

The Chain Diaries

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When her three young boys are forcibly taken to Iran, Angie, a desperate British housewife battles the local police, military and her estranged husband to return them to the UK, at the same time she uncovers a series of political assassinations.

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NARRATOR (V.O.)

Between 1986 and 1998 the Iranian government sanctioned the murders of over eighty Iranian, Kurdish or other international intellectuals. These assassinations were known as "The Chain Murders". They were carried out by trained assassins. Very few arrests have been made. Salman Rushdie was the tip of the iceberg.

Night fly over Tehran, minarets and mosques lit up.

EXT. A WALLED SQUARE, EVIN PRISON, TEHRAN - NIGHT
SUPERIMPOSE: Evin House of Detention, Tehran, Iran.
SUPERIMPOSE: May 1994.

Five women, bare foot, shuffle in grey, shapeless dresses, stand on foot-stools beneath rope nooses. The first four are young, 18/19, Iranian. The fifth, ANGIE NEMAZI (28), five seven, blond hair blue eyes. Tears on dirty cheeks.

GUARD #1 places a hood over the girls' heads. Angie struggles.

ANGIE

No! Please get my husband.

GUARD #1

You have been tried and found guilty of affiliation with the Mujahedin-e-Khalq. Punishment for this crime is death. We will inform your family.

ANGIE

It's not true, please call the British Embassy.

A cleric calls a name, a guard kicks a stool. A girl swings, choking, legs kicking.

Stools kicked over, one by one. Angie is last. Waiting, she urinates.

Footsteps on sand. Angie's hood removed. She blinks in spotlights. Looks down on a man in a suit staring up at her. BEN NEMAZI(34).

ANGIE (CONT'D)

Ben? What...?

BEN

I told you what would happen.

FADE TO BLACK.