

A Tale of Good People



This is Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

Many bad things happened here. Torture. Humiliation. Rape. Murder. These bad things were done by American soldiers and American government agents.

They were following orders.



This is Joe Darby.

He was a U.S. military policeman at Abu Ghraib. One day he asked another military policeman for some pictures to send home. The photo disc Joe received included pictures of torture and other bad things at Abu Ghraib. Joe Darby couldn't stop thinking about the bad pictures. He gave the pictures to army criminal investigators. He wanted the torture stopped.

Joe Darby could not remain silent.

WELCOME TO
THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND
MARYLAND



This is Cumberland.

Joe Darby lived around here. Many of the soldiers doing bad things in Abu Ghraib had been stationed in a nearby town. The citizens of Cumberland consider their city a good city, with good people. Many of those good people condemned Joe Darby. Made death threats. Even some of Joe's own relatives denounced him. Joe Darby feared for the safety of his family and moved away from Cumberland. The rest of those good people of Cumberland did not speak out to defend Joe Darby.

They remained silent.



This was Germany 70 years ago.

Soldiers, government agents and government supporters were doing bad things. Torture. Humiliation. Rape. Murder. They were following orders. Many good German citizens approved and said Germany was a good country with good people. Most of the rest of the good German people did not speak out at the time.

They remained silent.