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CHAPTER ONE

QUESTIONS ABOUT A MURDER

When Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman al Saud (MBS) invited journalist Martin Smith to a car race called the Diriyah E-Prix, Smith accepted. But he didn't go just to watch the December 2018 race. He had questions for the world leader. Smith wanted to learn about the murder of another journalist.

Chapter **One**

Jamal Khashoggi was this journalist. He wrote for *The Washington Post*. Although Khashoggi lived in the United States, he was from Saudi Arabia. When he wrote for the U.S. newspaper, he sometimes criticized MBS. On October 2, 2018, Khashoggi was in Istanbul, Turkey. He went to the Saudi **consulate** there. He needed to pick up a document to show he was divorced. He needed it to marry his Turkish fiancé, Hatice Cengiz. He entered the building but never came out.

One month later, *The Washington Post* published a piece written by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. He said a group of Saudi **assassins** had traveled to Turkey. Khashoggi had been told to pick up his document on October 2. The assassins appeared to know he would be there. It seemed they had planned the murder and killed Khashoggi when he arrived.

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Jamal Khashoggi at home

Smith wanted answers about Khashoggi. But MSB didn't want to discuss the matter. He wanted to watch the race. The electric Formula-E race cars sped around the track. The Diriyah E-Prix race is held each year in this Saudi city of the same name. In addition to three days of racing, musical bands perform. MBS attends every year. The event is part of Vision 2030.

MBS announced Vision 2030 in 2016 with an 84-page document. It explained that he wants life in Saudi Arabia to be better by 2030. The report stated that Saudi Arabia should not rely on income from oil. MBS said the country needed to vary its **economy**. The government owns most of Saudi Arabia's oil.

MBS told his people they should not expect government jobs. In 2021, about 66 percent of Saudis worked in government. MBS said people need to grow their own companies. He urged them to develop ideas. He too has ideas. MBS believes Saudi Arabia should excel in sports such as Formula-E racing. He thinks Saudi Arabia can bring more tourists to the country with sports.

In the city of Riyadh, a banner reminds people about Vision 2030.

The Diriyah E-Prix is a family event. It draws race fans from around the world. There is a lot more to do than watch the race. Diriyah is a historic city. It is full of unique buildings. As visitors walk the streets, they observe life in this **oasis** community. MBS wants his country and people to make a good impression on the world.

Smith pressed MBS about Khashoggi's death. The prince said he was not involved in the killing. "We have 3 million government employees. I am not Google or a supercomputer to watch over 3 million." But he also said that because he is prince, he is responsible. Mohammed bin Salman is one of the most powerful men in Saudi Arabia.

Drivers compete in the second round of the ABB Formula-E World Championship Diriyah E-Prix in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

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