

the
LIFE AND TIMES
of
MALCOLM X

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street



ella



malcolm



betty



reginald



louise



elijah



FOLLOWERS OF MARCUS GARVEY'S UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION GATHER AT THE LITTLE FAMILY HOME IN EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN. MALCOLM'S MOTHER, LOUISE, ANXIOUSLY WAITS THE RETURN OF HER HUSBAND EARL, WHO IS LATE TO THE MEETING.

A POLICEMAN ENTERS AND ANNOUNCES THAT EARL HAS BEEN KILLED IN A STREETCAR ACCIDENT.



LOUISE COLLAPSES AS A WHITE SOCIAL WORKER ARRIVES, ACCUSING THE LITTLE FAMILY OF NEGLECT AND REMANDING THE CHILDREN TO FOSTER CARE.



MALCOLM IS TAKEN IN BY HIS OLDER SISTER ELLA IN BOSTON. SHE INTRODUCES HIM TO "THE HILL," AN UPWARDLY MOBILE, MIDDLE-CLASS BLACK NEIGHBORHOOD.

MALCOLM WANDERS INTO A POOL ROOM AND MEETS STREET, WHO GETS HIM STARTED IN THE WORLD OF PETTY CRIME.

STREET CONVINCES MALCOLM TO PULL OFF A HEIST.





POLICE OFFICERS ENTER WITH CLUBS AND ARREST BOTH OF THEM.


HANDCUFFED AND ALONE IN AN INTERROGATION ROOM, MALCOLM RECALLS HOW WHITE SUPREMACIST VIOLENCE HAS ALWAYS FOLLOWED HIM. HE RESOLVES TO BEAR THE POWER OF HIS TRUTH AGAINST EVIL.



MALCOLM'S LITTLE BROTHER REGINALD VISITS HIM IN PRISON AND ENCOURAGES HIM TO CONVERT TO THE MUSLIM FAITH.



ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, THE LEADER OF THE NATION OF ISLAM, APPEARS.



HE CONVINCES MALCOLM TO CHANGE HIS LAST NAME TO "X" AND SHOWS HIM HOW TO PRAY.



IN HARLEM, MALCOLM STANDS BACK AND WATCHES AS STREET PREACHERS EXHORT PASSERSBY. THEN, HE GETS UP AND STARTS SPEAKING.



AS HE TRAVELS THE COUNTRY,
LEADING RALLIES AND FOUNDING
NATION OF ISLAM TEMPLES,

MALCOLM LAYS OUT HIS AGENDA FOR
PAN-AFRICAN BLACK LIBERATION.



AS NEWS SWIRLS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION, MALCOLM TELLS REPORTERS THAT JFK'S DEATH WAS THE FORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCE OF AMERICA'S VIOLENT CULTURE.

ELIJAH CENSURES MALCOLM, FORBIDDING HIM TO SPEAK PUBLICLY FOR 90 DAYS.



MALCOLM'S WIFE BETTY COMFORTS HIM AND ENCOURAGES HIM TO MAKE THE HAJJ, OR MUSLIM PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA.



DONNING THE SIMPLE WHITE CLOTH OF A PILGRIM, MALCOLM LEARNS THE ORTHODOX PRAYER RITUAL AND RECEIVES HIS NEW NAME: EL-HAJJ MALIK EL-SHABAZZ.




UPON HIS RETURN TO THE U.S., MALCOLM REITERATES THAT THE VIOLENCE OF AMERICAN CULTURE LEADS TO MORE VIOLENCE.



THOUGH HE LEARNS OF FREQUENT THREATS TO HIS LIFE, HE REMAINS RESOLUTE IN HIS FAITH THAT THE BLACK LIBERATION STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE AND SUCCEED.

AS MALCOLM PREPARES TO GIVE A SPEECH AT A MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY, HIS ALLIES TRY TO PREVENT HIM FROM DOING SO OUT OF FEAR FOR HIS SAFETY.



DESPITE THEIR CAUTIONS,
HE GOES TO THE STAGE
AND TAKES HIS PLACE AT
THE PODIUM AS THREE
MEN APPEAR WITH GUNS.

THEY RISE AND SHOOT MALCOLM.