



# MEETING GORBACHEV

MULTIMEDIA HISTORY



**PART 1 TEASER & PROOF OF CONCEPT**

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## Protagonists



**MIKHAIL SERGEYEVICH GORBACHEV** -  
General Secretary of the Communist Party  
of the Soviet Union from 1985 to 1991



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

## Supporting Interviewees



**MIKLÓS NÉMETH**  
Prime Minister of Hungary  
from 1988 to 1990



**HORST TELTSCHIK**  
National Security  
Advisor To Helmut Kohl



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



**GEORGE SHULTZ**  
Secretary of State under Ronald Reagan

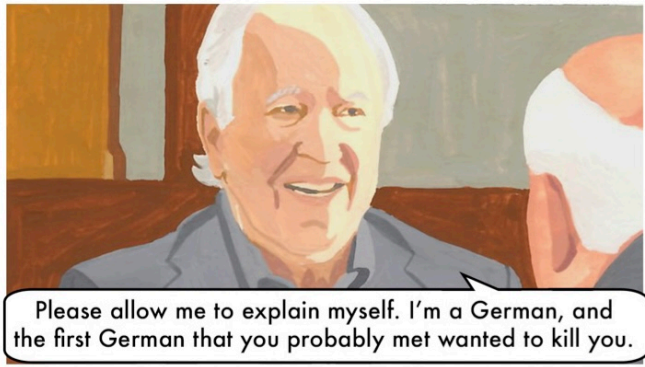


**LECH WAŁĘSA**  
President of Poland between 1990 and 1995,  
Nobel Peace Prize laureate

## Archive Interviewee

**MARGARET THATCHER**  
British Prime Minister  
1979 to 1990





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



No!



But he was the enemy!



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

The neighbouring village had a shop full of amazing gingerbread biscuits. It turned out that these neighbours were called the Germans. I really liked those neighbours.

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

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



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



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

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



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

And André, you have the real bribery!



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



THE NORTH CAUCASUS VILLAGE OF PRIVOLNOE

'Father  
Returns  
Home'



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.

Our country was devastated by the war. Our Stavropol region was under occupation, and much was destroyed.



The most important task was to grow wheat.



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



I saw how the wind and dust had destroyed the crops. The first two post-war harvests led to famine.

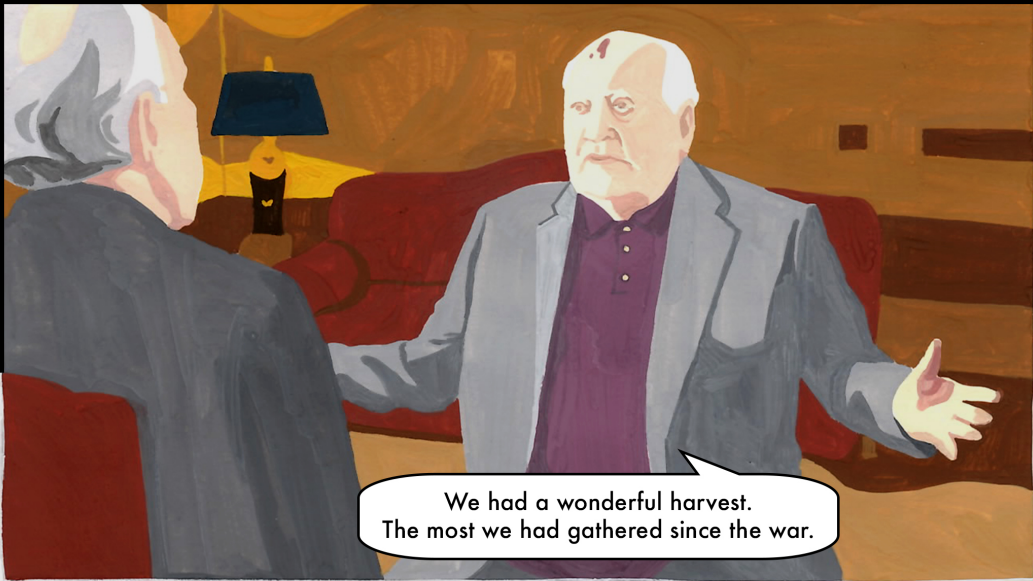




But then the rains came.



The earth was revived.  
The crops began to grow



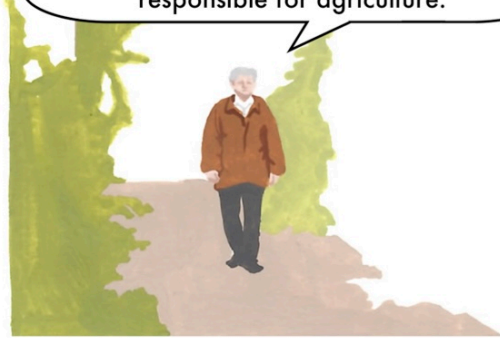
We had a wonderful harvest.  
The most we had gathered since the war.







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



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



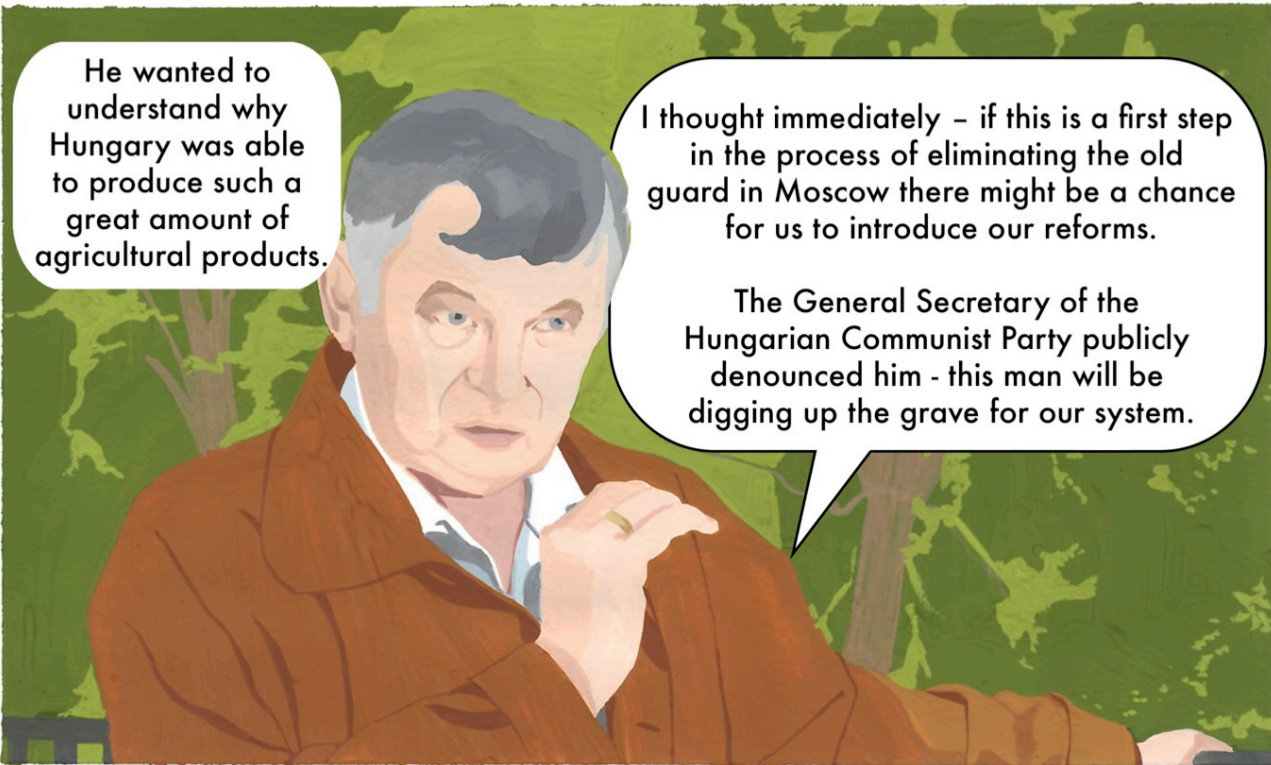
FOOD ENOUGH FOR 17 TO 18 MILLION PEOPLE



So I escorted him twice to the countryside. I immediately realised that this man was a new brush.



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



MAY DAY PARADE 1982

GORBACHEV - FULL MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO



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



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



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



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