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Misery Loves Company: The Life & Death of Bruce Gilden

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"Who am I then?
"tell me that first,
"and then if i like being
That person, Ill come up.
"if not, Ill stay down here
till Im somebody else."
Gene, is that you?
yes, it's me.
Oh, dear boy.
It is a comfort
To hear your voice.
Do you realize, Gene, this
Is our 17th conversation?
You are all I do, Gene.
Every six months,
I am obliged
To move to a new apartment.
I settle in,
Wait to be contacted,
Only to move on again.
I think you are reason
I remain alive.
Gene, the old man
Wants you to come home.
???
You mustn't fear going home,
Dear boy.
But i am afraid
I am bearer of bad news.
????
??? Well.
the American military
Headquarters in Vietnam,
once???
????
but now that
Was a last-ditch holding area.
to avoid the threat
Of surface-to-air missiles...
???
???
You're welcome.
McAuliffe.
Mr. McAuliffe,

This is Manny Ebbitt
In the operations center.
What's with
The "Mr. McAuliffe," Manny?
Wanted to make it
Official, jack.
Looks like
We got a walk-in.
Okay, Ill come over.
last week
At the Smithsonian,
This woman strikes up
A conversation
With a Russian diplomat.
They chat,
End up having lunch.
Tonight, out of the blue,
The Russian shows up
At her doorstep.
How'd he get the address?
He knew her name.
After a long talk,
She decides to trust him
And lets him come up
To her place,
and he tells her
His whole story.
She agrees to help
And calls us.
Gonna go through
My underwear, too?
Ma'am.
I'll be outside
If you need me, sir.
Would you mind waiting
In the other room?
I'd mind if i thought
Someone would notice.
Good luck, Sergei.
No. I am--
I'm not wanting that.
Okay.
Let's chat then,
Off the record.

What is your job at the embassy,
Mr. Kukushkin?
Political attach is my diplomatic cover.
I have rank of captain
In KGB.
You may call me Sergei.
And what do you
Want with us, Sergei?
Political asylum in America
For me, for my wife,
For my 7-years daughter.
What made you decide
To come over?
My wife--
She is heartsick.
She is taking medicine
For ma years
???
I want her
To have good doctor,
American doctor.
She needs surgery?
That is correct.
Well, why didn't you
Come before? Why now?
Borisov, KGB resident
In Washington,
Is schoolmate of mine
From Lomonosov University.
From him, i know
KGB has what you call a mole
Inside the CIA.
Impossible for me
To come over before.
The mole would tell KGB.
Me, my family would be...
Two days ago,
After much whiskey,
Borisov is telling me
Both mole and cutout of mole
Are out of city.
This is moment
I must act.
If you can identify

The mole, Sergei,
We could bring you
And your family over
And make sure that
The KGB never found you.
i do not think
Even resident
???

Only that he exists.
But you already know
He is not in Washington--
Narrows down list.
And i am able to provide
Other particulars.
By telling us this mole
And his cutout
Are out of the country,
Pinnacle gives us
The first plausible detail.
That could make him
A genuine defector.
When's this, um--what name
Are we giving this guy?
Pinnacle.
When's this pinnacle
Gonna give us
Some information, jack?
Well, he gave me
One item,
The code name
Of the mole--Sasha.
When we bring the Russian
And his family
To the other side,
He'll give us the first initial
Of Sasha's family name,
As well as the dates
Of a previous vacation
That he took.
The dates correspond
To a--
A trip that Starik
Was on as well.
Pinnacle will give us

The corroborating paperwork
To verify this.
Now with these two pieces
Of information,
We should be able to nail
His identity cold.
Jim, assessment?
It is a chance this could be
A genuine defection.
But even if he is genuine,
Starik's more likely dangling
Some bait in front of my nose.
Well, let's take the worst case.
Let's say pinnacle is bait.
He's offering us the mole,
Sasha's identity,
As well as dozens
Of other juicy tidbits.
We should be able to separate
The wheat from the chaff.
Almost impossible to do.
If pinnacle is real,
We'll need to go through
A lengthy process
To establish this fact.
If he is a dispatched agent,
Starik is going through
A great deal of trouble,
And we're going
To need to find out why.
We have two weeks,
According to pinnacle.
That's when Sasha returns.
Debriefing a defector
Is an art unto itself.
It's not simply a matter
Of asking the right questions,
But not asking the right
Questions too quickly--
Very delicate game,
Very delicate.
I'd like to bring
Someone in on this.
Defections take time, Sergei.

How much time?
Five, six weeks.
Sasha is back
In Washington
Before five weeks!
In five weeks,
I am dead man!
Calm down, Sergei.
There is a way out of this.
There is no way
Out of coffin.
What should i do?
Does anyone ever
Call you this late?
Just my mother, it could be her.
Answer it.
But what if it isn't her?
What do i say?
Well, don't say anything.
You're a woman having an affair
With a married man.
You'll naturally
Be evasive, secretive.
Hello?
can i speak
To Pavel Vitrovski?
No. There's no one here
By that name.
Okay. Thank you.
You--you're welcome.
Good-bye.
The S. K. is having
Her phone number.
They are checking on me to see
If there is woman here.
He had an accent.
your people trust you
As much as we do.
thank you,
Mrs. Ept.
You did very well.
Thanks.
So this is how
You play me, jack?

You make me to give
You now everything.
No, not everything.
Just give us the first initial
Of Sasha's last name
And when he was absent
From Washington before.
Is everything
I have to bargain with!
How do i know
You are not leaving me
Out in the cold, huh?
How can i not know?
You give us Sasha,
You'll never have to worry
About your well-being again
Or that of your wife
Or daughter.
How can she visit doctor?
KGB will get suspicious.
She'll complain
Of a toothache.
It will require several visits
To a dentist on our payroll.
At the dentist's office,
There will be a top cardiologist
From Walter reed hospital
Waiting for her.
The Coany has roughly
And 4,000 contract employees.
Clandestine system alone
Has 5,000--
Another 1,00
Over the globe.
You're loving this,
Aren't you, Jim?
Taking your time,
Drawing it out.
Your moment on the stage
After years sitting
In a dark, little room
With your little bits
Of information.
Torriti,

We'll hear him out.
you will want
To hear me out, Harvey,
Because my
Tentative conclusion
Is that pinnacle
May be that rarest of breeds--
A genuine defector.
You want to walk us
Through the information, Jim?
Information--yes.
Number one--
Pinnacle claims Sasha
Is a Russian speaker.
Two--
Sasha's last name begins
With the letter k.
The computer came back
With the names
Of 244 Russian-speaking
Company employees
Who have the last name
Beginning with the letter k,
All of whom are expected
To be away from Washington
Till Sunday,
Which...
Brings me to the point
That i have put on
The back burner for 13 years.
You need the patience
Of a saint
For counterintelligence,
Nurturing seemingly...
Meaningless bits of data,
Amassing
And collecting thousands
???
And creating an interlocking...
Picture, which really only
Comes into focus
Through your own interpretation.
And all the while,
You hear voices

Whispering behind your back.
"mother's obsessed,"
They say,
"paranoid.
A conclusion searching
For confirmatory evidence."
Believe me...
I heard it all.
I heard every word.
The information, mother.
I always knew...
If we could find Sasha's cutout,
We could find Sasha,
And that is what Ive been
Waiting for all this time.
In 1961,
The FBI stumbled across
An old communist
Named Max Cohen,
A.k.a. Kahn.
Who lived above his store,
Who delivered liquor
To hundreds of clients
In the Washington area.
The cutout went by the name
Of Dodgson,
Which curiously...
Is the real name
Of Lewis Carroll,
Author of
"Alice in Wonderland."
Makes you wonder if Starik
Isn't, like Lewis Carroll,
Creating worlds within worlds
For all of us
To get lost in.
Dodgson got away, but i didn't forget
??? Noment.
All these years,
Nurturing bits of data,
Seemingly meaningless pieces
Of evidence.
You have to have the patience
Of a saint.

James.

I looked over Kahns
Delivery invoices
For the past ten years
And discovered
That sometime in the '50s
Dodgson had been delivering
To a double agent,
My friend
And former colleague
Adrian Philby.
With Philby gone,
It seemed logical to suppose
???

For Philby's replacement.
What, his replacement?

Sasha.

Starik knew
He could sacrifice Philby.
Sasha was still delivering
Valuable information.
Cheking through Kahns clients
Who had been on the receiving
End of deliveries
During the previous ten years,
I was able
To identify the names
Of 167 full-time
Company employees
And 64 contract employees.
you matched
The liquor delivery list
Against the names
Of company employees
Who were currently
Out of the country
Whose last names
Began with k
And who spoke Russian?
That's pretty
Damn clever, James.
It seemed too good
To be true.
It was.

None of the names
Cross-referenced.
It may have looked
Like a dead end
To the ordinary eye,
But not to mine.
Last Saturday, as my wife
Was on the telephone
Making restaurant reservations
In her maiden name...

tonight at 8:

Security precautions...
Under the name Deautremont.
Oh, yes.
Sasha could have a wife.
Yes. Yes.
Sasha could have his wife
Order the liquor from Kahns
Using her maiden name.
In the six years
Between Philby's disappearance
And Max Kahns arrest,
I've compared the maiden names
Of the wives
Dodgson had delivered
Liquor to
Against the suspects
From the pinnacle leads.
That's brilliant.
So what maiden name?
You're not going
To like it.
What?
Was it great?
Tell me everything.
Oh, it was wonderful--
The French countryside,
The food, the wine,
Everything except for the part
Where father went off
To get cigarettes
And got completely lost.
What happened, daddy?

Oh, your mother thought
I had a brief encounter
With a local peasant girl,
But really, i just couldn't
Understand the directions
People were giving me.

Mm-hmm.

Well, Im not quite convinced
That he didn't have an affair
With a French girl.

I can't speak French
Well enough to order lunch,
Let alone lure
Some stranger into bed.

Mr. Kritzky?

I've been instructed
To hand deliver
This eyes-only letter
To you, sir.

What is it, daddy?

The director wants
To see me right away.

Doesn't say why.

Sir, i have
Transportation waiting.

What department

Are you with?

I'm with the department
Of internal security, sir.

What's going on, Leo?

I don't know.

I'm gonna find out.

Erika, will you drive
Your mother home?

Sorry, darlin'. I'll be home
In time for dinner.

Hey!

What is this?

Lean forward, Mr. Kritzky,
???

I will not,
You little bast...

Place your clothes
On this table,

One article at a time,
Very slowly.
Start with the left shoe.
???
???

No talking.
We must search your clothes,
Then do a cavity search.
A cavity search?
This--this is absurd.
You call William Colby,
D. C. I., immediately.
You tell him that Leo Kritzký
Is being held here.
He'll clear up any confusiving.
???

Now shall we start again,
Mr. Kritzký?
Your left shoe,
Slowly, please.
How about...
Begin with your father?
Jim,
It's me, Leo.
Leo Kritzký.
Start with your father.
Can i have
Some water, please?
Water in the bowl.
???

You're crazy if you think Im
Gonna drink out of a toilet.
When you get thirsty enough,
You will.
Bill, for chrissakes, this has
Got to be a blind alley.
I've known Leo since Yale.
We rowed together.
We roomed together.
I'm the godfather his children.
I-i-i would stake
My life on him.
And what
If it's true, jack?

It isn't.
It can't be true.
All those ops that
Went sour on Torriti,
Your assets in Berlin,
The professor...
That ballet dancer--what was
Her name? Rainbow, sniper?
Rainbow?
Kritzky worked
With the wiz in the '5
He knew every detail about
Your mission in Budapest, jack.
He was Bissell's right-hand man
During the bay of pigs.
Who better?
Who better
To be a KGB mole
Than the man running
The soviet division?
This kind of thing's
Happened before--
Fee was
A e slative aide
???
???
Just imagine the kind of inside stuff
He could have gotten
On Vietnam.
Makes me sick
To my stomach.
Weeks, months...
It's really no skin
Off my nose.
I'm not in any hurry.
U like to begin
With your father,
Or should i
Come back tomorrow?
You son of a bitch.
My father's name
Was Abraham Kritzky.
He was born in
The Jewish quarter of Vilnius

In November of 1896,
Emigrated to America
In the 1910 pogroms.
Go on.
He got a job
Working at
The triangle shirtwaist factory
Sewing bands inside hats.
He was there when the famous
Fire of 1911 broke out
And killed 150 seamstresses.
He got out with his sewing
Machine strapped to his back
When firemen hacked open
A locked fire door.
Did the experience
Make him bitter?
Yeah. Of course
It made him bitter.
Did it turn him
Against capitalism?
Jim, you know,
I-i went over all this
When i was recruited.
The company knows everything.
There are no secrets.
My father's a socialist.
It's common knowledge.
He was a bleeding heart,
Which wasnt a federal crime?
Until the house un-American
Activities came along.
You were born
October 29, 1929,
The day that the--
The day that
The stock market crashed.
Are you gonna something into t
By then, your father
Had started a small business.
The crash wiped him out.
Yeah. The banks
Called in his loans.
He'd bought the brownstone

On grant street,
And he lost it.
He lost everything.
And then what happened?
I could come back tomorrow
After my
If you'd prefer that.
He jumped off
The Brooklyn bridge.
They found his body
Washed up under the pier
The next morning.
Did capitalism
Kill your father?
No. My father
Killed himself.
Did capitalism
Kill your father?
Capitalism in the '20s and '30s
Created conditions
That caused a great many people
To kill themselves,
Including the capitalists,
Who threw themselves out
Wall street windows in 1929.
Are you gonna interrogate
Their sons?
Hmm.
Jim,
My wife is gonna
Start asking questions
When i don't turn up
At home.
By now the director
Will have phoned Adele
And apologized profusely
For packing you off to Asia
On such short notice.
"something's come up,"
He will have told her.
"you'll untandi t
Provide details, Mrs. Kritzky."
Your wife will take
The news bravely, of course.

She will inquire
As to when you
Might be returning.
Well, when might
He be returning?
uh, it could
Take some time.
The director
I've instructed him
To maintain radio silence,
So he may not be able to speak
With you anytime soon.
But rest assured, i will call
U personally, Mrs. Kritzky,
When i have more
To tell you.
She might say, "will he
Be in any danger?"
Will he be in any danger?
None whatsoever.
"none whatsoever,"
The director will assure her.
You have my personal word
On that.
"you have my personal word
Thank you, .
mommy!
???
???
Papa.
Yevgeny.
???
olive? Afraid
I'm out at the moment.
Twist? Haven't got that,
Either, old boy.
Got ice--
Plenty of that in Moscow.
Starik sends you around
To check me.
Eugene--is that what
You call yourself?
No. Starik doesn't
Even know that Im here.

I brought you these.
Oh.
Well, that's awfully kind
Of you, Eugene.
I do love to check up
On the ladies from Savile row.
Good lord.
Prices have skyrocketed.
How's Russia treating you?
I can get anything
I want in Moscow.
Easy as falling off a log.
Just draw up
A shopping list--
M-m-mango chutney
From Harrods
And beluga
From the Caspian.
It's more upscale than
Your average English slammer,
Mind you.
I first saw the light
Of communism
Way back in Cambridge,
But never
In my wildest dreams
Did i imagine
I'd be living here.
I never thought
I'd be living in America.
They tell me i need
Round-the-clock minding
To prevent mi6
From knocking me off,
But what they're
Really afraid of
Is that Jimbo Angleton
May have turned me
Ple agt.
By god, if i was
A triple agent,
I'd be up nights
Trying to figure out
Which side Im working for.

Starik didn't send you
To check up on me?
I miss
The great game, Eugene.
Well, thanks
For the drink.
Come back and see me again
Before you go b-back,
Won't you?
Love to chat about
What's happening these days
In the colonies,
As it were.
Yes, i-Id like that.
Good-bye.
Let me take a look at
This hero of mother Russia.
Not changed, Yevgeny.
For a long time, i have
Been planning kholstomer.
Since the 1950s,
The KGB has been retaining
Hard currency
From the sales
Of our national gas Coany,
As well as oil sales abroad,
And placing the proceeds
Into shell companies.
E amount in these shells
Now total more
Than 63 billion
In American dollars.
\$63 billion?
The beauty of kholstomer
Is that the dollars
Are held in banks
In the city of New York.
The abrupt sale
Of our \$63 billion
Will suck in people
And institutions,
Speculators from
All over the world,
Asian and European

Central banks
And the American
Stock market itself.
???

Yes. Can you see
It now, Yevgeny?
Americans, British, French--
The whole Western world
Will suffer
An economic holocaust,
And the peoples
Of these nation rising up
To demand a government
Of equality of workers.
All these nations crying out
For change, Yevgeny,
For communism!
With the CIA crippled,
American minds will be open
To our campaign
Of communist ideals,
And the soviet union's example
Of equality, commonality
And hope for the good
Within us all
Will shine like a beacon
For the world to see.
I know
That you are lonely,
Homesick and at times,
You may wonder
If this is all worth it.
It is, Yevgeny.
And the soviet people
Need you to go back,
Back to the front lines
For one last battle.
???

do the initials "I. K."
In the upper right-hand corner
Look familiar?
Jim,
I think
That i need a doctor,

Because i--
When i pull on my hair,
It comes out in clumps.
They never turn
The lights off,
And it's driving me insane.
Your name turns up
In a great--
A great number
Of op orders
???
???
Let's go thrhem
One by one.
Ease, please stop.
Just...
Please stop.
Please stop.
Did you betray jack McAuliffes
Assets in Berlin--
Code name rainbow,
Code name sniper.
God, no.
He's my best friend.
Ah. Did you betray the Cuban at the bay ???
They turn these lights up
Brighter when you leave,
And it's burning
Right through my eyelids,
And i can't sleep.
Please, Jim.
Just let me sleep.
I-i can't sleep.
Oh, please,
Let me sleep, Jim.
Only tell the truth,
And Ill let you sleep
As long as you want.
So what am i supposed
To do, jack?
I can't put a time limit
On mother. It's impossible.
He's been chasing shadows
Since Philby was exposed.

He's decimated the company's
Entire soviet division
In this obsession.
We don't even know if Sasha
Exists outside of his head.
Jack, if you don't believe at ests,
Then your defector pinnacle
Can't be the real deal.
So which is it,
???
???
But the most deceptive orchids
That survive.
Moecies
Depend upon their ability
To misrepresent themselves
??Nsts.
???
???
And then spreading their pollen
To other orchids.
this Trichocereus orchid
So perfectly mimics
The underside
Of a female fly,
Down to the hairs
And even the odor.
It actually triggers
A mating response
In passing male flies.
Jim, i need to know if
Your judgment has been clouded.
Jack...
Deception is everything.
It's an agart, arcane,
??? Derestimated by kings
And leaders.
Our very survival
Depends upon our ability
To see the truth
That lies behind
This subterfuge.
Counterintelligence
Is the weapon

We will put our faith in
In order to win
This cold war.
Leo would never betray us.
As i once thought--
My best friend,
A double agent?
That's absurd beyond belief.
But i was deceived.
We were all deceived
By his,
???
???
Did you want him
Telling the world
At ima ?????
That James Angleton was giving
Him top-secret files?
???
???
Maybe you warned Philby. Thou would want.
Told him to run.
The damage was done,
But he could do a lot more
Damage to you, Jim,
A lot more.
All those lunches
At la Nioise.
LKG secrets
That went from your mo
Starik's ears--
Scandalous.
???
???
Well, my, my.
You certainly are
The sorcerys apprentice.
Before Adrian...
Betrayed me,
I always knew where i was.
Now Im lost.
We're all lost, jack.
We're lost in the wilderness
Of mirrors.

my superior--
He had much to drink
Three nights before.
He left safe open.
While he was sleeping, ok inside files.
I see something that
Might help you, Mr. Jack.
What'd you see?
Sasha went
On previous trip
To meet with Starik,
A trip in 1972
To nova Scotia.
Do you know this place?
Yeah.
I know nova Scotia.
I check files.
Starik went on trip
In autumn of 1972.
You see if perhaps dates
Match ip
Your man in custody took.
You check files.
Thanks.
I'll check the files.
Angleton, you bastard!
Get me food and water
In here now!
Good cop?
No.
He's genuinely upset.
He still believes
He's innocent.
If he'd just
Accept the truth,
He'd be wringing
His neck right now.
Listen to me.
This doesn't have to end
With you spending the rest
Of your days in prison.
???
Mmm.
It's delicious.

Cold.

Do you believe it?

Do you believe Im Sasha?

We know it, Leo.

I'm here to offer

You a deal.

How do you know

I'm Sasha?

We have

A Russian defector--pinnacle.

And has pinnacle

Identified me by name?

He said,

"Leo Kritzky's Sasha"?

He said that Sasha's last name

Begins with the letter k.

He said he speaks

Fluent Russian.

He said that the Russian

Spymaster Starik

Was just in the south of France

Visiting an agent.

In September of '72,

Sasha met Starik

In nova Scotia.

I was on a bicycle trip

With Adele in nova Scotia

In September of '72.

You know that.

Yes, Leo.

Did it ever occur to you

That Starik was feeding you

A phony defector

With phony information?

It would be easy to look

At my daily schedule

And concoct some kind

Of scenario.

No.

There are

Too many coincidences.

Did you flutter him?

We will flutter him when

We get him over for good.

Pinnacle will never take
A lie detector test.
He'll be run over by a car
Or mugged in an alleyway
Or whisked back
To mother Russia
??? That sounds plausible,
But he won't be fluttered,
Because he will
Never be brought in.
He won't be brought in,
Because he's a phony defector
Sent to convince Angleton
That Im Sasha.
If you're not Sasha, Leo,
That means
He's still out there.
Yes.
If that's true,
Then why hasn't pinnacle
Been put on ice by the KGB?
???
And Sasha, if he exists,
Knows it.
??? L init--
Starik, the defector,
Sasha--
And they're all
Manipulating the mind
Of one paranoid dinosaur--
James Jesus Angleton.
Who do you believe?
I was your damn crewmate!
I believe pinnacle, Leo.
Leo,
Look at the mess
That you're in.
Think about your family.
Admit it,
And we'll double you.
We will turn you
Against Arik.
The only way Im leaving
This room is in a bag

Or walking out that door
A free man.
Jack,
???
there's no reason
To think he was coerced
Into getting on the plane.
E bastard
Just up and le
??? Ban
And demanded
Political asylum.
The fact that he didn't
Speaks for itself.
He was going
Of his own free will.
Yes. Well, that's the way
It was supposed to appear.
The safety of his wife
And daughter
Was being held over his head
As a threat.
He had to go back...
Yeah?
Or else he would
Lose his family forever.
Our informant
At Moscows airport
Has positively
Identified Kukushkin.
So he's in Moscow
For certain?
Not only that,
The informant says
That two men grabbed him,
Brought him to a car and placed
Him inside none too gently.
Oh, god.
We were so careful.
We have Sasha locked up,
So how did they know?
How in the hell
Did they know?
"traitor Kukushkin trial--

Spied for Americans,
Betrayed
Of the motherland."
You'd think
It'd get easier over time.
What would?
Losing people...
People
Who trusted you...
People you cared about.
What should
We do now, jack?
There's nothing
We can do.
Let it go.
Can you do that, Manny?
McAuliffe.
I thought you'd want
To know, jack.
We just got word
That Kukushkin
Was executed this morning
By firing squad.
Okay, Manny.
Thanks.
Whew.
What the hell, Harvey?
I didn't know
You took up golf.
It's one of the things
You do
When you're about
To be retired.
Have a seat, kid.
Get yourself a drink.
Get one for me, too.

It's 11:

In the morning, Harvey.
I love the fresh air.
Ha.
I'm getting' healthy.
So...
What brings you to my little

Retirement community?
Something woke me up
Last night
Out of a sound sleep.
It was two things
Actually.
First, Angleton
Hasn't broken Leo.
What else?
Well, number two is actually
Something Leo said to me
That--that stuck with me.
He said, "pinnacle
Would never be polygraphed."
He said Kukushkin
Would be hit by a car
Or mugged in an alley
With some excuse
That seemed reasonable.
So Leo was right.
Yeah.
And now this thing is--
Is eating' away at me
Night and day.
Was Kukushkin
Really sent to me
Just to convince Angleton
That Leo was Sasha?
To keep the heat
Off the real Sasha?
Yeah, was i an insect
To one of these orchids
That--that Angleton
Talks about,
Lured by pinnacle
To finger the wrong guy?
Ugh.
I think it stinks.
So now what?
You want to know if Kukushkin
Was really executed
Or if the whole thing
Was a sham.
How do we know

It even happened?
All--all we have
Is "Pravda" to tell us.
And if Kukushkin
Is still alive?
Kukushkin was
A disinformation agent
Sent to frame Leo,
And Leo is innocent.
Then the real Sasha's
Still out there somewhere.
Exactly.
I got to go talk
To the rabbi.
these photographs
Are Kukushkin,
His wife and his daughter.
And here's
His last known address--
Safe house in Moscow.
But if he
Was not executed,
If this whole thing
Was... Theater,
There ought to be
A Kukushkin
Out there somewhere.
If your people
Can find out anything,
My people would be
Very grateful.
How grateful, Harvey?
Would the whereabouts
Of Klaus Barbie
Be of any interest
To you?
Ooh.
the rabbi's people
Used a tried-and-true method.
They got the forwarding address
Off a letter sent
To Kukushkin's old address.
Quite simply.
Starik knew i was getting close to Sasha,

So what does he do?
He gives us what we believe
Is a genuine defector.
And just when Im getting close,
He pulls the rug out from under me.
Makes me believe
That Ive got the wrong Sasha,
That the real Sasha is still out there somewhere.
So, of course,
We put Leo Kritzky back to work,
And Starik has got his mole back in operation,
Created and executed
By a grand master spy.
Absolutely brilliant.
Jim,
Leo Kritzky will be released.
Leo Kritzky...
Is Sasha.
Leo,
Angleton... All of us
Have made a horrible mistake.
Does that mean i get to go home?
Yeah, buddy.
Home.
What the hell were you guys doing?
They were protecting the company
From its enemies.
All right. All right.
Leo Kritzky's devotion to duty,
His loyalty to the company and his grace under fire
Have set standard for all of us
And for future Generations of CIA officers.
Now it's the nature of things that only a handful of us
Are aware of the details of your ordeal, Leo,
But all of us owe you a debt of gratitude.
When i came on board as a young man,
It was with the intention
Of serving the country whose system of governance
Seemed to offer the best hope for the world.
I've since come to understand
That serving in the trenches of the Colr
Is no less important.
And as john Milton said,
"they also serve

Who only stand and wait."
I appreciate this...
All of you.
Now Im gonna get back to my desk
And get on with the tedious day-to-day business
Of winning the cold war.
Leo, welcome back.
If you never forgive me, Leo, I understand.
There's nothing to forgive.
You're my best friend.
????
I, uh...
I have an announcement to make.
James Angleton,
To my great regret,
Made his intentions of retirement clear to me
Earlier this morning.
I don't need to tell anyone here
That his contributions to the company
Are nothing short of legendary.
Jim, any, uh...
Any parting words?
Lenin once said,
"the West are wishful thinkers,
"so we will give them
What they want to think."
The soviets have a master plan--
Feeding layer upon layer of disinformation
To the wishful thinkers of the West to make them think
That we are winning the cold war.
Nothing...
Could be...
Further from the truth, gentlemen.
Over the last 20 years, the CIA has transformed
Fr ark of informants,
Double agents, caseworkers
To a shadow of the former self.
All the handiwork...
Of a soviet mole inside the CIA
Named Sasha.
Starik and Sasha have made certain
The world view of America has shifted
From a beacon of hope and justice...
To a, uh...

Tyrannical, power-mad,
Colonialist juggernaut.
Of course, these facts
Were not handed to me on a silver platter.
I teased them.
I ased them from the wildeess
With excruciating attention
To the minutiae.
It takes the patience of a saint.
Philby, the KGB, Sasha--
They've tried to discredit and destroy me for years,
And now, of course, they have.
Gentlemen, you do not realize
That you are surrounded by a wilderness of deception.
Thank you, Jim.
We will try our best
To muddle through without you.
You will be missed.
I know it's you, Sasha.
The rabbi found Kukushkin
Far too easily.
Starik never would have been that sloppy...
Never.
I bear you no hard feelings, Jim.
Yes? whatever you said
Scared the hell out of them, comrade Starik.
They should be scared. The Gorbachev is a pawn.
He's being used by the Americans.
The politburo are terrified the Americans will wipe out
Our second strike mobile train platforms,
Leaving us vulnerable to invasion.
How did you do it?
Well, the facts spoke for themselves.
The Americans' "able archer" plan
Is for a preemptive nuclear strike.
I embellished nothing.
The cold war must continue, comrade colonel.
I know how your mind works.
I am not swayed as easily as the rest of them,
But i must congratulate you, Starik.
You would have made a brilliant chess grand master
If you ever played.
But i did.
I did.

hello, Eugene.

Sasha.

Starik has convinced Gorbachev

That America is planning a first strike

In an operation known as "able archer."

You and i both know the whole idea is pure nonsense.

The Russians have a mobile second strike capacity

Aboard railroad flatcars--

Shuttling around 300 miles of track.

The Americans know full well that a second strike launched

From the Russian rail platforms would annihilate

The eastern seaboard of the united states.

And what happens to the world then, Eugene?

I don't know, Sasha.

You told me long ago

What Starik said to you.

That we should promote

The Generosity of the human spirit.

So tell me, Eugene,

What does launching a preemptive strike

To provoke nuclear holocaust

Have to do with promoting

The Generosity of the human spirit?

I'm--Im trying to make sense of this, ladies.

Well, the new computers can analyze so much data

That we can now run all the old leads

That were never followed up.

Because it was just too time-consuming.

Mm-hmm. And there just weren't enough man hours--

Woman hours--and the stuff just laid around forever.

So we analyzed old transcripts

Of radio Moscow from the 1950s...

Mm-hmm, to look for patterns or repetitions or sentences,

Phrases that might appear out of context... Under the assumption KGB agents
abroad

Might be receiving coded messages from these shows. Yes, I-i get that part.

Well, we found something in the old transcripts--

A pattern in a nightly quiz show. You did?

I adored "Alice in Wonderland"

As a kid, and in the 23 years

This radio program has been airing--

That's 1,200 50-minute broadcasts... Yeah.

The Lewis Carroll quotations have appeared 24 times.

Now they instantly caught my eye,

Because i could answer all the quotations.
No, the Russians wouldn't be so sloppy
As to use a radio program to broadcast messages. Of course not,
But we learned
In all of our counterintelligence seminars
That sometimes these codes are merely recognition symbols--
Special sentences intended for the agent
To let him know that there'll be something
Appearing for him later on in the program.
And after every Lewis Carroll quotation,
There was an announcement of a winning lottery number.
Huh.
Angleton once told me that soviet agents
Were given American \$10 bills
To use in some kind of a-a code system
That we just couldn't break.
We think they took the serial number off of--
Off the bill and subtracted it from a lottery number
That was broadcast on the radio.
Presto.
They'd wind up with a phone number of a contact.
I still don't see how you get a phone number
Unless you have the particular serial number of the \$10--
You found the bill?
Not the actual bill, director.
My team hunted down all the serial numbers
From every \$10 bill printed
Between 1945 and 1951--
The likely date that a soviet agent
Would have used for a code bill.
Six years of bills?
Over \$67 million worth.
We narrowed it down by assuming
That the soviet agent would have lived in Washington,
So we used area code 202 as a Rosetta stone.
The computer told us
That the 8-digit serial number on the bill
Would have to begin with a three and a zero--
Cut down the number of bills to a manageable size
It was a matter of burning the midnight oil
To narrow it down to a single \$10 bill.
We took the phone numbers
We got from the Russian radio program,
Matched 'em with phone records from D.C.

We came up with a polish immigrant.
She's been moving to a new apartment
With a new phone number almost every year
Since 1955.
She's 69 years old,
Never had a job, and it's not clear
Where she gets money to pay the rent.
We think she's the go-between,
And i think she will lead us to Sasha's cutout.
maybe she's dead.
Let's go check and see if she's dead.
She's not ad.
I heard the toilet flush a half-hour ago.
she's got her favorite soap operas--
Oh, wait a minute.
Keys.
Look, I think she's going for the door.
She's saying good-bye to the cat.
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thanks.
She's at the checkout counter.
I got it!
Give me the camera. Yep.
Here.
One more. Yep.
Got it.
she's half a block away.
Do you want me to slow her down?
Negative. We're out.
Hand me the picture. You got it?
Let's go.
We turned her place upside down,
Found these--
Coded phrases their coded equivalents
And, uh, one-time cipher pads
To break the codes.
So now we're waiting for Sasha's cutout to call.
Im also gonna need some repairs
On a 1952...
Bentley.
The windshield is cracked and, uh...
Needs to be replaced.
And the 1957 Bel Air g.s...
Got him! Payphone-- 8th street and 11th.

Is no longer for sale in case interested parties ask.
I will pass message along, Gene.
N. S. A. is working on the codes
Phone call right now.
I think it's best we wait
And see if the cutout calls back.
And if he doesn't call, pick her up and flip her?
No, she could lead us to Sasha.
A cut out who moves around for 23 years
Who has his own cutout to shield his identity--
This guy's too important,
Whoever he is.
How many people have you shown this to?
No one.
Just you.
I can't make heads or tails of it.
It's a list of contact numbers
That don't exist as far as i can tell
And a series of dates.
The numbers are not contact numbers.
What are they?
Bank accounts...
And swift codes.
What you are seeing here, jack,
Are the threads
Of kholstomer.
???? Kholstomer's \$63 billion
Thatld have an effect.
It's the panic that would ensue from a sudden sell-off.
If--if fund managers and central banks
And foreign entities get the impression
That the dollar is in a freefall,
Kholstomer could have devastating consequences
Worldwide.
At the federal reserve to back the dollar on d-day.
Flood the media with inside stories
About federal reserve's resolve
To support the dollar.
Let the world's financial community know
The reserve has an almost unlimited ability
To back American currency. Will that be enough?
Angleton said it himself--
"prevent the panic, and we crush kholstomer."
And what about Sasha?

Won't he know,
Warn the Russians not to implement kholstomer?
Sasha won't know as long as this stays in this room.
why not let it leave the room?
Leak it to the company.
Let Sasha know we're onto kholstomer.
Let him postpone it.
No. We can't let Sasha know.
Kholstomer will always be out there to come back and haunt us.
We need to deal with this now.
Eugene, is that you?
Yes, its me.
Oh, I didn't think i would hear from you
Until next month, my dear boy.
Do you need more repairs for your... Starting trace.
You have to send a warning
To the old man immediately. I'm listening.
The other party knows about his intent to sell
The 220 seb coupe Mercedes with the white finish.
They know about the price, the date of the sale,
All of it. He has to postpone...
He's on east 8th and maple crest.
I will let him know immediately.
this time we got him. what's his name?
Renting an apartment under the name of Ludwig.
We're checking background.
He's careful.
Switched cabs twice and took two different buses coming home.
And the old lady?
We nabbed her before she could spill the beans.
With Lutwidge's contact gone, won't he get suspicious?
I'm really not too comfortable
Leaving this guy out there for so long, jack.
Let's wait just a little longer.
Tell me about this cutout, jack.
Dr. Kramer, phone...
dr. Kramer, phone call on line two.
He hasn't left his apartment in two days.
Couldn't get a clear photo of him yet.
Neighbors think he might be a writer.
He tends to keep to himself.
well, we--
We looked in the library of congress
To see if he had written anything

Or published anything.
It turns out the only thing that came back was, uh...
Under his name was "Alice in Wonderland"
And "through the looking glass."
What was this cutout's name?
He goes by the name of Lutwidge, Gene Lutwidge.
The writer of "Alice in Wonderland"...
Lewis Carroll-- we know.
Lewis Carroll's pen name...
Is Charles...
Lutwidge...
Dodgson.
Dodgson?
The delivery boy
We never caught...
who is it, Adrian?
From Kahns liquor shop...
That same delivery boy, jack,
Who made deliveries
To other people.
Leo was cleared.
Not by me, he wasnt, jack.
You came to me for advice.
Snatch him up.
snatch Dodgson up now.
Pick him up.
Mr. Lutwidge, you are gonna be taken to a secure--
Yevgeny?
Well, jack, you can't still be mad
About that raccoon coat.
Oh, my god.
I'm going to say a name to you, Leo.
Okay.
Yevgeny Tsipin.
Yevgeny?
He, um...
Slept with my girlfriend at Yale.
Did you know that?
We just arrested him for espionage
Right here in D.C.
You're joking.
Yevgeny's a spy?
We think he's Sasha's cutout.
Wow.

Yevgeny was the delivery boy
From Kahns liquor store.
Yevgeny delivered your liquor,
Delivered it to your house, Leo!
You're telling me that if he was at this door,
You wouldn't recognize him?
Are you trying to tell me this is just a coincidence? Relax, jack,
I can explain. Okay, please do. Please do, Leo,
Because, god help me, i got you
Out of Angletons prison, and if i was wrong, Leo,
If i was wrong, and you killed the Cubans,
And you--you betrayed the Hungarians,
And if you killed Lily, Leo,
If you killed Lily,
I don't know what the hell i will do to you.
Look, you were Yevgeny's friend, too.
I'm not accusing you of being Sasha.
Yeah, you and Yevgeny have shared a girlfriend--
Stella Bledsoe.
I ran a check on her, Leo. I never forgot her name.
She was an American communist
Who got caught a while down the road
For trying to recruit an undercover FBI agent.
She kept tabs on Yevgeny at Yale,
And she recruited you, Leo, didnt she?
Coach waltz recruited us, jack.
Coach waltz recruited us to the company!
Stella recruited you to the KGB.
Tell me Stella didn't recruit you!
Sasha.
I need an ambulance
To 1544 victory lane.
A man's been shot.
Jack, i never took a penny.
I want you to know that.
I did it because i believed in serving the country whose
System of government offered the best hope for the future.
That system was socialism, jack.
Adelle--she knew, didn't she?
Yes, she did, and Im not proud of it.
I was assigned to her to get secrets out of her father,
But guess what?
I fell in love with her, jack.
I did. I swear.

You are scum, Leo!
The company trained secret police in Argentina,
Chile, Iran, Iraq, Dominican Republic.
The list is as long as my arm.
This is the business we're in.
So here we are now.
You think this is what i had in mind when i joined?
Do you think this is what i signed up for?
You're a hero to me.
I'm sorry, buddy.
I wanted to protect my children.
That's why i stayed-- to protect my kids.
You're a traitor, Leo!
Leo!
Go to hell!
paramedics. Anyone in here? Anyone here?
Harvey?
the extraordinary if restrained action
taken in the Persian gulf early this morning
was overshadowed through the day
by scenes such as wall street has never witnessed
as the Dow Jones industrials
took off on a fear-fed free fall
to close down
a record 508.32 points.
panicked traders worked through lunch hours
in a desperate but losing attempt
to keep up with tickers that rolled up
an all-time high volume.
CBS news looks at this devastating day for the market.
as the bell tolled at the end...
So how bad was the fallout?
It made a ripple, but America always bounces back.
We traced the cash back to the KGB connections--
Central foreign banks and the agents of influence
That Starik's been using all these years.
You should have been there, jack.
Tessa and Vanessa went ballistic.
They tracked down a hundred banks
That had major influences on the stock markets.
we knew that our target of five or six banks
With connections to kholstomer
Would be in there somewhere.
In the end,

We had to call in the only person in the CIA
Who would be able to recognize the invisible threads
Between the disparate names on the list.
He narrowed down the list to five bankers
In different parts of the world.
All these guys had connections to the KGB
At some point in their life,
But it was only Angleton who could see
Past the forest for the trees.
The first target was Tokyo bank international.
another bank on the London exchange.
The next two Angleton identified
As heads of prominent banks in Saudi Arabia and Johannesburg,
Both with powerful influences on their exchanges.
The last guy, maybe the ringleader--
That was Harvey's department.
i recognized the name of a bastard
Who worked with the soviets before the war.
He was running Banco Ambrosiano
Until it collapsed in the '80s.
Disappeared for a while
Only to turn up as Banco di Santo Spirito
With a whole new disguise
And even more power than before.
He was running the Vatican bank.
we think that's where Starik
Was laundering his funds.
Those Russian bastards were so naive.
They actually thought \$63 billion
Would have an impact on the market.
The plan might have worked in the '50s, but now...
On average, the daily turnover
Is \$1.9 trillion...
Kholstomer is over.
It's finished.
Why would i want to help the CIA, jack?
Because you'll rot for the rest of your life
In your cell, Yevgeny.
No one will know. No one will care.
We'll bury you in a pauper's grave.
Not even a going away party
For an old schoolmate?
I want you to find him for me.
Who?

You know who.
Now what makes you think that i know where he is?
We'll release you-- time served,
Send you back to crumbling mother Russia.
The KGB will keep you on ice for a while.
That's par for the course,
But they'll let you once they know
You have no agenda.
When that happen get in touch with Leo,
Then contact us and let me know where he is.
It's a simple assignment...
No shortwave radios, no codes to decipher.
Are--you're actually serious about this.
Why in the hell would i do that, jack?
The KGB is trying desperately
To hold on to its control,
Even as Gorbachev brings us closer to dtente.
We have some very disgruntled KGB employees
????
All looking for asylum,
All bringing actual information.
The great game is coming to a close, Yevgeny.
Gorbachev released 3,00isoners of the state
Last October.
Azalia Ivanova was in that group.
After rattling around in prisons
And insane asylums outside of Moscow,
She served 21 years in a Siberian gulag.
And i have something else.
This is her arrest and deportation order
Straight from the Kremlin.
She was not given a trial.
It's signed by a " P. Zhilov."
I would like you to meet an old friend
Your mother's-- Pavel Zhilov.
"Starik" to my friends.
after the fall of the Berlin wall,
soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and U. S. President George Bush
met in Malta.
the historical summit was a turning point
in east-West relations and viewed
as the official end of the cold war.
the meetings have continued with vows of friendship
and cooperation replacing antagonism.

the world pulled back from the fears
of nuclear annihilation that prevailed
in the '60s and '70s.
however, rumblings of discontent have been heard
from soviet hard-liners within the politburo
who feel Gorbachev is weakening
Russias stability as a world superpower.

Hello, Sasha.

Or are you back to Yevgeny again?

Come to keep me company?

You're not doing a very good job

Of hiding out these days.

What's the point?

How did you find me anyway?

KGB.

I told them i wanted to, uh...

????

And they didn't seem to care.

Nobody cares about me anymore, Yevgeny.

Someone from Gorbachev's inner circle

Occasionally asks me my opinion

About something going on in America.

Somebody has replaced us on the front lines now.

Gorbachev's corroded the power of the KGB.

The KGB are chomping at the bit

To get rid of him,

Get back to their old ways.

They can't decide if he's trying

To reform the communist system

Or do away with it entirely.

It's not the Russia i grew up in.

It's not the ideal i fought for all these years.

Jack wanted me to find you.

I thought this was a social visit.

Jack's obviously got something that you want,

Or you wouldn't be here.

It's nice of you to let me know.

????

????

It's as if uncle's mind has left him

the soviet army is on the streets of Moscow...

the worst fears of supporters of democracy

have now been realized. Yeah?

It's a coup d'tat, Ebby.

I just got word that Kryuchkov
Still has Gorbachev in a dacha
Loaded up on vodka and pills.
Coup leaders are telling the world that Gorbachev
Is medically unfit to lead the country.
It's all crumbling around him.
What's the word on the streets, jack?
This is an opportunity.
To do what? To back Yeltsin.
And Gorbachev, whether or not he gets out of this thing
Has lost his balls in the coup, Ebby.
He's been castrated in the eyes of the people.
But this guy...
Yeltsin could do it.
Yeah, he wants liberal reform.
The heart of the people in his hands.
He can bring democracy to Russia if we're there
To support him. If he can take power.
Yeah, if.
Try to give me reports on the hour.
Find out what you can.
Yeah, will do.
...the movement has spoke to other cities and districts
across the country...
...have poured into the streets
in a desperate last-minute attempt
to demonstrate their support for democracy
in a country that has seen so little of it over the years.
the question on everyone's mind
is the location and condition of president Gorbachev himself.
rumors of his arrest have swept through--
Yeltsin! Yeltsin! Yeltsin!
Yeltsin! Yeltsin! Yeltsin!
Yeltsin! Yeltsin! Yeltsin! Yeltsin! Yeltsin!
Yeltsin! Yeltsin! Yeltsin!
You should be more careful, comrade.
????
Do you still dislike summer so very much?
Yes,
I still dislike summer.
A face i never thought i would see.
Do you have time
To hear an apology from a friend?
Russia has changed.

I can feel it all around me.
Makes me want to...
Makes me want to keep living.
I'm glad for you, Azalia.
For me, there's, uh...
Very little to live for...
Except for you.
I'm trying to find a way to hate you...
Hate you for leaving me the way you did...
But i cannot.
I cannot, Yevgeny,
Even after all these years.
Don't, Yevgeny. Please.
Is????
It is--it is a source of pain to me
To????
????
To think of the years i--
I spent in the gulag,
Wondering if you were still alive...
Hoping.
Can we not try?
We can try.
Yevgeny...
We can try.
Get it done, sport?
He was already dead.
I wanted to.
I wanted to kill him.
But...
I just couldn't.
Oh, you're a better man than me, sport.
So the great game goes on
With or without us.
Ohh.
Without us, I guess.
Think we made a difference, Harvey,
Any difference at all?
God, I hope so, sport.
No, nowadays people have short memories.
They????
You and me, kid-- we put our warm bodies
On the firing line,
And we turned 'em back.

You truly believe that?

You bet i believe it.

Something????

Otherwise what was it all about?

It was about the good guys beating the bad guys...

Uh-huh.

But we sure screwed up along the way.

Yeah, but we screwed up a lot less than they did,

Which is why we won?

Yeah, the--the soviet union wasn't a country.

It was a--it was a metaphor

For an idea that looked good on the drawing board,

But in practice, it was flawed.

And let me tell you something'.

A metaphor is a lot harder to slay than a country,

And we clobbered them in thend.

Yeah.

You got to remember what it was all about.

It was always black and white, kid--

Right versus wrong.

There were good guys, and there were bad guys.

Which side were we again, Harvey?

We???