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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:02,964
[TEST TONES]

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00:00:02,964 --> 00:00:34,130

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00:00:34,130 --> 00:00:38,660
We ended on the note of, you
received the information--

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00:00:38,660 --> 00:00:39,740
About Clara.

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00:00:39,740 --> 00:00:43,940
--about Clara, and now there's a
question of-- and this is after

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00:00:43,940 --> 00:00:46,280
your own baptism, but your
mother doesn't know about

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00:00:46,280 --> 00:00:47,240
this--

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00:00:47,240 --> 00:00:52,077
that you think that Clara was
going to visit your mother,

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00:00:52,077 --> 00:00:52,660
at this point.

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00:00:52,660 --> 00:00:56,130
I think she was
expected and could only

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00:00:56,130 --> 00:01:01,592
drag it for so long to
pretend she would still come.

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00:01:01,592 --> 00:01:02,900
Why isn't she coming?

13
00:01:02,900 --> 00:01:03,560
How come?

14
00:01:03,560 --> 00:01:05,890
Not this week and next week?

15
00:01:05,890 --> 00:01:09,875
I just have to
break the news down.

16
00:01:09,875 --> 00:01:11,520
And what was that like?

17
00:01:11,520 --> 00:01:14,120
Oh, that was terrible.

18
00:01:14,120 --> 00:01:18,860
Then she really
physically broke down.

19
00:01:18,860 --> 00:01:23,920
And I suppose my family will
forgive me if I say that,

20
00:01:23,920 --> 00:01:29,350
but I do believe she had
a preference for Clara.

21
00:01:29,350 --> 00:01:32,810
Maybe circumstances
which I have never known,

22
00:01:32,810 --> 00:01:36,580
although she had been
that horrible encounter

23
00:01:36,580 --> 00:01:38,380
and this eloping
and all of that,

24
00:01:38,380 --> 00:01:41,320

but she had a
closer relationship

25
00:01:41,320 --> 00:01:43,630
to the eldest than
she had with me,

26
00:01:43,630 --> 00:01:45,310
so that was double hard on her.

27
00:01:45,310 --> 00:01:48,540

28
00:01:48,540 --> 00:01:51,330
Sure, Clara is half
your mother's age.

29
00:01:51,330 --> 00:01:53,690
She's--

30
00:01:53,690 --> 00:01:56,690
And maybe the first child, that
makes a big difference, too?

31
00:01:56,690 --> 00:01:59,420

32
00:01:59,420 --> 00:02:01,650
So did you stay with your
mother the whole day,

33
00:02:01,650 --> 00:02:02,970
the day that you went and--

34
00:02:02,970 --> 00:02:03,710
We did, yes.

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00:02:03,710 --> 00:02:06,940

36
00:02:06,940 --> 00:02:08,259
And did you know that--

37
00:02:08,259 --> 00:02:11,110
And she knew, like I knew, then.

38
00:02:11,110 --> 00:02:13,630
We had the place for Clara.

39
00:02:13,630 --> 00:02:15,880
Because then, of course,
I told my mother,

40
00:02:15,880 --> 00:02:18,820
you have a place for Clara
and she doesn't want to go

41
00:02:18,820 --> 00:02:21,340
and she wants to be
together with Jack,

42
00:02:21,340 --> 00:02:22,960
but that is impossible.

43
00:02:22,960 --> 00:02:26,050
We can find a
place for one, then

44
00:02:26,050 --> 00:02:28,900
we will find, later,
a place for him,

45
00:02:28,900 --> 00:02:30,970
but the two together,
it's too dangerous.

46
00:02:30,970 --> 00:02:32,600
We cannot do it.

47
00:02:32,600 --> 00:02:36,370
So she knew that, too,
and that she had blown

48
00:02:36,370 --> 00:02:37,755

the chance of being saved.

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00:02:37,755 --> 00:02:40,780

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00:02:40,780 --> 00:02:41,950

So that was terrible.

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00:02:41,950 --> 00:02:46,360

And I think I might have gone
once or twice back more often,

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00:02:46,360 --> 00:02:48,700

because all she would
be doing was crying

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00:02:48,700 --> 00:02:53,860

and probably the priest had
told us to try to support her

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00:02:53,860 --> 00:02:56,675

and to be back more
often, which we did then,

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00:02:56,675 --> 00:02:57,550

taking all the risks.

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00:02:57,550 --> 00:03:00,350

And the priest, of course,
knew that this had happened.

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00:03:00,350 --> 00:03:03,100

You told him so he would know.

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00:03:03,100 --> 00:03:03,880

Yeah.

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00:03:03,880 --> 00:03:05,095

Because, otherwise, he
wouldn't understand.

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00:03:05,095 --> 00:03:07,260

No, he wouldn't understand
what was going on,

61
00:03:07,260 --> 00:03:09,010
so we told him, yeah.

62
00:03:09,010 --> 00:03:12,820
Now, did she become sort of
incapable of doing the work

63
00:03:12,820 --> 00:03:14,470
that she was doing
because of her--

64
00:03:14,470 --> 00:03:17,320
I think, very
shortly after that.

65
00:03:17,320 --> 00:03:20,350
Within two to three months,
she really fell sick.

66
00:03:20,350 --> 00:03:25,180
Now, whether that was
related to the horrible shock

67
00:03:25,180 --> 00:03:31,180
or whether it was already
starting physically going down.

68
00:03:31,180 --> 00:03:35,830
But I haven't got
enough details on that,

69
00:03:35,830 --> 00:03:46,150
because she was arrested
in July and early '44,

70
00:03:46,150 --> 00:03:49,180
we had to take her out
from where she was.

71
00:03:49,180 --> 00:03:52,030

See, when I got the message--
and that really, this

72
00:03:52,030 --> 00:03:54,970
is like a lapse of some
months there, which I'm not

73
00:03:54,970 --> 00:03:58,060
100% sure when we got
the message that we

74
00:03:58,060 --> 00:04:02,740
had to come immediately because
she was very, very sick.

75
00:04:02,740 --> 00:04:07,960
So we left in the evening
and the shock was so great

76
00:04:07,960 --> 00:04:12,310
when we had only been maximum
two weeks, so maybe 2 and 1/2

77
00:04:12,310 --> 00:04:16,029
weeks without seeing her,
because things were getting

78
00:04:16,029 --> 00:04:19,010
tighter and more dangerous.

79
00:04:19,010 --> 00:04:21,399
We couldn't believe
the change in her.

80
00:04:21,399 --> 00:04:26,860
I mean, it was just unbelievable
anyone can change that fast.

81
00:04:26,860 --> 00:04:30,100
And she was so weak
she couldn't walk.

82
00:04:30,100 --> 00:04:35,117

So we carried her from there.

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00:04:35,117 --> 00:04:36,450

The two of you linked your arms?

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00:04:36,450 --> 00:04:38,550

Two, like that, linked
arms, carried her

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00:04:38,550 --> 00:04:40,220

all the way to Grez-Doiceau.

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00:04:40,220 --> 00:04:43,080

[GASP] For four miles?

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00:04:43,080 --> 00:04:45,270

She couldn't walk.

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00:04:45,270 --> 00:04:48,840

It was horrible.

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00:04:48,840 --> 00:04:50,155

Was she conscious?

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00:04:50,155 --> 00:04:52,110

Oh, yeah, she was conscious.

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00:04:52,110 --> 00:04:53,370

She was in terrible pain.

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00:04:53,370 --> 00:04:54,960

She was yellowish.

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00:04:54,960 --> 00:04:59,980

She was just not the same woman
at all, lost a lot of weight.

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00:04:59,980 --> 00:05:02,010

So we got her to the doctor.

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00:05:02,010 --> 00:05:03,690

She stayed that night.

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00:05:03,690 --> 00:05:07,560

Got her to the doctor the next
day, who happened to be someone

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00:05:07,560 --> 00:05:10,050

we knew in the parish
because you couldn't even

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00:05:10,050 --> 00:05:10,890

go to a doctor.

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00:05:10,890 --> 00:05:14,640

I mean, what are going to say,
which name, where do you live?

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00:05:14,640 --> 00:05:17,740

There was no question
of going near a doctor.

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00:05:17,740 --> 00:05:22,830

But we knew him, so we
just had to confide in him.

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00:05:22,830 --> 00:05:26,190

She couldn't explain what was
wrong, so here we go again,

103

00:05:26,190 --> 00:05:29,460

and I translate and he
tells me and I tell her

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00:05:29,460 --> 00:05:32,790

and he asks questions
and I answer.

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00:05:32,790 --> 00:05:38,370

And right there, just by
pure hand examination--

106

00:05:38,370 --> 00:05:39,990

and that was a bit cruel--

107
00:05:39,990 --> 00:05:44,280
he came out and he said,
it's cancer of the liver.

108
00:05:44,280 --> 00:05:46,350
She has three months to live.

109
00:05:46,350 --> 00:05:48,477
No x-ray, no nothing,
because that didn't even

110
00:05:48,477 --> 00:05:49,185
come in question.

111
00:05:49,185 --> 00:05:53,260

112
00:05:53,260 --> 00:05:55,480
The Hanquet family
had it against him,

113
00:05:55,480 --> 00:05:59,560
that he hadn't even
called Marie in for her

114
00:05:59,560 --> 00:06:01,195
to break the news to me.

115
00:06:01,195 --> 00:06:02,440
Do you know what I'm saying?

116
00:06:02,440 --> 00:06:05,770
He just came out
and said it to you?

117
00:06:05,770 --> 00:06:07,190
Just like that.

118
00:06:07,190 --> 00:06:11,910
So that was unheard
of, let me say.

119
00:06:11,910 --> 00:06:14,100
And you were alone
with your mother?

120
00:06:14,100 --> 00:06:15,390
Yeah.

121
00:06:15,390 --> 00:06:18,480
And Marie was waiting
in the waiting room,

122
00:06:18,480 --> 00:06:20,910
but he could have
called her in, at least

123
00:06:20,910 --> 00:06:22,950
get the more mature person.

124
00:06:22,950 --> 00:06:27,180
She knew me, she could have
broken it in a different way,

125
00:06:27,180 --> 00:06:29,210
but it was just
flat out like that.

126
00:06:29,210 --> 00:06:31,093
Did he say that to
your mother, as well?

127
00:06:31,093 --> 00:06:33,010
Yeah, but she didn't
know what he were saying,

128
00:06:33,010 --> 00:06:35,770
so it was just for me.

129
00:06:35,770 --> 00:06:38,880
Oh, of course, she didn't
know what he was saying, yes.

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00:06:38,880 --> 00:06:40,880
But she could have seen
a response on your face?

131
00:06:40,880 --> 00:06:42,980
She could have seen the
response on my face,

132
00:06:42,980 --> 00:06:45,770
but I don't even think
I told her what it was.

133
00:06:45,770 --> 00:06:47,780
What was the difference?

134
00:06:47,780 --> 00:06:50,050
And then particularly,
when you put a date on it,

135
00:06:50,050 --> 00:06:52,843
and you say three
months, and you know,

136
00:06:52,843 --> 00:06:54,260
I have never seen
a doctor who has

137
00:06:54,260 --> 00:06:57,530
given such a good diagnosis.

138
00:06:57,530 --> 00:06:59,660
Three months after that,
my mother was dead.

139
00:06:59,660 --> 00:07:02,330

140
00:07:02,330 --> 00:07:04,670
So it's not as if she
heard three months and--

141
00:07:04,670 --> 00:07:08,320

142
00:07:08,320 --> 00:07:09,970
So probably, then June--

143
00:07:09,970 --> 00:07:11,380
So she dies in August?

144
00:07:11,380 --> 00:07:12,350
August--

145
00:07:12,350 --> 00:07:12,850
'44.

146
00:07:12,850 --> 00:07:15,790

147
00:07:15,790 --> 00:07:17,750
So it's June that
you brought her?

148
00:07:17,750 --> 00:07:18,730
June, July, August.

149
00:07:18,730 --> 00:07:20,740
She only lasted three months.

150
00:07:20,740 --> 00:07:22,290
Yeah.

151
00:07:22,290 --> 00:07:24,840
But when you told
her about Clara--

152
00:07:24,840 --> 00:07:28,750
so this is August or September--

153
00:07:28,750 --> 00:07:29,420
so she's--

154
00:07:29,420 --> 00:07:33,140
How long is it in between there?

155
00:07:33,140 --> 00:07:36,830
Well, when she gets very
ill, if it's June or May--

156
00:07:36,830 --> 00:07:37,940
A few months, then.

157
00:07:37,940 --> 00:07:40,570
Well, it could be--

158
00:07:40,570 --> 00:07:42,940
October, November, December,
January, February, March,

159
00:07:42,940 --> 00:07:45,640
April, May-- it's eight
months, seven or eight months

160
00:07:45,640 --> 00:07:48,040
before she gets
really, very, very ill,

161
00:07:48,040 --> 00:07:52,330
so you keep seeing her
on a regular basis,

162
00:07:52,330 --> 00:07:53,800
because it's bad.

163
00:07:53,800 --> 00:07:54,610
The war is on.

164
00:07:54,610 --> 00:07:58,540
And it goes kind of
gradually, and she's tired

165
00:07:58,540 --> 00:08:00,670
and she finds it
difficult to do her work

166
00:08:00,670 --> 00:08:06,160

and he calls in the friend
from next door more often

167
00:08:06,160 --> 00:08:09,220
to help her out, until
it becomes impossible.

168
00:08:09,220 --> 00:08:11,740
She can do nothing any
more, she's so sick.

169
00:08:11,740 --> 00:08:14,830
This is when I bring
her over to the doctor.

170
00:08:14,830 --> 00:08:17,710
Well, now comes the
question, what do we do?

171
00:08:17,710 --> 00:08:19,890
She can't stay here.

172
00:08:19,890 --> 00:08:21,420
She can't go back.

173
00:08:21,420 --> 00:08:22,530
It's unheard of.

174
00:08:22,530 --> 00:08:26,180
What is he going to
do with a sick lady?

175
00:08:26,180 --> 00:08:28,710
So we have to find a
place where to take her.

176
00:08:28,710 --> 00:08:32,260

177
00:08:32,260 --> 00:08:37,090
So Marie had this friend who
wasn't married either, he

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00:08:37,090 --> 00:08:40,390

was also very, very
religious and Catholic,

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00:08:40,390 --> 00:08:43,980

who agreed that she
would take care of her.

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00:08:43,980 --> 00:08:45,060

But that was another--

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00:08:45,060 --> 00:08:48,200

you know, I have gone through
a lot, when I think of it,

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00:08:48,200 --> 00:08:51,690

and I can talk about
it now, but just

183

00:08:51,690 --> 00:08:55,590

imagine to hand over
your sick mother, knowing

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00:08:55,590 --> 00:08:59,880

it's three months,
to a stranger,

185

00:08:59,880 --> 00:09:02,140

and you have no way
of communicating.

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00:09:02,140 --> 00:09:07,740

So it was like, from
bad to worse, as we say.

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00:09:07,740 --> 00:09:09,960

And how did you get your
mother to this woman?

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00:09:09,960 --> 00:09:11,480

Her name is?

189

00:09:11,480 --> 00:09:12,240
Sabine.

190
00:09:12,240 --> 00:09:13,650
Sabine?

191
00:09:13,650 --> 00:09:14,640
That's her real name.

192
00:09:14,640 --> 00:09:17,280
No, your mother's
name was Sabine.

193
00:09:17,280 --> 00:09:18,300
The friend?

194
00:09:18,300 --> 00:09:19,020
Madeleine.

195
00:09:19,020 --> 00:09:20,640
Madeleine.

196
00:09:20,640 --> 00:09:22,983
Madeleine [? Strobel. ?]

197
00:09:22,983 --> 00:09:25,150
So your mother is staying
at the house for two days?

198
00:09:25,150 --> 00:09:27,265
She has met her once or twice.

199
00:09:27,265 --> 00:09:30,070

200
00:09:30,070 --> 00:09:32,740
When she came to see
Marie in Graz-Doiceau,

201
00:09:32,740 --> 00:09:36,040
and if my mother had brought
her over, now and again, just

202
00:09:36,040 --> 00:09:40,360
for a few hours,
she had met her.

203
00:09:40,360 --> 00:09:44,320
So they all knew those were
such close friends to Marie,

204
00:09:44,320 --> 00:09:48,550
we had no fear, so they
had met once or twice,

205
00:09:48,550 --> 00:09:49,870
but that's about it.

206
00:09:49,870 --> 00:09:50,900
So she agreed.

207
00:09:50,900 --> 00:09:54,080
And I can't remember, don't
even ask me how we did it,

208
00:09:54,080 --> 00:09:56,590
but we walked her over there.

209
00:09:56,590 --> 00:10:00,460
And that is a distance, if you
have seen from Grez-Doiceau

210
00:10:00,460 --> 00:10:04,810
to a totally different state,
you would call it here, right?

211
00:10:04,810 --> 00:10:07,490
Right.

212
00:10:07,490 --> 00:10:13,820
And we spent the day with her
there, to get to settle things.

213
00:10:13,820 --> 00:10:16,665

Now, she's really very sick.

214

00:10:16,665 --> 00:10:18,240

She's very sick.

215

00:10:18,240 --> 00:10:19,230

There's no treatment?

216

00:10:19,230 --> 00:10:19,890

Nothing is--

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00:10:19,890 --> 00:10:20,970

No treatment.

218

00:10:20,970 --> 00:10:22,140

Just painkillers.

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00:10:22,140 --> 00:10:24,120

But she does get
painkillers, because there

220

00:10:24,120 --> 00:10:24,510

is a fair amount of--

221

00:10:24,510 --> 00:10:25,010

Yeah.

222

00:10:25,010 --> 00:10:28,320

There is a friend doctor,
again, now in the place

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00:10:28,320 --> 00:10:31,050

where Madeleine is,
who agrees to come,

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00:10:31,050 --> 00:10:34,800

because we're not registered,
we have no this, no nothing,

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00:10:34,800 --> 00:10:39,050

and he just kind of brings
medication now and again.

226
00:10:39,050 --> 00:10:41,870
And then, the priest
from the place

227
00:10:41,870 --> 00:10:45,260
came to visit her on
a very regular basis.

228
00:10:45,260 --> 00:10:47,580
From Madeleine's parish?

229
00:10:47,580 --> 00:10:48,080
Yeah.

230
00:10:48,080 --> 00:10:49,380
I see.

231
00:10:49,380 --> 00:10:50,880
So then at least she had--

232
00:10:50,880 --> 00:10:53,400
and I don't know how they
talked, but they did talk.

233
00:10:53,400 --> 00:10:56,220
So now, did you then go
to see Henry and tell him

234
00:10:56,220 --> 00:10:58,200
what was going on,
or did you somehow

235
00:10:58,200 --> 00:10:59,580
get a message to the Alardos?

236
00:10:59,580 --> 00:11:03,300
I got the message
to the Alardos.

237
00:11:03,300 --> 00:11:05,520
But while she was

with Madeleine,

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00:11:05,520 --> 00:11:08,250

they never managed
to get Henry there.

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00:11:08,250 --> 00:11:08,750

They didn't?

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00:11:08,750 --> 00:11:11,430

No.

241

00:11:11,430 --> 00:11:14,590

And see, things are getting
tighter and tighter, right?

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00:11:14,590 --> 00:11:15,943

Yes.

243

00:11:15,943 --> 00:11:16,860

But now, in the mean--

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00:11:16,860 --> 00:11:19,080

I cannot remember how
they got the message,

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00:11:19,080 --> 00:11:25,030

whether we wrote or whether
someone went to tell them,

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00:11:25,030 --> 00:11:28,400

but he knew that my mother was
very sick and wasn't in good

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00:11:28,400 --> 00:11:31,880

cheer anymore but had to
be with another friend.

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00:11:31,880 --> 00:11:34,740

And he had seen her in between--

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00:11:34,740 --> 00:11:36,550

In between, he had seen her.

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00:11:36,550 --> 00:11:39,190

So both of you were
watching some deterioration,

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00:11:39,190 --> 00:11:42,390

your mother getting tired
and looking probably real--

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00:11:42,390 --> 00:11:44,350

But he didn't come
as often anymore,

253

00:11:44,350 --> 00:11:48,800

either, because as I say, things
were getting more difficult.

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00:11:48,800 --> 00:11:51,760

So going to visit
her while she was

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00:11:51,760 --> 00:11:54,760

sick in my
Madeleine's place, I'm

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00:11:54,760 --> 00:11:57,410

the only one who
went with Marie.

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00:11:57,410 --> 00:11:58,250

I must have--

258

00:11:58,250 --> 00:12:00,170

No, Henry didn't go, no.

259

00:12:00,170 --> 00:12:02,610

But that was even
further away from him.

260

00:12:02,610 --> 00:12:05,150

Yes, yes, it was very far.

261
00:12:05,150 --> 00:12:07,410
Yeah.

262
00:12:07,410 --> 00:12:09,175
And how conscious
is your mother?

263
00:12:09,175 --> 00:12:10,470
Is she--

264
00:12:10,470 --> 00:12:11,400
She was conscious.

265
00:12:11,400 --> 00:12:12,150
She was conscious?

266
00:12:12,150 --> 00:12:12,650
Oh, yeah.

267
00:12:12,650 --> 00:12:15,090

268
00:12:15,090 --> 00:12:18,660
Now, she still doesn't know
that you've been baptized.

269
00:12:18,660 --> 00:12:20,400
You say nothing.

270
00:12:20,400 --> 00:12:22,170
I didn't talk about
that any more.

271
00:12:22,170 --> 00:12:24,450
And she never asked
you anything, right?

272
00:12:24,450 --> 00:12:30,310
No, but somewhere
along the line,

273

00:12:30,310 --> 00:12:35,500
I don't know whether I asked her
whether she would consider it,

274
00:12:35,500 --> 00:12:37,450
but that must be
later, only when

275
00:12:37,450 --> 00:12:41,320
she started talking about the
book she was reading and more

276
00:12:41,320 --> 00:12:44,470
openly about what she had
experienced when she was,

277
00:12:44,470 --> 00:12:50,570
over the time she spent in
the parish priest house.

278
00:12:50,570 --> 00:12:53,820
So she begins to talk
with you about becoming

279
00:12:53,820 --> 00:12:54,570
more comfortable--

280
00:12:54,570 --> 00:12:57,890
Yeah, but closer to
her death, that was.

281
00:12:57,890 --> 00:13:02,570
When she really talked is when
she expressed her last wish,

282
00:13:02,570 --> 00:13:05,030
which was to die where I was.

283
00:13:05,030 --> 00:13:07,760
She did not want to die
where Madeleine-- she knew

284
00:13:07,760 --> 00:13:11,420

she was dying, obviously, if
she could talk about that,

285
00:13:11,420 --> 00:13:13,020
but that was her wish.

286
00:13:13,020 --> 00:13:15,530
I want to die where you are.

287
00:13:15,530 --> 00:13:19,280
And what do you think that
meant, to you and to her?

288
00:13:19,280 --> 00:13:21,300
Do you have any idea?

289
00:13:21,300 --> 00:13:23,760
I suppose it was
difficult enough to die,

290
00:13:23,760 --> 00:13:27,510
so she wanted at least one
of her daughters to be there.

291
00:13:27,510 --> 00:13:30,180
That's how I interpret it.

292
00:13:30,180 --> 00:13:35,640
And I wanted her to be where I
was, if she was going to die.

293
00:13:35,640 --> 00:13:38,880
When was it that she began
to talk with you about her--

294
00:13:38,880 --> 00:13:40,800
Towards, really towards the end.

295
00:13:40,800 --> 00:13:42,520
But still, when she
was with Madeleine?

296

00:13:42,520 --> 00:13:44,130

Sure, she was still
at Madeleine's.

297

00:13:44,130 --> 00:13:50,160

We went almost every
two weeks, but the trips

298

00:13:50,160 --> 00:13:53,670

were getting really
dangerous this time.

299

00:13:53,670 --> 00:13:56,460

Public transport was more
and more out of the question,

300

00:13:56,460 --> 00:14:01,830

so what you could do is get what
you call these combined taxis,

301

00:14:01,830 --> 00:14:04,680

where five, six people
take the same thing,

302

00:14:04,680 --> 00:14:07,810

and you would go, like,
from Grez-Doiceau to Wavre,

303

00:14:07,810 --> 00:14:09,810

but then in Wavre
you would change,

304

00:14:09,810 --> 00:14:12,530

take another one
for another stretch,

305

00:14:12,530 --> 00:14:14,380

then there you had to change.

306

00:14:14,380 --> 00:14:20,780

But the last few times we went,
they would stop any vehicle.

307

00:14:20,780 --> 00:14:24,080
Everyone goes down and they
would search the vehicle.

308
00:14:24,080 --> 00:14:27,030

309
00:14:27,030 --> 00:14:31,860
So the last two times, when
that happened, Marie said,

310
00:14:31,860 --> 00:14:35,280
you know, no matter what,
we've got to stop our visits.

311
00:14:35,280 --> 00:14:37,720
You're going to be arrested.

312
00:14:37,720 --> 00:14:40,480
She said, the minute that
the vehicle stops and they

313
00:14:40,480 --> 00:14:44,650
make the people go down,
I only look at your face.

314
00:14:44,650 --> 00:14:49,210
It's like you write on your
face, take me, I'm Jewish.

315
00:14:49,210 --> 00:14:52,720
The fear, I go like
a sheet, white,

316
00:14:52,720 --> 00:14:55,540
and I'm just not myself anymore.

317
00:14:55,540 --> 00:14:59,150
And that's probably true,
because I was petrified.

318
00:14:59,150 --> 00:15:03,580
I mean, I was constantly

giving away my safety

319

00:15:03,580 --> 00:15:06,910
and being more and more
aware of what could happen,

320

00:15:06,910 --> 00:15:10,322
because as the time
goes by, you know,

321

00:15:10,322 --> 00:15:14,840
so we had decided we
can't do it anymore.

322

00:15:14,840 --> 00:15:17,020
And it wasn't easy to
get vehicles either,

323

00:15:17,020 --> 00:15:21,050
and it was pretty
expensive, so we

324

00:15:21,050 --> 00:15:26,290
had stopped going for at
least two, three weeks.

325

00:15:26,290 --> 00:15:28,210
But then we got some message--

326

00:15:28,210 --> 00:15:31,090
I don't know how these
messages used to reach us--

327

00:15:31,090 --> 00:15:35,840
that this was really the
end and we needed to come,

328

00:15:35,840 --> 00:15:41,730
and that she probably was
at the very end of it.

329

00:15:41,730 --> 00:15:43,950
Well, now we go and here she is.

330
00:15:43,950 --> 00:15:46,410
She's expressing this
wish that she would like

331
00:15:46,410 --> 00:15:50,070
to die in Grez-Doiceau with me.

332
00:15:50,070 --> 00:15:51,880
Are we going to do that?

333
00:15:51,880 --> 00:15:56,870
So first, we kind of
discussed it together,

334
00:15:56,870 --> 00:15:59,312
get the approval of
everyone in the family,

335
00:15:59,312 --> 00:16:00,770
Elise had to have
to have her word,

336
00:16:00,770 --> 00:16:03,680
and Paul had to have
his word, and Marie,

337
00:16:03,680 --> 00:16:06,050
because everyone was
like, oh my goodness,

338
00:16:06,050 --> 00:16:08,400
how do we-- first,
how we will bring her,

339
00:16:08,400 --> 00:16:10,580
how are we going
to get her here?

340
00:16:10,580 --> 00:16:14,630
Secondly, what a
risk we're taking.

341

00:16:14,630 --> 00:16:15,365

And I cried.

342

00:16:15,365 --> 00:16:16,460

What can I do?

343

00:16:16,460 --> 00:16:19,550

I cry, because I

really thought she

344

00:16:19,550 --> 00:16:23,360

should have at least that

last wish in her life.

345

00:16:23,360 --> 00:16:26,510

So anyway, everyone

decided, let's do it.

346

00:16:26,510 --> 00:16:30,410

If that's all she wishes for,

and she's got nothing more

347

00:16:30,410 --> 00:16:31,850

to live for, let's do it.

348

00:16:31,850 --> 00:16:34,540

We'll try to bring her back.

349

00:16:34,540 --> 00:16:39,200

So we go, we set out

again, Marie and myself,

350

00:16:39,200 --> 00:16:43,120

and we go to [INAUDIBLE] and

she's really at her very end

351

00:16:43,120 --> 00:16:44,590

now.

352

00:16:44,590 --> 00:16:47,890

And while they

are discussing how

353
00:16:47,890 --> 00:16:52,720
are we going to transport
her without being arrested--

354
00:16:52,720 --> 00:16:57,040
and she needed a bed, she
couldn't even sit in the car--

355
00:16:57,040 --> 00:16:59,740
that's when I got to
talk with my mother

356
00:16:59,740 --> 00:17:02,200
and that's when
the truth came out.

357
00:17:02,200 --> 00:17:02,940
Just then?

358
00:17:02,940 --> 00:17:04,440
Mm-hmm.

359
00:17:04,440 --> 00:17:05,430
And tell me what she--

360
00:17:05,430 --> 00:17:08,730
Because we stayed at
least two days that time,

361
00:17:08,730 --> 00:17:11,069
because this was
a big enterprise,

362
00:17:11,069 --> 00:17:13,619
and I suppose Marie
and Madeleine consulted

363
00:17:13,619 --> 00:17:17,250
with all the people around them
to see how they would organize

364

00:17:17,250 --> 00:17:19,710
this transport,
so we stayed more

365
00:17:19,710 --> 00:17:23,490
than we would usually stay, so
we have plenty of time to talk.

366
00:17:23,490 --> 00:17:26,099
So she starts telling me--

367
00:17:26,099 --> 00:17:28,650
and I don't know whether
you'd be interested you know.

368
00:17:28,650 --> 00:17:30,480
No, I'm very
interested, absolutely.

369
00:17:30,480 --> 00:17:34,210
[CHUCKLES] Even if you're not
Catholic, you're interested.

370
00:17:34,210 --> 00:17:35,320
Absolutely.

371
00:17:35,320 --> 00:17:39,220
Well, because it's a
fascinating turn here, isn't it?

372
00:17:39,220 --> 00:17:42,820
She starts telling me that when
the priest came to visit her

373
00:17:42,820 --> 00:17:46,990
just to spend some time--
she was always in a bed,

374
00:17:46,990 --> 00:17:50,700
and she just got
skin and bones now--

375
00:17:50,700 --> 00:17:53,320

he bought her books to read.

376

00:17:53,320 --> 00:17:55,070

And one of the
books he had bought

377

00:17:55,070 --> 00:17:59,310

was the story of Our Lady
of Fatima, the one who

378

00:17:59,310 --> 00:18:03,100

appeared to some of the kids.

379

00:18:03,100 --> 00:18:06,470

And as we head out, she tells
me the whole thing and I listen.

380

00:18:06,470 --> 00:18:10,960

And she says, now, the
mother of the one who

381

00:18:10,960 --> 00:18:15,160

had the visions, who
saw Our Lady appear,

382

00:18:15,160 --> 00:18:19,590

had made the promise that
if such and such a thing

383

00:18:19,590 --> 00:18:23,860

would happen, he would
believe in the apparitions.

384

00:18:23,860 --> 00:18:27,340

She had really read
this story very well.

385

00:18:27,340 --> 00:18:31,780

And she said, but you know,
she got what she wanted

386

00:18:31,780 --> 00:18:34,180

and she still didn't believe.

387
00:18:34,180 --> 00:18:37,810
Now I tell you, if I
get to Grez-Doiceau

388
00:18:37,810 --> 00:18:41,360
to die in Grez-Doiceau,
I will believe.

389
00:18:41,360 --> 00:18:44,362
But I will keep my promise.

390
00:18:44,362 --> 00:18:46,480
Well, that was the
most stunning thing

391
00:18:46,480 --> 00:18:49,510
I've ever heard, because we have
never talked about these things

392
00:18:49,510 --> 00:18:53,680
anymore, so I just
kind listened.

393
00:18:53,680 --> 00:18:54,775
I said, would you really?

394
00:18:54,775 --> 00:18:57,190
And I'd ask a few
questions because I'm

395
00:18:57,190 --> 00:19:00,130
not convinced, myself,
of what she's telling me,

396
00:19:00,130 --> 00:19:03,430
or whether she's just
pretending or whatever.

397
00:19:03,430 --> 00:19:07,200
And she tells me,
she keeps going.

398

00:19:07,200 --> 00:19:09,190

And this is the first
time now that she

399

00:19:09,190 --> 00:19:12,580

talks to me about when
she lived in [PLACE NAME]

400

00:19:12,580 --> 00:19:13,510

with the priest.

401

00:19:13,510 --> 00:19:18,200

She said, you know, in the
beginning, I was very hostile

402

00:19:18,200 --> 00:19:23,860

and I resented having to go to
mass and sit through all that,

403

00:19:23,860 --> 00:19:27,980

but the more I went, and
when I saw the priest

404

00:19:27,980 --> 00:19:32,780

at the altar and the
transformation in him,

405

00:19:32,780 --> 00:19:38,880

he was never the same man at the
altar that he was in the house.

406

00:19:38,880 --> 00:19:41,960

I thought, there must be
something supernatural there,

407

00:19:41,960 --> 00:19:44,930

because he was
totally transformed

408

00:19:44,930 --> 00:19:48,140

and I slowly started
to think about it,

409

00:19:48,140 --> 00:19:52,850
and maybe there was something,
which I didn't understand,

410

00:19:52,850 --> 00:19:55,310
but I promise that
if I get there,

411

00:19:55,310 --> 00:19:59,390
I will be baptized like you.

412

00:19:59,390 --> 00:20:03,990
So I, of course, in my
pain and in my sorrow,

413

00:20:03,990 --> 00:20:08,670
I do communicate that to
Marie, and she said, well,

414

00:20:08,670 --> 00:20:11,990
let's first get her there.

415

00:20:11,990 --> 00:20:15,540
How are we going to do that?

416

00:20:15,540 --> 00:20:18,710
So this is when we came
up with the only safe way

417

00:20:18,710 --> 00:20:21,760
would be to hire the hearse.

418

00:20:21,760 --> 00:20:23,810
You have to think
about it then do it,

419

00:20:23,810 --> 00:20:26,998
that was the most
traumatic thing again.

420

00:20:26,998 --> 00:20:28,540
That was worse than

being from Paris.

421

00:20:28,540 --> 00:20:31,120

422

00:20:31,120 --> 00:20:33,370

But you know, they were
right, because if we hadn't

423

00:20:33,370 --> 00:20:36,002

done it that way, we wouldn't
have made it-- not her

424

00:20:36,002 --> 00:20:37,350

and not me and not Marie.

425

00:20:37,350 --> 00:20:41,200

We would all have been
arrested, Marie included.

426

00:20:41,200 --> 00:20:46,150

And it's a good thing that
these were all small places

427

00:20:46,150 --> 00:20:49,930

and everyone knows everyone,
so Madeleine and the priest

428

00:20:49,930 --> 00:20:53,230

arranged with this
hearse man, he what come,

429

00:20:53,230 --> 00:20:56,080

we put her bed in
the place where

430

00:20:56,080 --> 00:20:59,620

you would put the
coffin, and two chairs,

431

00:20:59,620 --> 00:21:01,450

and that's the way we traveled.

432

00:21:01,450 --> 00:21:03,860

It took us at least
three hours, if not more,

433

00:21:03,860 --> 00:21:05,320

to get to Grez-Doiceau.

434

00:21:05,320 --> 00:21:07,870

So you were never stopped?

435

00:21:07,870 --> 00:21:09,100

Not a hearse.

436

00:21:09,100 --> 00:21:10,040

Not a hearse.

437

00:21:10,040 --> 00:21:15,240

We had the black draping over
it, we did the whole thing.

438

00:21:15,240 --> 00:21:22,720

It was very, very, very shaky to
go into that, to sit in there.

439

00:21:22,720 --> 00:21:24,610

Thank God I had Marie
with me, but even so,

440

00:21:24,610 --> 00:21:26,000

to think what we were doing.

441

00:21:26,000 --> 00:21:27,740

Do you know what I'm saying?

442

00:21:27,740 --> 00:21:31,000

And she was awake most of
the time and she would ask,

443

00:21:31,000 --> 00:21:32,450

are we almost there?

444

00:21:32,450 --> 00:21:34,150
Do you think we will make it?

445
00:21:34,150 --> 00:21:35,950
I cannot believe it.

446
00:21:35,950 --> 00:21:37,540
And we made it.

447
00:21:37,540 --> 00:21:40,120
Now, Henry did not
see your mother there?

448
00:21:40,120 --> 00:21:42,010
No.

449
00:21:42,010 --> 00:21:45,550
So we arrived 31st of July.

450
00:21:45,550 --> 00:21:47,020
Now is that ironic?

451
00:21:47,020 --> 00:21:51,670
Also the 31st of July,
like Clara, who was

452
00:21:51,670 --> 00:21:54,310
deported that day,
but a year later.

453
00:21:54,310 --> 00:21:56,480
Yes.

454
00:21:56,480 --> 00:21:58,480
And we gave her my bed.

455
00:21:58,480 --> 00:22:05,860
We put her in my bed, and
she immediately starts.

456
00:22:05,860 --> 00:22:07,920
She said, now, now

that I've had my wish,

457

00:22:07,920 --> 00:22:09,650

I'm going to do what I said.

458

00:22:09,650 --> 00:22:10,990

I'm keeping my promise.

459

00:22:10,990 --> 00:22:13,120

I can't believe we made it.

460

00:22:13,120 --> 00:22:17,230

And so she wanted me to get
our parish priest, the one who

461

00:22:17,230 --> 00:22:18,670

was really a friend
of the house,

462

00:22:18,670 --> 00:22:22,330

and she knew him well, too, and
so from there on it started.

463

00:22:22,330 --> 00:22:23,920

And then I was
still not convinced,

464

00:22:23,920 --> 00:22:29,250

because it's a big
step to take, you know,

465

00:22:29,250 --> 00:22:31,290

and first of all,
what we made sure

466

00:22:31,290 --> 00:22:36,150

was to get a message to
Henry to come that same day,

467

00:22:36,150 --> 00:22:39,800

because it was imminent.

468

00:22:39,800 --> 00:22:42,140
And he actually
made it on the 31st.

469
00:22:42,140 --> 00:22:45,890
They allowed the family to
hire the taxi all the way

470
00:22:45,890 --> 00:22:50,630
from Dinot, brought him over,
he visited for two hours,

471
00:22:50,630 --> 00:22:53,720
the taxi waited, and
then they went back.

472
00:22:53,720 --> 00:22:55,760
Now, that was another
heart wrenching thing,

473
00:22:55,760 --> 00:22:58,610
because he was heartbroken
to leave his mother.

474
00:22:58,610 --> 00:23:01,240
He knew he wouldn't
see her again.

475
00:23:01,240 --> 00:23:03,370
They had prepared him.

476
00:23:03,370 --> 00:23:04,030
But still.

477
00:23:04,030 --> 00:23:08,180
But still, the reality
was just awful.

478
00:23:08,180 --> 00:23:10,715
And I think I told them
that that was her wish

479
00:23:10,715 --> 00:23:13,610

and we were going to do
it, because Henry was well

480
00:23:13,610 --> 00:23:16,760
into this Catholic
business, too,

481
00:23:16,760 --> 00:23:20,360
as much as he lived
with the Alardo family.

482
00:23:20,360 --> 00:23:21,260
So you told Henry?

483
00:23:21,260 --> 00:23:22,070
I told Henry.

484
00:23:22,070 --> 00:23:25,100
I said, look, we're waiting
for the priest to come,

485
00:23:25,100 --> 00:23:28,520
and as soon as he gets here,
we will have her baptized

486
00:23:28,520 --> 00:23:29,590
because that's her wish.

487
00:23:29,590 --> 00:23:32,300
That's what she just expressed
and we're going ahead

488
00:23:32,300 --> 00:23:34,280
and do it.

489
00:23:34,280 --> 00:23:36,590
But he couldn't wait,
so he had to go back.

490
00:23:36,590 --> 00:23:38,510
And he knew that you
had been baptized?

491
00:23:38,510 --> 00:23:39,360
Oh, yeah, he knew.

492
00:23:39,360 --> 00:23:39,860
Right.

493
00:23:39,860 --> 00:23:43,670

494
00:23:43,670 --> 00:23:47,120
So Henry leaves, and
the priest comes?

495
00:23:47,120 --> 00:23:48,380
And the priest comes.

496
00:23:48,380 --> 00:23:50,330
And I'm still not
sure, because I

497
00:23:50,330 --> 00:23:56,740
say, this is a big step to take
for someone like my mother,

498
00:23:56,740 --> 00:24:00,890
so I did have a prayer
book by my bedside table,

499
00:24:00,890 --> 00:24:04,370
so she took that and
she wanted to read that,

500
00:24:04,370 --> 00:24:10,960
and so I just, in my sorrow
and pain, handed it over.

501
00:24:10,960 --> 00:24:12,460
And I handed it upside down.

502
00:24:12,460 --> 00:24:15,220
She said, I can't read
it, it's upside down,

503
00:24:15,220 --> 00:24:17,910
so I gave it the right way.

504
00:24:17,910 --> 00:24:22,385
And I said-- the priest
wasn't in the parish,

505
00:24:22,385 --> 00:24:23,850
so we had to send a message.

506
00:24:23,850 --> 00:24:25,690
He was visiting
someone elsewhere,

507
00:24:25,690 --> 00:24:28,210
outside of the parish,
so we had to wait.

508
00:24:28,210 --> 00:24:30,610
And she was really
waiting and waiting.

509
00:24:30,610 --> 00:24:32,380
She said, no, I
want it to be done.

510
00:24:32,380 --> 00:24:33,850
I want it today.

511
00:24:33,850 --> 00:24:35,140
So he finally came.

512
00:24:35,140 --> 00:24:37,780
He couldn't understand,
he was bewildered.

513
00:24:37,780 --> 00:24:39,430
The mother, she's
in Grez-Doiceau.

514
00:24:39,430 --> 00:24:40,180

She wants to get--

515

00:24:40,180 --> 00:24:42,970

he just couldn't
put things together.

516

00:24:42,970 --> 00:24:47,080

He knew she was over there
in [PLACE NAME],, so what

517

00:24:47,080 --> 00:24:49,180

was all that about?

518

00:24:49,180 --> 00:24:51,040

But anyway.

519

00:24:51,040 --> 00:24:52,030

He didn't understand?

520

00:24:52,030 --> 00:24:52,870

What was it he--

521

00:24:52,870 --> 00:24:55,240

He had no clue that we
had brought her back.

522

00:24:55,240 --> 00:24:55,750

I see.

523

00:24:55,750 --> 00:24:58,210

No one knew that we were
going to do that, then we

524

00:24:58,210 --> 00:25:00,650

would succeed to do that.

525

00:25:00,650 --> 00:25:02,920

He thought she was
still with Madeleine.

526

00:25:02,920 --> 00:25:05,440

Then he gets a message,

wherever he's visiting--

527

00:25:05,440 --> 00:25:06,930

come right back.

528

00:25:06,930 --> 00:25:09,140

Regine's mother

wants to be baptized.

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00:25:09,140 --> 00:25:10,900

Didn't make sense.

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00:25:10,900 --> 00:25:13,930

Didn't make any sense.

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00:25:13,930 --> 00:25:16,740

But anyway, that's

what happened.

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00:25:16,740 --> 00:25:20,190

And then I did ask her several
questions, and are you sure,

533

00:25:20,190 --> 00:25:24,710

and you think you want to
do that and negative, just

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00:25:24,710 --> 00:25:27,270

to contradict, to see
whether really that

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00:25:27,270 --> 00:25:28,140

was what she wanted.

536

00:25:28,140 --> 00:25:30,900

But she had it all

thought out, because she

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00:25:30,900 --> 00:25:33,810

had decided who would
be her godmother, who

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00:25:33,810 --> 00:25:37,590
she would choose, the reason
why she chose these people.

539
00:25:37,590 --> 00:25:41,640
I couldn't say we're not
going to go ahead with it.

540
00:25:41,640 --> 00:25:44,670
So you were more skeptical
about your mother than you were

541
00:25:44,670 --> 00:25:46,380
about yourself, weren't you?

542
00:25:46,380 --> 00:25:49,530
Yeah, I didn't think that
would ever be possible,

543
00:25:49,530 --> 00:25:53,840
not after what I had gone
through when I told her.

544
00:25:53,840 --> 00:25:56,180
Did you then tell her that
you had been baptized?

545
00:25:56,180 --> 00:25:57,980
Yeah.

546
00:25:57,980 --> 00:26:00,930
Now let me ask you
a peculiar question.

547
00:26:00,930 --> 00:26:02,510
Since your mother
apparently didn't

548
00:26:02,510 --> 00:26:05,630
read anything but Yiddish,
so what was she reading?

549
00:26:05,630 --> 00:26:08,707

She must have been able to
read the words in Flemish.

550
00:26:08,707 --> 00:26:09,790
So somewhere she got that?

551
00:26:09,790 --> 00:26:11,870
Somewhere she got
that, and she read

552
00:26:11,870 --> 00:26:13,550
that and Our Lady of Fatima.

553
00:26:13,550 --> 00:26:14,592
But you didn't know that?

554
00:26:14,592 --> 00:26:15,398
No.

555
00:26:15,398 --> 00:26:18,320
But when she told me the
story, I knew she had read it.

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00:26:18,320 --> 00:26:21,110

557
00:26:21,110 --> 00:26:22,980
Right, because Madeleine
couldn't even--

558
00:26:22,980 --> 00:26:25,675
if Madeleine had read it to her,
she wouldn't have understood

559
00:26:25,675 --> 00:26:26,175
it, unless--

560
00:26:26,175 --> 00:26:26,675
No.

561
00:26:26,675 --> 00:26:28,140
Because now, even

for the baptism,

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00:26:28,140 --> 00:26:31,410

for the few questions that
the priest had to ask,

563

00:26:31,410 --> 00:26:34,200

I do the translation here.

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00:26:34,200 --> 00:26:36,060

I said, Mother,
are you sure now?

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00:26:36,060 --> 00:26:38,070

This is what the
priest is asking.

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00:26:38,070 --> 00:26:40,600

Is that really what you want?

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00:26:40,600 --> 00:26:42,570

And she would repeat,
and she said, yes.

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00:26:42,570 --> 00:26:45,540

And I would translate
in French again.

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00:26:45,540 --> 00:26:47,010

So it's very strange.

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00:26:47,010 --> 00:26:48,820

So she somehow
was able to read--

571

00:26:48,820 --> 00:26:49,830

Mm-hmm.

572

00:26:49,830 --> 00:26:55,350

Flemish would be maybe a little
bit closer to the German, which

573

00:26:55,350 --> 00:26:57,380
has some connotation
with the Yiddish,

574
00:26:57,380 --> 00:27:01,230
so I believe that that's
how, having all these months

575
00:27:01,230 --> 00:27:05,250
and hours where nothing
else she had to do,

576
00:27:05,250 --> 00:27:08,970
she wasn't even getting up, she
must have struggled through it.

577
00:27:08,970 --> 00:27:11,580
I can't think of anything
else, because see,

578
00:27:11,580 --> 00:27:14,160
those were the times
I wasn't there.

579
00:27:14,160 --> 00:27:17,800
And I got the shock of my life.

580
00:27:17,800 --> 00:27:20,210
And that happened in
really the last three

581
00:27:20,210 --> 00:27:22,960
days of her lifetime.

582
00:27:22,960 --> 00:27:26,700
Now, no one in the family,
of course, believes me,

583
00:27:26,700 --> 00:27:28,632
but that's OK.

584
00:27:28,632 --> 00:27:29,590
They don't believe you?

585
00:27:29,590 --> 00:27:31,410
No.

586
00:27:31,410 --> 00:27:32,310
But Henry does.

587
00:27:32,310 --> 00:27:33,420
You told him at the time.

588
00:27:33,420 --> 00:27:35,430
Yeah, Henry did
believe it then, and I

589
00:27:35,430 --> 00:27:39,720
think he kind of accepts
that that's what's happened,

590
00:27:39,720 --> 00:27:42,810
but the others think that that
was me making up, you know,

591
00:27:42,810 --> 00:27:44,340
I arranged all that.

592
00:27:44,340 --> 00:27:47,400
And there's no paperwork
associated with a baptism?

593
00:27:47,400 --> 00:27:48,090
No.

594
00:27:48,090 --> 00:27:48,870
Right.

595
00:27:48,870 --> 00:27:49,810
It just happens?

596
00:27:49,810 --> 00:27:50,760
Yeah.

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00:27:50,760 --> 00:27:54,000

Well, you can get a
certificate if you want to,

598

00:27:54,000 --> 00:27:58,050

but we had other things to
do because [CHUCKLES] 31st.

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00:27:58,050 --> 00:28:01,380

Now, the 1st of August
when the bells are ringing

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00:28:01,380 --> 00:28:03,540

for mass, my mother dies.

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00:28:03,540 --> 00:28:08,010

So she just lasted a few hours
in a total state of happiness.

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00:28:08,010 --> 00:28:11,240

She was aware of where she was.

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00:28:11,240 --> 00:28:14,990

She said her pain had gone.

604

00:28:14,990 --> 00:28:18,210

She even expressed what
she would like to eat.

605

00:28:18,210 --> 00:28:21,420

She had thought out who was
going to be her godmother,

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00:28:21,420 --> 00:28:26,850

and we were around her,
and then about 6:30

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00:28:26,850 --> 00:28:31,370

in the morning, the 1st
of August, she's gone.

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00:28:31,370 --> 00:28:35,090

And probably the

2nd of August, Clara

609

00:28:35,090 --> 00:28:37,250
had perished a year before?

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00:28:37,250 --> 00:28:38,630
The 2nd.

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00:28:38,630 --> 00:28:39,500
A year before.

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00:28:39,500 --> 00:28:42,994

613

00:28:42,994 --> 00:28:47,530
And the sad thing, too, for me,
was that this is now August,

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00:28:47,530 --> 00:28:50,960
and September, we are liberated.

615

00:28:50,960 --> 00:28:52,610
To think what it
would have meant

616

00:28:52,610 --> 00:28:56,015
to her to see that
we were liberated,

617

00:28:56,015 --> 00:28:57,440
but she didn't make it.

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00:28:57,440 --> 00:29:00,260
And that she would have seen her
two sons and her husband alive.

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00:29:00,260 --> 00:29:01,540
Yeah.

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00:29:01,540 --> 00:29:04,140
That was the hardest
thing for me, too.

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00:29:04,140 --> 00:29:08,720

To think, my father is going to
come back and his wife is dead,

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00:29:08,720 --> 00:29:11,260

and she will never see
the other sons again.

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00:29:11,260 --> 00:29:12,670

That was real hard.

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00:29:12,670 --> 00:29:16,510

And I'm very grateful to the
family that they brought Henry,

625

00:29:16,510 --> 00:29:18,340

and I'm sure he is, too.

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00:29:18,340 --> 00:29:19,450

He owes them a lot.

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00:29:19,450 --> 00:29:22,640

628

00:29:22,640 --> 00:29:23,150

OK.

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00:29:23,150 --> 00:29:25,570

I'll have to change tapes.

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00:29:25,570 --> 00:29:58,000