

Zohra Drif, an Algerian freedom fighter, recounts her childhood experiences in a French primary school, highlighting the stark cultural and social differences between herself and her European classmates. Despite academic success, surpassing even her best friend Roselyne, Zohra confronts the harsh reality of colonial prejudice when Roselyne reveals the impossibility of her mother accepting Zohra's success over her own. This encounter shatters Zohra's innocence, making her acutely aware of the inherent inequality rooted in her Arab identity, ultimately leading to the loss of her friendship and a profound understanding of her place within the colonial system. Later, she joined the FLN, was imprisoned for five years for "terrorism," and ultimately played a key role in the Algerian revolution.