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SYNOPSIS THE DAYS COME...

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The day comes when your children ask about your past as if you had fought in the trenches.

The day comes when an official letter inquires about your age and status, and pushes you toward retirement.

The day comes when your latest idea for a script doesn't become a film.

The day comes when the new bank manager summons you to her office.

The day comes when you reminisce about meeting Elle during the war in Sarajevo.

The day comes when you start all your sentences with "Before".

The day comes when time is running out on you; the children are growing, your parents declining.

The day comes when you meet a young woman who likes older men – older, married men.

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THE DATES COME...

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1951 The 120 studios at the **Artists' Residence in Montmartre** were built in the 1930s in an Art Deco style. Three concrete buildings at the foot of Montmartre, two cinder courtyards, three floors and no elevators, cellars without time switches the scene of many boyhood pranks.

I was born there, just like my father, and my grandfather lived there—he was the Residence's first inhabitant, a songwriter, renowned throughout Montmartre for *L'Entrecôte*, a track covered by Les Frères Jacques. He was also an actor for Tourneur, Ophüls and others. And he died in 1938, at age 42. His nickname was **Goupil**, the scamp. The name stuck.

My grandmother started out as a dancer at the Moulin Rouge, before becoming an actress (Boyer, Duvivier, Dassin) and leading exponent of the art of dubbing *(Bewitched, Rose in Titanic)*, world famous for her dubbing of parrots into English, Spanish and French. Every film anywhere in the world featuring a cockatoo has my grandmother in it. Lita died in 2006, at the grand old age of 99.

My father was 20 when I was born, six years after the end of World War Two. He was a photographer in maternity units before becoming a focus puller then camera operator on movies. **1955** I board Captain Cousteau's Calypso. **My father** has just docked after filming the ocean depths for *The Silent World*.

1956 I'm an extra on the narrow streets and stone staircases of Montmartre, where my father is shooting *The Red Balloon* for Albert Lamorisse. **The Artists' Residence** is overrun by red balloons. That summer, we follow my father to Belgrade for the shoot of *Michael Strogoff* starring Curd Jürgens. After the Red Army marches into Budapest, my father rips up his Communist Party card.

1957 In cellar #167 of Staircase C, in the Residence's second courtyard, I take an oath with my band of brothers, Coyote and Baptiste. We become **the Coyote Gang**, inseparable from that day until now.

1959 My "directorial debut" with a camera borrowed from my father, but containing **no film**, while he was shooting Edmond Séchan's The Golden Fish, which features the Residence as a location. I "film" my dressed-up sisters in awful melodramas. My father films the streets of Nevers for *Hiroshima mon amour*. He admires Alain Resnais.

1961 My father forbids me from attending

protest marches against the Algerian war. A few months later, nine demonstrators are killed outside Charonne Métro station.

My father gives me a book to read: Henri Alleg's *La Question*, about torture in Algeria.

We kids climb onto the Residence's roof to keep a lookout for the parachutists who might descend on Paris at any moment according to Prime Minister Michel Debré on the radio. We write OAS = SS in chalk on all the Residence's walls. Police stations in the 18th arrondissement are protected by sandbags. Police armed with machine guns patrol in Arab neighborhoods.

1962 My first silent picture on 8mm film, featuring Coyote dolled up as a hoitytoity lady entering a funeral parlor that promises Mourning within 24 hours, to organize a hit on Baptiste, as her husband. And Coyote and Baptiste headed for the Eiffel Tower, carrying a huge saw. And Coyote wearing angel's wings atop the column on Place de la Bastille. It's muddled and a little obscure.

My mother handles costumes and wardrobe—top hats, wimples, cassocks as well as lunch and afternoon snacks. Jacques Higelin and Areski Belkacem improvise the music while watching events on screen.

That summer, a trip to East Germany with the Communist Youth movement. Real socialism: an ordeal. But I discover Fritz Lang's *M*. **1963 à 1966** Every school vacation is devoted to making a series of films in Brittany. **16mm** Pathé-Webo camera with triple lens turret and spring-wound motor. Horror movies, love stories... Coyote as a murderer, Baptiste as a lover, my sister as a postmistress.

1967 First commissions, first contracts. **Two films for ORTF**, the public broadcaster: *L'Exclu*, with Coyote and Baptiste surrounded by 3,000 plates. They suddenly decide to break them all, to the sound of a paternal scolding.

Ibizarre, with Baptiste running through Ibiza to music by Higelin. Eventually, he lets a roll of toilet paper unravel. The families of passengers accompanying the liner that is leaving port follow suit. Both films are banned just before airing and censored on the orders of the Ministry of Information. L'Exclu is destroyed. We salvage one print of Ibizarre.

La Boîte, a short starring my sisters and Jacques Higelin as the male lead.

I join the JCR (Jeunesse Communiste Révolutionnaire), an extreme leftwing youth organization led by Alain Krivine and Henri Weber. We don't want peace in Vietnam, we want a Viet-Cong victory, US defeat and General de Gaulle out of office. I am expelled from Condorcet high school for political activism. My mother stands up to the authorities: minister, head of the school board, principal, censor, ORTF director... **1968** March. I am interviewed by Marguerite Duras for Dim Dam Dom on Channel 2. The segment's title: Into Politics at 16?

April. Michel Recanati and I found **the Comités d'Action Lycéens** (high-school action committees). I become leader. I neglect my camera slightly.

May. We're all together on the **first barricade**—father, mother, sisters, Coyote, Baptiste and my new CAL buddies —Olive, Alain and Nicolas. I leave the camera work to my father, who films the police assault on the barricades on May 10. As a union organizer, he falls out with producers, with communists and with anybody sitting on the fence. In short, with everyone.

1969 From Revolt to Revolution: our story, from the first high-school Vietnam support committees to the barricades of 1968. Starring Michel Recanati, my parents and sisters, Coyote and Baptiste. Despite the support of my family and Godard, I abandon the project, which is too expensive.

Still militant, now at Voltaire high school. We form camera crews to chronicle Alain Krivine's presidential campaign. Demos and rallies. Instead of the expected film with a message, I dream up a parody commercial featuring Coline Serreau denigrating Tefal frying pans—an attack on consumer society and TV.

1970 I give up school halfway through

11th grade and **work first** as a focus puller, then as an assistant director on three prestigious documentaries by Robert Menegoz. Complete trust, huge budgets. Coyote and Baptiste join the crew.

Ever since, all three of us have continued to earn a living in movies: Coyote, props and special effects; Baptiste, production design.

1971 My father gives up film. **He is 40, I'm 20**.

1973 My mother signs the "343 sluts' petition" in favor of legalizing abortion. She joins the women's lib movement and advocates family planning.

1974 I give up politics to focus on my career. I work as **assistant director** on features for Chantal Akerman, Jacques Deray, Roman Polanski, Jean-Luc Godard...

1978 After months with no news of my best friend, Michel Recanati, I set off on a search that takes me to several countries.

1980 Le Père Goupil. Short requested by Jean-Luc Godard, to be screened before Sauve qui peut la vie. In it, my father recounts his exile in Brittany, life as a cameraman, his decision to quit, and reflects on movies, political activism and death.

1981 Coluche for President! A propaganda movie, my first and only "political"

film. The magnificent yet derisory presidential election campaign of 1981. I learn of the death of Michel Recanati. I gather together scraps of footage and excerpts of films shot with Coyote and Baptiste, and I decide to tell his story, our story. *Mourir à 30 ans*.

1982 Mourir à 30 ans is released. **Death desired**. It shows the Residence, my grandmother, Coyote, Baptiste, Michel, Olive, Alain, Nicolas, my sisters, my girlfriends. Henri Weber answers all my questions. The film wins the **Caméra d'or** at Cannes, followed by the youth prize and **César for Best First Picture** in 1983.

1983 La java des ombres. **Death provoked**. Coyote and Baptiste work on the film. Olive, Alain and Nicolas play police inspectors. Birth of my first daughter, Clémence.

1986 Madame Lita. Short about **my grandmother**, the Residence and the world-famous parrot-dubbing specialist. She keeps saying Jacky wants a biscuit to my entranced daughter, Clémence.

1987 Je sais pas... Je sais pas. Second short about my father. His farm has just been devastated by a storm. He is dazed, confused. We talk about fate, dreams, and death once more.

Avignon, venues and audiences. Documentary to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the Avignon Festival. Rejected by INA because of a very long silent shot. I **refuse to cut it**. The film airs late one night.

1989 Je me souviens pas. Commission to celebrate the inauguration of the Arche de la Défense. Produced by my sister and initially rejected by the commissioning body. **I refuse** to make the cuts they want. It is finally shown as planned.

Maman. Feature film. Requested by Anémone, written for Anémone, starring Anémone...

1992 Lettre pour L... Film for Arte. **Death imposed**. Dedicated to my loves: L... and Elle, fighting an incurable disease. Unfair but inevitable. Every screening turns into a political meeting. It's brutal, resolute, ructious.

In Sarajevo, it's war. How can the unspeakable happen once more in the heart of Europe?

1993 Lettre pour L... is selected for the **Venice Festival**. World premiere on the Lido!

1994 Sarajevo. The city is still under siege. I meet **Sanda** and fall in love. I now have an extended Bosnian family, including cousins, uncles, aunts and Faja, my communist mother-in-law, who is nostalgic for Tito and socialism, and rails against these barbaric times.

1995 Sa vie à elle. For Arte. A high-

school student decides to adopt hijab and is **expelled**, but suddenly stops wearing it without a word of explanation to her family or school.

1996 Jules is born.

1997 Following an appeal by Pascale Ferran and Arnaud Despelechin, a huge number of filmmakers support moves to secure residency permits for undocumented immigrants.

1998 A mort la mort. **Death rejected**. A film about something we all have in common but refuse to share. My way of talking about death is not to take it too seriously, but to take a serious interest in women.

1999 Emma is born. A mort la mort opens Director's Fortnight at **Cannes**.

2002 Une pure coincidence. The organization of a heist targeting Chinese Mafia engaged in people trafficking. Starring Coyote, Baptiste, Olive, Alain and Nicolas. Main location: the Residence. Supporting roles played by Clémence, Jules, Emma, Sanda... The film is selected for Director's Fortnight at **Cannes**.

2004 *Quotidien Bagdad quotidien.* Documentary for Arte. Finally, the voices of **Iraqis**, and I observe the fragile stirrings of democracy after the coalition's intervention. **2007** Higelin Baladin Bataclan and Higelin en chemin. Two documentaries for France 3, looking back on singer Jacques Higelin's career and friendship with my father. With excerpts from *La Boîte*, shot forty years earlier.

Gustave Courbet, les origines de son monde. For Arte. A film that for once features neither my grandmother, nor my father, nor my friends, nor the Residence, nor Brittany. I narrate it, though.

2010 Les Mains en l'air. A feature film about a childhood revolt, inspired by the Coyote gang and the movement to support undocumented immigrants. Shot in the Residence, my old primary school, the streets of Montmartre and the house in Brittany. I play the father. Valeria Bruni Tedeschi is my pretty wife. Clémence, Jules and Emma all have parts. Sanda is wardrobe mistress. The film opens at Cannes. It wins the Grand Prize at Les Mureaux Festival des Juniors 2012.

2011 La Défaite dépasse toutes nos espérances. Film that never sees the light of day after being turned down by the only actor I envisioned for the lead. I abandon the project.

The shock motivates me to write The Days Come, once more featuring the Residence, Brittany, father, mother, sisters, Elle, Clémence, Jules, Emma, death, money, producer, bank manager and **young ladies**.

THE DAY COMES WHEN THE NEW BANK MANAGER SUMMONS YOU TO HER OFFICE



— ... You realize the gravity of the situation?



« You are soon to be 60, or perhaps you already are. We have received no notice of rejection or attribution of a pension by the national retirement fund...»



- ARGIC-ARRCO-AGESSA... ?? CANRAS-CAPRICAS ?... IRCANTEC ?... RACD ?... AUDIENS ?!

THE DAY COMES WHEN YOUR LATEST IDEA



— It's the story of a guy who... The crux of the story is when he starts wondering how to use the camera's power. To try to change things? To change the world?



— ... Change the world?!

FOR A SCRIPT DOESN'T BECOME A FILM



- To visualize a scene in my script, I'd love to visit the bank vault.....
- With me? Leading you into a dimly lit basement? You kiss me... And before I know it, I'm giving you the combination to the safe?
- Not at all!!! It's for my script! It's the story of a guy who......
- A murderous vigilante? Frankly, that does nothing for me...

THE DAY COMES WHEN YOUR CHILDREN ASK ABOUT

YOUR PAST AS IF YOU HAD FOUGHT IN THE TRENCHES



— You ever throw Molotov cocktails? You ever see a cop in flames??



Sarajevo en 1992. War.



« Four years later, the war is over. My son is born. »



Have you noticed? Nobody ever uses "isms" anymore. Before, it was all communism, imperialism, fascism. And now everything is "able." Sustainable, equitable, supportable...
… Eco-responsible!... Nearly... Recyclable, inalienable, interconnectable, avoidable, acceptable, contactable!!....



— Agreable, adorable... ADMIRABLE!! Marie, a sculptress. Just moved in. She wants to join the Association.



- YOU'RE ALL JUST ASSHOLES!!!!
- STOP IT!!

— ... They're not artists! You're all... YOU'RE PETTY FUNCTIONARIES!! Piss me off with your "democratic base"!!!



- I like older men.
- That's great!

- ... Married older men.
- That's perfect! Even better!!

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- Before, we never talked about money, only politics. Then, when you get to 45-50, every conversation is about property prices. And now, it's all about the prostate...
- Before, you never started sentences with "Before"!

— ... I guess you're old and married!





— That day, I totted up the number of summers that the children would agree to spend with us.

THE DAY COMES WHEN TIME IS RUNNING OUT ON YOU...



- Suffer, not die" is the maxim of men.
- What is the limit exactly?

— Limit? Your willpower sets the limit. There's a time before it's too MUCH, when you aim for a bit MORE.



- You'll be a grandmother soon.
- What do you mean?
- There's a girl in your son's room...
- ... Sure, that's Félicie...



- He's hopeless in which subject?
- Hopeless in every subject.
- How can you say that?!
- The teachers are crap. Jules is brilliant, so smart!
- Mom, he sits his final exams this year!
- Listen to him! Curriculum!... Exams!... We didn't raise you that way! Absolutely not!!





— I've had another idea... It's the story of a guy who......

— Not bad! But I doubt we're equipped to shoot in such a dangerous country.... I guess you're right, though... So... So... Develop the idea. Go for it, get down to work!

CAST

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Bank manager	VALERIA BRUNI TEDESCHI	
Marie	MARINA HANDS	
Producer	NOÉMIE LVOVSKY	
Blaise	JACKIE BERROYER	
Romain	ROMAIN GOUPIL	
Sanda	SANDA CHARPENTIER	
Emma	EMMA CHARPENTIER	
Clémence	CLÉMENCE CHARPENTIER	
Jules	JULES CHARPENTIER	
Mother	ODETTE CHARPENTIER	
Father	PIERRE GOUPIL	
Sisters	SOPHIE GOUPIL	
	CAROLINE CHARPENTIER	
Faja	FAHRIJA SULEJIC	
Annie	FLORENCE BEN SADOUN	
Ninon	ESTHER GARREL	
Liar	OLIVIER MARTIN	
Mute	SARAH CAPONY	
Neighbor	MARTINE SCHAMBACHER	
	JULIETTE KATZ	
Undertakers	LAURENT COTILLARD	
	VINCENT DENIARD	
Retirement counselor		
0	JULIETTE PLUMECOCQ-MECH	
	ANGELA MIT	
Pillow man bus	VALÉRY GAILLARD	

BAPTISTE POIROT Homeless guy Charity volunteers **MARION SCALI** FRÉDÉRIQUE TARRIDE **ALAIN CYROULNIK** LUC LECLERC DU SABLON FRÉDÉRIC SENOT DE LA LONDE High-school students MAXIME DANIÉLOU **ANATOLE TROTTIN** Mother Christmas **BONNIE PIRES** Church guy JOËL JOUBERT Model man **BRUNO TACNET** Bible sellers **ARTHUR WEIL** MIKAËL MITTELSTADT Blind person MARIE LEVENT Young woman métro JEANNE AUDIARD Child at window FABIEN ARGELIER **MARIE-CLAUDE FOURMENT** Vaper bus Continuity person **CAROLINE DERUAS**

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VALERIA BRUNI TEDESCHI

(Selective filmography)

1987 - Hotel de France by Patrice CHÉREAU • 1990 C'est la vie by Diane KURYS • 1993 - There's Nothina Special About Normal People by Laurence FERREIRA BARBOSA • 1994 - Forget me by Noémie LVOVSKY 1996 - My man by Bertrand BLIER 1996 - Encore by Pascal BONITZER • 1997 - I Hate Love by Laurence FERREIRA BARBOSA • 1998 - Those Who Love Me Can Take the Train by Patrice CHÉREAU • 2001 - The Milk of Human Kindness by Dominique CABRERA • 2002 Once Upon an Angel by Vincent PEREZ • 2005 - Cockles and Muscles by Olivier DUCASTEL, Jacques MARTINEAU • 2005 - Time to Leave by François OZON 2007 - Actresses by Valeria BRUNI TEDESCHI 2009 Regrets by Cédric KAHN • 2010 - Hands up by Romain GOUPIL • 2014 - Saint Laurent by Bertrand BONELLO • 2014 - The Days Come by Romain GOUPIL

(Film maker)

2003 - It's Easier for a Camel... • 2007 Actresses 2013 - A Castle in Italy



MARINA HANDS

(Selective filmography)

2000 - Fidelity by Andrzej ZULAWSKI • 2003 - The Barbarian Invasions by Denys ARCAND • 2005 Grey Souls by Yves ANGELO • 2006 - Tell No One by Guillaume CANET • 2006 - Lady Chatterley by Pascale FERRAN • 2007 - The Diving Bell and the Butterfly by Julian SCHNABEL • 2008 - Story of Jen by François ROTGER • 2009 - Change of Plans by Danièle THOMPSON • 2011 - Sport de filles by Patricia MAZUY • 2013 - Jappeloup by Christian DUGUAY • 2014 - Sous les Jupes des Filles (French Women) by Audrey DANA • 2014 - The Days Come by Romain GOUPIL • 2015 - Chic! by Jérôme Cornuau

NOÉMIE LVOVSKY

(Actress - Selective filmography)

2001 - My Wife Is an Actress by Yvan ATTAL • 2004 Kings and Queen by Arnaud DESPLECHIN • 2005 Backstage by Emmanuelle BERCOT • 2007 - Actresses by Valeria BRUNI TEDESCHI • 2009 - The French Kissers by Riad SATTOUF • 2011 - House of Tolerance by Bertrand BONELLO • 2012 - Camille Rewinds by Noémie LVOVSKY • 2009 - Farewell, My Queen by Benoît JACQUOT • 2014 - Jacky in the Kingdom of Women by Riad SATTOUF • 2014 - The Days Come by Romain GOUPIL

(Film maker)

1994 - Forget me • 1997 - Petites • 1999 - I'm Not Afraid of Life • 2003 - Feelings • 2007 Let's Dance • 2012 - Camille Rewinds

(Scriptwriter - Filmographie sélective) 1992 - The Sentinel by Arnaud DESPLECHIN • 1996 The Phantom Heart by Philippe GARREL • 2003 - It's Easier for a Camel... by Valeria BRUNI TEDESCHI • 2007 - Actresses by Valeria BRUNI TEDESCHI • 2013 - A Castle in Italy by Valeria BRUNI TEDESCHI



JACKIE BERROYER

(Acteur - Selective filmography)

1989 - Mona and I by Patrick GRANDPERRET • 1991 Lune Froide (Cold Moon) by Patrick BOUCHITEY • 1996 - Encore by Pascal BONITZER • 1997 - What's so Funny About Me? by Christian VINCENT • 1999 A Major Inconvenience by Bernard STORA • 2000 The Dark Room by Marie-Christine QUESTERBERT 2001 - La Bête de miséricorde by Jean-Pierre MOCKY 2004 - Albert est méchant by Hervé PALUD • 2004 Calvaire by Fabrice Du WELZ • 2006 - Jean-Philippe by Laurent TUEL • 2008 - Skirt Day by Jean-Paul LILIEN FELD 2010 - Je suis un no man's land by Thierry JOUSSE 2012 - Looking for Hortense by Pascal BONITZER 2013 - Henri by Yolande MOREAU • 2014 - The Days Come by Romain GOUPIL



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