1 00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,050

2 00:00:01,050 --> 00:00:06,200 (film slating)

3 00:00:06,200 --> 00:00:13,110 She told me, give this to your child.

4 00:00:13,110 --> 00:00:16,650 I asked her, what is it?

5 00:00:16,650 --> 00:00:18,435 And she told me morphine.

6 00:00:18,435 --> 00:00:21,490

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00:00:21,490 --> 00:00:25,720
I told her, how can I give this to my child?

8 00:00:25,720 --> 00:00:28,010 How can I be the murderer of my child.

9 00:00:28,010 --> 00:00:30,720

10 00:00:30,720 --> 00:00:33,760 She told me.

11 00:00:33,760 --> 00:00:39,700 I made an oath of Hypocrites and I must save lives.

12 00:00:39,700 --> 00:00:41,380 You are young. 00:00:41,380 --> 00:00:43,530 I must save your life.

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00:00:43,530 --> 00:00:44,890 This child can't live.

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00:00:44,890 --> 00:00:46,900 Look at it the child, how it's looking.

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00:00:46,900 --> 00:00:50,710 But you're young and I must save you.

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00:00:50,710 --> 00:00:53,410 And you will give this to your child because I can't.

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00:00:53,410 --> 00:00:57,140

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00:00:57,140 --> 00:00:59,690

I didn't want to.

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00:00:59,690 --> 00:01:03,950 But she started to talk to me, into me.

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00:01:03,950 --> 00:01:14,420 And the more she talked, the less I had [SPEAKING GERMAN] I

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00:01:14,420 --> 00:01:16,060 didn't--

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00:01:16,060 --> 00:01:17,000

What is it?

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00:01:17,000 --> 00:01:19,160

Resistance.

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00:01:19,160 --> 00:01:21,480

Until I made it.

26 00:01:21,480 --> 00:01:23,645 I gave it the injection to my child.

27 00:01:23,645 --> 00:01:26,860

28 00:01:26,860 --> 00:01:30,970 She took the injection needle away.

29 00:01:30,970 --> 00:01:36,670 And the child started to die near me.

30 00:01:36,670 --> 00:01:39,910 It took perhaps one hour, perhaps two hours,

31 00:01:39,910 --> 00:01:40,800 I don't know.

32 00:01:40,800 --> 00:01:46,310

33 00:01:46,310 --> 00:01:54,025 In the mornings when day started on the Krankenrevier,

34 00:01:54,025 --> 00:01:56,170 they every time collected corpses.

35 00:01:56,170 --> 00:01:59,320

36 00:01:59,320 --> 00:02:04,090 There was every morning a heap of corpses in Auschwitz. 00:02:04,090 --> 00:02:06,910 And they came and collected my child too.

38 00:02:06,910 --> 00:02:09,729

39 00:02:09,729 --> 00:02:11,800 Took it away from me.

40 00:02:11,800 --> 00:02:16,080

41 00:02:16,080 --> 00:02:22,320 At 8:00, Mengele came and I was ready to be transported.

42 00:02:22,320 --> 00:02:26,330

43 00:02:26,330 --> 00:02:28,475 He asked me, where is the child?

44 00:02:28,475 --> 00:02:32,360

45 00:02:32,360 --> 00:02:37,610 I told him, it died this night.

46 00:02:37,610 --> 00:02:39,005 I want to see the corpse.

47 00:02:39,005 --> 00:02:41,630

48 00:02:41,630 --> 00:02:44,480 And off he went.

49 00:02:44,480 --> 00:02:48,380 He was-- I was told that he was looking for the corpse.

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00:02:48,380 --> 00:02:52,280
But in this heap of corpses,
to find such a tiny corpse,
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00:02:52,280 --> 00:02:53,480 he couldn't.

52 00:02:53,480 --> 00:02:58,750 Even Dr. Mengele, for him it was difficult.

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00:02:58,750 --> 00:03:07,085 He came back to me and told me in German, [SPEAKING GERMAN]..

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00:03:07,085 --> 00:03:11,870

55 00:03:11,870 --> 00:03:16,790 This is a German expression, you had luck,

56 00:03:16,790 --> 00:03:19,340 with the next transport, you're going away.

57 00:03:19,340 --> 00:03:22,580

58 00:03:22,580 --> 00:03:23,720 I was not glad.

59 00:03:23,720 --> 00:03:25,550 I had no joy.

60 00:03:25,550 --> 00:03:26,570 I was broken.

61 00:03:26,570 --> 00:03:27,890 I didn't want to leave. 00:03:27,890 --> 00:03:28,760 I wanted to leave.

63 00:03:28,760 --> 00:03:30,890 I didn't know what I wanted.

64 00:03:30,890 --> 00:03:32,420 I was I think so, apathetic.

65 00:03:32,420 --> 00:03:35,000

66 00:03:35,000 --> 00:03:38,120 Nothing was for me.

67 00:03:38,120 --> 00:03:39,170 No joy at all.

68 00:03:39,170 --> 00:03:45,650

69 00:03:45,650 --> 00:03:49,250 With next transport, I went, I went away.

70 00:03:49,250 --> 00:03:51,395 We were transported to Taucha bei Leipzig.

71 00:03:51,395 --> 00:03:54,850

72 00:03:54,850 --> 00:03:59,860 And we had to work in the [Place Name]

73 00:03:59,860 --> 00:04:03,042 where they were producing the Panzerfaust.

74 00:04:03,042 --> 00:04:06,920 75 00:04:06,920 --> 00:04:10,500 But again, I don't know how it came.

76 00:04:10,500 --> 00:04:12,970 I had luck.

77 00:04:12,970 --> 00:04:21,640 I was in a transport with plenty of Hungarians, Hungarian girls.

78 00:04:21,640 --> 00:04:25,720 And the very first evening when we arrived,

79 00:04:25,720 --> 00:04:30,790 the SS came and asked, is there somebody was talking German,

80 00:04:30,790 --> 00:04:34,510 and instinctively my hand went up?

81 00:04:34,510 --> 00:04:39,160 And the German told me, you're taking out,

82 00:04:39,160 --> 00:04:42,220 picking out five other girls.

83 00:04:42,220 --> 00:04:45,890 You're going with a car away.

84 00:04:45,890 --> 00:04:48,310 And after Auschwitz, to go with a car

85 00:04:48,310 --> 00:04:52,780 away meant to go to the gas.

86 00:04:52,780 --> 00:04:56,290 I thought, I can't take on my conscience five other girls.

87 00:04:56,290 --> 00:04:57,250 Pick them out.

88 00:04:57,250 --> 00:05:01,090 And he picked out five strong girls.

89 00:05:01,090 --> 00:05:04,840 And off we went with with the car.

90 00:05:04,840 --> 00:05:12,280 And we came to a bakery and we were

91 00:05:12,280 --> 00:05:18,980 asked to load the car full with bread for the camp.

92 00:05:18,980 --> 00:05:23,210 And we started to load bread.

93 00:05:23,210 --> 00:05:31,760 And in the end, the baker woman gave us a whole loaf of bread.

94 00:05:31,760 --> 00:05:35,210 When you're getting a million pounds,

95 00:05:35,210 --> 00:05:39,010 I think I can't be so happy with this loaf of bread.

96 00:05:39,010 --> 00:05:41,640

97 00:05:41,640 --> 00:05:45,930 And this loaf of bread, I forgot to tell you 98 00:05:45,930 --> 00:05:51,360 that in Taucha bei Leipzig, we got the striped uniforms.

99 00:05:51,360 --> 00:05:55,840 And there was also a coat made out of it.

100 00:05:55,840 --> 00:06:03,210 And I took the coat and behind of it, I took the loaf of bread

101 00:06:03,210 --> 00:06:05,310 and took it home.

102 00:06:05,310 --> 00:06:08,200 The SS didn't see it.

103 00:06:08,200 --> 00:06:12,120 So I went and I took another loaf.

104 00:06:12,120 --> 00:06:15,930 And until the fourth of five loaves of bread,

105 00:06:15,930 --> 00:06:19,530 I started to steal for my roommates.

106 00:06:19,530 --> 00:06:20,520 We had bread.

107 00:06:20,520 --> 00:06:23,550

108 00:06:23,550 --> 00:06:31,230 And I had the luck to be in a transport group.

109 00:06:31,230 --> 00:06:35,760 We were loading coals for the camp.

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00:06:35,760 --> 00:06:40,260 We were loading ammunition for the SS people,

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00:06:40,260 --> 00:06:47,250 but mostly we were loading, we six girls, food.

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00:06:47,250 --> 00:06:52,110 That means we were eating on the car, carrots,

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00:06:52,110 --> 00:06:56,130 which we had to bring, or onions, which we had to bring

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00:06:56,130 --> 00:06:57,370 and bread.

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00:06:57,370 --> 00:07:02,650 And if you have food, you are strong and you survive.

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00:07:02,650 --> 00:07:05,860 And I don't know how I came to eat.

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00:07:05,860 --> 00:07:09,285 Again, it was food that I survived.

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00:07:09,285 --> 00:07:13,670

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00:07:13,670 --> 00:07:22,640 In this camp, was women and nearby was a men's camp.

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00:07:22,640 --> 00:07:27,020

The men had to pass the

women's camp from work.

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00:07:27,020 --> 00:07:30,140

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00:07:30,140 --> 00:07:31,400

You must excuse me.

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00:07:31,400 --> 00:07:32,975

I must go back to the bakery.

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00:07:32,975 --> 00:07:36,230

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 $00:07:36,230 \longrightarrow 00:07:40,550$

The baker's wife

was very nice wife.

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00:07:40,550 --> 00:07:46,370

And our SS, every time I

went with us, accompanied us.

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 $00:07:46,370 \longrightarrow 00:07:50,270$

And asked us, please

don't escape me.

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00:07:50,270 --> 00:07:51,740

I am responsible for you.

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 $00:07:51,740 \longrightarrow 00:07:54,350$

I thought, be sure we

have nowhere to go.

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 $00:07:54,350 \longrightarrow 00:07:56,140$

We will not escape you.

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00:07:56,140 --> 00:08:00,140

We were very good prisoners.

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00:08:00,140 --> 00:08:02,000

Because there was

impossible somewhere

133 00:08:02,000 --> 00:08:03,620 to go to escape in this.

134 00:08:03,620 --> 00:08:09,190

135 00:08:09,190 --> 00:08:13,240 So he started to flirt with her.

136 00:08:13,240 --> 00:08:15,970 And I made an error.

137 00:08:15,970 --> 00:08:22,780 But, a sort of error, instead of trying

138 00:08:22,780 --> 00:08:31,390 to twice time, five breads, I once took six time two breads.

139 00:08:31,390 --> 00:08:34,659 And she was standing, and every time when we passed,

140 00:08:34,659 --> 00:08:36,610 she made the tens.

141 00:08:36,610 --> 00:08:38,530 She was signing.

142 00:08:38,530 --> 00:08:42,440 And once I took 12 breads and once I took 10 breads.

143 00:08:42,440 --> 00:08:44,410 And again 12 breads and I started

144 00:08:44,410 --> 00:08:46,840 to steal from the bakery.

00:08:46,840 --> 00:08:53,170 And I told my girls, five times 10 breads, once 12 breads.

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00:08:53,170 --> 00:08:59,560 And in our camp until the end of the war,

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00:08:59,560 --> 00:09:03,860 nobody has known how it comes that in our camp,

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00:09:03,860 --> 00:09:10,370 each prisoner got until the end a third of one loaf of bread.

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00:09:10,370 --> 00:09:12,490 And it was plenty.

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00:09:12,490 --> 00:09:14,260 And we were stealing bread.

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00:09:14,260 --> 00:09:15,160 And we had bread.

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00:09:15,160 --> 00:09:18,710 And even when we got our bread in the evening,

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00:09:18,710 --> 00:09:23,260 the whole bread was standing on the pathway

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00:09:23,260 --> 00:09:25,750 where the men had to pass.

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00:09:25,750 --> 00:09:28,030 And we were throwing them bread.

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00:09:28,030 --> 00:09:31,480 Because the men needed bread too, not only the women.

157 00:09:31,480 --> 00:09:35,830 So we had bread and it was only by stealing.

158 00:09:35,830 --> 00:09:39,760 I've been an expert in stealing.

159 00:09:39,760 --> 00:09:42,400 I must laugh when I'm talking about it.

160 00:09:42,400 --> 00:09:45,790

161 00:09:45,790 --> 00:09:49,450 We had a doctor in this camp who was

162 00:09:49,450 --> 00:09:52,840 the doctor also with the men and also with the women.

163 00:09:52,840 --> 00:09:55,610

164 00:09:55,610 --> 00:09:58,760 And because he was the connection.

165 00:09:58,760 --> 00:10:01,130 He was a Czech.

166 00:10:01,130 --> 00:10:04,780 So I told him, Alex, and I don't know his family name,

167 00:10:04,780 --> 00:10:06,950 I just know Alex.

168 00:10:06,950 --> 00:10:10,460

00:10:10,460 --> 00:10:15,050 Whenever we brought ammunition, we had to hide it away.

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00:10:15,050 --> 00:10:17,870 And I thought somehow the men must

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00:10:17,870 --> 00:10:20,170 know where the ammunition is.

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00:10:20,170 --> 00:10:23,510 Every time I told Alex, Alex, the ammunition

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00:10:23,510 --> 00:10:26,660 is there and there hiding.

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00:10:26,660 --> 00:10:28,450 Alex also got bread from us.

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00:10:28,450 --> 00:10:31,880

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00:10:31,880 --> 00:10:35,750 One day they called us.

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00:10:35,750 --> 00:10:45,410 It was, we heard ally the Allies bombing around

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00:10:45,410 --> 00:10:47,090 and also bombing the factory.

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00:10:47,090 --> 00:10:50,030

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 $00:10:50,030 \longrightarrow 00:10:52,670$

Now comes the nice part of the story, OK.

00:10:52,670 --> 00:10:55,670

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00:10:55,670 --> 00:10:57,427

(film slating)

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00:10:57,427 --> 00:11:00,700

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00:11:00,700 --> 00:11:05,260

I was in connection with the doctor,

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00:11:05,260 --> 00:11:08,950 because I've known he's also the doctor of the woman's camp

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00:11:08,950 --> 00:11:12,100

and the doctor of the men's camp.

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00:11:12,100 --> 00:11:18,970

And I wanted the men somehow to know what's going on.

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00:11:18,970 --> 00:11:19,960

I don't know why.

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00:11:19,960 --> 00:11:23,310

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00:11:23,310 --> 00:11:30,480

The bombing of the Allies

got stronger and stronger.

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 $00:11:30,480 \longrightarrow 00:11:36,540$

And we have known, through

the nervousness of the SS

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00:11:36,540 --> 00:11:38,220

that something is going on.

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00:11:38,220 --> 00:11:41,080
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00:11:41,080 --> 00:11:43,240 It was Sylvester 43.

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00:11:43,240 --> 00:11:46,380

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00:11:46,380 --> 00:11:47,490

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00:11:47,490 --> 00:11:49,530

44, excuse me.

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00:11:49,530 --> 00:11:52,500

Sylvester 44, yes.

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00:11:52,500 --> 00:11:53,520

And I have known--

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00:11:53,520 --> 00:11:54,780

Five.

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00:11:54,780 --> 00:11:57,300

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00:11:57,300 --> 00:12:00,300

Sylvester 44, 45.

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 $00:12:00,300 \longrightarrow 00:12:04,200$

Yes, the beginning of 45.

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00:12:04,200 --> 00:12:09,720

I've known that

SS making a party.

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00:12:09,720 --> 00:12:14,700

And I told to my roommates,

girls, I will steal coal

00:12:14,700 --> 00:12:16,740 and we will make a party.

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00:12:16,740 --> 00:12:20,070 And I went and stole coal.

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00:12:20,070 --> 00:12:25,710 We had an oven, which served us sometimes.

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00:12:25,710 --> 00:12:29,070 When we had plenty of lice.

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00:12:29,070 --> 00:12:34,020 So we put in the oven coal, which I stole.

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00:12:34,020 --> 00:12:38,130 And we put our clothes on the hot stove,

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00:12:38,130 --> 00:12:44,250 it was such a big round one to burn off the lice.

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00:12:44,250 --> 00:12:45,420 But they came again.

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00:12:45,420 --> 00:12:46,710 We had plenty of them.

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00:12:46,710 --> 00:12:50,190

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00:12:50,190 --> 00:12:54,840 So, I stole again the coal.

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00:12:54,840 --> 00:13:00,150 And I've known the SS will be very busy.

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00:13:00,150 --> 00:13:02,850 So we will make a party.

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00:13:02,850 --> 00:13:09,300 And we invited the roommates from another room.

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00:13:09,300 --> 00:13:14,880 And we thought, OK, we are several nations here.

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00:13:14,880 --> 00:13:21,640 And we started to sing each one, each nation, their songs.

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00:13:21,640 --> 00:13:23,970 And it was very nice.

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00:13:23,970 --> 00:13:29,200 But there were other Czech girls who sang Czech songs.

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00:13:29,200 --> 00:13:36,510 So I thought OK, now I will sing you now a German song.

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00:13:36,510 --> 00:13:39,780 And I sang a song of Zarah Leander.

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00:13:39,780 --> 00:13:44,790 My back was to the door, to the entrance door.

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00:13:44,790 --> 00:13:46,200 And I sang a song.

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00:13:46,200 --> 00:13:51,030 [SPEAKING GERMAN]

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00:13:51,030 --> 00:13:55,720 It is a song, a new life starts, a new day comes,

230 00:13:55,720 --> 00:13:59,700 and a song full of hope.

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00:13:59,700 --> 00:14:04,410 And I didn't know why the girls in front of me made gestures.

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00:14:04,410 --> 00:14:10,920 And I finished the song and I heard behind of me,

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00:14:10,920 --> 00:14:16,530 the Lagerfuhrer, the SS, was listening to my song.

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00:14:16,530 --> 00:14:20,010 That was the gesture of my girls.

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00:14:20,010 --> 00:14:23,310 And they told, Oh, you know to sing.

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00:14:23,310 --> 00:14:32,820 Tomorrow you're coming to the [GERMAN],, and you will see.

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00:14:32,820 --> 00:14:35,550 The very next day, my girls, we are pitying me,

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00:14:35,550 --> 00:14:40,110 what will the Lagerfuhrer do with me?

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00:14:40,110 --> 00:14:42,390 And he gave me an order.

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00:14:42,390 --> 00:14:48,840 In a fortnight, you're making a complete variety program.

00:14:48,840 --> 00:14:53,190 And it must be in a fortnight ready to make a performance.

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00:14:53,190 --> 00:14:54,140 I told him.

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00:14:54,140 --> 00:14:57,690 Herr Lagerfuhrer, never in my life, I've done such a thing.

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00:14:57,690 --> 00:14:59,850 An order is an order.

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00:14:59,850 --> 00:15:04,140 I came back and I told my girls, girls, something must be done.

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00:15:04,140 --> 00:15:05,940 And we had a luck.

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00:15:05,940 --> 00:15:11,850 In the same camp, there are also gypsies, beautiful women,

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00:15:11,850 --> 00:15:14,580 beautiful girls, gypsies.

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00:15:14,580 --> 00:15:16,710 They were dancing and they were singing.

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00:15:16,710 --> 00:15:21,750 And that means the others were working together

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00:15:21,750 --> 00:15:25,710 with them in the factory.

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00:15:25,710 --> 00:15:27,720 And off we went to the gypsies.

00:15:27,720 --> 00:15:31,440 And in a fortnight we had a wonderful program.

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00:15:31,440 --> 00:15:33,420 There was an old piano.

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00:15:33,420 --> 00:15:40,110 And there was a block, with a stage, a kind of stage.

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00:15:40,110 --> 00:15:41,490 So we performed it.

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00:15:41,490 --> 00:15:42,330 It was all right.

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00:15:42,330 --> 00:15:44,430 One afternoon it was for the women.

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00:15:44,430 --> 00:15:46,140 One afternoon for the men.

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00:15:46,140 --> 00:15:50,670 And the SS was attending this performance.

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00:15:50,670 --> 00:15:52,020 Why the performance?

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00:15:52,020 --> 00:15:54,390 Because of the bombing and they wanted just

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00:15:54,390 --> 00:15:58,030 to take the thought away of it.

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00:15:58,030 --> 00:16:02,280

When the bombing was bigger, so they

00:16:02,280 --> 00:16:05,490 asked to make another performance.

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00:16:05,490 --> 00:16:09,240 And I told, without men, I can't.

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00:16:09,240 --> 00:16:15,810 And the Lagerfuhrer allowed men to be in this performance.

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00:16:15,810 --> 00:16:19,710 I came to the hall there.

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00:16:19,710 --> 00:16:22,170 And I saw two men on the stage.

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00:16:22,170 --> 00:16:24,390 So I asked, who is this man?

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00:16:24,390 --> 00:16:25,620 Who are these men?

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00:16:25,620 --> 00:16:28,050 Oh, one of them knows how to sing.

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00:16:28,050 --> 00:16:30,580 And I told him, what's his name.

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00:16:30,580 --> 00:16:32,520 His name is Cordelias.

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00:16:32,520 --> 00:16:34,830 He's my today's husband.

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00:16:34,830 --> 00:16:39,420 That's how I met my

husband, on the stage.

00:16:39,420 --> 00:16:40,860 He doesn't know how to sing.

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00:16:40,860 --> 00:16:42,690 He sings very forced.

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00:16:42,690 --> 00:16:45,640 But he's just came.

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00:16:45,640 --> 00:16:48,050 He doesn't know til today.

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00:16:48,050 --> 00:16:52,270 So we made a second performance.

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00:16:52,270 --> 00:16:55,360 But all was very nervous, because we

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00:16:55,360 --> 00:16:58,030 felt the end is coming.

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00:16:58,030 --> 00:17:02,410 One day they asked us for an appell.

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00:17:02,410 --> 00:17:07,150 And we got the order that 30 sick people staying

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00:17:07,150 --> 00:17:10,720 in the camp or 50 sick people.

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00:17:10,720 --> 00:17:15,369 And they need 50 healthy people to attend them.

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00:17:15,369 --> 00:17:19,329 And the other people are leaving the camp.

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00:17:19,329 --> 00:17:23,829

Who wants on his arm will freely stay in the camp?

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00:17:23,829 --> 00:17:29,870 And I told I will stay in the camp with the sick people.

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00:17:29,870 --> 00:17:36,680 And the whole camp was emptied.

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00:17:36,680 --> 00:17:42,470 And all the elderly German watchmen took over the watch

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00:17:42,470 --> 00:17:43,700 over us.

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00:17:43,700 --> 00:17:46,760 And we were attending there for four or five

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00:17:46,760 --> 00:17:50,150 days with these sick people.

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00:17:50,150 --> 00:17:52,880 And we watched the German watchmen.

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00:17:52,880 --> 00:17:54,830 One day they were not here.

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00:17:54,830 --> 00:17:58,700 And we thought, can it be possible that we are free.

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00:17:58,700 --> 00:17:59,600 It's impossible.

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00:17:59,600 --> 00:18:03,440 So without any drama, without anything.

00:18:03,440 --> 00:18:12,230 And the doctor and me went to the gate of the camp.

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00:18:12,230 --> 00:18:15,800 And we opened the gate.

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00:18:15,800 --> 00:18:19,910 And we stepped out alone on the street.

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00:18:19,910 --> 00:18:26,090 And we couldn't, we couldn't fetch it that we are free.

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00:18:26,090 --> 00:18:32,090 And we went on this street on the way to the town.

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00:18:32,090 --> 00:18:37,130 I have known the surrounding because I went with the car.

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00:18:37,130 --> 00:18:43,280 And after a while, we heard terrible sounds from a ditch,

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00:18:43,280 --> 00:18:47,540 [GERMAN],, how you call it, I don't know how you--

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00:18:47,540 --> 00:18:49,850 coming from a ditch.

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00:18:49,850 --> 00:18:51,560 And we came to the ditch and there

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00:18:51,560 --> 00:18:59,240 were two people in this ditch with terrible burns, two men.

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00:18:59,240 --> 00:19:01,760

And we took them up.

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00:19:01,760 --> 00:19:04,700 And we told, what happened?

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00:19:04,700 --> 00:19:08,630 So they very shortly in Polish, we understand Polish.

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00:19:08,630 --> 00:19:13,960 They told us that they were in a camp nearby.

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00:19:13,960 --> 00:19:18,650 And when the German watchmen disappeared,

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00:19:18,650 --> 00:19:26,060 SS came, put on the windows covers with gasoline

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00:19:26,060 --> 00:19:28,730 around the block.

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00:19:28,730 --> 00:19:32,700 They put-- there were survivors who wanted to--

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00:19:32,700 --> 00:19:37,610 and they put fire on these covers.

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00:19:37,610 --> 00:19:42,920 And who wanted to escape, they shoot.

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00:19:42,920 --> 00:19:47,930 These two men somehow escaped and came to warn us.

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00:19:47,930 --> 00:19:50,810

We immediately took them, ran with the doctor

00:19:50,810 --> 00:19:53,630 back, made alarm.

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00:19:53,630 --> 00:19:57,710 Every one of us took ill.

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00:19:57,710 --> 00:20:02,930 And we thought only out of the camp, outside,

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00:20:02,930 --> 00:20:05,630 nothing terrible can happen.

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00:20:05,630 --> 00:20:09,620 And we started to leave the camp to run.

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00:20:09,620 --> 00:20:13,340 We still, how we could with these sick people.

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00:20:13,340 --> 00:20:18,080 And in front of us came a German with a bike.

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00:20:18,080 --> 00:20:22,280 And he passed me, and he told me, come after me.

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00:20:22,280 --> 00:20:25,160 I will show you to the Americans.

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00:20:25,160 --> 00:20:27,980 And as we went, I believed him.

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00:20:27,980 --> 00:20:29,600 We went after him.

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00:20:29,600 --> 00:20:36,620 And we were in the fields and it started to be dark.

336 00:20:36,620 --> 00:20:38,116 (film slating)

337 00:20:38,116 --> 00:20:40,900

338 00:20:40,900 --> 00:20:45,470 I was connection with the doctor,

339 00:20:45,470 --> 00:20:49,130 because I've known he's also the doctor of the woman's camp

340 00:20:49,130 --> 00:20:52,310 and the doctor of the men's camp.

341 00:20:52,310 --> 00:20:59,170 And I wanted the men somehow to know what's going on.

342 00:20:59,170 --> 00:21:00,160 I don't know why.

343 00:21:00,160 --> 00:21:03,510

344 00:21:03,510 --> 00:21:10,680 The bombing of the Allies got stronger and stronger.

345 00:21:10,680 --> 00:21:16,770 And we have known through the nervousness of the SS

346 00:21:16,770 --> 00:21:18,420 that something is going on.

347 00:21:18,420 --> 00:21:21,280 348 00:21:21,280 --> 00:21:26,610 It was Sylvester 43,

349 00:21:26,610 --> 00:21:27,690 43.

350 00:21:27,690 --> 00:21:29,700 44, excuse me.

351 00:21:29,700 --> 00:21:31,100 Sylvester 44.

352 00:21:31,100 --> 00:21:32,730 Yes.

353 00:21:32,730 --> 00:21:33,720 And I have known--

354 00:21:33,720 --> 00:21:34,950 Five.

355 00:21:34,950 --> 00:21:37,510 44.

356 00:21:37,510 --> 00:21:44,050 Sylvester 44, 45, yes, the beginning of 45.

357 00:21:44,050 --> 00:21:49,930 As I've known that SS is making a party.

358 00:21:49,930 --> 00:21:54,910 And I told to my roommates, girls, I will steal coal

359 00:21:54,910 --> 00:21:56,950 and we will make a party. 00:21:56,950 --> 00:22:00,280 And I went and stole coal.

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00:22:00,280 --> 00:22:05,920 We had an oven, which served us sometimes

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00:22:05,920 --> 00:22:09,280 when we had plenty of lice.

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00:22:09,280 --> 00:22:14,230 So we put in the oven, coal, which I stole.

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00:22:14,230 --> 00:22:17,800 And we put our clothes on the hot stove.

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00:22:17,800 --> 00:22:21,400 The stove, it was such a big round one,

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00:22:21,400 --> 00:22:24,430 to burn off the lice.

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00:22:24,430 --> 00:22:27,417 But they came again, we had plenty of them.

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00:22:27,417 --> 00:22:30,400 [LAUGHS]

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00:22:30,400 --> 00:22:35,050 So I stole again a coal.

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00:22:35,050 --> 00:22:40,360 And I've known the SS will be very busy.

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00:22:40,360 --> 00:22:43,060 So we will make a party.

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00:22:43,060 --> 00:22:49,480 And we invited the roommates from the other room,

373 00:22:49,480 --> 00:22:55,090 and they told, OK, we are several nations here.

374 00:22:55,090 --> 00:23:01,850 And we started to sing, each one, each nation, their songs.

375 00:23:01,850 --> 00:23:04,180 And it was very nice.

376 00:23:04,180 --> 00:23:09,460 But there were other Czech girls whose sang Czech songs.

377 00:23:09,460 --> 00:23:16,720 So I told, OK, now I will sing you now a German song.

378 00:23:16,720 --> 00:23:19,480 And I sang a song of Zarah Leander.

379 00:23:19,480 --> 00:23:25,000 And my back was to the door, to the entrance door.

380 00:23:25,000 --> 00:23:32,230 And I sang a song, [SPEAKING GERMAN] It is a song,

381 00:23:32,230 --> 00:23:39,910 a new life starts, a new day comes, and a song full of hope.

382 00:23:39,910 --> 00:23:44,590 And I didn't know why the girls in front of me made gestures. 00:23:44,590 --> 00:23:47,260 And I finished the song.

384 00:23:47,260 --> 00:23:53,380 And I heard behind of me the Lagerfuhrer,

385 00:23:53,380 --> 00:23:56,710 the SS was listening to my song.

386 00:23:56,710 --> 00:24:00,220 That was the gesture of my girls.

387 00:24:00,220 --> 00:24:03,520 And he told, Oh, you know to sing.

388 00:24:03,520 --> 00:24:13,030 Tomorrow you're coming to the [GERMAN] and you will see.

389 00:24:13,030 --> 00:24:15,760 The very next day, my girls were pitying me,

390 00:24:15,760 --> 00:24:20,320 what will the Lagerfuhrer do with me?

391 00:24:20,320 --> 00:24:22,600 And he gave me an order.

392 00:24:22,600 --> 00:24:29,020 In a fortnight, you're making a complete variety program

393 00:24:29,020 --> 00:24:31,930 and it must be in a fortnight ready for it

394 00:24:31,930 --> 00:24:32,935 to make a performance. 395 00:24:32,935 --> 00:24:36,280 And I told him, Herr Lagerfuhrer, never in my life

396 00:24:36,280 --> 00:24:37,900 I've done such a thing.

397 00:24:37,900 --> 00:24:40,060 An order is an order.

398 00:24:40,060 --> 00:24:44,350 I came back and I told my girls, girls, something must be done.

399 00:24:44,350 --> 00:24:46,120 And we had a luck.

400 00:24:46,120 --> 00:24:50,410 In the same camp were also gypsies,

401 00:24:50,410 --> 00:24:54,790 beautiful women, beautiful girls, gypsies.

402 00:24:54,790 --> 00:24:59,710 They were dancing and they were singing, and we were--

403 00:24:59,710 --> 00:25:01,960 that means the others were working together

404 00:25:01,960 --> 00:25:05,890 with them in the factory.

405 00:25:05,890 --> 00:25:09,100 And off we went to the gypsies and in a fortnight,

406 00:25:09,100 --> 00:25:11,650 we had a wonderful program.

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00:25:11,650 --> 00:25:13,600 There was an old piano.

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00:25:13,600 --> 00:25:20,290 And there was a block, with a stage, with a kind of stage.

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00:25:20,290 --> 00:25:21,670 So we performed.

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00:25:21,670 --> 00:25:22,540 It was all right.

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00:25:22,540 --> 00:25:24,550 One afternoon it was for the women,

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00:25:24,550 --> 00:25:27,220 one afternoon for the men, and the SS

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00:25:27,220 --> 00:25:30,850 was attending this performance.

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00:25:30,850 --> 00:25:32,230 Why the performance?

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00:25:32,230 --> 00:25:34,570 Because of the bombing and they wanted just

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00:25:34,570 --> 00:25:38,230 to take the thoughts away of it.

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00:25:38,230 --> 00:25:45,040 When the bombing was bigger, so they asked to make another

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00:25:45,040 --> 00:25:49,420 performance and I told,

without men I can't.

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00:25:49,420 --> 00:25:55,990 And the Lagerfuhrer allowed men to be in this performance.

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00:25:55,990 --> 00:25:59,920 I came to the hall there.

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00:25:59,920 --> 00:26:02,380 And I saw two men on the stage.

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00:26:02,380 --> 00:26:05,830 So I asked, who is this man, who are these men?

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00:26:05,830 --> 00:26:08,230 Oh, one of them knows how to sing.

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00:26:08,230 --> 00:26:10,760 And I told him, what's his name?

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00:26:10,760 --> 00:26:12,700 His name is Cordelius.

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00:26:12,700 --> 00:26:15,040 He's my today's husband.

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00:26:15,040 --> 00:26:19,630 That's how I met my husband, on the stage.

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00:26:19,630 --> 00:26:21,070 He doesn't know those how to sing.

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00:26:21,070 --> 00:26:22,900 He sings very false.

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00:26:22,900 --> 00:26:24,930

But he just came--

431 00:26:24,930 --> 00:26:28,250 he doesn't know until today.

432 00:26:28,250 --> 00:26:32,470 So we made the second performance.

433 00:26:32,470 --> 00:26:38,230 But all was very nervous because we felt the end is coming.

434 00:26:38,230 --> 00:26:42,610 One day they asked us for an appell.

435 00:26:42,610 --> 00:26:48,730 And we got the order that 30 people staying in the camp,

436 00:26:48,730 --> 00:26:50,920 or 50 sick people.

437 00:26:50,920 --> 00:26:55,570 And they need 50 healthy people to attend them

438 00:26:55,570 --> 00:26:59,530 and the other people are leaving the camp.

439 00:26:59,530 --> 00:27:04,030 Who wants on his arm will freely stay in the camp?

440 00:27:04,030 --> 00:27:10,090 And I told I will stay in the camp with the sick people.

441 00:27:10,090 --> 00:27:16,870 And the whole camp was emptied. 00:27:16,870 --> 00:27:21,130 And all the elderly German watchmen

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00:27:21,130 --> 00:27:23,798 took over to watch over us.

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00:27:23,798 --> 00:27:24,715 And we were attending.

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00:27:24,715 --> 00:27:30,340 We were for four or five days with these sick people.

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00:27:30,340 --> 00:27:33,070 And we watched the German watchmen.

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00:27:33,070 --> 00:27:35,020 One day they were not here.

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00:27:35,020 --> 00:27:38,900 And we thought, can it be possible that we are free?

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00:27:38,900 --> 00:27:43,630 It's impossible, so without any drama, without anything.

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00:27:43,630 --> 00:27:52,420 And the doctor and me, we went to the gate of the camp

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00:27:52,420 --> 00:27:55,990 and we opened the gate.

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00:27:55,990 --> 00:28:00,130 And we stepped out alone on the street.

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454 00:28:06,310 --> 00:28:12,310 And we went on this street on the way to the town.

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00:28:12,310 --> 00:28:17,320 I have known the surrounding because I went with the car.

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00:28:17,320 --> 00:28:23,470 And after a while, we heard terrible sounds from a ditch.

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00:28:23,470 --> 00:28:24,280 [GERMAN]

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00:28:24,280 --> 00:28:25,090 How you call it.

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00:28:25,090 --> 00:28:27,340 I don't know how you call it.

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00:28:27,340 --> 00:28:29,140 Yeah, from a ditch.

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00:28:29,140 --> 00:28:31,750

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00:28:31,750 --> 00:28:32,250 Home.

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00:28:32,250 --> 00:28:34,990 I came to Czechoslovakia.

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00:28:34,990 --> 00:28:37,320 And I started to look and I started

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00:28:37,320 --> 00:28:44,690 to go wherever we decided to meet after the war.

466 00:28:44,690 --> 00:28:47,900

Not a single soul.

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00:28:47,900 --> 00:28:50,720

Not a single soul.

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00:28:50,720 --> 00:28:53,390

And I started to be

desperate and I started

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00:28:53,390 --> 00:28:58,640

to look and not a single soul.

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00:28:58,640 --> 00:29:01,160

And I started to

be alone, alone,

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00:29:01,160 --> 00:29:03,710

alone, alone, until

[INAUDIBLE] alone.

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00:29:03,710 --> 00:29:06,140

I went into depression.

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00:29:06,140 --> 00:29:13,580

And I had to be transported

to a sanatorium.

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00:29:13,580 --> 00:29:16,700

And I didn't want to leave.

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00:29:16,700 --> 00:29:19,690

This broke me.

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00:29:19,690 --> 00:29:21,290

Everybody died.

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00:29:21,290 --> 00:29:22,940

Everybody.

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00:29:22,940 --> 00:29:30,140

Nobody from my father's 13 sisters and brothers,

479 00:29:30,140 --> 00:29:33,590 with their children, with their wives.

480 00:29:33,590 --> 00:29:34,910 Only one aunt.

481 00:29:34,910 --> 00:29:39,170 She lived in Palestine, she survived.

482 00:29:39,170 --> 00:29:41,720 The whole family went.

483 00:29:41,720 --> 00:29:43,910 And I was alone.

484 00:29:43,910 --> 00:29:45,650 And your sister too.

485 00:29:45,650 --> 00:29:48,360 Nobody.

486 00:29:48,360 --> 00:29:49,930 And I went into a depression.

487 00:29:49,930 --> 00:29:52,770 And I was transported to a sanatorium

488 00:29:52,770 --> 00:29:55,260 because I didn't want to live.

489 00:29:55,260 --> 00:29:57,730 The doctors didn't know what to do.

490 00:29:57,730 --> 00:30:00,450 So one doctor was very clever. 491 00:30:00,450 --> 00:30:03,690 It was in a castle, this sanatorium.

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00:30:03,690 --> 00:30:09,330 He told me, one day I came and a very thick rope

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00:30:09,330 --> 00:30:11,670 was laying on the table.

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00:30:11,670 --> 00:30:14,670 And I told him, I don't want to live.

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00:30:14,670 --> 00:30:17,250 And he told me, I quite understand you.

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00:30:17,250 --> 00:30:19,890 Outside there are big trees.

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00:30:19,890 --> 00:30:25,080 Take this rope now and go and hang yourself, one possibility.

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00:30:25,080 --> 00:30:31,380 The other possibilities, start to make lines of what was.

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00:30:31,380 --> 00:30:32,880 And start to live.

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00:30:32,880 --> 00:30:35,490 And every time when something happens to you,

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00:30:35,490 --> 00:30:38,370 make a big line.

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00:30:38,370 --> 00:30:40,200

And like this it was.

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00:30:40,200 --> 00:30:43,635 And I started to make lines.

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00:30:43,635 --> 00:30:50,010 And I make plenty of lines since and in my life.

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00:30:50,010 --> 00:30:53,310 And I started to get hope.

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00:30:53,310 --> 00:30:58,530 I know one person, she's my mother today,

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00:30:58,530 --> 00:31:02,670 and she lives in Israel, is the doctor who saved my life.

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00:31:02,670 --> 00:31:05,970 Never will I will forget that Marta Bleyer,

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00:31:05,970 --> 00:31:07,000 who saved my life.

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00:31:07,000 --> 00:31:10,910 She's today a lady of nearly 80 doctor.

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00:31:10,910 --> 00:31:15,680 The one who will give you the injection for the child?

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00:31:15,680 --> 00:31:18,870 She's alive?

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00:31:18,870 --> 00:31:25,650 From Israel, I went to Czechoslovakia in '65 $00:31:25,650 \longrightarrow 00:31:27,820$ and I found her.

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00:31:27,820 --> 00:31:30,690 And when I came to her and stand in the door,

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 $00:31:30,690 \longrightarrow 00:31:33,180$ I thought she will get a heart attack.

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00:31:33,180 --> 00:31:35,800 We were so very excited, both of us.

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 $00:31:35,800 \longrightarrow 00:31:36,750$ She's Jewish?

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00:31:36,750 --> 00:31:38,010 She's Jewish.

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00:31:38,010 --> 00:31:41,910 Marta Bleyer, Dr. Marta Bleyer.

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00:31:41,910 --> 00:31:43,440

Where is she now?

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 $00:31:43,440 \longrightarrow 00:31:45,150$ She is living in Israel.

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 $00:31:45,150 \longrightarrow 00:31:45,900$

She came?

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 $00:31:45,900 \longrightarrow 00:31:47,130$ She's living in Israel.

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 $00:31:47,130 \longrightarrow 00:31:50,190$

She escaped in '68 from Czechoslovakia

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 $00:31:50,190 \longrightarrow 00:31:52,500$ and she's my mother today.

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527 00:31:52,500 --> 00:31:57,150 We are so very, very close.

528 00:31:57,150 --> 00:32:03,870 And I only want to tell you one very short story.

529 00:32:03,870 --> 00:32:07,240

530 00:32:07,240 --> 00:32:12,100 I gave birth here in Israel to two boys.

531 00:32:12,100 --> 00:32:16,900 But when my first boy--

532 00:32:16,900 --> 00:32:24,940 when I was in hospital and when my first boy was came out

533 00:32:24,940 --> 00:32:33,070 of my body, a nurse came and she took the child away.

534 00:32:33,070 --> 00:32:36,130 And the moment I saw she's taking the child away,

535 00:32:36,130 --> 00:32:38,740 I started to scream.

536 00:32:38,740 --> 00:32:40,420 Don't take my child away.

537 00:32:40,420 --> 00:32:41,830 You will kill my child.

538 00:32:41,830 --> 00:32:44,440 Don't take my child away. 539

00:32:44,440 --> 00:32:46,450 I started to cry.

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00:32:46,450 --> 00:32:49,360 The doctors and the nurses were looking at me.

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00:32:49,360 --> 00:32:52,820 Nobody has known and nobody cared about people

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00:32:52,820 --> 00:32:56,000 from concentration camps, what they went through.

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00:32:56,000 --> 00:32:59,080 They thought I went mad.

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00:32:59,080 --> 00:33:01,780 After one doctor came and gave me to--

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00:33:01,780 --> 00:33:04,550

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00:33:04,550 --> 00:33:06,160 instruct me.

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00:33:06,160 --> 00:33:10,260 And so I told him, give me my child.

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00:33:10,260 --> 00:33:13,900 Don't take my child away.

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00:33:13,900 --> 00:33:15,940 And he ordered to bring my child.

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00:33:15,940 --> 00:33:19,810 I was the only mother whose child was laying near her.

551 00:33:19,810 --> 00:33:23,330 Because I told him the story.

552 00:33:23,330 --> 00:33:28,060 And I could never talk about it in the beginning.

553 00:33:28,060 --> 00:33:30,430 People didn't understand us.

554 00:33:30,430 --> 00:33:38,860 And we closed ourself up because nobody could understand.

555 00:33:38,860 --> 00:33:41,050 And plenty of people committed suicide

556 00:33:41,050 --> 00:33:43,600 because there were no doctors, and nobody

557 00:33:43,600 --> 00:33:44,920 could understand them.

558 00:33:44,920 --> 00:33:48,940

559 00:33:48,940 --> 00:33:52,810 In '49 I came to Israel.

560 00:33:52,810 --> 00:33:55,660 And I'm very happy here.

561 00:33:55,660 --> 00:34:00,370 It's the only country I can live and I will live.

562 00:34:00,370 --> 00:34:04,330 Whenever I'm going abroad, it is very nice to make sightseeing. 563 00:34:04,330 --> 00:34:06,310 It's very nice to be a tourist, even

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00:34:06,310 --> 00:34:10,540 a guest, somewhere in some houses all over the world

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00:34:10,540 --> 00:34:12,159 I can be.

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00:34:12,159 --> 00:34:14,800 But Israel is my home.

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00:34:14,800 --> 00:34:22,120 When I came down the steps from the ship, my head went up.

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00:34:22,120 --> 00:34:25,389 And I'm a proud Israeli who loves her country,

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00:34:25,389 --> 00:34:27,670 can't live anywhere.

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00:34:27,670 --> 00:34:29,469 One more thing I will tell you.

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00:34:29,469 --> 00:34:32,380

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00:34:32,380 --> 00:34:34,600 You feel secure here.

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00:34:34,600 --> 00:34:38,080 Only secure in Israel, nowhere else.

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00:34:38,080 --> 00:34:41,320 I am among my people.

575 00:34:41,320 --> 00:34:44,739 And I have my country.

576 00:34:44,739 --> 00:34:48,820 I know I'm fighting for it because it is my country.

577 00:34:48,820 --> 00:34:50,540 My children are fighting for it.

578 00:34:50,540 --> 00:34:52,030 And I never had a homeland.

579 00:34:52,030 --> 00:34:53,739 Nobody wanted us.

580 00:34:53,739 --> 00:34:56,290 Nobody gave us any help.

581 00:34:56,290 --> 00:34:58,240 Why was the whole Holocaust?

582 00:34:58,240 --> 00:35:04,810 Why six million had to leave, to give their lives?

583 00:35:04,810 --> 00:35:11,270 Because no country in the whole world gave us a hand to help.

584 00:35:11,270 --> 00:35:12,760 And here is my country.

585 00:35:12,760 --> 00:35:20,710 Because I am here I am in my homeland, in my Heimat.

586 00:35:20,710 --> 00:35:21,600 I don't know how--

587 00:35:21,600 --> 00:35:28,960 588 00:35:28,960 --> 00:35:35,560 I'll tell you that because nobody gave us a hand, a help,

589 00:35:35,560 --> 00:35:37,600 therefore six million had to go.

590 00:35:37,600 --> 00:35:40,930 And it was very easy in the UN to raise the hand,

591 00:35:40,930 --> 00:35:42,475 to vote for Israel.

592 00:35:42,475 --> 00:35:45,330

593 00:35:45,330 --> 00:35:46,920 Should they have helped us?

594 00:35:46,920 --> 00:35:49,020 Not the six million to be here.

595 00:35:49,020 --> 00:35:55,090 But we have now our home, our Israel and for this Israel.

596 00:35:55,090 --> 00:35:56,580 I will fight.

597 00:35:56,580 --> 00:35:59,310 We will fight and my children will fight.

598 00:35:59,310 --> 00:36:05,100 Because we need to have a land where we can live as Jews.

599 00:36:05,100 --> 00:36:07,380 And nobody tells us bloody Jew. 600 00:36:07,380 --> 00:36:16,090

601 00:36:16,090 --> 00:36:17,410 It is a story.

602 00:36:17,410 --> 00:36:22,090 I can tell you plenty of it something more, I think.

603 00:36:22,090 --> 00:36:24,650

604 00:36:24,650 --> 00:36:26,740 Did you ask me something now?

605 00:36:26,740 --> 00:36:28,255 Don't talk now.

606 00:36:28,255 --> 00:36:29,634 Stay like this.

607 00:36:29,634 --> 00:36:52,270

608 00:36:52,270 --> 00:36:54,375 (film slating)

609 00:36:54,375 --> 00:37:00,000