

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:00,510  
Start again.

2  
00:00:00,510 --> 00:00:01,010  
Yeah, go.

3  
00:00:01,010 --> 00:00:03,710

4  
00:00:03,710 --> 00:00:07,580  
This is a United States  
Holocaust Memorial Museum

5  
00:00:07,580 --> 00:00:12,740  
interview with Mrs. Maria  
Cardarelli Puzzanghero,

6  
00:00:12,740 --> 00:00:20,210  
on September 28, 2019 in  
Newton, Massachusetts.

7  
00:00:20,210 --> 00:00:23,170  
Excuse me, I think it's  
September 29, 2019.

8  
00:00:23,170 --> 00:00:24,680  
It is.

9  
00:00:24,680 --> 00:00:27,320  
In Newton, Massachusetts.

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00:00:27,320 --> 00:00:32,180  
Thank you very, very much for  
agreeing to speak with us today

11  
00:00:32,180 --> 00:00:36,110  
to share some of your life  
during World War II and some

12  
00:00:36,110 --> 00:00:40,470  
of the experiences that

you and your family had.

13

00:00:40,470 --> 00:00:46,020

I'm going to start our interview  
by asking you basic questions,

14

00:00:46,020 --> 00:00:47,880

and we'll go from there.

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00:00:47,880 --> 00:00:51,510

And at the first part,  
I'm going to focus

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00:00:51,510 --> 00:00:56,510

on a lot of your pre-war life,  
before the war even happened,

17

00:00:56,510 --> 00:00:59,760

so that we get to know a  
little bit about your family,

18

00:00:59,760 --> 00:01:04,921

your world, and the context  
in which things took place.

19

00:01:04,921 --> 00:01:05,823

Can we cut?

20

00:01:05,823 --> 00:01:08,530

21

00:01:08,530 --> 00:01:09,800

OK.

22

00:01:09,800 --> 00:01:14,540

So my first question is, can you  
tell me the date of your birth?

23

00:01:14,540 --> 00:01:16,790

May 30th, 1927.

24

00:01:16,790 --> 00:01:19,580

May 30th, 1927.

25

00:01:19,580 --> 00:01:23,240

When you were born, what  
was the name you were given?

26

00:01:23,240 --> 00:01:25,790

The same name I have now, Maria.

27

00:01:25,790 --> 00:01:27,150

And your last name was?

28

00:01:27,150 --> 00:01:28,200

Cardarelli.

29

00:01:28,200 --> 00:01:28,790

OK.

30

00:01:28,790 --> 00:01:30,410

How do we spell Cardarelli?

31

00:01:30,410 --> 00:01:34,550

C-A-R-D-A-R-E-L-L-I.

32

00:01:34,550 --> 00:01:35,810

C-A-R-D-A-R-E-L-L-I?

33

00:01:35,810 --> 00:01:39,270

34

00:01:39,270 --> 00:01:39,790

Yeah.

35

00:01:39,790 --> 00:01:40,880

OK.

36

00:01:40,880 --> 00:01:42,480

And where were you born?

37

00:01:42,480 --> 00:01:46,650

San Donato Val di Comino,

Provincia de Frosinone.

38  
00:01:46,650 --> 00:01:47,150  
Oh, wow.

39  
00:01:47,150 --> 00:01:48,108  
I couldn't repeat that.

40  
00:01:48,108 --> 00:01:48,850  
Italy.

41  
00:01:48,850 --> 00:01:50,270  
(LAUGHING) In Italy.

42  
00:01:50,270 --> 00:01:53,270  
Where in Italy is that?

43  
00:01:53,270 --> 00:01:53,770  
Pardon me?

44  
00:01:53,770 --> 00:01:55,120  
Where in Italy is that?

45  
00:01:55,120 --> 00:01:56,260  
North, South?

46  
00:01:56,260 --> 00:01:57,400  
Central.

47  
00:01:57,400 --> 00:01:58,630  
You're central.

48  
00:01:58,630 --> 00:02:02,080  
Are you really central,  
not close to the oceans.

49  
00:02:02,080 --> 00:02:05,860  
No, we're right in the center  
on the Apennine Mountains.

50  
00:02:05,860 --> 00:02:08,259

In the Apennine Mountains.

51

00:02:08,259 --> 00:02:11,770

Were you born in a  
town or a village?

52

00:02:11,770 --> 00:02:14,150

I was born in my own house.

53

00:02:14,150 --> 00:02:16,560

OK.

54

00:02:16,560 --> 00:02:17,740

Good.

55

00:02:17,740 --> 00:02:20,580

Now, is San, Antonio was it?

56

00:02:20,580 --> 00:02:21,550

San Donato.

57

00:02:21,550 --> 00:02:23,110

San Donato.

58

00:02:23,110 --> 00:02:26,280

San Donato-- was it a small  
place or a larger place?

59

00:02:26,280 --> 00:02:27,110

Small.

60

00:02:27,110 --> 00:02:27,850

Small.

61

00:02:27,850 --> 00:02:29,650

Did everybody know  
everybody else In it?

62

00:02:29,650 --> 00:02:30,340

Yes.

63

00:02:30,340 --> 00:02:31,330  
OK.

64  
00:02:31,330 --> 00:02:33,970  
Do you know about how  
many people lived there?

65  
00:02:33,970 --> 00:02:34,700  
No.

66  
00:02:34,700 --> 00:02:35,200  
OK.

67  
00:02:35,200 --> 00:02:37,890

68  
00:02:37,890 --> 00:02:42,600  
So next question, did you  
have any brothers or sisters?

69  
00:02:42,600 --> 00:02:43,900  
Two sisters.

70  
00:02:43,900 --> 00:02:45,750  
And what are their names?

71  
00:02:45,750 --> 00:02:47,830  
Pompea and Silvana.

72  
00:02:47,830 --> 00:02:50,280  
Pompea and Silvana.

73  
00:02:50,280 --> 00:02:52,060  
Were they younger  
or older than you?

74  
00:02:52,060 --> 00:02:53,130  
Younger.

75  
00:02:53,130 --> 00:02:53,990  
They were younger.

76

00:02:53,990 --> 00:02:55,240

So you were the oldest sister.

77

00:02:55,240 --> 00:02:57,150

I'm the oldest.

78

00:02:57,150 --> 00:03:00,270

Pompea-- do you remember  
when she was born, what year?

79

00:03:00,270 --> 00:03:01,580

A year after mine.

80

00:03:01,580 --> 00:03:03,210

So it would be '28.

81

00:03:03,210 --> 00:03:04,770

And Silvana?

82

00:03:04,770 --> 00:03:08,310

And Silvana was three  
years after my birthday.

83

00:03:08,310 --> 00:03:09,860

So it would be 1930?

84

00:03:09,860 --> 00:03:10,760

Right.

85

00:03:10,760 --> 00:03:11,580

OK.

86

00:03:11,580 --> 00:03:12,900

Any boys in the family?

87

00:03:12,900 --> 00:03:13,620

No.

88

00:03:13,620 --> 00:03:14,850

OK, three girls.

89

00:03:14,850 --> 00:03:15,810

Three girls.

90

00:03:15,810 --> 00:03:18,780

Maria, Pompea, and Silvana.

91

00:03:18,780 --> 00:03:19,350

And Silvana.

92

00:03:19,350 --> 00:03:20,280

Cardarelli.

93

00:03:20,280 --> 00:03:21,600

Cardarelli.

94

00:03:21,600 --> 00:03:24,450

And let's talk a little

bit about your mother

95

00:03:24,450 --> 00:03:27,210

and your father.

96

00:03:27,210 --> 00:03:29,390

What was your

father's first name?

97

00:03:29,390 --> 00:03:30,370

Donato.

98

00:03:30,370 --> 00:03:31,430

Donato.

99

00:03:31,430 --> 00:03:32,630

And your mother's?

100

00:03:32,630 --> 00:03:34,050

Franceschina.

101

00:03:34,050 --> 00:03:34,940

Franceschina.



102

00:03:34,940 --> 00:03:38,120

And what was her maiden name?

103

00:03:38,120 --> 00:03:39,180

You mean last name?

104

00:03:39,180 --> 00:03:40,030

Tocci.

105

00:03:40,030 --> 00:03:42,310

Tocci, OK.

106

00:03:42,310 --> 00:03:46,930

And were both of your parents  
born and raised in San Donato?

107

00:03:46,930 --> 00:03:47,980

Yes.

108

00:03:47,980 --> 00:03:49,570

And their parents too?

109

00:03:49,570 --> 00:03:50,740

Yes.

110

00:03:50,740 --> 00:03:51,880

And their parents--

111

00:03:51,880 --> 00:03:53,230

I mean--

112

00:03:53,230 --> 00:03:55,390

Everybody was from San Donato.

113

00:03:55,390 --> 00:03:59,080

OK, that was-- so your  
family had been there

114

00:03:59,080 --> 00:04:00,570

for quite a few generations.

115

00:04:00,570 --> 00:04:02,350

Yes.

116

00:04:02,350 --> 00:04:06,430

Has anybody traced back  
how many generations?

117

00:04:06,430 --> 00:04:11,902

I tried the once, but  
I didn't get very far.

118

00:04:11,902 --> 00:04:16,720

And how did people make  
their living in San Donato.

119

00:04:16,720 --> 00:04:18,790

They work in the fields.

120

00:04:18,790 --> 00:04:20,440

So it was a farming town?

121

00:04:20,440 --> 00:04:22,060

Farming town.

122

00:04:22,060 --> 00:04:23,600

Olive oil.

123

00:04:23,600 --> 00:04:24,775

Olive oil.

124

00:04:24,775 --> 00:04:26,260

OK.

125

00:04:26,260 --> 00:04:33,380

And your father,  
did he have a farm.

126

00:04:33,380 --> 00:04:35,180

No, he was a tailor.

127

00:04:35,180 --> 00:04:36,560

He was a what-- a tailor?

128  
00:04:36,560 --> 00:04:37,160  
A tailor.

129  
00:04:37,160 --> 00:04:38,480  
A tailor.

130  
00:04:38,480 --> 00:04:41,270  
So your family didn't  
work in the fields.

131  
00:04:41,270 --> 00:04:42,120  
No.

132  
00:04:42,120 --> 00:04:42,620  
OK.

133  
00:04:42,620 --> 00:04:44,720  
You lived in town.

134  
00:04:44,720 --> 00:04:45,560  
Right yeah.

135  
00:04:45,560 --> 00:04:46,770  
OK.

136  
00:04:46,770 --> 00:04:52,520  
And was your father's  
tailor shop close to home?

137  
00:04:52,520 --> 00:04:54,270  
Yes, he could walk to it.

138  
00:04:54,270 --> 00:04:55,190  
OK.

139  
00:04:55,190 --> 00:04:57,230  
And did he own his tailor shop?

140  
00:04:57,230 --> 00:04:58,250

No.

141  
00:04:58,250 --> 00:05:00,200  
So he worked for somebody else?

142  
00:05:00,200 --> 00:05:05,540  
Well, he worked for himself,  
but he rented the place.

143  
00:05:05,540 --> 00:05:06,793  
I see, I see.

144  
00:05:06,793 --> 00:05:07,835  
So it's his own business.

145  
00:05:07,835 --> 00:05:09,650  
It was his own business.

146  
00:05:09,650 --> 00:05:11,706  
Did he have any help?

147  
00:05:11,706 --> 00:05:14,570  
As far as know, he didn't.

148  
00:05:14,570 --> 00:05:15,340  
He didn't.

149  
00:05:15,340 --> 00:05:18,020  
He didn't.

150  
00:05:18,020 --> 00:05:21,710  
And I take it your mother  
then ran the household.

151  
00:05:21,710 --> 00:05:22,520  
Yes.

152  
00:05:22,520 --> 00:05:25,140  
All right.

153  
00:05:25,140 --> 00:05:28,650

Tell me a little bit about  
the home that you lived in.

154  
00:05:28,650 --> 00:05:32,640  
Was it the same house that  
you-- did you move any time,

155  
00:05:32,640 --> 00:05:34,680  
or did you stay  
in the same place.

156  
00:05:34,680 --> 00:05:36,080  
I stayed in the same place.

157  
00:05:36,080 --> 00:05:37,950  
I did not move.

158  
00:05:37,950 --> 00:05:42,240  
I was born there, and I lived in  
there until I left for America.

159  
00:05:42,240 --> 00:05:43,410  
OK.

160  
00:05:43,410 --> 00:05:45,780  
So describe it for  
me a little bit.

161  
00:05:45,780 --> 00:05:48,920  
Describe for me this  
place, this house.

162  
00:05:48,920 --> 00:05:53,260  
The house was made of  
stone with a tile roof,

163  
00:05:53,260 --> 00:06:00,660  
a beautiful balcony in the back  
that we got the sun all day

164  
00:06:00,660 --> 00:06:02,310  
long.

165

00:06:02,310 --> 00:06:08,040

We had running water in the house, and we had a bathroom.

166

00:06:08,040 --> 00:06:10,650

Not too many houses had that.

167

00:06:10,650 --> 00:06:13,780

Well, that was-- you anticipated some of my questions.

168

00:06:13,780 --> 00:06:14,280

Yeah.

169

00:06:14,280 --> 00:06:17,165

I usually ask, was there indoor plumbing?

170

00:06:17,165 --> 00:06:17,790

Yes, there was.

171

00:06:17,790 --> 00:06:18,790

You had that.

172

00:06:18,790 --> 00:06:20,240

And did you have electricity?

173

00:06:20,240 --> 00:06:21,240

Yes, we had electricity.

174

00:06:21,240 --> 00:06:26,220

But the electricity went on only for two hours at night.

175

00:06:26,220 --> 00:06:27,000

Really?

176

00:06:27,000 --> 00:06:27,500

Yeah.

177

00:06:27,500 --> 00:06:28,900

Then it was shut off.

178  
00:06:28,900 --> 00:06:33,770  
So in the daytime there was  
no need to use electricity.

179  
00:06:33,770 --> 00:06:34,500  
No.

180  
00:06:34,500 --> 00:06:35,280  
No.

181  
00:06:35,280 --> 00:06:37,870  
How did you keep food cold?

182  
00:06:37,870 --> 00:06:38,610  
What?

183  
00:06:38,610 --> 00:06:45,390  
Did you keep food cold if you  
couldn't have electricity?

184  
00:06:45,390 --> 00:06:47,870  
Was there like a basement  
where you would keep food.

185  
00:06:47,870 --> 00:06:50,850  
There was a basement, but they  
didn't put the food in there.

186  
00:06:50,850 --> 00:06:53,400

187  
00:06:53,400 --> 00:06:56,610  
The food was  
prepared and eaten--

188  
00:06:56,610 --> 00:06:57,180  
Right away.

189  
00:06:57,180 --> 00:06:58,150  
--right away.

190  
00:06:58,150 --> 00:07:02,220  
So there was nothing  
to be left over.

191  
00:07:02,220 --> 00:07:05,460  
Did any other family  
live in this house,

192  
00:07:05,460 --> 00:07:07,110  
or was it a single family home?

193  
00:07:07,110 --> 00:07:08,640  
It was a single family.

194  
00:07:08,640 --> 00:07:09,480  
OK.

195  
00:07:09,480 --> 00:07:11,220  
How many rooms did it have?

196  
00:07:11,220 --> 00:07:14,820  
It had four big rooms.

197  
00:07:14,820 --> 00:07:15,630  
OK.

198  
00:07:15,630 --> 00:07:17,430  
Can you describe them to me?

199  
00:07:17,430 --> 00:07:17,930  
One was--

200  
00:07:17,930 --> 00:07:18,430  
Yeah.

201  
00:07:18,430 --> 00:07:21,900  
You come in, you have a hall.

202  
00:07:21,900 --> 00:07:23,370  
A hall.



203  
00:07:23,370 --> 00:07:24,450  
Excuse me.

204  
00:07:24,450 --> 00:07:26,310  
To the left of  
the hall there was

205  
00:07:26,310 --> 00:07:29,100  
the kitchen-- a big kitchen.

206  
00:07:29,100 --> 00:07:31,230  
To the right there  
was a bedroom.

207  
00:07:31,230 --> 00:07:34,970  
Then you keep walking, and  
there's the living room

208  
00:07:34,970 --> 00:07:36,630  
and another bedroom.

209  
00:07:36,630 --> 00:07:37,770  
OK.

210  
00:07:37,770 --> 00:07:40,020  
So was it a single story house?

211  
00:07:40,020 --> 00:07:41,970  
Single story house.

212  
00:07:41,970 --> 00:07:45,240  
And the balcony, it looked  
out on the front or the back?

213  
00:07:45,240 --> 00:07:48,130  
The balcony looked into  
the other people's yards.

214  
00:07:48,130 --> 00:07:51,060

215

00:07:51,060 --> 00:07:54,585

And do you remember the address?

216

00:07:54,585 --> 00:07:55,580

Of my house?

217

00:07:55,580 --> 00:08:01,000

218

00:08:01,000 --> 00:08:04,660

I don't remember the number.

219

00:08:04,660 --> 00:08:05,830

Let me see.

220

00:08:05,830 --> 00:08:07,710

Vicolo Portella.

221

00:08:07,710 --> 00:08:09,240

Vicolo Portella.

222

00:08:09,240 --> 00:08:12,795

The number must have been 11.

223

00:08:12,795 --> 00:08:15,130

Vicolo Portella number 11.

224

00:08:15,130 --> 00:08:16,420

Yep.

225

00:08:16,420 --> 00:08:19,350

And how was the place heated?

226

00:08:19,350 --> 00:08:20,470

Fireplace.

227

00:08:20,470 --> 00:08:21,690

Fireplace.

228

00:08:21,690 --> 00:08:23,290

OK.

229

00:08:23,290 --> 00:08:25,270

So not coal, wood.

230

00:08:25,270 --> 00:08:29,110

During the winter, it did  
get cold in the evening.

231

00:08:29,110 --> 00:08:32,640

So we gathered around the  
fireplace to keep warm.

232

00:08:32,640 --> 00:08:33,520

OK.

233

00:08:33,520 --> 00:08:38,320

Was the heat from  
wood burning or coal?

234

00:08:38,320 --> 00:08:38,919

Wood.

235

00:08:38,919 --> 00:08:39,820

Wood.

236

00:08:39,820 --> 00:08:41,600

OK.

237

00:08:41,600 --> 00:08:46,830

And what else can I ask you.

238

00:08:46,830 --> 00:08:49,500

I take it, if you  
had electricity

239

00:08:49,500 --> 00:08:51,510

only two hours in the evening--

240

00:08:51,510 --> 00:08:52,170

In the evening.

241

00:08:52,170 --> 00:08:53,910

Yeah, and then it was shut off.

242

00:08:53,910 --> 00:08:56,550

Did you have a radio?

243

00:08:56,550 --> 00:08:57,710

No.

244

00:08:57,710 --> 00:08:59,620

We didn't have a  
radio in the family,

245

00:08:59,620 --> 00:09:04,020

but there was a family next  
door to us who had a radio.

246

00:09:04,020 --> 00:09:06,050

So we used to gather  
in their house

247

00:09:06,050 --> 00:09:08,790

sometimes just to  
listen to the radio.

248

00:09:08,790 --> 00:09:13,060

Especially if we knew that  
Mussolini was going to give--

249

00:09:13,060 --> 00:09:13,560

A speech?

250

00:09:13,560 --> 00:09:14,440

-- a speech.

251

00:09:14,440 --> 00:09:14,940

I see.

252

00:09:14,940 --> 00:09:17,700

Well, that's one of my  
questions is, how do people

253

00:09:17,700 --> 00:09:21,510  
get news in San Donato?

254

00:09:21,510 --> 00:09:25,290  
There was a newspaper  
came once a week.

255

00:09:25,290 --> 00:09:27,270  
Only a few people bought it.

256

00:09:27,270 --> 00:09:30,460  
My grandfather used to  
buy it all the time.

257

00:09:30,460 --> 00:09:33,860  
And after he read it, he brought  
it on my mother to read it.

258

00:09:33,860 --> 00:09:35,640  
And that was once a week.

259

00:09:35,640 --> 00:09:36,360  
OK.

260

00:09:36,360 --> 00:09:38,990  
What was the name  
of the newspaper?

261

00:09:38,990 --> 00:09:41,310  
Do you remember?

262

00:09:41,310 --> 00:09:41,830  
It's OK.

263

00:09:41,830 --> 00:09:43,250  
If you don't  
remember, it's fine.

264

00:09:43,250 --> 00:09:44,300  
I don't remember.

265

00:09:44,300 --> 00:09:46,110  
OK.

266  
00:09:46,110 --> 00:09:48,420  
Did your parents,  
either parents,

267  
00:09:48,420 --> 00:09:50,670  
have brothers and sisters?

268  
00:09:50,670 --> 00:09:51,180  
What?

269  
00:09:51,180 --> 00:09:53,380  
Your mother, did she have  
brothers and sisters?

270  
00:09:53,380 --> 00:09:53,880  
Yes.

271  
00:09:53,880 --> 00:09:59,470  
She had four sisters  
and three brothers.

272  
00:09:59,470 --> 00:09:59,970  
Wow.

273  
00:09:59,970 --> 00:10:02,340  
There was seven altogether.

274  
00:10:02,340 --> 00:10:03,840  
Four sisters, three brothers.

275  
00:10:03,840 --> 00:10:06,330  
And so she was part of seven.

276  
00:10:06,330 --> 00:10:07,110  
One of seven.

277  
00:10:07,110 --> 00:10:08,027  
She was the first one.

278  
00:10:08,027 --> 00:10:09,240  
It was part of seven.

279  
00:10:09,240 --> 00:10:10,020  
OK.

280  
00:10:10,020 --> 00:10:11,850  
Well, you know my next  
question is, do you

281  
00:10:11,850 --> 00:10:14,760  
have do you remember  
all their names?

282  
00:10:14,760 --> 00:10:15,980  
Let me try.

283  
00:10:15,980 --> 00:10:17,890  
OK.

284  
00:10:17,890 --> 00:10:20,800  
The first one was  
Franceschina, was my mother.

285  
00:10:20,800 --> 00:10:21,550  
Franceschina.

286  
00:10:21,550 --> 00:10:24,040  
Second was Betia, her sister.

287  
00:10:24,040 --> 00:10:24,740  
Betia.

288  
00:10:24,740 --> 00:10:25,240  
OK.

289  
00:10:25,240 --> 00:10:27,790  
Third was a boy, Daniel.

290  
00:10:27,790 --> 00:10:28,780  
Daniel.

291  
00:10:28,780 --> 00:10:33,760  
Fourth was Benjamin.

292  
00:10:33,760 --> 00:10:35,130  
Benjamin.

293  
00:10:35,130 --> 00:10:41,630  
Fifth, another girl.

294  
00:10:41,630 --> 00:10:45,870  
And her name was Felice.

295  
00:10:45,870 --> 00:10:46,930  
Felice.

296  
00:10:46,930 --> 00:10:50,730  
And then there was another  
girl, and her name was Jo Ann.

297  
00:10:50,730 --> 00:10:51,640  
Jo Ann.

298  
00:10:51,640 --> 00:10:55,200  
And then there was another  
boy, and his name was Corado.

299  
00:10:55,200 --> 00:10:56,010  
Corado.

300  
00:10:56,010 --> 00:10:57,380  
Corado.

301  
00:10:57,380 --> 00:10:58,750  
OK.

302  
00:10:58,750 --> 00:11:02,230  
So did they all live  
in San Donato as well?

303  
00:11:02,230 --> 00:11:04,180



They all lived in San Donato.

304  
00:11:04,180 --> 00:11:05,230  
OK.

305  
00:11:05,230 --> 00:11:07,930  
So did you know your aunts  
and uncles very well?

306  
00:11:07,930 --> 00:11:09,190  
Yes, very well.

307  
00:11:09,190 --> 00:11:10,870  
We got together a lot.

308  
00:11:10,870 --> 00:11:11,830  
OK.

309  
00:11:11,830 --> 00:11:15,280  
And did they all have  
their separate houses?

310  
00:11:15,280 --> 00:11:17,210  
They had their own house.

311  
00:11:17,210 --> 00:11:17,710  
OK.

312  
00:11:17,710 --> 00:11:19,300  
One or each one--

313  
00:11:19,300 --> 00:11:20,440  
One.

314  
00:11:20,440 --> 00:11:20,960  
Yeah.

315  
00:11:20,960 --> 00:11:21,550  
OK.

316  
00:11:21,550 --> 00:11:22,840

All right.

317

00:11:22,840 --> 00:11:26,983

You mentioned your grandfather  
who would get the newspaper,

318

00:11:26,983 --> 00:11:28,900

and then read it, and  
bring it to your mother.

319

00:11:28,900 --> 00:11:30,490

Was this your mother's father?

320

00:11:30,490 --> 00:11:31,420

Yes.

321

00:11:31,420 --> 00:11:33,000

What was his name?

322

00:11:33,000 --> 00:11:33,940

Nicola.

323

00:11:33,940 --> 00:11:35,430

Nicola Tocci.

324

00:11:35,430 --> 00:11:36,310

Tocci.

325

00:11:36,310 --> 00:11:40,870

And was your grandmother also  
alive as you were growing up?

326

00:11:40,870 --> 00:11:43,920

Your grandmother on  
your mother's side.

327

00:11:43,920 --> 00:11:45,710

Oh, her name was Rosa.

328

00:11:45,710 --> 00:11:46,580

Rosa.

329

00:11:46,580 --> 00:11:48,840

OK.

330

00:11:48,840 --> 00:11:50,580

Let's turn to your father.

331

00:11:50,580 --> 00:11:52,260

Did he have brothers  
and sisters?

332

00:11:52,260 --> 00:11:57,240

He had I don't know  
much about my father,

333

00:11:57,240 --> 00:12:00,510

because they lived in America.

334

00:12:00,510 --> 00:12:01,740

Who did?

335

00:12:01,740 --> 00:12:05,590

My father's brothers  
and sisters.

336

00:12:05,590 --> 00:12:06,090

OK.

337

00:12:06,090 --> 00:12:08,190

So they had all left San Donato.

338

00:12:08,190 --> 00:12:11,880

They had all left San Donato  
looking for work in America.

339

00:12:11,880 --> 00:12:14,040

And was he the only  
one who stayed behind?

340

00:12:14,040 --> 00:12:17,370

He stayed to behind  
and married my mother.

341

00:12:17,370 --> 00:12:23,990

And stayed with her for  
three years or maybe four,

342

00:12:23,990 --> 00:12:26,880

and then he left for America.

343

00:12:26,880 --> 00:12:30,710

And when he left for America,  
he forgot all about us,

344

00:12:30,710 --> 00:12:33,760

and he formed another family.

345

00:12:33,760 --> 00:12:34,810

Oh.

346

00:12:34,810 --> 00:12:36,520

Tragic.

347

00:12:36,520 --> 00:12:37,970

Yes very.

348

00:12:37,970 --> 00:12:39,130

Very.

349

00:12:39,130 --> 00:12:46,840

So does that mean he left  
after you were four years old?

350

00:12:46,840 --> 00:12:48,970

I was 3 1/2 years old.

351

00:12:48,970 --> 00:12:50,380

When he left.

352

00:12:50,380 --> 00:12:52,210

When he left.

353

00:12:52,210 --> 00:12:55,610

And so, do you have

many memories of him?

354

00:12:55,610 --> 00:12:58,340

Very, very little I remember.

355

00:12:58,340 --> 00:13:01,430

I was 3 1/2 years

old when he left,

356

00:13:01,430 --> 00:13:06,680

and I remember him all

dressed up with a bow tie,

357

00:13:06,680 --> 00:13:12,080

holding my hand,

talking with somebody.

358

00:13:12,080 --> 00:13:16,080

And that's the vision that

I have in my mind of him--

359

00:13:16,080 --> 00:13:17,180

that's all.

360

00:13:17,180 --> 00:13:18,920

Did you ever see him

again in your life?

361

00:13:18,920 --> 00:13:20,660

No.

362

00:13:20,660 --> 00:13:23,240

Do you know where

he moved in America?

363

00:13:23,240 --> 00:13:25,180

Philadelphia.

364

00:13:25,180 --> 00:13:31,160

And was the idea when he left

that you would all follow or--

365

00:13:31,160 --> 00:13:31,690  
Yes.

366  
00:13:31,690 --> 00:13:33,460  
OK.

367  
00:13:33,460 --> 00:13:41,000  
So-- so it must  
have been a shock.

368  
00:13:41,000 --> 00:13:44,290  
All throughout my life.

369  
00:13:44,290 --> 00:13:45,130  
My goodness.

370  
00:13:45,130 --> 00:13:48,830  
When did your mother find out  
that he formed another family?

371  
00:13:48,830 --> 00:13:53,920  
Well, the letters started  
coming not as often.

372  
00:13:53,920 --> 00:13:55,570  
My mother didn't  
want to think that he

373  
00:13:55,570 --> 00:13:58,170  
might have another woman.

374  
00:13:58,170 --> 00:14:01,840  
That would not enter  
her mind, because she

375  
00:14:01,840 --> 00:14:08,540  
had so much confidence in him  
and she loved him so much.

376  
00:14:08,540 --> 00:14:12,800  
But right after the war,  
then we really found out.

377

00:14:12,800 --> 00:14:18,220

He sent-- she, the woman, who  
was living with my father,

378

00:14:18,220 --> 00:14:22,250

sent a picture to my mother  
with all the children.

379

00:14:22,250 --> 00:14:25,190

They had had five  
children together.

380

00:14:25,190 --> 00:14:26,610

Oh, my goodness.

381

00:14:26,610 --> 00:14:28,760

Can you imagine having--

382

00:14:28,760 --> 00:14:31,410

opening the letter  
and seeing that?

383

00:14:31,410 --> 00:14:34,730

I remember, my mother  
was almost white.

384

00:14:34,730 --> 00:14:36,020

Oh, my goodness.

385

00:14:36,020 --> 00:14:37,820

So when I came to  
this country, I

386

00:14:37,820 --> 00:14:42,500

tried to get in touch with him,  
but he would never show up.

387

00:14:42,500 --> 00:14:43,000

Really?

388

00:14:43,000 --> 00:14:46,270

389  
00:14:46,270 --> 00:14:49,280  
So we never saw him.

390  
00:14:49,280 --> 00:14:52,145  
How bitter and how cruel.

391  
00:14:52,145 --> 00:14:53,020  
Can you imagine them?

392  
00:14:53,020 --> 00:14:57,360

393  
00:14:57,360 --> 00:14:58,800  
I can't actually.

394  
00:14:58,800 --> 00:14:59,680  
I can't.

395  
00:14:59,680 --> 00:15:05,170  
I just-- I cry every  
time I talk about it.

396  
00:15:05,170 --> 00:15:08,040  
I never got over, in  
fact, that he didn't

397  
00:15:08,040 --> 00:15:13,400  
come to see me or the others.

398  
00:15:13,400 --> 00:15:15,770  
Why do you think he didn't come?

399  
00:15:15,770 --> 00:15:16,570  
I don't know.

400  
00:15:16,570 --> 00:15:17,920  
Why do you think he didn't come?

401  
00:15:17,920 --> 00:15:19,590  
I don't know.



402  
00:15:19,590 --> 00:15:20,090  
Yeah.

403  
00:15:20,090 --> 00:15:23,450  
It's a question that you  
don't ever get answered.

404  
00:15:23,450 --> 00:15:24,460  
So he's dead now.

405  
00:15:24,460 --> 00:15:25,240  
He died.

406  
00:15:25,240 --> 00:15:26,920  
And--

407  
00:15:26,920 --> 00:15:30,910  
Did you ever have contact  
with your half sisters, half

408  
00:15:30,910 --> 00:15:31,810  
brothers.

409  
00:15:31,810 --> 00:15:36,970  
No, my-- our mother didn't  
want us to have anything

410  
00:15:36,970 --> 00:15:37,780  
to do with them.

411  
00:15:37,780 --> 00:15:40,660

412  
00:15:40,660 --> 00:15:44,560  
So all those years, after he  
left, after your 3 and 1/2

413  
00:15:44,560 --> 00:15:48,910  
years old, she thought she  
was married to this man

414

00:15:48,910 --> 00:15:53,170  
and that you have a family, even  
if he's in the United States.

415

00:15:53,170 --> 00:15:53,920  
Right.

416

00:15:53,920 --> 00:15:57,400  
And after the war which,  
would be like 15 years

417

00:15:57,400 --> 00:16:04,030  
after he leaves, she finds  
out that it's not so.

418

00:16:04,030 --> 00:16:08,020  
So effectively-- did he send  
money home at any point?

419

00:16:08,020 --> 00:16:11,725  
Once in a while an envelope  
arrived with a dollar inside.

420

00:16:11,725 --> 00:16:12,400  
A dollar?

421

00:16:12,400 --> 00:16:14,710  
A dollar.

422

00:16:14,710 --> 00:16:16,210  
Well, you can't  
live much for that--

423

00:16:16,210 --> 00:16:17,640  
We never saw a \$5 bill.

424

00:16:17,640 --> 00:16:20,230  
Never.

425

00:16:20,230 --> 00:16:22,690  
So my mother was  
very intelligent.

426  
00:16:22,690 --> 00:16:24,100  
What did she do?

427  
00:16:24,100 --> 00:16:27,370  
Well, she was a housewife,  
but she went to school

428  
00:16:27,370 --> 00:16:28,915  
up to the grade of 8--

429  
00:16:28,915 --> 00:16:31,930  
8th grade-- with the nuns.

430  
00:16:31,930 --> 00:16:35,560  
And she got a good  
education so that you

431  
00:16:35,560 --> 00:16:38,320  
could help people with numbers.

432  
00:16:38,320 --> 00:16:41,750  
They used to come to mama  
to say, figure this out.

433  
00:16:41,750 --> 00:16:43,255  
I cannot figure it out.

434  
00:16:43,255 --> 00:16:45,670  
And my mother would do that.

435  
00:16:45,670 --> 00:16:47,590  
The doctors-- when  
the doctor went

436  
00:16:47,590 --> 00:16:52,090  
around looking at patients,  
he wanted my mother

437  
00:16:52,090 --> 00:16:55,120  
to be with him, because  
my mother could write down

438  
00:16:55,120 --> 00:16:56,830  
instructions.

439  
00:16:56,830 --> 00:17:01,405  
So these people  
gave us some food.

440  
00:17:01,405 --> 00:17:10,579  
A dozen of eggs, some flour,  
some fruit, corn flour,

441  
00:17:10,579 --> 00:17:12,690  
stuff like that.

442  
00:17:12,690 --> 00:17:15,349  
There was no  
exchange with money.

443  
00:17:15,349 --> 00:17:16,220  
I see.

444  
00:17:16,220 --> 00:17:17,369  
No exchange with money.

445  
00:17:17,369 --> 00:17:19,130  
It was only through goods.

446  
00:17:19,130 --> 00:17:20,000  
Right.

447  
00:17:20,000 --> 00:17:20,930  
Right.

448  
00:17:20,930 --> 00:17:24,349  
Now, when your  
father left and you

449  
00:17:24,349 --> 00:17:28,520  
were all still there and  
thinking that you're still

450

00:17:28,520 --> 00:17:32,150  
a family, but your mother needs  
to be able to feed you all

451

00:17:32,150 --> 00:17:35,810  
and eat, did her  
family help out at all?

452

00:17:35,810 --> 00:17:38,870  
Did your grandfather,  
and uncles, and aunts--

453

00:17:38,870 --> 00:17:42,895  
They couldn't, because  
they didn't have much.

454

00:17:42,895 --> 00:17:45,510

455

00:17:45,510 --> 00:17:46,860  
They were poor too.

456

00:17:46,860 --> 00:17:47,890  
The whole town was.

457

00:17:47,890 --> 00:17:51,070  
Only a few people has some  
money or some stuff like that.

458

00:17:51,070 --> 00:17:55,710  
But most of the people  
in town were poor.

459

00:17:55,710 --> 00:17:58,110  
And you'd say was your  
family poor then too?

460

00:17:58,110 --> 00:17:58,680  
Yes.

461

00:17:58,680 --> 00:17:59,830  
OK.

462  
00:17:59,830 --> 00:18:00,330  
OK.

463  
00:18:00,330 --> 00:18:05,190

464  
00:18:05,190 --> 00:18:10,110  
The home you describe, the  
house that you lived in,

465  
00:18:10,110 --> 00:18:11,940  
does not sound poor.

466  
00:18:11,940 --> 00:18:14,370  
It sounds like a  
comfortable place.

467  
00:18:14,370 --> 00:18:16,260  
It was.

468  
00:18:16,260 --> 00:18:16,830  
It was.

469  
00:18:16,830 --> 00:18:18,820  
So that was the one  
thing that was--

470  
00:18:18,820 --> 00:18:21,592  
One thing that we  
had that we could--

471  
00:18:21,592 --> 00:18:24,480  
at night, we'd  
put the fireplace,

472  
00:18:24,480 --> 00:18:28,250  
because there's  
no heating system.

473  
00:18:28,250 --> 00:18:32,490  
And the month of January,

it could get very cold.

474

00:18:32,490 --> 00:18:37,460

So we put the fireplace  
on to warm up.

475

00:18:37,460 --> 00:18:39,770

And was that just  
in one room, or in--

476

00:18:39,770 --> 00:18:42,290

The fireplace was  
just in one room.

477

00:18:42,290 --> 00:18:43,800

So all the other rooms are cold?

478

00:18:43,800 --> 00:18:45,370

The other rooms are cold.

479

00:18:45,370 --> 00:18:50,260

We used to go to bed-- the  
sheets, they felt like ice.

480

00:18:50,260 --> 00:18:51,860

Yeah.

481

00:18:51,860 --> 00:18:54,320

Did you have much furniture?

482

00:18:54,320 --> 00:18:57,490

Yes, we did have  
beautiful furniture.

483

00:18:57,490 --> 00:19:00,710

That's one reason why  
my father had to leave.

484

00:19:00,710 --> 00:19:04,195

He had bought furniture,  
and he didn't pay.

485

00:19:04,195 --> 00:19:05,090  
Oh, gosh.

486  
00:19:05,090 --> 00:19:08,770  
So the people went after  
him to the payment.

487  
00:19:08,770 --> 00:19:13,140  
And if he didn't pay, he  
would have ended up in jail.

488  
00:19:13,140 --> 00:19:15,300  
So then he went to America.

489  
00:19:15,300 --> 00:19:17,480  
He escaped to America.

490  
00:19:17,480 --> 00:19:18,350  
I see.

491  
00:19:18,350 --> 00:19:27,260  
The furniture was all walnut  
with pink marble tops.

492  
00:19:27,260 --> 00:19:28,550  
Sounds lovely.

493  
00:19:28,550 --> 00:19:30,717  
It was a lovely place.

494  
00:19:30,717 --> 00:19:31,550  
So it was a really--

495  
00:19:31,550 --> 00:19:33,230  
It was a beautiful place.

496  
00:19:33,230 --> 00:19:36,225  
The furniture was  
upholstered in red.

497  
00:19:36,225 --> 00:19:38,820



498  
00:19:38,820 --> 00:19:42,580  
And there were curtains  
on the windows.

499  
00:19:42,580 --> 00:19:47,910  
And flowers-- my mother had  
flowers all over the place.

500  
00:19:47,910 --> 00:19:50,212  
Did you have your own garden?

501  
00:19:50,212 --> 00:19:51,420  
Did you have your own garden?

502  
00:19:51,420 --> 00:19:52,110  
Oh, yes.

503  
00:19:52,110 --> 00:19:54,240  
Of course.

504  
00:19:54,240 --> 00:19:57,555  
And was that right  
next to the house?

505  
00:19:57,555 --> 00:19:58,930  
Was that right  
next to the house?

506  
00:19:58,930 --> 00:20:00,560  
It was next to the house.

507  
00:20:00,560 --> 00:20:01,110  
OK.

508  
00:20:01,110 --> 00:20:02,790  
We had chickens.

509  
00:20:02,790 --> 00:20:05,940  
That was my next question--  
did you have animals?

510

00:20:05,940 --> 00:20:06,857

It was chicken we had.

511

00:20:06,857 --> 00:20:07,357

Chickens.

512

00:20:07,357 --> 00:20:08,570

So you had eggs sometimes.

513

00:20:08,570 --> 00:20:09,610

Yes.

514

00:20:09,610 --> 00:20:10,770

OK.

515

00:20:10,770 --> 00:20:11,920

How would you get milk?

516

00:20:11,920 --> 00:20:14,460

517

00:20:14,460 --> 00:20:18,680

There were cows in  
town, and my mother

518

00:20:18,680 --> 00:20:22,555

used to buy maybe a little cup  
of milk for Silvana and Pompea.

519

00:20:22,555 --> 00:20:23,360

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520

00:20:23,360 --> 00:20:24,663

I didn't drink milik.

521

00:20:24,663 --> 00:20:25,580

You didn't drink milk?

522

00:20:25,580 --> 00:20:26,930

No, I didn't drink milk.

523

00:20:26,930 --> 00:20:31,170

Mama took me to the doctor  
because she was worried.

524

00:20:31,170 --> 00:20:33,400

I was a little bit of a girl.

525

00:20:33,400 --> 00:20:36,980

And the doctor said, she's  
too young to tell you

526

00:20:36,980 --> 00:20:40,100

that milk doesn't  
agree with her.

527

00:20:40,100 --> 00:20:41,270

She's three years old.

528

00:20:41,270 --> 00:20:43,640

She doesn't need  
the milk anymore.

529

00:20:43,640 --> 00:20:48,090

And since then, I have  
never drank milk in my life.

530

00:20:48,090 --> 00:20:50,110

And I have no osteoporosis.

531

00:20:50,110 --> 00:20:50,610

Hah!

532

00:20:50,610 --> 00:20:51,910

Look at that!

533

00:20:51,910 --> 00:20:52,660

Look at that.

534

00:20:52,660 --> 00:20:56,400

535

00:20:56,400 --> 00:20:57,850  
That's all for the milk.

536  
00:20:57,850 --> 00:20:59,290  
Yeah.

537  
00:20:59,290 --> 00:21:03,670  
Well, your mother then had  
one third less problems,

538  
00:21:03,670 --> 00:21:06,520  
because she only needed to  
get it for the other two.

539  
00:21:06,520 --> 00:21:07,030  
Right.

540  
00:21:07,030 --> 00:21:08,680  
So they drank milk  
in the morning,

541  
00:21:08,680 --> 00:21:11,320  
and she used to give me an egg.

542  
00:21:11,320 --> 00:21:11,820  
Not bad.

543  
00:21:11,820 --> 00:21:13,370  
She used to give me an egg.

544  
00:21:13,370 --> 00:21:15,140  
OK.

545  
00:21:15,140 --> 00:21:15,640  
And--

546  
00:21:15,640 --> 00:21:17,320  
She was a wonderful mother.

547  
00:21:17,320 --> 00:21:18,580  
Tell me about her.

548

00:21:18,580 --> 00:21:20,230

Tell me about her personality.

549

00:21:20,230 --> 00:21:24,880

Tell me about her nature  
and things like that.

550

00:21:24,880 --> 00:21:30,500

It's very hard to me--  
she was very intelligent.

551

00:21:30,500 --> 00:21:33,840

She went to school  
until the eighth grade.

552

00:21:33,840 --> 00:21:36,860

In Italy, it's like going  
to University of Harvard.

553

00:21:36,860 --> 00:21:37,750

Really?

554

00:21:37,750 --> 00:21:38,980

Well, in those days--

555

00:21:38,980 --> 00:21:39,670

Really, yeah.

556

00:21:39,670 --> 00:21:43,820

It was a nun school.

557

00:21:43,820 --> 00:21:47,000

And the nuns, they used  
to teach real well.

558

00:21:47,000 --> 00:21:49,200

So she went there  
for eight years.

559

00:21:49,200 --> 00:21:51,940

560

00:21:51,940 --> 00:21:54,790

She graduated in the 8th grade.

561

00:21:54,790 --> 00:21:56,680

And was this in San

Donato, the school?

562

00:21:56,680 --> 00:21:57,540

Yes.

563

00:21:57,540 --> 00:21:58,410

OK.

564

00:21:58,410 --> 00:21:58,910

OK.

565

00:21:58,910 --> 00:22:01,450

566

00:22:01,450 --> 00:22:04,730

Was your mother very religious?

567

00:22:04,730 --> 00:22:05,450

I think so.

568

00:22:05,450 --> 00:22:07,040

She was, yes.

569

00:22:07,040 --> 00:22:10,880

Did she go to mass every

week, every Sunday?

570

00:22:10,880 --> 00:22:13,610

There was a little

chapel next to the house.

571

00:22:13,610 --> 00:22:14,180

OK.

572

00:22:14,180 --> 00:22:15,980

She would not go

to the big church,

573

00:22:15,980 --> 00:22:18,440

because she didn't  
want people to see her.

574

00:22:18,440 --> 00:22:21,000

Why?

575

00:22:21,000 --> 00:22:22,500

She figures there  
to the people know

576

00:22:22,500 --> 00:22:25,630

what was going on with her.

577

00:22:25,630 --> 00:22:27,820

And she was ashamed.

578

00:22:27,820 --> 00:22:31,900

But there was a little a church  
near the house that celebrated

579

00:22:31,900 --> 00:22:33,700

the masses every Sunday.

580

00:22:33,700 --> 00:22:35,850

And she used to  
go to that church.

581

00:22:35,850 --> 00:22:36,850

I see.

582

00:22:36,850 --> 00:22:37,350

I see.

583

00:22:37,350 --> 00:22:40,470

584

00:22:40,470 --> 00:22:43,470

Was there talk in your family--

585

00:22:43,470 --> 00:22:45,600  
in your mother's family--

586

00:22:45,600 --> 00:22:50,190  
about why your  
father wasn't there?

587

00:22:50,190 --> 00:22:54,420  
Did they bring this up,  
this topic of conversation?

588

00:22:54,420 --> 00:22:55,770  
I'm sure there was.

589

00:22:55,770 --> 00:22:58,530  
But everybody kept  
it to themselves.

590

00:22:58,530 --> 00:22:59,610  
OK.

591

00:22:59,610 --> 00:23:02,610  
And your father, did he have--

592

00:23:02,610 --> 00:23:05,060  
did you have grandparents  
on your father's side.

593

00:23:05,060 --> 00:23:07,140  
They're all dead.

594

00:23:07,140 --> 00:23:09,150  
Were they dead then?

595

00:23:09,150 --> 00:23:12,490  
They died before he even died.

596

00:23:12,490 --> 00:23:12,990  
I know.

597

00:23:12,990 --> 00:23:13,500



But did--

598

00:23:13,500 --> 00:23:16,160

599

00:23:16,160 --> 00:23:19,480

The grandparents died before  
my father got married,

600

00:23:19,480 --> 00:23:20,590

let's put that way.

601

00:23:20,590 --> 00:23:21,130

Oh, I see.

602

00:23:21,130 --> 00:23:21,630

OK.

603

00:23:21,630 --> 00:23:23,240

So you never knew them.

604

00:23:23,240 --> 00:23:25,890

I knew one step  
grandmother, because he

605

00:23:25,890 --> 00:23:27,420

remarried to my father.

606

00:23:27,420 --> 00:23:27,920

OK.

607

00:23:27,920 --> 00:23:29,220

Your grandfather remarried?

608

00:23:29,220 --> 00:23:30,080

Remarried.

609

00:23:30,080 --> 00:23:36,460

And I had occasion to be  
with my adopted, let's say,

610

00:23:36,460 --> 00:23:37,130  
grandmother.

611  
00:23:37,130 --> 00:23:39,220  
She was wonderful.

612  
00:23:39,220 --> 00:23:39,970  
Really?

613  
00:23:39,970 --> 00:23:42,100  
Oh, she was great.

614  
00:23:42,100 --> 00:23:43,440  
What was her name?

615  
00:23:43,440 --> 00:23:44,540  
Genovefa.

616  
00:23:44,540 --> 00:23:45,440  
Genovefa.

617  
00:23:45,440 --> 00:23:45,940  
Yeah.

618  
00:23:45,940 --> 00:23:48,370  
And it would have been  
Genovefa Cardarelli.

619  
00:23:48,370 --> 00:23:49,270  
That's right.

620  
00:23:49,270 --> 00:23:50,140  
OK.

621  
00:23:50,140 --> 00:23:51,610  
And she lived in San Donato?

622  
00:23:51,610 --> 00:23:54,730  
No, she lived in  
Pescasseroli, a town

623

00:23:54,730 --> 00:23:58,300  
beyond San Donato on the  
other side of the mountain.

624  
00:23:58,300 --> 00:24:00,680  
Was that far, Pescasseroli?

625  
00:24:00,680 --> 00:24:03,340  
It took me eight hours to walk--

626  
00:24:03,340 --> 00:24:04,000  
Oh my goodness.

627  
00:24:04,000 --> 00:24:06,520  
--to go to see her.

628  
00:24:06,520 --> 00:24:10,180  
Climbing the mountain, then  
you descend the mountain.

629  
00:24:10,180 --> 00:24:15,250  
And did she have  
news of America,

630  
00:24:15,250 --> 00:24:16,850  
of what your father was doing?

631  
00:24:16,850 --> 00:24:19,810  
Did she know anything?

632  
00:24:19,810 --> 00:24:23,540  
I really think they  
didn't want to believe it.

633  
00:24:23,540 --> 00:24:24,530  
OK.

634  
00:24:24,530 --> 00:24:26,010  
OK.

635  
00:24:26,010 --> 00:24:29,790  
So if I understand, this side

of your family, your father's

636

00:24:29,790 --> 00:24:34,390

side, if there were brothers  
and sisters, you never met them.

637

00:24:34,390 --> 00:24:35,850

They were all in America.

638

00:24:35,850 --> 00:24:36,750

Right.

639

00:24:36,750 --> 00:24:38,880

And your father  
then was there too,

640

00:24:38,880 --> 00:24:42,060

and the only person  
was step grandmother,

641

00:24:42,060 --> 00:24:45,660

because she was the second  
wife of your father's father.

642

00:24:45,660 --> 00:24:46,470

Right.

643

00:24:46,470 --> 00:24:47,550

OK.

644

00:24:47,550 --> 00:24:49,410

Did you see her much?

645

00:24:49,410 --> 00:24:50,880

Oh, every summer.

646

00:24:50,880 --> 00:24:51,610

Oh really?

647

00:24:51,610 --> 00:24:52,110

OK.

648

00:24:52,110 --> 00:24:54,810

I used to go and spend  
the summers with her.

649

00:24:54,810 --> 00:24:55,350

Oh.

650

00:24:55,350 --> 00:24:57,780

The best years of my life.

651

00:24:57,780 --> 00:24:58,770

Really?

652

00:24:58,770 --> 00:25:00,480

Oh, she was wonderful.

653

00:25:00,480 --> 00:25:02,580

Did you go alone or  
with your sisters?

654

00:25:02,580 --> 00:25:07,360

No, sometimes I went with  
another man or another woman

655

00:25:07,360 --> 00:25:11,680

that were crossing the  
mountain, and I went with them.

656

00:25:11,680 --> 00:25:12,870

Eight hours.

657

00:25:12,870 --> 00:25:13,880

That's a lot.

658

00:25:13,880 --> 00:25:14,880

It's a lot.

659

00:25:14,880 --> 00:25:15,660

It's a lot.

660

00:25:15,660 --> 00:25:17,910

But the rewards were so good.

661  
00:25:17,910 --> 00:25:21,360  
Well, what was special  
about being with her?

662  
00:25:21,360 --> 00:25:22,150  
Oh, my God.

663  
00:25:22,150 --> 00:25:24,150  
You could see that  
love coming out

664  
00:25:24,150 --> 00:25:25,770  
from here all over the place.

665  
00:25:25,770 --> 00:25:28,710

666  
00:25:28,710 --> 00:25:33,050  
She-- she asked me one day--

667  
00:25:33,050 --> 00:25:35,960  
I was a little late coming in--

668  
00:25:35,960 --> 00:25:39,690  
and I said, grandma,  
we saw wolf.

669  
00:25:39,690 --> 00:25:40,700  
We saw a wolf.

670  
00:25:40,700 --> 00:25:44,750  
The wolf was about this  
tall, and was gray,

671  
00:25:44,750 --> 00:25:46,970  
with ears like this.

672  
00:25:46,970 --> 00:25:52,740  
Stopped in the middle of  
the road, and looked at us,

673  
00:25:52,740 --> 00:25:56,080  
and then he took off.

674  
00:25:56,080 --> 00:26:00,970  
And the reason he took off  
is that he saw the horse.

675  
00:26:00,970 --> 00:26:04,880

676  
00:26:04,880 --> 00:26:09,050  
This time, we went with a horse.

677  
00:26:09,050 --> 00:26:12,870  
And I think that the wolf  
got scared of the big horse.

678  
00:26:12,870 --> 00:26:15,560  
And he was alone.

679  
00:26:15,560 --> 00:26:16,935  
So if he had been  
in a wolf pack,

680  
00:26:16,935 --> 00:26:18,143  
it might have been different.

681  
00:26:18,143 --> 00:26:18,820  
Right.

682  
00:26:18,820 --> 00:26:19,580  
Right.

683  
00:26:19,580 --> 00:26:20,540  
OK.

684  
00:26:20,540 --> 00:26:23,050  
So she must have been  
frightened when she heard that.

685

00:26:23,050 --> 00:26:26,490  
Oh, she was so funny.

686  
00:26:26,490 --> 00:26:27,500  
She said, "Maria."

687  
00:26:27,500 --> 00:26:28,385  
"What?"

688  
00:26:28,385 --> 00:26:30,360  
"How was the trip?"

689  
00:26:30,360 --> 00:26:33,350  
"Oh, grandma, we saw a wolf."

690  
00:26:33,350 --> 00:26:35,200  
"You saw a wolf?"

691  
00:26:35,200 --> 00:26:35,840  
"Yes."

692  
00:26:35,840 --> 00:26:37,160  
"What did he do?"

693  
00:26:37,160 --> 00:26:39,990  
"He looked at us and  
then he took off."

694  
00:26:39,990 --> 00:26:43,100  
And she said, "when he saw  
Maria Domenica, he got scared."

695  
00:26:43,100 --> 00:26:46,700  
[LAUGHTER]

696  
00:26:46,700 --> 00:26:49,940  
Maria Domenica was dark  
and dressed in black.

697  
00:26:49,940 --> 00:26:50,800  
Oh, I see.



698

00:26:50,800 --> 00:26:53,120

A black kerchief, however.

699

00:26:53,120 --> 00:26:57,110

So when the wolf saw Maria  
Domenica, he got scared.

700

00:26:57,110 --> 00:26:59,210

Now, did your mother  
have contact--

701

00:26:59,210 --> 00:27:00,050

With her?

702

00:27:00,050 --> 00:27:00,810

Yeah.

703

00:27:00,810 --> 00:27:01,310

Yes.

704

00:27:01,310 --> 00:27:02,250

OK.

705

00:27:02,250 --> 00:27:02,750

OK.

706

00:27:02,750 --> 00:27:06,010

Did they see each other  
also every once in a while.

707

00:27:06,010 --> 00:27:07,980

Well, they were in  
different towns.

708

00:27:07,980 --> 00:27:09,350

So whenever they could.

709

00:27:09,350 --> 00:27:11,330

But I went every summer.

710

00:27:11,330 --> 00:27:12,320

Every summer.

711

00:27:12,320 --> 00:27:14,630

Every summer to spend with her.

712

00:27:14,630 --> 00:27:15,530

OK.

713

00:27:15,530 --> 00:27:17,900

Did your sisters  
ever go with you?

714

00:27:17,900 --> 00:27:19,780

They went, but not as often.

715

00:27:19,780 --> 00:27:21,940

OK.

716

00:27:21,940 --> 00:27:24,890

Was there any public  
transportation?

717

00:27:24,890 --> 00:27:25,660

No.

718

00:27:25,660 --> 00:27:29,350

Everything was by  
foot or by mule.

719

00:27:29,350 --> 00:27:31,970

By foot or by mule.

720

00:27:31,970 --> 00:27:38,340

So if you come into San  
Donato, were the roads paved?

721

00:27:38,340 --> 00:27:41,100

Some are paved  
now, but not then.

722

00:27:41,100 --> 00:27:42,240

OK.

723  
00:27:42,240 --> 00:27:46,990  
And did anyone in San  
Donato have an automobile?

724  
00:27:46,990 --> 00:27:47,820  
Any what?

725  
00:27:47,820 --> 00:27:51,030  
Anyone in San Donato  
have an automobile?

726  
00:27:51,030 --> 00:27:52,530  
Oh, no.

727  
00:27:52,530 --> 00:27:54,780  
So even the wealthiest  
people wouldn't have a car?

728  
00:27:54,780 --> 00:27:55,280  
No.

729  
00:27:55,280 --> 00:27:58,350  
First of all, the  
roads were so narrow.

730  
00:27:58,350 --> 00:28:02,180  
Very hard to go around  
with an automobile.

731  
00:28:02,180 --> 00:28:04,590  
It's a mountain village.

732  
00:28:04,590 --> 00:28:08,160  
You just keep climbing,  
climbing, climbing, climbing.

733  
00:28:08,160 --> 00:28:09,390  
OK.

734  
00:28:09,390 --> 00:28:11,620  
So it sounds very isolated.

735  
00:28:11,620 --> 00:28:13,440  
Yes.

736  
00:28:13,440 --> 00:28:15,130  
OK.

737  
00:28:15,130 --> 00:28:21,640  
And I asked earlier about  
how large San Donato was--

738  
00:28:21,640 --> 00:28:24,250  
I mean how many  
people there would be.

739  
00:28:24,250 --> 00:28:25,720  
I cannot tell you exactly.

740  
00:28:25,720 --> 00:28:29,100  
But at one time there was 700.

741  
00:28:29,100 --> 00:28:29,670  
OK.

742  
00:28:29,670 --> 00:28:32,760  
I don't know if that number  
decreased or increased

743  
00:28:32,760 --> 00:28:34,110  
after the war.

744  
00:28:34,110 --> 00:28:34,610  
OK.

745  
00:28:34,610 --> 00:28:38,190  
But when you were  
growing up in the 1930s--

746  
00:28:38,190 --> 00:28:38,700  
Yes.

747

00:28:38,700 --> 00:28:42,440  
--would you say it was  
about 700 people then.

748  
00:28:42,440 --> 00:28:43,080  
Well, OK.

749  
00:28:43,080 --> 00:28:45,780  
That's not so small, but  
it's not so big either.

750  
00:28:45,780 --> 00:28:47,070  
No.

751  
00:28:47,070 --> 00:28:54,820  
And it sounds like most people  
would know everybody else.

752  
00:28:54,820 --> 00:28:56,490  
They did.

753  
00:28:56,490 --> 00:28:59,440  
They know everybody and  
everybody else's affairs.

754  
00:28:59,440 --> 00:29:02,160

755  
00:29:02,160 --> 00:29:04,590  
Small towns do that--  
or small villages,

756  
00:29:04,590 --> 00:29:06,870  
that's part of what the  
whole thing is about.

757  
00:29:06,870 --> 00:29:07,920  
Yes.

758  
00:29:07,920 --> 00:29:10,700  
So everyone else knows  
everybody else's business.

759

00:29:10,700 --> 00:29:11,310

Right.

760

00:29:11,310 --> 00:29:12,780

All right.

761

00:29:12,780 --> 00:29:14,160

Describe that town.

762

00:29:14,160 --> 00:29:17,010

First of all,  
describe your home.

763

00:29:17,010 --> 00:29:19,310

Was it in the center of  
town or was it further away?

764

00:29:19,310 --> 00:29:23,080

No, it was in very,  
very outside of central.

765

00:29:23,080 --> 00:29:23,808

OK.

766

00:29:23,808 --> 00:29:24,850

It was in the peripheral.

767

00:29:24,850 --> 00:29:27,210

I don't know how to say  
that word in English.

768

00:29:27,210 --> 00:29:28,140

Periphery?

769

00:29:28,140 --> 00:29:28,980

Periphery.

770

00:29:28,980 --> 00:29:29,930

Yeah, periphery.

771

00:29:29,930 --> 00:29:30,690

Periphery.

772

00:29:30,690 --> 00:29:31,990

It's almost the same word.

773

00:29:31,990 --> 00:29:32,490

Right.

774

00:29:32,490 --> 00:29:33,660

It's the same.

775

00:29:33,660 --> 00:29:34,160

Yeah.

776

00:29:34,160 --> 00:29:39,310

777

00:29:39,310 --> 00:29:46,910

The houses of the rich people  
were more up on the mountains.

778

00:29:46,910 --> 00:29:49,700

And the people  
worked in the fields,

779

00:29:49,700 --> 00:29:53,470

they were more on the land--

780

00:29:53,470 --> 00:29:54,650

More in the valley.

781

00:29:54,650 --> 00:29:56,170

More in the valley.

782

00:29:56,170 --> 00:29:58,610

OK.

783

00:29:58,610 --> 00:30:00,890

Was the land good?

784

00:30:00,890 --> 00:30:01,940

Was the land good?

785

00:30:01,940 --> 00:30:03,410

Was it fertile country?

786

00:30:03,410 --> 00:30:05,660

The land was good, yes.

787

00:30:05,660 --> 00:30:07,190

Yeah.

788

00:30:07,190 --> 00:30:10,430

And you said mostly olives were  
grown there-- olives trees?

789

00:30:10,430 --> 00:30:13,225

Olives and grapes.

790

00:30:13,225 --> 00:30:13,850

They made wine.

791

00:30:13,850 --> 00:30:16,530

792

00:30:16,530 --> 00:30:18,960

And what else did they have?

793

00:30:18,960 --> 00:30:24,110

Grain for their own consumption.

794

00:30:24,110 --> 00:30:26,790

OK.

795

00:30:26,790 --> 00:30:32,220

And the olives and the wine,  
the grapes, was that enough?

796

00:30:32,220 --> 00:30:35,160

Was there enough there  
to sell to others?

797



00:30:35,160 --> 00:30:36,770  
Yes, especially the olives.

798  
00:30:36,770 --> 00:30:37,490  
Yes.

799  
00:30:37,490 --> 00:30:38,160  
OK.

800  
00:30:38,160 --> 00:30:40,650  
So it was an  
olive-producing village.

801  
00:30:40,650 --> 00:30:41,960  
Yes, right.

802  
00:30:41,960 --> 00:30:44,120  
OK.

803  
00:30:44,120 --> 00:30:52,050  
Now, in the center of town,  
what kind of shops were there?

804  
00:30:52,050 --> 00:30:57,940  
There was a shop where you  
could buy pencils, and pens,

805  
00:30:57,940 --> 00:30:59,940  
and writing paper.

806  
00:30:59,940 --> 00:31:01,360  
So sort of supplies.

807  
00:31:01,360 --> 00:31:02,050  
Supplies.

808  
00:31:02,050 --> 00:31:03,520  
Office supplies.

809  
00:31:03,520 --> 00:31:07,690  
There was a shop for clothing.

810

00:31:07,690 --> 00:31:09,370

Very pretty.

811

00:31:09,370 --> 00:31:11,290

Could you afford it?

812

00:31:11,290 --> 00:31:12,790

Well, no.

813

00:31:12,790 --> 00:31:15,100

But I bought one  
when I went back--

814

00:31:15,100 --> 00:31:15,600

Oh, really?

815

00:31:15,600 --> 00:31:17,800

--when I was American.

816

00:31:17,800 --> 00:31:19,212

Then you could afford it.

817

00:31:19,212 --> 00:31:20,170

Then I could afford it.

818

00:31:20,170 --> 00:31:22,772

819

00:31:22,772 --> 00:31:23,950

What else was there?

820

00:31:23,950 --> 00:31:25,560

A couple of restaurants.

821

00:31:25,560 --> 00:31:26,060

OK.

822

00:31:26,060 --> 00:31:29,620

823

00:31:29,620 --> 00:31:31,490  
Was there a doctor's office?

824  
00:31:31,490 --> 00:31:32,800  
Oh, the best.

825  
00:31:32,800 --> 00:31:33,610  
Oh yeah?

826  
00:31:33,610 --> 00:31:35,530  
We had such a good doctor.

827  
00:31:35,530 --> 00:31:36,310  
What was his name?

828  
00:31:36,310 --> 00:31:38,980

829  
00:31:38,980 --> 00:31:40,920  
Guido Massa.

830  
00:31:40,920 --> 00:31:42,060  
Guido Massa?

831  
00:31:42,060 --> 00:31:42,840  
Yep.

832  
00:31:42,840 --> 00:31:45,300  
Is he the one who told  
your mother that milk

833  
00:31:45,300 --> 00:31:46,440  
doesn't agree with you?

834  
00:31:46,440 --> 00:31:49,570  
Yes, he's the one.

835  
00:31:49,570 --> 00:31:50,965  
You have a good memory.

836  
00:31:50,965 --> 00:31:56,160

(LAUGHS) Well, it's-- thank you.

837

00:31:56,160 --> 00:31:56,660

Thank you.

838

00:31:56,660 --> 00:32:01,720

839

00:32:01,720 --> 00:32:04,460

And I take it

there was a church?

840

00:32:04,460 --> 00:32:05,580

There was a church?

841

00:32:05,580 --> 00:32:06,410

Yeah.

842

00:32:06,410 --> 00:32:08,030

Oh, there were three churches.

843

00:32:08,030 --> 00:32:09,770

Oh, there were three churches?

844

00:32:09,770 --> 00:32:12,620

For 700 people.

845

00:32:12,620 --> 00:32:15,020

And do remember the

names of those churches?

846

00:32:15,020 --> 00:32:15,520

Yeah.

847

00:32:15,520 --> 00:32:23,625

The first one was the main

church, Santa Maria Maggiore.

848

00:32:23,625 --> 00:32:25,890

Santa Maria Maggiore.

849

00:32:25,890 --> 00:32:30,860

The second one was la  
chiesa del convento.

850

00:32:30,860 --> 00:32:32,610

La chiesa del convento?

851

00:32:32,610 --> 00:32:33,240

Si.

852

00:32:33,240 --> 00:32:36,930

Because the nuns lived there.

853

00:32:36,930 --> 00:32:39,780

And the third one  
was Sant Rocco.

854

00:32:39,780 --> 00:32:40,990

Sant Rocco.

855

00:32:40,990 --> 00:32:41,850

OK.

856

00:32:41,850 --> 00:32:44,070

Was there anybody in  
the village who was not

857

00:32:44,070 --> 00:32:45,870

Catholic who lived there?

858

00:32:45,870 --> 00:32:47,470

Not that I can think of.

859

00:32:47,470 --> 00:32:47,970

OK.

860

00:32:47,970 --> 00:32:49,290

Everybody was Catholic.

861

00:32:49,290 --> 00:32:50,730

Everybody was Catholic.

862

00:32:50,730 --> 00:32:52,020

No Protestants?

863

00:32:52,020 --> 00:32:52,770

No.

864

00:32:52,770 --> 00:32:53,910

No Jews?

865

00:32:53,910 --> 00:32:55,890

No.

866

00:32:55,890 --> 00:32:58,980

Anybody who was not

Italian who lived there?

867

00:32:58,980 --> 00:33:00,140

No, they were all Italians.

868

00:33:00,140 --> 00:33:02,460

All Sandonatesi.

869

00:33:02,460 --> 00:33:09,060

And were people

intermarried in the village?

870

00:33:09,060 --> 00:33:14,070

If there were the 700

people, were many families

871

00:33:14,070 --> 00:33:15,690

intermarried with each other?

872

00:33:15,690 --> 00:33:16,880

Right.

873

00:33:16,880 --> 00:33:17,580

OK.

874

00:33:17,580 --> 00:33:20,730

Did you have other relatives

there besides the ones

875

00:33:20,730 --> 00:33:22,740

I asked you about?

876

00:33:22,740 --> 00:33:26,660

Was there a larger family?

877

00:33:26,660 --> 00:33:31,040

There were other relatives, but  
they didn't live in the town.

878

00:33:31,040 --> 00:33:34,370

A lot of them have lived  
in Rome, the big city.

879

00:33:34,370 --> 00:33:36,350

Not too far from the town.

880

00:33:36,350 --> 00:33:38,130

Oh, so Rome was not so far away?

881

00:33:38,130 --> 00:33:38,630

Right.

882

00:33:38,630 --> 00:33:44,520

Rome was 2 and 1/2 hour's  
drive from San Donato.

883

00:33:44,520 --> 00:33:46,470

Did anybody--

884

00:33:46,470 --> 00:33:47,600

And then there was--

885

00:33:47,600 --> 00:33:50,430

886

00:33:50,430 --> 00:33:52,430

that's all I remember right now.

887

00:33:52,430 --> 00:33:54,380  
OK.

888  
00:33:54,380 --> 00:33:58,080  
So was it that--

889  
00:33:58,080 --> 00:34:02,720  
the roads, you tell me, were  
not so good at that time.

890  
00:34:02,720 --> 00:34:03,940  
Narrow.

891  
00:34:03,940 --> 00:34:05,900  
Narrow, crooked.

892  
00:34:05,900 --> 00:34:08,250  
You're always going uphill.

893  
00:34:08,250 --> 00:34:10,690  
OK.

894  
00:34:10,690 --> 00:34:14,020  
Was there, let's say,  
deliveries to San Donato.

895  
00:34:14,020 --> 00:34:16,360  
Milk and bread.

896  
00:34:16,360 --> 00:34:17,530  
OK.

897  
00:34:17,530 --> 00:34:19,630  
So was there a  
bakery in San Donato?

898  
00:34:19,630 --> 00:34:20,560  
Yes.

899  
00:34:20,560 --> 00:34:21,370  
All right.



900

00:34:21,370 --> 00:34:23,199

Also in the center?

901

00:34:23,199 --> 00:34:24,010

Yes.

902

00:34:24,010 --> 00:34:24,940

One bakery or more?

903

00:34:24,940 --> 00:34:25,840

One bakery.

904

00:34:25,840 --> 00:34:27,010

One bakery.

905

00:34:27,010 --> 00:34:28,260

Well, that guy had a monopoly.

906

00:34:28,260 --> 00:34:30,117

Everybody made their own bread.

907

00:34:30,117 --> 00:34:31,989

Ah, got it.

908

00:34:31,989 --> 00:34:33,429

OK.

909

00:34:33,429 --> 00:34:39,400

And did anyone in

San Donato keep cows?

910

00:34:39,400 --> 00:34:43,820

Did anyone in San

Donato keep cows?

911

00:34:43,820 --> 00:34:44,320

I didn't.

912

00:34:44,320 --> 00:34:45,040

Understand

913

00:34:45,040 --> 00:34:51,040

Did anyone in San Donato, of  
those 700 people, have a cow?

914

00:34:51,040 --> 00:34:52,670

Not everybody.

915

00:34:52,670 --> 00:34:53,560

But some people did.

916

00:34:53,560 --> 00:34:56,949

Some people did that lived  
more outside the town.

917

00:34:56,949 --> 00:34:57,880

OK.

918

00:34:57,880 --> 00:34:59,770

But otherwise there  
would be deliveries

919

00:34:59,770 --> 00:35:01,160

of milk from some place else.

920

00:35:01,160 --> 00:35:01,660

Right.

921

00:35:01,660 --> 00:35:02,810

And bread.

922

00:35:02,810 --> 00:35:03,310

All right.

923

00:35:03,310 --> 00:35:08,590

Any kind of  
deliveries from Rome?

924

00:35:08,590 --> 00:35:11,590

Was there ever a bus that  
came through once a week

925

00:35:11,590 --> 00:35:12,880  
or once a month.

926  
00:35:12,880 --> 00:35:14,650  
Yes, there was a bus  
that went to Rome.

927  
00:35:14,650 --> 00:35:32,710

928  
00:35:32,710 --> 00:35:34,360  
There was a bus  
that went to Rome.

929  
00:35:34,360 --> 00:35:35,200  
Yes.

930  
00:35:35,200 --> 00:35:37,555  
And one that came  
from Rome, yes?

931  
00:35:37,555 --> 00:35:38,830  
Well, it's the same bus.

932  
00:35:38,830 --> 00:35:40,080  
It used to come and go.

933  
00:35:40,080 --> 00:35:41,710  
OK.

934  
00:35:41,710 --> 00:35:45,460  
Were there villages that it  
would go to beyond San Donato?

935  
00:35:45,460 --> 00:35:48,760  
Or was San Donato the last stop?

936  
00:35:48,760 --> 00:35:52,290  
For the bus, San Donato  
was the last stop.

937  
00:35:52,290 --> 00:35:54,600

Well then you were  
really isolated?

938  
00:35:54,600 --> 00:35:55,380  
Oh, yeah.

939  
00:35:55,380 --> 00:35:56,700  
The end of the line.

940  
00:35:56,700 --> 00:35:57,390  
Yeah.

941  
00:35:57,390 --> 00:35:58,410  
OK.

942  
00:35:58,410 --> 00:36:00,870  
Did you ever go to  
Rome on that bus?

943  
00:36:00,870 --> 00:36:02,220  
Yes, after the war.

944  
00:36:02,220 --> 00:36:02,920  
After the war.

945  
00:36:02,920 --> 00:36:03,840  
But not before.

946  
00:36:03,840 --> 00:36:04,890  
No.

947  
00:36:04,890 --> 00:36:08,100  
So the only place that  
you went to before

948  
00:36:08,100 --> 00:36:10,602  
was to visit your step  
grandmother on the other side

949  
00:36:10,602 --> 00:36:11,310  
of the mountains.

950

00:36:11,310 --> 00:36:12,540

That's all.

951

00:36:12,540 --> 00:36:13,500

That's it.

952

00:36:13,500 --> 00:36:14,040

OK.

953

00:36:14,040 --> 00:36:15,570

That's it.

954

00:36:15,570 --> 00:36:17,790

Was there a movie cinema?

955

00:36:17,790 --> 00:36:21,630

Was there a movie  
cinema in San Donato?

956

00:36:21,630 --> 00:36:22,950

(LAUGHING) No.

957

00:36:22,950 --> 00:36:24,938

No.

958

00:36:24,938 --> 00:36:28,050

Did anybody ever bring movies?

959

00:36:28,050 --> 00:36:29,650

Did you ever see  
anything like that?

960

00:36:29,650 --> 00:36:30,150

No.

961

00:36:30,150 --> 00:36:31,500

No.

962

00:36:31,500 --> 00:36:34,350

So how did children  
entertain themselves?

963  
00:36:34,350 --> 00:36:39,570  
Well, with Sunday school.

964  
00:36:39,570 --> 00:36:42,090  
And school after school.

965  
00:36:42,090 --> 00:36:43,050  
So school?

966  
00:36:43,050 --> 00:36:44,460  
Through school.

967  
00:36:44,460 --> 00:36:46,380  
OK.

968  
00:36:46,380 --> 00:36:50,020  
Did you go to the same school  
your mother had gone to?

969  
00:36:50,020 --> 00:36:50,520  
No.

970  
00:36:50,520 --> 00:36:53,880  
My mother went parochial school.

971  
00:36:53,880 --> 00:36:57,030  
She went to a much  
better school than I did.

972  
00:36:57,030 --> 00:37:00,570  
And what kind of  
school did you go to?

973  
00:37:00,570 --> 00:37:06,410  
First grade to fifth  
grade public school.

974  
00:37:06,410 --> 00:37:08,000  
OK.

975

00:37:08,000 --> 00:37:09,650  
And that was in San Donato.

976  
00:37:09,650 --> 00:37:11,690  
That was in San Donato.

977  
00:37:11,690 --> 00:37:14,030  
And the parochial school  
your mother had gone to,

978  
00:37:14,030 --> 00:37:15,380  
was that in San Donato too?

979  
00:37:15,380 --> 00:37:18,440  
That was in San Donato,  
but the parochial school

980  
00:37:18,440 --> 00:37:20,870  
went up to the eighth grade.

981  
00:37:20,870 --> 00:37:22,110  
And the other one didn't?

982  
00:37:22,110 --> 00:37:22,610  
No.

983  
00:37:22,610 --> 00:37:24,510  
Only to fifth grade.

984  
00:37:24,510 --> 00:37:26,500  
OK.

985  
00:37:26,500 --> 00:37:30,195  
And what was the  
reason why you didn't

986  
00:37:30,195 --> 00:37:31,320  
go to the parochial school?

987  
00:37:31,320 --> 00:37:32,940  
Didn't have any money.

988

00:37:32,940 --> 00:37:35,173

That's what I thought,  
but I needed to ask it.

989

00:37:35,173 --> 00:37:36,090

That's what I thought.

990

00:37:36,090 --> 00:37:39,620

991

00:37:39,620 --> 00:37:44,240

And the public school was--

992

00:37:44,240 --> 00:37:47,300

about how many  
children were in there?

993

00:37:47,300 --> 00:37:48,690

In a class you mean?

994

00:37:48,690 --> 00:37:49,190

Yeah.

995

00:37:49,190 --> 00:37:51,590

There must have  
been at least 30.

996

00:37:51,590 --> 00:37:52,490

OK.

997

00:37:52,490 --> 00:37:55,280

So if we take 30  
and we multiply it,

998

00:37:55,280 --> 00:37:58,130

the whole school would have  
been about 150 children?

999

00:37:58,130 --> 00:37:59,420

Right.

1000



00:37:59,420 --> 00:37:59,930  
All right.

1001  
00:37:59,930 --> 00:38:01,400  
Did you like school?

1002  
00:38:01,400 --> 00:38:02,420  
I loved school.

1003  
00:38:02,420 --> 00:38:05,240

1004  
00:38:05,240 --> 00:38:07,035  
What are some of your  
memories from school?

1005  
00:38:07,035 --> 00:38:09,830  
Oh, my God.

1006  
00:38:09,830 --> 00:38:12,090  
I just loved my  
teacher to begin with.

1007  
00:38:12,090 --> 00:38:12,950  
With

1008  
00:38:12,950 --> 00:38:17,620  
Now, over there a teacher  
you get on the first grade,

1009  
00:38:17,620 --> 00:38:21,050  
she takes you through  
the fifth grade.

1010  
00:38:21,050 --> 00:38:23,240  
You don't change teachers.

1011  
00:38:23,240 --> 00:38:24,800  
And I just loved her.

1012  
00:38:24,800 --> 00:38:25,652  
So you were lucky.

1013  
00:38:25,652 --> 00:38:26,610  
You had a good teacher.

1014  
00:38:26,610 --> 00:38:29,300  
I was lucky to have this  
particular teacher, yeah.

1015  
00:38:29,300 --> 00:38:31,520  
Do you remember her name.

1016  
00:38:31,520 --> 00:38:32,900  
Yes.

1017  
00:38:32,900 --> 00:38:34,470  
What was it?

1018  
00:38:34,470 --> 00:38:35,370  
Teresa.

1019  
00:38:35,370 --> 00:38:36,530  
Teresa.

1020  
00:38:36,530 --> 00:38:37,730  
And last name?

1021  
00:38:37,730 --> 00:38:39,640  
Tiritilli.

1022  
00:38:39,640 --> 00:38:40,680  
Tiritilli.

1023  
00:38:40,680 --> 00:38:42,440  
Tiritilli?

1024  
00:38:42,440 --> 00:38:43,220  
Tiritilli.

1025  
00:38:43,220 --> 00:38:44,510  
Tiritilli.

1026

00:38:44,510 --> 00:38:45,770

Did I say it right?

1027

00:38:45,770 --> 00:38:46,280

Yep.

1028

00:38:46,280 --> 00:38:46,960

Tiritilli.

1029

00:38:46,960 --> 00:38:48,650

Teresa Tiritilli.

1030

00:38:48,650 --> 00:38:49,760

Sounds lovely.

1031

00:38:49,760 --> 00:39:00,280

She was tall for  
a Italian woman.

1032

00:39:00,280 --> 00:39:01,450

She was tall.

1033

00:39:01,450 --> 00:39:04,450

And she used to tell  
us, you see now, I

1034

00:39:04,450 --> 00:39:06,920

can put nails on the  
wall without a ladder.

1035

00:39:06,920 --> 00:39:11,000

1036

00:39:11,000 --> 00:39:13,790

Did you have a favorite subject?

1037

00:39:13,790 --> 00:39:14,990

Yes, writing.

1038

00:39:14,990 --> 00:39:16,130

You liked writing?

1039  
00:39:16,130 --> 00:39:16,840  
Yeah.

1040  
00:39:16,840 --> 00:39:18,490  
OK.

1041  
00:39:18,490 --> 00:39:25,070  
And did you learn anything  
about history or--

1042  
00:39:25,070 --> 00:39:26,360  
Oh, yes we did.

1043  
00:39:26,360 --> 00:39:28,610  
What kind of history  
lessons did you get?

1044  
00:39:28,610 --> 00:39:31,250  
Oh, the history of  
Italy to begin with.

1045  
00:39:31,250 --> 00:39:34,280  
Yeah it was the geography.

1046  
00:39:34,280 --> 00:39:36,470  
We learned geography.

1047  
00:39:36,470 --> 00:39:42,760  
We learned not much math.

1048  
00:39:42,760 --> 00:39:44,210  
Actually, no math at all.

1049  
00:39:44,210 --> 00:39:46,130  
Really?

1050  
00:39:46,130 --> 00:39:48,570  
Just 1, 2, 3.

1051  
00:39:48,570 --> 00:39:52,470

So there already a  
difference with your mother's

1052  
00:39:52,470 --> 00:39:55,200  
schooling, where  
she learned numbers.

1053  
00:39:55,200 --> 00:39:55,860  
Yes.

1054  
00:39:55,860 --> 00:39:57,820  
And so she was called upon--

1055  
00:39:57,820 --> 00:39:58,320  
Right.

1056  
00:39:58,320 --> 00:39:59,740  
--to help with that.

1057  
00:39:59,740 --> 00:40:00,240  
OK.

1058  
00:40:00,240 --> 00:40:04,800

1059  
00:40:04,800 --> 00:40:08,450  
What else did I want to ask?

1060  
00:40:08,450 --> 00:40:12,200  
Was there still the  
parochial school existing

1061  
00:40:12,200 --> 00:40:15,390  
and operating when you were  
going to the public school?

1062  
00:40:15,390 --> 00:40:17,000  
Yes, there was.

1063  
00:40:17,000 --> 00:40:19,940  
And how large was it?

1064

00:40:19,940 --> 00:40:22,460

I cannot tell you  
how large it was,

1065

00:40:22,460 --> 00:40:25,830

because it was in a  
different place of town.

1066

00:40:25,830 --> 00:40:29,330

So I didn't see  
the kids going in.

1067

00:40:29,330 --> 00:40:32,950

But couldn't have been  
too large, because you

1068

00:40:32,950 --> 00:40:35,230

had to pay to get in.

1069

00:40:35,230 --> 00:40:37,920

And there wasn't that  
much money in town.

1070

00:40:37,920 --> 00:40:43,940

So your grandfather had seven  
children on your mother's side.

1071

00:40:43,940 --> 00:40:44,900

Yes.

1072

00:40:44,900 --> 00:40:48,440

Did all of them go to  
the parochial school?

1073

00:40:48,440 --> 00:40:50,220

I don't know.

1074

00:40:50,220 --> 00:40:53,550

I know my mother  
did and her sister.

1075

00:40:53,550 --> 00:40:55,260

I don't know about the boys.

1076  
00:40:55,260 --> 00:40:56,300  
OK.

1077  
00:40:56,300 --> 00:40:57,870  
OK.

1078  
00:40:57,870 --> 00:41:00,402  
How did he afford it?

1079  
00:41:00,402 --> 00:41:02,610  
How did he afford to send  
his daughter to parochial--

1080  
00:41:02,610 --> 00:41:03,240  
He had a store.

1081  
00:41:03,240 --> 00:41:09,167  
He had a store  
that he sold food.

1082  
00:41:09,167 --> 00:41:09,750  
Did he still--

1083  
00:41:09,750 --> 00:41:12,220  
I don't know what do you  
call it in this country.

1084  
00:41:12,220 --> 00:41:13,600  
Grocery store?

1085  
00:41:13,600 --> 00:41:15,280  
Grocery store.

1086  
00:41:15,280 --> 00:41:16,390  
But a small one.

1087  
00:41:16,390 --> 00:41:17,160  
Small one.

1088

00:41:17,160 --> 00:41:18,830  
He made a little money.

1089  
00:41:18,830 --> 00:41:19,830  
OK.

1090  
00:41:19,830 --> 00:41:21,220  
OK.

1091  
00:41:21,220 --> 00:41:24,070  
And were you close to him?

1092  
00:41:24,070 --> 00:41:25,800  
Very.

1093  
00:41:25,800 --> 00:41:27,390  
Tell me about your grandfather.

1094  
00:41:27,390 --> 00:41:28,075  
Oh, my God.

1095  
00:41:28,075 --> 00:41:31,030

1096  
00:41:31,030 --> 00:41:35,680  
He was tall for an Italian man.

1097  
00:41:35,680 --> 00:41:36,415  
Good looking.

1098  
00:41:36,415 --> 00:41:38,930

1099  
00:41:38,930 --> 00:41:43,195  
He used to come to the house  
at night to tell us stories.

1100  
00:41:43,195 --> 00:41:46,110

1101  
00:41:46,110 --> 00:41:49,940



And he wore a big like a mantle.

1102  
00:41:49,940 --> 00:41:50,990  
It wasn't a coat.

1103  
00:41:50,990 --> 00:41:52,800  
It was like a mantle.

1104  
00:41:52,800 --> 00:41:55,030  
You put it on, without sleeves--

1105  
00:41:55,030 --> 00:41:56,030  
what do you call that?

1106  
00:41:56,030 --> 00:41:56,810  
A cloak.

1107  
00:41:56,810 --> 00:41:57,600  
A cape.

1108  
00:41:57,600 --> 00:41:58,100  
A cape.

1109  
00:41:58,100 --> 00:41:59,060  
A cape.

1110  
00:41:59,060 --> 00:41:59,600  
Long.

1111  
00:41:59,600 --> 00:42:00,660  
He was tall.

1112  
00:42:00,660 --> 00:42:02,630  
Ooh, it must have looked nice.

1113  
00:42:02,630 --> 00:42:07,880  
So we used to play hide and  
seek in between the coat.

1114  
00:42:07,880 --> 00:42:11,542  
And he used to sit next to the

fireplace and tell us stories.

1115  
00:42:11,542 --> 00:42:12,500  
Oh, that sounds lovely.

1116  
00:42:12,500 --> 00:42:14,330  
It was the best time of the day.

1117  
00:42:14,330 --> 00:42:15,590  
I can imagine.

1118  
00:42:15,590 --> 00:42:17,390  
I can imagine.

1119  
00:42:17,390 --> 00:42:21,200  
And did you visit  
him at his home?

1120  
00:42:21,200 --> 00:42:22,405  
Yes, I did.

1121  
00:42:22,405 --> 00:42:23,280  
And what about your--

1122  
00:42:23,280 --> 00:42:24,550  
He had a nice garden.

1123  
00:42:24,550 --> 00:42:25,580  
Did he?

1124  
00:42:25,580 --> 00:42:26,720  
Yeah.

1125  
00:42:26,720 --> 00:42:27,770  
Not too much land.

1126  
00:42:27,770 --> 00:42:32,750  
But whatever land he  
had, he cultivated it.

1127  
00:42:32,750 --> 00:42:37,680

And he had a tree  
that produced simmons?

1128  
00:42:37,680 --> 00:42:39,020  
Simmons?

1129  
00:42:39,020 --> 00:42:40,946  
Marcelle?

1130  
00:42:40,946 --> 00:42:41,792  
Persimmons.

1131  
00:42:41,792 --> 00:42:42,640  
Persimmons?

1132  
00:42:42,640 --> 00:42:43,980  
Persimmons?

1133  
00:42:43,980 --> 00:42:44,850  
Persimmons.

1134  
00:42:44,850 --> 00:42:45,950  
Persimmons.

1135  
00:42:45,950 --> 00:42:46,450  
Persimmons.

1136  
00:42:46,450 --> 00:42:50,380  
And they're yellow, and  
they're about that size.

1137  
00:42:50,380 --> 00:42:52,120  
He had planted a tree.

1138  
00:42:52,120 --> 00:42:55,760  
So the tree grew and  
produced the fruit.

1139  
00:42:55,760 --> 00:42:59,190  
And he put him on a  
shelf in the pantry.

1140

00:42:59,190 --> 00:43:03,750

And we used to look at them,  
and I hope he gives us one.

1141

00:43:03,750 --> 00:43:05,630

No, he wouldn't give us one.

1142

00:43:05,630 --> 00:43:07,590

Those of us grandma.

1143

00:43:07,590 --> 00:43:09,970

Oh.

1144

00:43:09,970 --> 00:43:11,220

Well, what about your grandma?

1145

00:43:11,220 --> 00:43:13,050

Were you close to her too?

1146

00:43:13,050 --> 00:43:15,390

Not as much as the grandfather.

1147

00:43:15,390 --> 00:43:15,990

OK.

1148

00:43:15,990 --> 00:43:17,880

Her name was Rosa, right?

1149

00:43:17,880 --> 00:43:18,960

Or not?

1150

00:43:18,960 --> 00:43:19,790

Grandma?

1151

00:43:19,790 --> 00:43:20,580

What?

1152

00:43:20,580 --> 00:43:21,780

Her name was Rosa?

1153

00:43:21,780 --> 00:43:22,320  
Rosa.

1154  
00:43:22,320 --> 00:43:22,950  
Rosa.

1155  
00:43:22,950 --> 00:43:23,550  
OK.

1156  
00:43:23,550 --> 00:43:26,400  
So grandpa was the  
one you were close to.

1157  
00:43:26,400 --> 00:43:29,040  
Now, did you visit  
him in his store?

1158  
00:43:29,040 --> 00:43:31,270  
Yes, I did visit  
him in the store.

1159  
00:43:31,270 --> 00:43:34,170  
I visited him in  
his house, which

1160  
00:43:34,170 --> 00:43:36,680  
was way up on the mountain.

1161  
00:43:36,680 --> 00:43:41,490  
He had all kinds of fruit going  
on and a little bit of land.

1162  
00:43:41,490 --> 00:43:46,120  
Because up on the mountain,  
you don't know how much land.

1163  
00:43:46,120 --> 00:43:50,920  
And how far was it  
from your own house?

1164  
00:43:50,920 --> 00:43:51,940  
It was a good walk.

1165

00:43:51,940 --> 00:43:57,670

We had to climb  
something like 250 steps.

1166

00:43:57,670 --> 00:44:01,590

It was climbing,  
climbing, climbing.

1167

00:44:01,590 --> 00:44:05,310

And did you have aunts and  
uncles between your house

1168

00:44:05,310 --> 00:44:11,670

and his house who lived between  
those places or not really?

1169

00:44:11,670 --> 00:44:13,905

There was another, but  
it wasn't that close by.

1170

00:44:13,905 --> 00:44:16,710

1171

00:44:16,710 --> 00:44:18,960

Were you close to any of  
your aunts and uncles the way

1172

00:44:18,960 --> 00:44:20,168

you were to your grandfather?

1173

00:44:20,168 --> 00:44:21,540

Yes, I was close to one aunt.

1174

00:44:21,540 --> 00:44:23,310

What was her name?

1175

00:44:23,310 --> 00:44:25,110

Ninetta.

1176

00:44:25,110 --> 00:44:25,874

Ninetta.

1177  
00:44:25,874 --> 00:44:26,910  
Ninetta.

1178  
00:44:26,910 --> 00:44:28,440  
Ninetta.

1179  
00:44:28,440 --> 00:44:31,890  
And what kind of  
a person was she?

1180  
00:44:31,890 --> 00:44:36,720  
She was a very nice person.

1181  
00:44:36,720 --> 00:44:39,690  
She used to make dresses for us.

1182  
00:44:39,690 --> 00:44:44,320  
She used to knit dresses  
for us even though she

1183  
00:44:44,320 --> 00:44:47,290  
had a very bad love story.

1184  
00:44:47,290 --> 00:44:49,180  
What was her love story?

1185  
00:44:49,180 --> 00:44:51,130  
Well, this man was  
going out with her,

1186  
00:44:51,130 --> 00:44:54,300  
and at the last minute  
he just left her.

1187  
00:44:54,300 --> 00:44:55,476  
Heartbreaking.

1188  
00:44:55,476 --> 00:45:01,084

1189  
00:45:01,084 --> 00:45:04,690

I was close to her.

1190  
00:45:04,690 --> 00:45:07,090  
So she lived alone or she  
lived with your grandfather.

1191  
00:45:07,090 --> 00:45:09,250  
No, she lived in the big  
house with her parents.

1192  
00:45:09,250 --> 00:45:09,750  
OK.

1193  
00:45:09,750 --> 00:45:11,100  
So she lived with  
your grandfather

1194  
00:45:11,100 --> 00:45:11,590  
and your grandmother.

1195  
00:45:11,590 --> 00:45:12,200  
Yeah.

1196  
00:45:12,200 --> 00:45:12,900  
Right.

1197  
00:45:12,900 --> 00:45:13,750  
OK.

1198  
00:45:13,750 --> 00:45:15,270  
OK.

1199  
00:45:15,270 --> 00:45:21,690  
And did your mother have  
close friends in the village?

1200  
00:45:21,690 --> 00:45:22,530  
Not too many.

1201  
00:45:22,530 --> 00:45:23,950  
Maybe a couple.



1202  
00:45:23,950 --> 00:45:24,840  
OK.

1203  
00:45:24,840 --> 00:45:26,820  
And why would that be?

1204  
00:45:26,820 --> 00:45:28,290  
She didn't want  
the people to know

1205  
00:45:28,290 --> 00:45:30,840  
what she was going through.

1206  
00:45:30,840 --> 00:45:32,450  
She was ashamed.

1207  
00:45:32,450 --> 00:45:34,500  
That her husband was  
in the United States?

1208  
00:45:34,500 --> 00:45:36,090  
Exactly.

1209  
00:45:36,090 --> 00:45:37,170  
Well, were there many--

1210  
00:45:37,170 --> 00:45:40,670  
She was ashamed that her husband  
had sort of left her, even

1211  
00:45:40,670 --> 00:45:42,930  
though it was not her fault.

1212  
00:45:42,930 --> 00:45:45,030  
OK.

1213  
00:45:45,030 --> 00:45:46,670  
Well, it was because  
of furniture.

1214  
00:45:46,670 --> 00:45:49,160

He hadn't paid  
for the furniture.

1215  
00:45:49,160 --> 00:45:50,770  
He hadn't paid  
for the furniture.

1216  
00:45:50,770 --> 00:45:51,470  
That's right.

1217  
00:45:51,470 --> 00:45:52,520  
That's why he left.

1218  
00:45:52,520 --> 00:45:57,540

1219  
00:45:57,540 --> 00:46:00,210  
Was the village a  
gossipy village?

1220  
00:46:00,210 --> 00:46:03,940

1221  
00:46:03,940 --> 00:46:07,540  
Every village has  
a little gossip.

1222  
00:46:07,540 --> 00:46:08,498  
I'm sure there was.

1223  
00:46:08,498 --> 00:46:09,040  
I don't know.

1224  
00:46:09,040 --> 00:46:10,020  
Fair enough.

1225  
00:46:10,020 --> 00:46:10,520  
OK.

1226  
00:46:10,520 --> 00:46:11,460  
Fair enough.

1227  
00:46:11,460 --> 00:46:13,420  
Fair enough.

1228  
00:46:13,420 --> 00:46:15,760  
They were very religious.

1229  
00:46:15,760 --> 00:46:19,000  
They went to church every  
Sunday, that's for sure.

1230  
00:46:19,000 --> 00:46:19,900  
OK.

1231  
00:46:19,900 --> 00:46:23,260  
So it was a very  
traditional place.

1232  
00:46:23,260 --> 00:46:25,000  
Traditional place to go.

1233  
00:46:25,000 --> 00:46:26,500  
OK.

1234  
00:46:26,500 --> 00:46:28,420  
Were there many people--

1235  
00:46:28,420 --> 00:46:35,320  
I mean your father's entire  
sibling group went to America--

1236  
00:46:35,320 --> 00:46:40,390  
who emigrated, left San  
Donato for the United States,

1237  
00:46:40,390 --> 00:46:41,320  
other families?

1238  
00:46:41,320 --> 00:46:42,400  
Oh, yes.

1239  
00:46:42,400 --> 00:46:42,910

Yeah?

1240  
00:46:42,910 --> 00:46:43,780  
Yes.

1241  
00:46:43,780 --> 00:46:45,400  
So it was not an unusual thing.

1242  
00:46:45,400 --> 00:46:46,960  
No, it was not unusual.

1243  
00:46:46,960 --> 00:46:48,300  
No, a lot of people went here.

1244  
00:46:48,300 --> 00:46:51,500

1245  
00:46:51,500 --> 00:46:53,205  
Was there a policeman?

1246  
00:46:53,205 --> 00:46:54,330  
Was there a police station.

1247  
00:46:54,330 --> 00:46:56,956  
Yes, caserma.

1248  
00:46:56,956 --> 00:47:01,700  
How do say-- Marcelle,  
how do say caserma.

1249  
00:47:01,700 --> 00:47:03,590  
You had a jail?

1250  
00:47:03,590 --> 00:47:06,230  
Did you have a jail?

1251  
00:47:06,230 --> 00:47:07,608  
Caserma or caserna.

1252  
00:47:07,608 --> 00:47:08,150  
I don't know.

1253  
00:47:08,150 --> 00:47:08,830  
You don't know.

1254  
00:47:08,830 --> 00:47:09,890  
It's all right.

1255  
00:47:09,890 --> 00:47:10,670  
That's all right.

1256  
00:47:10,670 --> 00:47:12,260  
But was there a police station.

1257  
00:47:12,260 --> 00:47:13,730  
There was a police station.

1258  
00:47:13,730 --> 00:47:14,840  
OK.

1259  
00:47:14,840 --> 00:47:18,510  
And about how many  
policemen were in the town.

1260  
00:47:18,510 --> 00:47:21,740  
I cannot tell you how many,  
but there was at least four

1261  
00:47:21,740 --> 00:47:22,730  
of them.

1262  
00:47:22,730 --> 00:47:24,680  
OK, at least four.

1263  
00:47:24,680 --> 00:47:26,390  
Did you know all of them?

1264  
00:47:26,390 --> 00:47:27,140  
No.

1265  
00:47:27,140 --> 00:47:30,980  
Was there much

crime in San Donato?

1266  
00:47:30,980 --> 00:47:32,160  
Not too much crime.

1267  
00:47:32,160 --> 00:47:34,950  
But when the crime  
came, it was bad.

1268  
00:47:34,950 --> 00:47:36,100  
OK.

1269  
00:47:36,100 --> 00:47:37,610  
So what kind?

1270  
00:47:37,610 --> 00:47:38,360  
What kind?

1271  
00:47:38,360 --> 00:47:42,790  
Well, one woman almost  
killed her husband.

1272  
00:47:42,790 --> 00:47:43,800  
But she didn't make it.

1273  
00:47:43,800 --> 00:47:47,810  
So she was picked up  
by the police man,

1274  
00:47:47,810 --> 00:47:49,870  
and she spent 20 years in jail.

1275  
00:47:49,870 --> 00:47:51,020  
20 years.

1276  
00:47:51,020 --> 00:47:55,690  
20 years, because she  
did not really kill them.

1277  
00:47:55,690 --> 00:47:59,640  
She attempted to kill him.

1278

00:47:59,640 --> 00:48:01,350

And she spent 20 years in jail.

1279

00:48:01,350 --> 00:48:04,280

1280

00:48:04,280 --> 00:48:07,430

Were there many  
people who would--

1281

00:48:07,430 --> 00:48:10,610

did San Donato have a hotel?

1282

00:48:10,610 --> 00:48:11,150

What?

1283

00:48:11,150 --> 00:48:13,070

Did it have a hotel?

1284

00:48:13,070 --> 00:48:13,940

Yes.

1285

00:48:13,940 --> 00:48:15,080

It did.

1286

00:48:15,080 --> 00:48:17,740

What kind of people  
would come to visit?

1287

00:48:17,740 --> 00:48:23,840

People from all the other  
towns from the valley.

1288

00:48:23,840 --> 00:48:33,280

They would come, especially  
when we used to have a feast.

1289

00:48:33,280 --> 00:48:35,080

What feast?

1290

00:48:35,080 --> 00:48:39,970

The feast was called  
the Feast of San Donato,

1291  
00:48:39,970 --> 00:48:43,000  
the name of the town.

1292  
00:48:43,000 --> 00:48:47,820  
And people came from all the  
towns around for the feast.

1293  
00:48:47,820 --> 00:48:50,180  
It was about a three-day feast.

1294  
00:48:50,180 --> 00:48:52,490  
And was it centered  
around the church?

1295  
00:48:52,490 --> 00:48:54,520  
Right.

1296  
00:48:54,520 --> 00:48:57,580  
They had music.

1297  
00:48:57,580 --> 00:48:59,970  
It was very festful.

1298  
00:48:59,970 --> 00:49:01,560  
Did you attend these feasts?

1299  
00:49:01,560 --> 00:49:02,400  
Oh, yes.

1300  
00:49:02,400 --> 00:49:03,762  
Were they fun?

1301  
00:49:03,762 --> 00:49:05,670  
It was a lot of fun.

1302  
00:49:05,670 --> 00:49:09,080  
But I didn't have any  
money to buy anything.



1303

00:49:09,080 --> 00:49:12,200

You said that most  
people in town were poor

1304

00:49:12,200 --> 00:49:14,360

and that your family was poor.

1305

00:49:14,360 --> 00:49:16,310

My family was poor.

1306

00:49:16,310 --> 00:49:20,688

Did you feel poor compared  
to the others in the village?

1307

00:49:20,688 --> 00:49:21,230

I don't know.

1308

00:49:21,230 --> 00:49:24,160

1309

00:49:24,160 --> 00:49:26,230

Did you feel like  
your clothes were not

1310

00:49:26,230 --> 00:49:28,660

as nice as the clothes  
of the other children?

1311

00:49:28,660 --> 00:49:31,310

Yes.

1312

00:49:31,310 --> 00:49:34,310

Even though your aunt was  
able to knit you some--

1313

00:49:34,310 --> 00:49:35,710

She was able to make some.

1314

00:49:35,710 --> 00:49:36,210

Yeah.

1315

00:49:36,210 --> 00:49:36,920  
OK.

1316  
00:49:36,920 --> 00:49:39,870  
Did your mother have talent  
in that area of sewing?

1317  
00:49:39,870 --> 00:49:40,370  
Yes.

1318  
00:49:40,370 --> 00:49:42,560  
He was a very talented tailor.

1319  
00:49:42,560 --> 00:49:43,880  
OK.

1320  
00:49:43,880 --> 00:49:45,532  
That was your father.

1321  
00:49:45,532 --> 00:49:46,490  
What about your mother?

1322  
00:49:46,490 --> 00:49:47,850  
Could she sew?

1323  
00:49:47,850 --> 00:49:48,740  
No.

1324  
00:49:48,740 --> 00:49:50,330  
She was a housewife.

1325  
00:49:50,330 --> 00:49:51,650  
OK.

1326  
00:49:51,650 --> 00:49:52,520  
OK.

1327  
00:49:52,520 --> 00:49:59,140  
So aside from your aunt,  
how did you get clothes.

1328

00:49:59,140 --> 00:50:02,340

It was very, very  
hard to get clothes.

1329

00:50:02,340 --> 00:50:05,670

Well, to go to school,  
we used to wear a frock--

1330

00:50:05,670 --> 00:50:09,460

a black frock,  
buttoned on the back,

1331

00:50:09,460 --> 00:50:13,320

with white collar  
and white cuffs.

1332

00:50:13,320 --> 00:50:15,720

So we didn't have to  
have any fancy clothes,

1333

00:50:15,720 --> 00:50:17,160

because we put that on.

1334

00:50:17,160 --> 00:50:18,570

So it was a uniform.

1335

00:50:18,570 --> 00:50:20,610

Yes.

1336

00:50:20,610 --> 00:50:27,610

And you just imagine, at the end  
of the week, the white cuffs,

1337

00:50:27,610 --> 00:50:30,490

they were black.

1338

00:50:30,490 --> 00:50:32,790

But that was the costume  
and we had to put it on

1339

00:50:32,790 --> 00:50:34,860

to go to school.

1340

00:50:34,860 --> 00:50:35,760

OK.

1341

00:50:35,760 --> 00:50:37,770

Was there a shoemaker in town?

1342

00:50:37,770 --> 00:50:39,850

Yes.

1343

00:50:39,850 --> 00:50:41,230

Yes, there was a shoemaker.

1344

00:50:41,230 --> 00:50:43,605

And did you have  
a pair of shoes?

1345

00:50:43,605 --> 00:50:47,210

1346

00:50:47,210 --> 00:50:48,270

Hardly.

1347

00:50:48,270 --> 00:50:48,770

Really.

1348

00:50:48,770 --> 00:50:51,340

1349

00:50:51,340 --> 00:50:54,840

So when you went to school,  
did you go barefoot?

1350

00:50:54,840 --> 00:50:55,990

Well, not barefoot.

1351

00:50:55,990 --> 00:51:00,320

But the shoes that I wrote, the  
weater used to come in and out.

1352

00:51:00,320 --> 00:51:01,510

OK.

1353  
00:51:01,510 --> 00:51:03,780  
OK.

1354  
00:51:03,780 --> 00:51:09,150  
And would the shoes be then  
be passed down to your sisters

1355  
00:51:09,150 --> 00:51:10,260  
when you outgrew them.

1356  
00:51:10,260 --> 00:51:12,810  
Well, they were so  
badly worn out--

1357  
00:51:12,810 --> 00:51:13,800  
That it didn't work.

1358  
00:51:13,800 --> 00:51:14,300  
OK.

1359  
00:51:14,300 --> 00:51:14,850  
Yeah.

1360  
00:51:14,850 --> 00:51:15,780  
OK.

1361  
00:51:15,780 --> 00:51:17,390  
So shoes were a problem?

1362  
00:51:17,390 --> 00:51:18,340  
Yeah.

1363  
00:51:18,340 --> 00:51:20,400  
OK.

1364  
00:51:20,400 --> 00:51:25,980  
How did your mother, after  
she was left alone with you,

1365  
00:51:25,980 --> 00:51:27,300

occupy her days?

1366

00:51:27,300 --> 00:51:29,880

What would take up her time--

1367

00:51:29,880 --> 00:51:31,920

most of the time?

1368

00:51:31,920 --> 00:51:33,410

Would it be housework?

1369

00:51:33,410 --> 00:51:35,865

Would it be working

with the doctor?

1370

00:51:35,865 --> 00:51:48,490

Well, since as a good education,  
people hired her to do books.

1371

00:51:48,490 --> 00:51:52,810

She was good in math, and  
she used to help people

1372

00:51:52,810 --> 00:51:54,880

with their problems.

1373

00:51:54,880 --> 00:51:59,280

And so they gave her a dozen  
of eggs, or a bottle of oil,

1374

00:51:59,280 --> 00:52:00,780

or some flour.

1375

00:52:00,780 --> 00:52:06,100

1376

00:52:06,100 --> 00:52:10,790

Did you have to grow up  
fast being the oldest one?

1377

00:52:10,790 --> 00:52:11,680

I'm the oldest.

1378  
00:52:11,680 --> 00:52:13,420  
I know.

1379  
00:52:13,420 --> 00:52:17,890  
Because your mother was  
alone raising all of you,

1380  
00:52:17,890 --> 00:52:23,380  
did you have to take on  
chores that you might not

1381  
00:52:23,380 --> 00:52:26,110  
have had to take on  
if she had other help?

1382  
00:52:26,110 --> 00:52:30,970  
Well, not really, because  
she was a very strong person,

1383  
00:52:30,970 --> 00:52:32,550  
a healthy person.

1384  
00:52:32,550 --> 00:52:35,440  
She did most of the work.

1385  
00:52:35,440 --> 00:52:36,610  
She did most of the work.

1386  
00:52:36,610 --> 00:52:37,530  
Yeah.

1387  
00:52:37,530 --> 00:52:39,020  
OK.

1388  
00:52:39,020 --> 00:52:41,270  
What kind of food would  
you have for dinner?

1389  
00:52:41,270 --> 00:52:42,770  
What was your--  
your main meal was--

1390  
00:52:42,770 --> 00:52:43,670  
Usually pasta.

1391  
00:52:43,670 --> 00:52:45,160  
Usually pasta.

1392  
00:52:45,160 --> 00:52:47,100  
OK.

1393  
00:52:47,100 --> 00:52:48,860  
Meat?

1394  
00:52:48,860 --> 00:52:50,300  
Meat at any point?

1395  
00:52:50,300 --> 00:52:52,670  
Meat.

1396  
00:52:52,670 --> 00:52:55,240  
We had no meat at all.

1397  
00:52:55,240 --> 00:52:55,970  
No meat.

1398  
00:52:55,970 --> 00:52:58,690

1399  
00:52:58,690 --> 00:53:02,360  
Eggs was the thing that  
we ate mostly and cheese.

1400  
00:53:02,360 --> 00:53:06,350

1401  
00:53:06,350 --> 00:53:08,310  
Was she a good cook?

1402  
00:53:08,310 --> 00:53:09,520  
Was she a good cook?



1403  
00:53:09,520 --> 00:53:10,020  
Yes.

1404  
00:53:10,020 --> 00:53:14,610

1405  
00:53:14,610 --> 00:53:18,040  
What else did I want to  
ask about your village.

1406  
00:53:18,040 --> 00:53:20,710

1407  
00:53:20,710 --> 00:53:22,390  
Did you go to catechism?

1408  
00:53:22,390 --> 00:53:24,190  
Yes.

1409  
00:53:24,190 --> 00:53:26,270  
Now, if you went  
to public school--

1410  
00:53:26,270 --> 00:53:27,700  
Yes.

1411  
00:53:27,700 --> 00:53:30,220  
--was that five days a  
week or six days a week?

1412  
00:53:30,220 --> 00:53:31,270  
Five.

1413  
00:53:31,270 --> 00:53:32,920  
From what time to what time?

1414  
00:53:32,920 --> 00:53:36,540  
We used to get in at 8:30 and  
come home in the afternoon.

1415  
00:53:36,540 --> 00:53:40,480

Well, they used to give  
us a one hour lunch.

1416  
00:53:40,480 --> 00:53:43,090  
Come home, have lunch,  
go back until 5 o'clock

1417  
00:53:43,090 --> 00:53:44,370  
in the afternoon.

1418  
00:53:44,370 --> 00:53:45,620  
So it was a long day.

1419  
00:53:45,620 --> 00:53:46,930  
It's a very long day.

1420  
00:53:46,930 --> 00:53:50,040  
But we didn't go to  
school on a Saturday, no.

1421  
00:53:50,040 --> 00:53:51,410  
OK.

1422  
00:53:51,410 --> 00:53:52,030  
OK.

1423  
00:53:52,030 --> 00:53:54,610  
For children, that's  
a very long day.

1424  
00:53:54,610 --> 00:53:56,410  
That's a very long  
day for a child.

1425  
00:53:56,410 --> 00:53:58,730  
Oh, yes it is.

1426  
00:53:58,730 --> 00:54:00,640  
On the other hand, it  
keeps you occupied.

1427  
00:54:00,640 --> 00:54:01,460

Yes.

1428  
00:54:01,460 --> 00:54:02,440  
Out of trouble.

1429  
00:54:02,440 --> 00:54:05,080

1430  
00:54:05,080 --> 00:54:07,720  
What year-- how old were  
you when you started school?

1431  
00:54:07,720 --> 00:54:13,430

1432  
00:54:13,430 --> 00:54:14,870  
Five maybe.

1433  
00:54:14,870 --> 00:54:15,740  
OK.

1434  
00:54:15,740 --> 00:54:17,640  
So you went for five years.

1435  
00:54:17,640 --> 00:54:19,580  
So you finished  
when you were 10?

1436  
00:54:19,580 --> 00:54:21,150  
Yes.

1437  
00:54:21,150 --> 00:54:23,810  
And if you're born in  
1927, It meant that you

1438  
00:54:23,810 --> 00:54:26,440  
were done with school by 1937?

1439  
00:54:26,440 --> 00:54:27,530  
Yes, right.

1440

00:54:27,530 --> 00:54:28,940  
All right.

1441  
00:54:28,940 --> 00:54:36,710  
And after 1937, what do  
you do if school is done?

1442  
00:54:36,710 --> 00:54:39,575  
I went to a tailor's shop  
and learned how to sew.

1443  
00:54:39,575 --> 00:54:41,000  
Oh, did you?

1444  
00:54:41,000 --> 00:54:42,740  
I was a very good sewer.

1445  
00:54:42,740 --> 00:54:45,200  
I was a very good tailor.

1446  
00:54:45,200 --> 00:54:47,960  
That's what I did  
in my spare time.

1447  
00:54:47,960 --> 00:54:51,220  
And once in a while it  
gave a little money.

1448  
00:54:51,220 --> 00:54:55,760  
And I was so happy, because  
I would give it to mama.

1449  
00:54:55,760 --> 00:54:57,950  
Yeah.

1450  
00:54:57,950 --> 00:55:02,420  
So once you learned to sew, did  
you make clothes for yourself?

1451  
00:55:02,420 --> 00:55:03,020  
Oh, no.

1452

00:55:03,020 --> 00:55:05,270  
He had his own shop.

1453  
00:55:05,270 --> 00:55:06,560  
I helped him.

1454  
00:55:06,560 --> 00:55:08,870  
I see, I see.

1455  
00:55:08,870 --> 00:55:12,760  
So after the fifth  
grade, you start working.

1456  
00:55:12,760 --> 00:55:14,150  
Like a seamstress.

1457  
00:55:14,150 --> 00:55:16,550  
And sometimes you  
got paid for it.

1458  
00:55:16,550 --> 00:55:18,110  
Sometimes I go paid to work.

1459  
00:55:18,110 --> 00:55:18,610  
Yeah.

1460  
00:55:18,610 --> 00:55:20,450  
OK.

1461  
00:55:20,450 --> 00:55:22,277  
And your sisters  
were still in school?

1462  
00:55:22,277 --> 00:55:23,360  
They were still in school.

1463  
00:55:23,360 --> 00:55:26,180

1464  
00:55:26,180 --> 00:55:29,300  
When you were in school  
and they were teaching

1465  
00:55:29,300 --> 00:55:34,890  
you the history of Italy,  
did the teachers also

1466  
00:55:34,890 --> 00:55:37,130  
teach you about Mussolini?

1467  
00:55:37,130 --> 00:55:37,630  
Oh, yeah.

1468  
00:55:37,630 --> 00:55:42,090  
We had big picture of  
Mussolini in the classroom,

1469  
00:55:42,090 --> 00:55:43,430  
right on the wall--

1470  
00:55:43,430 --> 00:55:44,598  
a big one.

1471  
00:55:44,598 --> 00:55:46,140  
And what did you  
know about Mussolini

1472  
00:55:46,140 --> 00:55:46,990  
when you were in school?

1473  
00:55:46,990 --> 00:55:47,520  
Not much.

1474  
00:55:47,520 --> 00:55:50,610  
He was the best men around--  
that's what we knew.

1475  
00:55:50,610 --> 00:55:54,720  
That all the other  
countries were envious of us

1476  
00:55:54,720 --> 00:55:56,880  
because we has such  
a wonderful leader.

1477  
00:55:56,880 --> 00:55:57,890  
[LAUGHTER]

1478  
00:55:57,890 --> 00:56:00,930  
That's what we learned.

1479  
00:56:00,930 --> 00:56:02,850  
And did people believe it?

1480  
00:56:02,850 --> 00:56:04,790  
Some people believed it, sure.

1481  
00:56:04,790 --> 00:56:05,460  
OK.

1482  
00:56:05,460 --> 00:56:10,740  
Were there people in town  
who were really strong--

1483  
00:56:10,740 --> 00:56:13,800  
let's say, they really  
liked Mussolini a lot.

1484  
00:56:13,800 --> 00:56:15,480  
A lot of them did, yes.

1485  
00:56:15,480 --> 00:56:16,800  
A lot of them did.

1486  
00:56:16,800 --> 00:56:21,180  
Were there are some who were  
a little bit not so much?

1487  
00:56:21,180 --> 00:56:22,770  
A lot of them hated him.

1488  
00:56:22,770 --> 00:56:23,460  
Really?

1489  
00:56:23,460 --> 00:56:24,165

Yes.

1490  
00:56:24,165 --> 00:56:28,920  
And they had to escape up  
in the mountains to hide.

1491  
00:56:28,920 --> 00:56:32,620  
Because if they were find,  
they could be killed.

1492  
00:56:32,620 --> 00:56:34,490  
And this is before  
the war even begins?

1493  
00:56:34,490 --> 00:56:36,250  
Before the war even begin.

1494  
00:56:36,250 --> 00:56:36,990  
Yeah.

1495  
00:56:36,990 --> 00:56:39,680  
Was there a communist  
movement in town?

1496  
00:56:39,680 --> 00:56:40,230  
A what?

1497  
00:56:40,230 --> 00:56:43,290  
A communist movement in town?

1498  
00:56:43,290 --> 00:56:45,350  
A communist-- were there  
communists in town?

1499  
00:56:45,350 --> 00:56:51,990  
Oh, well, after the war,  
the communists came out.

1500  
00:56:51,990 --> 00:56:54,590  
During the war, it  
was just fascismo.

1501



00:56:54,590 --> 00:56:55,810  
OK.

1502  
00:56:55,810 --> 00:56:56,310  
All right.

1503  
00:56:56,310 --> 00:56:59,830  
So before the war happens,  
there's no communism.

1504  
00:56:59,830 --> 00:57:00,330  
No.

1505  
00:57:00,330 --> 00:57:01,247  
Nobody that you know--

1506  
00:57:01,247 --> 00:57:04,680  
I mean, if there were, they  
were keepign to themselves.

1507  
00:57:04,680 --> 00:57:05,790  
Got it.

1508  
00:57:05,790 --> 00:57:07,230  
Got it.

1509  
00:57:07,230 --> 00:57:09,210  
What about your grandfather?

1510  
00:57:09,210 --> 00:57:12,640  
Oh, he was a--

1511  
00:57:12,640 --> 00:57:17,320  
my grandfather,  
it makes me laugh.

1512  
00:57:17,320 --> 00:57:19,770  
He was so much  
against Mussolini.

1513  
00:57:19,770 --> 00:57:20,460  
Really?

1514  
00:57:20,460 --> 00:57:21,240  
Oh!

1515  
00:57:21,240 --> 00:57:23,960  
He couldn't stand him.

1516  
00:57:23,960 --> 00:57:26,310  
And did he ever say why?

1517  
00:57:26,310 --> 00:57:29,920  
Well, he didn't  
like his policies.

1518  
00:57:29,920 --> 00:57:30,420  
OK.

1519  
00:57:30,420 --> 00:57:33,090  
But you're a little girl,  
and your grandfather

1520  
00:57:33,090 --> 00:57:34,410  
doesn't like his policies.

1521  
00:57:34,410 --> 00:57:37,440  
Does he ever explain what  
those policies are to you?

1522  
00:57:37,440 --> 00:57:38,460  
No, he didn't.

1523  
00:57:38,460 --> 00:57:44,300  
What happened was the newspaper  
arrived in town once a week,

1524  
00:57:44,300 --> 00:57:46,710  
and my grandfather bought it.

1525  
00:57:46,710 --> 00:57:49,275  
He probably was the only guy  
with bought the newspaper.

1526

00:57:49,275 --> 00:57:52,530

1527

00:57:52,530 --> 00:57:53,840

Read it.

1528

00:57:53,840 --> 00:57:56,730

He brought it over  
to my mother to read.

1529

00:57:56,730 --> 00:58:00,130

So we knew what was going on.

1530

00:58:00,130 --> 00:58:02,730

He was against the  
Mussolini so much.

1531

00:58:02,730 --> 00:58:04,200

He hated it.

1532

00:58:04,200 --> 00:58:06,400

So when he would come  
and bring the newspaper,

1533

00:58:06,400 --> 00:58:09,100

he would tell your  
mother what he had read.

1534

00:58:09,100 --> 00:58:13,020

Well, he would bring the  
newspaper to my mother.

1535

00:58:13,020 --> 00:58:15,490

And they discussed in  
between the two of them.

1536

00:58:15,490 --> 00:58:15,990

OK.

1537

00:58:15,990 --> 00:58:18,265

Did your mother have  
political opinions?

1538  
00:58:18,265 --> 00:58:19,890  
Well, she didn't like  
Mussolini either.

1539  
00:58:19,890 --> 00:58:22,680

1540  
00:58:22,680 --> 00:58:26,070  
And do you know why?

1541  
00:58:26,070 --> 00:58:29,220  
Oh, my God.

1542  
00:58:29,220 --> 00:58:31,710  
I would have to write  
a book about it.

1543  
00:58:31,710 --> 00:58:32,550  
OK.

1544  
00:58:32,550 --> 00:58:33,410  
I understand.

1545  
00:58:33,410 --> 00:58:36,260  
But were there particular--

1546  
00:58:36,260 --> 00:58:38,550  
They didn't like his policies.

1547  
00:58:38,550 --> 00:58:41,910  
And what about his  
policies didn't they like?

1548  
00:58:41,910 --> 00:58:45,210  
What about him  
and the policies--

1549  
00:58:45,210 --> 00:58:47,780  
First of all, they  
thought he was a liar,

1550

00:58:47,780 --> 00:58:50,700

that what he was saying  
was trying to tell

1551

00:58:50,700 --> 00:58:54,980

the people what was not.

1552

00:58:54,980 --> 00:59:01,280

Secondly, the policy  
that he wanted

1553

00:59:01,280 --> 00:59:04,870

to give to the people, the  
people didn't buy them.

1554

00:59:04,870 --> 00:59:08,040

They knew he was an imposter.

1555

00:59:08,040 --> 00:59:11,880

Then they were a  
few that liked him.

1556

00:59:11,880 --> 00:59:14,880

And were there arguments in town  
between those who didn't like

1557

00:59:14,880 --> 00:59:17,820

Mussolini and those who did?

1558

00:59:17,820 --> 00:59:19,950

Were there arguments--  
open arguments--

1559

00:59:19,950 --> 00:59:22,440

between those who  
supported Mussolini

1560

00:59:22,440 --> 00:59:23,790

and those who were against him?

1561

00:59:23,790 --> 00:59:25,920

Well, look all the

good he's doing.

1562  
00:59:25,920 --> 00:59:26,695  
He did this.

1563  
00:59:26,695 --> 00:59:27,195  
He did that.

1564  
00:59:27,195 --> 00:59:28,770  
He did that.

1565  
00:59:28,770 --> 00:59:30,145  
He did some good.

1566  
00:59:30,145 --> 00:59:32,510  
I'm not say that he didn't.

1567  
00:59:32,510 --> 00:59:35,910  
But the alliance with  
Mussolini with Hitler

1568  
00:59:35,910 --> 00:59:40,050  
was the thing that  
people do not like.

1569  
00:59:40,050 --> 00:59:42,160  
They don't like that.

1570  
00:59:42,160 --> 00:59:44,430  
So here's my question--

1571  
00:59:44,430 --> 00:59:48,630  
if San Donato is such  
an isolated place,

1572  
00:59:48,630 --> 00:59:52,650  
where your neighbors  
have a radio,

1573  
00:59:52,650 --> 00:59:56,160  
and who knows how many  
others, but probably not a lot

1574  
00:59:56,160 --> 00:59:59,400  
if you have only two  
hours of electricity,

1575  
00:59:59,400 --> 01:00:02,520  
how did people learn that there  
is this guy named Hitler over

1576  
01:00:02,520 --> 01:00:04,380  
in Germany?

1577  
01:00:04,380 --> 01:00:07,370  
Well, like the newspaper  
came once a week,

1578  
01:00:07,370 --> 01:00:09,510  
and some people read it.

1579  
01:00:09,510 --> 01:00:10,800  
Somebody had a radio.

1580  
01:00:10,800 --> 01:00:13,200  
Once a week they listened to it.

1581  
01:00:13,200 --> 01:00:17,640  
So a little bit of  
pieces here and there.

1582  
01:00:17,640 --> 01:00:21,870  
What about the village  
priests in the three churches?

1583  
01:00:21,870 --> 01:00:26,010  
The priests in the churches,  
did they support or not?

1584  
01:00:26,010 --> 01:00:31,320  
They didn't support--  
women used to go to them

1585  
01:00:31,320 --> 01:00:34,020

and ask for advice.

1586  
01:00:34,020 --> 01:00:39,120  
Should we vote for this  
man, should we vote

1587  
01:00:39,120 --> 01:00:41,770  
for the other man, or whatever.

1588  
01:00:41,770 --> 01:00:44,230  
And the priest  
would say to them,

1589  
01:00:44,230 --> 01:00:47,600  
do what your husband  
wants you to do.

1590  
01:00:47,600 --> 01:00:49,770  
OK.

1591  
01:00:49,770 --> 01:00:53,440  
In other words, the  
woman never mind.

1592  
01:00:53,440 --> 01:00:56,590  
But that's the way it was.

1593  
01:00:56,590 --> 01:00:59,320  
Most of them were  
illiterate anyhow,

1594  
01:00:59,320 --> 01:01:02,990  
because only men went to school.

1595  
01:01:02,990 --> 01:01:06,380  
So are you saying men went to  
school beyond the 5th grade.

1596  
01:01:06,380 --> 01:01:06,880  
Yes

1597  
01:01:06,880 --> 01:01:07,760



Some, of them did.

1598

01:01:07,760 --> 01:01:08,690

Yes.

1599

01:01:08,690 --> 01:01:10,070

Where did they go?

1600

01:01:10,070 --> 01:01:11,360

Private school.

1601

01:01:11,360 --> 01:01:13,430

So was it a parochial  
school or was it--

1602

01:01:13,430 --> 01:01:13,930

No.

1603

01:01:13,930 --> 01:01:15,410

It was private school.

1604

01:01:15,410 --> 01:01:17,690

And there was a private  
school in San Donato.

1605

01:01:17,690 --> 01:01:18,410

Yes.

1606

01:01:18,410 --> 01:01:21,240

And how many grades did it have?

1607

01:01:21,240 --> 01:01:22,690

Oh, I don't remember.

1608

01:01:22,690 --> 01:01:23,740

OK.

1609

01:01:23,740 --> 01:01:25,360

OK.

1610

01:01:25,360 --> 01:01:30,430

So we know now about the public  
school that goes to grade 5.

1611  
01:01:30,430 --> 01:01:33,880  
We know about the parochial  
school that goes to grade 8.

1612  
01:01:33,880 --> 01:01:37,670  
And we know about this other  
school, which is private,

1613  
01:01:37,670 --> 01:01:41,890  
but takes education  
beyond grade 5.

1614  
01:01:41,890 --> 01:01:43,150  
Right.

1615  
01:01:43,150 --> 01:01:47,180  
Was there anybody in town  
who went to University?

1616  
01:01:47,180 --> 01:01:50,890  
I don't remember the town name.

1617  
01:01:50,890 --> 01:01:53,318  
Well, this was all in San  
Donato that we talked about.

1618  
01:01:53,318 --> 01:01:53,860  
That's right.

1619  
01:01:53,860 --> 01:01:55,030  
That's right.

1620  
01:01:55,030 --> 01:01:58,870  
But was there anybody  
in San Donato who then

1621  
01:01:58,870 --> 01:02:01,780  
left it to go to University?

1622

01:02:01,780 --> 01:02:04,023

There must have been a  
couple of so of people,

1623

01:02:04,023 --> 01:02:04,940

but I don't know them.

1624

01:02:04,940 --> 01:02:08,050

1625

01:02:08,050 --> 01:02:11,320

So the men that the  
priest would say--

1626

01:02:11,320 --> 01:02:14,410

the women that they would  
tell, vote like your husband.

1627

01:02:14,410 --> 01:02:15,700

Do what your husband--

1628

01:02:15,700 --> 01:02:16,240

Tells you.

1629

01:02:16,240 --> 01:02:17,530

--tells you to do.

1630

01:02:17,530 --> 01:02:20,630

Keep peace in the family.

1631

01:02:20,630 --> 01:02:23,380

That's what they  
learned from the priest.

1632

01:02:23,380 --> 01:02:24,560

I see.

1633

01:02:24,560 --> 01:02:25,060

I see.

1634

01:02:25,060 --> 01:02:28,180

1635  
01:02:28,180 --> 01:02:30,270  
Did you know any of  
the priests in town?

1636  
01:02:30,270 --> 01:02:32,120  
Oh, yeah.

1637  
01:02:32,120 --> 01:02:33,600  
One uncle was a priest.

1638  
01:02:33,600 --> 01:02:34,210  
One uncle.

1639  
01:02:34,210 --> 01:02:35,950  
Your mother's brother?

1640  
01:02:35,950 --> 01:02:38,950  
No, it was my mother's uncle.

1641  
01:02:38,950 --> 01:02:40,030  
OK.

1642  
01:02:40,030 --> 01:02:41,920  
And what kind of  
a person was he?

1643  
01:02:41,920 --> 01:02:43,870  
He was good.

1644  
01:02:43,870 --> 01:02:45,070  
What was his name?

1645  
01:02:45,070 --> 01:02:46,220  
Luigi.

1646  
01:02:46,220 --> 01:02:47,260  
Luigi.

1647  
01:02:47,260 --> 01:02:47,920  
Father Luigi.

1648  
01:02:47,920 --> 01:02:49,930  
Luigi Tocci.

1649  
01:02:49,930 --> 01:02:51,070  
Right.

1650  
01:02:51,070 --> 01:02:54,040  
And did he say mass?

1651  
01:02:54,040 --> 01:02:54,670  
Yes.

1652  
01:02:54,670 --> 01:02:56,890  
Did you go-- when he said mass--

1653  
01:02:56,890 --> 01:03:00,054  
Yes, I went to his,  
because he was fast.

1654  
01:03:00,054 --> 01:03:02,976  
[LAUGHTER]

1655  
01:03:02,976 --> 01:03:06,880

1656  
01:03:06,880 --> 01:03:09,070  
There are some things  
that are important.

1657  
01:03:09,070 --> 01:03:09,730  
Right.

1658  
01:03:09,730 --> 01:03:11,490  
And how fast you  
are is one of them.

1659  
01:03:11,490 --> 01:03:14,530  
Yeah, we were celebrating,  
Don Luigi good, let's go.

1660

01:03:14,530 --> 01:03:19,180

1661

01:03:19,180 --> 01:03:19,960

That's funny.

1662

01:03:19,960 --> 01:03:22,690

1663

01:03:22,690 --> 01:03:23,470

OK.

1664

01:03:23,470 --> 01:03:26,410

Now, on that radio, you  
said that sometimes you'd

1665

01:03:26,410 --> 01:03:28,670

listen to Mussolini  
give a speech.

1666

01:03:28,670 --> 01:03:29,170

Yeah.

1667

01:03:29,170 --> 01:03:29,980

OK.

1668

01:03:29,980 --> 01:03:33,400

Did you ever hear Hitler's  
voice on the radio?

1669

01:03:33,400 --> 01:03:34,840

Mussolini's voice?

1670

01:03:34,840 --> 01:03:36,040

Hitler's voice.

1671

01:03:36,040 --> 01:03:36,590

No.

1672

01:03:36,590 --> 01:03:37,090

No.

1673

01:03:37,090 --> 01:03:38,513

It was only Mussolini's voice.

1674

01:03:38,513 --> 01:03:39,430

It was just Mussolini.

1675

01:03:39,430 --> 01:03:39,930

Yeah.

1676

01:03:39,930 --> 01:03:41,410

OK.

1677

01:03:41,410 --> 01:03:51,800

And in 1939, you're

12 years old.

1678

01:03:51,800 --> 01:03:55,850

Remind me again, what's your  
date, the month you were born?

1679

01:03:55,850 --> 01:03:56,660

May 30th--

1680

01:03:56,660 --> 01:03:58,640

That's what I thought,  
it was May 30th.

1681

01:03:58,640 --> 01:04:00,930

So if it was May 30th.

1682

01:04:00,930 --> 01:04:01,970

[PHONE RINGING]

1683

01:04:01,970 --> 01:04:04,350

Let's cut.

1684

01:04:04,350 --> 01:04:05,940

OK.

1685

01:04:05,940 --> 01:04:13,530

So if you're born May 30,

1927, when 1939 rolls around,

1686

01:04:13,530 --> 01:04:16,350  
you're 12 years old.

1687

01:04:16,350 --> 01:04:20,310  
And do you remember people  
in the village talking

1688

01:04:20,310 --> 01:04:24,550  
about Mussolini and Hitler?

1689

01:04:24,550 --> 01:04:25,790  
Vaguely.

1690

01:04:25,790 --> 01:04:26,880  
Vaguely.

1691

01:04:26,880 --> 01:04:31,620  
Do you remember hearing  
about World War II beginning?

1692

01:04:31,620 --> 01:04:33,190  
Yes.

1693

01:04:33,190 --> 01:04:38,850  
What can you tell me about how  
you heard and learnt of it?

1694

01:04:38,850 --> 01:04:39,800  
World War II.

1695

01:04:39,800 --> 01:04:42,490

1696

01:04:42,490 --> 01:04:52,600  
First of all, I was  
so much against war,

1697

01:04:52,600 --> 01:04:55,450  
I just could not  
picture myself, somebody



1698  
01:04:55,450 --> 01:04:58,660  
shooting another person.

1699  
01:04:58,660 --> 01:04:59,780  
That bothered me terribly.

1700  
01:04:59,780 --> 01:05:05,110

1701  
01:05:05,110 --> 01:05:07,030  
What was the rest  
of the question?

1702  
01:05:07,030 --> 01:05:08,620  
The rest of the  
question is, do you

1703  
01:05:08,620 --> 01:05:12,340  
remember where you  
were when you learned

1704  
01:05:12,340 --> 01:05:13,705  
that World War II had started?

1705  
01:05:13,705 --> 01:05:15,490  
Yes, yes.

1706  
01:05:15,490 --> 01:05:17,395  
I had come home from school.

1707  
01:05:17,395 --> 01:05:19,930

1708  
01:05:19,930 --> 01:05:24,850  
In the neighborhood, we only  
had a woman with a radio.

1709  
01:05:24,850 --> 01:05:29,220  
So she called everybody, because  
Mussolini was going to talk.

1710

01:05:29,220 --> 01:05:32,490

And we gathered at  
her house to listen.

1711

01:05:32,490 --> 01:05:36,470

And that's when I learned  
that we were engaged in war.

1712

01:05:36,470 --> 01:05:39,590

1713

01:05:39,590 --> 01:05:44,140

And as a teenager, I  
couldn't understand at all.

1714

01:05:44,140 --> 01:05:45,630

I couldn't understand at all.

1715

01:05:45,630 --> 01:05:47,240

No.

1716

01:05:47,240 --> 01:05:54,020

Well, on September 1, '39,  
Hitler attacks Poland.

1717

01:05:54,020 --> 01:05:56,240

And that's when  
World War II starts.

1718

01:05:56,240 --> 01:06:03,440

Because then Poland's allies,  
England, declare war on Hitler.

1719

01:06:03,440 --> 01:06:05,450

And then it all starts.

1720

01:06:05,450 --> 01:06:13,200

How did it affect San  
Donato when this started?

1721

01:06:13,200 --> 01:06:17,520

Did life change at all?

1722  
01:06:17,520 --> 01:06:18,420  
No.

1723  
01:06:18,420 --> 01:06:20,100  
It went on.

1724  
01:06:20,100 --> 01:06:21,270  
It went on.

1725  
01:06:21,270 --> 01:06:24,550  
It was just, you know there's  
a war somewhere in Europe.

1726  
01:06:24,550 --> 01:06:25,510  
Where's Poland?

1727  
01:06:25,510 --> 01:06:27,420  
Who knows?

1728  
01:06:27,420 --> 01:06:29,040  
Where's Pole-- exactly.

1729  
01:06:29,040 --> 01:06:29,820  
Exactly.

1730  
01:06:29,820 --> 01:06:34,360  
It was a Catholic nation,  
but it was Poland.

1731  
01:06:34,360 --> 01:06:36,110  
We never heard  
about Poland before.

1732  
01:06:36,110 --> 01:06:43,740

1733  
01:06:43,740 --> 01:06:51,480  
I could not understand the  
concept of Poland just let

1734

01:06:51,480 --> 01:06:56,190  
these German people  
walk all over them.

1735  
01:06:56,190 --> 01:06:59,760  
Even though I was  
a young person,

1736  
01:06:59,760 --> 01:07:01,355  
by listening to the report--

1737  
01:07:01,355 --> 01:07:03,910

1738  
01:07:03,910 --> 01:07:06,250  
how did the Polish people--

1739  
01:07:06,250 --> 01:07:09,850  
what happened to them?

1740  
01:07:09,850 --> 01:07:13,450  
They let the German  
walk all over them.

1741  
01:07:13,450 --> 01:07:17,350  
No resistance, no nothing.

1742  
01:07:17,350 --> 01:07:21,172  
Well, there was, but failed.

1743  
01:07:21,172 --> 01:07:21,860  
It failed.

1744  
01:07:21,860 --> 01:07:22,360  
It failed.

1745  
01:07:22,360 --> 01:07:26,390

1746  
01:07:26,390 --> 01:07:30,920  
So what's the next  
that you hear or see

1747  
01:07:30,920 --> 01:07:33,980  
of the war in San Donato?

1748  
01:07:33,980 --> 01:07:37,250  
Well, then it was the people  
that started coming in,

1749  
01:07:37,250 --> 01:07:38,840  
the Jewish people.

1750  
01:07:38,840 --> 01:07:39,920  
Right away?

1751  
01:07:39,920 --> 01:07:44,025  
Well, not right away,  
but I mean the--

1752  
01:07:44,025 --> 01:07:45,700  
What I wanted to  
know is, for example,

1753  
01:07:45,700 --> 01:07:49,650  
were there any soldiers, any  
young men from San Donato--

1754  
01:07:49,650 --> 01:07:51,560  
No, there were no soldiers?

1755  
01:07:51,560 --> 01:07:55,420  
Were there any draft-- did  
anybody have to go to the army?

1756  
01:07:55,420 --> 01:07:57,010  
Yes, there was a draft.

1757  
01:07:57,010 --> 01:07:58,110  
There was a draft.

1758  
01:07:58,110 --> 01:07:59,310  
Yes, there was a draft.

1759

01:07:59,310 --> 01:08:00,300

Yes.

1760

01:08:00,300 --> 01:08:09,030

And were there many young men  
who left for the Italian army?

1761

01:08:09,030 --> 01:08:11,010

To join the army?

1762

01:08:11,010 --> 01:08:13,920

The Italian army was  
in such disarray.

1763

01:08:13,920 --> 01:08:15,030

Really?

1764

01:08:15,030 --> 01:08:16,187

Yes.

1765

01:08:16,187 --> 01:08:17,729

Because a lot of  
people were starting

1766

01:08:17,729 --> 01:08:20,056

get away from Mussolini.

1767

01:08:20,056 --> 01:08:23,090

Because by this time they found  
out that he was an imposter.

1768

01:08:23,090 --> 01:08:26,436

1769

01:08:26,436 --> 01:08:31,180

I'm wondering, how does that  
make itself felt in a place San

1770

01:08:31,180 --> 01:08:32,410

Donato.

1771

01:08:32,410 --> 01:08:38,920  
How does that sense, the  
trend that people more people

1772  
01:08:38,920 --> 01:08:40,380  
distrust Mussolini--

1773  
01:08:40,380 --> 01:08:43,090

1774  
01:08:43,090 --> 01:08:46,870  
what happens to make  
them distrust him?

1775  
01:08:46,870 --> 01:08:49,300  
What happened to the  
people who mistrust him?

1776  
01:08:49,300 --> 01:08:51,760  
What happened that they  
turned from trusting

1777  
01:08:51,760 --> 01:08:54,220  
him to distrusting him?

1778  
01:08:54,220 --> 01:08:58,600  
Well, the ones that  
trusted him, they ran away.

1779  
01:08:58,600 --> 01:09:02,620  
Because they knew things  
were bad for them.

1780  
01:09:02,620 --> 01:09:04,195  
So up in the mountains again.

1781  
01:09:04,195 --> 01:09:07,069  
The mountains were  
very populated.

1782  
01:09:07,069 --> 01:09:09,460  
So the ones who were  
against Mussolini--

1783  
01:09:09,460 --> 01:09:09,970  
Right.

1784  
01:09:09,970 --> 01:09:11,500  
--ran into the mountains.

1785  
01:09:11,500 --> 01:09:13,120  
OK.

1786  
01:09:13,120 --> 01:09:17,439  
And were there still people  
in town who supported him

1787  
01:09:17,439 --> 01:09:19,180  
after the war begins?

1788  
01:09:19,180 --> 01:09:22,600  
Well, they started  
getting quiet.

1789  
01:09:22,600 --> 01:09:23,410  
They stayed quiet.

1790  
01:09:23,410 --> 01:09:24,399  
They don't talk much.

1791  
01:09:24,399 --> 01:09:28,359

1792  
01:09:28,359 --> 01:09:33,700  
And why do those  
who don't like him

1793  
01:09:33,700 --> 01:09:36,910  
go into the mountains  
at that point?

1794  
01:09:36,910 --> 01:09:38,920  
They ran up on  
the mountain, yes.



1795

01:09:38,920 --> 01:09:41,370

Why?

1796

01:09:41,370 --> 01:09:45,979

Because the people who did  
not like Mussolini would get--

1797

01:09:45,979 --> 01:09:48,750

1798

01:09:48,750 --> 01:09:50,609

they would pick them  
up and send them

1799

01:09:50,609 --> 01:09:55,080

to Rome, or Poland, or  
any place like that.

1800

01:09:55,080 --> 01:09:56,580

Were there such  
things happening?

1801

01:09:56,580 --> 01:09:57,080

Yes.

1802

01:09:57,080 --> 01:09:59,820

I don't know too much  
about this history thing.

1803

01:09:59,820 --> 01:10:04,530

I'm asking in San  
Donato, in your village,

1804

01:10:04,530 --> 01:10:09,400

were there arrests of  
political people in San Donato.

1805

01:10:09,400 --> 01:10:10,560

Yeah.

1806

01:10:10,560 --> 01:10:12,010

Were there?

1807  
01:10:12,010 --> 01:10:12,510  
Yes.

1808  
01:10:12,510 --> 01:10:15,960  
But they were not open.

1809  
01:10:15,960 --> 01:10:17,370  
OK.

1810  
01:10:17,370 --> 01:10:22,080  
They began to feel that the  
war was not going right,

1811  
01:10:22,080 --> 01:10:23,320  
so they were not open.

1812  
01:10:23,320 --> 01:10:28,210  
They tried to get away  
and hide themselves.

1813  
01:10:28,210 --> 01:10:29,670  
OK.

1814  
01:10:29,670 --> 01:10:32,100  
And these are the  
opponents of Mussolini?

1815  
01:10:32,100 --> 01:10:33,030  
Yes.

1816  
01:10:33,030 --> 01:10:34,350  
OK.

1817  
01:10:34,350 --> 01:10:40,230  
The four policemen that are in  
town, do you know their names?

1818  
01:10:40,230 --> 01:10:40,770  
No.

1819

01:10:40,770 --> 01:10:42,030  
OK.

1820  
01:10:42,030 --> 01:10:44,537  
But could you recognize  
them if you saw them.

1821  
01:10:44,537 --> 01:10:45,120  
If I saw them?

1822  
01:10:45,120 --> 01:10:46,050  
Yeah.

1823  
01:10:46,050 --> 01:10:46,680  
Probably.

1824  
01:10:46,680 --> 01:10:47,510  
I don't know.

1825  
01:10:47,510 --> 01:10:49,350  
OK.

1826  
01:10:49,350 --> 01:10:55,230  
Was the jail any more full after  
war begins than it was before?

1827  
01:10:55,230 --> 01:10:55,890  
The jail?

1828  
01:10:55,890 --> 01:10:56,750  
Yeah.

1829  
01:10:56,750 --> 01:10:58,200  
No, it was the same.

1830  
01:10:58,200 --> 01:10:58,800  
OK.

1831  
01:10:58,800 --> 01:11:01,350  
So no more people arrested  
or anything like that?

1832

01:11:01,350 --> 01:11:02,206

No, no.

1833

01:11:02,206 --> 01:11:05,680

1834

01:11:05,680 --> 01:11:06,730

So about for how--

1835

01:11:06,730 --> 01:11:08,430

They used to give  
them to drink--

1836

01:11:08,430 --> 01:11:10,940

1837

01:11:10,940 --> 01:11:14,170

what do you call it?

1838

01:11:14,170 --> 01:11:17,040

You know when you cannot move  
your bowels and they give you

1839

01:11:17,040 --> 01:11:19,080

something to drink?

1840

01:11:19,080 --> 01:11:21,120

They used to give  
that to the people--

1841

01:11:21,120 --> 01:11:22,530

Who were arrested?

1842

01:11:22,530 --> 01:11:24,540

Yeah.

1843

01:11:24,540 --> 01:11:26,100

Well, that's kind of mean.

1844

01:11:26,100 --> 01:11:27,010

Oh yeah, it was mean.

1845  
01:11:27,010 --> 01:11:38,723

1846  
01:11:38,723 --> 01:11:40,140  
Let's cut the  
camera for a second.

1847  
01:11:40,140 --> 01:11:42,730

1848  
01:11:42,730 --> 01:11:43,800  
OK.

1849  
01:11:43,800 --> 01:11:46,140  
So I wanted to get  
a little bit more

1850  
01:11:46,140 --> 01:11:50,490  
clarity about the Italian army.

1851  
01:11:50,490 --> 01:11:52,820  
And you told me it  
was in disarray.

1852  
01:11:52,820 --> 01:11:53,370  
Yes.

1853  
01:11:53,370 --> 01:11:57,600  
Did you know anybody who  
had been in the army?

1854  
01:11:57,600 --> 01:11:58,980  
Yes, my uncle.

1855  
01:11:58,980 --> 01:12:01,590  
And what which uncle was this?

1856  
01:12:01,590 --> 01:12:02,880  
My mother's brother.

1857

01:12:02,880 --> 01:12:03,970  
And what was his name?

1858  
01:12:03,970 --> 01:12:04,950  
Mimino.

1859  
01:12:04,950 --> 01:12:06,630  
Mimino.

1860  
01:12:06,630 --> 01:12:08,700  
Is that a nickname?

1861  
01:12:08,700 --> 01:12:10,990  
Yes, Benjamin Is  
the name actually.

1862  
01:12:10,990 --> 01:12:11,490  
OK.

1863  
01:12:11,490 --> 01:12:13,460  
So you had told me that  
there was a Benjamin.

1864  
01:12:13,460 --> 01:12:14,085  
Benjamin, yeah.

1865  
01:12:14,085 --> 01:12:14,910  
So this the one.

1866  
01:12:14,910 --> 01:12:15,930  
Yeah.

1867  
01:12:15,930 --> 01:12:19,200  
Did he join the army  
or was he drafted?

1868  
01:12:19,200 --> 01:12:20,670  
He was drafted.

1869  
01:12:20,670 --> 01:12:21,990  
And when was he drafted?

1870

01:12:21,990 --> 01:12:25,710

1871

01:12:25,710 --> 01:12:27,895

Was it before the war?

1872

01:12:27,895 --> 01:12:29,020

Was it before World War II.

1873

01:12:29,020 --> 01:12:30,480

At the beginning I think.

1874

01:12:30,480 --> 01:12:33,360

Probably at the  
beginning of war.

1875

01:12:33,360 --> 01:12:36,370

Did he serve in Ethiopia?

1876

01:12:36,370 --> 01:12:37,390

Yes.

1877

01:12:37,390 --> 01:12:40,060

And tell me, when  
did Ethiopia happen?

1878

01:12:40,060 --> 01:12:43,880

When was the war in  
Ethiopia-- the Italian war?

1879

01:12:43,880 --> 01:12:47,780

Well, there were-- he didn't  
talk too much about it,

1880

01:12:47,780 --> 01:12:48,280

you know.

1881

01:12:48,280 --> 01:12:49,738

Had it been somebody  
else, he would

1882

01:12:49,738 --> 01:12:51,320  
have talked more about it.

1883  
01:12:51,320 --> 01:12:52,700  
He kept it all to himself.

1884  
01:12:52,700 --> 01:12:55,590

1885  
01:12:55,590 --> 01:12:57,870  
So I cannot answer  
that question.

1886  
01:12:57,870 --> 01:12:58,570  
OK.

1887  
01:12:58,570 --> 01:12:59,670  
OK.

1888  
01:12:59,670 --> 01:13:05,340  
And were there other young men  
who fought in the Ethiopian war

1889  
01:13:05,340 --> 01:13:06,600  
from San Donato?

1890  
01:13:06,600 --> 01:13:08,980  
There must have been,  
but I don't know them.

1891  
01:13:08,980 --> 01:13:10,380  
OK.

1892  
01:13:10,380 --> 01:13:14,610  
And were there  
people in San Donato

1893  
01:13:14,610 --> 01:13:19,030  
who wanted to escape the draft?

1894  
01:13:19,030 --> 01:13:19,990  
Yes.



1895  
01:13:19,990 --> 01:13:22,150  
Some of them did in fact.

1896  
01:13:22,150 --> 01:13:23,080  
OK.

1897  
01:13:23,080 --> 01:13:24,220  
Up in the mountains.

1898  
01:13:24,220 --> 01:13:25,000  
All right.

1899  
01:13:25,000 --> 01:13:27,520  
But this draft, when  
I stopped the camera,

1900  
01:13:27,520 --> 01:13:31,990  
and I asked your  
children, and your niece

1901  
01:13:31,990 --> 01:13:36,160  
and nephew about  
the draft, what they

1902  
01:13:36,160 --> 01:13:40,210  
told me is that this actually  
happened before World War II

1903  
01:13:40,210 --> 01:13:43,300  
begins because of  
the war in Ethiopia.

1904  
01:13:43,300 --> 01:13:44,290  
Right.

1905  
01:13:44,290 --> 01:13:45,190  
OK.

1906  
01:13:45,190 --> 01:13:50,950  
And so, when the war starts,  
the European World War II,

1907  
01:13:50,950 --> 01:13:56,080  
this had already, this draft,  
and this call for young men,

1908  
01:13:56,080 --> 01:13:57,040  
taken place.

1909  
01:13:57,040 --> 01:13:59,660  
Right.

1910  
01:13:59,660 --> 01:14:03,050  
I wanted to know about food.

1911  
01:14:03,050 --> 01:14:09,590  
When World War II starts,  
do you have as much food

1912  
01:14:09,590 --> 01:14:11,330  
as you did before?

1913  
01:14:11,330 --> 01:14:12,980  
Or does it start becoming--

1914  
01:14:12,980 --> 01:14:17,600  
Well, you know, it didn't  
affect us right away.

1915  
01:14:17,600 --> 01:14:20,660  
It affected us as  
the time went by--

1916  
01:14:20,660 --> 01:14:24,330  
then we were affected by it.

1917  
01:14:24,330 --> 01:14:24,830  
OK.

1918  
01:14:24,830 --> 01:14:28,910  
Tell me then, what kind of  
food did you not get then?

1919

01:14:28,910 --> 01:14:30,160  
What kind of food disappeared.

1920

01:14:30,160 --> 01:14:32,390  
Well, we didn't grain.

1921

01:14:32,390 --> 01:14:34,210  
We didn't get potatoes.

1922

01:14:34,210 --> 01:14:37,820  
We didn't get pasta.

1923

01:14:37,820 --> 01:14:40,040  
OK.

1924

01:14:40,040 --> 01:14:43,340  
You still were able to  
have olive oil, yes?

1925

01:14:43,340 --> 01:14:46,850  
Olive oil was a  
product of San Donato.

1926

01:14:46,850 --> 01:14:51,170  
So people still had them in  
their homes, in the cellars,

1927

01:14:51,170 --> 01:14:52,760  
or whatever.

1928

01:14:52,760 --> 01:14:53,870  
OK.

1929

01:14:53,870 --> 01:14:56,420  
And there still was some wine.

1930

01:14:56,420 --> 01:14:57,350  
Some wine, yeah.

1931

01:14:57,350 --> 01:14:58,190  
OK.

1932  
01:14:58,190 --> 01:14:59,930  
And people had some--

1933  
01:14:59,930 --> 01:15:03,380  
was it easier or was  
it more difficult

1934  
01:15:03,380 --> 01:15:07,000  
to get milk and eggs and things?

1935  
01:15:07,000 --> 01:15:11,130  
Eggs, we had plenty of them,  
because we had chickens.

1936  
01:15:11,130 --> 01:15:16,810  
About milk, then we  
didn't use too much of it.

1937  
01:15:16,810 --> 01:15:18,880  
I don't know how much the--

1938  
01:15:18,880 --> 01:15:22,110  
how free the milk was.

1939  
01:15:22,110 --> 01:15:22,960  
OK, let's cut.

1940  
01:15:22,960 --> 01:15:25,520

1941  
01:15:25,520 --> 01:15:29,930  
OK, what do you remember  
missing the most from food?

1942  
01:15:29,930 --> 01:15:30,770  
In the food?

1943  
01:15:30,770 --> 01:15:34,390

1944

01:15:34,390 --> 01:15:35,290  
Everything.

1945  
01:15:35,290 --> 01:15:38,000  
Everything.

1946  
01:15:38,000 --> 01:15:38,760  
When you--

1947  
01:15:38,760 --> 01:15:42,210  
When I got up in the  
morning, my two sisters

1948  
01:15:42,210 --> 01:15:46,230  
usually had some milk  
that had been delivered.

1949  
01:15:46,230 --> 01:15:50,730  
Since I didn't drink milk,  
I didn't have much to eat,

1950  
01:15:50,730 --> 01:15:53,490  
unless there was some potatoes  
left over from the night

1951  
01:15:53,490 --> 01:15:54,890  
before.

1952  
01:15:54,890 --> 01:15:57,480  
Then I had a couple  
of cold potatoes.

1953  
01:15:57,480 --> 01:15:59,190  
That was my breakfast.

1954  
01:15:59,190 --> 01:16:01,290  
Oh my goodness.

1955  
01:16:01,290 --> 01:16:05,290  
And what would  
normally be lunchtime?

1956

01:16:05,290 --> 01:16:08,480

Lunchtime, that  
would be our main--

1957

01:16:08,480 --> 01:16:09,040

Meal.

1958

01:16:09,040 --> 01:16:10,730

--meal.

1959

01:16:10,730 --> 01:16:14,760

Some pasta that my  
mother put together.

1960

01:16:14,760 --> 01:16:16,380

Would she make  
the pasta herself?

1961

01:16:16,380 --> 01:16:19,525

If she had the flour,  
she would make it.

1962

01:16:19,525 --> 01:16:22,270

But there was no  
flour available.

1963

01:16:22,270 --> 01:16:23,940

So this is after the war starts.

1964

01:16:23,940 --> 01:16:24,440

Right.

1965

01:16:24,440 --> 01:16:27,150

Flour starts to  
become a shortage.

1966

01:16:27,150 --> 01:16:29,970

Shortage because of the army.

1967

01:16:29,970 --> 01:16:33,030

OK, OK.

1968

01:16:33,030 --> 01:16:34,210  
It was bad.

1969  
01:16:34,210 --> 01:16:36,503  
It was really bad.

1970  
01:16:36,503 --> 01:16:37,170  
It was terrible.

1971  
01:16:37,170 --> 01:16:40,590

1972  
01:16:40,590 --> 01:16:42,360  
Paint me a picture.

1973  
01:16:42,360 --> 01:16:45,255  
Did you go hungry a lot?

1974  
01:16:45,255 --> 01:16:48,930

1975  
01:16:48,930 --> 01:16:50,150  
Yes.

1976  
01:16:50,150 --> 01:16:51,376  
We did go hungry.

1977  
01:16:51,376 --> 01:16:59,810

1978  
01:16:59,810 --> 01:17:03,190  
Were there people who actually  
died because of hunger?

1979  
01:17:03,190 --> 01:17:06,790

1980  
01:17:06,790 --> 01:17:10,040  
I don't know any  
of them that died,

1981

01:17:10,040 --> 01:17:11,870  
but they were dying  
out in the fields

1982  
01:17:11,870 --> 01:17:16,352  
because they were  
getting shelled.

1983  
01:17:16,352 --> 01:17:17,760  
OK.

1984  
01:17:17,760 --> 01:17:19,500  
This is as the war goes on?

1985  
01:17:19,500 --> 01:17:21,470  
As the war goes on.

1986  
01:17:21,470 --> 01:17:23,020  
OK.

1987  
01:17:23,020 --> 01:17:24,014  
It was awful.

1988  
01:17:24,014 --> 01:17:30,650

1989  
01:17:30,650 --> 01:17:31,960  
Bring me back to--

1990  
01:17:31,960 --> 01:17:34,980

1991  
01:17:34,980 --> 01:17:39,960  
after this neighbor gathers  
you all around her radio,

1992  
01:17:39,960 --> 01:17:46,170  
and Mussolini says the  
war has been declared,

1993  
01:17:46,170 --> 01:17:49,770  
does he say how



Italy is going to be

1994

01:17:49,770 --> 01:17:51,780  
helping Germany in the war?

1995

01:17:51,780 --> 01:17:53,590  
No.

1996

01:17:53,590 --> 01:17:54,235  
OK.

1997

01:17:54,235 --> 01:17:56,770  
No, he didn't mention Hitler.

1998

01:17:56,770 --> 01:17:58,050  
He didn't mention Hitler?

1999

01:17:58,050 --> 01:17:58,550  
No.

2000

01:17:58,550 --> 01:18:00,870

2001

01:18:00,870 --> 01:18:03,600  
Well, because he knew  
that most of the people

2002

01:18:03,600 --> 01:18:06,450  
were against that.

2003

01:18:06,450 --> 01:18:10,090  
Most of the people were  
very much against the war,

2004

01:18:10,090 --> 01:18:12,730  
and Hitler was the other guy.

2005

01:18:12,730 --> 01:18:17,860  
So what was the view in the  
village about Hitler, and why?

2006

01:18:17,860 --> 01:18:19,720  
Why were people against Hitler?

2007  
01:18:19,720 --> 01:18:25,095

2008  
01:18:25,095 --> 01:18:25,595  
The Jews.

2009  
01:18:25,595 --> 01:18:28,570

2010  
01:18:28,570 --> 01:18:37,420  
We knew that the Jews  
were being killed.

2011  
01:18:37,420 --> 01:18:39,820  
Even before there were  
Jews who arrive in town?

2012  
01:18:39,820 --> 01:18:41,930  
Right.

2013  
01:18:41,930 --> 01:18:43,320  
We knew that.

2014  
01:18:43,320 --> 01:18:45,560  
I wonder how you found out?

2015  
01:18:45,560 --> 01:18:49,100  
Well, a little  
news slips around.

2016  
01:18:49,100 --> 01:18:49,620  
OK.

2017  
01:18:49,620 --> 01:18:52,800  
Did you have a market  
day in San Donato?

2018  
01:18:52,800 --> 01:18:53,940  
Did I have what?

2019

01:18:53,940 --> 01:18:57,870

Was there a market day when  
people would bring their goods

2020

01:18:57,870 --> 01:18:59,325

to sell at a market?

2021

01:18:59,325 --> 01:19:02,330

2022

01:19:02,330 --> 01:19:03,000

No.

2023

01:19:03,000 --> 01:19:03,500

OK.

2024

01:19:03,500 --> 01:19:06,280

Was there in any other town?

2025

01:19:06,280 --> 01:19:06,830

I don't know.

2026

01:19:06,830 --> 01:19:08,150

We didn't travel.

2027

01:19:08,150 --> 01:19:09,170

OK.

2028

01:19:09,170 --> 01:19:11,550

So the news seeped through.

2029

01:19:11,550 --> 01:19:13,340

And one of the reasons

I ask about market

2030

01:19:13,340 --> 01:19:16,910

is sometimes that's where  
people find out about things.

2031

01:19:16,910 --> 01:19:17,990

Right.

2032

01:19:17,990 --> 01:19:21,620

But in this case,  
it must have been--

2033

01:19:21,620 --> 01:19:23,420

it wouldn't be in  
the newspapers.

2034

01:19:23,420 --> 01:19:25,250

It wouldn't be--

2035

01:19:25,250 --> 01:19:26,090

Word of mouth.

2036

01:19:26,090 --> 01:19:27,720

Word of mouth.

2037

01:19:27,720 --> 01:19:34,600

There used to be a food market  
before things got really bad.

2038

01:19:34,600 --> 01:19:35,760

With no newspaper.

2039

01:19:35,760 --> 01:19:38,180

Just people talking.

2040

01:19:38,180 --> 01:19:39,540

And that was in San Donato?

2041

01:19:39,540 --> 01:19:42,920

And that was in San  
Donato every Sunday.

2042

01:19:42,920 --> 01:19:43,730

Every Sunday?

2043

01:19:43,730 --> 01:19:46,190

Every Sunday after.

2044

01:19:46,190 --> 01:19:48,620

We used to go to  
church on Sunday

2045

01:19:48,620 --> 01:19:53,930

morning with no  
breakfast because we

2046

01:19:53,930 --> 01:19:56,240

had to have the host.

2047

01:19:56,240 --> 01:19:58,910

Yeah, you would take  
communion and you had to fast.

2048

01:19:58,910 --> 01:20:00,800

You had to fast.

2049

01:20:00,800 --> 01:20:04,880

So we used to go to  
church first thing, first.

2050

01:20:04,880 --> 01:20:09,200

When the church was over, we  
all gathered at the food market.

2051

01:20:09,200 --> 01:20:13,040

If you have some money,  
you buy something to eat.

2052

01:20:13,040 --> 01:20:15,660

If you have no money,  
you buy nothing.

2053

01:20:15,660 --> 01:20:18,240

And most of the time,  
we had no money.

2054

01:20:18,240 --> 01:20:18,740

OK.

2055

01:20:18,740 --> 01:20:24,270

2056

01:20:24,270 --> 01:20:29,910

You mentioned before that  
there were only Catholics who

2057

01:20:29,910 --> 01:20:31,710

lived in San Donato.

2058

01:20:31,710 --> 01:20:32,850

Yes.

2059

01:20:32,850 --> 01:20:35,340

So nobody knew a Jewish person?

2060

01:20:35,340 --> 01:20:35,840

No.

2061

01:20:35,840 --> 01:20:39,230

2062

01:20:39,230 --> 01:20:41,120

Nobody knew?

2063

01:20:41,120 --> 01:20:43,460

Nobody had any direct knowledge?

2064

01:20:43,460 --> 01:20:44,870

No.

2065

01:20:44,870 --> 01:20:47,510

But you heard that  
they were being killed.

2066

01:20:47,510 --> 01:20:48,320

We heard that.

2067

01:20:48,320 --> 01:20:55,060

2068

01:20:55,060 --> 01:20:59,800

Did anybody talk about  
who the Jews were?

2069  
01:20:59,800 --> 01:21:00,490  
No.

2070  
01:21:00,490 --> 01:21:02,320  
What kind of people they were?

2071  
01:21:02,320 --> 01:21:04,960  
What kind of religion they had?

2072  
01:21:04,960 --> 01:21:06,370  
No, they didn't.

2073  
01:21:06,370 --> 01:21:07,570  
They didn't?

2074  
01:21:07,570 --> 01:21:08,950  
They didn't?

2075  
01:21:08,950 --> 01:21:11,035  
We just found out about  
the Jews when they

2076  
01:21:11,035 --> 01:21:13,610  
start coming into the town.

2077  
01:21:13,610 --> 01:21:15,690  
Tell me about that.

2078  
01:21:15,690 --> 01:21:20,110  
Tell me about when they  
start coming into the town.

2079  
01:21:20,110 --> 01:21:21,645  
They came in one morning.

2080  
01:21:21,645 --> 01:21:25,100

2081

01:21:25,100 --> 01:21:29,870

The sun had not made it  
over the mountains yet.

2082

01:21:29,870 --> 01:21:38,630

And the town was still laced  
in the white light of dawn.

2083

01:21:38,630 --> 01:21:42,690

We heard trucks  
arriving at our town.

2084

01:21:42,690 --> 01:21:45,630

And they stopped in the piazza.

2085

01:21:45,630 --> 01:21:47,190

And the piazzas  
being the plaza--

2086

01:21:47,190 --> 01:21:47,940

town square?

2087

01:21:47,940 --> 01:21:52,020

Right, the center of the town.

2088

01:21:52,020 --> 01:21:56,910

And they come out the  
trucks with microphones,

2089

01:21:56,910 --> 01:22:00,890

telling the Jews, come out  
from your hiding places.

2090

01:22:00,890 --> 01:22:02,320

We're going to take you home.

2091

01:22:02,320 --> 01:22:05,495

We're going to give you this,  
and we're going give that.

2092

01:22:05,495 --> 01:22:10,440

And some of the Jews came  
out of the hiding places.



2093

01:22:10,440 --> 01:22:14,620

And they were put into the  
trucks and trucked away.

2094

01:22:14,620 --> 01:22:18,180

When my mother heard  
them, Ula and Marco

2095

01:22:18,180 --> 01:22:19,830

were still in the house.

2096

01:22:19,830 --> 01:22:21,000

You're talking now later.

2097

01:22:21,000 --> 01:22:21,690

Yeah.

2098

01:22:21,690 --> 01:22:26,690

You're talking when people  
are coming to pick up Jews.

2099

01:22:26,690 --> 01:22:27,560

Yeah.

2100

01:22:27,560 --> 01:22:30,420

I am still asking  
about what was it

2101

01:22:30,420 --> 01:22:33,420

like when they first arrived.

2102

01:22:33,420 --> 01:22:36,800

Do you remember that, when  
they first came to San Donato.

2103

01:22:36,800 --> 01:22:41,920

When they first came  
was group of women.

2104

01:22:41,920 --> 01:22:45,400

There were a couple

of men in the group.

2105

01:22:45,400 --> 01:22:48,260

And they stopped in the town.

2106

01:22:48,260 --> 01:22:50,740

How did they get there?

2107

01:22:50,740 --> 01:22:51,520

By truck?

2108

01:22:51,520 --> 01:22:52,230

By truck.

2109

01:22:52,230 --> 01:22:52,990

I don't know.

2110

01:22:52,990 --> 01:22:53,620

You don't know.

2111

01:22:53,620 --> 01:22:54,190

You don't know.

2112

01:22:54,190 --> 01:22:54,690

OK.

2113

01:22:54,690 --> 01:22:56,310

I don't know how they got there.

2114

01:22:56,310 --> 01:22:59,330

OK, so there was a group  
of women with a few men.

2115

01:22:59,330 --> 01:23:00,070

Yeah.

2116

01:23:00,070 --> 01:23:02,470

OK.

2117

01:23:02,470 --> 01:23:17,890

So they came--

they came and they

2118  
01:23:17,890 --> 01:23:22,010  
stopped in the piazza, which  
is the center of the town.

2119  
01:23:22,010 --> 01:23:22,510  
OK.

2120  
01:23:22,510 --> 01:23:25,500

2121  
01:23:25,500 --> 01:23:29,550  
And of course, they spoke  
German and they spoke Polish.

2122  
01:23:29,550 --> 01:23:32,990  
Nobody understood  
what they were saying.

2123  
01:23:32,990 --> 01:23:37,080  
Since the mayor of  
the town spoke German,

2124  
01:23:37,080 --> 01:23:40,140  
they went to get him,  
and he could understand

2125  
01:23:40,140 --> 01:23:41,880  
what these people were saying.

2126  
01:23:41,880 --> 01:23:46,020  
Was anybody-- was there  
any Italian soldier

2127  
01:23:46,020 --> 01:23:47,080  
accompanying them?

2128  
01:23:47,080 --> 01:23:49,170  
No, just Germans.

2129  
01:23:49,170 --> 01:23:52,750

Germans brought them in.

2130  
01:23:52,750 --> 01:23:53,250  
Interesting.

2131  
01:23:53,250 --> 01:23:55,890  
Germans brought them in.

2132  
01:23:55,890 --> 01:23:57,430  
German soldiers?

2133  
01:23:57,430 --> 01:23:59,520  
Yeah, that's what I remember.

2134  
01:23:59,520 --> 01:24:02,370  
So was this the first time  
you saw a German soldier?

2135  
01:24:02,370 --> 01:24:03,630  
Right.

2136  
01:24:03,630 --> 01:24:06,150  
Tell me, what did he look like?

2137  
01:24:06,150 --> 01:24:12,690  
They were young men that  
are in uniform, rifles.

2138  
01:24:12,690 --> 01:24:14,780  
Were there many of them?

2139  
01:24:14,780 --> 01:24:16,060  
Not too many.

2140  
01:24:16,060 --> 01:24:20,250  
OK, OK, and do you  
know what year this

2141  
01:24:20,250 --> 01:24:22,630  
was, when they came in?

2142

01:24:22,630 --> 01:24:26,530  
Yeah, 1934 maybe.

2143  
01:24:26,530 --> 01:24:28,110  
1930-- you're talking--

2144  
01:24:28,110 --> 01:24:29,060  
1934.

2145  
01:24:29,060 --> 01:24:30,080  
'34.

2146  
01:24:30,080 --> 01:24:30,610  
Yes.

2147  
01:24:30,610 --> 01:24:31,750  
Couldn't be.

2148  
01:24:31,750 --> 01:24:32,590  
'34--

2149  
01:24:32,590 --> 01:24:33,520  
Yes.

2150  
01:24:33,520 --> 01:24:36,520  
Because '34 is well  
before the war begins.

2151  
01:24:36,520 --> 01:24:40,690  
Do you mean 1942 or '41?

2152  
01:24:40,690 --> 01:24:41,940  
Let's pause a second,

2153  
01:24:41,940 --> 01:24:44,350  
Where's the book?

2154  
01:24:44,350 --> 01:24:49,120  
OK, I cut the camera because  
something sounded a little--

2155

01:24:49,120 --> 01:24:50,620  
Not clear.

2156  
01:24:50,620 --> 01:24:52,540  
--not clear.

2157  
01:24:52,540 --> 01:24:56,500  
Talking with your  
children and niece,

2158  
01:24:56,500 --> 01:25:00,730  
they are saying that  
it was July 1940

2159  
01:25:00,730 --> 01:25:06,430  
that they came to town,  
the group of foreign Jews.

2160  
01:25:06,430 --> 01:25:09,730  
And that it was not Germans  
who were coming with them.

2161  
01:25:09,730 --> 01:25:13,000  
That it was the Italian  
government had--

2162  
01:25:13,000 --> 01:25:13,870  
Sent them over

2163  
01:25:13,870 --> 01:25:15,250  
--had sent them over.

2164  
01:25:15,250 --> 01:25:18,490  
Does that ring a bell with you?

2165  
01:25:18,490 --> 01:25:19,420  
Yes.

2166  
01:25:19,420 --> 01:25:20,020  
It does.

2167  
01:25:20,020 --> 01:25:24,130

OK, so do you remember seeing Italian soldiers with them?

2168  
01:25:24,130 --> 01:25:24,730  
No.

2169  
01:25:24,730 --> 01:25:25,510  
No.

2170  
01:25:25,510 --> 01:25:33,593  
OK, OK, so at least now we know that it's in July 1940.

2171  
01:25:33,593 --> 01:25:34,440  
'44

2172  
01:25:34,440 --> 01:25:35,500  
No, 1940.

2173  
01:25:35,500 --> 01:25:36,880  
Not 1944.

2174  
01:25:36,880 --> 01:25:38,230  
'39 maybe.

2175  
01:25:38,230 --> 01:25:39,350  
'40.

2176  
01:25:39,350 --> 01:25:41,280  
'40.

2177  
01:25:41,280 --> 01:25:43,990  
And there is a group that is sent.

2178  
01:25:43,990 --> 01:25:46,000  
And do you remember your impression

2179  
01:25:46,000 --> 01:25:48,100  
when you first saw them?

2180

01:25:48,100 --> 01:25:50,250

Did you go to the  
piazza to take a look?

2181

01:25:50,250 --> 01:25:52,840

2182

01:25:52,840 --> 01:25:57,670

Well, I didn't go to the piazza,  
as I remember, to take a look.

2183

01:25:57,670 --> 01:26:01,520

But the word got around that  
some Jews had arrived in town.

2184

01:26:01,520 --> 01:26:02,020

OK.

2185

01:26:02,020 --> 01:26:04,684

2186

01:26:04,684 --> 01:26:07,160

And that's how I find out.

2187

01:26:07,160 --> 01:26:09,310

That's how we found out.

2188

01:26:09,310 --> 01:26:15,370

And so what happens after that?

2189

01:26:15,370 --> 01:26:20,920

Since nobody could understand,  
because they spoke German,

2190

01:26:20,920 --> 01:26:25,030

the mayor of the town  
was fluent in German,

2191

01:26:25,030 --> 01:26:27,016

so they went to get him.

2192



01:26:27,016 --> 01:26:30,250

And he got to speak  
to them, and found out

2193

01:26:30,250 --> 01:26:33,310

why these people  
were here, and so on.

2194

01:26:33,310 --> 01:26:36,390

What did they tell him?

2195

01:26:36,390 --> 01:26:41,850

They were sent  
there by Mussolini.

2196

01:26:41,850 --> 01:26:43,880

They were sent to the  
town by Mussolini.

2197

01:26:43,880 --> 01:26:46,290

By Mussolini.

2198

01:26:46,290 --> 01:26:47,680

And why?

2199

01:26:47,680 --> 01:26:49,380

They were going to--

2200

01:26:49,380 --> 01:26:50,420

because they were Jews.

2201

01:26:50,420 --> 01:26:53,330

2202

01:26:53,330 --> 01:26:58,010

And they were going to stay  
there until further notice.

2203

01:26:58,010 --> 01:27:00,260

OK.

2204

01:27:00,260 --> 01:27:04,370

All right, so they arrive, and  
they're just told to come here.

2205  
01:27:04,370 --> 01:27:05,630  
They just arrived here.

2206  
01:27:05,630 --> 01:27:06,930  
They drove them here.

2207  
01:27:06,930 --> 01:27:10,520  
And then what happens?

2208  
01:27:10,520 --> 01:27:16,610  
Well, the mayor helped  
them to find places to go.

2209  
01:27:16,610 --> 01:27:17,540  
OK.

2210  
01:27:17,540 --> 01:27:19,190  
Did your mother know the mayor?

2211  
01:27:19,190 --> 01:27:22,660  
No, my mother never  
went to the piazza.

2212  
01:27:22,660 --> 01:27:26,240  
See, they arrived in the  
center of the town, which

2213  
01:27:26,240 --> 01:27:28,400  
is called the piazza.

2214  
01:27:28,400 --> 01:27:30,092  
My mother never went there.

2215  
01:27:30,092 --> 01:27:30,800  
So what happened?

2216  
01:27:30,800 --> 01:27:33,230  
How was there a connection made?

2217

01:27:33,230 --> 01:27:36,980

Well, then the  
mayor told everybody

2218

01:27:36,980 --> 01:27:40,280

that these people  
need a place to live.

2219

01:27:40,280 --> 01:27:44,770

Can anybody take  
a couple of them?

2220

01:27:44,770 --> 01:27:46,880

So somebody came to  
my mother's house

2221

01:27:46,880 --> 01:27:51,680

and asked her, you got room,  
Sofia, why don't you take them?

2222

01:27:51,680 --> 01:27:53,750

And my mother said sure.

2223

01:27:53,750 --> 01:27:55,720

Send them over.

2224

01:27:55,720 --> 01:27:59,770

And that's how we got  
them inside the house.

2225

01:27:59,770 --> 01:28:02,577

And tell me who  
came to your home.

2226

01:28:02,577 --> 01:28:03,410

Who were the people?

2227

01:28:03,410 --> 01:28:07,280

Marco Tenenbaum,  
Ursula Tenenbaum.

2228

01:28:07,280 --> 01:28:08,750

Those two.

2229

01:28:08,750 --> 01:28:10,880

Katja was not born yet.

2230

01:28:10,880 --> 01:28:14,420

So it was just two  
people, a couple.

2231

01:28:14,420 --> 01:28:16,990

Two people that  
came to the house.

2232

01:28:16,990 --> 01:28:21,160

And do you remember  
when you first saw them?

2233

01:28:21,160 --> 01:28:22,270

What impression they made?

2234

01:28:22,270 --> 01:28:26,765

The impression I thought was  
Marco was a handsome man.

2235

01:28:26,765 --> 01:28:30,160

He was tall and  
strong, and Ula was

2236

01:28:30,160 --> 01:28:36,360

petite, and light complexion.

2237

01:28:36,360 --> 01:28:38,200

Were they dressed  
differently than you?

2238

01:28:38,200 --> 01:28:39,070

No.

2239

01:28:39,070 --> 01:28:39,570

No?

2240

01:28:39,570 --> 01:28:40,070

No.

2241

01:28:40,070 --> 01:28:42,570

2242

01:28:42,570 --> 01:28:46,440

And how did you speak  
with one another?

2243

01:28:46,440 --> 01:28:48,690

How did you communicate?

2244

01:28:48,690 --> 01:28:50,890

Well, Ula spoke Italian.

2245

01:28:50,890 --> 01:28:52,050

Ah, Ula spoke Italian.

2246

01:28:52,050 --> 01:28:55,050

Because they had been  
in Italy to study,

2247

01:28:55,050 --> 01:28:57,300

she and Marco, both of them.

2248

01:28:57,300 --> 01:29:01,230

Well, Marco was not fluent  
in Italian, but Ula was.

2249

01:29:01,230 --> 01:29:02,030

I see.

2250

01:29:02,030 --> 01:29:06,390

OK, so what did they tell  
you about themselves?

2251

01:29:06,390 --> 01:29:07,290

Who were they?

2252

01:29:07,290 --> 01:29:10,250

When they told Mama, I  
wasn't there present.

2253  
01:29:10,250 --> 01:29:14,460  
OK, but as time went on, did  
you learn about who they were?

2254  
01:29:14,460 --> 01:29:15,660  
Right.

2255  
01:29:15,660 --> 01:29:19,270  
OK, then let me know,  
where did Ula come from?

2256  
01:29:19,270 --> 01:29:23,280  
Where did Marco come from?

2257  
01:29:23,280 --> 01:29:25,590  
I was too young to  
ask those questions.

2258  
01:29:25,590 --> 01:29:27,420  
[LAUGHS]

2259  
01:29:27,420 --> 01:29:28,000  
OK.

2260  
01:29:28,000 --> 01:29:29,150  
I'm sorry.

2261  
01:29:29,150 --> 01:29:31,740  
I'm sorry.

2262  
01:29:31,740 --> 01:29:34,520  
Mama said to me they're  
looking for a room.

2263  
01:29:34,520 --> 01:29:38,510  
And since we have an extra room,  
I'm going to give it to them.

2264  
01:29:38,510 --> 01:29:40,910  
And I said, oh, that's great Ma.

2265

01:29:40,910 --> 01:29:42,140

We wanted people around.

2266

01:29:42,140 --> 01:29:44,510

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2267

01:29:44,510 --> 01:29:47,260

And they took the room  
in the back of the house.

2268

01:29:47,260 --> 01:29:48,800

OK.

2269

01:29:48,800 --> 01:29:52,390

Did they ever pay for  
anything in the house?

2270

01:29:52,390 --> 01:29:54,740

Yes, we did get some  
money from them,

2271

01:29:54,740 --> 01:29:59,390

because they used to get paid,  
some kind of organization.

2272

01:29:59,390 --> 01:30:02,500

I think it's a  
Jewish organization.

2273

01:30:02,500 --> 01:30:04,000

Maybe you know the name of it.

2274

01:30:04,000 --> 01:30:05,260

I don't.

2275

01:30:05,260 --> 01:30:05,760

OK.

2276

01:30:05,760 --> 01:30:08,030

No, I'm not familiar  
at this point.

2277

01:30:08,030 --> 01:30:09,350

But maybe later.

2278

01:30:09,350 --> 01:30:12,200

So they were able to get  
a little bit of money.

2279

01:30:12,200 --> 01:30:14,150

They were able to get  
a little bit of money

2280

01:30:14,150 --> 01:30:15,530

for their own needs.

2281

01:30:15,530 --> 01:30:16,490

Yeah.

2282

01:30:16,490 --> 01:30:18,780

And so they would pay her rent--

2283

01:30:18,780 --> 01:30:19,280

Yes.

2284

01:30:19,280 --> 01:30:20,170

--for the room.

2285

01:30:20,170 --> 01:30:21,210

Yes.

2286

01:30:21,210 --> 01:30:21,710

Very little.

2287

01:30:21,710 --> 01:30:22,560

I don't know.

2288

01:30:22,560 --> 01:30:24,350

I remember very little.

2289

01:30:24,350 --> 01:30:29,750

OK, and what about food?



2290

01:30:29,750 --> 01:30:31,540

If food was hard to come by--

2291

01:30:31,540 --> 01:30:33,620

The food was hard to cover.

2292

01:30:33,620 --> 01:30:35,420

Marco was a doctor.

2293

01:30:35,420 --> 01:30:36,470

Oh, he was a doctor.

2294

01:30:36,470 --> 01:30:37,940

He was a doctor.

2295

01:30:37,940 --> 01:30:42,130

So every time he heard of  
somebody sick in the village,

2296

01:30:42,130 --> 01:30:44,730

he would run and  
take care of them,

2297

01:30:44,730 --> 01:30:46,430

which was against the law.

2298

01:30:46,430 --> 01:30:48,350

He wasn't supposed to do that.

2299

01:30:48,350 --> 01:30:52,250

What did your local  
doctor think of that?

2300

01:30:52,250 --> 01:30:53,420

I don't know.

2301

01:30:53,420 --> 01:30:53,990

I don't know.

2302

01:30:53,990 --> 01:30:57,050

They stayed in their

own place, I guess.

2303

01:30:57,050 --> 01:31:01,621

So people gave him  
food to bring home.

2304

01:31:01,621 --> 01:31:09,270

And he shared with us, because  
we lived like one family.

2305

01:31:09,270 --> 01:31:13,620

We lived like one  
family, my house.

2306

01:31:13,620 --> 01:31:18,030

OK, so that became  
the new normal.

2307

01:31:18,030 --> 01:31:21,080

In other words, before there  
was your three sisters,

2308

01:31:21,080 --> 01:31:22,490

and your mother's living there.

2309

01:31:22,490 --> 01:31:22,990

Yes.

2310

01:31:22,990 --> 01:31:28,240

Now it was the four of  
you, plus Ula plus Marco.

2311

01:31:28,240 --> 01:31:31,660

And was Ula pregnant when  
she came to your home?

2312

01:31:31,660 --> 01:31:32,710

She was pregnant.

2313

01:31:32,710 --> 01:31:34,090

She was pregnant.

2314

01:31:34,090 --> 01:31:35,275  
Many months?

2315  
01:31:35,275 --> 01:31:36,370  
I don't know.

2316  
01:31:36,370 --> 01:31:39,070  
You don't know.

2317  
01:31:39,070 --> 01:31:43,410  
Do you remember when she  
gave birth to her child?

2318  
01:31:43,410 --> 01:31:44,120  
Vaguely.

2319  
01:31:44,120 --> 01:31:46,070  
She didn't give  
birth to the house.

2320  
01:31:46,070 --> 01:31:50,030  
She went to the  
hospital, which was not

2321  
01:31:50,030 --> 01:31:51,817  
too far from where we lived.

2322  
01:31:51,817 --> 01:31:52,400  
So there was--

2323  
01:31:52,400 --> 01:31:53,660  
In the next town.

2324  
01:31:53,660 --> 01:31:54,902  
In the next town.

2325  
01:31:54,902 --> 01:31:55,610  
So there wasn't--

2326  
01:31:55,610 --> 01:31:58,040  
And she gave birth  
to the hospital--

2327  
01:31:58,040 --> 01:32:01,340  
to that hospital.

2328  
01:32:01,340 --> 01:32:03,800  
After the war, I was curious.

2329  
01:32:03,800 --> 01:32:08,860  
I went to the hospital  
to look at the documents.

2330  
01:32:08,860 --> 01:32:14,430  
And they had put  
down Jewish origin.

2331  
01:32:14,430 --> 01:32:15,690  
They had put it down.

2332  
01:32:15,690 --> 01:32:17,520  
Can you believe that?

2333  
01:32:17,520 --> 01:32:20,050  
I was so upset.

2334  
01:32:20,050 --> 01:32:21,910  
Tell us why you were upset.

2335  
01:32:21,910 --> 01:32:24,480  
What did that mean when  
they put down Jewish origin?

2336  
01:32:24,480 --> 01:32:27,800  
She was just one of us.

2337  
01:32:27,800 --> 01:32:30,230  
To me, she was one of us.

2338  
01:32:30,230 --> 01:32:31,930  
OK.

2339  
01:32:31,930 --> 01:32:35,300

So why should they put  
in the birth certificate

2340  
01:32:35,300 --> 01:32:37,152  
Jewish origin.

2341  
01:32:37,152 --> 01:32:40,510  
They shouldn't have,  
according to my thinking.

2342  
01:32:40,510 --> 01:32:45,700  
OK, now could that have  
gotten them into trouble?

2343  
01:32:45,700 --> 01:32:51,970  
I don't know if they went  
to look at those documents.

2344  
01:32:51,970 --> 01:32:53,200  
Sure.

2345  
01:32:53,200 --> 01:32:55,840  
OK.

2346  
01:32:55,840 --> 01:32:59,560  
So how many months  
were they in your home

2347  
01:32:59,560 --> 01:33:01,420  
before she gives birth?

2348  
01:33:01,420 --> 01:33:04,930  
Oh, they were in my house  
for a long time, yeah.

2349  
01:33:04,930 --> 01:33:10,190  
I cannot say precisely, but  
probably a year, or maybe less.

2350  
01:33:10,190 --> 01:33:13,510  
OK, before she has her baby?

2351

01:33:13,510 --> 01:33:14,340  
Yeah.

2352  
01:33:14,340 --> 01:33:17,050  
OK, and then she has the baby.

2353  
01:33:17,050 --> 01:33:20,370  
And then it's the three of  
them that are in the house.

2354  
01:33:20,370 --> 01:33:21,040  
Right.

2355  
01:33:21,040 --> 01:33:21,650  
OK.

2356  
01:33:21,650 --> 01:33:25,450  
Oh, my mother made a  
crib about the baby.

2357  
01:33:25,450 --> 01:33:26,890  
She made a blanket.

2358  
01:33:26,890 --> 01:33:27,750  
She made pillows.

2359  
01:33:27,750 --> 01:33:30,330

2360  
01:33:30,330 --> 01:33:31,760  
What was the baby's name?

2361  
01:33:31,760 --> 01:33:32,690  
Katja.

2362  
01:33:32,690 --> 01:33:33,190  
Katja

2363  
01:33:33,190 --> 01:33:34,635  
The name of the book.

2364

01:33:34,635 --> 01:33:41,050  
OK, and so it sounds like  
Katja became everybody's baby.

2365  
01:33:41,050 --> 01:33:41,970  
Oh, she was.

2366  
01:33:41,970 --> 01:33:43,940  
[LAUGHS]

2367  
01:33:43,940 --> 01:33:45,460  
We just loved her.

2368  
01:33:45,460 --> 01:33:48,560  
We just loved Katja.

2369  
01:33:48,560 --> 01:33:51,246  
We would have put our  
lives down for her.

2370  
01:33:51,246 --> 01:33:56,160

2371  
01:33:56,160 --> 01:34:00,900  
Was there any one of the  
girls who was more involved

2372  
01:34:00,900 --> 01:34:02,787  
with taking care of Katja,

2373  
01:34:02,787 --> 01:34:06,450  
Well, she loved my mother.

2374  
01:34:06,450 --> 01:34:07,140  
Did she?

2375  
01:34:07,140 --> 01:34:09,180  
She loved-- and  
she called her Mom.

2376  
01:34:09,180 --> 01:34:09,910  
Really?

2377  
01:34:09,910 --> 01:34:12,540  
Yes.

2378  
01:34:12,540 --> 01:34:14,360  
So Mama care of her.

2379  
01:34:14,360 --> 01:34:15,620  
[LAUGHS]

2380  
01:34:15,620 --> 01:34:17,080  
She had something to do.

2381  
01:34:17,080 --> 01:34:21,800  
OK, now did other people  
in town know that you

2382  
01:34:21,800 --> 01:34:23,870  
had this Jewish family.

2383  
01:34:23,870 --> 01:34:25,280  
In the neighborhood, they know.

2384  
01:34:25,280 --> 01:34:30,690  
My mother kept them to be  
quiet and not to say a word.

2385  
01:34:30,690 --> 01:34:34,210  
And my mother changed the  
name of Katja to Grazia.

2386  
01:34:34,210 --> 01:34:34,910  
Grazia.

2387  
01:34:34,910 --> 01:34:35,410  
Yeah.

2388  
01:34:35,410 --> 01:34:38,290  
She was afraid if somebody--

2389  
01:34:38,290 --> 01:34:41,360



we had Germans all around us.

2390

01:34:41,360 --> 01:34:46,490

If somebody calls her Katja, the  
Germans might pick up the name.

2391

01:34:46,490 --> 01:34:48,800

So she said to  
everybody, from now

2392

01:34:48,800 --> 01:34:52,880

on she will be  
Grazia, not Katja.

2393

01:34:52,880 --> 01:34:55,920

2394

01:34:55,920 --> 01:34:57,720

She thought of everything.

2395

01:34:57,720 --> 01:34:59,100

Sounds like it.

2396

01:34:59,100 --> 01:35:00,150

Sounds like it.

2397

01:35:00,150 --> 01:35:05,550

2398

01:35:05,550 --> 01:35:11,130

So did people see Ula and Marco  
coming in and out of the house?

2399

01:35:11,130 --> 01:35:13,950

The neighbors saw  
that we had them,

2400

01:35:13,950 --> 01:35:15,420

and they were fine with it.

2401

01:35:15,420 --> 01:35:16,490

No problem.

2402  
01:35:16,490 --> 01:35:17,340  
OK.

2403  
01:35:17,340 --> 01:35:19,410  
Was there any kind  
of explanation

2404  
01:35:19,410 --> 01:35:23,310  
that was given to  
other people as to why,

2405  
01:35:23,310 --> 01:35:24,570  
all of a sudden, this--

2406  
01:35:24,570 --> 01:35:28,780  
They were saying the same,  
what the Jewish people sent

2407  
01:35:28,780 --> 01:35:31,970  
to San Donato from Mussolini.

2408  
01:35:31,970 --> 01:35:33,690  
That's all we had to say.

2409  
01:35:33,690 --> 01:35:35,900  
They were accepted.

2410  
01:35:35,900 --> 01:35:40,260  
The whole town accepted them.

2411  
01:35:40,260 --> 01:35:43,170  
And by this point, where  
they're still supporters

2412  
01:35:43,170 --> 01:35:44,910  
of Mussolini in town?

2413  
01:35:44,910 --> 01:35:46,090  
Oh Yeah.

2414

01:35:46,090 --> 01:35:46,590  
Really?

2415  
01:35:46,590 --> 01:35:49,970

2416  
01:35:49,970 --> 01:35:54,530  
Well, if Mussolini had sent  
them, so it's supposedly OK.

2417  
01:35:54,530 --> 01:35:56,270  
Yeah.

2418  
01:35:56,270 --> 01:35:58,370  
But were there  
people that you think

2419  
01:35:58,370 --> 01:36:01,820  
were anti-Semitic in town?

2420  
01:36:01,820 --> 01:36:04,310  
If there were, I  
don't know of them.

2421  
01:36:04,310 --> 01:36:05,875  
If they were, they  
kept to themselves

2422  
01:36:05,875 --> 01:36:08,510  
after what's happening.

2423  
01:36:08,510 --> 01:36:10,770  
OK.

2424  
01:36:10,770 --> 01:36:15,660  
But the majority of the  
people were for the Jews.

2425  
01:36:15,660 --> 01:36:16,410  
Tell me a little--

2426  
01:36:16,410 --> 01:36:22,482

You know, the old  
ladies, they were funny.

2427  
01:36:22,482 --> 01:36:23,850  
"What did they do?

2428  
01:36:23,850 --> 01:36:24,990  
Why do they deserve this?

2429  
01:36:24,990 --> 01:36:27,470  
They're good people."

2430  
01:36:27,470 --> 01:36:31,020  
They talk about  
themselves, you know?

2431  
01:36:31,020 --> 01:36:36,710  
They couldn't understand  
why this was happening.

2432  
01:36:36,710 --> 01:36:41,060  
Tell me a little bit about  
Ula and Marco's personalities.

2433  
01:36:41,060 --> 01:36:43,830  
Oh, he was wonderful.

2434  
01:36:43,830 --> 01:36:44,550  
Tell me how.

2435  
01:36:44,550 --> 01:36:48,670

2436  
01:36:48,670 --> 01:36:55,370  
He was a strong man with a  
smile on his face all the time.

2437  
01:36:55,370 --> 01:36:56,480  
And he liked us.

2438  
01:36:56,480 --> 01:36:57,740  
He liked the three of us.

2439  
01:36:57,740 --> 01:37:00,230  
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2440  
01:37:00,230 --> 01:37:02,780  
And we liked him.

2441  
01:37:02,780 --> 01:37:06,710  
He was a warm  
personality-- very warm.

2442  
01:37:06,710 --> 01:37:07,640  
Yeah.

2443  
01:37:07,640 --> 01:37:10,070  
Did he help around  
the house at all?

2444  
01:37:10,070 --> 01:37:10,960  
No.

2445  
01:37:10,960 --> 01:37:12,960  
[LAUGHS]

2446  
01:37:12,960 --> 01:37:14,010  
A real man.

2447  
01:37:14,010 --> 01:37:16,870  
[LAUGHS]

2448  
01:37:16,870 --> 01:37:21,780  
He was always studying  
to be a doctor.

2449  
01:37:21,780 --> 01:37:26,330  
So in other words, he hadn't  
gotten his certifications

2450  
01:37:26,330 --> 01:37:27,502  
yet to be a doctor.

2451

01:37:27,502 --> 01:37:29,210  
I don't know if he  
got the certification,

2452  
01:37:29,210 --> 01:37:33,740  
but he had gone to the  
University of Bologna.

2453  
01:37:33,740 --> 01:37:37,095  
One of the best universities  
in the world, resides in Italy.

2454  
01:37:37,095 --> 01:37:38,760  
I don't know if  
you know about it.

2455  
01:37:38,760 --> 01:37:40,430  
Not much, no.

2456  
01:37:40,430 --> 01:37:40,930  
No.

2457  
01:37:40,930 --> 01:37:43,040  
It's 800 years old.

2458  
01:37:43,040 --> 01:37:45,050  
Oh my goodness.

2459  
01:37:45,050 --> 01:37:46,910  
Older than Harvard.

2460  
01:37:46,910 --> 01:37:48,050  
Older than Harvard.

2461  
01:37:48,050 --> 01:37:48,830  
That's for sure.

2462  
01:37:48,830 --> 01:37:51,030  
He had studied there,  
and he had the papers.

2463  
01:37:51,030 --> 01:37:51,890

OK.

2464

01:37:51,890 --> 01:37:53,840

What country had he come from?

2465

01:37:53,840 --> 01:37:54,810

Poland.

2466

01:37:54,810 --> 01:37:56,900

He had come from Poland.

2467

01:37:56,900 --> 01:37:59,270

And what about Ula?

2468

01:37:59,270 --> 01:38:00,710

What country did she come from?

2469

01:38:00,710 --> 01:38:03,005

I think it was Germany with Ula.

2470

01:38:03,005 --> 01:38:03,630

It was Germany.

2471

01:38:03,630 --> 01:38:04,230

Yes.

2472

01:38:04,230 --> 01:38:07,380

And did they say how they met.

2473

01:38:07,380 --> 01:38:08,610

In school.

2474

01:38:08,610 --> 01:38:10,050

So they met in Bologna.

2475

01:38:10,050 --> 01:38:10,920

Yes.

2476

01:38:10,920 --> 01:38:13,920

OK, was she also studying  
to be a doctor there?

2477  
01:38:13,920 --> 01:38:20,660  
She wanted to be not a  
doctor, but a nurse maybe.

2478  
01:38:20,660 --> 01:38:23,210  
OK, OK.

2479  
01:38:23,210 --> 01:38:30,200  
And did they say how long  
they had been in Italy

2480  
01:38:30,200 --> 01:38:31,550  
when they had come there?

2481  
01:38:31,550 --> 01:38:32,900  
No?

2482  
01:38:32,900 --> 01:38:36,740  
Well, after the  
persecution of the Jews,

2483  
01:38:36,740 --> 01:38:38,230  
they lived in Bologna.

2484  
01:38:38,230 --> 01:38:42,140  
They start running  
around, not to be caught.

2485  
01:38:42,140 --> 01:38:45,170  
I see, I see.

2486  
01:38:45,170 --> 01:38:49,280  
So it would have started pretty  
soon after the war starts.

2487  
01:38:49,280 --> 01:38:51,260  
Yes.

2488  
01:38:51,260 --> 01:38:55,850  
And did they ever tell  
you stories or anything



2489  
01:38:55,850 --> 01:38:58,190  
about the places they came from?

2490  
01:38:58,190 --> 01:39:01,660

2491  
01:39:01,660 --> 01:39:05,010  
Except it was very  
cold in Poland.

2492  
01:39:05,010 --> 01:39:06,700  
OK.

2493  
01:39:06,700 --> 01:39:08,140  
Did he ever say where in Poland.

2494  
01:39:08,140 --> 01:39:10,450  
We didn't talk much  
about Poland at all,

2495  
01:39:10,450 --> 01:39:12,640  
and I am sorry that I  
didn't ask questions.

2496  
01:39:12,640 --> 01:39:14,210  
But I was-- you know.

2497  
01:39:14,210 --> 01:39:14,710  
Of course.

2498  
01:39:14,710 --> 01:39:16,290  
You were a kid.

2499  
01:39:16,290 --> 01:39:19,390  
It's not so much I'm asking  
what did he tell you,

2500  
01:39:19,390 --> 01:39:22,930  
but what did he tell the  
family that you picked up?

2501

01:39:22,930 --> 01:39:25,330

And I was wondering  
what they talked about.

2502

01:39:25,330 --> 01:39:26,580

What kind of things--

2503

01:39:26,580 --> 01:39:29,410

what were the topics  
of conversation?

2504

01:39:29,410 --> 01:39:31,630

I don't know.

2505

01:39:31,630 --> 01:39:32,530

You don't know.

2506

01:39:32,530 --> 01:39:33,550

It's OK.

2507

01:39:33,550 --> 01:39:34,660

That's OK.

2508

01:39:34,660 --> 01:39:35,680

It's perfectly OK.

2509

01:39:35,680 --> 01:39:39,880

2510

01:39:39,880 --> 01:39:42,220

So I don't know if  
I asked already.

2511

01:39:42,220 --> 01:39:45,010

What kind of a  
personality did Ula have?

2512

01:39:45,010 --> 01:39:47,590

You said she was  
smaller, more petite.

2513

01:39:47,590 --> 01:39:50,020

Oh, she was a real  
German person.

2514

01:39:50,020 --> 01:39:50,560

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2515

01:39:50,560 --> 01:39:51,060

Really?

2516

01:39:51,060 --> 01:39:54,400

2517

01:39:54,400 --> 01:39:57,100

She was really German, yeah.

2518

01:39:57,100 --> 01:40:02,730

She-- Marco was warm.

2519

01:40:02,730 --> 01:40:05,250

2520

01:40:05,250 --> 01:40:09,634

Ula was cold, but  
she still loved us.

2521

01:40:09,634 --> 01:40:14,050

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2522

01:40:14,050 --> 01:40:16,240

How was she different  
than everybody else

2523

01:40:16,240 --> 01:40:17,420

that you knew then?

2524

01:40:17,420 --> 01:40:21,070

First of all, she  
was very intelligent.

2525

01:40:21,070 --> 01:40:23,570

She was extremely intelligent.

2526  
01:40:23,570 --> 01:40:25,970  
And they put it  
up-- aside already.

2527  
01:40:25,970 --> 01:40:26,470  
OK.

2528  
01:40:26,470 --> 01:40:29,080

2529  
01:40:29,080 --> 01:40:32,370  
She knew about everything.

2530  
01:40:32,370 --> 01:40:33,880  
She knew everything, yeah.

2531  
01:40:33,880 --> 01:40:36,477

2532  
01:40:36,477 --> 01:40:38,060  
That's all I could  
tell you about her.

2533  
01:40:38,060 --> 01:40:40,150  
She was wonderful.

2534  
01:40:40,150 --> 01:40:42,880  
Did she help around the house?

2535  
01:40:42,880 --> 01:40:43,614  
No.

2536  
01:40:43,614 --> 01:40:47,170  
[LAUGHTER]

2537  
01:40:47,170 --> 01:40:47,980  
No.

2538  
01:40:47,980 --> 01:40:49,780  
That was my mother's job.

2539  
01:40:49,780 --> 01:40:52,360  
OK, OK.

2540  
01:40:52,360 --> 01:40:56,480  
Did they ever get to know your  
grandparents, Marco and Ula?

2541  
01:40:56,480 --> 01:40:58,400  
No.

2542  
01:40:58,400 --> 01:41:00,680  
Did they ever have  
any interaction

2543  
01:41:00,680 --> 01:41:02,750  
with any of your neighbors?

2544  
01:41:02,750 --> 01:41:03,530  
Oh yes.

2545  
01:41:03,530 --> 01:41:05,090  
Yeah?

2546  
01:41:05,090 --> 01:41:08,210  
What kind-- who were the  
neighbors-- what kind

2547  
01:41:08,210 --> 01:41:10,670  
of interaction was this,  
and which neighbors

2548  
01:41:10,670 --> 01:41:12,630  
did they talk to?

2549  
01:41:12,630 --> 01:41:16,650  
Well, the neighbors used to  
say they're people like us.

2550  
01:41:16,650 --> 01:41:19,380  
Why do they have  
to go through this.

2551  
01:41:19,380 --> 01:41:25,086  
They couldn't understand  
it, what was going on.

2552  
01:41:25,086 --> 01:41:25,910  
"Why?

2553  
01:41:25,910 --> 01:41:28,140  
They are people like  
us," they used to say.

2554  
01:41:28,140 --> 01:41:30,340  
"Why have they got  
to go through this?"

2555  
01:41:30,340 --> 01:41:33,480

2556  
01:41:33,480 --> 01:41:44,350  
And you say that when he'd  
learn that someone was sick,

2557  
01:41:44,350 --> 01:41:47,020  
he would try to run and help.

2558  
01:41:47,020 --> 01:41:49,300  
He would run and take care  
of the sick people, which

2559  
01:41:49,300 --> 01:41:51,610  
was against the law.

2560  
01:41:51,610 --> 01:41:54,100  
He wasn't supposed to do that.

2561  
01:41:54,100 --> 01:41:55,605  
Did he help heal them?

2562  
01:41:55,605 --> 01:41:56,140  
Huh?

2563

01:41:56,140 --> 01:41:58,230

Did he help heal  
them, these people.

2564

01:41:58,230 --> 01:42:00,310

He helped the sick people.

2565

01:42:00,310 --> 01:42:01,700

It was against the law.

2566

01:42:01,700 --> 01:42:04,480

He wasn't supposed to do that.

2567

01:42:04,480 --> 01:42:05,770

But he went.

2568

01:42:05,770 --> 01:42:08,830

If he heard a person's  
sick, he would run

2569

01:42:08,830 --> 01:42:10,630

to take care of that person.

2570

01:42:10,630 --> 01:42:12,880

OK, OK.

2571

01:42:12,880 --> 01:42:16,360

Did he ever meet  
your grandfather?

2572

01:42:16,360 --> 01:42:16,960

Did I ask--

2573

01:42:16,960 --> 01:42:17,460

No.

2574

01:42:17,460 --> 01:42:18,010

No.

2575

01:42:18,010 --> 01:42:20,110

He never met your

grandfather and grandmother.

2576

01:42:20,110 --> 01:42:25,150

Well, my grandfather lived  
up in the mountain almost.

2577

01:42:25,150 --> 01:42:27,550

It was hard for him to  
come down where we were.

2578

01:42:27,550 --> 01:42:28,380

I see.

2579

01:42:28,380 --> 01:42:30,370

And in those days,  
people don't get it.

2580

01:42:30,370 --> 01:42:31,860

Didn't go around.

2581

01:42:31,860 --> 01:42:33,392

They stayed where--

2582

01:42:33,392 --> 01:42:34,180

Where they are.

2583

01:42:34,180 --> 01:42:35,140

Where they lived.

2584

01:42:35,140 --> 01:42:36,010

Yeah.

2585

01:42:36,010 --> 01:42:39,340

Well, you had said there was  
quite a few hundred steps--

2586

01:42:39,340 --> 01:42:41,515

over 200 steps to get  
to your grandfather.

2587

01:42:41,515 --> 01:42:42,700

Oh, yes.



2588  
01:42:42,700 --> 01:42:44,010  
You've seen the book.

2589  
01:42:44,010 --> 01:42:46,488  
Yeah, yeah.

2590  
01:42:46,488 --> 01:42:47,030  
I would say--

2591  
01:42:47,030 --> 01:42:50,560  
It was climbing, climbing,  
climbing climbing, all the way.

2592  
01:42:50,560 --> 01:42:53,090

2593  
01:42:53,090 --> 01:42:58,520  
Did Ula and Marco stay in  
their room most of the time,

2594  
01:42:58,520 --> 01:43:01,550  
or did they walk  
around town much?

2595  
01:43:01,550 --> 01:43:04,670  
In those days, nobody  
did much working.

2596  
01:43:04,670 --> 01:43:06,330  
OK, so they stayed  
in their room.

2597  
01:43:06,330 --> 01:43:08,180  
Yeah, they stayed  
to themselves, yeah.

2598  
01:43:08,180 --> 01:43:09,980  
OK.

2599  
01:43:09,980 --> 01:43:12,140  
I would say let's take

a break right now.

2600  
01:43:12,140 --> 01:43:12,680  
OK.

2601  
01:43:12,680 --> 01:43:14,000  
And we'll continue later.

2602  
01:43:14,000 --> 01:43:17,350

2603  
01:43:17,350 --> 01:43:21,760  
OK, so we just had  
a little break.

2604  
01:43:21,760 --> 01:43:27,100  
And I wanted to ask  
more about daily life

2605  
01:43:27,100 --> 01:43:31,630  
when the Tenenbaums were in your  
home, Ula and Marco, and then

2606  
01:43:31,630 --> 01:43:33,520  
later Katja.

2607  
01:43:33,520 --> 01:43:38,110  
Was there a division of  
labor in the house as to who

2608  
01:43:38,110 --> 01:43:38,950  
did what chores?

2609  
01:43:38,950 --> 01:43:41,140  
Who took care of Katja?

2610  
01:43:41,140 --> 01:43:42,728  
My mother took care of Katja.

2611  
01:43:42,728 --> 01:43:44,020  
Your mother took care of Katja.

2612  
01:43:44,020 --> 01:43:45,430  
Oh yeah.

2613  
01:43:45,430 --> 01:43:46,360  
Katja was her baby.

2614  
01:43:46,360 --> 01:43:49,000

2615  
01:43:49,000 --> 01:43:52,150  
And did any of you  
girls help out?

2616  
01:43:52,150 --> 01:43:53,080  
Yes, we helped out.

2617  
01:43:53,080 --> 01:43:55,600  
We loved to her help out.

2618  
01:43:55,600 --> 01:43:58,360  
We just loved Katja.

2619  
01:43:58,360 --> 01:44:01,780  
And we loved to be around  
her and play with her

2620  
01:44:01,780 --> 01:44:04,630  
and stuff like that.

2621  
01:44:04,630 --> 01:44:06,730  
Were you-- you were the oldest.

2622  
01:44:06,730 --> 01:44:07,900  
Huh?

2623  
01:44:07,900 --> 01:44:10,060  
You were the oldest girl.

2624  
01:44:10,060 --> 01:44:12,820  
You were the oldest girl, yes?

2625

01:44:12,820 --> 01:44:14,530

I didn't understand.

2626

01:44:14,530 --> 01:44:17,540

You are the oldest  
girl in that house.

2627

01:44:17,540 --> 01:44:18,040

Yes.

2628

01:44:18,040 --> 01:44:20,530

So were you the main babysitter?

2629

01:44:20,530 --> 01:44:21,830

We shared.

2630

01:44:21,830 --> 01:44:22,700

OK.

2631

01:44:22,700 --> 01:44:23,260

We shared.

2632

01:44:23,260 --> 01:44:25,370

We all loved her.

2633

01:44:25,370 --> 01:44:27,380

We just wanted to  
take care of her.

2634

01:44:27,380 --> 01:44:27,880

OK.

2635

01:44:27,880 --> 01:44:28,990

She was a doll.

2636

01:44:28,990 --> 01:44:29,650

OK.

2637

01:44:29,650 --> 01:44:35,080

So were there other household  
chores that had to be done?

2638  
01:44:35,080 --> 01:44:39,020  
Once in a while, I washed the  
dishes and I cleaned the house,

2639  
01:44:39,020 --> 01:44:39,520  
yeah.

2640  
01:44:39,520 --> 01:44:43,240  
I did sweep and wash the floor  
and stuff like that, yeah.

2641  
01:44:43,240 --> 01:44:46,720  
And Silvana, did  
she do anything?

2642  
01:44:46,720 --> 01:44:48,310  
Silvana was in another--

2643  
01:44:48,310 --> 01:44:48,820  
oh, yeah.

2644  
01:44:48,820 --> 01:44:50,200  
She worked.

2645  
01:44:50,200 --> 01:44:52,060  
I'm sorry.

2646  
01:44:52,060 --> 01:44:55,530  
She was the baby, too, so  
she didn't know many things.

2647  
01:44:55,530 --> 01:44:56,910  
OK, and Pompea

2648  
01:44:56,910 --> 01:45:00,220  
And Pompea, she  
was a great help.

2649  
01:45:00,220 --> 01:45:03,490  
OK, and so your  
mother is the one who

2650  
01:45:03,490 --> 01:45:05,500  
mostly took care of Katja.

2651  
01:45:05,500 --> 01:45:06,400  
Yes.

2652  
01:45:06,400 --> 01:45:08,440  
What was Ula doing  
when your mother

2653  
01:45:08,440 --> 01:45:10,930  
was taking care of Katja?

2654  
01:45:10,930 --> 01:45:12,550  
What were we doing?

2655  
01:45:12,550 --> 01:45:14,410  
What was Ula?

2656  
01:45:14,410 --> 01:45:16,750  
Oh, Ula, she'd just hang around.

2657  
01:45:16,750 --> 01:45:17,890  
She'd just hang around.

2658  
01:45:17,890 --> 01:45:18,390  
That's all.

2659  
01:45:18,390 --> 01:45:20,230  
[LAUGHS]

2660  
01:45:20,230 --> 01:45:21,940  
She had it easy.

2661  
01:45:21,940 --> 01:45:24,230  
That sounds like it.

2662  
01:45:24,230 --> 01:45:26,810  
Who;d do the laundry?

2663

01:45:26,810 --> 01:45:30,860

That's one big thing  
we had a woman who used

2664

01:45:30,860 --> 01:45:32,690

to come in and do the laundry.

2665

01:45:32,690 --> 01:45:35,490

But at times, my  
mother did the laundry.

2666

01:45:35,490 --> 01:45:35,990

OK.

2667

01:45:35,990 --> 01:45:36,490

Yeah.

2668

01:45:36,490 --> 01:45:37,220

OK.

2669

01:45:37,220 --> 01:45:39,770

Who would prepare  
the food, the meals?

2670

01:45:39,770 --> 01:45:40,380

Mama.

2671

01:45:40,380 --> 01:45:41,090

Mama.

2672

01:45:41,090 --> 01:45:41,960

Yes.

2673

01:45:41,960 --> 01:45:43,530

And did anybody help her?

2674

01:45:43,530 --> 01:45:46,200

2675

01:45:46,200 --> 01:45:47,790

She didn't want any help.

2676  
01:45:47,790 --> 01:45:51,930  
OK, OK, and Marco?

2677  
01:45:51,930 --> 01:45:55,440  
Marco was busy with his books.

2678  
01:45:55,440 --> 01:45:58,610  
And the people, he had  
made some friends in town.

2679  
01:45:58,610 --> 01:46:03,330  
He used to go and talk with her,  
even though he was not allowed.

2680  
01:46:03,330 --> 01:46:04,740  
He took chances.

2681  
01:46:04,740 --> 01:46:05,940  
I see.

2682  
01:46:05,940 --> 01:46:10,680  
So did he have connections  
with other of those Jews

2683  
01:46:10,680 --> 01:46:11,550  
who had come to--

2684  
01:46:11,550 --> 01:46:12,750  
Yes, there were some.

2685  
01:46:12,750 --> 01:46:15,390  
And they lived not too  
far from our house.

2686  
01:46:15,390 --> 01:46:19,560  
One was Leon, and  
another one was Misha.

2687  
01:46:19,560 --> 01:46:20,490  
Misha.



2688

01:46:20,490 --> 01:46:21,830

Leon and Misha.

2689

01:46:21,830 --> 01:46:22,400

Misha.

2690

01:46:22,400 --> 01:46:24,210

He was Polish.

2691

01:46:24,210 --> 01:46:26,130

And did they come to your house?

2692

01:46:26,130 --> 01:46:28,230

They came to see Marco, yeah.

2693

01:46:28,230 --> 01:46:30,163

OK, did you get  
to know them too?

2694

01:46:30,163 --> 01:46:31,950

Yes, I got to know them.

2695

01:46:31,950 --> 01:46:34,110

And did they speak Italian?

2696

01:46:34,110 --> 01:46:34,800

Very little.

2697

01:46:34,800 --> 01:46:38,580

Marco was fluent, but  
the others, very little.

2698

01:46:38,580 --> 01:46:42,450

OK, did you learn anything  
about where they came from

2699

01:46:42,450 --> 01:46:43,620

and their stories?

2700

01:46:43,620 --> 01:46:49,620

Yes, we know they

were from Poland.

2701

01:46:49,620 --> 01:46:53,600

That's when we learned  
more about the war.

2702

01:46:53,600 --> 01:46:58,890

They talked to us about how  
they were occupied by the Nazis.

2703

01:46:58,890 --> 01:47:01,730

OK, so this is one way  
that you were learning.

2704

01:47:01,730 --> 01:47:04,070

That's one way that we  
learned, because like I said,

2705

01:47:04,070 --> 01:47:05,750

there was no newspaper.

2706

01:47:05,750 --> 01:47:07,310

Yeah, yeah.

2707

01:47:07,310 --> 01:47:10,192

There were no newspapers to  
tell what was really going on.

2708

01:47:10,192 --> 01:47:10,692

Yes.

2709

01:47:10,692 --> 01:47:14,630

2710

01:47:14,630 --> 01:47:17,510

Did Marco have any other--

2711

01:47:17,510 --> 01:47:22,940

I mean, did any of the  
women come to Ula, who--

2712

01:47:22,940 --> 01:47:25,487

other of the Jewish  
women who were in town?

2713  
01:47:25,487 --> 01:47:26,695  
Did she have any interaction?

2714  
01:47:26,695 --> 01:47:29,150  
They kept to themselves.

2715  
01:47:29,150 --> 01:47:31,580  
They were afraid to get  
out of their houses.

2716  
01:47:31,580 --> 01:47:32,720  
Except Marco.

2717  
01:47:32,720 --> 01:47:33,447  
Except Marco.

2718  
01:47:33,447 --> 01:47:34,280  
Marco went anyplace.

2719  
01:47:34,280 --> 01:47:35,920  
He didn't care.

2720  
01:47:35,920 --> 01:47:38,510  
OK.

2721  
01:47:38,510 --> 01:47:40,820  
During the break,  
one of your children

2722  
01:47:40,820 --> 01:47:45,350  
mentioned that actually,  
you were the second place

2723  
01:47:45,350 --> 01:47:50,600  
that Marco and Ula had come  
to live with in San Donato.

2724  
01:47:50,600 --> 01:47:52,850  
Was there another

house that they went to

2725

01:47:52,850 --> 01:47:55,520  
before they came to you?

2726

01:47:55,520 --> 01:47:59,270  
Marcelle just reminded  
me, I had forgotten.

2727

01:47:59,270 --> 01:48:02,540  
Before they came to my  
house, to live in my house,

2728

01:48:02,540 --> 01:48:04,940  
they lived in a different house.

2729

01:48:04,940 --> 01:48:07,280  
But they didn't like it.

2730

01:48:07,280 --> 01:48:10,530  
They didn't like their other  
house, so they came to us.

2731

01:48:10,530 --> 01:48:13,880  
Do you know why  
they didn't like it?

2732

01:48:13,880 --> 01:48:17,340  
Ula used to say when they  
got out from their bedroom,

2733

01:48:17,340 --> 01:48:19,840  
they'd go into the  
kitchen, nobody

2734

01:48:19,840 --> 01:48:22,990  
said a word and nobody smiled  
and nobody said good morning,

2735

01:48:22,990 --> 01:48:24,390  
and nothing like that.

2736

01:48:24,390 --> 01:48:29,650  
Says when I come over here in  
the house, everybody's smiling.

2737  
01:48:29,650 --> 01:48:32,590  
OK, so it was a warm home.

2738  
01:48:32,590 --> 01:48:33,710  
We were.

2739  
01:48:33,710 --> 01:48:40,785  
Yeah, and I take it,  
then, life goes on.

2740  
01:48:40,785 --> 01:48:41,940  
Life goes on.

2741  
01:48:41,940 --> 01:48:42,630  
Life goes on.

2742  
01:48:42,630 --> 01:48:44,880  
So Ula and Marco are there.

2743  
01:48:44,880 --> 01:48:46,020  
Katja is born.

2744  
01:48:46,020 --> 01:48:47,790  
Yes.

2745  
01:48:47,790 --> 01:48:51,540  
You girls play with  
her like a living doll.

2746  
01:48:51,540 --> 01:48:52,470  
That's right.

2747  
01:48:52,470 --> 01:48:58,590  
And what other major events  
are occurring at this time,

2748  
01:48:58,590 --> 01:49:02,250  
because it's wartime, but

it doesn't seem like much

2749

01:49:02,250 --> 01:49:03,980  
of the war has come to you.

2750

01:49:03,980 --> 01:49:04,480  
No.

2751

01:49:04,480 --> 01:49:08,965

2752

01:49:08,965 --> 01:49:14,070  
There was a woman in the  
neighborhood who owned a radio.

2753

01:49:14,070 --> 01:49:19,890  
So then she know if Mussolini  
was going to talk on the radio.

2754

01:49:19,890 --> 01:49:24,680  
She calls all the neighbors  
to come at a certain time

2755

01:49:24,680 --> 01:49:28,720  
at her house to listen  
to Mussolini talk.

2756

01:49:28,720 --> 01:49:31,090  
And what are some of the  
things you heard him say?

2757

01:49:31,090 --> 01:49:36,740

2758

01:49:36,740 --> 01:49:39,900  
That we're going  
to be victorious.

2759

01:49:39,900 --> 01:49:44,430  
We were going to build  
a train from Rome

2760

01:49:44,430 --> 01:49:51,340  
to Berlin, one direct train.

2761  
01:49:51,340 --> 01:49:52,574  
One direct.

2762  
01:49:52,574 --> 01:49:54,550  
Direct.

2763  
01:49:54,550 --> 01:49:56,770  
Roma-Berlino, Roma-Berlino.

2764  
01:49:56,770 --> 01:50:01,375  
That was the name of the train.

2765  
01:50:01,375 --> 01:50:07,240

2766  
01:50:07,240 --> 01:50:09,870  
Did any more Jews  
come to San Donato.

2767  
01:50:09,870 --> 01:50:10,720  
Huh?

2768  
01:50:10,720 --> 01:50:14,320  
Did any more Jews come to San  
Donato after the first one?

2769  
01:50:14,320 --> 01:50:16,570  
The first group of Jews  
that came to San Donato

2770  
01:50:16,570 --> 01:50:22,610  
were about 17 or 18, and  
they were mostly women.

2771  
01:50:22,610 --> 01:50:24,210  
OK.

2772  
01:50:24,210 --> 01:50:27,210  
After that group, a

couple more came down.

2773

01:50:27,210 --> 01:50:27,850

Oh, really?

2774

01:50:27,850 --> 01:50:31,920

Yeah, but not in  
such a great group.

2775

01:50:31,920 --> 01:50:32,940

OK.

2776

01:50:32,940 --> 01:50:36,000

And Marco and Ula, they were  
part of the first group?

2777

01:50:36,000 --> 01:50:36,820

Yes.

2778

01:50:36,820 --> 01:50:40,140

OK, and Leon and the  
other young man, they--

2779

01:50:40,140 --> 01:50:42,250

I don't know if they were  
part of the first group,

2780

01:50:42,250 --> 01:50:48,040

but they started to come to  
the house to talk with Marco.

2781

01:50:48,040 --> 01:50:53,290

And we found out  
that Leon was Polish,

2782

01:50:53,290 --> 01:50:56,850

and Misha was Polish also.

2783

01:50:56,850 --> 01:50:58,730

Misha was a veterinarian.

2784

01:50:58,730 --> 01:51:00,270



A veterinarian?

2785

01:51:00,270 --> 01:51:02,280

A veterinarian.

2786

01:51:02,280 --> 01:51:03,900

So did he do anything?

2787

01:51:03,900 --> 01:51:06,910

Did he go and help with animals?

2788

01:51:06,910 --> 01:51:08,570

He was afraid.

2789

01:51:08,570 --> 01:51:10,820

They were not supposed to work.

2790

01:51:10,820 --> 01:51:12,030

OK.

2791

01:51:12,030 --> 01:51:14,760

They were taking a chance.

2792

01:51:14,760 --> 01:51:17,070

You say that they  
got some money.

2793

01:51:17,070 --> 01:51:19,110

They got a stipend.

2794

01:51:19,110 --> 01:51:21,540

How would they get that stipend?

2795

01:51:21,540 --> 01:51:23,190

Through the city hall.

2796

01:51:23,190 --> 01:51:24,900

So they would go  
to the city hall?

2797

01:51:24,900 --> 01:51:27,390

They had to go to city  
hall every morning

2798  
01:51:27,390 --> 01:51:29,940  
to sign some papers.

2799  
01:51:29,940 --> 01:51:30,880  
OK.

2800  
01:51:30,880 --> 01:51:36,000  
Mussolini wanted everybody  
to sign their names to make

2801  
01:51:36,000 --> 01:51:40,920  
believe that they were in town--  
that they had not escaped.

2802  
01:51:40,920 --> 01:51:44,040  
OK, so this was the  
method of internment.

2803  
01:51:44,040 --> 01:51:45,030  
Right.

2804  
01:51:45,030 --> 01:51:49,440  
All right, and did  
any of them escape?

2805  
01:51:49,440 --> 01:51:50,340  
Did any of them--

2806  
01:51:50,340 --> 01:51:50,840  
No.

2807  
01:51:50,840 --> 01:51:53,150  
They didn't even try to, no.

2808  
01:51:53,150 --> 01:51:54,060  
OK.

2809  
01:51:54,060 --> 01:51:57,060  
They didn't try to.

2810  
01:51:57,060 --> 01:52:04,200  
And was there more of a  
military presence in the town

2811  
01:52:04,200 --> 01:52:06,030  
as time goes on?

2812  
01:52:06,030 --> 01:52:09,660  
As time went on, there  
was, yes, Germans.

2813  
01:52:09,660 --> 01:52:12,520  
When did the Germans come?

2814  
01:52:12,520 --> 01:52:13,476  
When did they come?

2815  
01:52:13,476 --> 01:52:13,976  
Mm-hmm.

2816  
01:52:13,976 --> 01:52:17,220

2817  
01:52:17,220 --> 01:52:19,280  
When everything was going on.

2818  
01:52:19,280 --> 01:52:21,785  
So would this be 1943 or 1944?

2819  
01:52:21,785 --> 01:52:24,260  
Yeah, '43, '44.

2820  
01:52:24,260 --> 01:52:25,164  
OK.

2821  
01:52:25,164 --> 01:52:26,980  
Yeah.

2822  
01:52:26,980 --> 01:52:31,640  
OK, one thing I wanted

to clarify for myself,

2823

01:52:31,640 --> 01:52:37,010

Ula, was that her full name  
or was that her nickname?

2824

01:52:37,010 --> 01:52:37,810

It was what?

2825

01:52:37,810 --> 01:52:40,400

Ula, her name, was that her--

2826

01:52:40,400 --> 01:52:41,000

Ursula.

2827

01:52:41,000 --> 01:52:42,560

Ursula was her full name.

2828

01:52:42,560 --> 01:52:43,140

Yes.

2829

01:52:43,140 --> 01:52:47,050

OK, and Ula was her nickname.

2830

01:52:47,050 --> 01:52:51,850

Tenenbaum was the name of the  
husband, so she took that name.

2831

01:52:51,850 --> 01:52:52,990

OK.

2832

01:52:52,990 --> 01:52:54,760

I don't know if she had a--

2833

01:52:54,760 --> 01:52:56,200

A maiden name, OK.

2834

01:52:56,200 --> 01:52:57,970

They were married,  
when they got to you.

2835

01:52:57,970 --> 01:52:58,960  
They were married.

2836  
01:52:58,960 --> 01:53:00,460  
Already, OK.

2837  
01:53:00,460 --> 01:53:03,070  
Did you know any of  
the other internati?

2838  
01:53:03,070 --> 01:53:05,250  
Did you know any other  
of those who came.

2839  
01:53:05,250 --> 01:53:08,890  
Misha was a veterinarian.

2840  
01:53:08,890 --> 01:53:10,630  
Yeah.

2841  
01:53:10,630 --> 01:53:12,340  
And--

2842  
01:53:12,340 --> 01:53:13,660  
Leon?

2843  
01:53:13,660 --> 01:53:16,450  
Leo was a carpenter.

2844  
01:53:16,450 --> 01:53:20,770  
OK, did you know any  
others who came with them?

2845  
01:53:20,770 --> 01:53:23,860  
No, these are the ones that  
they used to come to see Marco.

2846  
01:53:23,860 --> 01:53:28,660  
OK, was there a lady named  
Marguerite Bloch that you met?

2847  
01:53:28,660 --> 01:53:29,320

Is what?

2848  
01:53:29,320 --> 01:53:31,880  
Marguerite Bloch  
Does that say any--

2849  
01:53:31,880 --> 01:53:35,080  
I heard of Marguerite  
Bloch, and she was

2850  
01:53:35,080 --> 01:53:37,540  
in my town for a little while.

2851  
01:53:37,540 --> 01:53:38,560  
OK.

2852  
01:53:38,560 --> 01:53:39,760  
Did you ever see her?

2853  
01:53:39,760 --> 01:53:40,930  
I saw her.

2854  
01:53:40,930 --> 01:53:42,690  
Did you meet her  
and talk to her?

2855  
01:53:42,690 --> 01:53:44,800  
No/ I just saw her in town.

2856  
01:53:44,800 --> 01:53:47,840  
Somebody pointed to me  
that's Marguerite Bloch.

2857  
01:53:47,840 --> 01:53:51,695  
And why did they  
point her out to you?

2858  
01:53:51,695 --> 01:53:52,570  
Was there something--

2859  
01:53:52,570 --> 01:53:54,300  
Because she was Jewish.

2860  
01:53:54,300 --> 01:53:55,600  
OK.

2861  
01:53:55,600 --> 01:53:57,070  
Was there something about her?

2862  
01:53:57,070 --> 01:53:58,195  
Was she a famous person?

2863  
01:53:58,195 --> 01:54:01,900

2864  
01:54:01,900 --> 01:54:04,630  
I read a book about it.

2865  
01:54:04,630 --> 01:54:08,620  
I don't remember now  
too much about it, yeah.

2866  
01:54:08,620 --> 01:54:17,230  
She was the mistress  
of a book writer.

2867  
01:54:17,230 --> 01:54:18,740  
I believe it was Kafka.

2868  
01:54:18,740 --> 01:54:19,870  
Kafka, yes.

2869  
01:54:19,870 --> 01:54:20,990  
Franz Kafka.

2870  
01:54:20,990 --> 01:54:21,490  
Yeah.

2871  
01:54:21,490 --> 01:54:25,090  
And they had a child together.

2872  
01:54:25,090 --> 01:54:27,520  
She tried to save the child.

2873  
01:54:27,520 --> 01:54:31,910  
I don't know if  
she did it or not.

2874  
01:54:31,910 --> 01:54:33,530  
But she came to San Donato.

2875  
01:54:33,530 --> 01:54:37,700  
Then from San Donato,  
she went to Rome.

2876  
01:54:37,700 --> 01:54:41,360  
And then we lost track of her.

2877  
01:54:41,360 --> 01:54:42,800  
Was she captured?

2878  
01:54:42,800 --> 01:54:43,880  
Do you know?

2879  
01:54:43,880 --> 01:54:44,480  
I don't know.

2880  
01:54:44,480 --> 01:54:45,350  
I don't know.

2881  
01:54:45,350 --> 01:54:46,610  
I don't know.

2882  
01:54:46,610 --> 01:54:50,030  
Was there anybody in  
San Donato who she

2883  
01:54:50,030 --> 01:54:52,390  
was particularly close with?

2884  
01:54:52,390 --> 01:54:53,270  
To her?

2885  
01:54:53,270 --> 01:54:55,100



Yeah, to Marguerite Bloch.

2886

01:54:55,100 --> 01:54:56,570

I really don't know.

2887

01:54:56,570 --> 01:54:57,320

You don't know.

2888

01:54:57,320 --> 01:55:02,070

OK, because someone told  
me she had a confidant.

2889

01:55:02,070 --> 01:55:02,750

She what?

2890

01:55:02,750 --> 01:55:07,467

She had someone that she  
trusted with information.

2891

01:55:07,467 --> 01:55:08,550

You don't know about that?

2892

01:55:08,550 --> 01:55:09,080

No.

2893

01:55:09,080 --> 01:55:10,200

OK, OK.

2894

01:55:10,200 --> 01:55:13,490

2895

01:55:13,490 --> 01:55:21,900

So when did-- did the Italian  
government continue existing

2896

01:55:21,900 --> 01:55:23,910

as this is going on?

2897

01:55:23,910 --> 01:55:26,580

Mussolini is still  
giving speeches?

2898

01:55:26,580 --> 01:55:28,680

You're still gathered  
by the radio,

2899

01:55:28,680 --> 01:55:30,960

and listen to them and things?

2900

01:55:30,960 --> 01:55:33,210

Did he ever talk about the Jews?

2901

01:55:33,210 --> 01:55:35,645

Did Mussolini ever say  
anything about the Jews?

2902

01:55:35,645 --> 01:55:41,180

2903

01:55:41,180 --> 01:55:42,290

I can't recall that.

2904

01:55:42,290 --> 01:55:47,000

I remember somebody  
saying they are the enemy

2905

01:55:47,000 --> 01:55:49,780

of the country, the Jews.

2906

01:55:49,780 --> 01:55:50,930

Somebody official?

2907

01:55:50,930 --> 01:55:52,480

Somebody official.

2908

01:55:52,480 --> 01:55:53,540

OK.

2909

01:55:53,540 --> 01:55:57,360

They are the enemy  
of the country.

2910

01:55:57,360 --> 01:56:01,260

But I don't remember  
where it came from.

2911  
01:56:01,260 --> 01:56:02,720  
That I don't remember.

2912  
01:56:02,720 --> 01:56:04,050  
OK.

2913  
01:56:04,050 --> 01:56:08,750  
But they talked about the Jews  
are the enemy of the country.

2914  
01:56:08,750 --> 01:56:09,790  
Over the radio?

2915  
01:56:09,790 --> 01:56:11,240  
Over the radio.

2916  
01:56:11,240 --> 01:56:12,020  
OK.

2917  
01:56:12,020 --> 01:56:14,930  
How did people respond to  
that when they heard it?

2918  
01:56:14,930 --> 01:56:19,160

2919  
01:56:19,160 --> 01:56:22,205  
Some believed it, some didn't.

2920  
01:56:22,205 --> 01:56:24,440  
It's always like that.

2921  
01:56:24,440 --> 01:56:26,920  
Yeah.

2922  
01:56:26,920 --> 01:56:31,540  
So there were people, even  
in San Donato, who would say,

2923

01:56:31,540 --> 01:56:32,570

oh probably.

2924

01:56:32,570 --> 01:56:33,070

Probably.

2925

01:56:33,070 --> 01:56:37,320

2926

01:56:37,320 --> 01:56:46,760

Do you know about when  
Mussolini falls from power?

2927

01:56:46,760 --> 01:56:47,260

Do you--

2928

01:56:47,260 --> 01:56:48,080

What year?

2929

01:56:48,080 --> 01:56:49,390

Yeah.

2930

01:56:49,390 --> 01:56:52,480

La Marcia su Roma.

2931

01:56:52,480 --> 01:56:53,550

That was 19--

2932

01:56:53,550 --> 01:56:56,730

2933

01:56:56,730 --> 01:56:59,390

1924, I think.

2934

01:56:59,390 --> 01:57:04,350

No, there would be a  
long time before the war.

2935

01:57:04,350 --> 01:57:08,202

It's written here  
that it's in July '43.

2936  
01:57:08,202 --> 01:57:09,480  
'43?

2937  
01:57:09,480 --> 01:57:10,440  
Yeah.

2938  
01:57:10,440 --> 01:57:17,040  
Did life change for you in  
San Donato in July, that year,

2939  
01:57:17,040 --> 01:57:20,190  
when Mussolini falls from power?

2940  
01:57:20,190 --> 01:57:20,750  
No.

2941  
01:57:20,750 --> 01:57:21,470  
No.

2942  
01:57:21,470 --> 01:57:23,760  
You know, we had  
no communication.

2943  
01:57:23,760 --> 01:57:24,460  
OK.

2944  
01:57:24,460 --> 01:57:28,450  
If it wasn't for this woman,  
if she had an old radio,

2945  
01:57:28,450 --> 01:57:30,240  
if she didn't call  
us to listen--

2946  
01:57:30,240 --> 01:57:34,360  
or maybe she didn't listen  
to the radio either,

2947  
01:57:34,360 --> 01:57:35,770  
we wouldn't know.

2948

01:57:35,770 --> 01:57:39,170

The newspaper was  
one every week.

2949

01:57:39,170 --> 01:57:41,170

And just my  
grandfather bought it.

2950

01:57:41,170 --> 01:57:43,150

Yeah, the one that--

2951

01:57:43,150 --> 01:57:45,840

probably your grandfather  
was amongst the few people

2952

01:57:45,840 --> 01:57:46,840

who bought it.

2953

01:57:46,840 --> 01:57:49,420

Yeah.

2954

01:57:49,420 --> 01:57:52,570

When did the Germans come?

2955

01:57:52,570 --> 01:57:55,651

How did they come to--

2956

01:57:55,651 --> 01:57:56,530

To round up?

2957

01:57:56,530 --> 01:57:57,385

Yeah, to Italy.

2958

01:57:57,385 --> 01:57:58,010

I mean, first--

2959

01:57:58,010 --> 01:57:59,590

To round up the Jews?

2960

01:57:59,590 --> 01:58:01,420

Well, did they

come just for that?

2961

01:58:01,420 --> 01:58:03,633

Or did they come to San  
Donato because they're

2962

01:58:03,633 --> 01:58:04,300

occupying Italy?

2963

01:58:04,300 --> 01:58:05,410

Oh, I see what you mean.

2964

01:58:05,410 --> 01:58:07,300

Yeah.

2965

01:58:07,300 --> 01:58:10,360

Well, we were not too  
far from Monte Cassino.

2966

01:58:10,360 --> 01:58:11,170

Monte Cassino?

2967

01:58:11,170 --> 01:58:13,080

Yeah, Monte Cassino.

2968

01:58:13,080 --> 01:58:16,720

We were-- and also, the  
front was only 50 miles away

2969

01:58:16,720 --> 01:58:18,600

from San Donato.

2970

01:58:18,600 --> 01:58:19,510

Oh, I see.

2971

01:58:19,510 --> 01:58:22,080

We were very close.

2972

01:58:22,080 --> 01:58:24,555

So you started to see a  
lot of German soldiers?

2973

01:58:24,555 --> 01:58:27,990

We saw a lot of Germans.

2974

01:58:27,990 --> 01:58:32,760

Two of them came inside the house and took two rooms.

2975

01:58:32,760 --> 01:58:37,340

The rooms in front of the house, they'd just them all.

2976

01:58:37,340 --> 01:58:40,530

They were the kind of people, if they needed something,

2977

01:58:40,530 --> 01:58:41,940

they'd just take it.

2978

01:58:41,940 --> 01:58:45,690

They didn't ask anybody, can I have it.

2979

01:58:45,690 --> 01:58:47,340

Well, when they took those rooms,

2980

01:58:47,340 --> 01:58:50,010

were Marco and Ula and Katja in the house.

2981

01:58:50,010 --> 01:58:53,080

Well, Marco and Katja were in the back of the house.

2982

01:58:53,080 --> 01:58:55,695

This, we had a couple of rooms on the front--

2983

01:58:55,695 --> 01:58:58,800

the one we used, and there was an empty one.

2984



01:58:58,800 --> 01:59:00,890  
They used the empty one.

2985  
01:59:00,890 --> 01:59:03,600  
They came and sleep  
in there, they drank.

2986  
01:59:03,600 --> 01:59:09,660  
They used to boil red wine  
and drink it by the bottle.

2987  
01:59:09,660 --> 01:59:11,000  
Really?

2988  
01:59:11,000 --> 01:59:13,080  
Well, because they  
knew the next day

2989  
01:59:13,080 --> 01:59:17,780  
they were going to the front,  
and they knew that more or less

2990  
01:59:17,780 --> 01:59:19,650  
they would not come back.

2991  
01:59:19,650 --> 01:59:21,270  
Did they come back?

2992  
01:59:21,270 --> 01:59:23,250  
A lot of them, no.

2993  
01:59:23,250 --> 01:59:25,140  
The ones who were in your house.

2994  
01:59:25,140 --> 01:59:26,970  
Oh, they didn't go.

2995  
01:59:26,970 --> 01:59:29,310  
They didn't go, no.

2996  
01:59:29,310 --> 01:59:30,720  
They were smart.

2997

01:59:30,720 --> 01:59:33,720

My mother told me,  
you stay right here.

2998

01:59:33,720 --> 01:59:35,880

When they came to round  
up the Jewish people.

2999

01:59:35,880 --> 01:59:38,650

3000

01:59:38,650 --> 01:59:42,520

Well, what I'm asking  
right now, when the Germans

3001

01:59:42,520 --> 01:59:43,910

came into your house--

3002

01:59:43,910 --> 01:59:44,410

Yeah.

3003

01:59:44,410 --> 01:59:46,740

--and some of them  
were in the house.

3004

01:59:46,740 --> 01:59:49,690

3005

01:59:49,690 --> 01:59:54,580

Marco and Ula were they  
in the house as well?

3006

01:59:54,580 --> 01:59:59,140

OK, the house was  
divided by a room--

3007

01:59:59,140 --> 02:00:00,820

by a corridor.

3008

02:00:00,820 --> 02:00:01,530

OK.

3009  
02:00:01,530 --> 02:00:04,630  
And they were in the back of  
the house with the doors closed.

3010  
02:00:04,630 --> 02:00:06,670  
So they didn't even  
know that these Germans

3011  
02:00:06,670 --> 02:00:08,710  
were in the house.

3012  
02:00:08,710 --> 02:00:11,170  
And the Germans didn't know  
that they were in the house.

3013  
02:00:11,170 --> 02:00:11,920  
No.

3014  
02:00:11,920 --> 02:00:14,590  
Did this last a long time?

3015  
02:00:14,590 --> 02:00:20,480  
Not too long, no, because  
Cassino, the front,

3016  
02:00:20,480 --> 02:00:23,125  
they were killing  
Germans left and right.

3017  
02:00:23,125 --> 02:00:25,250  
OK, OK.

3018  
02:00:25,250 --> 02:00:29,000  
They used to go  
five or six of them,

3019  
02:00:29,000 --> 02:00:32,640  
or seven, come  
back in green bags.

3020  
02:00:32,640 --> 02:00:33,360

The Germans?

3021  
02:00:33,360 --> 02:00:34,720  
The Germans.

3022  
02:00:34,720 --> 02:00:40,920  
OK, so when the Germans  
arrive in San Donato,

3023  
02:00:40,920 --> 02:00:43,680  
was it all at once,  
or was it in waves?

3024  
02:00:43,680 --> 02:00:46,990

3025  
02:00:46,990 --> 02:00:48,000  
It was in waves.

3026  
02:00:48,000 --> 02:00:49,750  
It was in waves?

3027  
02:00:49,750 --> 02:00:50,250  
Yeah?

3028  
02:00:50,250 --> 02:00:53,740

3029  
02:00:53,740 --> 02:00:57,430  
Was the town full  
of German soldiers?

3030  
02:00:57,430 --> 02:00:59,980  
I wouldn't say full, but  
there were a lot of them.

3031  
02:00:59,980 --> 02:01:01,010  
There were a lot.

3032  
02:01:01,010 --> 02:01:09,740  
OK, and how did they  
treat the townspeople.

3033  
02:01:09,740 --> 02:01:11,030  
They did well.

3034  
02:01:11,030 --> 02:01:16,390  
A lot of them were  
highly educated.

3035  
02:01:16,390 --> 02:01:21,260  
They didn't want  
to fight anymore.

3036  
02:01:21,260 --> 02:01:23,570  
They did it well with  
the people, yeah.

3037  
02:01:23,570 --> 02:01:25,320  
So they weren't so bad.

3038  
02:01:25,320 --> 02:01:29,730  
No, they weren't so bad,  
except toward the Jews.

3039  
02:01:29,730 --> 02:01:32,030  
OK, so tell me about that.

3040  
02:01:32,030 --> 02:01:38,240  
Was there a special group that  
came to round up the Jews?

3041  
02:01:38,240 --> 02:01:46,220  
It was morning-- early morning.

3042  
02:01:46,220 --> 02:01:48,370  
OK.

3043  
02:01:48,370 --> 02:01:53,320  
And we heard trucks  
broke into town.

3044  
02:01:53,320 --> 02:01:59,300  
And the trucks stopped in

the center of the town, which

3045

02:01:59,300 --> 02:02:00,830

we called the piazza.

3046

02:02:00,830 --> 02:02:02,620

OK.

3047

02:02:02,620 --> 02:02:07,560

And they got out of the  
trucks, and with microphones

3048

02:02:07,560 --> 02:02:12,090

as to say, "you Jews  
that are hiding.

3049

02:02:12,090 --> 02:02:12,810

Come out.

3050

02:02:12,810 --> 02:02:14,610

We have stuff for you.

3051

02:02:14,610 --> 02:02:16,830

We're going to  
take you back home.

3052

02:02:16,830 --> 02:02:20,400

We're going to give  
you money to buy stuff.

3053

02:02:20,400 --> 02:02:22,320

Don't be afraid."

3054

02:02:22,320 --> 02:02:23,760

And they believed it.

3055

02:02:23,760 --> 02:02:25,260

There were Jews  
who believed this.

3056

02:02:25,260 --> 02:02:27,640

Yes, and they came out.

3057  
02:02:27,640 --> 02:02:32,140  
And they got into trucks,  
and we never saw them again.

3058  
02:02:32,140 --> 02:02:38,050  
When the news came  
to Marco and Ula,

3059  
02:02:38,050 --> 02:02:43,370  
Mama said to Marco and Ula, you  
two, run up on the mountains

3060  
02:02:43,370 --> 02:02:45,590  
and don't look back.

3061  
02:02:45,590 --> 02:02:47,060  
But they're going  
to give us stuff.

3062  
02:02:47,060 --> 02:02:49,110  
They're going to give us back--

3063  
02:02:49,110 --> 02:02:51,440  
they're going to take  
us back to our house.

3064  
02:02:51,440 --> 02:02:54,110  
But mother said to  
them don't believe it.

3065  
02:02:54,110 --> 02:02:55,830  
I don't believe it.

3066  
02:02:55,830 --> 02:02:56,770  
My mother knew.

3067  
02:02:56,770 --> 02:03:01,400  
So Marco and Ula also thought  
that this was a real thing?

3068  
02:03:01,400 --> 02:03:02,700

That they would get things?

3069

02:03:02,700 --> 02:03:03,893

This was a real thing.

3070

02:03:03,893 --> 02:03:06,430

They believed this.

3071

02:03:06,430 --> 02:03:08,210

Marco and Ula did

not believe them,

3072

02:03:08,210 --> 02:03:12,560

but they were like this

until my mother said run.

3073

02:03:12,560 --> 02:03:16,050

Both of you run up on the

mountains and don't come back.

3074

02:03:16,050 --> 02:03:17,930

We're going to bring you food.

3075

02:03:17,930 --> 02:03:19,460

We're going to

bring your blankets.

3076

02:03:19,460 --> 02:03:21,350

We're going to bring your water.

3077

02:03:21,350 --> 02:03:23,900

Was this summertime

or wintertime?

3078

02:03:23,900 --> 02:03:25,130

It was spring.

3079

02:03:25,130 --> 02:03:27,170

So it wasn't that

bad in the mountains.

3080

02:03:27,170 --> 02:03:29,390



It wasn't that bad, but it  
wasn't that warm either.

3081  
02:03:29,390 --> 02:03:30,500  
OK.

3082  
02:03:30,500 --> 02:03:33,080  
Now, when they run  
up in the mountains,

3083  
02:03:33,080 --> 02:03:35,270  
was there some place  
for them to sleep?

3084  
02:03:35,270 --> 02:03:36,660  
Or was it on the earth--

3085  
02:03:36,660 --> 02:03:37,280  
on the ground?

3086  
02:03:37,280 --> 02:03:38,630  
On the ground.

3087  
02:03:38,630 --> 02:03:39,930  
On the ground.

3088  
02:03:39,930 --> 02:03:42,230  
They lived like nomads.

3089  
02:03:42,230 --> 02:03:43,890  
OK.

3090  
02:03:43,890 --> 02:03:49,920  
And was there a set place that  
they ran to, or they just ran.

3091  
02:03:49,920 --> 02:03:51,230  
They followed the trail.

3092  
02:03:51,230 --> 02:03:52,550  
There was a trail.

3093

02:03:52,550 --> 02:03:53,090

OK.

3094

02:03:53,090 --> 02:03:57,830

They followed a trail, yeah,  
so the people could find them.

3095

02:03:57,830 --> 02:04:03,410

OK, and who would  
bring them food?

3096

02:04:03,410 --> 02:04:06,050

The people from the town.

3097

02:04:06,050 --> 02:04:08,330

And did any of--

3098

02:04:08,330 --> 02:04:12,505

I mean, who would bring  
food to Marco and Ula?

3099

02:04:12,505 --> 02:04:13,630

Oh, they were in our house.

3100

02:04:13,630 --> 02:04:16,070

Whatever we ate, they ate.

3101

02:04:16,070 --> 02:04:19,790

OK, but when your mother told  
them to run into the woods,

3102

02:04:19,790 --> 02:04:24,330

and they run, later,  
who brings them food?

3103

02:04:24,330 --> 02:04:27,400

Then the town people  
knew what was going on.

3104

02:04:27,400 --> 02:04:28,790

And they brought food.

3105

02:04:28,790 --> 02:04:32,050

OK, so it wasn't like  
you would bring food out

3106

02:04:32,050 --> 02:04:33,140

for Marco and Ula.

3107

02:04:33,140 --> 02:04:34,250

No, all the town people.

3108

02:04:34,250 --> 02:04:35,830

All the townspeople did.

3109

02:04:35,830 --> 02:04:40,620

Were there other people in the  
forests, too, or just the Jews?

3110

02:04:40,620 --> 02:04:42,240

There were other people.

3111

02:04:42,240 --> 02:04:44,585

So what kind of other people  
were hiding in the forests?

3112

02:04:44,585 --> 02:04:48,369

3113

02:04:48,369 --> 02:04:51,930

What can I say?

3114

02:04:51,930 --> 02:04:57,680

People if they had, like, food.

3115

02:04:57,680 --> 02:05:00,360

They were hiding it from--

3116

02:05:00,360 --> 02:05:02,880

I don't remember exactly.

3117

02:05:02,880 --> 02:05:05,460

What I'm saying, it

might not be true.

3118  
02:05:05,460 --> 02:05:07,350  
OK, I understand.

3119  
02:05:07,350 --> 02:05:12,180  
I was wondering whether there  
were communists, for example,

3120  
02:05:12,180 --> 02:05:13,020  
in the woods.

3121  
02:05:13,020 --> 02:05:15,760  
We didn't talk about  
communists in those days.

3122  
02:05:15,760 --> 02:05:16,260  
OK.

3123  
02:05:16,260 --> 02:05:18,060  
We had enough going on.

3124  
02:05:18,060 --> 02:05:18,900  
OK.

3125  
02:05:18,900 --> 02:05:20,320  
This is true.

3126  
02:05:20,320 --> 02:05:22,930  
Absolutely true.

3127  
02:05:22,930 --> 02:05:27,130  
So about how long did  
Marco and Ula stay--

3128  
02:05:27,130 --> 02:05:31,050  
Until the end of the war,  
which took a few months,

3129  
02:05:31,050 --> 02:05:32,790  
because this was the spring.

3130  
02:05:32,790 --> 02:05:34,220  
Of '44.

3131  
02:05:34,220 --> 02:05:35,580  
Of '44.

3132  
02:05:35,580 --> 02:05:43,110  
OK, and was it in early April?

3133  
02:05:43,110 --> 02:05:43,980  
Yes.

3134  
02:05:43,980 --> 02:05:46,080  
You think it was  
in early April '44?

3135  
02:05:46,080 --> 02:05:46,980  
Yes, yes.

3136  
02:05:46,980 --> 02:05:49,380  
OK.

3137  
02:05:49,380 --> 02:05:54,970  
Would you have an idea of when  
in April it might have been?

3138  
02:05:54,970 --> 02:05:55,870  
The date?

3139  
02:05:55,870 --> 02:05:57,580  
Yeah.

3140  
02:05:57,580 --> 02:05:58,820  
I think it's in the book.

3141  
02:05:58,820 --> 02:05:59,960  
I don't remember now.

3142  
02:05:59,960 --> 02:06:02,470  
OK, we'll take a look at  
the books later and see.

3143  
02:06:02,470 --> 02:06:04,510  
Yeah.

3144  
02:06:04,510 --> 02:06:06,750  
Is there a place called Sora?

3145  
02:06:06,750 --> 02:06:07,360  
Yes.

3146  
02:06:07,360 --> 02:06:08,940  
What is Sora?

3147  
02:06:08,940 --> 02:06:11,290  
It's a nice little town.

3148  
02:06:11,290 --> 02:06:16,060  
OK, and is it a town  
up in the mountains?

3149  
02:06:16,060 --> 02:06:16,720  
No.

3150  
02:06:16,720 --> 02:06:17,760  
Where is that, then?

3151  
02:06:17,760 --> 02:06:18,840  
It's in the plain.

3152  
02:06:18,840 --> 02:06:19,960  
It's--

3153  
02:06:19,960 --> 02:06:21,070  
In the valley?

3154  
02:06:21,070 --> 02:06:25,750  
In the valley, away from San  
Donato, right in the valley.

3155  
02:06:25,750 --> 02:06:29,645  
OK, is it more isolated

than San Donato?

3156  
02:06:29,645 --> 02:06:30,145  
No.

3157  
02:06:30,145 --> 02:06:31,690  
There were more people there.

3158  
02:06:31,690 --> 02:06:32,860  
More people.

3159  
02:06:32,860 --> 02:06:34,030  
More people there.

3160  
02:06:34,030 --> 02:06:38,170  
It was like a little city.

3161  
02:06:38,170 --> 02:06:40,720  
Did Marco and Ula ever go there.

3162  
02:06:40,720 --> 02:06:42,307  
No, they didn't take a chance.

3163  
02:06:42,307 --> 02:06:43,390  
They didn't take a chance.

3164  
02:06:43,390 --> 02:06:45,560  
They stayed in the mountains.

3165  
02:06:45,560 --> 02:06:46,060  
OK.

3166  
02:06:46,060 --> 02:06:50,570

3167  
02:06:50,570 --> 02:06:54,020  
Someone told me that  
Ula had a microscope.

3168  
02:06:54,020 --> 02:06:55,040  
What?

3169  
02:06:55,040 --> 02:06:59,750  
Someone told me that Ula got  
a microscope from somewhere.

3170  
02:06:59,750 --> 02:07:01,130  
He got a way what?

3171  
02:07:01,130 --> 02:07:03,310  
Microscope-- that  
she had a microscope.

3172  
02:07:03,310 --> 02:07:03,810  
She had.

3173  
02:07:03,810 --> 02:07:05,720  
They wanted to sell, yeah.

3174  
02:07:05,720 --> 02:07:09,440  
And did she come to San  
Donato with that microscope?

3175  
02:07:09,440 --> 02:07:14,840  
She came to San Donato, because  
had hidden the microscope.

3176  
02:07:14,840 --> 02:07:19,520  
And she wanted to sell it, but  
didn't get around to do it.

3177  
02:07:19,520 --> 02:07:23,360  
And when she first  
came to San Donato,

3178  
02:07:23,360 --> 02:07:25,160  
did she come with  
her microscope?

3179  
02:07:25,160 --> 02:07:26,120  
I don't know.

3180  
02:07:26,120 --> 02:07:27,320



OK.

3181  
02:07:27,320 --> 02:07:28,580  
OK, OK.

3182  
02:07:28,580 --> 02:07:31,190

3183  
02:07:31,190 --> 02:07:33,080  
Do you know anything  
about something

3184  
02:07:33,080 --> 02:07:37,180  
called the Vorga homestead?

3185  
02:07:37,180 --> 02:07:37,940  
Vorga?

3186  
02:07:37,940 --> 02:07:39,440  
Does that mean anything to you?

3187  
02:07:39,440 --> 02:07:40,220  
Vorga?

3188  
02:07:40,220 --> 02:07:41,470  
Yeah.

3189  
02:07:41,470 --> 02:07:42,940  
V- O- R- G- A-?

3190  
02:07:42,940 --> 02:07:45,497  
Correct.

3191  
02:07:45,497 --> 02:07:45,997  
Vorga.

3192  
02:07:45,997 --> 02:07:49,740

3193  
02:07:49,740 --> 02:07:50,690  
OK.

3194  
02:07:50,690 --> 02:07:51,270  
That's OK.

3195  
02:07:51,270 --> 02:07:52,430  
What happened there.

3196  
02:07:52,430 --> 02:07:55,100  
I don't know a  
colleague of mine wanted

3197  
02:07:55,100 --> 02:07:58,350  
me to ask you if you know  
anything about that place--

3198  
02:07:58,350 --> 02:07:59,950  
a Vorga homestead.

3199  
02:07:59,950 --> 02:08:01,280  
No?

3200  
02:08:01,280 --> 02:08:02,810  
If you don't, it's all right.

3201  
02:08:02,810 --> 02:08:04,130  
It's all right.

3202  
02:08:04,130 --> 02:08:07,910  
The name sounds familiar, but  
I don't know where it was.

3203  
02:08:07,910 --> 02:08:09,810  
It was a little town?

3204  
02:08:09,810 --> 02:08:13,200  
It looks like it's the name of  
a farm or something like that.

3205  
02:08:13,200 --> 02:08:13,940  
A farm?

3206

02:08:13,940 --> 02:08:14,930  
Maybe a farm.

3207  
02:08:14,930 --> 02:08:16,400  
They say homestead.

3208  
02:08:16,400 --> 02:08:18,950  
So "homestead"  
generally means farm.

3209  
02:08:18,950 --> 02:08:20,270  
Sure.

3210  
02:08:20,270 --> 02:08:21,770  
But it doesn't mean  
anything to you?

3211  
02:08:21,770 --> 02:08:22,460  
No.

3212  
02:08:22,460 --> 02:08:24,420  
OK, OK.

3213  
02:08:24,420 --> 02:08:26,405  
Now, was there any--

3214  
02:08:26,405 --> 02:08:31,040

3215  
02:08:31,040 --> 02:08:34,390  
do you know anything  
about a man named Arturo?

3216  
02:08:34,390 --> 02:08:35,090  
Who?

3217  
02:08:35,090 --> 02:08:35,960  
Arturo.

3218  
02:08:35,960 --> 02:08:36,710  
Oh yes.

3219  
02:08:36,710 --> 02:08:38,283  
Who was Arturo?

3220  
02:08:38,283 --> 02:08:42,230  
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3221  
02:08:42,230 --> 02:08:44,420  
He was a man of the town.

3222  
02:08:44,420 --> 02:08:45,330  
OK.

3223  
02:08:45,330 --> 02:08:47,240  
He did not lay with his wife?

3224  
02:08:47,240 --> 02:08:48,507  
Uh-huh.

3225  
02:08:48,507 --> 02:08:49,215  
That was unusual.

3226  
02:08:49,215 --> 02:08:53,080  
[LAUGHS]

3227  
02:08:53,080 --> 02:08:54,690  
What did they say about him?

3228  
02:08:54,690 --> 02:08:57,690  
Well, they say that  
he was a hairdresser?

3229  
02:08:57,690 --> 02:08:59,138  
No, he was not a hairdresser.

3230  
02:08:59,138 --> 02:09:00,180  
He was not a hairdresser.

3231  
02:09:00,180 --> 02:09:02,460  
No, he was a clock fixer.

3232

02:09:02,460 --> 02:09:04,200  
He was a clock fixer.

3233  
02:09:04,200 --> 02:09:05,580  
Yeah, Arturo Carcone.

3234  
02:09:05,580 --> 02:09:07,140  
Is that the name?

3235  
02:09:07,140 --> 02:09:08,058  
I just have Arturo.

3236  
02:09:08,058 --> 02:09:08,850  
But his last name--

3237  
02:09:08,850 --> 02:09:10,350  
Just Arturo and I don't know.

3238  
02:09:10,350 --> 02:09:11,820  
Carcone, huh?

3239  
02:09:11,820 --> 02:09:12,640  
Carcone.

3240  
02:09:12,640 --> 02:09:13,950  
Carcone.

3241  
02:09:13,950 --> 02:09:17,540  
Somebody said that he was the  
person that Marguerite Bloch--

3242  
02:09:17,540 --> 02:09:18,560  
That what?

3243  
02:09:18,560 --> 02:09:22,320  
That Marguerite Bloch talked to.

3244  
02:09:22,320 --> 02:09:24,330  
That he was her confidant.

3245  
02:09:24,330 --> 02:09:25,050

Could be.

3246

02:09:25,050 --> 02:09:25,800

Could be.

3247

02:09:25,800 --> 02:09:27,865

But you never knew  
that connection?

3248

02:09:27,865 --> 02:09:28,500

No.

3249

02:09:28,500 --> 02:09:30,360

OK, OK.

3250

02:09:30,360 --> 02:09:33,910

Did you ever know of  
someone named Mila?

3251

02:09:33,910 --> 02:09:34,480

Mila?

3252

02:09:34,480 --> 02:09:34,980

Mila.

3253

02:09:34,980 --> 02:09:35,760

Of course.

3254

02:09:35,760 --> 02:09:37,320

So who is Mila.

3255

02:09:37,320 --> 02:09:41,400

Mila was-- she was not  
Jewish, but she was also

3256

02:09:41,400 --> 02:09:44,280

running from the Nazis.

3257

02:09:44,280 --> 02:09:47,100

She was from Yugoslavia.

3258

02:09:47,100 --> 02:09:49,455  
So I don't know why she  
was running from them.

3259  
02:09:49,455 --> 02:09:51,300  
She was not Jewish.

3260  
02:09:51,300 --> 02:09:54,150  
Where did she live  
in San Donato?

3261  
02:09:54,150 --> 02:09:57,210  
She lived in San Donato,  
not too far from our house.

3262  
02:09:57,210 --> 02:09:59,460  
Did you stay there long?

3263  
02:09:59,460 --> 02:10:01,412  
Well, with the family.

3264  
02:10:01,412 --> 02:10:03,120  
With the family that  
she was living with?

3265  
02:10:03,120 --> 02:10:04,260  
Right, yeah.

3266  
02:10:04,260 --> 02:10:06,600  
Well, did she live there  
throughout the war?

3267  
02:10:06,600 --> 02:10:07,440  
Huh?

3268  
02:10:07,440 --> 02:10:10,230  
Did she live there  
throughout the war?

3269  
02:10:10,230 --> 02:10:11,300  
I think so.

3270

02:10:11,300 --> 02:10:13,380  
OK.

3271  
02:10:13,380 --> 02:10:16,350  
And when the Germans  
came, did she stay there?

3272  
02:10:16,350 --> 02:10:19,150

3273  
02:10:19,150 --> 02:10:21,210  
I don't remember  
what happened to her.

3274  
02:10:21,210 --> 02:10:22,210  
OK.

3275  
02:10:22,210 --> 02:10:24,660  
Did she ever come to your house?

3276  
02:10:24,660 --> 02:10:25,470  
After the war?

3277  
02:10:25,470 --> 02:10:26,190  
No.

3278  
02:10:26,190 --> 02:10:26,970  
During the war.

3279  
02:10:26,970 --> 02:10:27,660  
Sure.

3280  
02:10:27,660 --> 02:10:29,700  
She did?

3281  
02:10:29,700 --> 02:10:32,900  
Who was her friend  
in your house?

3282  
02:10:32,900 --> 02:10:34,950  
Well, they always loved Marco.



3283

02:10:34,950 --> 02:10:39,530

Everybody loved Marco,  
so they came to see him.

3284

02:10:39,530 --> 02:10:42,870

OK, so she was one of the people  
who would come to see him.

3285

02:10:42,870 --> 02:10:43,910

Yes, yes.

3286

02:10:43,910 --> 02:10:46,130

OK.

3287

02:10:46,130 --> 02:10:49,970

I have a note here that says  
that she's the one who finally

3288

02:10:49,970 --> 02:10:53,140

smuggled out the microscope.

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02:10:53,140 --> 02:10:53,890

She what?

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02:10:53,890 --> 02:10:56,890

She took the microscope  
and smuggled it out,

3291

02:10:56,890 --> 02:10:58,950

whatever that  
microscope was doing.

3292

02:10:58,950 --> 02:11:00,070

What does that mean?

3293

02:11:00,070 --> 02:11:01,390

I don't know.

3294

02:11:01,390 --> 02:11:05,710

It's a question that somebody  
sent me to ask you of

3295

02:11:05,710 --> 02:11:13,060

whether or not Ula had gotten  
the microscope, and that--

3296

02:11:13,060 --> 02:11:15,070

you say she wanted to sell it.

3297

02:11:15,070 --> 02:11:17,360

And then how did  
she get rid of it?

3298

02:11:17,360 --> 02:11:22,040

And the note says that Mila is  
the one who smuggled it out.

3299

02:11:22,040 --> 02:11:22,560

Maybe.

3300

02:11:22,560 --> 02:11:23,110

I don't know.

3301

02:11:23,110 --> 02:11:25,030

You don't know  
anything about this?

3302

02:11:25,030 --> 02:11:29,500

I know about the microscope.

3303

02:11:29,500 --> 02:11:32,950

I know that they had one  
and they wanted to sell it.

3304

02:11:32,950 --> 02:11:35,190

But how they went  
about it, I don't know.

3305

02:11:35,190 --> 02:11:37,350

OK, OK, OK.

3306

02:11:37,350 --> 02:11:42,600

3307

02:11:42,600 --> 02:11:49,680

When Ula and Marco  
fled into the woods,

3308

02:11:49,680 --> 02:11:58,480

they must have fled probably  
in 1943 or something?

3309

02:11:58,480 --> 02:12:07,230

When-- or '44, excuse me, Katja  
was a couple of years old.

3310

02:12:07,230 --> 02:12:09,890

Did she miss her parents?

3311

02:12:09,890 --> 02:12:11,090

No.

3312

02:12:11,090 --> 02:12:11,840

No?

3313

02:12:11,840 --> 02:12:13,940

We had to keep her to ourselves.

3314

02:12:13,940 --> 02:12:18,460

We were afraid that  
she might be found out.

3315

02:12:18,460 --> 02:12:19,670

Oh, no, no.

3316

02:12:19,670 --> 02:12:20,680

She didn't go with them?

3317

02:12:20,680 --> 02:12:23,370

No, and her parents wasn't--

3318

02:12:23,370 --> 02:12:26,980

I got the whole story about  
when the mother came to see her.

3319

02:12:26,980 --> 02:12:29,630  
But that would another story.

3320  
02:12:29,630 --> 02:12:30,750  
But tell me that story.

3321  
02:12:30,750 --> 02:12:31,490  
Huh?

3322  
02:12:31,490 --> 02:12:33,660  
Tell me that story.

3323  
02:12:33,660 --> 02:12:41,500  
As Ula was up in the mountains,  
so Katja was with us.

3324  
02:12:41,500 --> 02:12:47,620  
One day, Ula got this urge  
to come down into the town

3325  
02:12:47,620 --> 02:12:51,250  
to see her daughter.

3326  
02:12:51,250 --> 02:12:52,450  
To see Katja?

3327  
02:12:52,450 --> 02:12:54,730  
To see Katja.

3328  
02:12:54,730 --> 02:13:02,960  
So she comes down from  
the mountain in daylight

3329  
02:13:02,960 --> 02:13:06,750  
and knocks at the  
door of my house.

3330  
02:13:06,750 --> 02:13:10,100  
Well, Katja was  
inside the house.

3331  
02:13:10,100 --> 02:13:12,800

My mother said to  
her, Ula, do you

3332  
02:13:12,800 --> 02:13:15,080  
understand what you have done?

3333  
02:13:15,080 --> 02:13:20,030  
You have put yourself, the  
life of Katja, the life

3334  
02:13:20,030 --> 02:13:23,540  
of my daughter, in jeopardy.

3335  
02:13:23,540 --> 02:13:25,820  
Ula said, "I'm sorry, but  
I didn't think about it."

3336  
02:13:25,820 --> 02:13:27,820  
"Well, you should have," mother.

3337  
02:13:27,820 --> 02:13:32,000  
And my mother fainted because  
we had Katja inside the house,

3338  
02:13:32,000 --> 02:13:35,200  
and now we have Ula  
inside the house.

3339  
02:13:35,200 --> 02:13:40,930  
What if somebody saw you, and  
reported you to the Gestapo?

3340  
02:13:40,930 --> 02:13:42,100  
She says, oh, don't worry.

3341  
02:13:42,100 --> 02:13:43,900  
Nobody saw me.

3342  
02:13:43,900 --> 02:13:46,432  
But she had been seen.

3343  
02:13:46,432 --> 02:13:50,530

And about half an hour later,  
there's a knock at our house.

3344  
02:13:50,530 --> 02:13:53,440  
And they said, Gestapo soldier.

3345  
02:13:53,440 --> 02:13:54,510  
So Germans.

3346  
02:13:54,510 --> 02:13:59,520  
Germans looking for Ula.

3347  
02:13:59,520 --> 02:14:02,430  
My mother said, I don't  
know where she is.

3348  
02:14:02,430 --> 02:14:04,760  
She left this house  
a long time ago.

3349  
02:14:04,760 --> 02:14:07,770  
And she was right  
there in the house.

3350  
02:14:07,770 --> 02:14:10,890  
My mother fainted.

3351  
02:14:10,890 --> 02:14:13,950

3352  
02:14:13,950 --> 02:14:15,840  
Did they enter the  
house, the Gestapo?

3353  
02:14:15,840 --> 02:14:16,940  
No, they did not.

3354  
02:14:16,940 --> 02:14:21,050  
That was lucky that he  
didn't enter the house.

3355  
02:14:21,050 --> 02:14:23,390

And were you there at  
home when this happened?

3356  
02:14:23,390 --> 02:14:25,290  
Yes.

3357  
02:14:25,290 --> 02:14:27,262  
And so he left.

3358  
02:14:27,262 --> 02:14:33,380  
And so my mother called  
her neighbor, and says,

3359  
02:14:33,380 --> 02:14:37,250  
we've got to get Ula out of here  
because the German soldier will

3360  
02:14:37,250 --> 02:14:38,790  
come back.

3361  
02:14:38,790 --> 02:14:41,370  
How are we going to do it?

3362  
02:14:41,370 --> 02:14:43,370  
And this is what they  
thought of-- putting

3363  
02:14:43,370 --> 02:14:46,640  
all up inside a harvest basket.

3364  
02:14:46,640 --> 02:14:48,100  
Harvest basket?

3365  
02:14:48,100 --> 02:14:50,250  
Yeah, I got the doll over there.

3366  
02:14:50,250 --> 02:14:51,130  
You can see it.

3367  
02:14:51,130 --> 02:14:53,670

3368

02:14:53,670 --> 02:14:54,710

Bring it over here.

3369

02:14:54,710 --> 02:14:58,566

3370

02:14:58,566 --> 02:14:59,860

Oh, I see.

3371

02:14:59,860 --> 02:15:01,870

Inside of a basket like that?

3372

02:15:01,870 --> 02:15:03,470

I did this.

3373

02:15:03,470 --> 02:15:04,353

Uh-huh.

3374

02:15:04,353 --> 02:15:05,020

I made the doll.

3375

02:15:05,020 --> 02:15:05,950

You made the doll?

3376

02:15:05,950 --> 02:15:09,780

I made the doll, the  
dress, and everything.

3377

02:15:09,780 --> 02:15:12,430

OK, and so this was  
the kind of a basket

3378

02:15:12,430 --> 02:15:14,110

that a woman would  
have on her head.

3379

02:15:14,110 --> 02:15:16,950

So yeah, Ula was  
inside the basket.

3380

02:15:16,950 --> 02:15:20,210



And somebody had to carry  
it on top of their head.

3381  
02:15:20,210 --> 02:15:25,450  
So somebody helped her to  
put it on top of it her head.

3382  
02:15:25,450 --> 02:15:27,050  
Ula did not carry it.

3383  
02:15:27,050 --> 02:15:29,080  
A neighbor carried it.

3384  
02:15:29,080 --> 02:15:34,990  
A strong mountain woman put  
the basket on top of her head

3385  
02:15:34,990 --> 02:15:38,160  
and carried her out of town.

3386  
02:15:38,160 --> 02:15:41,990  
Tried to deceive the  
Germans that there

3387  
02:15:41,990 --> 02:15:46,610  
was manure inside  
the basket, not Ula.

3388  
02:15:46,610 --> 02:15:47,580  
And it worked?

3389  
02:15:47,580 --> 02:15:48,820  
And it worked.

3390  
02:15:48,820 --> 02:15:49,700  
OK.

3391  
02:15:49,700 --> 02:15:54,090  
Was there any  
suspicion that Katja--

3392  
02:15:54,090 --> 02:15:56,900

Katja and I remained  
in our house.

3393  
02:15:56,900 --> 02:15:57,410  
OK.

3394  
02:15:57,410 --> 02:16:00,080  
So what my mother  
did with Katja,

3395  
02:16:00,080 --> 02:16:03,560  
she dressed her in  
peasant clothes and said,

3396  
02:16:03,560 --> 02:16:06,500  
oh, my sister Silvana.

3397  
02:16:06,500 --> 02:16:10,220  
Bring her to your grandparents.

3398  
02:16:10,220 --> 02:16:14,090  
Bring Katja to your  
grandparents and tell

3399  
02:16:14,090 --> 02:16:16,820  
them to hide her  
until we let her

3400  
02:16:16,820 --> 02:16:19,330  
know when she can let her go.

3401  
02:16:19,330 --> 02:16:21,770  
And so that Silvana did that.

3402  
02:16:21,770 --> 02:16:24,560  
And is this after all  
a came to your house?

3403  
02:16:24,560 --> 02:16:25,420  
Yes.

3404  
02:16:25,420 --> 02:16:29,060

OK, so up until that time,  
whole Ula and her husband

3405  
02:16:29,060 --> 02:16:32,000  
are in the mountains,  
Katja is staying with you.

3406  
02:16:32,000 --> 02:16:32,750  
Right.

3407  
02:16:32,750 --> 02:16:36,049  
And she's called Grazia  
now so that nobody

3408  
02:16:36,049 --> 02:16:37,969  
would think of hearing Katja.

3409  
02:16:37,969 --> 02:16:39,700  
Exactly-- called Grazia.

3410  
02:16:39,700 --> 02:16:43,340  
OK, and this only  
happened-- she's only called

3411  
02:16:43,340 --> 02:16:46,010  
Grazia after the Germans arrive.

3412  
02:16:46,010 --> 02:16:46,799  
Right.

3413  
02:16:46,799 --> 02:16:51,290  
OK, so for the first year of  
her life, she's not called that.

3414  
02:16:51,290 --> 02:16:52,049  
No.

3415  
02:16:52,049 --> 02:16:53,969  
OK, OK.

3416  
02:16:53,969 --> 02:16:57,530  
How long did Katja stay

with your grandparents?

3417  
02:16:57,530 --> 02:17:00,770  
Since she was born,  
she was with us

3418  
02:17:00,770 --> 02:17:05,570  
until she was three years  
old, until the war was over.

3419  
02:17:05,570 --> 02:17:06,440  
OK.

3420  
02:17:06,440 --> 02:17:09,139  
And then her parents  
picked her up.

3421  
02:17:09,139 --> 02:17:09,889  
OK.

3422  
02:17:09,889 --> 02:17:13,020  
Did Katja cry when  
her parents left?

3423  
02:17:13,020 --> 02:17:13,520  
No.

3424  
02:17:13,520 --> 02:17:15,870  
She loved my mother.

3425  
02:17:15,870 --> 02:17:17,719  
She loved my mother.

3426  
02:17:17,719 --> 02:17:19,980  
My mother was her mother.

3427  
02:17:19,980 --> 02:17:21,590  
So she didn't feel--

3428  
02:17:21,590 --> 02:17:23,590  
She didn't feel like anything.

3429

02:17:23,590 --> 02:17:24,170

OK.

3430

02:17:24,170 --> 02:17:26,180

She didn't feel anything.

3431

02:17:26,180 --> 02:17:27,719

She was at home.

3432

02:17:27,719 --> 02:17:28,639

OK.

3433

02:17:28,639 --> 02:17:31,160

It's the world she knew.

3434

02:17:31,160 --> 02:17:34,959

This was the world that she  
knew, was your mother's house.

3435

02:17:34,959 --> 02:17:35,719

Yeah.

3436

02:17:35,719 --> 02:17:37,010

She was at home.

3437

02:17:37,010 --> 02:17:37,520

OK.

3438

02:17:37,520 --> 02:17:40,740

She didn't know  
what was going on.

3439

02:17:40,740 --> 02:17:44,139

She stayed with  
your grandfather?

3440

02:17:44,139 --> 02:17:47,770

Yes, up in his house  
for a few days.

3441

02:17:47,770 --> 02:17:54,600

This is when the war  
was coming to an end.

3442  
02:17:54,600 --> 02:17:55,709  
OK.

3443  
02:17:55,709 --> 02:17:58,379  
And the Allied were in Cassino.

3444  
02:17:58,379 --> 02:18:02,709  
Now, Cassino is about 15  
miles away from San Donato.

3445  
02:18:02,709 --> 02:18:04,950  
So the front was right there.

3446  
02:18:04,950 --> 02:18:07,250  
Well, that was a  
very terrific battle.

3447  
02:18:07,250 --> 02:18:07,750  
Oh yeah.

3448  
02:18:07,750 --> 02:18:09,420  
It lasted for months.

3449  
02:18:09,420 --> 02:18:11,170  
Yeah.

3450  
02:18:11,170 --> 02:18:13,920  
And-- so what was I saying now?

3451  
02:18:13,920 --> 02:18:16,320  
Well, I was going to ask  
you about Monte Cassino

3452  
02:18:16,320 --> 02:18:17,670  
and about the battle of it.

3453  
02:18:17,670 --> 02:18:20,700

3454

02:18:20,700 --> 02:18:24,809

San Donato had German  
soldiers, and you'd

3455

02:18:24,809 --> 02:18:27,940

say some of them would come  
back and these body bags.

3456

02:18:27,940 --> 02:18:28,520

Yes.

3457

02:18:28,520 --> 02:18:30,180

Green I think you  
said they were.

3458

02:18:30,180 --> 02:18:31,010

Green.

3459

02:18:31,010 --> 02:18:32,100

Green.

3460

02:18:32,100 --> 02:18:37,020

Did the Germans keep San Donato  
or were they pushed out of it?

3461

02:18:37,020 --> 02:18:38,190

Did they what?

3462

02:18:38,190 --> 02:18:40,740

Were they able to  
keep their base--

3463

02:18:40,740 --> 02:18:42,420

No, no, no, no.

3464

02:18:42,420 --> 02:18:44,730

When they come back  
and green bags,

3465

02:18:44,730 --> 02:18:47,530

they will put in  
the German trucks,

3466  
02:18:47,530 --> 02:18:49,980  
and they were trucked  
back to Germany.

3467  
02:18:49,980 --> 02:18:51,090  
OK.

3468  
02:18:51,090 --> 02:18:53,500  
The body went back to Germany.

3469  
02:18:53,500 --> 02:18:58,680  
And when the Battle of Monte  
Cassino was taking place,

3470  
02:18:58,680 --> 02:19:03,510  
is that when bombs were  
falling on the fields?

3471  
02:19:03,510 --> 02:19:06,600  
Is that what-- oh, they were  
bombing all over the place.

3472  
02:19:06,600 --> 02:19:07,100  
Really?

3473  
02:19:07,100 --> 02:19:07,600  
Oh yeah.

3474  
02:19:07,600 --> 02:19:08,309  
At that time?

3475  
02:19:08,309 --> 02:19:09,629  
Oh yeah.

3476  
02:19:09,629 --> 02:19:12,459  
So did that mean that you had  
to leave your house sometimes?

3477  
02:19:12,459 --> 02:19:12,959  
No.



3478

02:19:12,959 --> 02:19:15,750

We were 15 miles away from it.

3479

02:19:15,750 --> 02:19:16,980

We were up on the mountains.

3480

02:19:16,980 --> 02:19:19,760

We stayed where we  
were, because to get out

3481

02:19:19,760 --> 02:19:22,629

and to get on the road  
was very dangerous.

3482

02:19:22,629 --> 02:19:29,230

OK, and what about casualties  
from the other side--

3483

02:19:29,230 --> 02:19:30,285

from the Allied side?

3484

02:19:30,285 --> 02:19:31,754

Oh, we didn't know about them.

3485

02:19:31,754 --> 02:19:32,879

You didn't know about that?

3486

02:19:32,879 --> 02:19:33,580

No.

3487

02:19:33,580 --> 02:19:34,860

OK.

3488

02:19:34,860 --> 02:19:37,889

We were on the other  
side of the wider battle.

3489

02:19:37,889 --> 02:19:41,360

Was San Donato ever bombed?

3490

02:19:41,360 --> 02:19:44,809

Was San Donato  
ever bombed itself?

3491  
02:19:44,809 --> 02:19:46,250  
Yes, we were bombed.

3492  
02:19:46,250 --> 02:19:47,389  
Yes, not too much.

3493  
02:19:47,389 --> 02:19:48,770  
But we were.

3494  
02:19:48,770 --> 02:19:50,300  
And who did that?

3495  
02:19:50,300 --> 02:19:52,930  
Who did the bombing?

3496  
02:19:52,930 --> 02:19:57,160  
Whose bombs were  
falling on San Donato?

3497  
02:19:57,160 --> 02:20:02,860  
See, because San Donato was  
built against a mountain,

3498  
02:20:02,860 --> 02:20:05,140  
the airplanes could  
not fly over it,

3499  
02:20:05,140 --> 02:20:08,980  
because they didn't have enough  
room to go around and fly back.

3500  
02:20:08,980 --> 02:20:13,990  
So we were saved by the  
geography of the place.

3501  
02:20:13,990 --> 02:20:14,570  
I see.

3502  
02:20:14,570 --> 02:20:17,050

See, your airplane had to  
have a certain amount of space

3503  
02:20:17,050 --> 02:20:19,210  
to turn around.

3504  
02:20:19,210 --> 02:20:22,660  
They couldn't, because  
otherwise, they would go right

3505  
02:20:22,660 --> 02:20:23,740  
into the mountain.

3506  
02:20:23,740 --> 02:20:24,730  
That's it.

3507  
02:20:24,730 --> 02:20:25,300  
Oh, I see.

3508  
02:20:25,300 --> 02:20:26,200  
That's right.

3509  
02:20:26,200 --> 02:20:27,710  
I didn't think of it that way.

3510  
02:20:27,710 --> 02:20:29,950  
Yeah.

3511  
02:20:29,950 --> 02:20:32,995  
Did you ever spend any time,  
though, in the basement--

3512  
02:20:32,995 --> 02:20:33,750  
Oh yes.

3513  
02:20:33,750 --> 02:20:35,480  
Six months.

3514  
02:20:35,480 --> 02:20:36,600  
Six months in a basement?

3515

02:20:36,600 --> 02:20:37,100  
Yes.

3516  
02:20:37,100 --> 02:20:38,520  
In the basement of my house.

3517  
02:20:38,520 --> 02:20:41,770  
There was about 12 of us.

3518  
02:20:41,770 --> 02:20:44,230  
The whole neighborhood  
was in the basement.

3519  
02:20:44,230 --> 02:20:45,250  
Of your house?

3520  
02:20:45,250 --> 02:20:46,480  
Yes.

3521  
02:20:46,480 --> 02:20:49,720  
Not the house where we were  
living The house next door

3522  
02:20:49,720 --> 02:20:50,680  
to us.

3523  
02:20:50,680 --> 02:20:53,130  
My grandfather had  
bought more property,

3524  
02:20:53,130 --> 02:20:56,170  
so it was the house next to us.

3525  
02:20:56,170 --> 02:20:59,230  
So the basement was  
down two stories.

3526  
02:20:59,230 --> 02:21:00,340  
I see.

3527  
02:21:00,340 --> 02:21:03,190  
And why were you

living in the basement?

3528

02:21:03,190 --> 02:21:04,570

Because of the bombing.

3529

02:21:04,570 --> 02:21:05,800

Because of the bombing.

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02:21:05,800 --> 02:21:09,840

So nevertheless, it was enough  
danger that you had to--

3531

02:21:09,840 --> 02:21:10,660

Right.

3532

02:21:10,660 --> 02:21:12,610

OK, OK.

3533

02:21:12,610 --> 02:21:14,410

Were there people in  
Sunday or not though

3534

02:21:14,410 --> 02:21:17,095

who were killed by bombs?

3535

02:21:17,095 --> 02:21:17,840

Wait what?

3536

02:21:17,840 --> 02:21:20,780

Were there people  
in San Donato who

3537

02:21:20,780 --> 02:21:24,950

lived there, local inhabitants,  
who were killed by the bombs.

3538

02:21:24,950 --> 02:21:27,440

A couple of women got  
killed because they went out

3539

02:21:27,440 --> 02:21:29,450

on the fields.

3540  
02:21:29,450 --> 02:21:30,830  
And they got killed, yeah.

3541  
02:21:30,830 --> 02:21:32,120  
Two young women.

3542  
02:21:32,120 --> 02:21:32,720  
I see.

3543  
02:21:32,720 --> 02:21:34,290  
Did you know them?

3544  
02:21:34,290 --> 02:21:34,790  
Yes.

3545  
02:21:34,790 --> 02:21:36,110  
Do you know their names.

3546  
02:21:36,110 --> 02:21:38,360  
I don't remember their names.

3547  
02:21:38,360 --> 02:21:39,140  
OK.

3548  
02:21:39,140 --> 02:21:40,430  
OK, it's fine.

3549  
02:21:40,430 --> 02:21:45,820

3550  
02:21:45,820 --> 02:21:48,720  
There weren't that  
many casualties because

3551  
02:21:48,720 --> 02:21:51,104  
of the geography of the town.

3552  
02:21:51,104 --> 02:21:51,604  
Mm-hmm.

3553

02:21:51,604 --> 02:21:59,730

3554

02:21:59,730 --> 02:22:07,110

Did the Germans-- when  
did they leave San Donato?

3555

02:22:07,110 --> 02:22:08,150

Was it soon after--

3556

02:22:08,150 --> 02:22:11,850

Well, when Cassino  
collapsed, and then

3557

02:22:11,850 --> 02:22:15,570

the Americans right Freda.

3558

02:22:15,570 --> 02:22:19,520

The Americans went  
right through Cassino.

3559

02:22:19,520 --> 02:22:22,090

And they started their  
march toward Rome.

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02:22:22,090 --> 02:22:24,600

3561

02:22:24,600 --> 02:22:27,180

Do you remember  
seeing the Americans?

3562

02:22:27,180 --> 02:22:28,230

Yes.

3563

02:22:28,230 --> 02:22:29,590

What did they look like?

3564

02:22:29,590 --> 02:22:31,170

They looked like nice young men.

3565

02:22:31,170 --> 02:22:34,380  
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3566  
02:22:34,380 --> 02:22:38,000  
Did they march on foot  
or were they in tanks?

3567  
02:22:38,000 --> 02:22:40,650  
See, when they  
arrived in San Donato,

3568  
02:22:40,650 --> 02:22:43,590  
the Germans already left.

3569  
02:22:43,590 --> 02:22:47,730  
So they were walking  
around, looking at the town.

3570  
02:22:47,730 --> 02:22:51,740  
They were, what's  
this, what's that?

3571  
02:22:51,740 --> 02:22:56,390  
And the Americans,  
I have a note here

3572  
02:22:56,390 --> 02:23:00,430  
that says they arrive  
on June 4, 1944.

3573  
02:23:00,430 --> 02:23:02,020  
Right, that's correct.

3574  
02:23:02,020 --> 02:23:03,380  
OK.

3575  
02:23:03,380 --> 02:23:06,200  
So did they arrive by truck?

3576  
02:23:06,200 --> 02:23:07,220  
Yes.

3577



02:23:07,220 --> 02:23:08,090  
By truck.

3578  
02:23:08,090 --> 02:23:09,950  
Any tanks?

3579  
02:23:09,950 --> 02:23:10,970  
No tanks.

3580  
02:23:10,970 --> 02:23:12,360  
No tanks, but trucks.

3581  
02:23:12,360 --> 02:23:13,670  
Trucks, yeah.

3582  
02:23:13,670 --> 02:23:16,400  
Did they establish a  
base in San Donato?

3583  
02:23:16,400 --> 02:23:20,720  
Well, not too long, because they  
were on their march to Rome.

3584  
02:23:20,720 --> 02:23:21,370  
OK.

3585  
02:23:21,370 --> 02:23:31,360  
See, we were only about, I  
don't know, 50 miles from Rome.

3586  
02:23:31,360 --> 02:23:32,740  
We were not too far from it.

3587  
02:23:32,740 --> 02:23:36,910  
Rome was the place  
where they wanted to be.

3588  
02:23:36,910 --> 02:23:38,410  
So yeah.

3589  
02:23:38,410 --> 02:23:43,840  
But does that mean that,

for you, the war is over?

3590

02:23:43,840 --> 02:23:45,710

We figured the war  
was over for us.

3591

02:23:45,710 --> 02:23:46,660

Oh yes.

3592

02:23:46,660 --> 02:23:49,450

OK.

3593

02:23:49,450 --> 02:23:53,350

We started wearing  
costumes, like he's wearing.

3594

02:23:53,350 --> 02:23:53,850

OK.

3595

02:23:53,850 --> 02:23:55,370

More colorful clothes.

3596

02:23:55,370 --> 02:23:57,982

And dancing in the piazza.

3597

02:23:57,982 --> 02:23:59,830

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3598

02:23:59,830 --> 02:24:03,100

Really, yeah?

3599

02:24:03,100 --> 02:24:06,980

And where were Marco  
and Ula at this point?

3600

02:24:06,980 --> 02:24:07,750

Where what?

3601

02:24:07,750 --> 02:24:09,360

Where was Marco and Ula?

3602

02:24:09,360 --> 02:24:10,062  
Where were they?

3603  
02:24:10,062 --> 02:24:11,020  
Oh, they were so happy.

3604  
02:24:11,020 --> 02:24:14,030  
They had Katja with them,  
and they were around.

3605  
02:24:14,030 --> 02:24:14,530  
Oh, really?

3606  
02:24:14,530 --> 02:24:15,660  
So they had come back?

3607  
02:24:15,660 --> 02:24:16,990  
Yes, they come back.

3608  
02:24:16,990 --> 02:24:18,010  
Oh yes, absolutely.

3609  
02:24:18,010 --> 02:24:20,050  
They had to take their  
daughter with them.

3610  
02:24:20,050 --> 02:24:20,890  
Yeah.

3611  
02:24:20,890 --> 02:24:21,620  
Yeah.

3612  
02:24:21,620 --> 02:24:23,710  
Oh, they were so happy.

3613  
02:24:23,710 --> 02:24:27,610  
And when they came  
back, did they

3614  
02:24:27,610 --> 02:24:29,950  
come back right when  
the Americans arrived

3615  
02:24:29,950 --> 02:24:30,700  
or a little later?

3616  
02:24:30,700 --> 02:24:31,240  
Yes.

3617  
02:24:31,240 --> 02:24:31,990  
Right then?

3618  
02:24:31,990 --> 02:24:33,200  
Right then.

3619  
02:24:33,200 --> 02:24:34,410  
Immediately.

3620  
02:24:34,410 --> 02:24:34,980  
Really?

3621  
02:24:34,980 --> 02:24:36,650  
Immediately.

3622  
02:24:36,650 --> 02:24:37,890  
OK.

3623  
02:24:37,890 --> 02:24:40,990  
They were waiting so  
much for the Americans.

3624  
02:24:40,990 --> 02:24:44,130  
We were all waiting  
for the Americans.

3625  
02:24:44,130 --> 02:24:44,870  
Not just them.

3626  
02:24:44,870 --> 02:24:47,990  
We were all waiting  
for the Americans.

3627  
02:24:47,990 --> 02:24:50,120

And they gave us  
the white bread--

3628  
02:24:50,120 --> 02:24:52,250  
a loaf of the white bread.

3629  
02:24:52,250 --> 02:24:55,790  
And we opened up the loaf  
and we took the bread.

3630  
02:24:55,790 --> 02:24:57,758  
And the bread was  
going like this.

3631  
02:24:57,758 --> 02:24:59,240  
[LAUGHS]

3632  
02:24:59,240 --> 02:25:00,920  
I said, what kind  
of a bread is this?

3633  
02:25:00,920 --> 02:25:02,530  
This is not wheat bread.

3634  
02:25:02,530 --> 02:25:04,040  
[LAUGHS]

3635  
02:25:04,040 --> 02:25:05,530  
It was a different kind, huh?

3636  
02:25:05,530 --> 02:25:06,950  
Yeah.

3637  
02:25:06,950 --> 02:25:15,390  
And did the food  
situation get better?

3638  
02:25:15,390 --> 02:25:16,380  
After the war?

3639  
02:25:16,380 --> 02:25:18,240  
Oh, after the Americans come.

3640  
02:25:18,240 --> 02:25:18,850  
Sure.

3641  
02:25:18,850 --> 02:25:19,350  
Yeah?

3642  
02:25:19,350 --> 02:25:22,160

3643  
02:25:22,160 --> 02:25:24,330  
What else did I want  
to ask about this?

3644  
02:25:24,330 --> 02:25:29,500  
Did Marco and Ula stay still  
in San Donato with Katja.

3645  
02:25:29,500 --> 02:25:31,450  
Just a little short while.

3646  
02:25:31,450 --> 02:25:33,700  
Then they moved to Rome.

3647  
02:25:33,700 --> 02:25:34,200  
OK.

3648  
02:25:34,200 --> 02:25:35,810  
Yeah, they moved to Rome.

3649  
02:25:35,810 --> 02:25:38,670  
And that's where they  
had been right along.

3650  
02:25:38,670 --> 02:25:39,510  
Ever since?

3651  
02:25:39,510 --> 02:25:40,380  
Ever since.

3652  
02:25:40,380 --> 02:25:41,280

Now they're dead.

3653

02:25:41,280 --> 02:25:43,690

Marco and Ula are dead,  
but Katja is there.

3654

02:25:43,690 --> 02:25:47,910

And Marcelle was just telling  
me that she had a conversation

3655

02:25:47,910 --> 02:25:50,000

on the telephone with Katja.

3656

02:25:50,000 --> 02:25:51,835

Katja comes and goes.

3657

02:25:51,835 --> 02:25:53,020

She comes here.

3658

02:25:53,020 --> 02:25:53,970

We go to Rome.

3659

02:25:53,970 --> 02:25:56,160

We see each other all the time.

3660

02:25:56,160 --> 02:25:58,590

So you have maintained  
ties with Katja.

3661

02:25:58,590 --> 02:26:01,020

Oh, absolutely.

3662

02:26:01,020 --> 02:26:03,110

She's our sister.

3663

02:26:03,110 --> 02:26:06,110

Oh.

3664

02:26:06,110 --> 02:26:08,848

And does she remember  
her first couple

3665

02:26:08,848 --> 02:26:09,890  
of years living with you?

3666

02:26:09,890 --> 02:26:10,560  
She remembers.

3667

02:26:10,560 --> 02:26:13,780  
She remembers my mother so well.

3668

02:26:13,780 --> 02:26:15,870  
Yeah.

3669

02:26:15,870 --> 02:26:18,430  
Oh, she's a darling.

3670

02:26:18,430 --> 02:26:23,620  
So after the Americans  
come, how does life

3671

02:26:23,620 --> 02:26:28,090  
go on for you and your  
mother and your sisters?

3672

02:26:28,090 --> 02:26:30,530  
What happens?

3673

02:26:30,530 --> 02:26:33,430  
After the Americans  
come, then Marco and Ula

3674

02:26:33,430 --> 02:26:35,240  
came out from their hiding.

3675

02:26:35,240 --> 02:26:35,740  
Yeah.

3676

02:26:35,740 --> 02:26:38,012  
And they stole their  
daughter from us.

3677

02:26:38,012 --> 02:26:39,250



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3678  
02:26:39,250 --> 02:26:40,460  
The nerve of some people.

3679  
02:26:40,460 --> 02:26:40,960  
I know.

3680  
02:26:40,960 --> 02:26:42,040  
What a nerve.

3681  
02:26:42,040 --> 02:26:42,610  
What a nerve.

3682  
02:26:42,610 --> 02:26:45,620  
[LAUGHTER]

3683  
02:26:45,620 --> 02:26:48,370  
We stayed in contact  
right along, yeah.

3684  
02:26:48,370 --> 02:26:49,330  
OK.

3685  
02:26:49,330 --> 02:26:52,360  
Did you yourselves  
remain in San Donato?

3686  
02:26:52,360 --> 02:26:53,140  
Huh?

3687  
02:26:53,140 --> 02:26:55,240  
Did you and your  
mother and your sister

3688  
02:26:55,240 --> 02:26:57,390  
continue living in San Donato?

3689  
02:26:57,390 --> 02:26:58,240  
Yes.

3690

02:26:58,240 --> 02:27:00,880

For how long?

3691

02:27:00,880 --> 02:27:02,710

Well, the war ended-- what year?

3692

02:27:02,710 --> 02:27:03,514

19--

3693

02:27:03,514 --> 02:27:04,320

'45.

3694

02:27:04,320 --> 02:27:06,340

'45.

3695

02:27:06,340 --> 02:27:09,340

I came to this country in 1947.

3696

02:27:09,340 --> 02:27:11,110

That soon?

3697

02:27:11,110 --> 02:27:13,690

How is it that you were  
able to come so quickly?

3698

02:27:13,690 --> 02:27:16,580

I was an American citizen.

3699

02:27:16,580 --> 02:27:19,340

How were you an  
American citizen?

3700

02:27:19,340 --> 02:27:20,390

Really?

3701

02:27:20,390 --> 02:27:21,920

Truly?

3702

02:27:21,920 --> 02:27:28,060

When I was born, my grandfather  
was an American citizen

3703

02:27:28,060 --> 02:27:31,120  
even though he lived in Italy.

3704

02:27:31,120 --> 02:27:33,050  
Your mother's father?

3705

02:27:33,050 --> 02:27:34,540  
My father's father.

3706

02:27:34,540 --> 02:27:36,190  
Your father's father.

3707

02:27:36,190 --> 02:27:38,720  
The one who had the second wife?

3708

02:27:38,720 --> 02:27:39,820  
Right.

3709

02:27:39,820 --> 02:27:42,060  
OK.

3710

02:27:42,060 --> 02:27:46,060  
So-- I forgot what I say.

3711

02:27:46,060 --> 02:27:49,140  
OK, so your grandfather  
on your father's side

3712

02:27:49,140 --> 02:27:51,030  
was an American citizen.

3713

02:27:51,030 --> 02:27:53,710  
My grandfather was  
an American citizen.

3714

02:27:53,710 --> 02:27:57,240  
He had been going back and  
forth to America selling wool

3715

02:27:57,240 --> 02:27:59,610  
blankets.

3716  
02:27:59,610 --> 02:28:00,710  
I see.

3717  
02:28:00,710 --> 02:28:09,940  
And so because I was a  
granddaughter, I was--

3718  
02:28:09,940 --> 02:28:15,070

3719  
02:28:15,070 --> 02:28:16,810  
how do I say this?

3720  
02:28:16,810 --> 02:28:18,000  
Marcelle, help me out.

3721  
02:28:18,000 --> 02:28:21,520

3722  
02:28:21,520 --> 02:28:23,170  
Are you also an Italian citizen?

3723  
02:28:23,170 --> 02:28:25,870

3724  
02:28:25,870 --> 02:28:27,220  
I had a right.

3725  
02:28:27,220 --> 02:28:28,285  
To American citizenship?

3726  
02:28:28,285 --> 02:28:32,060  
To American citizenship,  
right, because first of all,

3727  
02:28:32,060 --> 02:28:34,600  
I was under 21.

3728  
02:28:34,600 --> 02:28:38,810  
Secondly, he was my

direct grandfather.

3729

02:28:38,810 --> 02:28:43,400

And so I went to  
Rome to the place

3730

02:28:43,400 --> 02:28:47,930

there and showed the  
passport of my grandfather.

3731

02:28:47,930 --> 02:28:50,560

Right away, they gave  
me one of for myself.

3732

02:28:50,560 --> 02:28:51,260

Oh, I see.

3733

02:28:51,260 --> 02:28:51,760

I see.

3734

02:28:51,760 --> 02:28:53,060

That simple.

3735

02:28:53,060 --> 02:28:56,510

So you had that right,  
and so did your sisters.

3736

02:28:56,510 --> 02:29:03,320

Yes, as long as we applied  
before the age of 21.

3737

02:29:03,320 --> 02:29:05,540

Did your mother have this right?

3738

02:29:05,540 --> 02:29:09,830

My mother had the  
right of her husband.

3739

02:29:09,830 --> 02:29:10,520

I see.

3740

02:29:10,520 --> 02:29:13,370

Because they were  
never divorced.

3741  
02:29:13,370 --> 02:29:14,090  
Oh my goodness.

3742  
02:29:14,090 --> 02:29:14,870  
Never divorced?

3743  
02:29:14,870 --> 02:29:16,460  
No.

3744  
02:29:16,460 --> 02:29:20,240  
When she got that  
letter from his wife,

3745  
02:29:20,240 --> 02:29:24,180  
I guess-- his second one, was  
she still living in San Donato.

3746  
02:29:24,180 --> 02:29:26,020  
Yes.

3747  
02:29:26,020 --> 02:29:27,100  
OK.

3748  
02:29:27,100 --> 02:29:29,500  
Did your mother want to  
come to the United States?

3749  
02:29:29,500 --> 02:29:30,430  
Yes.

3750  
02:29:30,430 --> 02:29:31,640  
Did she.

3751  
02:29:31,640 --> 02:29:32,140  
Yes.

3752  
02:29:32,140 --> 02:29:34,030  
She wanted to be with us.

3753

02:29:34,030 --> 02:29:36,350

We were all here by that time.

3754

02:29:36,350 --> 02:29:39,070

OK, so did you and your  
sisters leave together,

3755

02:29:39,070 --> 02:29:41,930

or did you come one by one?

3756

02:29:41,930 --> 02:29:44,870

My sisters and I,  
Marcelle's mother and I--

3757

02:29:44,870 --> 02:29:45,500

Silvana.

3758

02:29:45,500 --> 02:29:48,720

--lived together  
until we got married.

3759

02:29:48,720 --> 02:29:49,220

All right.

3760

02:29:49,220 --> 02:29:51,140

Did you leave Italy together?

3761

02:29:51,140 --> 02:29:52,280

No.

3762

02:29:52,280 --> 02:29:57,930

I came first, then  
Silvana came here after.

3763

02:29:57,930 --> 02:30:00,830

Pompea came with  
me because she had

3764

02:30:00,830 --> 02:30:03,890

married an American  
citizen, and so she

3765

02:30:03,890 --> 02:30:06,030  
could travel with her husband.

3766

02:30:06,030 --> 02:30:07,790  
So we came together.

3767

02:30:07,790 --> 02:30:08,570  
OK.

3768

02:30:08,570 --> 02:30:10,100  
Was he a soldier?

3769

02:30:10,100 --> 02:30:10,830  
No.

3770

02:30:10,830 --> 02:30:11,330  
No.

3771

02:30:11,330 --> 02:30:16,340  
He had been to this country,  
and he got his citizen papers.

3772

02:30:16,340 --> 02:30:17,330  
So he was from Italy--

3773

02:30:17,330 --> 02:30:17,830  
Yes.

3774

02:30:17,830 --> 02:30:18,500  
--originally.

3775

02:30:18,500 --> 02:30:22,670  
OK, and when you came  
to the United States,

3776

02:30:22,670 --> 02:30:24,080  
where did you come to?

3777

02:30:24,080 --> 02:30:26,180  
What part of the United States?



3778

02:30:26,180 --> 02:30:29,010

We came to my uncle in Quincy.

3779

02:30:29,010 --> 02:30:29,650

Massachusetts?

3780

02:30:29,650 --> 02:30:34,360

An uncle, they provided us with  
the money for the passport--

3781

02:30:34,360 --> 02:30:35,990

well, not for the passport.

3782

02:30:35,990 --> 02:30:36,950

That was free.

3783

02:30:36,950 --> 02:30:39,500

For the voyage.

3784

02:30:39,500 --> 02:30:43,240

And they said that we  
could stay at her house.

3785

02:30:43,240 --> 02:30:46,020

And was this an uncle  
on your mother's side?

3786

02:30:46,020 --> 02:30:46,870

Father.

3787

02:30:46,870 --> 02:30:48,940

So he was an uncle on  
your father's side.

3788

02:30:48,940 --> 02:30:50,590

Yes.

3789

02:30:50,590 --> 02:30:51,490

So this is another--

3790

02:30:51,490 --> 02:30:52,073

Wait a minute.

3791

02:30:52,073 --> 02:30:54,750

Let me correct myself.

3792

02:30:54,750 --> 02:30:58,640

It was the aunt who was  
on my father's side.

3793

02:30:58,640 --> 02:31:00,080

OK.

3794

02:31:00,080 --> 02:31:01,040

The aunt was on your--

3795

02:31:01,040 --> 02:31:02,660

so was she his sister?

3796

02:31:02,660 --> 02:31:03,860

Yes.

3797

02:31:03,860 --> 02:31:06,380

Did she know about  
his other life?

3798

02:31:06,380 --> 02:31:07,700

Oh yes.

3799

02:31:07,700 --> 02:31:09,180

OK.

3800

02:31:09,180 --> 02:31:15,950

Did she try to make a connection  
between you and him or not?

3801

02:31:15,950 --> 02:31:16,610

No.

3802

02:31:16,610 --> 02:31:19,040

Did she ever talk  
to you about him?

3803  
02:31:19,040 --> 02:31:21,430  
No.

3804  
02:31:21,430 --> 02:31:25,145  
And did you stay with her long?

3805  
02:31:25,145 --> 02:31:27,010  
A couple of years.

3806  
02:31:27,010 --> 02:31:28,790  
How was that for you, because--

3807  
02:31:28,790 --> 02:31:29,620  
It was good.

3808  
02:31:29,620 --> 02:31:30,130  
Yeah.

3809  
02:31:30,130 --> 02:31:31,310  
Was she a nice lady?

3810  
02:31:31,310 --> 02:31:32,240  
She was nice.

3811  
02:31:32,240 --> 02:31:33,580  
Yeah.

3812  
02:31:33,580 --> 02:31:36,174  
She drank a little too  
much, but she was OK.

3813  
02:31:36,174 --> 02:31:38,296  
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3814  
02:31:38,296 --> 02:31:40,030  
Well, she got you a visa.

3815  
02:31:40,030 --> 02:31:41,671  
She liked to have her cocktail.

3816

02:31:41,671 --> 02:31:43,780  
[LAUGHTER]

3817  
02:31:43,780 --> 02:31:44,860  
She was nice.

3818  
02:31:44,860 --> 02:31:45,820  
OK.

3819  
02:31:45,820 --> 02:31:48,910  
So did you stay in the  
Boston area then for--

3820  
02:31:48,910 --> 02:31:50,890  
No, this was Quincy.

3821  
02:31:50,890 --> 02:31:52,210  
I know.

3822  
02:31:52,210 --> 02:31:55,150  
Did you stay in this  
general Massachusetts area?

3823  
02:31:55,150 --> 02:31:56,440  
Yes.

3824  
02:31:56,440 --> 02:31:58,220  
Ever since?

3825  
02:31:58,220 --> 02:31:58,720  
Yes.

3826  
02:31:58,720 --> 02:31:59,710  
I think so.

3827  
02:31:59,710 --> 02:32:00,640  
OK.

3828  
02:32:00,640 --> 02:32:02,740  
Did you ever go  
back to San Donato.

3829  
02:32:02,740 --> 02:32:04,150  
Oh yes.

3830  
02:32:04,150 --> 02:32:04,750  
All right.

3831  
02:32:04,750 --> 02:32:06,340  
Many times.

3832  
02:32:06,340 --> 02:32:10,190  
And when your mother came  
over, who did she live with?

3833  
02:32:10,190 --> 02:32:10,690  
What?

3834  
02:32:10,690 --> 02:32:14,440  
When your mother came,  
who did she live with?

3835  
02:32:14,440 --> 02:32:17,950  
Oh, Silvana and I had  
a little apartment,

3836  
02:32:17,950 --> 02:32:20,590  
there was a room for Mama.

3837  
02:32:20,590 --> 02:32:21,970  
She lived with us.

3838  
02:32:21,970 --> 02:32:23,350  
In Quincy?

3839  
02:32:23,350 --> 02:32:26,170  
In Brookline.

3840  
02:32:26,170 --> 02:32:29,118  
yeah, you think this house is  
beautiful, you should see--

3841  
02:32:29,118 --> 02:32:29,660

huh, Silvana?

3842  
02:32:29,660 --> 02:32:31,090  
Where is she?

3843  
02:32:31,090 --> 02:32:32,560  
Where is Marcelle?

3844  
02:32:32,560 --> 02:32:34,250  
What a house we were in.

3845  
02:32:34,250 --> 02:32:34,750  
Yeah?

3846  
02:32:34,750 --> 02:32:35,550  
It was a nice one?

3847  
02:32:35,550 --> 02:32:37,990  
Oh, what a mansion.

3848  
02:32:37,990 --> 02:32:40,510  
I've never lived in a  
place like that since then.

3849  
02:32:40,510 --> 02:32:42,200  
[LAUGHS]

3850  
02:32:42,200 --> 02:32:45,790  
So this was a house that you had  
a small apartment in Brookline?

3851  
02:32:45,790 --> 02:32:48,100  
No, we were working.

3852  
02:32:48,100 --> 02:32:51,130  
And this woman we were  
working with, she knew.

3853  
02:32:51,130 --> 02:32:52,250  
She was Jewish.

3854

02:32:52,250 --> 02:32:56,590  
She had escaped tragedies.

3855  
02:32:56,590 --> 02:33:01,380  
She never talked about  
her husband or her son.

3856  
02:33:01,380 --> 02:33:04,920  
Must have been tragic  
what she went through.

3857  
02:33:04,920 --> 02:33:08,100  
She was in this house.

3858  
02:33:08,100 --> 02:33:11,780  
She says, Maria, dear, the first  
floor apartment is for rent.

3859  
02:33:11,780 --> 02:33:14,520  
Why don't you take it  
when your mother comes?

3860  
02:33:14,520 --> 02:33:15,590  
You'll be ready.

3861  
02:33:15,590 --> 02:33:16,900  
And we did.

3862  
02:33:16,900 --> 02:33:20,250  
Silvana and I got the  
apartment on the first floor.

3863  
02:33:20,250 --> 02:33:22,860  
It was beautiful.

3864  
02:33:22,860 --> 02:33:25,830  
Marcelle, do you remember  
how beautiful it was?

3865  
02:33:25,830 --> 02:33:27,180  
I haven't seen it yet.

3866

02:33:27,180 --> 02:33:28,420  
You've never seen it?

3867  
02:33:28,420 --> 02:33:29,970  
Not yet.

3868  
02:33:29,970 --> 02:33:30,530  
Oh, Marcelle.

3869  
02:33:30,530 --> 02:33:33,830

3870  
02:33:33,830 --> 02:33:36,110  
This is just to let the  
camera know that a lot--

3871  
02:33:36,110 --> 02:33:38,270  
We've got to go and  
knock at the door.

3872  
02:33:38,270 --> 02:33:39,742  
They'll let us in.

3873  
02:33:39,742 --> 02:33:40,450  
Maria's talking--

3874  
02:33:40,450 --> 02:33:42,476  
--I lived in this place in 1950.

3875  
02:33:42,476 --> 02:33:44,910  
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3876  
02:33:44,910 --> 02:33:47,450  
Maria is talking to  
her niece Marcelle,

3877  
02:33:47,450 --> 02:33:49,430  
who is behind the camera.

3878  
02:33:49,430 --> 02:33:52,910  
Just to let everybody know who  
hears this interview that you



3879  
02:33:52,910 --> 02:33:55,160  
have your three children here--

3880  
02:33:55,160 --> 02:33:59,870  
Marcelle and her husband  
Paul, and your friend Faith,

3881  
02:33:59,870 --> 02:34:02,360  
who are all here with  
us, listening to you

3882  
02:34:02,360 --> 02:34:05,210  
tell us this story.

3883  
02:34:05,210 --> 02:34:08,300  
So when you moved to  
the United States,

3884  
02:34:08,300 --> 02:34:11,360  
do you keep up contact,  
then, with the Tenenbaums--

3885  
02:34:11,360 --> 02:34:12,470  
the Tenenbaum family?

3886  
02:34:12,470 --> 02:34:14,690  
To some-- oh yeah.

3887  
02:34:14,690 --> 02:34:16,550  
Oh, absolutely.

3888  
02:34:16,550 --> 02:34:18,310  
Did you ever see them again?

3889  
02:34:18,310 --> 02:34:19,130  
Yes.

3890  
02:34:19,130 --> 02:34:20,480  
How many times?

3891

02:34:20,480 --> 02:34:21,280  
Oh, I don't know.

3892  
02:34:21,280 --> 02:34:25,700  
Katja came back and forth I  
don't know how many times.

3893  
02:34:25,700 --> 02:34:27,110  
Ula came back once.

3894  
02:34:27,110 --> 02:34:28,880  
Marco never came.

3895  
02:34:28,880 --> 02:34:31,720  
Marco do not want  
to leave Italy.

3896  
02:34:31,720 --> 02:34:34,360  
He just loved Italy.

3897  
02:34:34,360 --> 02:34:37,070  
And he said, you people  
want to go, go ahead.

3898  
02:34:37,070 --> 02:34:38,060  
I'm staying right here.

3899  
02:34:38,060 --> 02:34:38,570  
[LAUGHS]

3900  
02:34:38,570 --> 02:34:39,280  
Really?

3901  
02:34:39,280 --> 02:34:39,950  
Right.

3902  
02:34:39,950 --> 02:34:42,190  
So when you left for  
the United States,

3903  
02:34:42,190 --> 02:34:43,960  
you said goodbye to them, too?

3904  
02:34:43,960 --> 02:34:44,510  
Yes.

3905  
02:34:44,510 --> 02:34:45,720  
When you were in Rome.

3906  
02:34:45,720 --> 02:34:46,220  
OK.

3907  
02:34:46,220 --> 02:34:46,720  
Yes.

3908  
02:34:46,720 --> 02:34:47,810  
We said goodbye.

3909  
02:34:47,810 --> 02:34:50,030  
Did you travel  
from Rome by boat,

3910  
02:34:50,030 --> 02:34:51,590  
or did you travel from Genoa?

3911  
02:34:51,590 --> 02:34:54,230  
How did you come to the US?

3912  
02:34:54,230 --> 02:34:55,430  
By boat or by--

3913  
02:34:55,430 --> 02:34:56,040  
By boat.

3914  
02:34:56,040 --> 02:34:56,540  
Yeah.

3915  
02:34:56,540 --> 02:34:59,850  
Where did the boat sail from?

3916  
02:34:59,850 --> 02:35:00,820  
New York.

3917  
02:35:00,820 --> 02:35:01,320  
OK.

3918  
02:35:01,320 --> 02:35:03,812  
From Italy-- what part of  
Italy did it sail from.

3919  
02:35:03,812 --> 02:35:05,520  
I'm not understanding  
what you're saying.

3920  
02:35:05,520 --> 02:35:10,470  
OK, when you left Italy, you  
came to the United States

3921  
02:35:10,470 --> 02:35:10,980  
by boat.

3922  
02:35:10,980 --> 02:35:11,670  
By boat.

3923  
02:35:11,670 --> 02:35:13,910  
Where did it sail from in Italy.

3924  
02:35:13,910 --> 02:35:14,820  
Oh, Naples.

3925  
02:35:14,820 --> 02:35:16,030  
From Naples.

3926  
02:35:16,030 --> 02:35:18,750  
OK, OK.

3927  
02:35:18,750 --> 02:35:21,270  
And it was in 1947.

3928  
02:35:21,270 --> 02:35:21,870  
Right.

3929  
02:35:21,870 --> 02:35:25,860  
Was it a passenger boat

or was it a military boat?

3930

02:35:25,860 --> 02:35:27,270

No, it was a passenger.

3931

02:35:27,270 --> 02:35:28,440

It was a passenger boat.

3932

02:35:28,440 --> 02:35:29,700

OK, OK.

3933

02:35:29,700 --> 02:35:34,630

3934

02:35:34,630 --> 02:35:36,620

How many children do you have?

3935

02:35:36,620 --> 02:35:37,340

Four.

3936

02:35:37,340 --> 02:35:37,930

Four.

3937

02:35:37,930 --> 02:35:38,430

OK.

3938

02:35:38,430 --> 02:35:40,310

Two boys and two girls.

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02:35:40,310 --> 02:35:43,000

What are their names?

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02:35:43,000 --> 02:35:49,000

Peter, Paul, Anita, Marisa.

3941

02:35:49,000 --> 02:35:52,628

And did you tell them about  
your experiences during the war.

3942

02:35:52,628 --> 02:35:54,420

I don't know if they

want to know about it.

3943  
02:35:54,420 --> 02:35:55,980  
[LAUGHTER]

3944  
02:35:55,980 --> 02:35:57,910  
But as they were growing  
up, did you tell them

3945  
02:35:57,910 --> 02:36:01,406  
about your wartime experiences?

3946  
02:36:01,406 --> 02:36:05,040  
We don't talk too much  
about stuff like that.

3947  
02:36:05,040 --> 02:36:05,930  
But they know now.

3948  
02:36:05,930 --> 02:36:07,370  
I'm glad they came.

3949  
02:36:07,370 --> 02:36:10,370  
OK, OK.

3950  
02:36:10,370 --> 02:36:13,180  
Well, we're coming close to  
the end of our interview.

3951  
02:36:13,180 --> 02:36:14,850  
Yes.

3952  
02:36:14,850 --> 02:36:18,980  
And I wonder if you  
have any final words

3953  
02:36:18,980 --> 02:36:22,330  
you would like to share with  
those people who are going

3954  
02:36:22,330 --> 02:36:24,860  
to hear your story later on.

3955  
02:36:24,860 --> 02:36:26,270  
What would you  
like to tell them?

3956  
02:36:26,270 --> 02:36:29,720  
What would you like them  
to understand about what

3957  
02:36:29,720 --> 02:36:32,320  
you saw, what you experienced?

3958  
02:36:32,320 --> 02:36:32,820  
Oh boy.

3959  
02:36:32,820 --> 02:36:34,648  
This is hard to tell.

3960  
02:36:34,648 --> 02:36:37,830

3961  
02:36:37,830 --> 02:36:39,610  
You've got to trust  
in human nature.

3962  
02:36:39,610 --> 02:36:42,340

3963  
02:36:42,340 --> 02:36:47,730  
You better see things  
firsthand, not just listen.

3964  
02:36:47,730 --> 02:36:52,460  
You'd better know  
firsthand what's going on.

3965  
02:36:52,460 --> 02:36:56,930  
And humans are good,  
unless something

3966  
02:36:56,930 --> 02:37:03,680  
is put into their minds

that makes them no good.

3967

02:37:03,680 --> 02:37:04,410

I don't know.

3968

02:37:04,410 --> 02:37:06,180

What else could I tell?

3969

02:37:06,180 --> 02:37:07,940

Well, those are  
important thoughts.

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02:37:07,940 --> 02:37:09,425

Those are very important points.

3971

02:37:09,425 --> 02:37:09,990

Yeah.

3972

02:37:09,990 --> 02:37:11,720

That people should  
not necessarily

3973

02:37:11,720 --> 02:37:13,460

believe everything they're told.

3974

02:37:13,460 --> 02:37:16,520

Do not believe  
everything they are told.

3975

02:37:16,520 --> 02:37:21,880

You've got to go to the source,  
and then make up your own mind.

3976

02:37:21,880 --> 02:37:24,700

People by nature are good.

3977

02:37:24,700 --> 02:37:27,280

3978

02:37:27,280 --> 02:37:28,120

OK.



3979

02:37:28,120 --> 02:37:34,160

And they try to help other  
people at the same time.

3980

02:37:34,160 --> 02:37:36,920

Which sounds very much like your  
mother was that kind of person.

3981

02:37:36,920 --> 02:37:39,570

Yes, she was that  
kind of a person.

3982

02:37:39,570 --> 02:37:41,370

Yeah.

3983

02:37:41,370 --> 02:37:43,050

Thank you, Mrs. Maria.

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02:37:43,050 --> 02:37:44,560

Well, you're very welcome.

3985

02:37:44,560 --> 02:37:45,650

I hope I was--

3986

02:37:45,650 --> 02:37:47,460

You were wonderful.

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02:37:47,460 --> 02:37:48,877

Wonderful.

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02:37:48,877 --> 02:37:50,335

Now, after you  
leave, I'll remember

3989

02:37:50,335 --> 02:37:51,810

all the things I haven't said.

3990

02:37:51,810 --> 02:37:53,070

That always happens.

3991

02:37:53,070 --> 02:37:54,880

That always happens.

3992  
02:37:54,880 --> 02:37:57,510  
[LAUGHTER]

3993  
02:37:57,510 --> 02:38:01,530  
And in one interview, we can  
never capture everything.

3994  
02:38:01,530 --> 02:38:02,350  
No.

3995  
02:38:02,350 --> 02:38:03,790  
So not to worry about it.

3996  
02:38:03,790 --> 02:38:04,650  
No.

3997  
02:38:04,650 --> 02:38:05,620  
But thank you--

3998  
02:38:05,620 --> 02:38:07,930  
Some days, you seem  
to remember so much.

3999  
02:38:07,930 --> 02:38:11,045  
The next day, you  
don't remember as much.

4000  
02:38:11,045 --> 02:38:11,920  
That's the way it is.

4001  
02:38:11,920 --> 02:38:13,230  
But you have-- thank you.

4002  
02:38:13,230 --> 02:38:15,800  
We have gotten a really  
nice picture from you today.

4003  
02:38:15,800 --> 02:38:16,300  
I'm glad.

4004

02:38:16,300 --> 02:38:17,790

I hope you got  
something out of it.

4005

02:38:17,790 --> 02:38:18,610

Yes, we did.

4006

02:38:18,610 --> 02:38:20,610

Now, do you have the Katja book?

4007

02:38:20,610 --> 02:38:21,330

Now we do.

4008

02:38:21,330 --> 02:38:22,725

Now, let me finish  
the interview.

4009

02:38:22,725 --> 02:38:24,040

Oh, I'll give you one.

4010

02:38:24,040 --> 02:38:24,540

OK.

4011

02:38:24,540 --> 02:38:26,460

I would like your  
autograph on it.

4012

02:38:26,460 --> 02:38:27,030

OK.

4013

02:38:27,030 --> 02:38:27,690

OK?

4014

02:38:27,690 --> 02:38:32,580

So for right now I will say  
this concludes the United States

4015

02:38:32,580 --> 02:38:37,280

Holocaust Memorial Museum  
interview with Mrs. Maria

4016

02:38:37,280 --> 02:38:43,980  
Cardarelli Puzzanoghero  
on September 29, 2019,

4017  
02:38:43,980 --> 02:38:46,140  
in Newton, Massachusetts.

4018  
02:38:46,140 --> 02:38:47,415  
Thanks again.

4019  
02:38:47,415 --> 02:38:50,120  
[APPLAUSE]

4020  
02:38:50,120 --> 02:38:52,220  
Wonderful wonderful.

4021  
02:38:52,220 --> 02:38:54,230  
Well, thank you.