

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:04,473  
[TONE]

2  
00:00:04,473 --> 00:00:59,640

3  
00:00:59,640 --> 00:01:02,240  
Let me-- let me stick with the  
ghetto for just a little bit.

4  
00:01:02,240 --> 00:01:04,230  
OK.

5  
00:01:04,230 --> 00:01:07,380  
You were with the women  
for what, a couple of days,

6  
00:01:07,380 --> 00:01:08,140  
a few weeks?

7  
00:01:08,140 --> 00:01:08,980  
What?

8  
00:01:08,980 --> 00:01:09,930  
Which women?

9  
00:01:09,930 --> 00:01:13,500  
Your mother and your cousins  
before you went to your father

10  
00:01:13,500 --> 00:01:14,140  
in the ghetto.

11  
00:01:14,140 --> 00:01:16,500  
Yes, it was just a few days.

12  
00:01:16,500 --> 00:01:17,500  
Just a few days.

13  
00:01:17,500 --> 00:01:18,000

Yeah.

14  
00:01:18,000 --> 00:01:21,420  
Did you eat bad--  
was it terrible food?

15  
00:01:21,420 --> 00:01:24,510  
I don't remember what  
we ate or who gave us,

16  
00:01:24,510 --> 00:01:27,270  
but I don't remember  
also being hungry.

17  
00:01:27,270 --> 00:01:29,940  
I don't know where  
the food came from.

18  
00:01:29,940 --> 00:01:32,475  
Or maybe we brought  
some with us.

19  
00:01:32,475 --> 00:01:33,600  
So you weren't very hungry.

20  
00:01:33,600 --> 00:01:33,790  
Were you--

21  
00:01:33,790 --> 00:01:35,330  
Those few days, no, we weren't.

22  
00:01:35,330 --> 00:01:37,440  
We were just settling  
into the ghetto.

23  
00:01:37,440 --> 00:01:43,830  
And I have a feeling we brought  
some with us from Malines

24  
00:01:43,830 --> 00:01:45,300  
because we still  
had our own food.

25

00:01:45,300 --> 00:01:46,650

Right.

26

00:01:46,650 --> 00:01:48,310

When you went to be  
with your father--

27

00:01:48,310 --> 00:01:48,810

Yeah.

28

00:01:48,810 --> 00:01:50,060

--and your uncle--

29

00:01:50,060 --> 00:01:51,822

And my uncle, yeah.

30

00:01:51,822 --> 00:01:54,030

--what was the food like?

31

00:01:54,030 --> 00:01:55,050

We had food there.

32

00:01:55,050 --> 00:01:59,080

God knows I don't know where  
it came from, whether the--

33

00:01:59,080 --> 00:02:00,740

well, it was on a farm.

34

00:02:00,740 --> 00:02:04,950

We could always get something  
that's growing there,

35

00:02:04,950 --> 00:02:08,880

but I know, on the  
farm, you're not hungry

36

00:02:08,880 --> 00:02:13,650

because you always had potatoes  
and corn and some other things.

37

00:02:13,650 --> 00:02:17,350  
And it wasn't parceled  
out, you know,

38  
00:02:17,350 --> 00:02:18,845  
like you've seen a city ghetto.

39  
00:02:18,845 --> 00:02:20,220  
You have to stand  
with your part.

40  
00:02:20,220 --> 00:02:21,805  
You just sort of--

41  
00:02:21,805 --> 00:02:26,260  
I'm just not clear about that,  
but we were not hungry there.

42  
00:02:26,260 --> 00:02:27,327  
And where did you stay?

43  
00:02:27,327 --> 00:02:28,160  
Where did you sleep?

44  
00:02:28,160 --> 00:02:30,185  
It was a barn, a big barn.

45  
00:02:30,185 --> 00:02:31,810  
And that's where all  
the men who worked

46  
00:02:31,810 --> 00:02:34,360  
were just people slept  
there in the barn.

47  
00:02:34,360 --> 00:02:37,880  
There was sort of some  
hay or something, whatever

48  
00:02:37,880 --> 00:02:38,420  
you call it.

49

00:02:38,420 --> 00:02:42,305  
And then, in the morning,  
you go out and do your work.

50  
00:02:42,305 --> 00:02:44,930

51  
00:02:44,930 --> 00:02:49,550  
We weren't there long enough  
to sort of settle there,

52  
00:02:49,550 --> 00:02:52,790  
but I felt so much  
more comfortable

53  
00:02:52,790 --> 00:02:58,670  
and relieved being in the open,  
not being kept in the ghetto

54  
00:02:58,670 --> 00:03:02,330  
with a wall around me,  
because, anything happens,

55  
00:03:02,330 --> 00:03:05,122  
we can run into the forest.

56  
00:03:05,122 --> 00:03:06,580  
And they don't want  
to chase after.

57  
00:03:06,580 --> 00:03:08,178  
Were you the only girl?

58  
00:03:08,178 --> 00:03:09,553  
I was an only  
child at that time.

59  
00:03:09,553 --> 00:03:10,260  
The only child at that time.

60  
00:03:10,260 --> 00:03:11,560  
Yeah, I'm the only child.

61

00:03:11,560 --> 00:03:13,920

And, no, the others all  
stayed in the ghetto.

62

00:03:13,920 --> 00:03:16,700

I don't know how  
my father pulled it

63

00:03:16,700 --> 00:03:19,640

or how I got to go to--

64

00:03:19,640 --> 00:03:22,077

65

00:03:22,077 --> 00:03:22,910

what do you call it?

66

00:03:22,910 --> 00:03:23,660

To go with him.

67

00:03:23,660 --> 00:03:27,380

It's just too far,  
but I was so grateful

68

00:03:27,380 --> 00:03:31,700

because, in comparison  
with city people, ghettos,

69

00:03:31,700 --> 00:03:32,785

you had the walls.

70

00:03:32,785 --> 00:03:34,070

You had streets.

71

00:03:34,070 --> 00:03:35,720

And, if you go  
out of the ghetto,

72

00:03:35,720 --> 00:03:37,640

well, you'll find  
yourself-- even

73

00:03:37,640 --> 00:03:40,520

anybody can catch you and  
turn you in, whereas we

74

00:03:40,520 --> 00:03:44,540

were fortunate in our ghettos.

75

00:03:44,540 --> 00:03:49,760

In our area, there were those  
forests, and you could hide.

76

00:03:49,760 --> 00:03:52,562

And we became so skillful at it.

77

00:03:52,562 --> 00:03:54,020

You could sometimes  
cover your head

78

00:03:54,020 --> 00:03:55,580

with branches or something.

79

00:03:55,580 --> 00:03:57,560

So I felt very good,  
but, as I said,

80

00:03:57,560 --> 00:03:59,878

this didn't last long  
because then the--

81

00:03:59,878 --> 00:04:00,920

It was only a few months.

82

00:04:00,920 --> 00:04:02,195

--execution.

83

00:04:02,195 --> 00:04:02,840

Very little.

84

00:04:02,840 --> 00:04:08,420

I cannot even tell you dates,  
but I don't know, the most,

85

00:04:08,420 --> 00:04:09,080  
two months.

86

00:04:09,080 --> 00:04:11,600  
I just couldn't.

87

00:04:11,600 --> 00:04:15,350  
Now, when you joined  
the partisan group,

88

00:04:15,350 --> 00:04:18,470  
did they know that  
the family was Jewish?

89

00:04:18,470 --> 00:04:19,089  
Oh, yeah.

90

00:04:19,089 --> 00:04:19,970  
They did?

91

00:04:19,970 --> 00:04:23,510  
There were so many Jews  
hiding in the forest

92

00:04:23,510 --> 00:04:26,150  
that we told them  
right away that--

93

00:04:26,150 --> 00:04:29,150  
I mean, they were  
prepared anyhow

94

00:04:29,150 --> 00:04:32,900  
that we ran away  
from the ghetto.

95

00:04:32,900 --> 00:04:36,110  
And this is why we came to  
ask for shelter with them.

96

00:04:36,110 --> 00:04:37,410  
So they knew it.



97  
00:04:37,410 --> 00:04:40,518  
And did they take the  
family because your father

98  
00:04:40,518 --> 00:04:41,560  
had a rifle do you think?

99  
00:04:41,560 --> 00:04:44,230  
Because we were--  
yes, we were sort of--

100  
00:04:44,230 --> 00:04:46,280  
because we were not  
helpless people.

101  
00:04:46,280 --> 00:04:47,990  
My father-- they  
could always use

102  
00:04:47,990 --> 00:04:51,430  
somebody else who has a  
weapon if you have to shoot.

103  
00:04:51,430 --> 00:04:52,760  
And my mother could cook.

104  
00:04:52,760 --> 00:04:56,600  
She actually cooked for  
Medvedev and all the big shots.

105  
00:04:56,600 --> 00:04:59,600  
She would cook, and then there  
used to be a man who would come

106  
00:04:59,600 --> 00:05:04,100  
later, an officer, and taste the  
food to make sure it wasn't--

107  
00:05:04,100 --> 00:05:06,620  
this is part of their ritual--

108

00:05:06,620 --> 00:05:07,400  
and then eat.

109  
00:05:07,400 --> 00:05:09,260  
So she was needed there too.

110  
00:05:09,260 --> 00:05:12,220  
And I made myself needed to.

111  
00:05:12,220 --> 00:05:13,970  
They weren't going to  
break up the family.

112  
00:05:13,970 --> 00:05:18,620  
So we were not a burden to them.

113  
00:05:18,620 --> 00:05:20,862  
But your uncle was not taken in.

114  
00:05:20,862 --> 00:05:21,820  
They wouldn't take him.

115  
00:05:21,820 --> 00:05:25,550  
And they wouldn't-- he kept  
coming back to them and begging

116  
00:05:25,550 --> 00:05:26,300  
them.

117  
00:05:26,300 --> 00:05:27,560  
Would you take us in?

118  
00:05:27,560 --> 00:05:29,240  
I don't know why.

119  
00:05:29,240 --> 00:05:32,440  
They said, if you  
don't stop coming,

120  
00:05:32,440 --> 00:05:35,050  
we were going to shoot you--

121

00:05:35,050 --> 00:05:36,670

You never know how they thought.

122

00:05:36,670 --> 00:05:39,080

They didn't take  
people just like that.

123

00:05:39,080 --> 00:05:40,510

It's what's good for them.

124

00:05:40,510 --> 00:05:42,420

There was a family  
by the name of--

125

00:05:42,420 --> 00:05:46,600

I told you, the Dr.  
Martin, his wife,

126

00:05:46,600 --> 00:05:49,590

and then two small  
children, maybe a year

127

00:05:49,590 --> 00:05:51,510

and three-years-old  
or something.

128

00:05:51,510 --> 00:05:57,160

And they took them in because  
he was useful to them, a doctor.

129

00:05:57,160 --> 00:05:59,650

And then the children  
started crying very often.

130

00:05:59,650 --> 00:06:01,890

They were hungry and all.

131

00:06:01,890 --> 00:06:04,230

And they threw them out.

132

00:06:04,230 --> 00:06:05,730

And, the doctor and

the family, they

133

00:06:05,730 --> 00:06:07,147

started walking  
with the children.

134

00:06:07,147 --> 00:06:08,650

Where will he go?

135

00:06:08,650 --> 00:06:12,190

He goes, and he  
sees far away there.

136

00:06:12,190 --> 00:06:13,870

That's where the  
Germans are standing.

137

00:06:13,870 --> 00:06:17,480

So, if he leaves, he knows he's  
just walking into their trap.

138

00:06:17,480 --> 00:06:21,910

So he turned around and  
went back to the partisans.

139

00:06:21,910 --> 00:06:26,150

And he told them, look, if  
you don't want to keep me,

140

00:06:26,150 --> 00:06:29,580

you might as well shoot me  
because, if I go straight

141

00:06:29,580 --> 00:06:31,820

to the Germans,  
they will shoot me.

142

00:06:31,820 --> 00:06:35,930

So they felt sorry for  
him, and they took them in,

143

00:06:35,930 --> 00:06:39,545

the whole family,

because he was very--

144

00:06:39,545 --> 00:06:45,750  
they only had one doctor, the  
one who came in from Moscow.

145

00:06:45,750 --> 00:06:49,310  
And he certainly knew more  
I think than this other guy.

146

00:06:49,310 --> 00:06:51,470  
So they took him in  
because they felt sorry.

147

00:06:51,470 --> 00:06:53,730  
They were kind, but  
I don't know why.

148

00:06:53,730 --> 00:06:56,000  
Maybe taking in my  
uncle meant five people.

149

00:06:56,000 --> 00:06:59,010  
What are they going to  
do with three children?

150

00:06:59,010 --> 00:07:01,340  
And you never can  
explain their reasoning,

151

00:07:01,340 --> 00:07:03,320  
but, later on, they  
were taking more people,

152

00:07:03,320 --> 00:07:05,700  
but they were just  
beginning this--

153

00:07:05,700 --> 00:07:06,700  
They were just starting.

154

00:07:06,700 --> 00:07:09,430  
--detachment, just not long ago.

155  
00:07:09,430 --> 00:07:13,020  
They're just getting established  
and didn't want any extra--

156  
00:07:13,020 --> 00:07:14,530  
what do you call it--

157  
00:07:14,530 --> 00:07:15,980  
baggage or something to drag.

158  
00:07:15,980 --> 00:07:16,820  
I don't know.

159  
00:07:16,820 --> 00:07:18,410  
But they refused to take him.

160  
00:07:18,410 --> 00:07:19,410  
And they threatened him.

161  
00:07:19,410 --> 00:07:22,490  
If you don't stop  
coming and complaining

162  
00:07:22,490 --> 00:07:25,030  
that you want to be taken in,  
we tell you we won't take you.

163  
00:07:25,030 --> 00:07:26,390  
He says that we'll shoot you.

164  
00:07:26,390 --> 00:07:30,320  
Life was more than-- you had  
to be careful what you said.

165  
00:07:30,320 --> 00:07:32,270  
And if I may tell you  
the story about how

166  
00:07:32,270 --> 00:07:35,420  
they were very  
suspicious of outsiders

167

00:07:35,420 --> 00:07:38,240

because they never knew  
if somebody comes around

168

00:07:38,240 --> 00:07:41,540

and wants to sniff around  
and then turn us in.

169

00:07:41,540 --> 00:07:45,800

Or, one time, they did find  
out that one of the people

170

00:07:45,800 --> 00:07:48,980

from the local population--

171

00:07:48,980 --> 00:07:52,040

I think they took  
him in maybe to work.

172

00:07:52,040 --> 00:07:55,095

Anyhow, he turned  
out to be a traitor.

173

00:07:55,095 --> 00:07:56,720

And, when they found  
out, they took him

174

00:07:56,720 --> 00:08:00,400

in the middle of that  
forest, the square,

175

00:08:00,400 --> 00:08:06,780

and they hung him in front of  
everybody as a deterrent so

176

00:08:06,780 --> 00:08:12,030

that, if anybody ever attempted  
to go against or tell on us

177

00:08:12,030 --> 00:08:14,518

or turn us in, this is  
what's going to happen.

178

00:08:14,518 --> 00:08:15,810

And I remember seeing this man.

179

00:08:15,810 --> 00:08:18,360

In fact, they didn't want  
children to see this,

180

00:08:18,360 --> 00:08:20,160

but I said, no,  
he was a traitor.

181

00:08:20,160 --> 00:08:21,870

I want to see how a traitor--

182

00:08:21,870 --> 00:08:23,320

you know, it was patriotism.

183

00:08:23,320 --> 00:08:24,370

And I wanted to see.

184

00:08:24,370 --> 00:08:25,800

And I saw this man.

185

00:08:25,800 --> 00:08:28,140

They hung him in front  
of everybody to serve--

186

00:08:28,140 --> 00:08:29,380

And you saw the whole thing?

187

00:08:29,380 --> 00:08:33,630

Yeah, I saw him, yes,  
because I was so full--

188

00:08:33,630 --> 00:08:37,770

we were so full of hate of  
the Nazis or those people,

189

00:08:37,770 --> 00:08:41,419

even local, who used to turn  
us in or kill us or something



190  
00:08:41,419 --> 00:08:45,270  
that, to see one less--

191  
00:08:45,270 --> 00:08:48,570  
and this sort of  
gave us satisfaction

192  
00:08:48,570 --> 00:08:53,070  
and hope that maybe the others  
will be put away some way.

193  
00:08:53,070 --> 00:08:54,890  
But this is a deterrent.

194  
00:08:54,890 --> 00:08:57,430  
They had to be  
suspicious of everybody.

195  
00:08:57,430 --> 00:08:59,820  
Did that bother you,  
seeing that man killed?

196  
00:08:59,820 --> 00:09:00,320  
Or did it--

197  
00:09:00,320 --> 00:09:02,528  
I wouldn't want to see it  
here, but not at that time.

198  
00:09:02,528 --> 00:09:04,765  
It depends in which  
context you see it.

199  
00:09:04,765 --> 00:09:09,950  
if it's a traitor and if he  
went against the motherland

200  
00:09:09,950 --> 00:09:11,780  
and if he wanted to  
kill us, why should we?

201

00:09:11,780 --> 00:09:15,300

It's like taking a  
Nazi and killing.

202

00:09:15,300 --> 00:09:16,950

I would not want--

203

00:09:16,950 --> 00:09:19,530

as a matter of fact,  
after the war was over,

204

00:09:19,530 --> 00:09:21,960

they apprehended a  
lot of those traitors.

205

00:09:21,960 --> 00:09:27,010

And, in Rivne, in an open  
place, they used to hang people.

206

00:09:27,010 --> 00:09:28,027

I saw people hanging.

207

00:09:28,027 --> 00:09:29,610

I don't know where  
they hung, but they

208

00:09:29,610 --> 00:09:32,970

were hanging for  
days in an open place

209

00:09:32,970 --> 00:09:34,980

those who collaborated  
with the Nazis.

210

00:09:34,980 --> 00:09:41,220

So they had to be very cautious.

211

00:09:41,220 --> 00:09:43,480

But life was not--

212

00:09:43,480 --> 00:09:47,630

213

00:09:47,630 --> 00:09:50,960

they didn't look at  
people so much at them

214

00:09:50,960 --> 00:09:55,790

as is it going to help our cause  
because Medvedev came there,

215

00:09:55,790 --> 00:09:58,250

parachuted down over  
wherever he came from,

216

00:09:58,250 --> 00:10:00,980

with a special assignment.

217

00:10:00,980 --> 00:10:03,710

He came, and he brought  
Kuznetsov with him.

218

00:10:03,710 --> 00:10:05,680

And they had a  
special assignment

219

00:10:05,680 --> 00:10:09,810

that they will go to  
do away with this--

220

00:10:09,810 --> 00:10:15,020

I don't know the German title,  
Ober something, Koch, K-O-C-H--

221

00:10:15,020 --> 00:10:17,300

he was in charge of  
the whole Ukraine--

222

00:10:17,300 --> 00:10:21,690

and to try to get close  
to him and do away.

223

00:10:21,690 --> 00:10:25,040

Kuznetsov spoke fluent German.

224

00:10:25,040 --> 00:10:27,210  
He knew it still from Russia.

225  
00:10:27,210 --> 00:10:28,850  
He lived somewhere  
in this colony.

226  
00:10:28,850 --> 00:10:31,490  
He volunteered to  
come to the partisans.

227  
00:10:31,490 --> 00:10:33,930  
He looked, what  
you call it, German

228  
00:10:33,930 --> 00:10:37,510  
with blond hair and blue eyes.

229  
00:10:37,510 --> 00:10:40,010  
And I only saw him once.

230  
00:10:40,010 --> 00:10:41,900  
We were-- maybe I  
told you that we

231  
00:10:41,900 --> 00:10:45,260  
were forewarned there's going  
to be a German officer coming

232  
00:10:45,260 --> 00:10:46,280  
in here.

233  
00:10:46,280 --> 00:10:50,030  
Don't get scared, or don't  
kill him because this

234  
00:10:50,030 --> 00:10:52,550  
is one of ours, just dressed.

235  
00:10:52,550 --> 00:10:58,270  
And he was so cheerful, very  
self-assured with this setting.

236

00:10:58,270 --> 00:10:59,360

And he was humming a song.

237

00:10:59,360 --> 00:11:02,390

He was going to meet,  
apparently, with Medvedev.

238

00:11:02,390 --> 00:11:03,950

This is the only time I saw him.

239

00:11:03,950 --> 00:11:07,790

The rest, what I know is  
from people who were there.

240

00:11:07,790 --> 00:11:13,440

And he did quite a job, but  
that's a story all by itself

241

00:11:13,440 --> 00:11:14,990

how this man--

242

00:11:14,990 --> 00:11:17,930

he died when he was in his 30s.

243

00:11:17,930 --> 00:11:19,190

That's how young he was.

244

00:11:19,190 --> 00:11:22,570

And so--

245

00:11:22,570 --> 00:11:24,170

Did you see Medvedev?

246

00:11:24,170 --> 00:11:24,680

Oh, yeah.

247

00:11:24,680 --> 00:11:25,180

You did?

248

00:11:25,180 --> 00:11:27,950

Yeah, I think policy was

I didn't go sit with him,

249

00:11:27,950 --> 00:11:31,360

but I knew, occasional,  
when he crossed

250

00:11:31,360 --> 00:11:36,140

the grounds because, the way the  
camp was set up, in the center

251

00:11:36,140 --> 00:11:38,047

was the--

252

00:11:38,047 --> 00:11:38,880

what do you call it?

253

00:11:38,880 --> 00:11:40,370

They called it  
the [GERMAN] where

254

00:11:40,370 --> 00:11:44,450

all the people who were  
running with Medvedev

255

00:11:44,450 --> 00:11:48,490

and all his assistants  
who were planning all.

256

00:11:48,490 --> 00:11:50,210

Then, around them,  
was another circle

257

00:11:50,210 --> 00:11:53,810

with little huts like of people.

258

00:11:53,810 --> 00:11:57,120

So he stood-- he stayed  
with his own people, I mean,

259

00:11:57,120 --> 00:11:59,570

those who came and gave  
him reports and all.

260

00:11:59,570 --> 00:12:04,170

And we had there a  
Ukrainian family who

261

00:12:04,170 --> 00:12:06,780

was completely devoted to us.

262

00:12:06,780 --> 00:12:10,080

The sons didn't have to  
be afraid to commingle

263

00:12:10,080 --> 00:12:13,650

with the population because they  
looked like they lived there,

264

00:12:13,650 --> 00:12:16,320

but they used to bring  
reports back and forth

265

00:12:16,320 --> 00:12:25,080

and go to Rivne where Kuznetsov  
lived and bring information.

266

00:12:25,080 --> 00:12:25,740

Don't go here.

267

00:12:25,740 --> 00:12:26,460

Don't go there.

268

00:12:26,460 --> 00:12:28,540

We got this in here.

269

00:12:28,540 --> 00:12:31,850

An interesting thing, I just  
found out not long ago that,

270

00:12:31,850 --> 00:12:37,790

when Kuznetsov just  
came there, he met Koch.

271

00:12:37,790 --> 00:12:40,380

They sit around the table.

272

00:12:40,380 --> 00:12:42,920

They sat around the table,  
and he said he could--

273

00:12:42,920 --> 00:12:45,120

it would have been  
so easy to kill him,

274

00:12:45,120 --> 00:12:48,840

but he says they were  
watched so closely that,

275

00:12:48,840 --> 00:12:51,060

if he would just put  
his hand in the pocket--

276

00:12:51,060 --> 00:12:52,430

he did have a gun with him.

277

00:12:52,430 --> 00:12:53,420

But, if he put his  
hand in the pocket

278

00:12:53,420 --> 00:12:54,837

or even take out  
the handkerchief,

279

00:12:54,837 --> 00:12:56,430

he would have been  
shot immediately.

280

00:12:56,430 --> 00:12:59,100

So he knew that, even though  
he was pals with Koch,

281

00:12:59,100 --> 00:13:04,190

he'll never be able to kill him  
like when he was very guarded

282

00:13:04,190 --> 00:13:04,850

very much.



283

00:13:04,850 --> 00:13:10,710

So he still kept an eye on  
him, hoping some other ways

284

00:13:10,710 --> 00:13:11,820

to kill him.

285

00:13:11,820 --> 00:13:15,210

They had a lot of people who  
collaborated with the Russians,

286

00:13:15,210 --> 00:13:19,030

with the partisans, but they  
lived among the population.

287

00:13:19,030 --> 00:13:22,180

So nobody knew that they were  
and bring reports and all.

288

00:13:22,180 --> 00:13:28,630

And they were in Rivne, but he's  
a historic figure in Russia,

289

00:13:28,630 --> 00:13:31,690

both of them, heroes  
of the Soviet Union

290

00:13:31,690 --> 00:13:34,450

and all this stuff like that.

291

00:13:34,450 --> 00:13:37,640

Did your father go on  
missions against the Nazis--

292

00:13:37,640 --> 00:13:38,140

He did.

293

00:13:38,140 --> 00:13:39,130

--with his rifle?

294

00:13:39,130 --> 00:13:41,740

He did, but I don't know what.

295  
00:13:41,740 --> 00:13:45,820  
I know he used to go when  
they went to look for food,

296  
00:13:45,820 --> 00:13:51,200  
to come to peasants homes  
and say give us food.

297  
00:13:51,200 --> 00:13:53,570  
And, if they wouldn't,  
that's what my father said.

298  
00:13:53,570 --> 00:13:55,330  
If they refused  
to give food, they

299  
00:13:55,330 --> 00:14:00,020  
would say, well, we're going  
to set your roof on fire.

300  
00:14:00,020 --> 00:14:01,900  
So I knew he used to go on this.

301  
00:14:01,900 --> 00:14:05,830  
Maybe he went also to  
go to derail trains.

302  
00:14:05,830 --> 00:14:08,620  
They would derail  
trains, but he never

303  
00:14:08,620 --> 00:14:13,030  
went to Rivne or any of this  
where his face would be, right

304  
00:14:13,030 --> 00:14:14,920  
away, recognized as a Jew.

305  
00:14:14,920 --> 00:14:18,730  
He was just one of many,  
but he helped them.

306

00:14:18,730 --> 00:14:20,430

He stood maybe guard too.

307

00:14:20,430 --> 00:14:21,710

I don't know.

308

00:14:21,710 --> 00:14:24,100

But the idea was, if  
you take a Jewish person

309

00:14:24,100 --> 00:14:26,350

and put him back  
into the population,

310

00:14:26,350 --> 00:14:27,820

they'll catch him right away.

311

00:14:27,820 --> 00:14:29,580

They'll right away tell this.

312

00:14:29,580 --> 00:14:34,550

And so he didn't  
go out from much.

313

00:14:34,550 --> 00:14:36,820

And, if he went, he  
went with a group

314

00:14:36,820 --> 00:14:39,330

by the cover of the night.

315

00:14:39,330 --> 00:14:41,980

They used to derail  
trains or something.

316

00:14:41,980 --> 00:14:44,590

Did you live with your  
mother and father?

317

00:14:44,590 --> 00:14:46,060

I mean, or were  
you all outdoors?

318  
00:14:46,060 --> 00:14:49,180  
No, no, we a hut.

319  
00:14:49,180 --> 00:14:50,350  
I have the book downstairs.

320  
00:14:50,350 --> 00:14:51,460  
I'll show it to you.

321  
00:14:51,460 --> 00:14:55,900  
And then I slept with my  
mother and some other women.

322  
00:14:55,900 --> 00:14:58,270  
My father slept  
where the men were

323  
00:14:58,270 --> 00:15:01,300  
because they had to be ready  
whenever you have to go.

324  
00:15:01,300 --> 00:15:05,260  
And, yeah, I slept  
next to my mom.

325  
00:15:05,260 --> 00:15:09,110  
And I found out that we  
had the fire in the middle,

326  
00:15:09,110 --> 00:15:11,520  
and we slept with our legs  
towards the fire and the head

327  
00:15:11,520 --> 00:15:12,020  
there.

328  
00:15:12,020 --> 00:15:13,920  
But, sometimes, it  
would be so cold

329  
00:15:13,920 --> 00:15:15,280

that people's heads would--

330  
00:15:15,280 --> 00:15:16,853  
hair would freeze.

331  
00:15:16,853 --> 00:15:20,390  
But we didn't mind it.

332  
00:15:20,390 --> 00:15:27,510  
Also, I should say that life in  
the partisans wasn't all sad,

333  
00:15:27,510 --> 00:15:31,710  
and it wasn't all like  
a funeral or something.

334  
00:15:31,710 --> 00:15:35,970  
There were joyful times when  
they would sit around the fire,

335  
00:15:35,970 --> 00:15:37,950  
and somebody would  
play the accordion.

336  
00:15:37,950 --> 00:15:39,540  
And we would sing.

337  
00:15:39,540 --> 00:15:43,050  
This doctor from  
Moscow, [PERSONAL NAME],,

338  
00:15:43,050 --> 00:15:45,780  
by profession, he was an actor.

339  
00:15:45,780 --> 00:15:48,330  
So, when everything was quiet,  
he would come stay by the fire

340  
00:15:48,330 --> 00:15:50,370  
and cite poetry.

341  
00:15:50,370 --> 00:15:53,670

He was a very handsome  
man, and we would sing.

342  
00:15:53,670 --> 00:15:59,640  
So it wasn't all the time  
a feeling like of death

343  
00:15:59,640 --> 00:16:00,330  
is going to--

344  
00:16:00,330 --> 00:16:02,250  
is imminent or something.

345  
00:16:02,250 --> 00:16:05,310  
And we made the most of it.

346  
00:16:05,310 --> 00:16:08,530  
And, also, of course, they  
had contact with Moscow.

347  
00:16:08,530 --> 00:16:10,900  
And Moscow could tell  
them where the front was.

348  
00:16:10,900 --> 00:16:12,930  
They didn't come and  
tell us, but they knew

349  
00:16:12,930 --> 00:16:14,520  
exactly where the front was.

350  
00:16:14,520 --> 00:16:17,682  
And they had to do  
what Moscow told them,

351  
00:16:17,682 --> 00:16:20,550  
take the order,  
which is different

352  
00:16:20,550 --> 00:16:26,610  
from any partisan groups who  
were formed by themselves.

353

00:16:26,610 --> 00:16:28,980

They got together  
themselves, and they didn't

354

00:16:28,980 --> 00:16:31,140

have any other assignment.

355

00:16:31,140 --> 00:16:33,180

They just kill, kill the Nazis.

356

00:16:33,180 --> 00:16:37,300

And ours was very special.

357

00:16:37,300 --> 00:16:39,030

The main thing for  
them was just to kill

358

00:16:39,030 --> 00:16:42,030

the guy Koch, the  
head of the Ukraine,

359

00:16:42,030 --> 00:16:44,586

and some of his helpers too.

360

00:16:44,586 --> 00:16:46,640

Did they ever do it?

361

00:16:46,640 --> 00:16:50,368

No, Kuznetsov could not do it.

362

00:16:50,368 --> 00:16:51,410

He saw it was impossible.

363

00:16:51,410 --> 00:16:53,090

It was guarded too much.

364

00:16:53,090 --> 00:16:57,140

He was killed later, but  
he was able to do away

365

00:16:57,140 --> 00:17:01,550

with some of his helpers,  
assistants or something.

366  
00:17:01,550 --> 00:17:04,400  
He was saw-- he blended  
in so well with them

367  
00:17:04,400 --> 00:17:06,910  
that he used to drink  
together and party together.

368  
00:17:06,910 --> 00:17:11,450  
And never, never  
did anybody suspect

369  
00:17:11,450 --> 00:17:16,589  
that he was a spy until  
later on, until later on.

370  
00:17:16,589 --> 00:17:22,730  
And all assignments  
he did successfully,

371  
00:17:22,730 --> 00:17:27,800  
but then he would always sit in  
a car dressed in his uniform,

372  
00:17:27,800 --> 00:17:31,400  
and the German had a chauffeur  
and a lot of chutzpah and all

373  
00:17:31,400 --> 00:17:35,150  
and drink with them and all.

374  
00:17:35,150 --> 00:17:38,060  
He had a girlfriend.

375  
00:17:38,060 --> 00:17:40,160  
She was a Russian, sure.

376  
00:17:40,160 --> 00:17:42,498  
And she lived somewhere.



377

00:17:42,498 --> 00:17:44,540

I don't know with him or  
somewhere along the way.

378

00:17:44,540 --> 00:17:46,730

But she was there.

379

00:17:46,730 --> 00:17:51,330

Towards the end, when they  
found out things are going on,

380

00:17:51,330 --> 00:17:53,660

they did arrest her.

381

00:17:53,660 --> 00:17:58,730

And the Gestapo took her,  
and she told his story.

382

00:17:58,730 --> 00:18:02,720

But so they already  
had an eye on him,

383

00:18:02,720 --> 00:18:08,540

but they couldn't apprehend him  
because the front was moving

384

00:18:08,540 --> 00:18:11,566

towards Lviv, west, west, west.

385

00:18:11,566 --> 00:18:14,990

But it is sad how he died.

386

00:18:14,990 --> 00:18:16,790

He had a lot of chutzpah.

387

00:18:16,790 --> 00:18:19,550

Life didn't mean  
anything to him.

388

00:18:19,550 --> 00:18:24,290

All of us were very patriotic,  
and we all had the same slogan.

389

00:18:24,290 --> 00:18:28,170  
In Russian, [RUSSIAN SPEECH]  
means for the motherland.

390

00:18:28,170 --> 00:18:34,400  
So he didn't kill Koch, but  
Koch did die by somebody else.

391

00:18:34,400 --> 00:18:40,000  
And you want me to talk  
some more of the partisans?

392

00:18:40,000 --> 00:18:40,730  
Yes.

393

00:18:40,730 --> 00:18:41,320  
Oh, please.

394

00:18:41,320 --> 00:18:42,028  
Sure, absolutely.

395

00:18:42,028 --> 00:18:45,200  
OK, yeah, well, anyhow, as far  
as life concerned in the group,

396

00:18:45,200 --> 00:18:49,240  
it was, more or less as  
possible, structured.

397

00:18:49,240 --> 00:18:51,850  
Everybody knew, more or  
less, what he had to do.

398

00:18:51,850 --> 00:18:54,145  
And they used to  
change sometimes.

399

00:18:54,145 --> 00:18:58,370  
They had to move the camp around  
if they knew that somebody

400

00:18:58,370 --> 00:19:00,880  
might have seen us there.

401  
00:19:00,880 --> 00:19:06,190  
And they would start taking  
in more people later on.

402  
00:19:06,190 --> 00:19:12,060  
And the news-- planes would  
come, periodically, and land.

403  
00:19:12,060 --> 00:19:14,650  
And that's a story itself.

404  
00:19:14,650 --> 00:19:19,480  
They would find an opening  
somewhere in the forest,

405  
00:19:19,480 --> 00:19:21,730  
enough for a plane to land.

406  
00:19:21,730 --> 00:19:24,800  
And they would put fire--

407  
00:19:24,800 --> 00:19:29,405  
what do you call it-- fires,  
three fires like in the corner,

408  
00:19:29,405 --> 00:19:30,620  
in the open.

409  
00:19:30,620 --> 00:19:33,770  
So, if a plane comes, and  
he'll be looking for a space

410  
00:19:33,770 --> 00:19:35,950  
where there's three  
fires, it means

411  
00:19:35,950 --> 00:19:38,320  
this is the landing place.

412

00:19:38,320 --> 00:19:42,830  
And he had to come by the  
cover of the night, land there.

413  
00:19:42,830 --> 00:19:44,750  
It was a transport  
plane of course.

414  
00:19:44,750 --> 00:19:48,730  
It wasn't a passenger  
plane and bring whatever

415  
00:19:48,730 --> 00:19:52,360  
may be news or maybe  
medicine, something,

416  
00:19:52,360 --> 00:19:55,950  
and take the wounded people.

417  
00:19:55,950 --> 00:19:58,570  
And, in one of those  
trips, my parents

418  
00:19:58,570 --> 00:20:01,840  
asked Medvedev or whoever  
was there, please, let

419  
00:20:01,840 --> 00:20:06,030  
my daughter go to Moscow too.

420  
00:20:06,030 --> 00:20:10,720  
Let's at least know that  
one from my family survives.

421  
00:20:10,720 --> 00:20:13,630  
So there were some  
other children

422  
00:20:13,630 --> 00:20:15,790  
he was sending off in a family.

423  
00:20:15,790 --> 00:20:18,250  
So he agreed to let me--

424  
00:20:18,250 --> 00:20:18,910  
to let go.

425  
00:20:18,910 --> 00:20:21,760  
And, this other  
family, the woman

426  
00:20:21,760 --> 00:20:23,710  
says I will take care of her.

427  
00:20:23,710 --> 00:20:25,690  
I'll be her surrogate mother.

428  
00:20:25,690 --> 00:20:29,260  
So we got on the  
plane and sitting.

429  
00:20:29,260 --> 00:20:34,180  
And, because it was not seats,  
it was just like benches.

430  
00:20:34,180 --> 00:20:36,375  
And then we see in the  
corner a bunch of they

431  
00:20:36,375 --> 00:20:38,920  
had the geese and chicken and--

432  
00:20:38,920 --> 00:20:41,380  
what do you call it--

433  
00:20:41,380 --> 00:20:45,040  
sheep or something because  
there was hunger in Moscow.

434  
00:20:45,040 --> 00:20:47,360  
And they were coming  
here from the Ukraine,

435  
00:20:47,360 --> 00:20:49,400  
which was rich and --.

436  
00:20:49,400 --> 00:20:51,558  
So they [INAUDIBLE]  
the whole thing.

437  
00:20:51,558 --> 00:20:53,350  
Yeah, yeah, yeah, you  
don't need the ducks.

438  
00:20:53,350 --> 00:20:56,050  
And [INAUDIBLE] God,  
how are we going to fly?

439  
00:20:56,050 --> 00:20:57,770  
I don't know how  
they calmed him down,

440  
00:20:57,770 --> 00:20:59,950  
but they had to be practical.

441  
00:20:59,950 --> 00:21:03,070  
They had to leave by  
the cover of the night

442  
00:21:03,070 --> 00:21:06,940  
because the front was  
still around Stalingrad.

443  
00:21:06,940 --> 00:21:09,370  
When we flew in the  
dark, very, very high,

444  
00:21:09,370 --> 00:21:11,830  
you could see, sometimes,  
bullets flying.

445  
00:21:11,830 --> 00:21:15,340  
But, if you looked down,  
you could see the front,

446  
00:21:15,340 --> 00:21:19,660  
and it was like a  
snake with lights.

447

00:21:19,660 --> 00:21:22,860

And this is where the  
front was at that time.

448

00:21:22,860 --> 00:21:24,140

It was very cold.

449

00:21:24,140 --> 00:21:25,780

I remember because  
we had to fly very

450

00:21:25,780 --> 00:21:28,180

high so they wouldn't spot us.

451

00:21:28,180 --> 00:21:29,440

And we flew through the night.

452

00:21:29,440 --> 00:21:33,490

I remember, in the  
morning, we were in Moscow.

453

00:21:33,490 --> 00:21:35,110

And it's amazing.

454

00:21:35,110 --> 00:21:39,250

Now that I think, they didn't  
need any gas getting something,

455

00:21:39,250 --> 00:21:43,070

because from let's say the  
Rivne area until Moscow--

456

00:21:43,070 --> 00:21:43,570

It's far.

457

00:21:43,570 --> 00:21:47,370

--it's quite a-- but  
they were so skilled

458

00:21:47,370 --> 00:21:49,200

and maybe a little

drunk too, the pilots.

459

00:21:49,200 --> 00:21:50,170

Who knows?

460

00:21:50,170 --> 00:21:51,790

You know, the  
geese and the ducks

461

00:21:51,790 --> 00:21:53,980

and all the things  
and the children,

462

00:21:53,980 --> 00:21:56,200

nobody thought [INAUDIBLE],,  
gee, my goodness

463

00:21:56,200 --> 00:22:00,550

we were so happy to  
get out of the Ukraine

464

00:22:00,550 --> 00:22:06,460

and go into Moscow into  
maybe on safe territory.

465

00:22:06,460 --> 00:22:09,640

So were you concerned  
that your mother had

466

00:22:09,640 --> 00:22:11,188

asked that you be taken away?

467

00:22:11,188 --> 00:22:12,480

I mean, were you upset by that?

468

00:22:12,480 --> 00:22:13,030

No.

469

00:22:13,030 --> 00:22:13,530

You weren't?

470

00:22:13,530 --> 00:22:15,820



No, we had, as I told  
you, an agreement.

471  
00:22:15,820 --> 00:22:17,510  
You save yourself.

472  
00:22:17,510 --> 00:22:22,420  
And, if my parents could arrange  
for me to go and save myself,

473  
00:22:22,420 --> 00:22:24,700  
they didn't know what was  
going to happen to them.

474  
00:22:24,700 --> 00:22:26,960  
This whole group  
detachment, the Germans

475  
00:22:26,960 --> 00:22:29,350  
could have maybe come  
along and threw bombs.

476  
00:22:29,350 --> 00:22:30,550  
She could have been killed.

477  
00:22:30,550 --> 00:22:32,870  
Her life was not safe.

478  
00:22:32,870 --> 00:22:37,660  
And, even the partisans too,  
it could change very quickly.

479  
00:22:37,660 --> 00:22:41,140  
But, at least, she  
felt that I am going

480  
00:22:41,140 --> 00:22:45,760  
so-called on safe territory.

481  
00:22:45,760 --> 00:22:48,910  
The Germans were repulsed  
from Moscow maybe

482

00:22:48,910 --> 00:22:51,160

I don't know how many  
kilometers there.

483

00:22:51,160 --> 00:22:53,840

And, at least, I will survive.

484

00:22:53,840 --> 00:22:57,656

So this is why everybody  
was glad to send

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00:22:57,656 --> 00:23:00,360

the children to Moscow.

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00:23:00,360 --> 00:23:03,450

So you had been in the partisan  
group for what, about a year?

487

00:23:03,450 --> 00:23:06,250

I was about a year.

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00:23:06,250 --> 00:23:08,010

We went into the  
forest ourselves,

489

00:23:08,010 --> 00:23:10,230

before the partisans, in 1942.

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00:23:10,230 --> 00:23:12,660

This is when the order  
came out to kill the Jews.

491

00:23:12,660 --> 00:23:18,096

And we met the partisans like  
maybe in the fall of '42.

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00:23:18,096 --> 00:23:19,110

'42.

493

00:23:19,110 --> 00:23:22,970

And I left for Moscow in 1943.

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00:23:22,970 --> 00:23:29,690

And I thought it was  
going to be great

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00:23:29,690 --> 00:23:32,210

because I don't have  
any more Nazis to worry

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00:23:32,210 --> 00:23:33,500

about or anything.

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00:23:33,500 --> 00:23:36,280

It was a nightmarish year.

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00:23:36,280 --> 00:23:36,780

Why?

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00:23:36,780 --> 00:23:41,340

Because, first of all, I was  
never without my parents.

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00:23:41,340 --> 00:23:44,520

And I was very lonely.

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00:23:44,520 --> 00:23:46,200

I was only about 13 or 14.

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00:23:46,200 --> 00:23:47,700

I didn't know.

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00:23:47,700 --> 00:23:50,640

And there was nobody  
I knew in Moscow.

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00:23:50,640 --> 00:23:52,440

And I only told them.

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00:23:52,440 --> 00:23:55,410

I said I want to go  
to school, but I also

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00:23:55,410 --> 00:23:58,900  
would like to work to help  
the country, blah, blah,

507  
00:23:58,900 --> 00:24:00,450  
and all this propaganda.

508  
00:24:00,450 --> 00:24:02,460  
So they put me and  
another girl who

509  
00:24:02,460 --> 00:24:07,080  
came with me into  
a technical school

510  
00:24:07,080 --> 00:24:14,190  
where I worked for  
about eight hours a day

511  
00:24:14,190 --> 00:24:19,030  
at this factory on a lathe.

512  
00:24:19,030 --> 00:24:22,840  
It was like a cup, and I had  
to make it a certain diameter,

513  
00:24:22,840 --> 00:24:23,340  
you know?

514  
00:24:23,340 --> 00:24:26,280  
And then somebody else would  
take it and put grooves on it.

515  
00:24:26,280 --> 00:24:28,800  
And then they would take this  
and screw it into the bomb,

516  
00:24:28,800 --> 00:24:29,360  
you know?

517  
00:24:29,360 --> 00:24:30,360  
So they put me in there.

518

00:24:30,360 --> 00:24:33,190

And, also, during the  
day, when we came back,

519

00:24:33,190 --> 00:24:37,230

we would have like  
four hours of lessons.

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00:24:37,230 --> 00:24:38,280

The year was very--

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00:24:38,280 --> 00:24:39,300

I was hungry.

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00:24:39,300 --> 00:24:40,350

We were so hungry.

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00:24:40,350 --> 00:24:41,820

There was no food.

524

00:24:41,820 --> 00:24:46,440

It was cold, and we didn't have  
the right clothes for Russia.

525

00:24:46,440 --> 00:24:51,150

And I think the loneliness  
was even bigger than anything.

526

00:24:51,150 --> 00:24:55,520

I took sick because  
of the lack of food.

527

00:24:55,520 --> 00:24:57,840

I had rashes on my body.

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00:24:57,840 --> 00:25:02,430

I had a lump in my breast,  
and I had other things.

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00:25:02,430 --> 00:25:07,867

And they did treat me some,  
but there were no antibiotics

530  
00:25:07,867 --> 00:25:08,700  
there yet, you know?

531  
00:25:08,700 --> 00:25:11,370  
There was not penicillin,  
something like this.

532  
00:25:11,370 --> 00:25:15,360  
And I didn't even know if  
my parents were still alive.

533  
00:25:15,360 --> 00:25:18,960  
You couldn't send letters to  
the partisans to the forest.

534  
00:25:18,960 --> 00:25:21,630  
Occasionally, somebody would  
come back and say, yeah,

535  
00:25:21,630 --> 00:25:23,880  
we saw your mother or something.

536  
00:25:23,880 --> 00:25:30,580  
And the worst thing of all  
that I remember standing once

537  
00:25:30,580 --> 00:25:32,050  
at a railroad station--

538  
00:25:32,050 --> 00:25:35,530  
the railroad stations,  
like in where I lived,

539  
00:25:35,530 --> 00:25:37,900  
had like an overpass  
for pedestrians

540  
00:25:37,900 --> 00:25:40,840  
to go through from  
one side to the other.

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00:25:40,840 --> 00:25:43,575  
And I stood there one  
day, and I said, gee, God.

542  
00:25:43,575 --> 00:25:47,470  
I said I wish I had the  
strength to just throw myself

543  
00:25:47,470 --> 00:25:51,310  
off that bridge because  
life has no meaning to me

544  
00:25:51,310 --> 00:25:54,670  
because I didn't know if  
I'll ever see my parents.

545  
00:25:54,670 --> 00:25:56,270  
And the most  
important is to say,

546  
00:25:56,270 --> 00:25:58,550  
as soon as I  
finished that class,

547  
00:25:58,550 --> 00:26:02,620  
they're going to make  
us work 12 hours a day.

548  
00:26:02,620 --> 00:26:05,090  
And how can you work 12?

549  
00:26:05,090 --> 00:26:07,080  
I knew that,  
physically, I couldn't.

550  
00:26:07,080 --> 00:26:10,420  
So life had no meaning.

551  
00:26:10,420 --> 00:26:14,040  
So, in this respect, being in  
the partisans was easier for me

552  
00:26:14,040 --> 00:26:17,100

because my parents  
protected me, the partisans.

553  
00:26:17,100 --> 00:26:20,280  
And I had food or something,  
whereas I came to Moscow.

554  
00:26:20,280 --> 00:26:24,480  
Maybe I didn't see the Nazis  
anymore, but it was grueling.

555  
00:26:24,480 --> 00:26:27,810  
In Russia, everybody-- kids  
were taken out of school

556  
00:26:27,810 --> 00:26:31,830  
and put to work in factories  
and work everything.

557  
00:26:31,830 --> 00:26:39,820  
And all able men were  
put in the army to fight.

558  
00:26:39,820 --> 00:26:42,840  
And you can see, sometimes,  
pictures of little kids

559  
00:26:42,840 --> 00:26:46,750  
standing, working the lathes  
and some stuff like that.

560  
00:26:46,750 --> 00:26:48,350  
But there was no hope.

561  
00:26:48,350 --> 00:26:51,930  
We knew that the war  
was still going on.

562  
00:26:51,930 --> 00:26:54,300  
The Germans were still--

563  
00:26:54,300 --> 00:26:56,940  
the Russians never even



got into Germany yet.

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00:26:56,940 --> 00:26:59,730

And we didn't know  
whether, one day,

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00:26:59,730 --> 00:27:02,100

they could turn  
around and push back.

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00:27:02,100 --> 00:27:08,370

But, for me, I was so homesick  
for my parents, nothing else.

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00:27:08,370 --> 00:27:12,630

Even being hungry, I  
used to say to myself--

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00:27:12,630 --> 00:27:13,980

I was about 14.

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00:27:13,980 --> 00:27:15,390

I'd say, mama.

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00:27:15,390 --> 00:27:18,690

I said, you know, if ever  
we get together again,

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00:27:18,690 --> 00:27:20,960

I promise I'm going to be good.

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00:27:20,960 --> 00:27:22,710

And I promise I'm  
going to eat everything

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00:27:22,710 --> 00:27:25,000

that you make for me, and  
I'll never throw it out.

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00:27:25,000 --> 00:27:27,900

And I want to be  
with mama again.

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00:27:27,900 --> 00:27:33,420

And I hope God to unite us.

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00:27:33,420 --> 00:27:38,290

And so this is  
the work was hard.

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00:27:38,290 --> 00:27:44,070

The climate was very  
hard and the despair.

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00:27:44,070 --> 00:27:46,147

There was no future  
to look forward to.

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00:27:46,147 --> 00:27:47,730

We didn't know what's  
going to happen,

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00:27:47,730 --> 00:27:51,750

if my parents will survive,  
and when the war would end.

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00:27:51,750 --> 00:27:54,260

And then this was  
the fall of 1943.

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00:27:54,260 --> 00:27:57,810

And then, in this  
spring of 1944,

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00:27:57,810 --> 00:28:01,590

I remember working in the  
factory, working my lathe.

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00:28:01,590 --> 00:28:07,920

And the supervisor says  
to me, Rosa, come here.

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00:28:07,920 --> 00:28:09,490

I want to see you.

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00:28:09,490 --> 00:28:11,580

Oh no, somebody wants  
to talk to you, he says,

587

00:28:11,580 --> 00:28:13,830

the supervisor or something.

588

00:28:13,830 --> 00:28:14,770

Come into the room.

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00:28:14,770 --> 00:28:16,520

So I come down there.

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00:28:16,520 --> 00:28:17,370

And who sits there?

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00:28:17,370 --> 00:28:19,440

My mama.

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00:28:19,440 --> 00:28:24,060

My mama because, at that time,  
Rivne was already liberated.

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00:28:24,060 --> 00:28:27,330

And she would turn  
the world around

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00:28:27,330 --> 00:28:30,090

to come and fetch her daughter.

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00:28:30,090 --> 00:28:36,300

So they let her come on a  
military train to Moscow.

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00:28:36,300 --> 00:28:38,170

And she came there  
to the factory,

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00:28:38,170 --> 00:28:42,660

but they didn't  
want me preparing

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00:28:42,660 --> 00:28:44,005  
for me to come and see her.

599  
00:28:44,005 --> 00:28:45,630  
So they said somebody  
wants to see you.

600  
00:28:45,630 --> 00:28:47,910  
And I walk in, and there  
is my mother sitting.

601  
00:28:47,910 --> 00:28:51,928  
I had no warning that she  
was liberated and come.

602  
00:28:51,928 --> 00:28:53,470  
Oh, well, of course,  
we're overjoyed.

603  
00:28:53,470 --> 00:28:58,560  
And all the supervisors were  
very touched at the reunion.

604  
00:28:58,560 --> 00:29:03,110  
And my mother said  
she was very proud.

605  
00:29:03,110 --> 00:29:04,970  
They had a lot of  
respect for her

606  
00:29:04,970 --> 00:29:10,910  
because she just was a partisan,  
and she was fighting the Nazis.

607  
00:29:10,910 --> 00:29:15,260  
But they would not let  
me go home with her

608  
00:29:15,260 --> 00:29:20,780  
unless she would promise that,  
when I come back to Rivne,

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00:29:20,780 --> 00:29:23,450

I will continue  
working at the factory

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00:29:23,450 --> 00:29:26,780

because they spent all  
the training on me.

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00:29:26,780 --> 00:29:29,480

And I should continue  
with my work and all this

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00:29:29,480 --> 00:29:30,710

like this and here.

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00:29:30,710 --> 00:29:33,800

Of course, she says  
yes, yes, but we didn't.

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00:29:33,800 --> 00:29:36,035

When I came there, we  
don't have factories.

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00:29:36,035 --> 00:29:39,830

But the basic thing is that they  
figured they invested in me.

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00:29:39,830 --> 00:29:41,180

They trained me.

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00:29:41,180 --> 00:29:45,740

It was a miracle that I  
made it that winter to--

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00:29:45,740 --> 00:29:47,660

We're going to have  
to stop for a moment

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00:29:47,660 --> 00:29:49,610

because we have to  
change the tape.

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00:29:49,610 --> 00:29:51,770

I'm sorry to interrupt you.

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00:29:51,770 --> 00:29:53,530

No, no, no.

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00:29:53,530 --> 00:31:12,000