Now I see you
Now I see you
WE DON'T WANT THEM ANYMORE...

BUT "THEM" AS YOU SAY ARE HUMAN BEINGS

Have you noticed that the topics are always quite the same.

WE'RE FULL, WE HAVE NO SPACE LEFT!

THEY CANNOT REMAIN IN THE SEA!...

THERE ARE MINORS! INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND TREATIES ARE BEING VIOLATED!!!

They steal, dirty, stink and so castor oil and truncheons.
Closing the ports is the right thing!

And then, what about the other European states, what they do?

The other states? I give you few numbers...

Do you know that Sweden hosts 23.4 refugees out of 1000 inhabitants?!

Instead Italy hosts just 2.4 out 1000!!!

Have you noticed that he is still talking about pure race, pure aryan race.

Please, don't spread just news that touch people's negative emotions like fear, anger and trigger aggressivity, using parochialisms that become racist slogans.

Your bleeding heart is inappropriate!

We say what our electors want to hear!

Please, stop exploiting innocent's life...

But often is a little bit less orthodox. When the subject is a bitch.

Hey... Tu!!
COME !!!
COME CLOSER
I TELL YOU....

WHERE?
HOW?
WHOOO...

AAAAA...!!!
WELCOME ONBOARD THIS OLD WRECK...

WE ARE CROSSING THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA TOWARDS THE CLOSEST EUROPEAN SHORE...

BUT... WHO ARE YOU?!

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

AND SO YOU ARE HEADING TO ITALY, RIGHT?!

IT SEEMS THAT, BUT MY TARGET IS ANOTHER ONE!

BUT...

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF: I AM BASHIR, I COME FROM NIGERIA

DO YOU KNOW IT?
NOT TOO MUCH REALLY...

WELL, I KNOW THAT IT'S IN AFRICA!

COME HERE, GIVE ME YOUR HAND...

WHAT 2!2
I can't believe it...

Look... This is "Benin City", the city where I was born.

It's beautiful...

Yes, but it was more beautiful a century ago. It was destroyed by the English at the end of the nineteenth century.

Colonialist approach, you know?!... Stuff like that... In that period it was a common "sport" by many nations!!!

But now, come to see this other place...

Oh my God, amazing!
AND THESE STATUES?!

...AH, IT'S PLENTY OF THEM! THIS IS A UNIQUE PLACE IN THE WORLD...

IT IS A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE!

...YOU KNOW MANY THINGS!

YES, IT IS A SACRED WOOD... IT IS CALLED "OSUN-OSOGBO"

IN RECENT YEARS HE HAS BEEN LIVING IN SPAIN...

ARE YOU TRYING TO GET THERE? THIS IS THE REASON WHY YOU CAME BY BOAT 22?

25'000 DEAD PEOPLE!!!

IT'S MY UNCLE MERIT. HE TAUGHT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MY HOMETOWN.
WHAT? 25'000 ???!

IT IS THE NUMBER OF VIOLENT CLASHES VICTIMS FROM THE 80'S TILL NOW, HERE IN NIGERIA!

OH MY GOD... A CARNAGE: ALMOST 8 TIMES THE VIGGIANO INHABITANTS, THE VILLAGE WHERE I LIVE !!!

MY COUNTRY IS RIPPED BY RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC CLASHES...

AND ARE YOU ARMED!?

YES WE ARE... WE HAVE WELL-ORGANIZED TERROR SQUADS THAT SHED BLOOD ON OUR STREETS

WE ARE POOR... EVEN IF WE ARE A VERY RICH COUNTRY POTENTIALLY

BUT IT IS NOT THE ONLY PROBLEM!
COME WITH ME...

OH GOD, I KNOW THIS SMELL !!!

AH, YOU ARE AN OIL EXPERT, I SEE !!!
YES! SEVERAL OIL COMPANIES EXTRACT IT FEW MILES FAR FROM OUR COUNTRY!

SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND, THIS DEPOSIT WAS BUILT IN THE NIGER DELTA... IT WAS A RICH AND FRUITFUL AREA IN THE PAST.

TODAY, PEOPLE HAVE NOTHING LEFT ... JUST UNCULTIVABLE LANDS AND SERIOUS...

HEALTH ISSUES!!! I KNOW THAT.

SO MARCO...

... HERE IN NIGERIA, BETWEEN WARS, COLONIALISM AND OIL, JUST MILITARY OFFICIALS AND CORRUPTED POLITICIANS ENRICHED ...AND MANY EUROPEANS AND AMERICANS WITH THEIR OFF-SHORE COMPANIES.

JUST DEATH FOR US: DIED FROM HUNGER, WARS AND DISEASES... ESCAPE IS THE ONLY WAY TO SURVIVE!
LOOK, I HAVE LOST EVERYTHING!!!

MY AIM IS TO REACH MY UNCLE IN SPAIN.

IT IS THIS DREAM THAT KEEPS ME ALIVE

IT'S MORE CLEAR NOW, BASHIR...

OW! I SEE YOU!

??
And you, you that thought
That it was all gone

MARCO...!!
HEY MARCO!!!

...HELP !!!
THE BOMB !!!

HEY MARCO!!!

WHAT BOMB?!
YOU'RE RAVING!
YOU HAD A NIGHTMARE

ALWAYS WITH
HEADPHONES. I HAVE BEEN CALLING YOU FOR
HALF AN HOUR!!!

OH, SORRY MUM!
TELL ME...

AND IF YOU
DON'T LISTEN
TO THE TV,
SWITCH IT OFF!

WAIT!
WHERE IS BASHIR

,,,WHO !?

YES...
BASHIR!
EHM... DID THE
BOAT ARRIVE
TO ITALY ?!

That this tragic, miserable story
Wouldn't happen again
You that trusted in progress
And in Mandela’s smiling

You that thought that after
Winter, spring would come.

**BRUNORI SAS, “L’uomo nero”**

AREN THE IMMIGRANTS ON THE BOAT ALL SAFE? YES OR NOT?!

SINCE WHEN...
YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THESE ISSUES

AH, YES
... I’VE HEARD THEY’VE BEEN WELCOMED IN A SPANISH PORT!

POOR PEOPLE,
PERHAPS IT IS BETTER, THAT HERE NOBODY LISTEN TO US ...!!!
NINE YEARS LATER

...AND SO IT IS !!!

THAT WEIRD DREAM MADE ON THE SOFA DURING AN ORDINARY DAY, WHEN I STILL LIVED IN ITALY, CHANGED MY LIFE.

...THIS IS WHY I WORK AS A CULTURAL MEDIATOR HERE IN MADRID!

...REGARDING YOUR LESSON ABOUT THE ENGLISH COLONIALISM IN AFRICA, IT HAS BEEN SO ENLIGHTENING!!

THANKS MARCO!

HI, UNCLE!

AH! COME HERE MARCO, I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU A PERSON...

HE IS BASHIR...
HI, BASHIR!

NICE TO MEET YOU... I AM MARCO; DOES HE SAY... "BASHIR"?'

YES! HI MARCO, NICE TO MEET YOU TOO!

I'M SORRY, I HAVE JUST TWO MINUTES. A QUICK HUG, UNCLE...

TWELVE GUYS ARE WAITING FOR ME FOR THE SPANISH CLASS.

MY NEPHEW!!! HE IS IN SPAIN SINCE NINE YEARS BUT I RARELY SEE HIM. HE TEACHES SPANISH TO THE IMMIGRANTS.

I HAVE TO RUN!! "HASTA PRONTO" MARCO!

HE'S ALWAYS IN A RUSH!

NOW, I SEE IT !!!
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