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## Svetat E Golyam I Spasenie Debne Otvsyakade (The World Is Big And Salvation Lurks Around The Corner)

Stephan Komandarev

Germany

Bulgaria

Hungary

Slovenia

105 min

2008



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### Synopsis:

The World is Big and Salvation Lurks Around the Corner is the story of Alex, who, with the help of his charismatic grandfather, Bai Dan, embarks on a journey with tandem and backgammon in search of his real self. Bulgaria, 1980. Clouds are gathering over Alex's serene childhood in the idyllic Socialist society of a provincial town. His father, Vasko, gets himself into trouble with the regime. The militia want him to spy on Alex's grandfather, Bai Dan. He is the undisputed King of the dice, and in the cafe frequented by backgammon players he publicly tells biting political jokes. Vasko refuses. He, his wife Yana, and the young Alex emigrate to Germany. However, the family breaks up there. Germany, 2006. Alex and his parents, now older, are together again for the first time, on their way to Bulgaria. In the small provincial town, Bai Dan and his wife are feverishly preparing for their arrival. But they have an accident on the road: Yana and Vasko are dead, Alex ends up in hospital. Bai Dan goes off to Germany. Alex does not recognise his grandfather because he is now suffering from amnesia as a result of the accident. The medical team rate his chances of getting better as minimal. Bai Dan teaches his grandson backgammon. The ancient game restores Alex to life. Bai Dan drags Alex out of hospital and they set off on the road. On this journey back to Bulgaria, which is also a journey back to the past, Alex gets his memory back, and with it, the

will to live.

**Screenplay:** Stefan Komandarev, Yuri Datchev, Dusan Milic, Ilija Trojanov

**Cinematography:** Emil Hristov

**Editing:** Nina Altaparmalova

**Music:** Stefan Valdobrev

**Film edition:** Nina Altaparmakova

**Costumes:** Marta Mironska

**Cast:** Miki Manojlovic (Bai Dan), Carlo Ljubek (Aleksander 'Sashko' Georgiev), Hristo Mutafchiev (Vasil 'Vasko' Georgiev), Ana Papadopulu (Yana Georgieva), Lyudmila Cheshmedzhieva (Baba Sladka), Nikolai Urumov (Agent), Vasil Vasilev-Zueka (Ivo Chikagoto), Dorka Gryllus (Maria), Heinz Josef Braun (Dr. Schreiber), Stefan Valdobrev (Stoyan)

**Producer:** Karl Baumgartner, Danijel Hocevar, Thanassis Karathanos, Stefan Kitanov, András Muhi

**Production:** [RFF International](#) [2], [Pallas Film GmbH](#) [3], [E-motion film/ Vertigo](#) [4], [Inforg Studio](#) [5]

**Distribution:** [ART FEST Film Distribution \(BG\)](#) [5], [Solopan \(PL\)](#) [6], [Polyfilm \(AT\)](#) [7], [Arsenal Filmverleih \(DE\)](#) [8], [Epicentre Films \(FR\)](#) [9]

**Co-production:**

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