 --> 00:53:14,480

he was

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00:53:21,270 --> 00:53:17,520

so after gaddafi was in po

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00:53:25,430 --> 00:53:21,280

uh deposed it was hopefully

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00:53:29,190 --> 00:53:25,440

that the government that would take over

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00:53:29,750 --> 00:53:29,200

specifically this group that did take

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00:53:33,190 --> 00:53:29,760

over

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00:53:34,470 --> 00:53:33,200

would be prepared the national front for

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00:53:37,990 --> 00:53:34,480

the salvation of

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00:53:39,589 --> 00:53:38,000

um libya which my ex-husband was one of

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00:53:42,870 --> 00:53:39,599

the founders

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00:53:45,109 --> 00:53:42,880

so after gaddafi died they went back to

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00:53:48,230 --> 00:53:45,119

libya and so did haftar

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00:53:50,950 --> 00:53:48,240

later who is a general who is the other

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00:53:54,230 --> 00:53:50,960

strong component now in libya

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00:53:58,710 --> 00:53:54,240

the um unfortunately

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00:54:01,910 --> 00:53:58,720

the the new regime the government

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00:54:04,549 --> 00:54:01,920

was not prepared was totally unprepared

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00:54:05,750 --> 00:54:04,559

and this was something uh obama always

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00:54:08,950 --> 00:54:05,760

said and it was

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00:54:13,270 --> 00:54:08,960

his mistake was not

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00:54:16,470 --> 00:54:13,280

helping libya prepare for independence

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00:54:20,710 --> 00:54:16,480

they were not prepared

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00:54:25,109 --> 00:54:24,150

now or at that time at the time at the

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00:54:27,190 --> 00:54:25,119

time yeah but

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00:54:28,630 --> 00:54:27,200

but not physical support and not

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00:54:31,990 --> 00:54:28,640

intellectual support

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00:54:35,270 --> 00:54:32,000

right for instance right in iraq

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00:54:39,030 --> 00:54:35,280

we were there to try to help

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00:54:40,549 --> 00:54:39,040

build a new nation and seemed to be on

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00:54:43,990 --> 00:54:40,559

kind of an okay

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00:54:47,030 --> 00:54:44,000

course until we pulled out entirely uh

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00:54:50,230 --> 00:54:47,040

when things got really bad but

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00:54:52,470 --> 00:54:50,240

whereas in libya we just opposed him or

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00:54:54,710 --> 00:54:52,480

helped depose him

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00:54:56,470 --> 00:54:54,720

with nato by the way this was this was

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00:54:58,230 --> 00:54:56,480

to clarify correct me from wrong but it

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00:54:58,710 --> 00:54:58,240

was america kind of leading from behind

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00:55:01,910 --> 00:54:58,720

we

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00:55:03,270 --> 00:55:01,920
thought it was more france and in in in

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00:55:06,630 --> 00:55:03,280
europe and nato

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00:55:08,470 --> 00:55:06,640
that it was nato it was a nato but um i

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00:55:11,910 --> 00:55:08,480
think it was basically

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00:55:14,630 --> 00:55:11,920
uh instigated by obama because

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00:55:15,990 --> 00:55:14,640
um the libyans were begging america to

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00:55:19,430 --> 00:55:16,000
help them

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00:55:22,950 --> 00:55:19,440
and and so he did but but

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00:55:24,710 --> 00:55:22,960
the the the eventuality of it it was he

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00:55:27,430 --> 00:55:24,720
was killed by libyans

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00:55:28,309 --> 00:55:27,440
right not americans not nato right um

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00:55:31,030 --> 00:55:28,319
but you had no

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00:55:31,910 --> 00:55:31,040

no american support or or european

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00:55:34,150 --> 00:55:31,920

support

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00:55:35,510 --> 00:55:34,160

to assist the new government in

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00:55:36,549 --> 00:55:35,520

establishing itself is that what you're

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00:55:39,829 --> 00:55:36,559

saying no

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00:55:41,270 --> 00:55:39,839

no because i think frankly i think it

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00:55:44,470 --> 00:55:41,280

was because

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00:55:45,109 --> 00:55:44,480

america thought that this group who by

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00:55:49,270 --> 00:55:45,119

the way

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00:55:53,349 --> 00:55:49,280

were you know american educated libyans

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00:55:55,349 --> 00:55:53,359

they were living in virginia and um

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00:55:57,190 --> 00:55:55,359

and where was your husband at this time

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00:56:01,230 --> 00:55:57,200

had he passed

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00:56:02,630 --> 00:56:01,240

he had just passed so he in what what

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00:56:05,990 --> 00:56:02,640

2010

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00:56:07,670 --> 00:56:06,000

nine nine uh-huh so he unfortunately he

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00:56:09,910 --> 00:56:07,680

didn't get to see

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00:56:10,870 --> 00:56:09,920

yeah that was the sad part because that

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00:56:13,670 --> 00:56:10,880

was his life

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00:56:14,630 --> 00:56:13,680

he he gave up everything for that let me

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00:56:17,109 --> 00:56:14,640

ask you this question

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00:56:18,950 --> 00:56:17,119

had your husband still been alive at the

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00:56:19,910 --> 00:56:18,960

time in considering his role with the

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00:56:22,470 --> 00:56:19,920

national

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00:56:23,270 --> 00:56:22,480

libyan uh uh what was it called the

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00:56:27,109 --> 00:56:23,280

national

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00:56:29,990 --> 00:56:27,119

salvation of

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00:56:31,750 --> 00:56:30,000

libya would he have gone back to libya

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00:56:34,230 --> 00:56:31,760

to assist them

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00:56:37,589 --> 00:56:34,240

oh without a doubt he would have gone

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00:56:41,670 --> 00:56:37,599

the co-founder became president

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00:56:43,510 --> 00:56:41,680

um uh magarith

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00:56:44,950 --> 00:56:43,520

who they were friends and they worked

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00:56:48,069 --> 00:56:44,960

together here in

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00:56:51,349 --> 00:56:48,079

in virginia um mcgarrett

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00:56:55,349 --> 00:56:51,359

became president and um

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00:56:57,910 --> 00:56:55,359

in after he went back to libya okay

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00:56:58,710 --> 00:56:57,920

yeah go ahead sorry it only lasted one

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00:57:01,589 --> 00:56:58,720

year

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00:57:03,030 --> 00:57:01,599

okay and that's what i wanted you to do

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00:57:04,549 --> 00:57:03,040

because we got kind of limited time left

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00:57:07,510 --> 00:57:04,559

is now just kind of bring us up

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00:57:08,950 --> 00:57:07,520

current uh through what's happened since

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00:57:10,950 --> 00:57:08,960

the revolution so

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00:57:12,630 --> 00:57:10,960

the national front takes over but lasts

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00:57:16,470 --> 00:57:12,640

only for a year and then

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00:57:20,710 --> 00:57:16,480

bring us up to present okay then

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00:57:22,470 --> 00:57:20,720

libya goes into total political chaos

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00:57:24,069 --> 00:57:22,480

at one point they had three different

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00:57:29,750 --> 00:57:24,079

governments

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00:57:34,309 --> 00:57:29,760

right now the two main the two main um

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00:57:37,349 --> 00:57:34,319

characters are the um

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00:57:40,950 --> 00:57:37,359

the the general um

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00:57:44,069 --> 00:57:40,960

the the gna and hafta

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00:57:47,109 --> 00:57:44,079

haveta was a

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00:57:50,470 --> 00:57:47,119

general under gaddafi after

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00:57:53,589 --> 00:57:50,480

was sent by gaddafi to invade chad

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00:57:56,870 --> 00:57:53,599

he was caught and imprisoned

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00:58:00,470 --> 00:57:56,880

the american government

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00:58:04,549 --> 00:58:00,480

the cia made arrangements to

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00:58:06,789 --> 00:58:04,559

get hafta out of chair into america

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00:58:08,870 --> 00:58:06,799

so he came so he had been living in

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00:58:13,349 --> 00:58:08,880

america all these years

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00:58:15,270 --> 00:58:13,359

until after the revolution after gaddafi

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was gone he went back

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so now gaddafi is basically

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00:58:25,030 --> 00:58:22,160

libya's basically haftar on one hand who

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00:58:25,349 --> 00:58:25,040

is the head of the libya national army

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and

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00:58:32,950 --> 00:58:29,359

the national

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00:58:37,030 --> 00:58:32,960

of the general national um congress

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00:58:40,470 --> 00:58:37,040

um they're not working together

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00:58:41,510 --> 00:58:40,480

so unfortunately libya right now is in

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00:58:45,270 --> 00:58:41,520

chaos

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00:58:49,270 --> 00:58:45,280

it is especially bad because

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00:58:52,150 --> 00:58:49,280

every town every family has a militia

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00:58:52,950 --> 00:58:52,160

everyone feels they have the right to

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00:58:57,190 --> 00:58:52,960

govern

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00:59:00,710 --> 00:58:57,200

because they were part of the revolution

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00:59:02,829 --> 00:59:00,720

so it is a mess right now and

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00:59:05,190 --> 00:59:02,839

what about terrorist activity in the

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00:59:08,150 --> 00:59:05,200

country is it a safe haven

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00:59:09,270 --> 00:59:08,160

for the isis of the world yeah yeah

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00:59:11,829 --> 00:59:09,280

parts of it is

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00:59:12,630 --> 00:59:11,839

part of it is i want to just say one

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00:59:15,670 --> 00:59:12,640

thing

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00:59:18,309 --> 00:59:15,680

i had a libyan nephew who was kidnapped

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00:59:21,349 --> 00:59:18,319

by isis this is a few years ago

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00:59:23,109 --> 00:59:21,359

this is after gaddafi died about

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00:59:25,109 --> 00:59:23,119

this happened i guess about two years

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00:59:29,750 --> 00:59:25,119

ago three years ago

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00:59:34,309 --> 00:59:33,589

the ransom was paid and his body was

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00:59:37,349 --> 00:59:34,319

found

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00:59:40,630 --> 00:59:37,359

in the desert okay yes

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00:59:41,670 --> 00:59:40,640

they're still there wow and am i right

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00:59:44,230 --> 00:59:41,680

that that

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00:59:46,390 --> 00:59:44,240

turkey i i heard a story about turkey

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00:59:49,750 --> 00:59:46,400

building a military base

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00:59:50,710 --> 00:59:49,760

in libya yes yes and in fact they even

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00:59:54,390 --> 00:59:50,720

sent

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00:59:57,750 --> 00:59:54,400

mercenaries into libya but right now

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00:59:58,549 --> 00:59:57,760

they are in the process of being kicked

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01:00:03,670 --> 00:59:58,559

out

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01:00:07,190 --> 01:00:03,680

by um by the u.n it has to leave

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01:00:10,630 --> 01:00:07,200

as well as uh the european nations

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01:00:15,190 --> 01:00:10,640

france and germany so

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01:00:18,870 --> 01:00:15,200

what is your hope today for libya

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01:00:22,150 --> 01:00:18,880

my hope is that they will they will um

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01:00:24,950 --> 01:00:22,160

somehow manage to solidify

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01:00:25,349 --> 01:00:24,960

the different s you know the army as

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01:00:28,549 --> 01:00:25,359

well

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01:00:31,549 --> 01:00:28,559

as the civilian

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01:00:33,510 --> 01:00:31,559

rule because i don't think under such

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01:00:35,430 --> 01:00:33,520

circumstances

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01:00:37,510 --> 01:00:35,440

that libya can't survive without a

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01:00:40,309 --> 01:00:37,520

strong army

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01:00:42,390 --> 01:00:40,319

and i think the two forces have to work

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01:00:43,349 --> 01:00:42,400

together i think that's the only hope at

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01:00:45,510 --> 01:00:43,359

this point

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01:00:47,190 --> 01:00:45,520

and what about the role of america would

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01:00:49,030 --> 01:00:47,200

you like to see america play a role and

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01:00:51,510 --> 01:00:49,040

if so what

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01:00:53,270 --> 01:00:51,520

the problem with america playing a role

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01:00:55,589 --> 01:00:53,280

in countries like that

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01:00:57,270 --> 01:00:55,599

is where damn if we do and we're damn if