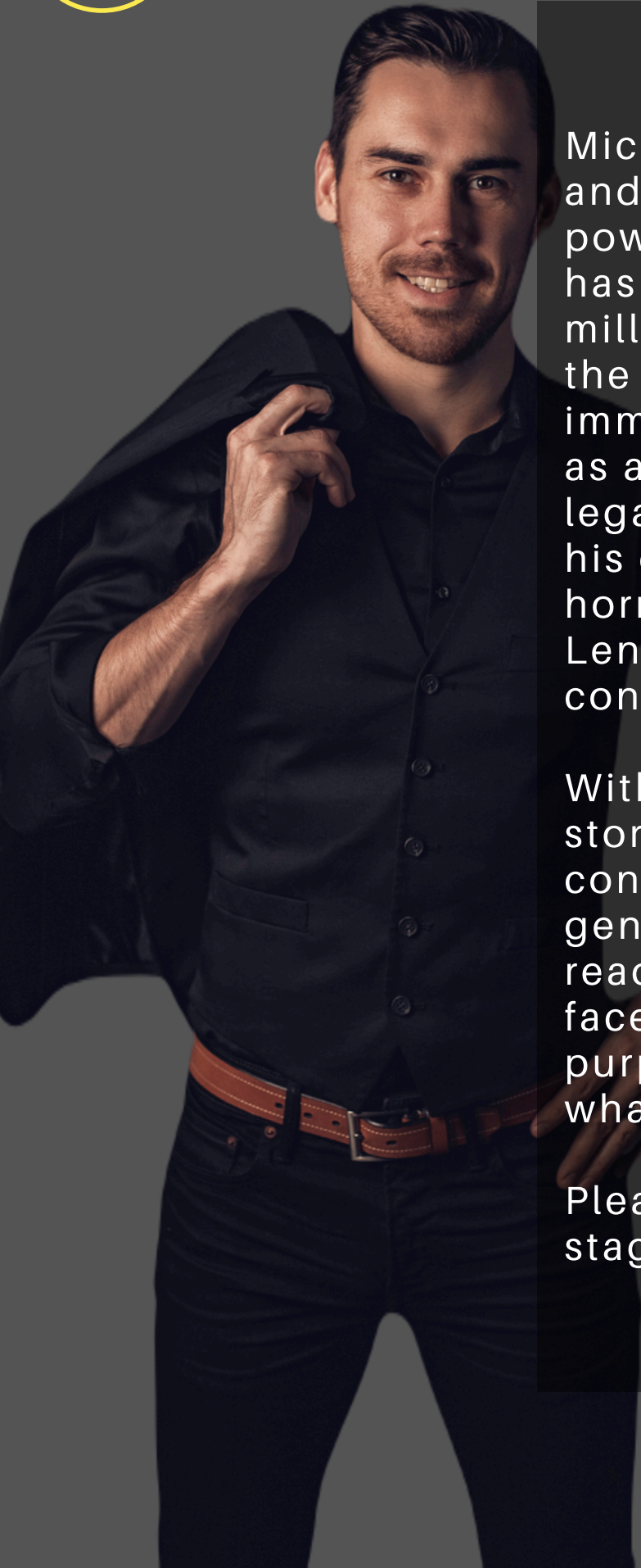




INTRODUCTION TO THE STAGE



Michael is a best-selling author and motivational speaker whose powerful message of resilience has touched the hearts of millions. Born in the shadow of the Soviet Union's final days, he immigrated to the United States as a child, carrying with him the legacy of survival and strength—his grandfather endured the horrors of both the Siege of Leningrad and the Dachau concentration camp.

With a deep-rooted passion for storytelling and a gift for connecting across cultures and generations, Michael inspires readers and audiences alike to face their fears, embrace their purpose, and reconnect with what matters most.

Please help me welcome to the stage, **Michael Ivanov**