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From the Author

An excerpt from *Restless Valley* by Philip Shishkin

Andijan, Uzbekistan

May, 2005. Word is trickling out of a massacre of prisoners and civilians.

Rumors rippled through the crowd that high-ranking Uzbek officials, perhaps even the president himself, were on their way to address the rally and somehow make things better. Such was the enduring appeal of the myth of the good czar. Through centuries of misrule and repression, people in the Russian and then the Soviet empire held out hope that all the abuse was orchestrated by mid-level bureaucrats while the man at the top was kept in the dark. If only you could bypass the evil entourage and tell the czar directly what horrible injustices were being visited upon his subjects, he would open his eyes in shock, punish the abusers, and make things right.

You read accounts of victims of Stalin's purges dragged into dungeons and forced by their interrogators to sign wholly fabricated admissions of guilt before getting shot like dogs, and the victims, incredulous to the last, say things like "Does Comrade Stalin know about this?" or "It's all a mistake, you must tell Comrade Stalin." The myth of the good czar is a coping mechanism, a refusal to believe that the political system is really as rotten from the top as it seems.

In Andijan that day, as protesters were expecting the Uzbek president to alight on the square and talk to them, security forces quietly cut off all retreats and prepared to turn the square into a kill zone.

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Philip Shishkin was an award-winning staff reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*. A fellow at the Asia Society, he is now a freelance writer based in Beijing.

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