

A True Story by Marion Polusky-Nakash

One Friday in the 1970s, a friend phoned to say that her husband had two male visitors from the UK, so asked me to bring a girlfriend along and join them for an evening's fun. At first, I refused, but she persuaded me, so I invited a close friend to join us.

We all met at a Tel-Aviv hotel lounge. One of the men was a blonde and the other had dark hair. From an early age, I was attracted to men with dark hair, probably because I adored my handsome black-haired dad. The blonde guy, Keith took a liking to me, pestering me the whole evening.

After drinks, we left for a club in Jaffa, still Keith stuck to me like glue. When we left for home, he tried to convince me to join him the next day, mentioning that there was also a movie showing that he was dying to see. Naturally, I refused, which saved my life!

Early Sunday morning, my friend phoned me, and she was stunned when I answered her phone call. She told me that the two British guys went to a movie with two girls the previous evening and she thought it had been me. She quickly told me that a terrorist had thrown a hand grenade at the audience which unfortunately fell on Keith and his lady friend, killing them both. Strangely no one else was injured!

I thanked my lucky stars that I wasn't attracted to blonde men!

When my parents living in South Africa heard about my lucky escape, my mom asked me not to go to public places and be very careful wherever I went. About 10 days after the incident with Keith, I came home to find that the police had surrounded our building. Apparently a terrorist had attached a bomb to our gas pipes at the back of the building and quite by chance one of the residents, who was a sapper in the army, heard ticking and went to take a look, shocked to discover a bomb that had been set to explode around 4:30 pm, a time when most of the residents are home.

So, I wrote to my mom that basically there is no safe place and one can never be too careful – fate is fate!

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## Police dismantle bomb in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV. — Police sappers yesterday dismantled an explosive device attached to a container in the courtyard of a block of flats in the Bayit quarter here before it could cause any damage.

The bomb, consisting of a quarter of a kilogram of plastic explosive, attached to a detonator and a mechanical timing device, was discovered by one of the residents at 45 Rehov Hazohar. He called police who dismantled the device within minutes.

Police searched the entire area to make sure that there were no other bombs. Hagan and the civil guard were both put on the alert. (JTA)

Notice in the newspaper regarding bomb placed in -building in Tel Aviv – Dec 1974



Announcement in the Govmt press in 12.74 following the attack in a Tel Aviv cinema.