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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,690
OK, we're good to go.

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00:00:01,690 --> 00:00:03,930
This is Rebecca Dillmeier
conducting an interview

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00:00:03,930 --> 00:00:08,070
for the United States Holocaust
Memorial Museum on March 28

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00:00:08,070 --> 00:00:09,750
with Peter Kory over the phone.

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00:00:09,750 --> 00:00:12,820

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00:00:12,820 --> 00:00:16,079
March 28, 2013.

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00:00:16,079 --> 00:00:18,420
All right, Mr. Kory, can
you please state your name

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00:00:18,420 --> 00:00:21,040
for the record?

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00:00:21,040 --> 00:00:25,090
Peter Kory, spelled K-O-R-Y.

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00:00:25,090 --> 00:00:26,100
Perfect.

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00:00:26,100 --> 00:00:27,270
Was this your name at birth?

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00:00:27,270 --> 00:00:29,890

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00:00:29,890 --> 00:00:35,550

My name at birth was
Peter Korytowski.

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00:00:35,550 --> 00:00:37,395
And that's K-O-R-Y-T-O-W-S-K-I.

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00:00:37,395 --> 00:00:41,940

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00:00:41,940 --> 00:00:43,470
Perfect.

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00:00:43,470 --> 00:00:45,270
Can you tell me a
little bit about where

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00:00:45,270 --> 00:00:46,980
you were born,
when you were born,

19
00:00:46,980 --> 00:00:50,540
and your early family life.

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00:00:50,540 --> 00:00:55,920
I was born in Berlin,
Germany, lived there

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00:00:55,920 --> 00:00:58,350
till I was about a
year and a half--

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00:00:58,350 --> 00:01:02,280
less than two
years, in any case.

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00:01:02,280 --> 00:01:10,110
And from then, we moved to
Belgium, stayed in Belgium

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00:01:10,110 --> 00:01:17,950
until the blitzkrieg started,
which was back in 1940.

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00:01:17,950 --> 00:01:19,290

OK.

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00:01:19,290 --> 00:01:21,313

We're going to get
to that, but we're

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00:01:21,313 --> 00:01:22,980

going to try to do
this chronologically.

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00:01:22,980 --> 00:01:26,820

So can you tell me a little
bit about your life in Belgium

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00:01:26,820 --> 00:01:28,950

and your parents, where
you went to school, what

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00:01:28,950 --> 00:01:30,180

your religious life was like?

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00:01:30,180 --> 00:01:33,790

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00:01:33,790 --> 00:01:36,160

Life in Belgium
was pretty normal.

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00:01:36,160 --> 00:01:41,695

I went to school
during normal hours.

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00:01:41,695 --> 00:01:44,200

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00:01:44,200 --> 00:01:56,260

And I did that between
1932, '33, and 1940.

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00:01:56,260 --> 00:01:58,850

And I lived with my parents.

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00:01:58,850 --> 00:02:01,720
We lived in Brussels.

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00:02:01,720 --> 00:02:05,800
And it was a average
middle income

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00:02:05,800 --> 00:02:13,180
kind of a life in a middle
income suburb of Brussels.

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00:02:13,180 --> 00:02:17,190

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00:02:17,190 --> 00:02:18,840
Want me to go on?

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00:02:18,840 --> 00:02:20,780
Yeah, can you tell me
your parents' names

43
00:02:20,780 --> 00:02:23,570
and what they did?

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00:02:23,570 --> 00:02:29,630
My father, his name
was Eric, Erich, that's

45
00:02:29,630 --> 00:02:33,800
the German Eric, Korytowski.

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00:02:33,800 --> 00:02:36,310

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00:02:36,310 --> 00:02:41,280
He started out as
a concert pianist.

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00:02:41,280 --> 00:02:46,390
And he did some concertizing
in Germany and Berlin.

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00:02:46,390 --> 00:02:50,110

And then he was drafted
by Kaiser Wilhelm II.

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00:02:50,110 --> 00:02:52,780

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00:02:52,780 --> 00:02:57,820

He fought in World War
I on the German side,

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00:02:57,820 --> 00:03:03,160

and eventually he was taken
prisoner of the French.

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00:03:03,160 --> 00:03:06,160

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00:03:06,160 --> 00:03:13,750

And he reinvented himself after
that war, after World War I,

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00:03:13,750 --> 00:03:15,110

to become an architect.

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00:03:15,110 --> 00:03:18,280

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00:03:18,280 --> 00:03:29,860

My father was born
around 1894 thereabouts.

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00:03:29,860 --> 00:03:33,430

My mother was
roughly the same age.

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00:03:33,430 --> 00:03:36,160

Her name was Lily.

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00:03:36,160 --> 00:03:40,630

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00:03:40,630 --> 00:03:45,320
My father was born
actually in Poland.

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00:03:45,320 --> 00:03:48,580
My mother was born
in Silesia, which

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00:03:48,580 --> 00:03:50,980
was a country that
could not make up

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00:03:50,980 --> 00:03:53,395
its mind as to whether
it was German or French.

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00:03:53,395 --> 00:03:57,350

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00:03:57,350 --> 00:04:01,310
Excuse me-- German or Polish.

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00:04:01,310 --> 00:04:13,850
And she [INAUDIBLE]
my father in Silesia.

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00:04:13,850 --> 00:04:16,620

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00:04:16,620 --> 00:04:18,769
They lived in Germany.

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00:04:18,769 --> 00:04:22,580
They both moved to Berlin.

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00:04:22,580 --> 00:04:29,330
And she was not a nurse exactly,
but a kindergarten executive.

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00:04:29,330 --> 00:04:35,330
She headed a kindergarten.

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00:04:35,330 --> 00:04:44,840

And after they got married, I
came along, of course, in 1931.

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00:04:44,840 --> 00:04:52,700

And they lived happily until
they were captured ultimately

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00:04:52,700 --> 00:04:56,040

by the Germans, but that's
another part of the story,

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00:04:56,040 --> 00:04:59,990

I'm sure, that you have
slotted someplace else.

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00:04:59,990 --> 00:05:02,450

Yes, we will
definitely get to that.

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00:05:02,450 --> 00:05:06,710

Can you tell me why your
family immigrated to Belgium?

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00:05:06,710 --> 00:05:09,020

Do you know what prompted them?

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00:05:09,020 --> 00:05:10,310

Yes.

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00:05:10,310 --> 00:05:14,960

What prompted their
departure from Germany

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00:05:14,960 --> 00:05:18,830

was the fact that
A, they were Jewish,

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00:05:18,830 --> 00:05:24,380

and B, Germany was becoming
gradually Nazified.

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00:05:24,380 --> 00:05:26,930

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00:05:26,930 --> 00:05:37,760

The Third Reich was not
yet the law of the land.

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00:05:37,760 --> 00:05:40,850

Hitler was a politician
at that time.

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00:05:40,850 --> 00:05:43,100

He was not a dictator.

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00:05:43,100 --> 00:05:45,710

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00:05:45,710 --> 00:05:49,400

But the writing was on
the wall, and it was clear

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00:05:49,400 --> 00:05:54,280

that things were going to
go rather badly for Jews.

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00:05:54,280 --> 00:05:57,830

And my parents were
identified as being Jewish.

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00:05:57,830 --> 00:06:01,760

They didn't practice
any religion,

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00:06:01,760 --> 00:06:03,780

but they were identified
as being Jewish.

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00:06:03,780 --> 00:06:07,010

And this, among other
things, prompted

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00:06:07,010 --> 00:06:14,940

them to leave and find a
fortune elsewhere in the world.

96
00:06:14,940 --> 00:06:17,570
Unfortunately, they
did not go far enough--

97
00:06:17,570 --> 00:06:21,515
simply escaped Germany.

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00:06:21,515 --> 00:06:24,770

99
00:06:24,770 --> 00:06:34,460
In fact, my mother put her
jewels in my soiled underwear--

100
00:06:34,460 --> 00:06:37,280
was a way of absconding
with the jewelry

101
00:06:37,280 --> 00:06:44,465
using that as a startup
nest egg in Belgium.

102
00:06:44,465 --> 00:06:47,600

103
00:06:47,600 --> 00:06:55,670
And all of that occurred around
1933 thereabouts-- '32, '33.

104
00:06:55,670 --> 00:06:56,720
I wasn't quite two.

105
00:06:56,720 --> 00:06:59,630

106
00:06:59,630 --> 00:07:04,220
I think that says whatever
I need to say at this point.

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00:07:04,220 --> 00:07:07,560

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00:07:07,560 --> 00:07:13,175

So I'll ask you to tell me
what the next question is.

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00:07:13,175 --> 00:07:14,165

Of course.

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00:07:14,165 --> 00:07:17,300

You said your family didn't
practice any religion.

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00:07:17,300 --> 00:07:18,950

Was that true in
Belgium as well?

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00:07:18,950 --> 00:07:21,950

Did you go to just
a regular school?

113

00:07:21,950 --> 00:07:24,410

Did you live in a
Jewish neighborhood?

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00:07:24,410 --> 00:07:27,470

We did not live in a
Jewish neighborhood.

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00:07:27,470 --> 00:07:29,570

We did not practice
any religion.

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00:07:29,570 --> 00:07:33,380

We were basically not religious.

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00:07:33,380 --> 00:07:35,635

My father's religion was music.

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00:07:35,635 --> 00:07:39,410

My mother's religion was health.

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00:07:39,410 --> 00:07:41,930

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00:07:41,930 --> 00:07:48,690

And it's something that
is hard to understand,

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00:07:48,690 --> 00:07:51,680

but we never were religious.

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00:07:51,680 --> 00:07:54,260

And they were not
in the least bit

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00:07:54,260 --> 00:08:01,940

interested in forcing any
kind of religion on me.

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00:08:01,940 --> 00:08:06,080

I was their child,
and they looked at me

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00:08:06,080 --> 00:08:10,935

for other kinds of
comfort and joys.

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00:08:10,935 --> 00:08:16,730

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00:08:16,730 --> 00:08:21,110

I read in your memoir that your
family celebrated Christmas.

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00:08:21,110 --> 00:08:22,490

Did you also celebrate Hanukkah?

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00:08:22,490 --> 00:08:29,220

What were your celebrations
like if you weren't religious?

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00:08:29,220 --> 00:08:33,059

Christmas was there

because of a fellow

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00:08:33,059 --> 00:08:38,820

which we used to know as St.
Nicholas, who is known here

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00:08:38,820 --> 00:08:41,760

in this country as Santa Claus.

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00:08:41,760 --> 00:08:47,550

And we knew that we loved
the idea of a Christmas tree,

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00:08:47,550 --> 00:08:52,290

we liked all the
rites of Christmas.

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00:08:52,290 --> 00:08:57,200

I remember we had real
candles on that tree.

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00:08:57,200 --> 00:08:59,940

And there were always presents.

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00:08:59,940 --> 00:09:04,950

And St. Nicholas was
assumed to be a person,

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00:09:04,950 --> 00:09:08,710

at least as a kid I
thought it was a person.

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00:09:08,710 --> 00:09:13,400

And I had to be good so
I could get the gifts.

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00:09:13,400 --> 00:09:18,950

And one particular incident
is that I had always

141

00:09:18,950 --> 00:09:22,640

wanted an electric
train which I never got.

142
00:09:22,640 --> 00:09:26,750
All I got was a wind-up
type, and this was always

143
00:09:26,750 --> 00:09:29,600
a deep disappointment,
until one day I

144
00:09:29,600 --> 00:09:34,040
found out that St. Nicholas
really did not exist.

145
00:09:34,040 --> 00:09:38,520
It was just my parents
wrapping presents.

146
00:09:38,520 --> 00:09:42,320
Anyhow, without question,
we were not religious.

147
00:09:42,320 --> 00:09:49,900
We lived a secular life
in every conceivable way.

148
00:09:49,900 --> 00:09:54,220

149
00:09:54,220 --> 00:09:56,910
OK, perfect.

150
00:09:56,910 --> 00:09:58,660
Is there anything else
you want to tell me

151
00:09:58,660 --> 00:10:03,850
about your early life before
the Nazi blitzkrieg in 1940--

152
00:10:03,850 --> 00:10:09,590
what your family life was like,
how you did in school, anything

153
00:10:09,590 --> 00:10:10,090
like that?

154
00:10:10,090 --> 00:10:14,660

155
00:10:14,660 --> 00:10:21,590
My first recollection was
when my mother pushed me

156
00:10:21,590 --> 00:10:28,490
in not a wheelchair,
but a baby carriage,

157
00:10:28,490 --> 00:10:33,150
under one of the arches of the
Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.

158
00:10:33,150 --> 00:10:37,340
And I must have been about
a year and a half old.

159
00:10:37,340 --> 00:10:42,500
For some reason, I had a
premonition about that gate.

160
00:10:42,500 --> 00:10:46,730
And I think the gate itself
triggered that premonition.

161
00:10:46,730 --> 00:10:53,200
I had a moment of
irrational fear.

162
00:10:53,200 --> 00:10:59,110
And evidently, I lost my cool--

163
00:10:59,110 --> 00:11:01,920
we can use that word.

164
00:11:01,920 --> 00:11:09,480
And it was evidently quite a

scene from what I've been told.

165

00:11:09,480 --> 00:11:17,560

And it's an incident that's
been stamped in my mind forever.

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00:11:17,560 --> 00:11:22,270

And it was a clear premonition
as to what was to come.

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00:11:22,270 --> 00:11:26,820

But of course, I had no
idea what was to come.

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00:11:26,820 --> 00:11:32,010

We lived in Berlin
too short a time

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00:11:32,010 --> 00:11:37,960

for me to recall any
details of that life,

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00:11:37,960 --> 00:11:43,570

so that my real memories,
conscious memories

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00:11:43,570 --> 00:11:47,890

really started after we had
reached Belgium and set up

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00:11:47,890 --> 00:11:50,320

housekeeping in Brussels.

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00:11:50,320 --> 00:11:53,030

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00:11:53,030 --> 00:11:58,750

Life in Brussels was, as
I'd indicated, quite normal.

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00:11:58,750 --> 00:12:03,520

I went to school
every day, Monday

176
00:12:03,520 --> 00:12:11,560
through Saturday with
Thursday as a religious day

177
00:12:11,560 --> 00:12:16,300
that the French and
Belgians used to catch up

178
00:12:16,300 --> 00:12:19,705
on the Bible and other things.

179
00:12:19,705 --> 00:12:22,400

180
00:12:22,400 --> 00:12:26,380
So it was a pretty normal life.

181
00:12:26,380 --> 00:12:33,800
And I recall living on
a middle income street.

182
00:12:33,800 --> 00:12:36,580

183
00:12:36,580 --> 00:12:41,530
There was, I
remember, a small bar,

184
00:12:41,530 --> 00:12:45,670
restaurant maybe, but certainly
a bar across the street.

185
00:12:45,670 --> 00:12:51,010
And every morning, they
refilled the barrels

186
00:12:51,010 --> 00:12:55,020
and made one hell of a racket.

187
00:12:55,020 --> 00:12:58,810
Anyhow, life unfolded itself.

188
00:12:58,810 --> 00:13:00,355
I walked to school.

189
00:13:00,355 --> 00:13:03,330

190
00:13:03,330 --> 00:13:05,950
I remember those walks to be
a fairly painful, particularly

191
00:13:05,950 --> 00:13:09,610
in the winter, because
the winters in Brussels

192
00:13:09,610 --> 00:13:13,780
were mostly wet.

193
00:13:13,780 --> 00:13:17,110
In fact, Brussels was
known as the piss pot--

194
00:13:17,110 --> 00:13:20,360
piss pot of Europe.

195
00:13:20,360 --> 00:13:21,850
So it was always raining.

196
00:13:21,850 --> 00:13:25,015
And I was always soaked.

197
00:13:25,015 --> 00:13:27,640

198
00:13:27,640 --> 00:13:36,190
I always walked to school in
real short shorts with a beret.

199
00:13:36,190 --> 00:13:39,040
Just like the other kids.

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00:13:39,040 --> 00:13:44,240
It was not a religious school,
it was a regular public school.

201
00:13:44,240 --> 00:13:54,300
And Belgium was at that time
ruled by a king, Roi Baudouin,

202
00:13:54,300 --> 00:14:00,035
who later had to give up not
only the throne but the country

203
00:14:00,035 --> 00:14:00,660
to the Germans.

204
00:14:00,660 --> 00:14:03,180

205
00:14:03,180 --> 00:14:05,310
Anyhow, Rebecca,
this is as far as I

206
00:14:05,310 --> 00:14:07,220
should go for this chapter.

207
00:14:07,220 --> 00:14:08,940
OK.

208
00:14:08,940 --> 00:14:11,520
My next question is
if you can tell me

209
00:14:11,520 --> 00:14:13,680
about the blitzkrieg,
what you remember

210
00:14:13,680 --> 00:14:17,820
about how that happened,
and what it was

211
00:14:17,820 --> 00:14:20,680
like for you and your family.

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00:14:20,680 --> 00:14:25,080

Well, the blitzkrieg
started one morning.

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00:14:25,080 --> 00:14:29,760

It was May 10, 1940.

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00:14:29,760 --> 00:14:33,150

Of course, that
date that I realized

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00:14:33,150 --> 00:14:40,940

entered my consciousness much
later, but it was May 10, 1940.

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00:14:40,940 --> 00:14:43,060

The blitzkrieg had
started in Poland,

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00:14:43,060 --> 00:14:47,130

and we were barely
aware of that.

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00:14:47,130 --> 00:14:50,260

By the time it hit
Belgium, the way

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00:14:50,260 --> 00:14:53,250

we found out about it
is that we were woken up

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00:14:53,250 --> 00:14:58,390

one morning by a noisy rumble.

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00:14:58,390 --> 00:14:59,890

And that rumble,
we thought, were

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00:14:59,890 --> 00:15:03,660

the beer barrels being
loaded and unloaded

223

00:15:03,660 --> 00:15:05,040
across the street--

224
00:15:05,040 --> 00:15:06,662
the little bar.

225
00:15:06,662 --> 00:15:08,760
Well, it turned
out to be not that.

226
00:15:08,760 --> 00:15:11,980
It turned out to be,
as we later found out

227
00:15:11,980 --> 00:15:19,490
as the rumble continued, it were
the Stukas, German warplanes,

228
00:15:19,490 --> 00:15:24,010
bombing the Brussels airport.

229
00:15:24,010 --> 00:15:26,740
And this was, for us, the
start of the blitzkrieg.

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00:15:26,740 --> 00:15:29,340

231
00:15:29,340 --> 00:15:33,450
I think that your
institution probably

232
00:15:33,450 --> 00:15:42,090
knows what led to the
blitzkrieg, and the fact

233
00:15:42,090 --> 00:15:49,670
that they tested it back in
1928 thereabouts in Spain.

234
00:15:49,670 --> 00:15:56,090
That story of Guernica, where
this German pilot decided

235
00:15:56,090 --> 00:16:01,760
to bomb that little village to
test out new weaponry, which

236
00:16:01,760 --> 00:16:03,910
was later used in a blitzkrieg.

237
00:16:03,910 --> 00:16:05,080
Right.

238
00:16:05,080 --> 00:16:09,380
The blitzkrieg was a
terrifying experience for me,

239
00:16:09,380 --> 00:16:16,650
because from a quiet morning,
it was a Friday as I recall,

240
00:16:16,650 --> 00:16:22,280
and on that Friday, I
did what most kids had

241
00:16:22,280 --> 00:16:27,020
to do, which is to chalk and
talk in front of a blackboard

242
00:16:27,020 --> 00:16:29,780
and repeat the lessons
that we had learned

243
00:16:29,780 --> 00:16:32,330
during the course of the week.

244
00:16:32,330 --> 00:16:35,870
But in this case, I was relieved
on one hand in that I did not

245
00:16:35,870 --> 00:16:40,790
have to do my chalk and talk
presentation before the class,

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00:16:40,790 --> 00:16:42,320
which I absolutely hated.

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00:16:42,320 --> 00:16:45,150

248
00:16:45,150 --> 00:16:50,980
But instead, we found
ourselves thrust

249
00:16:50,980 --> 00:16:56,530
into this unbelievable
situation.

250
00:16:56,530 --> 00:17:02,380
On one hand, the local police
came and arrested my father,

251
00:17:02,380 --> 00:17:05,470
because it turned out that he
was an enemy alien, having been

252
00:17:05,470 --> 00:17:12,349
a hero for Germany
in World War I. He

253
00:17:12,349 --> 00:17:19,060
became an enemy of the Allies
when the Germans attacked

254
00:17:19,060 --> 00:17:22,369
in 1940.

255
00:17:22,369 --> 00:17:27,460
So of all ironies, he was
taken prisoner, but this time

256
00:17:27,460 --> 00:17:29,460
by the Allies.

257
00:17:29,460 --> 00:17:32,630
And he was sent to points
south we don't know.

258
00:17:32,630 --> 00:17:35,840
We did not know where.

259
00:17:35,840 --> 00:17:43,532
And in the meantime,
my mother and I

260
00:17:43,532 --> 00:17:44,740
were left alone in the house.

261
00:17:44,740 --> 00:17:47,410

262
00:17:47,410 --> 00:17:52,540
And we had a little
yard, and I remember

263
00:17:52,540 --> 00:17:55,330
trying to crawl inside
the wall that surrounded

264
00:17:55,330 --> 00:18:00,220
our little yard
in order to avoid

265
00:18:00,220 --> 00:18:05,430
the Stukas who were strafing
the city and bombing the city.

266
00:18:05,430 --> 00:18:08,540

267
00:18:08,540 --> 00:18:14,060
The moment of terror was
when the Germans had equipped

268
00:18:14,060 --> 00:18:17,720
their bombs with whistles,
and those whistles

269
00:18:17,720 --> 00:18:21,890

made it appear that every
bomb was headed directly

270
00:18:21,890 --> 00:18:24,710
on our heads.

271
00:18:24,710 --> 00:18:28,460
So terrified as we were,
we naturally panicked,

272
00:18:28,460 --> 00:18:33,320
and we set out to
collect whatever

273
00:18:33,320 --> 00:18:38,840
we could from the banks and
so on in downtown Brussels.

274
00:18:38,840 --> 00:18:44,300
And that's how we finally left
with a minimum of a baggage--

275
00:18:44,300 --> 00:18:51,140
only what we could carry
down the road towards France.

276
00:18:51,140 --> 00:18:54,830
We had gotten through the
grapevine the information

277
00:18:54,830 --> 00:19:02,280
that other enemy aliens were
being shipped to France.

278
00:19:02,280 --> 00:19:04,230
So we decided to go
in that direction

279
00:19:04,230 --> 00:19:07,040
and continue the
search for father.

280
00:19:07,040 --> 00:19:10,970

281
00:19:10,970 --> 00:19:17,700
Anyhow, the blitzkrieg
was continued

282
00:19:17,700 --> 00:19:22,120
for at least two weeks.

283
00:19:22,120 --> 00:19:28,350
And during those two weeks, the
number of air raids increased.

284
00:19:28,350 --> 00:19:31,200

285
00:19:31,200 --> 00:19:34,980
Knowing that there was
the potential of a war,

286
00:19:34,980 --> 00:19:40,500
there had been preparations
and we had all dug trenches.

287
00:19:40,500 --> 00:19:42,345
And there were some
air raid shelters.

288
00:19:42,345 --> 00:19:44,900

289
00:19:44,900 --> 00:19:49,730
And every time
the sirens blared,

290
00:19:49,730 --> 00:19:51,920
we rushed into the shelters.

291
00:19:51,920 --> 00:19:55,520
And it was after the
rumble of the bombs

292

00:19:55,520 --> 00:20:03,660
all that had ended
that we wound up just

293
00:20:03,660 --> 00:20:09,360
going out of the shelters and
waiting for the next attack.

294
00:20:09,360 --> 00:20:16,150
It was a not only a
terrifying experience,

295
00:20:16,150 --> 00:20:21,000
but one that seemed
to have no end.

296
00:20:21,000 --> 00:20:25,290
This is what finally
drove us out of Brussels

297
00:20:25,290 --> 00:20:32,190
and put us on roads, like
a long line of refugees,

298
00:20:32,190 --> 00:20:34,980
towards France.

299
00:20:34,980 --> 00:20:39,090
What was happening
in a broader context

300
00:20:39,090 --> 00:20:46,020
is that this was the time that
Dunkirk, the Battle of Dunkirk,

301
00:20:46,020 --> 00:20:48,420
was being fought.

302
00:20:48,420 --> 00:20:53,340
It was during that time that
the British Expeditionary

303
00:20:53,340 --> 00:21:03,390

Force and the Belgian army
decided to get out of Belgium,

304
00:21:03,390 --> 00:21:05,910
giving the country
up to the Germans.

305
00:21:05,910 --> 00:21:08,980

306
00:21:08,980 --> 00:21:11,910
And the term blitzkrieg
really applies to the speed

307
00:21:11,910 --> 00:21:14,950
at which all of this occurred.

308
00:21:14,950 --> 00:21:16,720
So Belgium did not
last very long.

309
00:21:16,720 --> 00:21:20,670
It lasted maybe
two or three weeks

310
00:21:20,670 --> 00:21:25,440
before the Germans moved on
and started to invade France.

311
00:21:25,440 --> 00:21:27,400
I think I better stop
at this point, Rebecca,

312
00:21:27,400 --> 00:21:29,190
and you turn the page.

313
00:21:29,190 --> 00:21:31,740

314
00:21:31,740 --> 00:21:33,840
You talked briefly
about your mother

315

00:21:33,840 --> 00:21:37,800
and you fleeing to France
with other refugees.

316

00:21:37,800 --> 00:21:41,100
Can you tell me
what that was like?

317

00:21:41,100 --> 00:21:42,890
How many people
were on the road,

318

00:21:42,890 --> 00:21:47,370
just what the feelings
were, where you found

319

00:21:47,370 --> 00:21:49,860
shelter, that sort of thing?

320

00:21:49,860 --> 00:21:52,100
I can't tell you how
many people there were.

321

00:21:52,100 --> 00:21:57,510
It just a very, very long
endless line of refugees.

322

00:21:57,510 --> 00:22:03,180
We walked basically from
Brussels into northern France.

323

00:22:03,180 --> 00:22:05,820

324

00:22:05,820 --> 00:22:13,930
And during that time, we
had no food, no water,

325

00:22:13,930 --> 00:22:16,150
and we had to sleep
wherever we could.

326

00:22:16,150 --> 00:22:18,910

327

00:22:18,910 --> 00:22:22,260

In fact, we slept one night
in a church that was bombed

328

00:22:22,260 --> 00:22:24,040

and the next day was
totally destroyed.

329

00:22:24,040 --> 00:22:26,590

330

00:22:26,590 --> 00:22:31,780

And there are all
kinds of images that

331

00:22:31,780 --> 00:22:35,740

crowd my memory of those days.

332

00:22:35,740 --> 00:22:44,020

But we spent about a good three
weeks walking from one country

333

00:22:44,020 --> 00:22:45,700

to the other.

334

00:22:45,700 --> 00:22:48,550

There were people on
the side of the road who

335

00:22:48,550 --> 00:22:51,820

gave us water and gave us food.

336

00:22:51,820 --> 00:22:56,800

And we always found some public
accommodation where to sleep.

337

00:22:56,800 --> 00:23:00,580

I remember being extremely cold.

338

00:23:00,580 --> 00:23:04,870

We were in absolute
misery during that trek,

339

00:23:04,870 --> 00:23:07,990

and we were in the
middle of, as I said,

340

00:23:07,990 --> 00:23:19,360

an endless crowd of refugees
who, frankly, did not

341

00:23:19,360 --> 00:23:20,080

know where to go.

342

00:23:20,080 --> 00:23:27,700

In the meantime, the drama
of Dunkirk took place,

343

00:23:27,700 --> 00:23:32,230

and the continent was basically
abandoned to the Germans.

344

00:23:32,230 --> 00:23:39,970

345

00:23:39,970 --> 00:23:44,740

We were finally picked up in
a place called Douai which

346

00:23:44,740 --> 00:23:46,235

is a city in northern France.

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00:23:46,235 --> 00:23:49,270

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00:23:49,270 --> 00:23:55,940

And there, we were
loaded onto trucks.

349

00:23:55,940 --> 00:23:58,150

And I remember my
mother preventing me

350
00:23:58,150 --> 00:24:03,820
from watching outside, because
those cities were all in flame.

351
00:24:03,820 --> 00:24:08,950
There were scenes that were
very horrible-- people burned,

352
00:24:08,950 --> 00:24:09,625
people wounded.

353
00:24:09,625 --> 00:24:12,190

354
00:24:12,190 --> 00:24:15,160
And everybody--
absolutely everybody--

355
00:24:15,160 --> 00:24:19,390
completely panicked as they
moved further and further

356
00:24:19,390 --> 00:24:21,680
into France.

357
00:24:21,680 --> 00:24:24,670
And it was at that time--

358
00:24:24,670 --> 00:24:30,610
this may have been already
1941, but I'm not sure--

359
00:24:30,610 --> 00:24:39,750
that the Vichy government
was installed, that Petain--

360
00:24:39,750 --> 00:24:48,430
Marshal Petain-- was installed
as the head of state.

361
00:24:48,430 --> 00:24:53,980

And it's from that moment
on that the French were

362
00:24:53,980 --> 00:24:59,860
known as collaborating with
the Axis, with the Third Reich.

363
00:24:59,860 --> 00:25:02,620

364
00:25:02,620 --> 00:25:07,120
In any case, it was a
turnover of control and so on.

365
00:25:07,120 --> 00:25:10,530
In the meantime, what my
mother and I were doing

366
00:25:10,530 --> 00:25:15,640
is searching for father.

367
00:25:15,640 --> 00:25:22,570
He had been interned in
a camp in southern France

368
00:25:22,570 --> 00:25:30,540
near Perpignan which was
half on the Mediterranean.

369
00:25:30,540 --> 00:25:34,470
It used to be a resort city.

370
00:25:34,470 --> 00:25:38,220
It wasn't quite that.

371
00:25:38,220 --> 00:25:43,920
And it was in that place
that we did find him

372
00:25:43,920 --> 00:25:51,390
through a network of information
that the refugees had

373

00:25:51,390 --> 00:25:52,050
improvised.

374

00:25:52,050 --> 00:25:55,320

375

00:25:55,320 --> 00:26:04,470
And we managed to have
him escape from that camp,

376

00:26:04,470 --> 00:26:08,500
because a rumor was--
and it was correct--

377

00:26:08,500 --> 00:26:12,720
that that camp, which
was under French control,

378

00:26:12,720 --> 00:26:16,500
was going to switch to the new
government, which would have

379

00:26:16,500 --> 00:26:19,950
been under German control--

380

00:26:19,950 --> 00:26:22,230
if not German control,
at least to control

381

00:26:22,230 --> 00:26:25,650
of German collaborators.

382

00:26:25,650 --> 00:26:27,957
And the French had decided
to make common cause

383

00:26:27,957 --> 00:26:28,665
with the Germans.

384

00:26:28,665 --> 00:26:33,010

385

00:26:33,010 --> 00:26:38,480

We did manage to spring
father from that camp.

386

00:26:38,480 --> 00:26:42,310

And then we lived in
Toulouse for a while.

387

00:26:42,310 --> 00:26:44,125

Real quickly, do
you know how you

388

00:26:44,125 --> 00:26:46,000

were able to get your
father out of the camp?

389

00:26:46,000 --> 00:26:48,542

And do you know what the name
of the camp was that he was in?

390

00:26:48,542 --> 00:26:51,730

391

00:26:51,730 --> 00:26:55,120

Yes, I do know the name.

392

00:26:55,120 --> 00:27:00,030

But we got my father out of
it by bribing the guards.

393

00:27:00,030 --> 00:27:03,160

I remember those were
French guards at the time.

394

00:27:03,160 --> 00:27:10,750

That was before the camp was
put under German control.

395

00:27:10,750 --> 00:27:12,970

The name of the camp
was in a little town

396

00:27:12,970 --> 00:27:17,740
called Saint Cyprien, which
happened to be the melon

397
00:27:17,740 --> 00:27:20,710
capital of France.

398
00:27:20,710 --> 00:27:23,880

399
00:27:23,880 --> 00:27:34,600
And I don't recall any
further name of that camp,

400
00:27:34,600 --> 00:27:37,880
but Saint Cyprien was the little
town where it was located.

401
00:27:37,880 --> 00:27:41,230
Can you spell the name of
the town for me please?

402
00:27:41,230 --> 00:27:42,520
The name of the camp?

403
00:27:42,520 --> 00:27:43,630
Yeah, yeah.

404
00:27:43,630 --> 00:27:44,680
Spell it.

405
00:27:44,680 --> 00:27:45,260
The town?

406
00:27:45,260 --> 00:27:45,760
Yeah.

407
00:27:45,760 --> 00:27:47,860
The town, yeah.

408
00:27:47,860 --> 00:27:52,000
Saint is S-T-E--

you know, Saint--

409

00:27:52,000 --> 00:28:04,530

Cyprien, separate word,
was spelled C-Y-P-R-E-N.

410

00:28:04,530 --> 00:28:07,410

OK, thank you.

411

00:28:07,410 --> 00:28:10,647

And no, we can get
back to the story.

412

00:28:10,647 --> 00:28:13,230

Can you tell me about your life
in Toulouse with your parents?

413

00:28:13,230 --> 00:28:15,940

414

00:28:15,940 --> 00:28:19,280

Life in Toulouse was
really precarious.

415

00:28:19,280 --> 00:28:28,010

We lived in a small apartment
on a third floor or something

416

00:28:28,010 --> 00:28:34,010

like that in the shadows
of one of Toulouse's two

417

00:28:34,010 --> 00:28:37,550

great cathedrals.

418

00:28:37,550 --> 00:28:40,960

This one was known
as St. Sernin.

419

00:28:40,960 --> 00:28:49,660

Saint, Sernin is
spelled C-E-R-I-N. St.

420

00:28:49,660 --> 00:28:54,850

Cerin was a beautiful
Gothic cathedral.

421

00:28:54,850 --> 00:28:58,970

We lived on I think it
was the third floor, maybe

422

00:28:58,970 --> 00:29:04,070

the fourth floor of
a very old house.

423

00:29:04,070 --> 00:29:09,660

We cooked on-- didn't have a
stove or anything like that,

424

00:29:09,660 --> 00:29:15,880

we had one of those
camp like affairs

425

00:29:15,880 --> 00:29:22,180

where we used some chemical
fuel to gain some heat.

426

00:29:22,180 --> 00:29:24,940

427

00:29:24,940 --> 00:29:27,860

But we lived in that area.

428

00:29:27,860 --> 00:29:30,750

And I went to school.

429

00:29:30,750 --> 00:29:34,270

And this was a religious
school, because we

430

00:29:34,270 --> 00:29:37,840

were so close to the cathedral.

431

00:29:37,840 --> 00:29:44,200

And I remember getting

into street fights,

432

00:29:44,200 --> 00:29:48,190

because I was one
of those foreigners.

433

00:29:48,190 --> 00:29:53,740

And I was out of the norm
that people in that area

434

00:29:53,740 --> 00:29:55,840

were used to.

435

00:29:55,840 --> 00:29:59,740

So I was like an
interloper in the affairs

436

00:29:59,740 --> 00:30:02,590

of that neighborhood.

437

00:30:02,590 --> 00:30:05,410

And we were basically strangers.

438

00:30:05,410 --> 00:30:10,750

439

00:30:10,750 --> 00:30:13,070

Yeah, it was a short time.

440

00:30:13,070 --> 00:30:15,620

441

00:30:15,620 --> 00:30:20,810

We decided, then,
to leave Toulouse.

442

00:30:20,810 --> 00:30:26,390

My father had been, of
course, not liberated,

443

00:30:26,390 --> 00:30:28,010

but he had escaped.

444
00:30:28,010 --> 00:30:29,450
So he was with us.

445
00:30:29,450 --> 00:30:32,130

446
00:30:32,130 --> 00:30:37,220
And my mother, my
father, and myself, we

447
00:30:37,220 --> 00:30:40,430
set out to go into
the countryside,

448
00:30:40,430 --> 00:30:42,780
because it was
safer than the city.

449
00:30:42,780 --> 00:30:47,600
The city was full of informers,
it was full of collaborators.

450
00:30:47,600 --> 00:30:50,330
And we were sure to be captured.

451
00:30:50,330 --> 00:30:53,690
Because at that time,
remember that France had

452
00:30:53,690 --> 00:30:57,200
been invaded by the Germans.

453
00:30:57,200 --> 00:31:01,400
And it was basically
German territory.

454
00:31:01,400 --> 00:31:06,980
The cease fire that
had been negotiated

455
00:31:06,980 --> 00:31:12,320

divided France into the free zone and an occupied zone.

456

00:31:12,320 --> 00:31:20,660
And this didn't mean very much,
because the two types of zones

457

00:31:20,660 --> 00:31:26,390
melded, and all of France
was occupied by the Germans.

458

00:31:26,390 --> 00:31:32,720
But in any case, we decided
to escape, to leave the city.

459

00:31:32,720 --> 00:31:36,030
And we did that.

460

00:31:36,030 --> 00:31:37,820
It was not an escape,
really, we just

461

00:31:37,820 --> 00:31:43,120
left and set up housekeeping in
a little village called Mane--

462

00:31:43,120 --> 00:31:58,910
M-A-N-E. In Mane, and by that
time it was 1942, in Mane,

463

00:31:58,910 --> 00:32:06,960
money ran out, and my parents
decided to find a way to make

464

00:32:06,960 --> 00:32:07,460
a living.

465

00:32:07,460 --> 00:32:10,040

466

00:32:10,040 --> 00:32:16,400
One of the ways that
they tried and, in fact,

467
00:32:16,400 --> 00:32:20,630
succeeded beyond
their expectations

468
00:32:20,630 --> 00:32:23,600
was to do something that the
French don't do very well,

469
00:32:23,600 --> 00:32:27,470
and that is to make
butter and dairy products.

470
00:32:27,470 --> 00:32:31,480

471
00:32:31,480 --> 00:32:35,530
At the same time I
was a little older,

472
00:32:35,530 --> 00:32:39,610
I was able to learn to ride a
bike, which was a particularly

473
00:32:39,610 --> 00:32:44,655
painful experience, because that
bar in the middle of the bike

474
00:32:44,655 --> 00:32:47,800
always kept hitting
me between the legs.

475
00:32:47,800 --> 00:32:52,200
And the only thing my father was
able to get was a man's bike,

476
00:32:52,200 --> 00:32:54,030
and I was a little
kid at that time.

477
00:32:54,030 --> 00:32:57,760

478

00:32:57,760 --> 00:33:01,950

So I went out and I got the
milk from the surrounding farms.

479

00:33:01,950 --> 00:33:08,670

And my father would skim
the cream off the top

480

00:33:08,670 --> 00:33:13,730

and shake and put
that cream in bottles

481

00:33:13,730 --> 00:33:18,680

and shake the bottles until
eventually butter came out.

482

00:33:18,680 --> 00:33:21,690

What was left
beyond that was used

483

00:33:21,690 --> 00:33:26,630

to make yogurt and cheese
and other dairy products.

484

00:33:26,630 --> 00:33:27,740

And they became famous--

485

00:33:27,740 --> 00:33:34,950

known through the region
as the cheesemaker.

486

00:33:34,950 --> 00:33:40,350

And I think I'm going to
stop at this point, Rebecca,

487

00:33:40,350 --> 00:33:45,050

because a whole new
chapter unfolds.

488

00:33:45,050 --> 00:33:45,763

OK.

489

00:33:45,763 --> 00:33:47,180

At this point,
were your parents--

490

00:33:47,180 --> 00:33:52,320

were you all living under
your own identities--

491

00:33:52,320 --> 00:33:54,510

your own names and all that?

492

00:33:54,510 --> 00:33:57,120

Or had you already
adopted false names?

493

00:33:57,120 --> 00:33:59,310

I'd already adopted
a false name.

494

00:33:59,310 --> 00:34:04,440

The name Korytowski
was a dead giveaway.

495

00:34:04,440 --> 00:34:08,969

And at the same time,
we all had ration cards.

496

00:34:08,969 --> 00:34:11,460

So as we falsified
those ration cards,

497

00:34:11,460 --> 00:34:13,380

we had to have the
same number of letters.

498

00:34:13,380 --> 00:34:16,210

499

00:34:16,210 --> 00:34:22,949

This is why we changed our name
from Korytowski to Engglenger

500

00:34:22,949 --> 00:34:28,010

and from Peter to Pierre.

501

00:34:28,010 --> 00:34:33,580

So I was known as
Pierre Engglenger.

502

00:34:33,580 --> 00:34:39,340

And that did not sound
particularly Jewish.

503

00:34:39,340 --> 00:34:43,270

It would be anybody's
guess what the origin was,

504

00:34:43,270 --> 00:34:50,770

but it wasn't anything that
would give us instantly away.

505

00:34:50,770 --> 00:34:52,920

Am I coming through, Rebecca?

506

00:34:52,920 --> 00:34:54,310

Yes, you are.

507

00:34:54,310 --> 00:34:54,810

Good.

508

00:34:54,810 --> 00:34:56,050

Yes.

509

00:34:56,050 --> 00:34:58,598

Do you remember when you
adopted the false names?

510

00:34:58,598 --> 00:35:00,640

And you said you had to
change your ration cards.

511

00:35:00,640 --> 00:35:03,880

How did you falsify
your ration cards?

512

00:35:03,880 --> 00:35:06,280

Well, we did that,
actually, in Belgium

513

00:35:06,280 --> 00:35:09,820

before we left before
the blitzkrieg.

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00:35:09,820 --> 00:35:16,090

We felt that,
having left Germany,

515

00:35:16,090 --> 00:35:21,160

in certainly clandestine way.

516

00:35:21,160 --> 00:35:27,970

Namely, we simply went
from Germany to Belgium

517

00:35:27,970 --> 00:35:29,845

as if we were going
to go on a vacation.

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00:35:29,845 --> 00:35:32,790

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00:35:32,790 --> 00:35:36,510

So it was around
that time that we

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00:35:36,510 --> 00:35:44,250

decided to go in a very shallow
form of underground living.

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00:35:44,250 --> 00:35:50,370

And the ration card
was, of course,

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00:35:50,370 --> 00:35:54,930

used in the same way
as the identity card.

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00:35:54,930 --> 00:35:57,630

And for this reason, we felt
compelled to change the name.

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00:35:57,630 --> 00:36:04,966

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00:36:04,966 --> 00:36:07,740
I'm jumping back and
forth, I realize that.

526
00:36:07,740 --> 00:36:10,300
No, no, no, that's OK.

527
00:36:10,300 --> 00:36:11,800
Sometimes we'll
jump back and forth,

528
00:36:11,800 --> 00:36:13,150
and that's completely fine.

529
00:36:13,150 --> 00:36:14,858
I just wanted to make
sure that we talked

530
00:36:14,858 --> 00:36:17,310
about your false identities.

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00:36:17,310 --> 00:36:19,770
So you mentioned
that as your parents

532
00:36:19,770 --> 00:36:22,530
were becoming more
famous in Mane

533
00:36:22,530 --> 00:36:25,053
that things were
about to change.

534
00:36:25,053 --> 00:36:26,970
What were the things
that were going to change

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00:36:26,970 --> 00:36:30,230
for you, for your family?

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00:36:30,230 --> 00:36:33,060
Well, for one thing,
we became known.

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00:36:33,060 --> 00:36:37,830
Famous is probably
an exaggeration.

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00:36:37,830 --> 00:36:40,180
But we became known.

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00:36:40,180 --> 00:36:43,440
And in those days, you
did not want to be known.

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00:36:43,440 --> 00:36:48,600
You do not want for
people to pay attention

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00:36:48,600 --> 00:36:50,730
to your existence.

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00:36:50,730 --> 00:36:57,820
And that made things
a little dangerous.

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00:36:57,820 --> 00:37:03,030
And so we realized that this
was a situation that would not

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00:37:03,030 --> 00:37:09,630
last forever, particularly
as the Germans were getting

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00:37:09,630 --> 00:37:13,520
tighter and tighter,
France was no longer

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00:37:13,520 --> 00:37:15,340

a free zone and
an occupied zone.

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00:37:15,340 --> 00:37:18,300
It was all an occupied zone.

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00:37:18,300 --> 00:37:23,010
There were some rumblings about
the resistance that started

549
00:37:23,010 --> 00:37:26,690
to become more and more active.

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00:37:26,690 --> 00:37:35,390
And so the German security
became tighter and tighter.

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00:37:35,390 --> 00:37:41,400
And we felt as if it was a net
that was closing in around us.

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00:37:41,400 --> 00:37:46,190
it's that which made my
parents realized that they

553
00:37:46,190 --> 00:37:47,405
had to find another solution.

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00:37:47,405 --> 00:37:50,090

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00:37:50,090 --> 00:37:56,000
We tried to go to Switzerland,
and the Swiss, of course,

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00:37:56,000 --> 00:38:00,290
were more interested in
protecting the fortunes

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00:38:00,290 --> 00:38:08,915
that they were
holding on to their--

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00:38:08,915 --> 00:38:13,400

not independence,
but the Swiss never

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00:38:13,400 --> 00:38:18,740

took a side, either
German or allied.

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00:38:18,740 --> 00:38:23,030

So they wanted to remain
not independent, but--

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00:38:23,030 --> 00:38:24,460

Neutral.

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00:38:24,460 --> 00:38:25,610

Neutral.

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00:38:25,610 --> 00:38:26,375

Neutral, exactly.

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00:38:26,375 --> 00:38:29,320

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00:38:29,320 --> 00:38:34,010

So the Swiss wanted to preserve
their neutrality, which

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00:38:34,010 --> 00:38:37,550

they considered to be
their one major asset,

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00:38:37,550 --> 00:38:44,600

and also their task to hide the
fortunes of anybody who needed

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00:38:44,600 --> 00:38:45,740

to have their money hidden.

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00:38:45,740 --> 00:38:48,350

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00:38:48,350 --> 00:38:51,710

The corollary of that
was that they did not

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00:38:51,710 --> 00:38:56,480

want to endanger that
by allowing immigrants

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00:38:56,480 --> 00:38:58,400

to cross their border.

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00:38:58,400 --> 00:39:00,110

So we tried
Switzerland, and it was

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00:39:00,110 --> 00:39:04,010

absolutely impossible to
get through that border.

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00:39:04,010 --> 00:39:08,120

And we were basically trapped
inside the borders of France.

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00:39:08,120 --> 00:39:11,040

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00:39:11,040 --> 00:39:13,640

It was those
circumstances that--

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00:39:13,640 --> 00:39:16,770

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00:39:16,770 --> 00:39:19,970

I'm moving on now, Rebecca--

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00:39:19,970 --> 00:39:28,940

that led my parents to
decide to try and escape

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00:39:28,940 --> 00:39:31,670

outside of France.

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00:39:31,670 --> 00:39:38,420
And in doing whatever
research they could do,

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00:39:38,420 --> 00:39:40,880
they realized that
the only way to escape

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00:39:40,880 --> 00:39:46,100
was to actually go
across the Pyrenees.

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00:39:46,100 --> 00:39:53,600
Because, ironically, Franco,
who had a really bad reputation,

586
00:39:53,600 --> 00:39:58,580
turned out to be the
one dictator who did

587
00:39:58,580 --> 00:40:01,250
allow Jews to go
through his country.

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00:40:01,250 --> 00:40:05,190

589
00:40:05,190 --> 00:40:08,900
So we decided to go
across the Pyrenees.

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00:40:08,900 --> 00:40:12,010

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00:40:12,010 --> 00:40:14,140
We met a guide,
met an organization

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00:40:14,140 --> 00:40:23,950
that specialized in escaping
and saving immigrants--

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00:40:23,950 --> 00:40:25,570

or at least managing
their escape.

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00:40:25,570 --> 00:40:28,380

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00:40:28,380 --> 00:40:34,350

And the idea was to then
cross Spain and finally

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00:40:34,350 --> 00:40:46,130

wind up in Morocco
and go to Casablanca,

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00:40:46,130 --> 00:40:53,210

and Casablanca to, reputedly--

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00:40:53,210 --> 00:40:56,660

at least that's what the word
was, that you could probably

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00:40:56,660 --> 00:41:00,740

catch a tramp steamer
or some boat that

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00:41:00,740 --> 00:41:02,900

would take you to America.

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00:41:02,900 --> 00:41:09,850

America was always looked
upon as the salvation,

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00:41:09,850 --> 00:41:17,030

as the true sanctuary
for anybody trying

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00:41:17,030 --> 00:41:18,560

to escape Europe in those days.

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00:41:18,560 --> 00:41:21,710

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00:41:21,710 --> 00:41:29,410
The time was 1942.

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00:41:29,410 --> 00:41:31,710
And things were getting
worse and worse and worse.

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00:41:31,710 --> 00:41:33,590
So we did attempt that escape.

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00:41:33,590 --> 00:41:36,980

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00:41:36,980 --> 00:41:41,180
And we set out to cross
the Pyrenees, I recall,

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00:41:41,180 --> 00:41:51,200
on the eve of Easter 1942.

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00:41:51,200 --> 00:41:54,760
I might as well go on
to the next chapter.

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00:41:54,760 --> 00:41:57,140
Yes.

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00:41:57,140 --> 00:41:59,780
These are not chapters in a
book, these chapters in my--

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00:41:59,780 --> 00:42:02,080
Chapters in your life.

615
00:42:02,080 --> 00:42:04,080
In my life.

616
00:42:04,080 --> 00:42:06,740
The way I'm talking
about it, haltingly

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00:42:06,740 --> 00:42:09,020

as it is, it's mourning.

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00:42:09,020 --> 00:42:10,720

But this is all from memory.

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00:42:10,720 --> 00:42:13,420

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00:42:13,420 --> 00:42:16,490

And incidentally, I'd rather
do it this way than write

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00:42:16,490 --> 00:42:20,780

an outline or a
PowerPoint presentation

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00:42:20,780 --> 00:42:26,770

or something, which in my mind
would be entirely too slick.

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00:42:26,770 --> 00:42:36,650

In any case, we set out for the
mountains on the eve of Easter.

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00:42:36,650 --> 00:42:39,210

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00:42:39,210 --> 00:42:44,030

And the guide and I
were marching ahead--

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00:42:44,030 --> 00:42:45,890

I was a young kid at that time.

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00:42:45,890 --> 00:42:47,445

I must have been 12 or 13.

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00:42:47,445 --> 00:42:51,020

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00:42:51,020 --> 00:42:57,240

And at that point.

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00:42:57,240 --> 00:42:59,580

Hold on for one second.

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00:42:59,580 --> 00:43:01,840

Our housekeeper has
a very loud voice.

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00:43:01,840 --> 00:43:02,340

OK.

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00:43:02,340 --> 00:43:05,010

Would you like me to
pause the recording?

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00:43:05,010 --> 00:43:06,290

Pause it for one second.

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00:43:06,290 --> 00:43:07,840

OK.

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00:43:07,840 --> 00:43:09,000