

Shafiq Rasul- Scared Guards

Interviewer: You got the feeling that some guards were afraid of you, afraid of the detainees?

They were, because when they'd come to take you out of your cell they'd be shaking. They'd be shaking so much that it'd make you nervous, and you would end up shaking as well. Thinking, *Why is this guy shaking? I'm shackled, my feet...my hands are shackled together, my feet are shackled together, I'm not going to do anything.* But you'd feel...you'd feel that they are really scared.

Because...they were...I think the average age was about 23. And when we were in Camp X-Ray I think it was lower. Because they were really young- there were like 17, 18-year-old kids there.

Interviewer: And so...so you were surprised to find out that they were afraid of you?

Yeah, it's just the fact that if they're...they're scared they could do anything to you, so you try not to make any sudden movements or anything. Because they're free, they could knock you down and just do whatever they want to you.