

The Multimedia Graphic Adaptation

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Meeting Gorbachev

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Multimedia Graphic Adaptation

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Multimedia link and QR Code to every chapter - with a properly designed (enticing) logo !!!

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Chapters:



See: [Cast of Characters in Anne Franks Diary](#)

Protagonists



MIKHAIL SERGEYEVICH GORBACHEV -
General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union from 1985 to 1991.
One of the greatest leaders of the 20th Century ...



WERNER HERZOG
German film director, screenwriter, author, actor, and opera director,

Supporting Interviewees



MIKLÓS NÉMETH
Prime Minister of Hungary from 24 November 1988 to 23 May 1990.



GEORGE SHULTZ
Secretary of State under Ronald Reagan



JAMES BAKER
White House Chief Of Staff Under Ronald Reagan
(Secretary Of State Under George H W Bush)



HORST TELTSCHIK
National Security Advisor To Helmut Kohl



LECH WAŁĘSA
President of Poland between 1990 and 1995. Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

Archive Interviewee



MARGARET THATCHER
British Prime Minister

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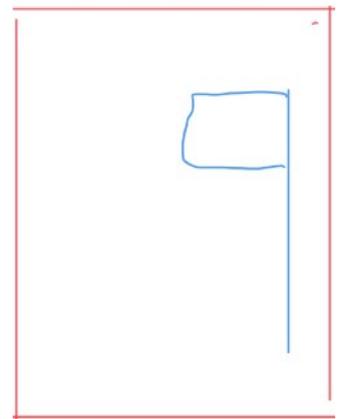
Panel 1

Minimalist (predominantly blank) page:

[QR Flagpole for 'Meeting Gorbachev Trailer'](#)

CAPTION

SCAN THE FLAG ON THIS PAGE (OR THE NEXT) TO WATCH THE *MEETING GORBACHEV* TRAILER



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[QR for Chapter 1 Video \(00:16 > 03:34\)](#)

Or just **Chapter 1**



Panel 1

Clapper board in front of Gorbachev (Choose from - 00:25 > 00:32)

[QR Code for 'Meeting Gorbachev Trailer' is on clapper board](#)

WERNER V/O: Meeting Gorbachev - for a German - is burdened by history.

WERNER V/O: The Nazi invasion left Russia a devastated country with some 25 million dead.

Panel 2

Werner facing camera and Gorbachev (00:59 >)

WERNER: Please allow me to explain myself. I'm a German, and the first German that you probably met wanted to kill you

Panel 3

Gorbachev facing camera (01:04 > 01:08)

GORBACHEV: No!

Panel 4

Werner (01:02)

WERNER: But he was the enemy !

Panel 5

Gorbachev facing camera (01:09)

GORBACHEV: I can tell you about my first impressions of Germans. My Grandfather ran a collective farm.

Panel 6

Gorbachev facing Werner (01:22)

GORBACHEV: The neighbouring village had a shop full of amazing gingerbread biscuits.

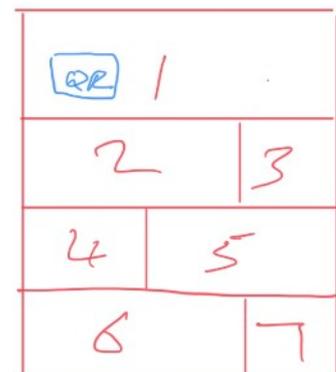
GORBACHEV: It turned out that these neighbours were called the Germans. I really liked those neighbours

Panel 7

Gorbachev (02:11 >)

WERNER

Months later I still had my doubts. Did he just want to say something nice to me?



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Panel 1

Werner shaking hands with Gorbachev (02:20>)

WERNER

But during the last of our three conversations spanning half a year, I understood that everything about Gorbachev was genuine.

Panel 2

Gorbachev Foundation offices. (02:31>)

WERNER V/O

In April 2018, we met again at the headquarters of his foundation.

Panel 3

André shaking hands with Gorbachev. (02:38)

WERNER: André Singer, with whom I have a long history of collaborations.

Panel 4

With sound recordist (02:49 > 03:10)

GORBACHEV: Ah, you are trying to steal something from my pocket!

WERNER: He had the great gift to establish an immediate rapport with people - here, our Russian sound man.

Panel 5 & 6

Chocolate gift (03:31 > 04:01)

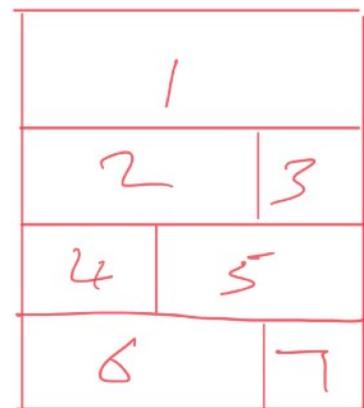
WERNER: And André, you have the real bribery!

WERNER V/O

A belated birthday gift, all made by a chocolatier in London - without any sugar, as a major health issues of Mikhail Gorbachev was diabetes.

Panel 7

Open box full of chocolate eggs (03:58)



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[QR for Chapter 2 Video \(03:34 >08:22\)](#)

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Panel - full page

Crow-filled aerial shot (05:43 >)

[QR Banner: 'Father Returns Home' Video Sequence \(05:14 > 06:08\)](#)

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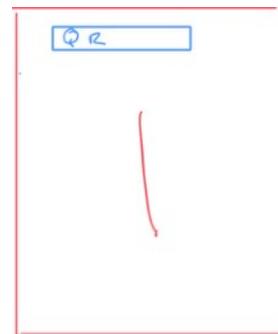
MIKHAIL SERGEYEVICH GORBACHEV - Born 2nd March 1931 in ...

CAPTION 2

THE NORTH CAUCASUS VILLAGE OF PRIVOLNOE

WERNER V/O

It is hard to imagine that from such a godforsaken place in the middle of nowhere, one of the greatest leaders of the 20th Century emerged.



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Panel 1

Village of Privolnoe cemetery (04:35 >)

WERNER V/O

Here in the village of Privolnoe cemetery, all of his family has been laid to rest.

Panel 2

Village of Privolnoe cemetery (04:59 >)

Panel 3

Father's grave (05:20)

WERNER V/O

This is the grave of his father Sergei Andreyevich, a highly-decorated war veteran.

Panel 4

Aerial of cemetery (05:46)

WERNER V/O

In the summer of 1944, his mother received a letter, that Sergei had died a hero's death at the front.

WERNER V/O

A few days later a letter from him arrived; he was alive and well.

Panel 5

Gorbachev's father and mother. (07:33)

GORBACHEV V/O

He grabbed me and embraced me and said something I've remembered all my life:

CAPTION

WE FOUGHT UNTIL WE RAN OUT OF FIGHT.

THAT'S HOW YOU MUST LIVE.

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Panels 1&2

Gorbachev at cemetery with former neighbours (06:11>06:19)

WOMAN WEARING RED

Mikhail Sergeyeovich, I haven't seen you for a long time.

WOMAN WEARING RED

Thank you for the help back then

GORBACHEV

And how are things now? All right?

WOMAN WEARING RED

Not bad, all right..

Panel 3

2 women in headscarfs (06:25)

WOMAN WEARING HEADSCARF

There he is, in glasses

Panel 4

Gorbachev laying wreath (06:33 >)

GORBACHEV

My grandfather Pantelei's grave

Panels 5&6

Eggs and wooden cross (06:41 & 06:47)

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Panels 1

Gorbachev's mother. (07:16)

CAPTION

Maria Panteleevna

WERNER V/O (1)

Gorbachev's mother was strict and strong-minded. She remained illiterate all her life

WERNER V/O (2)

In the beginning, she had not wanted to marry his father.

Panels 2

Maternal grandparents, (07:37)

WERNER V/O

During his early childhood Mikhail Gorbachev lived much of his time with his maternal grandparents, who treated him with tenderness.

Panel 3

Aerial view of Privolnoe Village (07:49)

WERNER V/O

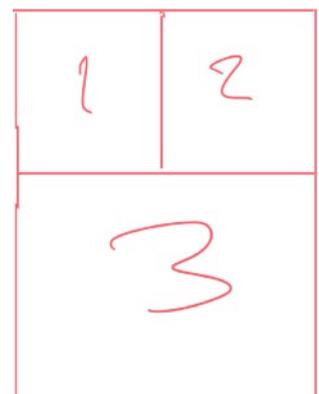
Here, his home village as it looks today.

WERNER V/O

It is hard to imagine that from such a godforsaken place in the middle of nowhere, one of the greatest leaders of the 20th Century emerged.

WERNER V/O

Two of his uncles and one aunt died here from starvation in the 1930s.



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Chapter 3 Video (08:22 > 16:08)

Or just Chapter 3



Panels 1 & 2

B&W footage. Destroyed landscape and houses. (08:22 >)

GORBACHEV V/O: Our country was devastated by the war.

GORBACHEV V/O Our Stavropol region was under occupation, and much was destroyed.

Panel 3

Gorbachev talking. (08:34>)

GORBACHEV

The most important task was to grow wheat.

Panel 4

Gorbachev's father standing beside combine harvester (08:48)

GORBACHEV V/O

My father was a famous combine harvester operator. One day, he took me along to show me the state of the fields..

Panel 5, 6, 7

Gorbachev talking. (09:02>)

GORBACHEV: I saw how the wind and dust had destroyed the crops.

The first two post-war harvests led to famine .

GORBACHEV: But then the rains came. The earth was revived. The crops began to grow

Panel 8

Harvesting. (09:17 > 09:20)

GORBACHEV V/O

We had a wonderful harvest.

GORBACHEV V/O

The most we had gathered since the war.

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Panel 1

Father (with medal), Gorbachev standing tall (09:34)

GORBACHEV V/O

My father and I both received medals for this.

Panel 2

Werner hands talking! Gorbachev (back of head). (09:39>09:44)

WERNER

You were smart as a kid. I read in your Memoirs that you could listen to the harvester

Panels 3, 4

Couple of shots of harvester working hard (09:47>09:55)

GORBACHEV

I could tell by the sound what was wrong with the harvester.

Panel 5

Wide of harvester working hard (09:57>10:00)

[QR Banner: 'From War Devastation To A Record Breaking Harvest.' Video Sequence \(07:42 > 10:14\)](#)

WERNER V/O

During their record harvest, they spent 20 hours a day for a full week on their machine.

WERNER V/O

They received the second-highest medal for Soviet farmers.

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Panel 1

School photo. Gorbachev highlighted (10:16)

CAPTION

GORBACHEV ALSO EXCELLED IN SCHOOL.

Panels 2,3,4,5

Gorbachev. (10:26>11:07)

GORBACHEV (1)

It's extraordinary – I joined the Communist Party in my final year of school.

GORBACHEV (2)

My grandfather was a veteran Communist, my father joined the Party during the war.

GORBACHEV (3)

I told them I wanted to join too

GORBACHEV (4)

I have been in politics ever since.

Panel 6

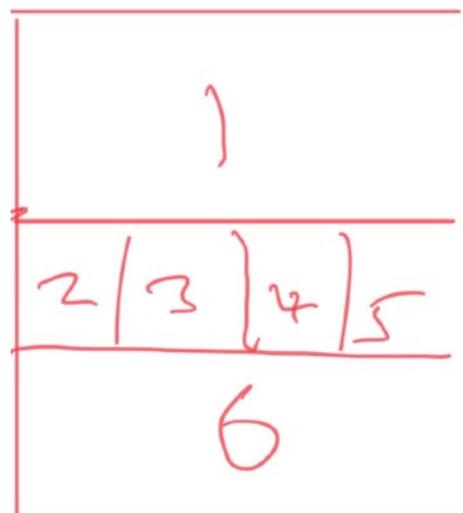
Moscow State University. (11:20>)

CAPTION

MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY

WERNER V/O

With exceptional school grades and the Order of the Red Banner of Labour, he needed no entry exam for this most prestigious university.



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Panel 1

Students walking. (11:26>)

WERNER V/O

He enrolled in law school without exactly knowing why.

Panel 2

Students with books. (11:37>

WERNER V/O

He was deeply provincial and had to study hard to catch up.

Panel 3

With two friends (11:57)

WERNER V/O

Soon he became a youth leader for the entire school

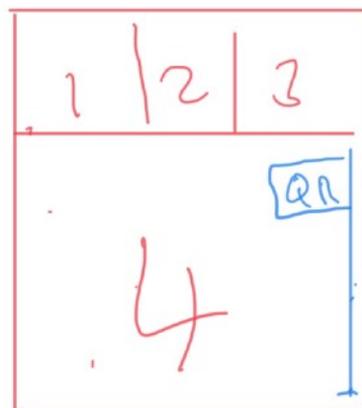
Panel 4

Sequence (as many frames as works) for 2/3 of page: Boogie-Woogie Blues (12:02 >12:35)

[QR Code on Stars & Stripes on flagpole: Boogie-Woogie Blues. Short Video Sequence \(11:52 > 12:35\)](#)

WERNER V/O

Apart from hard studies, there was also fun - socialist style. Here, a satire on the decadent boogie-woogie, the dance of the class enemy, America.



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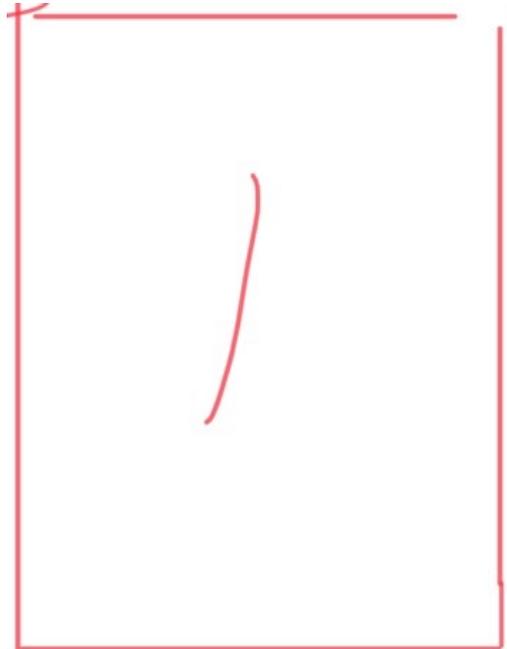
Raisa. (12:35)

CAPTION

RAISA MAXIMOVNA TITARENKO

WERNER V/O

During one of these events Gorbachev met the love of his life,



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Panel 1

Stavropol Government Building (13:20)

CAPTION

STAVROPOL GOVERNMENT BUILDING

CAPTION

GRADUATED WITH HIGHEST HONOURS.

WERNER V/O

Young lawyers had to start out in the provinces. He went to his homeland and chose a political career instead of law.

Panel 2

Sequence of frames taken from Lenin Statue, Stavropol (13:22 >13:44)

CAPTION

LENIN STATUE, STAVROPOL

WERNER V/O

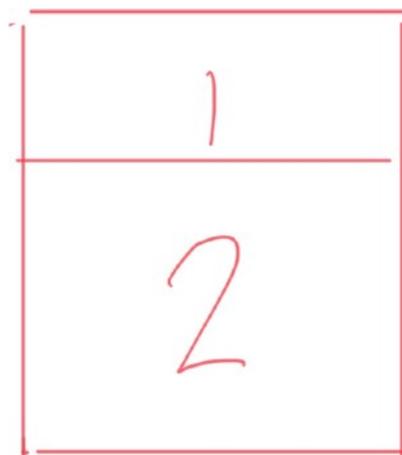
He quickly rose in the ranks of the young Communist League Komsomol.

WERNER V/O

He wanted to know under which conditions the poor peasants lived and worked. He visited every outpost.

WERNER V/O

When there was no transportation at all, he would travel on foot, for days



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Panels 1, 2, 3

Shepherd. (13:46 >)

WERNER V/O

This was unheard of. A Communist apparatchik never ever came on foot. The peasants adored him.

Panel 4, 5, 6

Sheep-shearing (13:57 > 14:03)

WERNER V/O

Gorbachev introduced modern mechanised methods in sheep-shearing, which soon were adopted throughout the entire Soviet Union.

Panels 7, 8, 9, 10

Passing The Banner (14:10 > 14:19)

WERNER V/O

He would have the honour to hand over the flag to the most outstanding brigade.

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Panels 1

Opening of Great Stavropol Canal (14:26 > 14:29)

CAPTION

OPENING THE GREAT STAVROPOL CANAL

WERNER V/O

Having attained the rank of party boss of the Region of Stavropol, Gorbachev had a colossal achievement by opening the Great Stavropol Canal.

Panels 2, 3

Water flowing 14:30 . 14:42)

Panels 4, 5,

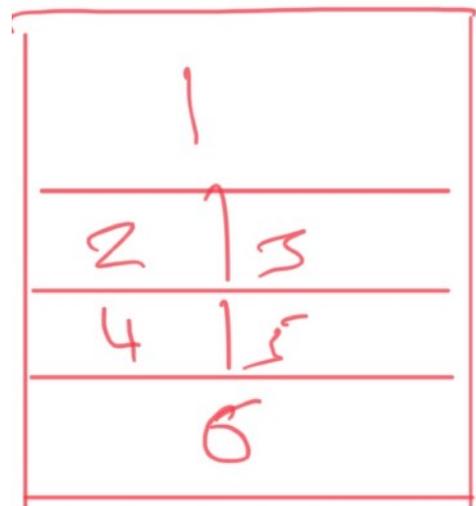
Canal filling 14:52 >14:55)

Panel 6

Crowd watching from bridge (15:00

WERNER V/O

The Politburo in Moscow took notice of him.



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Panel 1

Brezhnev presenting medal to Gorbachev (15:13>)

CAPTION

BREZHNEV ALREADY SENILE PRESENTED THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION MEDAL TO GORBACHEV.

Panel 2

BREZHNEV AIDE (15:35 >15:41))

Gorbachev

Panel 3

BREZHNEV

What was it we started over there?

GORBACHEV (15:48)

Canal

Panel 4

Brezhnev and Gorbachev shaking hands (15.53)

Panel 5

A grand caption with [QR TABLE FLAG \(on conference table bottom left\) for October Revolution Medal Presentation. \(15:06 > 16:02\)](#)

CAPTION

GORBACHEV TO BE APPOINTED A SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

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Chapter 4 Video (16:08 > 25:36)

Or just Chapter 4



Panel 1

Snow and queues (16:08>)

WERNER V/O

The Soviet Union was in full decline

Panel 2

Empty Stores (16:13)

WERNER V/O

The stores were empty

Panel 3, 4, 5

Angry storekeeper (16:17) (16:27) (16:32)

WERNER V/O

There were errors in centralised planning

Panel 6

Gorbachev leaving aircraft. (16.40)

WERNER V/O

How did other countries cope?

WERNER V/O

Gorbachev visited Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain.

Panel 7

Gorbachev in London. (16.34)

WERNER V/O

Gorbachev was polite, curious, questioning

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Panel 1

Photo - Gorbachev and Miklós Németh, (16.47)

CAPTION

GORBACHEV MEETS MIKLÓS NÉMETH - FUTURE PRIME MINISTER OF HUNGARY

Panels 2

Miklós Németh walking towards camera. (16:50)

MIKLÓS NÉMETH

I met Gorbachev because he was called up to Moscow to be the Party Secretary responsible for agriculture.

Panels 3

Miklós Németh to camera (16:60)

MIKLÓS NÉMETH

Agriculture in Hungary was quite strong, even effective. Our shelves in the shops were full.

Panel 4

Crates of vegetables be harvested (17:20 >)

CAPTION

FOOD ENOUGH FOR 17 TO 18 MILLION PEOPLE

Panels 5, 6

Official convoy of cars in village. Villagers waving (17:42 > 17.48)

MIKLÓS NÉMETH

So I escorted him twice to the countryside.

Panels 7, 8

Gorbachev meeting VIPs in village (17:49 > 17:55)

MIKLÓS NÉMETH V/O

I immediately realised that this man is a new brush.

MIKLÓS NÉMETH V/O

Open minded, straightforward, asking very good questions. And not focusing on the gifts ...

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Panel 1

Brezhnev with rifle (18:28)

CAPTION

PREVIOUS SOVIET DIGNITARIES BESTOWED WITH SETS OF SUITS

Panel 2

Mikló Németh to camera - hand gesture indicating suit (18:24)

MIKLÓS NÉMETH

My wife's father was part of this tailors' group, for Brezhnev.

Panel 3

Gorbachev inspecting produce (19:08)

MIKLÓS NÉMETH

Gorbachev did not ask for anything. He wanted to understand why Hungary was able to produce such a great amount of agricultural products.

Panel 4

Gorbachev applauded in Parliament (19:17 > 19:25)

MIKLÓS NÉMETH

I thought immediately – if this is a first step in the process of eliminating the old guard in Moscow there might be a chance for us to introduce our reforms

Panel 5

Mikló Németh to camera - (19:30 >)

[QR Flag - hanging in trees top left. Meeting Miklós Németh \(16:43 > 19:51\)](#)

MIKLÓS NÉMETH

The General Secretary of the Hungarian Communist Party publicly denounced him - this man will be digging up the grave for our system.

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Panel. 1st of 2 facing-pages

Freestyle sequence. May Day Parade 1982 - inserts of Gorbachev and Brezhnev (19:52 > 20:29)
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CAPTION

MAY DAY PARADE 1982

CAPTION

GORBACHEV - FULL MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO

WERNER V/O

Gorbachev took his place on the balcony among very old men.

WERNER V/O

Brezhnev had been Secretary General for 17 years. He was barely able to lift his hand.



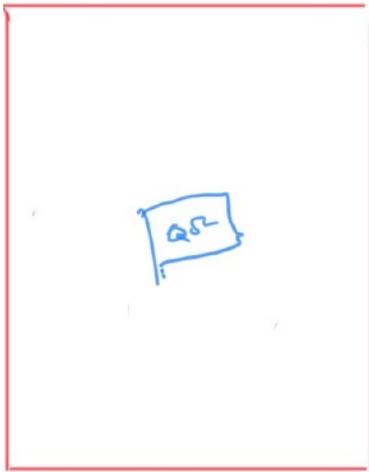
Panel. 2nd of 2 facing-pages sequence

Freestyle sequence. May Day Parade 1982 - inserts of Gorbachev and Brezhnev (19:52 > 20:29)

QR Flag - imbedded in 1 or more of those being paraded. May Day Parade (19:52 > 20:29)

WERNER V/O

Within a few months, he would be the first one to die.



Panel 1

Brezhnev Funeral.. (20:34 > 21:03)

CAPTION

BREZHNEV'S BODY DISPLAYED FOR FAMILY, STATE GUESTS, THE PUBLIC.

Panel 2

Andropov Red Square Speech (21:05 21:35)

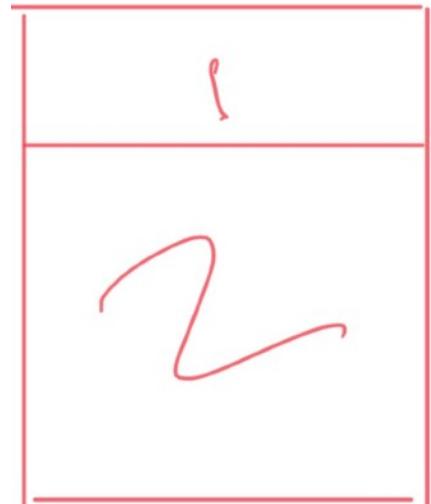
CAPTION

YURI VLADIMIROVICH ANDROPOV

FOURTH GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION

WERNER (V/O)

With foresight Andropov advised Gorbachev to move beyond agriculture - become knowledgeable in other fields, like economy and foreign policy.



Panel 1

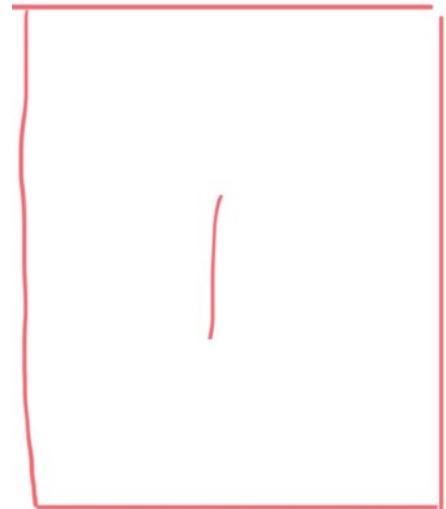
Andropov's Funeral (21:36 > 22:26)

CAPTION

YURI VLADIMIROVICH ANDROPOV DIED ONE YEAR AND THREE MONTHS LATER

WERNER (V/O)

Like all Soviet leaders, he was buried at the Kremlin wall.



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Panel 1

Chernenko receiving condolences. (22:29)

CAPTION

KONSTANTIN USTINOVICH CHERNENKO

FIFTH GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION

WERNER V/O

Who would be the next leader?

WERNER V/O The world would know by who was first in line to receive the condolences; it was Chernenko.

Panel 2, 3

Chernenko in hospital ward dressed as fake polling station. (22:55 > 23:13)

CAPTION

ALREADY TERMINALLY ILL

WERNER V/O

His hospital room was rigged as a polling station where he would cast his ballot.

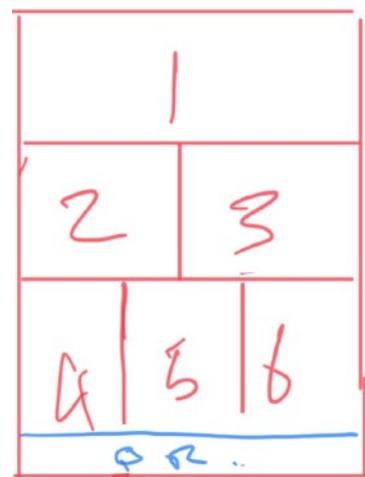
Panel 4, 5, 6

Fake working sessions.(23:19) (23:20) (23:28>)

CAPTION

FAKE WORKING SESSIONS STAGED TO MAKE BELIEVE HE WAS RUNNING THE COUNTRY

[QR banner - flying across panels 4, 5, 6 Fake Sessions \(22:43 > 23:28\)](#)



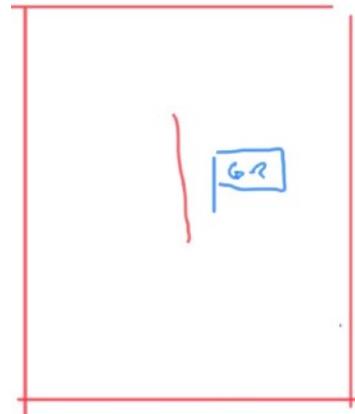
Panel 1

Chernenko's Funeral (23:31 > 24:44)

QR Flag - imbedded in parade. Three Funerals (20:34 > 24:44 minus Fake Sessions = RT 03:11)

CAPTION

CHERNENKO LASTED JUST 13 MONTHS



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Panel 1

Gorbachev leads the condolences (24:49 >)

WERNER V/O

This time, Gorbachev led the condolences

WERNER V/O

The youngest leader in Soviet history, received the world's heads of state.

Panel 2

President Bush (24:57)

CAPTION

PRESIDENT BUSH

WERNER V/O

Bush Sr. would become one of the most important players in his future political life.

Panel 3

Margaret Thatcher (25:07)

CAPTION

MARGARET THATCHER

WERNER V/O

Margaret Thatcher, who had recognised long ago Gorbachev's extraordinary political talents.

Panel 4

Helmut Kohl (25:14)

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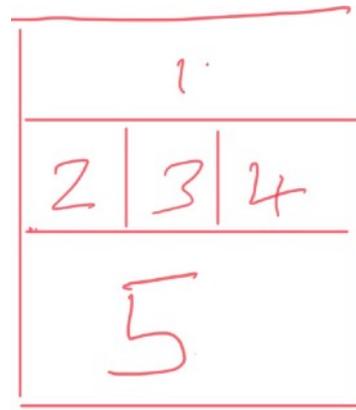
HELMUT KOHL

WERNER V/O

Helmut Kohl was there as well.

Panel 5

Red Square crowd: (25:34)



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Chapter 5 Video (25:36 > 35:42)

Or just Chapter 5

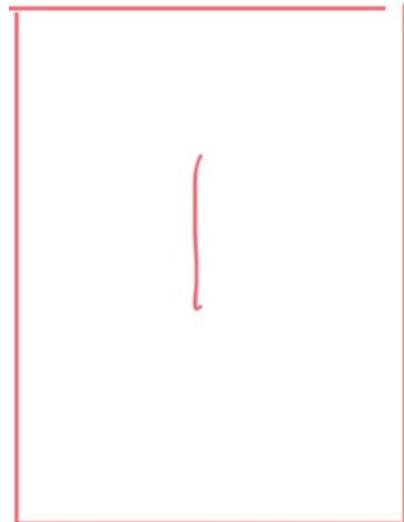


Panel 1

Gorbachev on podium (25:36 >)

CAPTION

SIZING UP THE CROWD AND THE TASK AHEAD, HE SEEMS TO HESITATE.



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Panel 1

Gorbachev to camera - Werner back of head. (26:27>)

GORBACHEV 1

Perestroika was top of my agenda. Right from the start.

GORBACHEV 2

The desire for change, the need to reform, arose from within our society.

Panel 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Gorbachev listening to workers (26:43>27:38)

WERNER V/O (to fit gestures)

Finances were in disarray

A shortage of foodstuff and building materials .

There was bribery and the black market.

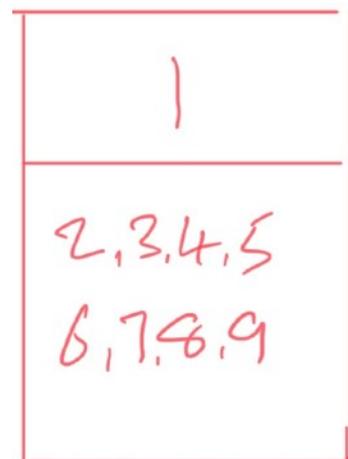
Mountains of uninstalled equipment

Machines were carelessly assembled and shipped, with parts missing.

Railway trucks loaded with goods were abandoned at line ends, subject to spoilage and pilferage.

Nothing worked anymore.

Finances were in disarray



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Panel 1

Werner to camera (27:46>)

WERNER

What you had to do was completely innovative.

Panel 2

Gorbachev listening (27:57 >)

WERNER V/O

Nobody knew where it was going to lead you.

Panel 3

Werner to camera/Gorbachev listening (28:05>)

WERNER

It was like blind people handing a mirror over to the deaf in exchange for a balalaika.

WERNER

So it was very unknown terrain for everybody. You including.

Panels 4, 5, 6

Gorbachev to camera - different facial expressions + rear view of Werner (28:29 > 28:55)

GORBACHEV

Everything we were doing was aimed at transforming our society.

More democracy - that was our first and foremost goal.

I also wanted more socialism!

Panels 7, 8, 9

Gorbachev to camera

GORBACHEV The aim to amass more and more

GORBACHEV To pursue larger revenues and higher profits

GORBACHEV It's just not right

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Panel 1

Gorbachev listening (29:11)

WERNER V/O

Leaders around the world immediately realised that this was new in style, and more so in substance.

Panel 2

Maggy Thatcher (29:19 >)

CAPTION

MARGARET THATCHER

PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM -1975 to 1990

THATCHER

I like Mr. Gorbachev. We can do business together. We both believe in our own political systems. We are never going to change one another so that is not in doubt

Panel 3 & 4

Thatcher and Gorbachev in Downing Street (29:31 & 29:36)

THATCHER V/O I think we both believe that they are the more likely to succeed ...

THATCHER V/O if we can build up confidence in one another and trust in one another about each other's approach.

Panel 5

George Shultz (29:42)

CAPTION

GEORGE SHULTZ

US SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER RONALD REAGAN

GEORGE SHULTZ

When we took office the Cold War was as cold as it could get.

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Panels 1, 2

Soldiers marching in freezing Red Square (29:49 & 29:56)

[QR Flagpoles. Right side. Soldiers Marching in freezing Red Square - looped](#)

GEORGE SHULTZ

The Soviets had invaded Afghanistan. President Carter cut off everything: no athletes to the Olympics, no meetings, no nothing.

Panel 3

George Shultz - finger pointing at head (30:13)

GEORGE SHULTZ

Gorbachev became Secretary General. He was fresh as a daisy. Obviously very well informed and very smart.

Panel 4

Shultz and Vice President Bush at Chernenko's funeral (30:07 >)

GEORGE SHULTZ

And so I said to our group afterwards, 'this is like no other Soviet leader we've dealt with. He's very, very able, he's tough, but at least you can converse with him.'

Panel 5

Gorbachev and Reagan shaking hands (30:28 >)

GEORGE SHULTZ (V/O)

Well, there was a big debate in the Reagan administration

Panel 6

George Shultz (30:31)

GEORGE SHULTZ

The people at the Defence Department and the CIA thought the Soviet Union could never change.

GEORGE SHULTZ

Me and The President thought they could.

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Panel 1, 2, 3

Lech Walesa climbs gates of Gdansk Shipyard in Poland (30:47 > 31:59)

CAPTIONS 1&2

PRESIDENT LECH WALESZA

POLAND WELCOMED THE CHANGE WITH MORE SINISTER REASONING.

Panel 4

Lech Walesa (31:03 >)

LECH WALESZA

The Politburo summoned a Party leader from some remote part of the USSR who really believed that he could reform communism.

Panel 5

Gorbachev in front of red flag: (31:16)

CAPTION

"REFORM NOW! YOU FINALLY HAVE THE CHANCE!"

GORBACHEV

PERESTROIKA! (RESTRUCTURE) GLASNOST! (TRANSPARANCY)

Panel 6

Lech Walesa (31:26)

LECH WALESZA

Of course we knew communism couldn't be reformed. We applauded and encouraged. Waiting for when the whole system would collapse.

Panel 7

Lech Walesa being carried past cheering crowds (31:53)

LECH WALESZA

You have to remember that communism was imposed on Poland after World War Two.

LECH WALESZA

We have never come to terms with that.

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Panel 1

Gorbachev with applauding crowd. (32:33)

[QR Flag. Flying from lamppost - top left. Video of the Applauding Crowd \(31:57 > 33:37\)](#)

CAPTION

GLASNOST AND PERESTROIKA WOULD EVENTUALLY CAUSE AN AVALANCHE THAT WOULD SWEEP AWAY THE ENTIRE SYSTEM.

Panel 2, 3, 4, 5 - following crowd body language.

Gorbachev answering crowd. (31:57 > 32:32)

CAPTIONS

WE NEED TO IMPROVE OUR ECONOMY

THE WELLBEING OF OUR NATION

BETTER GOODS AND HOUSING.

AND FOR THAT WE NEED ALL THESE CHANGES.

Panel 6

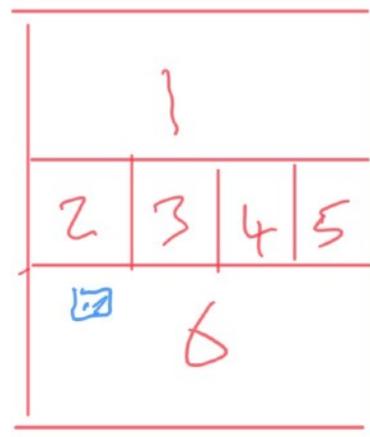
Repeat Gorbachev with applauding crowd. (32:34)

VOICE OFF

You need to get closer to the people!

MSG (ARCHIVE)

How much closer can I get?



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Panel 1

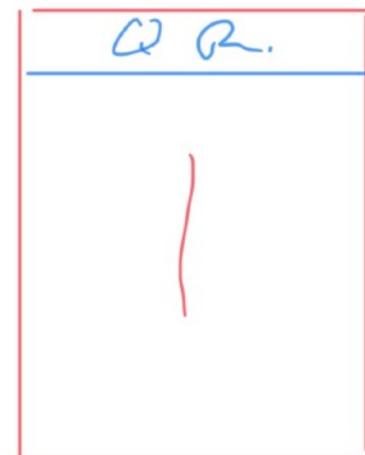
Chernobyl - Full page (32:40 >)

[QR Banner. Video of the Chernobyl Sequence \(32:35 > 33:37\)](#)

CAPTIONS

CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

26TH APRIL 1986



Panel

Freestyle sequence. Chernobyl (32:35 > 33:37)

WERNER V/O

On 26 April 1986, Nuclear Reactor No 4 exploded at Chernobyl.

WERNER V/O

The consequences were enormous, not only for the local population, but also for Europe.

WERNER V/O

In Gorbachev's political life, this was a key moment, a marker.

WERNER V/O

Now, there had to be fundamental changes, no matter what.



freestyle

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Panel 1, 2, 3

Werner asking questions - gesticulating. (33:48 >34:16)

WERNER Bubble 1

Can I ask about Chernobyl. The world before Chernobyl, the world after Chernobyl.

WERNER Bubble 2

There was rampant incompetence in the system. Self-destructive secrecy at the very top of the political establishment.

WERNER Bubble 3

The borderline where you understood this is a time when we have to change our political culture.

Panel 4

Gorbachev facing camera - fills bottom left quarter of screen. (34:18 > 34:40)

GORBACHEV

There is no doubt that Chernobyl was a big lesson.

GORBACHEV

One that we cannot forget. It is still relevant.

GORBACHEV

It is far from being out of date.

Panel 5

Werner listening (34:45)

GORBACHEV V/O

Just look at the world today.

Panel 6, 7, 8

Gorbachev facing camera (34:57 >)

GORBACHEV To understand what had happened did take us some time

GORBACHEV Immediately we told the whole world

GORBACHEV

Accusations to the contrary came from Western politicians at the time.

Panel 9

Gorbachev facing camera (35:24 >)

GORBACHEV

And today they are no better.

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Chapter 6 Video (35:42: > 44:00)

Or just Chapter 6



Panel 1

Gorbachev addressing tv (35:42>)

GORBACHEV

As you all know, a misfortune has recently befallen us...

WERNER V/O

Gorbachev then offered to meet Reagan anywhere. Even Hiroshima to agree to ban nuclear testing despite that leaders like Margaret Thatcher were strongly opposed.

Panels 2

Gorbachev (36:02 >)

GORBACHEV

I first met Mrs Thatcher before I became President.

Panels 3

Gorbachev (36:14 >)

GORBACHEV

She was an ardent supporter of nuclear weapons.

Panel 4

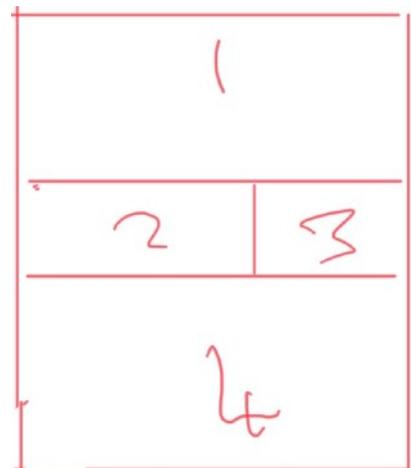
Thatcher walking beside Gorbachev (36:20)

GORBACHEV V/O

She kept insisting that we couldn't possibly live without nuclear weapons.

THATCHER V/O

I told him that nuclear weapons had been the best deterrent to war the world had ever known.



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Panel 1

Thatcher close-up (36:30).

THATCHER

And that if you took them right down, then you're at risk of a conventional and chemical war.

THATCHER

The moment that war started it would be more terrible, and it would be won by the first person to get nuclear weapons.

Panel 2

Gorbachev (36:47 >37:09)

GORBACHEV

Listen, you amaze me! You're a modern woman!

GORBACHEV

You're in charge of a nation with such fine heritage and culture.

GORBACHEV

How can you feel comfortable sitting on a barrel full of nuclear weapons? So we had our heated debates

Panel 3

Gorbachev Thatcher press conference. (37:17)

GORBACHEV

You need this no less than we do. This is the central line in today's world politics. Those who don't get it, don't get anything that's going on in today's world.

Panel 4

Werner listening - out of sequence! (34:55 >)

GORBACHEV

I still believe we need to keep moving forward. Rid the world of nuclear weapons. Just as Reagan and I proposed.

Panel 5

Gorbachev (37:46 >)

GORBACHEV

Yet today we see the drive to acquire them again.

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Panel 1, 2, 3

Cars arriving in Reykjavik. (37:50 >) (37:56 >) (38:01 >)

CAPTION

REYKJAVIK. 11 & 12 OCTOBER 1986

Panel 4, 5, 6

Inside Höfði House. Reagan and Gorbachev. Reagan . Reagan and Gorbachev.. (38:12 >)

CAPTIONS / WERNER V/O

TO EVERYONE'S SURPRISE ..

GORBACHEV AND REAGAN PERSONALLY CONNECTED VERY WELL

FULL ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WAS DISCUSSED

Panel 7

Reagan and Gorbachev outside Höfði House (38:41)

CAPTION

THIS HANDSHAKE WAS SEEN THROUGHOUT WORLD AS MOMENTOUS.

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Panel 1

Tourists at Höfði House (38:49)

WERNER V/O

Höfði House now, more than three decades later. We met tourists from around the world; here, a group from Norway.

Panel 2

Tourists at Höfði House (38:59)

WERNER V/O

Father and son re-enact the iconic pose.

Panel 3

Tourists at Höfði House (39:07)

WERNER V/O

They even check the precise position of the hands, studying a photo stored on their cellphone.

Panel 4

Tourists at Höfði House (39:15)

WERNER V/O

What was planted here had led to historical treaties for nuclear arms reduction

Panel 5

Gorbachev and Reagan walking down Höfði House steps (39:20 >)

CAPTIONS

AT THE TIME HOWEVER

AMERICA AND THE SOVIET UNION

DREW DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS.

Panel 6

George Shultz press conference (39:36)

WERNER V/O

George Shultz, the Secretary of State, was deeply skeptical

GEORGE SHULTZ

So, in the end, we are deeply disappointed at this outcome.

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Panels 1, 2, 3

Gorbachev - check for gestures (40:01 > 40:47)

GORBACHEV: I was due to meet with 700 to a thousand reporters that same night.

GORBACHEV: *This is not a failure, this is a breakthrough. We have looked beyond the horizon. We need to continue moving forward, to look for a solution.*

GORBACHEV: Reagan was told that Gorbachev said Reykjavik was a breakthrough, not a failure.

Panels 4, 5, 6

George Shultz (41:04 >

SHULTZ: What led to the INF Treaty and the START Treaty were all worked out at Reykjavik.

SHULTZ: Beyond that Reagan and Gorbachev sort of clicked. They went back and forth ...

SHULTZ:: But they came to know each other, respect each other.

Panel 7, 8, 9

Werner gesticulations/Gorbachev listening/back to Werner (41:35> 41:54)

WERNER: I'm puzzled about what makes atomic weapons so persistent.

WERNER : They're so dangerous they can wipe out the human race

WERNER: Everybody wants to get rid of them but we can't. How do we explain this?

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Panel 1, 2, 3

Gorbachev (42:00 >)

GORBACHEV: Haven't we managed to get rid of intermediate-range nuclear missiles?

GORBACHEV: Haven't we got rid of short-range weapons as well?

GORBACHEV

We did make a lot of progress! This means that it can be done.

Panel 4, 5, 6

Gorbachev (42:33 > 43:25)

GORBACHEV: We were able to eliminate an entire class of nuclear weapons.

GORBACHIEV: The Cold War wouldn't have ended if both sides didn't want it to. We understood that and so we ended it.

GORBACHEV: We and the Americans knew better than anyone, what nuclear war would mean. The death of civilisation.

Panel 7

James Baker (43:42 >)

CAPTIONS

JAMES BAKER

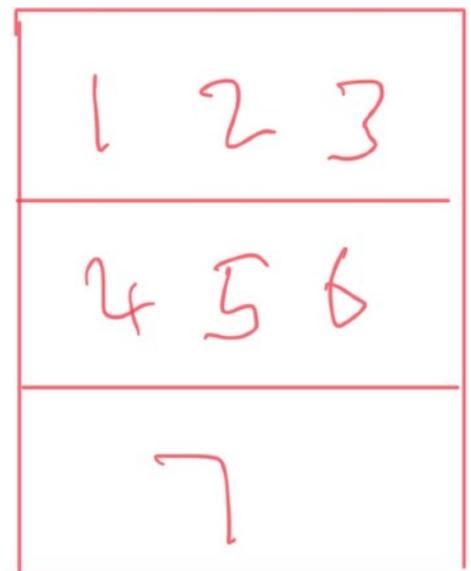
WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF UNDER RONALD REAGAN
SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER GEORGE H W BUSH

JAMES BAKER:

He's absolutely right. He looks with appalling horror that we're approaching a nuclear arms race.

JAMES BAKER:

We had every reason to believe we were over that. I think it's terrible.



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Chapter 7 Video (44:00 > 53:45)

Or just Chapter 7



Panel 1, 2, 3, 4

Horst Teltschik (44:00 >)

CAPTION

HORST TELTSCHIK

NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR TO HELMUT KOHL

TELTSCHIK: It's a shame. President Tump declared he will modernise America's nuclear arsenal.

TELTSCHIK: Moscow promptly responded: *If the Americans further develop their nuclear arsenal, so will we.*

TELTSCHIK: And on the same day, President Xi announced an 8% raise in China's defence spending.

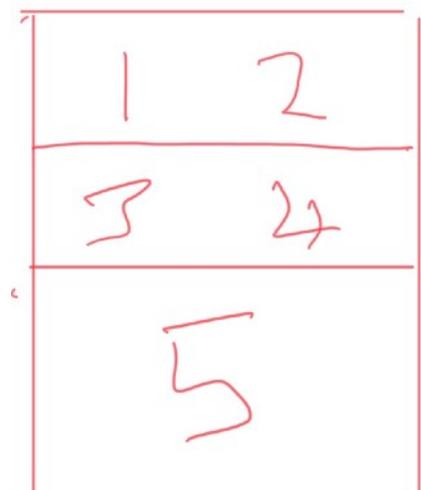
TELTSCHIK; Global politics today seems to go by the principle of an eye for an eye.

Panel 5,

George Shultz (44:43 > 45:00)

SHULTZ: It's not just the US and Russia. Nuclear weapons are proliferating

SHULTZ : Back in the Gorbachev days both sides knew these weapons are terribly dangerous things....



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Panel 1

Red Square - May Day Parade (45:01 >)

SHULTZ V/O

Reagan and Gorbachev reduced them 30%. A huge amount.

Panel 2

Rockets on Parade (45:05 >)

SHULTZ V/O

Whether or not people will do the necessary things, I don't know,

Panel 3

Rockets being launched (45:09 >)

SHULTZ V/O

But we have to get back to having reasonable discussions with Russia.

Panel 4 , 5

George Shultz (45:12 >)

SHULTZ : Probably that will take some sort of jolt for Mr Putin to realise that hostility's not good.

SHULTZ : That he'd be much better off with a more open relationship with the US

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Panel 1

Horst Teltschik listening with small upper-left insert of Werner (45:31 >45:41)

WERNER

Would you agree that the Russian government felt existentially threatened by the expansion of NATO?

Panel 2,

Horst Teltschik (45:42 > 45:51)

TELTSCHIK Bubble 1

I have always said to my Russian friends and I say to this day: The safest border they have is their border in Europe.

Panel 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Horst Teltschik (45:52 > 47:03)

TELTSCHIK : They had a border conflict with China until the late 60s - early 70s. To the south, they have the nuclear-armed states of Pakistan and India.

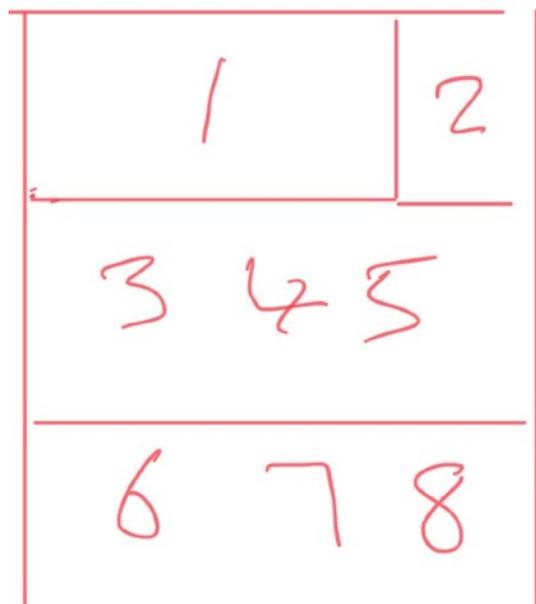
TELTSCHIK: Iran is also another potential nuclear power.

TELTSCHIK: This suggests that Western Europe is the least of their national security concerns.

TELTSCHIK: Of course, we should always be aware of Russia's historical concerns. Over 20 million Russian lives were lost during the Second World War.

TELTSCHIK: So there are two sides to the expansion of NATO.

TELTSCHIK: I would not brush away their security needs but treat them very seriously.



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Panel 1

Werner asking Gorbachev listening (47:19)

WERNER

Of course Cold War is an abnormal form of international relations, and it is fraught with military risks. But at the moment the mood...

Panel 2

Werner asking Gorbachev interrupting (47:21)

Panel 3

Werner continues asking (47:23)

WERNER

... the international mood is coming back to Cold War.

Panel 4

Gorbachev answering (47:26>)

GORBACHEV.

Indeed, I just wanted to say that Cold War cannot be a form of international relations.

GORBACHEV.

People who don't understand the importance of cooperation and disarmament should quit. There should be no place for such people in politics. Panel

Panel 5

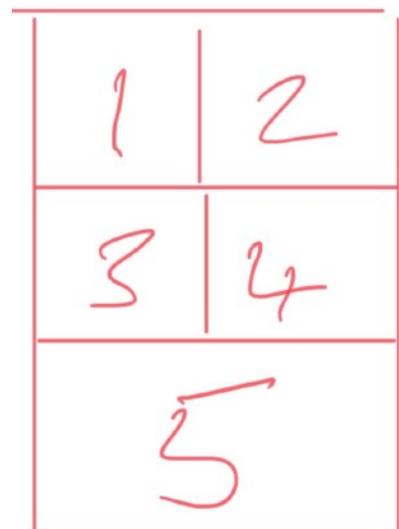
Gorbachev close shot (47:57)

GORBACHEV.

But they're very much there.

GORBACHEV.

They are in the defense industry and in politics.



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Panel 1

Gorbachev waving to camera (48:14)

WERNER V/O : His quest for democracy

Panel 2

Gorbachev and Raisa (48:24)

WERNER V/O And a new balance in the world

Panel 3

Gorbachev in crowd (48:24)

WERNER V/O Made him phenomenally popular in the West.

Panel 4

Photo of Gorbachev in Disney (48:33 >)

WERNER W/O

America made him their mascot - the good Soviet!

Panel 5

Soviet tanks withdrawing from Afghanistan (48:40 >)

WERNER V/O

Gorbachev's popularity rose even higher when he withdrew all Soviet troops from Afghanistan after ten years of military occupation.

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Panel 1

Blazing oil wells in Gulf War. Small upper-left insert of Werner (48:51>)

QR Banner. Gorbachev's Quest For Democracy (45:08 > 50:45) [Shults '...necessary things.'> Gorbachev [...had world not wanted it.]

CAPTION

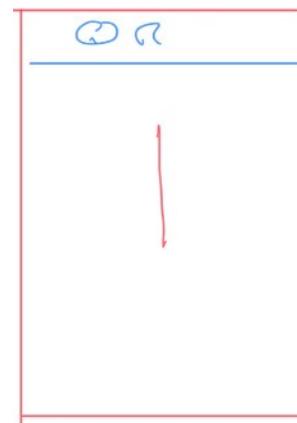
GORBACHEV SUPPORTED THE AMERICAN LED COALITION DURING THE GULF WAR. THIS DELIGHTED AMERICA

WERNER HERZOG

CAPTION

THAT THE SOVIET UNION COOPERATED WITH THE US DURING SADDAM HUSSEIN'S UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION AGAINST KUWAIT WAS THE CLEAREST INDICATION THAT THE COLD WAR WAS OVER.

JAMES BAKER



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Panel 1

Werner and Gorbachev (49:27 >)

GORBACHEV

We witnessed an extraordinary transformation in the relationship between Russia and America.

GORBACHEV

Our politicians, our military, and our young people were all talking to each other. A real sense of friendship between us.

Panel 2

Werner and Gorbachev (49:27 >)

GORBACHEV

Americans thought they'd won the Cold War and this went to their heads.

GORBACHEV

It was our joint victory; we all won!

Panel 3

Gorbachev close shot (47:57)

GORBACHEV

It would never have happened had the entire world not wanted it.

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Panel 1

Horst Teltschik (45:31 >)

TELTSCHIK

Gorbachev is revered in Germany because he allowed reunification to take place peacefully.

TELTSCHIK

He sent some 500,000 Soviet troops home from their bases in Central Europe.

Panel 2

Horst Teltschik (45:31 >)

WERNER V/O

And 5000 tanks.

Panel 3

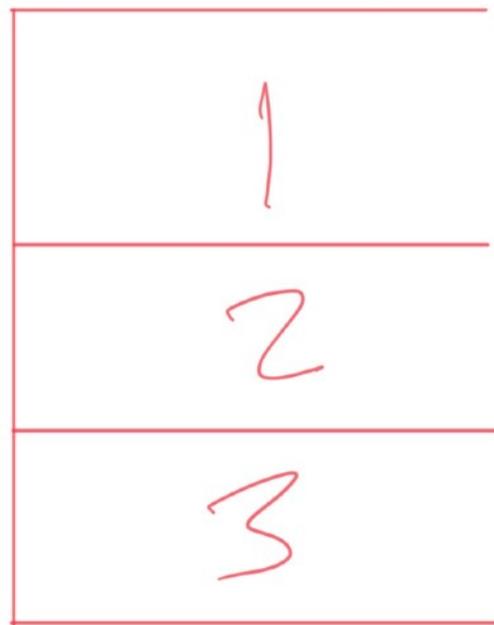
Horst Teltschik (45:31 >)

TELTSCHIK

Indeed, he was heavily involved in disarmament.

TELTSCHIK

He paved the way to the Paris Charter and a wholly new Europe.



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Panel 1

Horst Teltschik (45:31 >)

TELTSCHIK

It's a personal dream of mine to have peace and security from Vancouver to Vladivostok.

TELTSCHIK

There has never been anything like it in history.

Panel 2

Horst Teltschik (45:31 >)

WERNER V/O

And the dream today - is it dead?

Panel 3

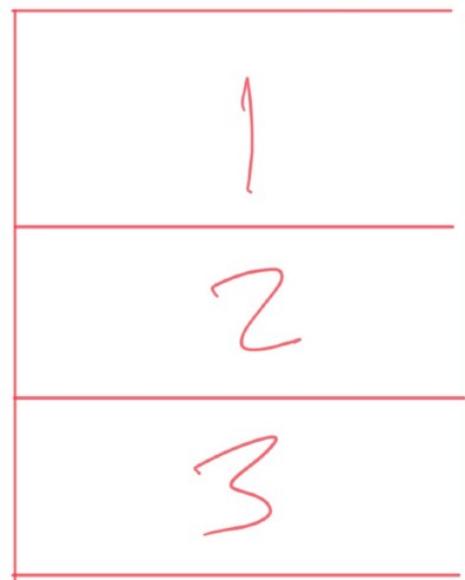
Horst Teltschik (45:31 >)

TELTSCHIK

I wouldn't go as far as to say that the dream is over.

TELTSCHIK

The question is, can we get our politicians to take this dream forward?



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Panel 1

Protests in Armenia & Lithuania (52:07 >)

WERNER V/O

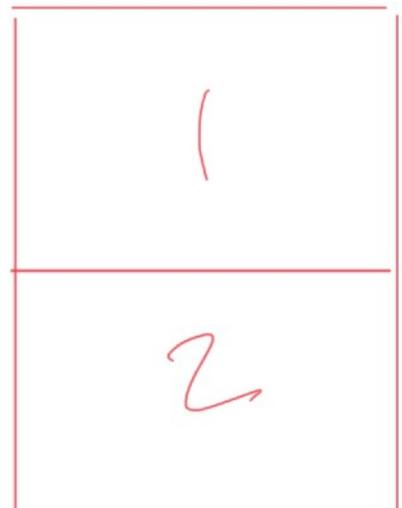
The global dream was big, but the forces Gorbachev had unleashed triggered independence movements in practically all corners of the Soviet Bloc.

Panel 2

Climbing tree - pursuer falling (52:26 >)

WERNER V/O

Gorbachev understood, unlike earlier Soviet leaders, that this could not be stopped by harsh laws or tanks rolling in



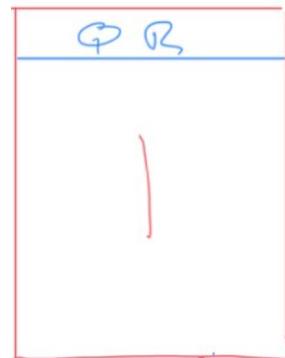
Panel 1 - 1st of 2 facing-pages

The Baltic Chain (52:34 > 53:12)

[QR Banner. The Baltic Chain ... \(52:08 > 53:38\)](#)

WERNER V/O

In the Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia, people formed a human chain stretching 600km.



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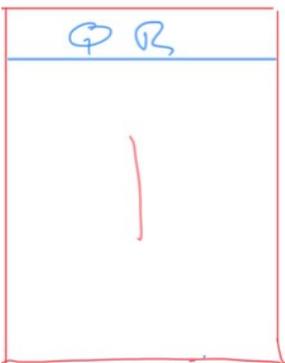
Panel 1 - 2nd of 2 facing-pages

The Baltic Chain (52:34 > 53:12)

[QR Banner. The Baltic Chain ... \(52:08 > 53:38\)](#)

WERNER V/O

All three countries connected in a symbolic quest for independence - almost half of the population took part.



Panel 1

Protests in East Germany (53:20 >)

WERNER V/O

In East Germany, people met in defiance against their regime that falsely acted in the name of the people, the masses.

WERNER V/O

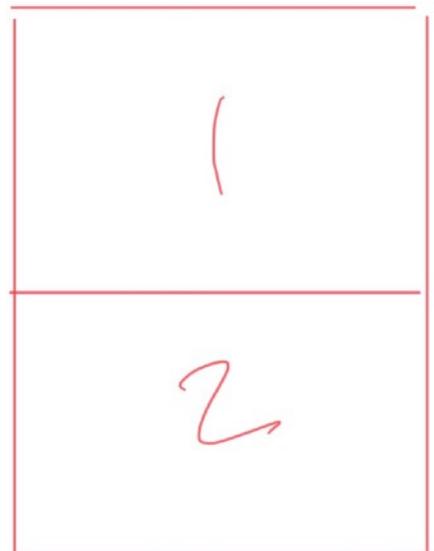
But each Monday, hundreds of thousands assembled, chanting "We are the people".

Panel 2

Crowds chanting: We are the people! (53:26>)

CAPTIONS

WE ARE THE PEOPLE! WE ARE THE PEOPLE! WE ARE THE PEOPLE!



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Chapter 8 Video (53:45 > 1:02:44)

Or just Chapter 8



Panel 1

Miklós Németh. (53:45)

CAPTION

MIKLÓS NÉMETH

NÉMETH: After 40 years of one-party system, after 40 years of failures, definitely the Hungarian people and society is going to vote us out of – of the power.

NÉMETH: What will you be doing with your troops on the soil of Hungary?’

Panel 2

Nuclear warhead B&W pic (54:17>)

NÉMETH V/O: I knew a couple of nuclear warheads. Targeted Italy and France,

Panel 3

Nuclear warhead - open sky (54:22>)

NÉMETH V/O: Including Venice.

Panel 4

Miklós Németh. (54:28)

NÉMETH: He grabbed the arms of his chair. While I am sitting in this chair there will be no repetition of '56.

Panels 5, 6, 7

Hungary invasion. (54:35) (54:40) (54:43)

CAPTION

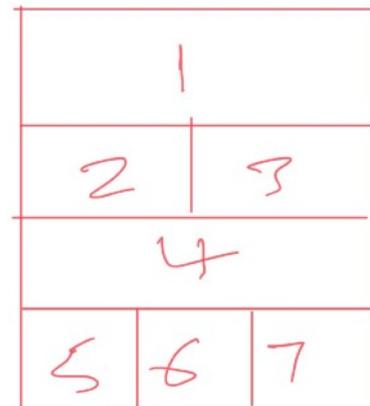
HUNGARY 1956

CAPTION

WITH BRUTAL FORCE SOVIET TANKS

CAPTIO

SUPPRESSED UPRISING OF HUNGARIAN PEOPLE



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Panels 1, 2

Bared wire boarder. (54:44) 54:: 53) > 54:55)

WERNER V/O

Three decades later Miklós Németh began dismantling the barbed wire

WERNER V/O Bubble 3

..on the Hungarian border with the West.

Panel 3

Miklós Németh. (54:58 >55:10)

NÉMETH Bubble 1

At end of March we started to roll down the barbed wire for three and a half kilometre long.

NÉMETH Bubble 2 (Facial question 55:04)

Why?

NÉMETH Bubble 3 (55:06)

Because I wanted to test the reaction of the Communist countries, but mainly the reaction of Moscow.

Panel 4

Fence loaded onto trucks (55:12 >55:10)

NÉMETH V/O

There was no knocking on my door by the Soviet ambassador asking me that what are you doing?

Panel 5

Fenced road into distance (55:16)

NÉMETH V/O

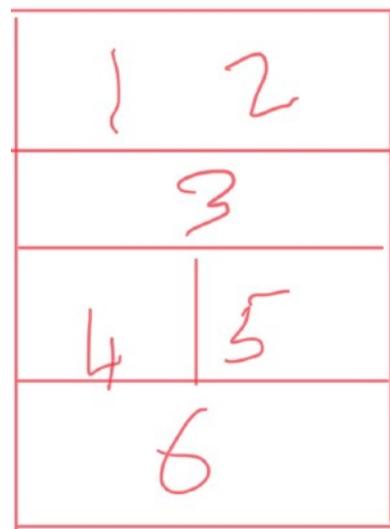
No ring on the hotline from Moscow.

Panel 6

Miklós Németh. (55:32)

NÉMETH

So we planned the next step.



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Panel 1

Two VIPs cars arriving at border (56:05 >)

NÉMETH V/O

Alois Mock, Foreign Minister of Austria, called up my Foreign Minister

NÉMETH V/O

Why don't we make a meeting on both sides of the border and inviting the international press?

Panel 2

VIPs walking the fence (56:16 >)

NÉMETH V/O

We had to rebuild the barbed wire making it possible for the press and the two foreign ministers to cut the barbed wire.

Panel 3 & 4

Cutting barbed wire being cut. (56:18) & (56:23)

CAPTION

IN FRONT OF THE ENTIRE WORLD

CAPTION

THE IRON CURTAIN STARTED TO BE LIFTED

Panel 5

Austrian TV news. (56:30)

WERNER V/O.

However Austrian evening news was clueless about the magnitude of the event.

WERNER V/O

The lead story was about slugs.

Panel 6

Barbed Wire souvenirs (57:21 >57:31)

WERNER V/O

Today the iron curtain remains only in the form of souvenirs

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Panel 1

Hammering away at the Berlin Wall (57:34 >)

WERNER V/O B

Next came the fall of the Berlin Wall...

Panel 2

Crowds standing on, hammering at wall (57:50)

WERNER V/O

This was the biggest of all symbols but in practical terms it meant that millions of East Germans were suddenly free.

Panel 3

People running across no man's land (58:06)

[QR Flag draped over wall - right side. The Berlin Wall. \(57:34 > 59:42\)](#)

WERNER V/O

Even more than with the human chain in the Baltics this was not negotiated by politicians.

WERNER V/O

It was an overwhelming manifestation of human longing for freedom and unity

Panel 4

Werner talking to Gorbachev (58:10 > 59:03)

WERNER

There seems to be a sense for when Glasnost and Perestroika had its right moment. A long evolution leading to the German Reunification.

WERNER Bubble 2

The Ancient Greek[s] actually had even a god for the right moment, Kairos. This God was a real god, not just an allegory.

Panel 5

Werner talking to Gorbachev (58:39 > 58:41)

WERNER

And, I have the feeling when Kohl arrived with his 10 points of Reunification, everybody was somehow surprised and everybody -

WERNER

You, Mr President and Helmut Kohl, understood the significance of the moment.

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Panel 1

Gorbachev (59:04 > tapping his head (59:04 >)

GORBACHEV

As for Helmut Kohl, we didn't get off to a good start.

GORBACHEV Bubble 2

And at some point he even compared me to Goebbels.

Panel 2

Werner talking to Gorbachev (59:22)

WERNER

I did not know that - let me apologise for this crazy remark!

Panel 3

Gorbachev and Helmut Kohl. (59:42)

GORBACHEV V/O

Then it was all forgotten

GORBACHEV

Our friendship was strong and we worked closely to improve relations between our countries. And this ultimately led to the reunification of Germany.

Panel 4

Gorbachev and Kohl by river (59:54 >)

WERNER V/O

Mikhail Gorbachev knew that I had walked on foot around my own country, Germany. It was my personal quest, because the idea of reunification had been abandoned by so many.

WERNER V/O

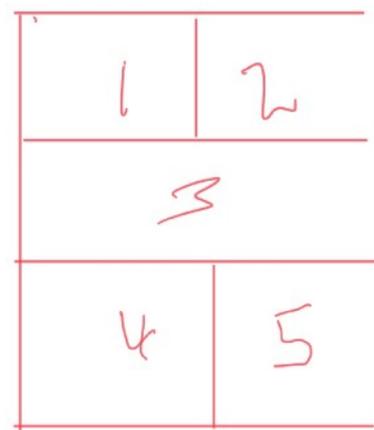
The former Chancellor Willy Brandt and most of his party. Gunter Grass, the Nobel laureate writer, Margaret Thatcher in Britain, Mitterrand in France and many others.

Panel 5

Gorbachev and Kohl at round table (59:54 >)

WERNER V/O

But here were two men who would make it happen.



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Panel 1

Horst Teltschik laughing (1:00:41 >

WERNER. V/O

And that was the famous 'Ten Point Programme', which sounds like the Ten Commandments?

Panel 2

Horst Teltschik (1:00:46)

TELTSCHIK

Yes, it's pure coincidence that we came up with ten points. Since it has become very popular.

WERNER. V/O

Could you perhaps speak about the opposition to reunification, both from within Germany and internationally?

Panel 3

Horst Teltschik (1:01:39)

TELTSCHIK

It was not popular for the majority of Germans. But the process was so fast the opposition was simply wiped out.

Panel 4

Crowd waving flags. 1:02:04 >)

WERNER V/O

I think the overwhelming majority of Germans is deeply grateful to the achievement, the extraordinary efforts and role that the President played in the German reunification.

WERNER V/O

This absolutely overwhelming approval and liking is for you personally. We love you.

WERNER

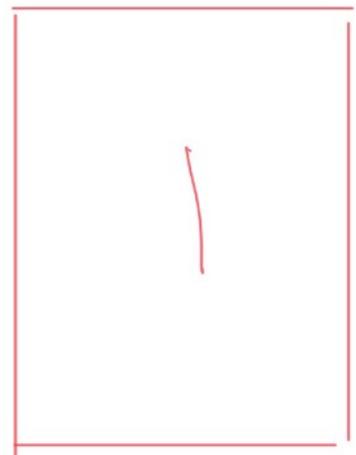
And I love you in particular because reunification was for me important.

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Panel 1

Gorbachev (1:02:15 > 1:02:42)

GORBACHEV I believe we have a common destiny with the Germans.
First they wrought hardship and destruction, but now I personally feel that they are our closest friends.



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Chapter 9 Video (1:02:44 > 1:14:34)

Or just Chapter 9



Panel 1

Werner with Gorbachev (1:02:44)

WERNER: You said something which I find significant: “who comes late in politics will be punished by life”. That’s a very deep insight.

Panel 2

Gorbachev with Werner(1:03:04)

WERNER V/O: So do you think that dissolving of the Soviet Union was inevitable

WERNER V/O: Or did this event somehow speed up in a way that nobody could stop it?

Panel 3

Gorbachev (1:03:21)

GORBACHEV: So many problems had built up over the years, we could have had an uncontrollable breakup. Rather than dissolving the Union, we should have given the republics more rights.

Panel 4

Gorbachev with Werner(1:03:50)

GORBACHEV

It was presented as if all the republics had agreed to it. But some people were in a rush.

Panel 5

Gorbachev (1:04:17)

GORBACHEV

They had plans of their own. They wanted to seize power.

Panel 6

Werner with Gorbachev (1:04:38)

WERNER

You are speaking of Boris Yeltsin. And of the coup d’etat plotters. Encroachment from both sides.

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Panel 1

Foros Dacha. (1:04:48)

CAPTION

AUGUST 1991. A COUP D'ÉTAT

GORBACHEV AND HIS FAMILY VACATIONING IN THE CRIMEA

Panel 2

Moscow (1:4:55 > 1:04:58)

CAPTIONS

TANKS ROLLED INTO THE STREETS OF MOSCOW

HARDLINE POLITICIANS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Panel 3

Vremya TV. (1:05:05)

CAPTION

VREMYA TV NEWS

Panel 4

Vremya TV. (1:05:08)

ANCHOR

The Vice-President of the USSR has issued the following decree:

ANCHOR

In accordance with the Constitution of the USSR, Article 127.7...

Panel 5

Press Conference (1:05:23)

CAPTION

YANAYEV (VICE-PRESIDENT)

YANAYEV Bubble 1

Due to ill health Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev is unable to continue as President of the USSR.

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Panel 1

Foros Dacha (1:05:47 >)

WERNER V/O

Gorbachev was almost completely cut off communicationsH He observed naval vessels zeroing in on him.

Panel 2

Gorbachev home video(1:05:49)

WERNER V/O: He secretly recorded a video he intended to smuggle out.

GORBACHEV: I declare that everything that has been said about my state of health is a lie.

GORBACHEV: And on the basis of this lie, an anti-constitutional coup has taken place.

[GORBACHEV: QR Bubble - Gorbachev's Secret Recording \(1:05:40 > 1:06:10\)](#)

Panel 3

Moscow Streets. (1:06:12 >)

WERNER V/O

The putsch was rejected by the people. They stood up to the tanks, forcing their commanders to retreat.

Panel 4

Moscow (1:06:24 >)

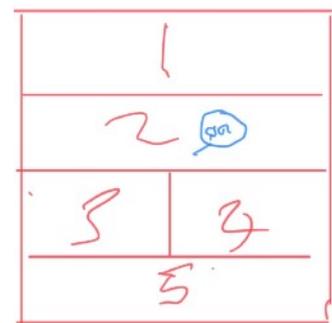
WERNER V/O: It was the people who seized the tanks.

Panel 5

Yeltsin climbing onto tank (1:06:43>)

WERNER V/O: Boris Yeltsin, at that time the President of Russia, sensed his chance.

WERNER V/O: He did not want to miss this moment in history and climbed a tank himself.

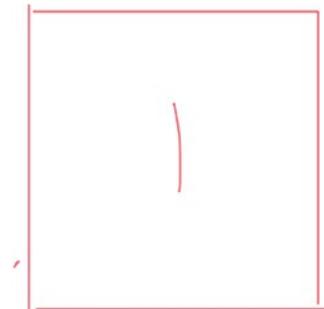


Panel 1

Yeltsin speaking in front of Parliament Building (1:06:48)

WERNER V/O

Boris Yeltsin is regarded as the saviour of democracy.



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Panel 1

Gorbachev descending from plane post-coup (1:06:50 >1:07:17)

WERNER V/O

Gorbachev returned to Moscow. Returned to what? The Soviet Union had begun to unravel.

WERNER V/O

The Baltic States and Georgia had already declared independence. The centre itself became centrifugal.

WERNER V/O

Yeltsin wanted even Russia, the heart of the USSR, to secede.

GORBACHEV V/O

And now I get asked why didn't he stop them? But it was like hitting my head against a brick wall!

Panel 2

Gorbachev and Werner (1:07:45)

GORBACHEV

It's because people like politicians like Yeltsin. The reckless types.

GORBACHEV

I probably should have acted differently towards him. I should have sent him off somewhere. I feel sorry for my own people.

Panel 3

Russian Parliament (1:08:32 >)

WERNER V/O

Yeltsin wanted to abolish the Communist Party.

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Panel 1

Russian Parliament (1:08:42 >)

WERNER V/O

The issue was put to the vote at the Russian Parliament.

GORBACHEV

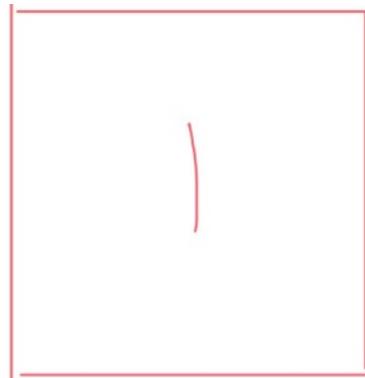
Some people were saying:

BUBBLES x 3 OFF

Listen, don't even think.

Vote for this and we'll be rid of Gorbachev.

That way all our problems will be solved!



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Panel 1

'Take' from Werner (27:46 > 27:56)

WERNER

But this is not the real solution...

Panel 2

Gorbachev and Werner (1:09:16 >)

GORBACHEV

It's like lighting a bonfire to have a smoke instead of using a match. They started a fire and everything burned down.

GORBACHEV

So it was with Gorbachev. It was a power struggle. And power struggles are always dangerous.

Panel 3

Kebich (Archive) 1:09:52 >

KEBICH

We've pretty much nailed the agreement, all political and economic terms. We have abolished all the state structures of the USSR.

Panel 4

BELAVEZHA ACCORDS - table being put in place (1:10:22)

WERNER V/O

History accelerated. On December 8th 1991 There was a secret meeting in Belarus without Gorbachev.

WERNER V/O

Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus agreed upon a blueprint to dissolve the Soviet Union. The table for Yeltsin was set.

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Panel 1

Belavezha Accords: Interview Typist. (1:10:5 >)

INTERVIEWER

Do you have any idea what you're typing?

TYPIST

Yes, I understand.

INTERVIEWER

Are you nervous?

TYPIST

Yes, I am nervous!

INTERVIEWER

These documents will go down in history.

TYPIST

I'll keep on typing.

Panel 2, 3, 4

Alma-Ata (1:11:07 >) (1:11:08>). (1:11:18)

CAPTION

ALMA-ATA Signing Ceremony

WERNER V/O

Less than 2 weeks later, in Alma-Ata in Kazakhstan, all of the remaining members of the old Soviet Union followed suit.

WERNER V/O

It was the 21st of December 1991.

WERNER V/O

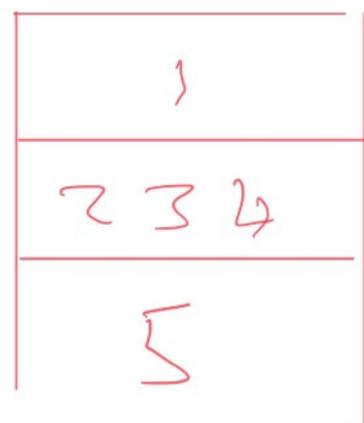
The dynamics of collapse had become irreversible.

Panel 5

Gorbachev resignation (1:11:44>)

WERNER W/O

Gorbachev immediately resigned. This is what the end of an entire era spanning most of the 20th Century looks like.



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Panel 1

Gorbachev sitting behind desk (1:12:36 >)

QR Flag on desk. Gorbachev resignation. (1:11:20 > 1:13:32)

WERNER V/O

Television try hard to turn this into a TV spectacle.

WERNER V/O

To sign his resignation in front of the cameras.

EXECUTIVE

The camera will move in closer...then he needs to explain

GORBACHEV

Absolutely. Absolutely not.

Panel 3

Gorbachev signs (1:12:53)

I'm simply going to sign it now and that's it.

Panel 4

Camera crew (1:13:18)

GORBACHEV V/O

My dear compatriots, citizens. 5

Resignation speech (1:13:25)

GORBACHEV

Due to the current situation - namely, the creation of the Commonwealth of Independent States, I hereby cease my activities as President of the USSR.

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Panel 1

Werner and Gorbachev (1:13:51 >)

[QR Code embedded in lampshade of Resignation Recollections \(1:13:51 > 1:14:48\)](#)

WERNER

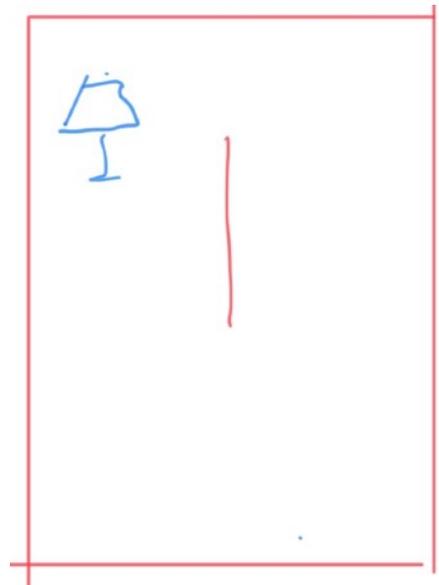
Mikhail Sergeyevich, can you explain what the end of the Soviet Union meant for you personally?

GORBACHEV

I regret it to this day

GORBACHEV

It is hard. It's my own internal problem.



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Chapter 10 Video (1:14:34 > 1:23:42)

Or just Chapter 10



Panel 1

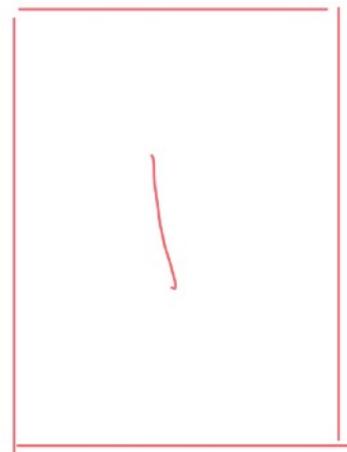
Gorbachev photo of his wife Raisa 1:14:34

WERNER V/O

Mikhail Gorbachev is a deeply lonesome man.

The early death of his wife Raisa has aggravated his solitude.

She was his greatest support; she meant everything to him.



Panel 1

Gorbachev and Werner (1:14:55)

GORBACHEV

Why do you think it was luck? I searched for her and I found her! It's not as if someone brought her to me.

GORBACHEV

We met at university. I'll tell you how it happened. One evening I was in my room when two of my friends, both war veterans, came in.

Panel 2

Photo of young Raisa (1:15:27)

GORBACHEV V/O

Mikhail, come with us! We've just spotted a girl, and what a girl she is!

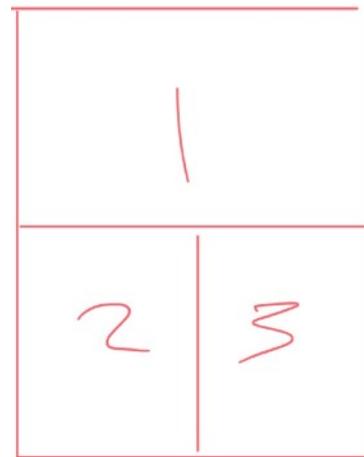
GORBACHEV V/O

At first, we walked side by side. That was it.

Panel 3

Photo of young Raisa and Gorbachev (1:15:30)

We started to hold hands. Two years later, we were married.



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Panel 1

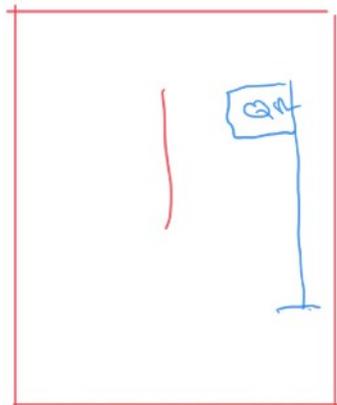
Gorbachev in corridors of power (1:16:05 >)

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WERNER V/O

Unlike other wives of former Soviet leaders, she was always with him: in the corridors of power in the Kremlin, on the streets of Moscow, and on the international stage.

More so, she was his most trusted confidante. His marriage was profoundly happy.



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Panels 1, 2, 3, 4 +

Four (or more!) panels from family photo session(1:16:12 > 1:16:29)

WERNER V/O

Raisa and Mikhail had a daughter and two granddaughters, seen here during an official photo session.

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Panels 1, 2, 3

Werner and Gorbachev (1:17:07 >.1:17:59)

WERNER

Do you remember her voice, her laughter?

GORACHEV

Yes. Absolutely.

WERNER

Her smell, her perfume? (1:17:15 >)

GORBACHEV

All of it. More than you can imagine. We were very close. Very.

WERNER

How much do you miss her?

GORBACHEV

When she died, my life was taken away from me.

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Panels 1, 2, 3, 4

Raisa Funeral Coffin and Family, tears, Putin (1:18:01 > 1:18:29)

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Panel 1

Gorbachev In Privolnoe Field - looking left (1:18:31 >)

GORBACHEV

And then she died of leukaemia.

Panel 2

Gorbachev In looking right (1:18:35 >)

GORBACHEV

When I was helping there - we were there around the clock.

Panel 3

Gorbachev (1:18:38 >)

GORBACHEV

She just kept saying the whole time: "For God's sake, don't leave. All the others can go, but you stay!"

Panel 4

Long grass. (1:18:48 >)

Panel 5

Gorbachev tear drop (1:19:17 > 27)

GORBACHEV

I took her hands. We couldn't say a word to each other because she was unconscious. She didn't feel any pain.

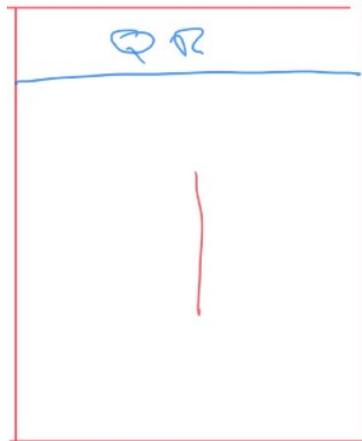
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Panel 1

A Lonely Reminiscence - in a single photo
(1:21:49 >)

[QR Banner video Raisa Funeral & Memories \(1:18:02 > 1:22:11\)](#)



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Panel 1

Auntie Alexksandra (1:22:15 >)

GORBACHEV

Auntie Aleksandra, why don't you say hello?

Panel 2

Auntie Aleksandra (1:22:23 >)

AUNT ALEKSANDRA

I can't see anyone. I can't see anyone at all. Misha, is that you?

GORBACHEV

Yes it's me.

AUNT ALEKSANDRA

Ah, my dear little nephew. I feared you wouldn't come and see me again.

GORBACHEV

I'm here now...

Panel 3

Gorbachev and aunt sitting together (1:22:40)

AUNT ALEKSANDRA

Sit down, come and sit by my side. Where's Sasha?

SASHA

Hello Auntie! Yes! It's me, in the flesh.

AUNT ALEKSANDRA

Verily! Happy Easter! Sasha?

Panel 4

Gorbachev Sasha and aunt (1:23:06 >)

AUNT ALEKSANDRA

Ah, my little nephews. My dears! My dears! How long I've waited for you to come. Misha, it's time for me to leave this world! I've got old!

Panel 5

Gorbachev to Aunt (1:23:26 >)

GORBACHEV

Don't say that. Man proposes, God disposes. Omnipotent.

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Chapter 11 Video (1:23:42 > 1:27:07)

Or just **Chapter 11**



Panel 1

Horst Teltschik (1:23:42 >)

WERNER V/O

Perhaps you could speak a little about the tragic nature of Gorbachev.

TELTSCHIK

Yes, the tragedy of Gorbachev is that he was not granted the future of the Soviet Union. The future of Europe as he intended it.

TELTSCHIK

He wanted to realise his dream of the “Common European Home”. He clearly wanted to bring the Soviet Union and Europe together.

Panel 2

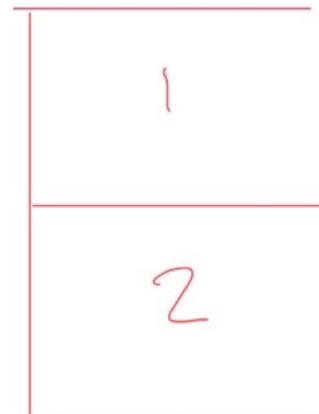
Horst Teltschik gesturing (1:24:31 >)

TELTSCHIK

He wanted to ensure the same level of security without NATO and the Warsaw Pact. To do this, he was prepared to take extraordinary steps towards disarmament.

TELTSCHIK

Thanks to Gorbachev, we have the most far-reaching agreements on arms control in history. If you read the Charter for a New Europe, it's virtually a blueprint for a peaceful global future.



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Panel 1

Werner and Gorbachev (1:25:17 >)

WERNER

I would like to share from the President about how does he see his legacy in world history? He has a clear position, an outstanding position in world history.

Panel 2

Gorbachev close shot (1:25:26 >)

GORBACHEV

Well, we have started to evaluate. The fact that Perestroika brought an end to the Cold War is of great significance. The fact that we started the process of disarmament was also of huge importance.

GORBACHEV

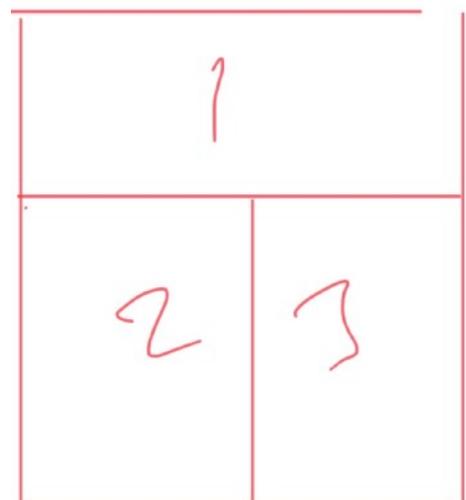
We wanted to have democracy in our country, and we made progress in that. But we didn't get to finish the job.

Panel 3

Gorbachev close shot - moved to right(1:25:52 >)

GORBACHEV

Certain forces took control of state power and property. These forces didn't want democracy; it didn't suit them.



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Panel 1

Gorbachev (1:26:46 >)

WERNER V/O

What should be on your gravestone?

GORBACHEV

I will tell you what I read on a friend's tombstone.

GORBACHEV

It stayed etched in my mind. We tried.

Panel 2

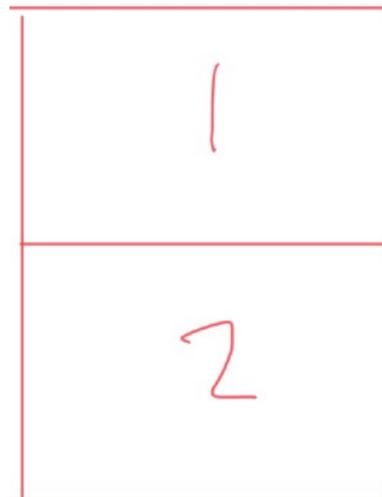
Gorbachev, Werner André and team in office (1:26:52 >)

GORBACHEV

I 'm asking God for two years, just for two years.

WERNER V/O

And providence will give him 400 years for his voice to live on.



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[Chapter 12 Video \(1:27:07 > 1:28:14\)](#)

Or just **Chapter 12**



Panel 1

Gorbachev in his office (1:27:07 > 1:28:14)

[QR Banner. Right hand window, only banner - aircraft out of shot. *Alone I set out on the road ...* \(1:27:07 > 1:28:14\)](#)

GORBACHEV.

I'm going to sing.

Alone I set out on the road;
The flinty path is sparkling in the mist;
The night is still. The desert harks to God,
And star with star converses.

The vault is overwhelmed with solemn wonder
The earth in cobalt aura sleeps. . .
Why do I feel so pained and troubled?
What do I harbor: hope, regrets?

I see no hope in years to come,
Have no regrets for things gone by.
All that I seek is peace and freedom!
To lose myself and sleep!

But not the frozen slumber of the grave...
I'd like eternal sleep to leave
My life force dozing in my breast
Gently with my breath to rise and fall;

By night and day, my hearing would be soothed
By voices sweet, singing to me of love.
And over me, forever green,
A dark oak tree would bend and rustle.

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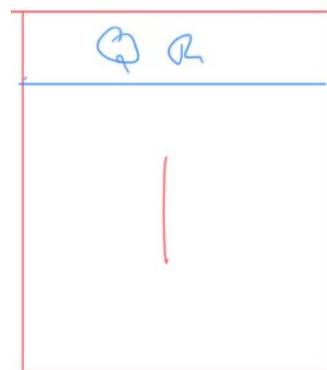
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CAPTION

Meeting Gorbachev 1h 31 min

CAPTION

Legendary director Werner Herzog and André Singer explore pivotal moments in history through a series of exclusive one on one interviews with Mikhail Gorbachev - the man who ended the Cold War.



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Extended Interviews

Panel 1

GEORGE SHULTZ silhouette

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CAPTION

Extended video and script with GEORGE SHULTZ

Panel 2

MIKLÓS NÉMETH silhouette

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Extended video and script with MIKLÓS NÉMETH

Panel 3

JAMES BAKER silhouette

[QR Flagpole for extended video interview & PDF of script with JAMES BAKER](#)

CAPTION

Extended video and script with JAMES BAKER

Panel 4

HORST TELTSCHIK silhouette

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CAPTION

Extended video and script with HORST TELTSCHIK

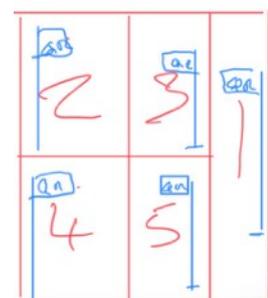
Panel 5

LECH WAŁĘSA silhouette

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CAPTION

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Afterword

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