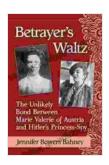
## The Unlikely Bond Between Marie Valerie Of Austria And Hitler Princess Spy

Marie Valerie of Austria, the great-granddaughter of Emperor Franz Josef I, was an unlikely ally of Adolf Hitler. A devout Catholic and monarchist, she nevertheless found common ground with the Nazi dictator in their shared hatred of communism and their belief in the superiority of the Aryan race.

Their bond was forged in the aftermath of World War I, when Marie Valerie provided financial support to Hitler's fledgling Nazi Party. She also used her connections to arrange meetings between Hitler and other high-ranking Nazis, including Hermann Göring and Heinrich Himmler.



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the planning of the Holocaust, and she was present at the Wannsee Conference where the decision was made to exterminate the Jews of Europe.

Marie Valerie's relationship with Hitler was a complex one. She was both fascinated and repelled by him. She admired his charisma and his determination, but she was also disgusted by his cruelty and his racism. Nevertheless, she remained loyal to him until the very end, and she even visited him in his Berlin bunker just days before his suicide.

Marie Valerie's story is a reminder of the dangers of extremism. It is a cautionary tale about how even the most unlikely people can be seduced by the allure of power. It is also a story of hope, and of the power of forgiveness. Marie Valerie eventually came to regret her association with Hitler, and she spent the rest of her life trying to make amends for her actions.

#### **Early Life**

Marie Valerie was born in Vienna, Austria, on January 22, 1868. She was the youngest child of Emperor Franz Josef I and Empress Elisabeth of Austria.

Marie Valerie was a beautiful and intelligent child. She was also a devout Catholic and a staunch monarchist. She was deeply attached to her family, and she was especially close to her father.

Marie Valerie received a private education at the Hofburg Palace in Vienna. She studied languages, history, and the arts. She was also an accomplished pianist and singer.

#### Marriage

In 1890, Marie Valerie married Archduke Franz Salvator of Austria-Tuscany. The couple had ten children together.

Marie Valerie was a devoted wife and mother. She was also a strong supporter of her husband's political career. Franz Salvator was a member of the Austrian parliament, and he served as governor of Tyrol from 1905 to 1911.

#### **World War I**

The outbreak of World War I in 1914 had a profound impact on Marie Valerie. She was a strong supporter of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and she was deeply concerned about the war's impact on her family and her country.

Marie Valerie's husband was killed in action in 1915. She was devastated by his death, and she never fully recovered from her grief.

After the war, Marie Valerie devoted herself to her children and to charitable work. She also became involved in politics, and she was a strong advocate for the restoration of the Habsburg monarchy.

#### **Meeting Hitler**

Marie Valerie first met Hitler in 1923. She was impressed by his charisma and his determination. She also agreed with his views on communism and the need for a strong leader in Germany.

Marie Valerie began to provide financial support to the Nazi Party. She also used her connections to arrange meetings between Hitler and other high-

ranking Nazis.

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#### The Holocaust

Marie Valerie played a role in the planning of the Holocaust. She was present at the Wannsee Conference where the decision was made to exterminate the Jews of Europe.

Marie Valerie was not a Nazi herself. She was a devout Catholic, and she was opposed to the killing of innocent people. However, she believed that the Jews were a threat to Germany, and she supported Hitler's plans to remove them from the country.

Marie Valerie later came to regret her association with Hitler and the Nazi regime. She spent the rest of her life trying to make amends for her actions.

#### **Later Life**

After the war, Marie Valerie was stripped of her titles and her property. She lived in poverty for the rest of her life.

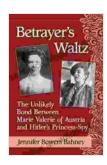
Marie Valerie died in Vienna on September 6, 1924. She was 56 years old.

#### Legacy

Marie Valerie of Austria was a complex and controversial figure. She was a devout Catholic and a staunch monarchist. She was also a supporter of Hitler and the Nazi regime.

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