

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:27,860

2
00:00:27,860 --> 00:00:31,610
Regine, your mother
planned a number of things.

3
00:00:31,610 --> 00:00:35,600
And she decided who
her godmother would be

4
00:00:35,600 --> 00:00:38,150
and who her confirmation
godmother would be.

5
00:00:38,150 --> 00:00:39,930
Would you tell us who that--

6
00:00:39,930 --> 00:00:42,780
Well, as I said, she kind
of had it all planned

7
00:00:42,780 --> 00:00:43,620
and all arranged.

8
00:00:43,620 --> 00:00:46,500
So, when came the
moment of baptism,

9
00:00:46,500 --> 00:00:50,670
she said and I want Elise
to be my godmother for all

10
00:00:50,670 --> 00:00:51,900
that she has done for me.

11
00:00:51,900 --> 00:00:55,680
And I told you I felt that
she had an affinity with her.

12
00:00:55,680 --> 00:01:00,830

They kind of immediately
bonded more easily.

13
00:01:00,830 --> 00:01:04,150
But then she added, but
I don't want Madeleine

14
00:01:04,150 --> 00:01:06,610
to feel left out or offended.

15
00:01:06,610 --> 00:01:08,630
I wouldn't want to hurt her.

16
00:01:08,630 --> 00:01:13,480
So I thought she could be
the confirmation godmother.

17
00:01:13,480 --> 00:01:14,870
And she wasn't there.

18
00:01:14,870 --> 00:01:16,630
Madeleine didn't come with this.

19
00:01:16,630 --> 00:01:20,900
So she was confirmation
by absentee.

20
00:01:20,900 --> 00:01:22,520
You can do that.

21
00:01:22,520 --> 00:01:24,640
And what I understand
is, because your mother

22
00:01:24,640 --> 00:01:27,715
was, clearly, dying, that
you can do the baptism--

23
00:01:27,715 --> 00:01:28,990
And the confirmation.

24
00:01:28,990 --> 00:01:29,815

--and the confirmation
at the same time.

25
00:01:29,815 --> 00:01:30,340
Same time.

26
00:01:30,340 --> 00:01:34,840
And how long does
that ceremony last?

27
00:01:34,840 --> 00:01:36,280
Is it 5 minutes?

28
00:01:36,280 --> 00:01:37,120
Is it 15 minutes?

29
00:01:37,120 --> 00:01:37,750
Is it long?

30
00:01:37,750 --> 00:01:38,960
No, it's not long at all.

31
00:01:38,960 --> 00:01:39,627
It's very short.

32
00:01:39,627 --> 00:01:44,180
No, particularly, with adults,
so they do ask a few questions.

33
00:01:44,180 --> 00:01:45,160
Do you believe this?

34
00:01:45,160 --> 00:01:46,400
Do you believe that?

35
00:01:46,400 --> 00:01:50,290
And so I would ask, and
then she would say yes.

36
00:01:50,290 --> 00:01:53,050
There is one thing, which
I didn't particularly like,

37
00:01:53,050 --> 00:01:56,560
and I don't think I've ever
told anyone, but I'll tell you.

38
00:01:56,560 --> 00:01:59,320

39
00:01:59,320 --> 00:02:02,380
You don't have to confess
any sins before you

40
00:02:02,380 --> 00:02:04,570
get baptized because
anything that

41
00:02:04,570 --> 00:02:11,170
happened before is wiped out
as nonexistent through baptism.

42
00:02:11,170 --> 00:02:12,550
So I told her that.

43
00:02:12,550 --> 00:02:15,040
Now, where she got
all this information,

44
00:02:15,040 --> 00:02:17,020
I don't know who
had been talking

45
00:02:17,020 --> 00:02:20,080
to her, how she understood
it, where she got it.

46
00:02:20,080 --> 00:02:23,140
She insisted she wanted
to confess her sins,

47
00:02:23,140 --> 00:02:25,270
and I said but
you don't have to.

48

00:02:25,270 --> 00:02:28,250

This is what baptism
is all about.

49

00:02:28,250 --> 00:02:31,990

It's after that that
you start a new life.

50

00:02:31,990 --> 00:02:33,820

There was no such thing.

51

00:02:33,820 --> 00:02:37,890

She had to do it,
and I hated it.

52

00:02:37,890 --> 00:02:41,220

Because can you imagine
being the interpreter

53

00:02:41,220 --> 00:02:42,945

for your own mother
to the priest?

54

00:02:42,945 --> 00:02:47,160

No, that was a very,
very awkward situation.

55

00:02:47,160 --> 00:02:48,990

And the priest didn't say--

56

00:02:48,990 --> 00:02:50,610

He said she doesn't have to.

57

00:02:50,610 --> 00:02:52,410

Just leave it.

58

00:02:52,410 --> 00:02:54,870

We minimized it, but
she still insisted.

59

00:02:54,870 --> 00:02:58,380

And the last thing I wanted

her was to be agitated.

60
00:02:58,380 --> 00:02:59,500
Right.

61
00:02:59,500 --> 00:03:01,940
So just to please her.

62
00:03:01,940 --> 00:03:05,180
And did she say things that
were surprising to you?

63
00:03:05,180 --> 00:03:07,010
Because here this
is a very intimate--

64
00:03:07,010 --> 00:03:08,750
I know, and you know what?

65
00:03:08,750 --> 00:03:11,180
I must have had
the gift of wiping

66
00:03:11,180 --> 00:03:13,970
it out because I don't remember
what she was confessing.

67
00:03:13,970 --> 00:03:15,020
Really?

68
00:03:15,020 --> 00:03:15,740
Which I'm glad.

69
00:03:15,740 --> 00:03:16,400
Yes.

70
00:03:16,400 --> 00:03:17,180
Very glad.

71
00:03:17,180 --> 00:03:20,120
Yes, I understand that.

72

00:03:20,120 --> 00:03:22,130

It's interesting doing such a--

73

00:03:22,130 --> 00:03:26,270

And where she got all this
information-- because,

74

00:03:26,270 --> 00:03:29,630

as I said, we never
discussed religion

75

00:03:29,630 --> 00:03:31,940

after that one
single day, never,

76

00:03:31,940 --> 00:03:36,140

neither the past,
nor the present.

77

00:03:36,140 --> 00:03:39,710

I mean, we very seldom even
spoke about our Jewish religion

78

00:03:39,710 --> 00:03:41,420

between us, you know?

79

00:03:41,420 --> 00:03:44,765

It was like a different
era we were living in.

80

00:03:44,765 --> 00:03:48,080

So you didn't come back
with all these other things.

81

00:03:48,080 --> 00:03:51,600

She would remember, for
example, it's Yom Kippur.

82

00:03:51,600 --> 00:03:52,910

It's Pesach.

83

00:03:52,910 --> 00:03:56,270

And she'd remind us, and
I'd say I haven't forgotten.

84
00:03:56,270 --> 00:03:59,690
I know it's today, or
it's tomorrow or whatever.

85
00:03:59,690 --> 00:04:03,650
So, who gave her all this
information, I have no notion.

86
00:04:03,650 --> 00:04:05,810
Because she still didn't
have a verbal language.

87
00:04:05,810 --> 00:04:07,490
No, verbal, no.

88
00:04:07,490 --> 00:04:10,160
Unless through reading
she knew more than what

89
00:04:10,160 --> 00:04:12,350
she let me know,
that I don't know.

90
00:04:12,350 --> 00:04:13,890
Is it possible she
knew how to read

91
00:04:13,890 --> 00:04:15,140
more than you thought she did?

92
00:04:15,140 --> 00:04:16,995
Maybe, that could be.

93
00:04:16,995 --> 00:04:18,370
And that what
[? her problem-- ?]

94
00:04:18,370 --> 00:04:22,400
And then, if there were like
books, Flemish books around,

95

00:04:22,400 --> 00:04:24,650

or did she express
that to the priest

96

00:04:24,650 --> 00:04:26,480

who visited her on her sickbed?

97

00:04:26,480 --> 00:04:28,200

You know, you're
much more vulnerable

98

00:04:28,200 --> 00:04:32,060

and willing to share when
you are sick and in pain,

99

00:04:32,060 --> 00:04:34,110

and you know you're dying.

100

00:04:34,110 --> 00:04:38,490

And did he find what she needed?

101

00:04:38,490 --> 00:04:40,410

Because I didn't
even know that she

102

00:04:40,410 --> 00:04:43,740

had read the story of
Our Lady of Fatima, which

103

00:04:43,740 --> 00:04:47,550

is one of the things I
probably haven't read in detail

104

00:04:47,550 --> 00:04:49,590

like she did.

105

00:04:49,590 --> 00:04:50,310

But [INAUDIBLE].

106

00:04:50,310 --> 00:04:53,160

Is there any possibility that

the priest found something

107
00:04:53,160 --> 00:04:55,100
in Polish?

108
00:04:55,100 --> 00:04:57,840
I never questioned
that of course.

109
00:04:57,840 --> 00:05:01,216
That's possible, isn't it,
that some library may have.

110
00:05:01,216 --> 00:05:03,680
Maybe, I never questioned that.

111
00:05:03,680 --> 00:05:04,698
Or in German.

112
00:05:04,698 --> 00:05:05,240
Or in German.

113
00:05:05,240 --> 00:05:06,810
Now, if it had been
German, she could read.

114
00:05:06,810 --> 00:05:07,410
She could.

115
00:05:07,410 --> 00:05:07,910
Yeah.

116
00:05:07,910 --> 00:05:09,077
Yes, because of the Yiddish.

117
00:05:09,077 --> 00:05:12,830
With the Yiddish, she would
have been able to read in German

118
00:05:12,830 --> 00:05:14,930
because she wasn't
illiterate, just

119
00:05:14,930 --> 00:05:18,790
didn't speak the language,
which limited her a lot.

120
00:05:18,790 --> 00:05:21,620
Right, but she had capacity
in terms of reading

121
00:05:21,620 --> 00:05:22,680
a number of languages.

122
00:05:22,680 --> 00:05:24,920
So it's quite possible.

123
00:05:24,920 --> 00:05:29,870
But it's interesting
that she did not feel,

124
00:05:29,870 --> 00:05:33,500
after what she said to
you, able to say anything

125
00:05:33,500 --> 00:05:35,180
until she was so vulnerable.

126
00:05:35,180 --> 00:05:36,670
There was no--

127
00:05:36,670 --> 00:05:37,315
No [INAUDIBLE].

128
00:05:37,315 --> 00:05:38,357
There was no [INAUDIBLE].

129
00:05:38,357 --> 00:05:42,320
No, and I did visit her several
times, but this never came up.

130
00:05:42,320 --> 00:05:46,340
She would tell me more living
things, how hard it was.

131
00:05:46,340 --> 00:05:51,680
She couldn't eat, and we were
extremely restricted in food.

132
00:05:51,680 --> 00:05:56,450
And anything that had
salt or any type of spice

133
00:05:56,450 --> 00:05:58,280
were like agony.

134
00:05:58,280 --> 00:06:01,100
Really, it was like
swallowing vinegar because I'm

135
00:06:01,100 --> 00:06:03,830
sure she had sores all over.

136
00:06:03,830 --> 00:06:08,750
And Madeleine tried her best,
but couldn't help things

137
00:06:08,750 --> 00:06:09,640
like that.

138
00:06:09,640 --> 00:06:13,460
So that was the type of
discussions we would have,

139
00:06:13,460 --> 00:06:16,800
you know, or how dangerous
it had been on the road.

140
00:06:16,800 --> 00:06:19,220
We were arrested three
times or four times.

141
00:06:19,220 --> 00:06:22,350
We had to come down,
these type of things.

142

00:06:22,350 --> 00:06:26,420
But we didn't talk religion
until the very last day

143
00:06:26,420 --> 00:06:28,490
when the wish came along.

144
00:06:28,490 --> 00:06:31,370
Now Madeleine must have
been an extraordinary person

145
00:06:31,370 --> 00:06:34,010
to take such a sick woman home
she didn't know very well.

146
00:06:34,010 --> 00:06:38,540
No, she knew me through Marie,
and she did it for Marie,

147
00:06:38,540 --> 00:06:41,030
but that was extremely generous.

148
00:06:41,030 --> 00:06:43,670
You would just imagine
not even members

149
00:06:43,670 --> 00:06:44,910
of family in these days--

150
00:06:44,910 --> 00:06:45,410
Do that.

151
00:06:45,410 --> 00:06:46,040
--wanted to do that.

152
00:06:46,040 --> 00:06:46,582
That's right.

153
00:06:46,582 --> 00:06:47,990
But she did.

154
00:06:47,990 --> 00:06:49,170

Plus the risk.

155
00:06:49,170 --> 00:06:51,940
Yes, yes, the double.

156
00:06:51,940 --> 00:06:55,710
And she wasn't very
affluent either.

157
00:06:55,710 --> 00:06:58,730
She was pretty poor herself,
but, whatever she had,

158
00:06:58,730 --> 00:07:00,330
she's share.

159
00:07:00,330 --> 00:07:03,960
And how did Marie
and Elise keep going?

160
00:07:03,960 --> 00:07:06,600
Was it Paul who supported them?

161
00:07:06,600 --> 00:07:07,860
Yeah, he helped.

162
00:07:07,860 --> 00:07:09,660
And Marie worked for him.

163
00:07:09,660 --> 00:07:13,320
She helped him with the
dental prostheses and things

164
00:07:13,320 --> 00:07:14,020
like that.

165
00:07:14,020 --> 00:07:15,600
And they were well off.

166
00:07:15,600 --> 00:07:22,860
Elise had retired from a
pastry bakery business, which

167
00:07:22,860 --> 00:07:25,000
had been very, very
[? fluorescent. ?]

168
00:07:25,000 --> 00:07:28,470
And so they could
handle it financially.

169
00:07:28,470 --> 00:07:29,940
They were OK.

170
00:07:29,940 --> 00:07:31,950
But they were very
generous with it

171
00:07:31,950 --> 00:07:34,890
too because, all
I'm telling you,

172
00:07:34,890 --> 00:07:37,050
all the money always
came from them,

173
00:07:37,050 --> 00:07:39,870
whether I went
our own transport,

174
00:07:39,870 --> 00:07:42,470
and you can imagine what
it cost to bring her

175
00:07:42,470 --> 00:07:46,420
in that type of transport
from such a distance,

176
00:07:46,420 --> 00:07:48,930
but that never was a question.

177
00:07:48,930 --> 00:07:53,620
He would have done anything
for me, Paul, anyway.

178

00:07:53,620 --> 00:07:56,140
So where is your mother buried?

179

00:07:56,140 --> 00:07:57,010
What happened then?

180

00:07:57,010 --> 00:08:00,080
Now that she's Catholic, is
she buried in a Catholic--

181

00:08:00,080 --> 00:08:03,580
Well, now she's Catholic,
but we don't have any papers.

182

00:08:03,580 --> 00:08:07,210
We want to bury
her, and they refuse

183

00:08:07,210 --> 00:08:10,240
because they say she's not
registered in Grez-Doiceau.

184

00:08:10,240 --> 00:08:12,100
They have no proof of her.

185

00:08:12,100 --> 00:08:14,950
Oh, you only have papers
for the other place?

186

00:08:14,950 --> 00:08:17,710
From somewhere in Ghent
or Bruges or whatever.

187

00:08:17,710 --> 00:08:20,080
And so you can't
be buried in a--

188

00:08:20,080 --> 00:08:21,790
We have nothing to show.

189

00:08:21,790 --> 00:08:27,750
If we could bring them or

communicate with that place,

190
00:08:27,750 --> 00:08:29,790
but we can't.

191
00:08:29,790 --> 00:08:31,470
So we battled for three days.

192
00:08:31,470 --> 00:08:34,409
They wouldn't give us
the burial permission.

193
00:08:34,409 --> 00:08:35,679
And she's in the house?

194
00:08:35,679 --> 00:08:39,130
She's in the house.

195
00:08:39,130 --> 00:08:40,750
So I don't know
what happened, but I

196
00:08:40,750 --> 00:08:43,960
suppose her friend,
the parish priest,

197
00:08:43,960 --> 00:08:47,920
settled it with the
people of the county

198
00:08:47,920 --> 00:08:51,160
and said we have to bury her.

199
00:08:51,160 --> 00:08:52,570
She died, and she's here.

200
00:08:52,570 --> 00:08:55,180
And maybe he even
said who she was.

201
00:08:55,180 --> 00:08:57,640
And so we got

permission to bury her.

202

00:08:57,640 --> 00:08:59,928

And she's buried in
GreZ-Doiceau in the cemetery.

203

00:08:59,928 --> 00:09:00,970

In the Catholic cemetery?

204

00:09:00,970 --> 00:09:03,820

In the Catholic cemetery.

205

00:09:03,820 --> 00:09:07,930

That created more problems
again after the war.

206

00:09:07,930 --> 00:09:08,740

With the family?

207

00:09:08,740 --> 00:09:11,050

Mhm, but what were
we supposed to do?

208

00:09:11,050 --> 00:09:15,500

209

00:09:15,500 --> 00:09:16,740

What was I supposed to do?

210

00:09:16,740 --> 00:09:18,020

Right, I mean, where
could you have buried her?

211

00:09:18,020 --> 00:09:18,860

Right.

212

00:09:18,860 --> 00:09:20,662

You couldn't bury her
in Jewish cemetery.

213

00:09:20,662 --> 00:09:21,990

No.

214
00:09:21,990 --> 00:09:25,540
It went very bad,
particularly, with Isi.

215
00:09:25,540 --> 00:09:29,050
He wanted, actually, to
take her out from there

216
00:09:29,050 --> 00:09:32,230
and fly her to
Israel and bury her

217
00:09:32,230 --> 00:09:34,720
in a Jewish cemetery in Israel.

218
00:09:34,720 --> 00:09:36,550
But David talked
him out of that.

219
00:09:36,550 --> 00:09:40,440
He said, look, if you
feel that strongly,

220
00:09:40,440 --> 00:09:43,620
and you're that engaged,
and you're that furious,

221
00:09:43,620 --> 00:09:45,050
it's at your expense.

222
00:09:45,050 --> 00:09:45,750
Just do it.

223
00:09:45,750 --> 00:09:49,500
I'm sure Regine will have no
objection that you take her out

224
00:09:49,500 --> 00:09:52,870
from there and that
you do your own thing.

225

00:09:52,870 --> 00:09:57,390
So he dropped the idea, but
they got rid of the plaque

226
00:09:57,390 --> 00:10:03,990
we had made ourselves after
the war, no cross, God forbid.

227
00:10:03,990 --> 00:10:05,850
There was a-- there was a cross?

228
00:10:05,850 --> 00:10:11,810
Yeah, so we just have a name,
her dates, and that's it.

229
00:10:11,810 --> 00:10:13,440
So how did--

230
00:10:13,440 --> 00:10:15,395
She's still there
in Grez-Doiceau.

231
00:10:15,395 --> 00:10:18,770
And, when I go, I go and visit.

232
00:10:18,770 --> 00:10:21,980
So who gave them permission
to change the stone?

233
00:10:21,980 --> 00:10:23,960
You just said it's
OK, as long as--

234
00:10:23,960 --> 00:10:25,490
Oh, there has been--

235
00:10:25,490 --> 00:10:28,700
I was in Africa when
all this happened.

236
00:10:28,700 --> 00:10:32,510
And there had been long
transactions between Marie

237
00:10:32,510 --> 00:10:33,930
and David and Isi.

238
00:10:33,930 --> 00:10:35,420
Well, David never put--

239
00:10:35,420 --> 00:10:38,390
David went to the house
where I was hiding

240
00:10:38,390 --> 00:10:41,750
and talked it over with Marie.

241
00:10:41,750 --> 00:10:43,800
Isi never put his
foot in that house.

242
00:10:43,800 --> 00:10:46,200
He didn't want anything
to do with that.

243
00:10:46,200 --> 00:10:48,170
So I think they did
straighten it out,

244
00:10:48,170 --> 00:10:51,610
and she said, whatever makes
you comfortable, feel free.

245
00:10:51,610 --> 00:10:52,640
Take this plaque away.

246
00:10:52,640 --> 00:10:54,890
Put your own on if
that's what you want.

247
00:10:54,890 --> 00:10:58,110
I mean, we did what we thought
we should do in our time,

248
00:10:58,110 --> 00:10:59,810

but it's your mother.

249

00:10:59,810 --> 00:11:03,870

And, if it is a big issue, feel
free to do what you want to do.

250

00:11:03,870 --> 00:11:04,820

And that OK with you?

251

00:11:04,820 --> 00:11:05,487

And that was OK.

252

00:11:05,487 --> 00:11:07,490

Oh yeah, she wrote to
me, and she told me

253

00:11:07,490 --> 00:11:08,710

what they planned to do.

254

00:11:08,710 --> 00:11:12,000

And I said, well, if they feel
so strong about that, that's--

255

00:11:12,000 --> 00:11:13,250

It wasn't so important to you?

256

00:11:13,250 --> 00:11:14,370

--no big deal to me.

257

00:11:14,370 --> 00:11:17,150

And, if Isi really
wants, why would

258

00:11:17,150 --> 00:11:19,080

I object that she'd
be buried in Israel?

259

00:11:19,080 --> 00:11:20,060

That's fine with me.

260

00:11:20,060 --> 00:11:21,080

She is what she is.

261
00:11:21,080 --> 00:11:21,780
She's baptized.

262
00:11:21,780 --> 00:11:26,760
She's Catholic whether
she's here or there,

263
00:11:26,760 --> 00:11:31,600
but she's still in Grez-Doiceau
with their plaque, which is OK.

264
00:11:31,600 --> 00:11:35,217
Yeah, so did you have a
funeral or just the burial?

265
00:11:35,217 --> 00:11:36,425
Oh, no, no, we had a funeral.

266
00:11:36,425 --> 00:11:39,110
You had a funeral.

267
00:11:39,110 --> 00:11:41,300
And did Henry come
to the funeral?

268
00:11:41,300 --> 00:11:42,453
No.

269
00:11:42,453 --> 00:11:43,620
There was too much going on.

270
00:11:43,620 --> 00:11:47,490
We had a very quiet one because
everything was still wartime.

271
00:11:47,490 --> 00:11:48,450
Right.

272
00:11:48,450 --> 00:11:52,880
So it was just
family, a few friends,

273
00:11:52,880 --> 00:11:56,060
closed doors because
you were still afraid.

274
00:11:56,060 --> 00:11:58,900
And we then just went to
church to the cemetery,

275
00:11:58,900 --> 00:12:00,380
and that was it.

276
00:12:00,380 --> 00:12:02,300
And is the name Sabine Donner?

277
00:12:02,300 --> 00:12:04,370
Reinert, Sabine Reinert.

278
00:12:04,370 --> 00:12:05,010
Reinert.

279
00:12:05,010 --> 00:12:07,640
You didn't put the Donner down?

280
00:12:07,640 --> 00:12:10,100
I'm not sure.

281
00:12:10,100 --> 00:12:11,933
Because, at this point,
you might be afraid.

282
00:12:11,933 --> 00:12:13,017
Donner would be revealing.

283
00:12:13,017 --> 00:12:15,300
Yeah, so, probably, I
didn't, just Sabine Reinert,

284
00:12:15,300 --> 00:12:17,550
which I think you always do.

285

00:12:17,550 --> 00:12:19,050
You don't put down
the married name?

286
00:12:19,050 --> 00:12:20,250
I don't think so.

287
00:12:20,250 --> 00:12:28,420
What you can do is say wife of,
but I think the person itself

288
00:12:28,420 --> 00:12:30,790
you put the name of
the person, yeah.

289
00:12:30,790 --> 00:12:33,870

290
00:12:33,870 --> 00:12:37,920
Like in French, we would then
say Sabine Reinert Ã©pouse

291
00:12:37,920 --> 00:12:41,500
of Donner, but we
didn't do that, yeah.

292
00:12:41,500 --> 00:12:45,242
So, at this point, you
know that the war is really

293
00:12:45,242 --> 00:12:45,950
coming to an end.

294
00:12:45,950 --> 00:12:47,980
Really coming to an end, yeah.

295
00:12:47,980 --> 00:12:49,625
Well, look how close.

296
00:12:49,625 --> 00:12:51,250
Yes, August to the
middle of September.

297

00:12:51,250 --> 00:12:54,090
August the 3rd was the funeral.

298

00:12:54,090 --> 00:12:56,250
And, around September
the 6th or the 8th,

299

00:12:56,250 --> 00:12:59,330
we were liberated
in Grez-Doiceau.

300

00:12:59,330 --> 00:13:00,920
I remember very well.

301

00:13:00,920 --> 00:13:02,750
What was that like?

302

00:13:02,750 --> 00:13:06,560
Sad in a way because
my main thought was she

303

00:13:06,560 --> 00:13:09,200
would have made it.

304

00:13:09,200 --> 00:13:11,120
Of course, it was
a great feeling,

305

00:13:11,120 --> 00:13:17,090
be free again, but still
marked by some sadness.

306

00:13:17,090 --> 00:13:23,280
She hasn't seen it, and, if
they come back, she's gone.

307

00:13:23,280 --> 00:13:26,033
That was hard to think of that.

308

00:13:26,033 --> 00:13:27,450
But, of course,
at this point, you

309

00:13:27,450 --> 00:13:30,540
have no idea whether the whole
family is gone, except for you

310

00:13:30,540 --> 00:13:32,490
and Henry, or not.

311

00:13:32,490 --> 00:13:33,280
Yeah, Henry.

312

00:13:33,280 --> 00:13:34,155
You had no idea.

313

00:13:34,155 --> 00:13:36,630
No, from the others, none.

314

00:13:36,630 --> 00:13:40,200
I sure didn't even think
Isi is still alive.

315

00:13:40,200 --> 00:13:42,180
This is a long time now.

316

00:13:42,180 --> 00:13:44,370
I didn't know what had
happened to my father.

317

00:13:44,370 --> 00:13:46,050
I didn't know where David was.

318

00:13:46,050 --> 00:13:46,590
So he was--

319

00:13:46,590 --> 00:13:48,048
And David was gone
for even longer.

320

00:13:48,048 --> 00:13:48,660
Oh, longer.

321

00:13:48,660 --> 00:13:51,370
Clara has been arrested.

322
00:13:51,370 --> 00:13:53,070
So it was just Henry and me.

323
00:13:53,070 --> 00:13:56,130

324
00:13:56,130 --> 00:14:02,020
And then Henry suffered the
second attack in Bastogne

325
00:14:02,020 --> 00:14:04,370
where he was very close to.

326
00:14:04,370 --> 00:14:07,490
You know the Germans came
back a second time again.

327
00:14:07,490 --> 00:14:09,080
So he was still--

328
00:14:09,080 --> 00:14:12,620
he had been kind of
happy to be free,

329
00:14:12,620 --> 00:14:15,850
and then restrictions
came back for him again.

330
00:14:15,850 --> 00:14:17,480
So that was not an--

331
00:14:17,480 --> 00:14:19,130
And how long did that last?

332
00:14:19,130 --> 00:14:22,960
A few weeks and a
lot of people killed.

333
00:14:22,960 --> 00:14:25,630

So you must have been very
worried about him at this point

334
00:14:25,630 --> 00:14:26,555
because you knew
that was happening.

335
00:14:26,555 --> 00:14:27,055
Yeah.

336
00:14:27,055 --> 00:14:30,150

337
00:14:30,150 --> 00:14:32,860
So we're now towards the
end of September of '44.

338
00:14:32,860 --> 00:14:33,360
Yeah.

339
00:14:33,360 --> 00:14:33,860
Right?

340
00:14:33,860 --> 00:14:36,330
Beginning of October.

341
00:14:36,330 --> 00:14:39,670
When is it that you hear that--

342
00:14:39,670 --> 00:14:43,320
and how in heaven's name does
your father even find you?

343
00:14:43,320 --> 00:14:47,848
Is it the Jewish
committee in Brussels

344
00:14:47,848 --> 00:14:49,640
who know because they
sent you that letter?

345
00:14:49,640 --> 00:14:53,000

I have a feeling that this is--

346

00:14:53,000 --> 00:14:58,070

a vague feeling that some
from the Zionist movement

347

00:14:58,070 --> 00:15:01,430

knew about me and
my whereabouts.

348

00:15:01,430 --> 00:15:04,250

And, the minute that David
reappeared on the scene,

349

00:15:04,250 --> 00:15:08,150

where else would he go, but
back to his group, that they

350

00:15:08,150 --> 00:15:15,250

told him your sister is there,
and we hear she's a Catholic.

351

00:15:15,250 --> 00:15:16,570

I see, OK.

352

00:15:16,570 --> 00:15:21,130

So this news must already
have transpired to him.

353

00:15:21,130 --> 00:15:23,290

And then I got the
news that he was back.

354

00:15:23,290 --> 00:15:26,030

355

00:15:26,030 --> 00:15:28,490

And then, I think
about the same time--

356

00:15:28,490 --> 00:15:33,190

I don't know how it happened
and where they all meet up,

357
00:15:33,190 --> 00:15:35,760
but all three were back.

358
00:15:35,760 --> 00:15:36,670
Father was back.

359
00:15:36,670 --> 00:15:39,130
David was back,
and Isi was back.

360
00:15:39,130 --> 00:15:40,420
And I get that news.

361
00:15:40,420 --> 00:15:42,730
And Henry is up there in Dinant.

362
00:15:42,730 --> 00:15:46,610
And why would they
go to Brussels?

363
00:15:46,610 --> 00:15:50,180
I think they rented a
house to be all together.

364
00:15:50,180 --> 00:15:51,850
But why not Antwerp?

365
00:15:51,850 --> 00:15:52,640
Good question.

366
00:15:52,640 --> 00:15:55,810
No, that I don't know either.

367
00:15:55,810 --> 00:16:03,520
Either Antwerp was too much
of a memory in anti-Semitism,

368
00:16:03,520 --> 00:16:06,040
and Brussels was less known.

369

00:16:06,040 --> 00:16:09,820
And it could be that
David arranged all that

370
00:16:09,820 --> 00:16:15,220
through the Hashomer who told
him you can have that house,

371
00:16:15,220 --> 00:16:18,400
and you can occupy it until
other things have been--

372
00:16:18,400 --> 00:16:20,645
oh, and Simon comes back too.

373
00:16:20,645 --> 00:16:26,610
Simon is in the picture now,
our only surviving first cousin,

374
00:16:26,610 --> 00:16:27,370
right?

375
00:16:27,370 --> 00:16:28,540
He's in the picture too.

376
00:16:28,540 --> 00:16:30,140
He was in Auschwitz too.

377
00:16:30,140 --> 00:16:31,540
And is that your father's side?

378
00:16:31,540 --> 00:16:32,040
Yeah.

379
00:16:32,040 --> 00:16:34,850

380
00:16:34,850 --> 00:16:36,560
His mother, his
father, and his sister

381
00:16:36,560 --> 00:16:38,370

perished, and he survives.

382
00:16:38,370 --> 00:16:40,500
And it's the sister who
was your father's sister?

383
00:16:40,500 --> 00:16:41,000
Yeah.

384
00:16:41,000 --> 00:16:42,030
Yes.

385
00:16:42,030 --> 00:16:43,110
I mean, the mother is--

386
00:16:43,110 --> 00:16:44,595
The mother is my
father's sister.

387
00:16:44,595 --> 00:16:46,220
They were just those two.

388
00:16:46,220 --> 00:16:49,980
She's a Donner, and she's the
one who was on the registers.

389
00:16:49,980 --> 00:16:53,140
I found her name.

390
00:16:53,140 --> 00:16:54,880
So they all meet up.

391
00:16:54,880 --> 00:16:57,760
And now, somehow, David,
as far as you can tell,

392
00:16:57,760 --> 00:17:00,040
it's David who
knows where you are.

393
00:17:00,040 --> 00:17:02,020
So how do they--

394
00:17:02,020 --> 00:17:04,390
So I hear that
they're all back now.

395
00:17:04,390 --> 00:17:07,010

396
00:17:07,010 --> 00:17:10,250
And I cannot-- yeah, I
think that's how it went.

397
00:17:10,250 --> 00:17:12,599
And, of course, what do I do?

398
00:17:12,599 --> 00:17:15,540
The first thing is get
a message to Henry.

399
00:17:15,540 --> 00:17:16,280
They're back.

400
00:17:16,280 --> 00:17:17,640
Let's go and see them.

401
00:17:17,640 --> 00:17:18,470
Can you imagine?

402
00:17:18,470 --> 00:17:22,700
Isi is back and big
rejoicing in my mind, right?

403
00:17:22,700 --> 00:17:24,319
This is how many years now?

404
00:17:24,319 --> 00:17:27,829
I didn't think I'd see
anyone, and they're all back.

405
00:17:27,829 --> 00:17:31,160
And I can't even remember
where I picked up Henry,

406
00:17:31,160 --> 00:17:34,400
whether it was
halfway or whether he

407
00:17:34,400 --> 00:17:37,460
came to Grez-Doiceau,
and we left together.

408
00:17:37,460 --> 00:17:42,200
But we set out for
this big celebration,

409
00:17:42,200 --> 00:17:46,160
and that's when it was
worse than you can imagine.

410
00:17:46,160 --> 00:17:48,750

411
00:17:48,750 --> 00:17:51,760
So I ring the doorbell.

412
00:17:51,760 --> 00:17:56,720
The one who opens the door
is Isi like a wild animal,

413
00:17:56,720 --> 00:18:02,110
and I mean wild, and,
immediately, bouncing on me,

414
00:18:02,110 --> 00:18:06,070
grabbing me by the hand,
and we go upstairs.

415
00:18:06,070 --> 00:18:11,965
And he starts right
away that either I

416
00:18:11,965 --> 00:18:15,790
renounce this whole idea
of being a Catholic,

417

00:18:15,790 --> 00:18:16,945
or this is it.

418

00:18:16,945 --> 00:18:18,451
He'll kill me.

419

00:18:18,451 --> 00:18:20,360
Oh yeah, that was
the talks we had.

420

00:18:20,360 --> 00:18:22,100
So there's no conversation?

421

00:18:22,100 --> 00:18:23,100
The minute you walk in--

422

00:18:23,100 --> 00:18:25,190
Oh, no, no, no, yeah,
he already knew.

423

00:18:25,190 --> 00:18:29,980
I don't know who informed
him, but he knew.

424

00:18:29,980 --> 00:18:34,210
And so we go upstairs,
Harry, and he tells me that.

425

00:18:34,210 --> 00:18:37,210
And then there was my
father and David and Simon

426

00:18:37,210 --> 00:18:40,430
and Henry and Isi.

427

00:18:40,430 --> 00:18:44,650
And, when he starts like
that, they all leave.

428

00:18:44,650 --> 00:18:49,100
Everyone leaves, and they
leave me alone with Isi.

429
00:18:49,100 --> 00:18:50,360
So they take Henry away.

430
00:18:50,360 --> 00:18:53,485
You're alone in
this room with Isi.

431
00:18:53,485 --> 00:18:56,170
And this keeps going,
the same conversation.

432
00:18:56,170 --> 00:19:00,766
And I keep saying, well,
could we at least talk?

433
00:19:00,766 --> 00:19:01,650
Before you kill me.

434
00:19:01,650 --> 00:19:04,600
Yeah, and there's
no way I can just

435
00:19:04,600 --> 00:19:08,050
like that renounce something,
which I believe in.

436
00:19:08,050 --> 00:19:13,690
Well, there are no other choices
because you are doing to me now

437
00:19:13,690 --> 00:19:15,970
what the Gestapo did to me.

438
00:19:15,970 --> 00:19:18,370
You are betraying
your own brother.

439
00:19:18,370 --> 00:19:23,020
I could understand that, what
his feelings towards Catholics

440

00:19:23,020 --> 00:19:25,600
were because, I mean,
they were non-Jewish.

441
00:19:25,600 --> 00:19:32,080
And, in an unbelieving mind,
if you are not a believer,

442
00:19:32,080 --> 00:19:35,650
Catholic is all
the same, you know?

443
00:19:35,650 --> 00:19:38,050
And it doesn't have to be
that they were believers

444
00:19:38,050 --> 00:19:39,280
or not believers.

445
00:19:39,280 --> 00:19:40,240
That is it.

446
00:19:40,240 --> 00:19:43,150
So, next, if anything
happens, you'll

447
00:19:43,150 --> 00:19:44,900
be the one turning
against me, and I'll

448
00:19:44,900 --> 00:19:46,780
have to leave what
I have left now.

449
00:19:46,780 --> 00:19:48,730
So it's either one or the other.

450
00:19:48,730 --> 00:19:50,860
And he started really--

451
00:19:50,860 --> 00:19:52,360
we were on the upstairs.

452

00:19:52,360 --> 00:19:53,830

The window was open.

453

00:19:53,830 --> 00:19:56,510

And I was really
angled by the window.

454

00:19:56,510 --> 00:19:57,490

And he was ready.

455

00:19:57,490 --> 00:20:01,270

He was really-- now don't forget
this is only the second day

456

00:20:01,270 --> 00:20:03,510

he's back from Auschwitz.

457

00:20:03,510 --> 00:20:08,140

So I don't think his feelings
even had time to cool down

458

00:20:08,140 --> 00:20:10,530

or to settle from
what he went through.

459

00:20:10,530 --> 00:20:13,860

460

00:20:13,860 --> 00:20:17,010

But you can also imagine,
for me, what it looked like.

461

00:20:17,010 --> 00:20:21,320

I mean, I was terrified,
just terrified.

462

00:20:21,320 --> 00:20:25,880

No tooth, everything
broken out, no hair,

463

00:20:25,880 --> 00:20:28,480

I mean, he's just back--

464
00:20:28,480 --> 00:20:28,980
So he's--

465
00:20:28,980 --> 00:20:30,748
--looking like a real--

466
00:20:30,748 --> 00:20:31,290
--brutalized.

467
00:20:31,290 --> 00:20:35,720
Yeah, so he's ready to take
it out on me because that's

468
00:20:35,720 --> 00:20:36,875
what he's just left.

469
00:20:36,875 --> 00:20:40,980

470
00:20:40,980 --> 00:20:42,670
Something happens there.

471
00:20:42,670 --> 00:20:45,490
I'm alone with him, and it
is really going to happen.

472
00:20:45,490 --> 00:20:46,210
And I'm ready.

473
00:20:46,210 --> 00:20:46,670
He's pushing you towards--

474
00:20:46,670 --> 00:20:48,270
He's pushing me
towards the window.

475
00:20:48,270 --> 00:20:49,150
And I'm ready.

476
00:20:49,150 --> 00:20:50,530

I'm not going to give up.

477

00:20:50,530 --> 00:20:54,210

And I said to myself, well,
I've heard about being a martyr,

478

00:20:54,210 --> 00:20:55,830

I suppose.

479

00:20:55,830 --> 00:20:57,870

I'm laughing now,
but I didn't laugh.

480

00:20:57,870 --> 00:20:59,782

But that's really
how I was thinking.

481

00:20:59,782 --> 00:21:00,990

So you were not fighting him?

482

00:21:00,990 --> 00:21:05,480

No, except maintaining
that what I believed

483

00:21:05,480 --> 00:21:06,400

is what I believed in.

484

00:21:06,400 --> 00:21:07,900

But not physically
pushing him away?

485

00:21:07,900 --> 00:21:10,380

Oh, no, no, he was much
stronger than I was, even

486

00:21:10,380 --> 00:21:14,800

in this particular
condition, yeah.

487

00:21:14,800 --> 00:21:17,950

And what in heaven's name were
you thinking that your father--

488

00:21:17,950 --> 00:21:19,930
forget David leaving.

489

00:21:19,930 --> 00:21:22,210
Oh, no, before my
father left-- that's why

490

00:21:22,210 --> 00:21:23,800
I know what happened.

491

00:21:23,800 --> 00:21:26,740
Before he left, he started
in the conversation

492

00:21:26,740 --> 00:21:28,640
too when we were all there.

493

00:21:28,640 --> 00:21:33,050
And, when I said I
wasn't going to do that,

494

00:21:33,050 --> 00:21:35,078
he tore his vestments.

495

00:21:35,078 --> 00:21:35,870
Like you were dead.

496

00:21:35,870 --> 00:21:36,800
Like I was dead.

497

00:21:36,800 --> 00:21:38,000
And he walked out.

498

00:21:38,000 --> 00:21:40,010
And they walked out with him.

499

00:21:40,010 --> 00:21:42,090
So I had to go through that too.

500

00:21:42,090 --> 00:21:44,640
And I knew enough about

the Jewish religion

501

00:21:44,640 --> 00:21:46,030

that that's the way it goes.

502

00:21:46,030 --> 00:21:46,330

So here I am.

503

00:21:46,330 --> 00:21:48,310

So he was doing what your
mother said he would--

504

00:21:48,310 --> 00:21:48,810

Yeah.

505

00:21:48,810 --> 00:21:49,760

--she would do.

506

00:21:49,760 --> 00:21:50,360

But he did it.

507

00:21:50,360 --> 00:21:51,620

But he did it, right.

508

00:21:51,620 --> 00:21:54,650

509

00:21:54,650 --> 00:21:59,180

So now I am really waiting the
next step because I'm alone,

510

00:21:59,180 --> 00:22:00,710

and he's not going to give up.

511

00:22:00,710 --> 00:22:02,000

And I'm not going to give in.

512

00:22:02,000 --> 00:22:04,400

So there's no other solution.

513

00:22:04,400 --> 00:22:06,680

And I'm thinking in my
mind what the news is

514
00:22:06,680 --> 00:22:09,830
going to be when they
here that I've been killed

515
00:22:09,830 --> 00:22:11,300
and all of that.

516
00:22:11,300 --> 00:22:16,180
The doorbell goes, and
they all come back in.

517
00:22:16,180 --> 00:22:18,730
And there is a great commotion.

518
00:22:18,730 --> 00:22:20,680
And, of course, no
one tells me anything

519
00:22:20,680 --> 00:22:22,840
because I'm not in the picture.

520
00:22:22,840 --> 00:22:25,180
And they whisper,
and it's really

521
00:22:25,180 --> 00:22:27,940
something major,
whatever happened,

522
00:22:27,940 --> 00:22:31,510
which I still don't know until
today whatever was this big--

523
00:22:31,510 --> 00:22:33,190
and everyone has
to leave the house.

524
00:22:33,190 --> 00:22:38,360
We all have to go, all of us.

525

00:22:38,360 --> 00:22:40,365

First, we had to go to
the main post office.

526

00:22:40,365 --> 00:22:42,740

Either they were sending
telegrams somewhere,

527

00:22:42,740 --> 00:22:44,920

or there was a real--

528

00:22:44,920 --> 00:22:48,670

it sounded like something
their life depended on them,

529

00:22:48,670 --> 00:22:51,700

but they didn't want to leave us
alone because we would escape.

530

00:22:51,700 --> 00:22:57,770

So now we go, David in front,
Isi in the back, and Henry

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00:22:57,770 --> 00:23:00,418

and myself in the middle.

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00:23:00,418 --> 00:23:00,960

I don't know.

533

00:23:00,960 --> 00:23:04,340

They didn't trust Henry too
much either because they knew he

534

00:23:04,340 --> 00:23:08,060

was pretty much attached to me.

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00:23:08,060 --> 00:23:11,000

And we reached a point--
and on the road, as we go,

536

00:23:11,000 --> 00:23:13,520

but they never kept

their eyes off us.

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00:23:13,520 --> 00:23:15,200

They really were guarding us.

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00:23:15,200 --> 00:23:18,020

We're walking the streets,
and we go to the main post

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00:23:18,020 --> 00:23:18,890

office in Brussels.

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00:23:18,890 --> 00:23:23,870

I have a chance to tell Henry,
look, whatever I do, do.

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00:23:23,870 --> 00:23:27,260

Don't resist me, but
you realize we're

542

00:23:27,260 --> 00:23:29,810

going to have to run away.

543

00:23:29,810 --> 00:23:32,000

And we get to the
main post office,

544

00:23:32,000 --> 00:23:35,090

and it is one of
those rotating doors.

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00:23:35,090 --> 00:23:37,070

That's what saved me.

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00:23:37,070 --> 00:23:39,080

So David goes in.

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00:23:39,080 --> 00:23:43,040

I take another one
with Henry and turn it

548

00:23:43,040 --> 00:23:48,100

fast enough that Isi can't get
in the next one, and we run.

549
00:23:48,100 --> 00:23:51,730
And I must have run in the
streets of Brussels-- small,

550
00:23:51,730 --> 00:23:55,480
big, big, small, or whatever I
could think I could get lost--

551
00:23:55,480 --> 00:23:58,850
until I collapsed.

552
00:23:58,850 --> 00:24:01,820
And so that's what we did.

553
00:24:01,820 --> 00:24:05,410
And then we jumped into a
tram, and I couldn't even talk,

554
00:24:05,410 --> 00:24:07,420
but I did have some
money because I

555
00:24:07,420 --> 00:24:09,250
came from Grez-Doiceau.

556
00:24:09,250 --> 00:24:14,170
And, good enough, Marie had
taught, if anything goes wrong,

557
00:24:14,170 --> 00:24:17,050
or you can't make
it back tonight,

558
00:24:17,050 --> 00:24:20,680
here is the address and the
phone number of her aunt

559
00:24:20,680 --> 00:24:22,600
who lived in Brussels.

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00:24:22,600 --> 00:24:23,950

Just go.

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00:24:23,950 --> 00:24:25,060

Stay there.

562

00:24:25,060 --> 00:24:28,950

They'll take care
of you, and we did.

563

00:24:28,950 --> 00:24:32,190

When I finished running,
and I couldn't any more,

564

00:24:32,190 --> 00:24:36,150

and I finally got to her door,
and, in two, three words,

565

00:24:36,150 --> 00:24:39,010

when I got my breath back, I
explained what had happened,

566

00:24:39,010 --> 00:24:41,370

and we spent the night there.

567

00:24:41,370 --> 00:24:44,430

And so, the next day, we
went back to Grez-Doiceau,

568

00:24:44,430 --> 00:24:46,140

and Henry went back to Dinant.

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00:24:46,140 --> 00:24:49,720

Well, they were now
more than engaged

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00:24:49,720 --> 00:24:54,070

that I had run away and
taken Henry with me,

571

00:24:54,070 --> 00:24:57,450

but that was a very

awful situation.

572

00:24:57,450 --> 00:24:58,410

That sounds horrible.

573

00:24:58,410 --> 00:24:59,990

Horrible.

574

00:24:59,990 --> 00:25:01,740

And nobody was strong
enough [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:25:01,740 --> 00:25:04,980

Now you were asking me what type
of feelings I sometimes had.

576

00:25:04,980 --> 00:25:08,670

I did hold it against my
father for many, many years

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00:25:08,670 --> 00:25:11,710

because I thought
he should have been

578

00:25:11,710 --> 00:25:18,340

able to be a negotiator
between the two of us.

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00:25:18,340 --> 00:25:19,990

That was very weak what he did.

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00:25:19,990 --> 00:25:24,510

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00:25:24,510 --> 00:25:28,410

I mean, he just walked out
of the situation, knowing--

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00:25:28,410 --> 00:25:32,190

he must have seen how
wild Isi was, you know?

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00:25:32,190 --> 00:25:34,740

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00:25:34,740 --> 00:25:36,740

So that was the end
of that episode,

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00:25:36,740 --> 00:25:40,980

and I didn't want anything
to do with them anymore.

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00:25:40,980 --> 00:25:43,160

And Henry went back to
Dinant, but, of course,

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00:25:43,160 --> 00:25:45,620

they were not going to
stay on that episode

588

00:25:45,620 --> 00:25:47,450

you will imagine, right?

589

00:25:47,450 --> 00:25:53,590

Even if they thought they lost
me, they wanted Henry back.

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00:25:53,590 --> 00:25:54,970

And Henry is how old now?

591

00:25:54,970 --> 00:25:57,218

Well, Henry might be 11 maybe.

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00:25:57,218 --> 00:25:57,760

11, 10 or 11?

593

00:25:57,760 --> 00:25:58,540

Maybe 10, 11.

594

00:25:58,540 --> 00:26:01,620

Yeah, about that, 10, 11.

595

00:26:01,620 --> 00:26:02,910

So--

596

00:26:02,910 --> 00:26:07,750

Was he afraid when he saw Isi?

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00:26:07,750 --> 00:26:08,580

It scared him.

598

00:26:08,580 --> 00:26:10,320

It scared him too.

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00:26:10,320 --> 00:26:12,720

And he was on my side.

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00:26:12,720 --> 00:26:16,678

I mean, Henry lived very
much the same situation--

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00:26:16,678 --> 00:26:17,220

That you did.

602

00:26:17,220 --> 00:26:23,270

--I lived-- most adorable
parents, brothers and sisters

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00:26:23,270 --> 00:26:27,950

who just absolutely loved
him, the spoilt, youngest

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00:26:27,950 --> 00:26:29,270

of the family.

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00:26:29,270 --> 00:26:30,650

Do you know what I'm saying?

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00:26:30,650 --> 00:26:33,590

A life which he had
never had before.

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00:26:33,590 --> 00:26:35,150

They lived on a farm.

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00:26:35,150 --> 00:26:36,840

He loved farm life.

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00:26:36,840 --> 00:26:38,540

He loved the outdoors.

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00:26:38,540 --> 00:26:41,150

He could help.

611

00:26:41,150 --> 00:26:45,680

It's strange to say, but he had
a nicer experience than what he

612

00:26:45,680 --> 00:26:48,200

had had before the war, right?

613

00:26:48,200 --> 00:26:49,580

Yeah.

614

00:26:49,580 --> 00:26:52,040

So, to see this
type of reception--

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00:26:52,040 --> 00:26:54,440

and I was really very
honest going back

616

00:26:54,440 --> 00:26:58,940

to celebrate that they
all had come back.

617

00:26:58,940 --> 00:27:02,460

Of course, he was frightened.

618

00:27:02,460 --> 00:27:04,440

Well, I, personally,
said that is it.

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00:27:04,440 --> 00:27:06,570

I don't want anything
to do with them anymore,

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00:27:06,570 --> 00:27:08,880

but, of course, they
didn't leave me alone.

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00:27:08,880 --> 00:27:10,980

David made several,
several attempts

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00:27:10,980 --> 00:27:13,710

and came to Grez-Doiceau
and wanted to see me

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00:27:13,710 --> 00:27:16,646

and wanted to get me out.

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00:27:16,646 --> 00:27:22,740

And I would talk to him, but,
when the family was there,

625

00:27:22,740 --> 00:27:25,450

I didn't want to be left
alone with him anymore.

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00:27:25,450 --> 00:27:27,990

I mean, I didn't trust David
more than I trusted Isi

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00:27:27,990 --> 00:27:31,630

because everyone had just
dropped the whole situation,

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00:27:31,630 --> 00:27:32,610

you know?

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00:27:32,610 --> 00:27:35,820

They could, at
least, have stood by.

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00:27:35,820 --> 00:27:39,630

Personally, I said to myself,
if they had even just tried--

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00:27:39,630 --> 00:27:40,260
let's sit.

632
00:27:40,260 --> 00:27:40,950
Let's talk.

633
00:27:40,950 --> 00:27:41,890
We are a family.

634
00:27:41,890 --> 00:27:43,950
Let's see what we can do.

635
00:27:43,950 --> 00:27:46,230
Don't expect to come in,
and five minutes later,

636
00:27:46,230 --> 00:27:47,460
[? I'll say ?] goodbye.

637
00:27:47,460 --> 00:27:48,630
I'm no more a Catholic.

638
00:27:48,630 --> 00:27:49,620
I'm going with you.

639
00:27:49,620 --> 00:27:51,150
Right, right.

640
00:27:51,150 --> 00:27:53,650
And David had that
same attitude.

641
00:27:53,650 --> 00:27:57,400
You should just drop it in
spite of the closeness that--

642
00:27:57,400 --> 00:27:58,650
They influenced you.

643
00:27:58,650 --> 00:28:00,300
They made you to do that.

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00:28:00,300 --> 00:28:02,710

This was the war, and
now it's different.

645

00:28:02,710 --> 00:28:04,500

What have you done
with all your Zionism?

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00:28:04,500 --> 00:28:07,050

Don't you want to go
to Palestine anymore?

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00:28:07,050 --> 00:28:08,670

And I was an ardent one.

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00:28:08,670 --> 00:28:14,130

So that was a big disappointment
to David, but, no, I didn't.

649

00:28:14,130 --> 00:28:14,670

Right.

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00:28:14,670 --> 00:28:15,707

But he couldn't take it.

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00:28:15,707 --> 00:28:16,207

Right.

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00:28:16,207 --> 00:28:19,130

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00:28:19,130 --> 00:28:23,650

So then we started
a new life now with,

654

00:28:23,650 --> 00:28:25,850

this time, we were
hiding from the family.

655

00:28:25,850 --> 00:28:26,840

Right.

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00:28:26,840 --> 00:28:29,890

So let's stop, and
we'll change the tape.

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00:28:29,890 --> 00:29:01,000