

WARNINGS FROM YESTERDAY – FOR TODAY

»WHETHER THE CARTHAGINIANS LANDED IN ROME or the Romans in Carthage – what do we care about that today? It is cold history, clotted blood that no one takes an interest in anymore. No guilt, no accusations, no tears.« In the summer of 2015, history student Gero catalogues a large pile of commemorative notices, all published in the last 20 years. Most of them show an Iron Cross – memorial stones made of paper. Who places these notices, so long after the end of both World Wars? The 26-year-old is swept away into a world of mindless cruelty and loses his scientific detachment. He experiences names and places calling out to him – and finally concludes that remembrance must never end.

The great storyteller goes on a gripping explorative journey

Based on real commemorative notices from 1985 to 2015

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