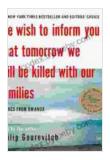
### A Harrowing Tale: Unveiling the Heartbreaking Story of "We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families"

In the annals of human history, there are episodes of unimaginable horror that leave an indelible scar on our collective conscience. The Rwandan genocide, a gruesome campaign of mass murder that erupted in 1994, is one such tragedy.



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Amidst the chaos and despair, a remarkable document emerged, revealing the chilling reality faced by countless innocent victims: "We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families." This heartwrenching letter, penned by the Tutsi villagers of Ntarama, provides a haunting glimpse into the depths of human depravity.

### A Masterful Narrative

In his acclaimed book, "We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families," Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Philip Gourevitch reconstructs the events leading up to and during the genocide. Through meticulous research and interviews with survivors, Gourevitch paints a vivid tapestry of the atrocities that unfolded in Rwanda.

Gourevitch's narrative is both unflinchingly honest and profoundly empathetic. He does not shy away from the gruesome details of the killings, yet he also shines a light on the indomitable spirit of those who survived.

### **Historical Context**

To fully grasp the significance of "We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families," it is essential to understand the historical context of the Rwandan genocide.

Rwanda, a small country in East Africa, was once home to two main ethnic groups: the Hutu and the Tutsi. Decades of colonial rule and political manipulation had sown seeds of division between the two groups, creating a powder keg waiting to explode.

In 1994, the assassination of the Hutu president sparked a wave of violence that quickly escalated into a full-blown genocide. Hutu extremists, fueled by hate propaganda, targeted the Tutsi population with unimaginable brutality.

### The Letter of Despair

In the midst of the chaos, the Tutsi villagers of Ntarama sought refuge in a local church. As Hutu attackers surrounded the church, the villagers penned a desperate letter to the outside world.

The letter, addressed to "Our Brothers in Christ," is a chilling testament to the villagers' plight. It describes the relentless attacks, the lack of food and water, and the imminent threat of death. The letter ends with a plea for help that reverberates through history:

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*"We are writing this letter to inform you that tomorrow we will be killed with our families. Those who will kill us are the Interahamwe, the CDR, and the Impuzamugambi.* 

We will be killed because we are Tutsi. We have done nothing wrong. We have not killed anyone.

We ask for your help. Please save us from this genocide."

#### A Legacy of Resilience

Despite the horrific events that unfolded, "We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families" is ultimately a story of resilience.

Through the voices of survivors, Gourevitch reveals the extraordinary strength and determination of those who endured the genocide. He also exposes the failures of the international community to prevent or stop the atrocities.

The book serves as a powerful reminder of the fragility of human life and the importance of speaking out against injustice. It is a testament to the indomitable spirit of those who have survived genocide and a call to action for all who believe in the sanctity of human rights.

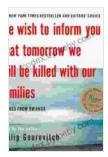
"We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families" is a haunting and unforgettable work of literature. It is a necessary read for anyone who seeks to understand the horrors of genocide and the enduring power of human resilience.

Through Gourevitch's masterful storytelling, the voices of the victims are brought to life, demanding our attention and compassion. The book serves as a stark warning about the dangers of unchecked hatred and the urgent need for global cooperation to prevent future atrocities.

In the words of one survivor:

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## *"We must not forget. We must tell our stories. We must never let this happen again."*



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