

SYNOPSIS

Drazen Erdemovic, a twenty four years soldier is a former soldier in the Tenth Sabotage Detachment of the Bosnian Serb Army. Before he joined in the army, Erdemovic was a ordinary soldier who smuggled people across the border during the Bosnian war. Erdemovic never think that he would ordered by his commander to kill hundreds of Muslim men and boys when he joined in the army. He killed them because if he rejected the command, he would be killed. After the war time, when he returned to his family, he got haunted by a ghost whose the appearance looks like one of his victim he killed during the war. He frightened when saw the ghost.

By the time, the ghosts often appear in Erdemovic's life. They haunted him day and night. Because of the appearance of those ghosts, Erdemovic often get nightmares. The more he saw the ghost the more his guilty feeling get bigger until he thought that those ghosts want him to reveal about the massacre he did with his fellow soldiers in the Tenth Sabotage Detachment of the Bosnian Serb Army. Erdemovic tried to convince his family that during the war he had killed many people. His father told him to forget everything that ever happened during war and started new life with his wife. His wife said that she did not care about people who died and the most important for her is Erdemovic still alive.

Knowing that there is no support for him to expose the massacre, he was doubted. Yet the appearance of the ghosts encourage him to keep reveal the massacre. Moreover, the appearance of the ghosts made Erdemovic's guilty

feeling get bigger. He chose to acknowledge his crime and reveal about the massacre. Erdemovic never give up convincing Vesna, his wife to support him in order to acknowledge his crime although he never gets support from her. The more he tried to convince, the more Vesna considered that Erdemovic became crazy until one day she left Erdemovic.

Erdemovic looks for help from his friend, Julija. Julija arranged meeting between Erdemovic with a French reporter, but the meeting failed by Erdemovic's fellow soldiers, Stanko who met with him in a bar before the meeting with the reporter. Stanko shot him because he considered Erdemovic would endanger the other soldiers who join in the Tenth Sabotage Detachment of the Bosnian Serb Army. He knew the Erdemovic would reveal about the massacre from the first he met Erdemovic because at that time, Erdemovic ever told him that he has sleeping problem and could not stop thinking about the victims. Stanko actually had threatened him about that, but it seems went in vain.

Finally, Erdemovic plans to reveal his crime was success. He met with the reporter and told everything about his crime against humanity. Yet, he was arrested after the transcription of his admission confiscated when the reporter at the airport. Erdemovic is in a jail to wait for his court session. In the court, he acknowledged his crime during the war and the judge sentenced him for ten years. After that, Erdemovic saw the ghosts bow to him in unison. One by one they turn their faces away from Erdemovic, and Erdemovic said "Free. I'm free."