



THEATRE OF VIOLENCE

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SYNOPSIS

Can you be an executioner and a victim at the same time?

That is the central question for Krispus Ayena, who has been appointed defence lawyer at the International Criminal Court in The Hague in the most prestigious case of his career. At the age of 9, Ayena's client, Dominique Ongwen, became one of at least 20.000 children abducted by rebel leader Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in Uganda. Ongwen was brainwashed by Kony, who used a combination of Christianity, witchcraft and torture to turn the children into loyal LRA soldiers in the rebellion against incumbent president, Yoweri Museveni. Ongwen quickly learned that it was a matter of kill or be killed - and he rose to the rank of commander before one day surrendering to the authorities and the following prosecution in The Hague.

Ongwen is charged with 70 different counts of crimes, including torture, rape and murder. But his defence lawyer, Ayena, wants him acquitted because he believes Ongwen is not responsible for the...

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