

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,390

2  
00:00:01,390 --> 00:00:03,440  
Changing film, camera four's up.

3  
00:00:03,440 --> 00:00:08,570

4  
00:00:08,570 --> 00:00:10,070  
Saying take three is up.

5  
00:00:10,070 --> 00:00:17,590

6  
00:00:17,590 --> 00:00:20,530  
Why don't you just  
continue and tell me

7  
00:00:20,530 --> 00:00:26,300  
some of the amazing  
incidents that Raoul did.

8  
00:00:26,300 --> 00:00:28,880  
Well, this one, I'm just  
shortening it down for you.

9  
00:00:28,880 --> 00:00:32,600  
That again, he went, and  
he had a big, black book.

10  
00:00:32,600 --> 00:00:35,630  
And this time, he went with  
Per Anger and another couple

11  
00:00:35,630 --> 00:00:40,010  
of even Swiss people, and of  
course, the Red Cross trucks.

12  
00:00:40,010 --> 00:00:44,210  
And he would shout at the German

in German that I am a diplomat,

13  
00:00:44,210 --> 00:00:46,220  
and I will be sure  
that I will not

14  
00:00:46,220 --> 00:00:48,680  
help your people if you  
don't let-- these are all

15  
00:00:48,680 --> 00:00:50,210  
my protected people.

16  
00:00:50,210 --> 00:00:52,160  
Anybody with my  
papers, turn around.

17  
00:00:52,160 --> 00:00:54,260  
And my girlfriend with  
her mother and sister

18  
00:00:54,260 --> 00:00:56,062  
figured, we can  
be killed anyhow.

19  
00:00:56,062 --> 00:00:57,020  
And they turned around.

20  
00:00:57,020 --> 00:00:58,170  
They had no papers.

21  
00:00:58,170 --> 00:01:00,620  
And Raoul just gave  
them something.

22  
00:01:00,620 --> 00:01:04,459  
And they went on and they  
in the United States today.

23  
00:01:04,459 --> 00:01:06,830  
And then he was  
starting reading out

24

00:01:06,830 --> 00:01:09,320  
names out of this black book.

25

00:01:09,320 --> 00:01:12,170  
And of course, everybody  
caught on, and they just came.

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00:01:12,170 --> 00:01:15,710  
And on the way home, Per  
Anger says to him, Raoul,

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00:01:15,710 --> 00:01:17,900  
I didn't know we have a  
book with all the names.

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00:01:17,900 --> 00:01:19,800  
And he started  
hysterically laughing.

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00:01:19,800 --> 00:01:20,900  
He says, you didn't know?

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00:01:20,900 --> 00:01:25,100  
And he opens the book, and  
not a single word in it.

31

00:01:25,100 --> 00:01:26,720  
But that's how he was.

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00:01:26,720 --> 00:01:28,790  
Then we already had hospitals.

33

00:01:28,790 --> 00:01:30,980  
We had two hospitals  
what eventually

34

00:01:30,980 --> 00:01:33,810  
was used by everyone because  
it was right in the middle.

35

00:01:33,810 --> 00:01:37,580  
And if somebody was hurt from

a bomb, they brought them in.

36  
00:01:37,580 --> 00:01:42,410  
But Raoul was marvelous  
in learning names.

37  
00:01:42,410 --> 00:01:43,910  
And what he did first.

38  
00:01:43,910 --> 00:01:45,290  
And he never forgot a name.

39  
00:01:45,290 --> 00:01:50,960  
He learned all the main  
Hungarian Arrow Cross

40  
00:01:50,960 --> 00:01:55,070  
officers' name and where they  
were sitting, in which office,

41  
00:01:55,070 --> 00:01:56,870  
because they were all over.

42  
00:01:56,870 --> 00:02:00,740  
And one of the officers were  
right near by our hospital.

43  
00:02:00,740 --> 00:02:05,780  
And he arrives to our hospital  
one day unshaven and hungry.

44  
00:02:05,780 --> 00:02:09,830  
And I was there, delivering mail  
to some patients, I remember.

45  
00:02:09,830 --> 00:02:13,910  
And he came in and there are  
these three little punks,

46  
00:02:13,910 --> 00:02:17,810  
13/14-year-old, with a gun, and  
the doctor with his hands up,

47

00:02:17,810 --> 00:02:20,030  
and the patient sitting.

48

00:02:20,030 --> 00:02:22,220  
And Raoul couldn't  
speak Hungarian,

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00:02:22,220 --> 00:02:24,090  
but boy, he could hit.

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00:02:24,090 --> 00:02:27,290  
And with all his might and  
half-German, half-Hungarian,

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00:02:27,290 --> 00:02:28,520  
he hit these guys.

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00:02:28,520 --> 00:02:31,130  
And of course, the  
guns fell down,

53

00:02:31,130 --> 00:02:35,690  
and he says, get out of here  
and bring me your officer.

54

00:02:35,690 --> 00:02:37,040  
Three minutes passed.

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00:02:37,040 --> 00:02:40,200  
The boys left because  
they got such a hit.

56

00:02:40,200 --> 00:02:42,090  
I think one of them  
even had a bloody nose,

57

00:02:42,090 --> 00:02:43,610  
but Raoul didn't care.

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00:02:43,610 --> 00:02:47,000  
And he pushed away the guns.

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00:02:47,000 --> 00:02:49,940

In walks an officer  
and Raoul looks at him,

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00:02:49,940 --> 00:02:53,900

he says, Simon, what took you  
three minutes to get here?

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00:02:53,900 --> 00:02:55,550

And the men were so  
surprised that how

62

00:02:55,550 --> 00:02:57,230

do you know my name,  
Mr. Wallenberg?

63

00:02:57,230 --> 00:02:59,380

He knew that he was Wallenberg.

64

00:02:59,380 --> 00:03:01,160

He said, I know  
everybody's name.

65

00:03:01,160 --> 00:03:05,090

And I don't understand why you  
don't bring me medication when

66

00:03:05,090 --> 00:03:07,590

that's what I was asking for.

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00:03:07,590 --> 00:03:10,980

And I think you  
better go because I

68

00:03:10,980 --> 00:03:14,340

understand that you  
killed a German Gestapo

69

00:03:14,340 --> 00:03:15,870

officer by mistake.

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00:03:15,870 --> 00:03:17,820

And the guy says, no, I didn't.

71

00:03:17,820 --> 00:03:19,110

He says, oh, yes, you did.

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00:03:19,110 --> 00:03:21,390

Because he died right  
here in our hospital.

73

00:03:21,390 --> 00:03:26,100

But before he died, he sent your  
name up to the headquarters,

74

00:03:26,100 --> 00:03:27,570

and they're looking for you.

75

00:03:27,570 --> 00:03:30,360

Without a word,  
Simon disappeared.

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00:03:30,360 --> 00:03:33,000

And we all, you know, relaxed.

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00:03:33,000 --> 00:03:35,730

And the doctor says, Raoul,  
what did you just do?

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00:03:35,730 --> 00:03:37,600

And Raoul starts laughing.

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00:03:37,600 --> 00:03:40,370

He said, I did nothing.

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00:03:40,370 --> 00:03:43,770

He said, I knew it was a  
Simon who was the officer,

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00:03:43,770 --> 00:03:46,370

and we were lucky  
because it was Simon.

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00:03:46,370 --> 00:03:48,560

So the doctor said,  
Raoul, I never

83  
00:03:48,560 --> 00:03:50,510  
had a Gestapo officer here.

84  
00:03:50,510 --> 00:03:52,835  
Raoul sat down on the  
floor and started laughing.

85  
00:03:52,835 --> 00:03:55,190  
He says, of course  
not, but he killed

86  
00:03:55,190 --> 00:03:58,280  
so many people, one of them  
could have been an officer.

87  
00:03:58,280 --> 00:04:00,560  
You see, this was his mind.

88  
00:04:00,560 --> 00:04:01,505  
He was in danger.

89  
00:04:01,505 --> 00:04:02,630  
They could have killed him.

90  
00:04:02,630 --> 00:04:04,340  
Simon could have killed him.

91  
00:04:04,340 --> 00:04:08,330  
But no, he had to try  
with a big lie to help.

92  
00:04:08,330 --> 00:04:10,170  
And he did.

93  
00:04:10,170 --> 00:04:12,990  
And he was absolutely unafraid.

94  
00:04:12,990 --> 00:04:19,560  
We heard it in the radio



that all young girls

95

00:04:19,560 --> 00:04:23,340  
in the age of 18  
and 25 have to go

96

00:04:23,340 --> 00:04:26,760  
in such and such a sports  
palace and clean up Budapest

97

00:04:26,760 --> 00:04:27,760  
after the bombing.

98

00:04:27,760 --> 00:04:31,080  
Well, we knew exactly  
where they're going to go.

99

00:04:31,080 --> 00:04:33,360  
And Raoul turned to  
us and says, let's

100

00:04:33,360 --> 00:04:36,360  
get the pictures because all  
of you must have young sisters,

101

00:04:36,360 --> 00:04:38,170  
and aunts, and so forth.

102

00:04:38,170 --> 00:04:41,260  
And let's write the passes.

103

00:04:41,260 --> 00:04:44,320  
And that time-- because we  
had to move all the time

104

00:04:44,320 --> 00:04:47,905  
because Eichmann was after all  
of us, especially after Raoul.

105

00:04:47,905 --> 00:04:50,960  
Raoul slept somewhere  
else every night.

106

00:04:50,960 --> 00:04:53,830

And this time, we were  
over in the Buda side,

107

00:04:53,830 --> 00:04:55,690

in a very beautiful villa.

108

00:04:55,690 --> 00:04:59,440

And as they bombed all the  
time, we had only candlelight,

109

00:04:59,440 --> 00:05:01,900

and we had the black curtains.

110

00:05:01,900 --> 00:05:03,670

And we were putting  
the pictures on.

111

00:05:03,670 --> 00:05:06,760

And the ambassador was sitting  
there, Ambassador Danielson,

112

00:05:06,760 --> 00:05:07,870

signing each of them.

113

00:05:07,870 --> 00:05:11,830

Around midnight, Raul arrives,  
again unshaven, tired,

114

00:05:11,830 --> 00:05:13,755

but with a big smile  
when he came to us.

115

00:05:13,755 --> 00:05:15,130

And said, well,  
how are we doing?

116

00:05:15,130 --> 00:05:21,760

By 3:00, we have to send  
out all these passes.

117

00:05:21,760 --> 00:05:25,330

And that time, we already  
had curfew in Hungary.

118  
00:05:25,330 --> 00:05:28,150  
Not just for the Jews,  
but for everyone.

119  
00:05:28,150 --> 00:05:30,970  
From 9 o'clock in the evening  
to 7:00 in the morning,

120  
00:05:30,970 --> 00:05:32,830  
no one was allowed out.

121  
00:05:32,830 --> 00:05:38,470  
And I was very surprised why  
in a gorgeous, cold, icy night,

122  
00:05:38,470 --> 00:05:42,310  
with stars out, why  
don't they bomb us?

123  
00:05:42,310 --> 00:05:44,770  
Maybe they knew what  
we heard in the radio

124  
00:05:44,770 --> 00:05:46,360  
and they didn't want to bomb.

125  
00:05:46,360 --> 00:05:47,710  
No bombing.

126  
00:05:47,710 --> 00:05:49,570  
Quiet outside, beautiful.

127  
00:05:49,570 --> 00:05:53,110  
And I was the first ready  
with 500 of my passes.

128  
00:05:53,110 --> 00:05:55,180  
But before we got  
ready, Raoul said, oh, I

129

00:05:55,180 --> 00:05:57,820

forgot to tell you a  
lovely, great news.

130

00:05:57,820 --> 00:06:00,080

But don't look up,  
it's not important.

131

00:06:00,080 --> 00:06:02,980

We have new neighbors  
in the other villa.

132

00:06:02,980 --> 00:06:04,340

And of course, we all looked up.

133

00:06:04,340 --> 00:06:05,798

He says, I told  
you, don't look up.

134

00:06:05,798 --> 00:06:09,040

It's only the  
German headquarters.

135

00:06:09,040 --> 00:06:10,210

Nobody cared.

136

00:06:10,210 --> 00:06:13,000

So I had my 500 papers,  
and Raoul came over

137

00:06:13,000 --> 00:06:15,010

and put his hand around me.

138

00:06:15,010 --> 00:06:16,390

He says, good luck, kid.

139

00:06:16,390 --> 00:06:17,530

And I walked out.

140

00:06:17,530 --> 00:06:20,470

In that time, I was  
very young and very much

141  
00:06:20,470 --> 00:06:22,510  
in love with an Italian.

142  
00:06:22,510 --> 00:06:25,720  
And all I could think of  
was the war will be over,

143  
00:06:25,720 --> 00:06:30,310  
and the moon is out, and you  
know how young women are.

144  
00:06:30,310 --> 00:06:32,680  
And I'm carrying  
this 500 passes.

145  
00:06:32,680 --> 00:06:34,330  
And I delivered each of them.

146  
00:06:34,330 --> 00:06:37,160  
And some of them was my friend  
who opened the door and says,

147  
00:06:37,160 --> 00:06:39,310  
Aggy, what are you  
doing out in the street?

148  
00:06:39,310 --> 00:06:40,810  
I said, don't worry about it.

149  
00:06:40,810 --> 00:06:42,610  
There is an angel who  
sent you the paper.

150  
00:06:42,610 --> 00:06:44,200  
I hope it saves your life.

151  
00:06:44,200 --> 00:06:46,150  
And only when I  
got home, finally,

152  
00:06:46,150 --> 00:06:48,400

and I sat down on my  
bed around 4 o'clock,

153  
00:06:48,400 --> 00:06:51,440  
and I said, oh, my god,  
what did I just do?

154  
00:06:51,440 --> 00:06:55,210  
I could have been  
killed by the Nazis.

155  
00:06:55,210 --> 00:06:58,120  
And then, just like Raoul would  
think, he says, the Nazis,

156  
00:06:58,120 --> 00:07:00,700  
they are great cowards.

157  
00:07:00,700 --> 00:07:02,870  
They wouldn't dare to be  
out in a night like that.

158  
00:07:02,870 --> 00:07:04,300  
And I went to sleep.

159  
00:07:04,300 --> 00:07:06,250  
At 6 o'clock in the  
morning, I woke up

160  
00:07:06,250 --> 00:07:09,850  
that my two girlfriends  
made it all the way back

161  
00:07:09,850 --> 00:07:11,530  
with these passes.

162  
00:07:11,530 --> 00:07:14,680  
And they came to our house.

163  
00:07:14,680 --> 00:07:15,940  
Then we had--

164

00:07:15,940 --> 00:07:18,700  
Raoul was away  
again when he heard,

165  
00:07:18,700 --> 00:07:23,200  
the last day, that the Hungarian  
Nazi party are taking people

166  
00:07:23,200 --> 00:07:25,240  
down to the river.

167  
00:07:25,240 --> 00:07:27,020  
I don't know if you've  
been in Budapest,

168  
00:07:27,020 --> 00:07:31,840  
however, Budapest is two  
cities, and in the middle

169  
00:07:31,840 --> 00:07:34,210  
is the so-called Blue Danube.

170  
00:07:34,210 --> 00:07:35,530  
For me, it is the Red Danube.

171  
00:07:35,530 --> 00:07:37,090  
But that's what it was.

172  
00:07:37,090 --> 00:07:40,600  
And they took people down  
there, the Hungarian Nazis.

173  
00:07:40,600 --> 00:07:43,420  
And they roped three  
people together.

174  
00:07:43,420 --> 00:07:46,360  
And they shot the middle  
one so they all fell in.

175  
00:07:46,360 --> 00:07:50,050  
And if they saw a movement, they  
shot again so they'd be sure.

176  
00:07:50,050 --> 00:07:53,530  
But many people by  
themselves somehow got out.

177  
00:07:53,530 --> 00:07:57,280  
But it was a terribly  
cold winter, as I said.

178  
00:07:57,280 --> 00:08:01,990  
And the Danube was frozen,  
with big slabs of ice.

179  
00:08:01,990 --> 00:08:03,970  
So Raoul came home  
the third night.

180  
00:08:03,970 --> 00:08:10,580  
And there was no moonlight,  
no stars, just cold and dark.

181  
00:08:10,580 --> 00:08:12,890  
And he turned to  
us the first time,

182  
00:08:12,890 --> 00:08:15,710  
usually only talked to  
the men and the Red Cross,

183  
00:08:15,710 --> 00:08:17,480  
and how many of you can swim?

184  
00:08:17,480 --> 00:08:19,410  
I have a big mouth,  
so I put up my hand,

185  
00:08:19,410 --> 00:08:21,110  
I said, best swimmer in school.

186  
00:08:21,110 --> 00:08:22,560  
He says, let's go.

187



00:08:22,560 --> 00:08:24,720  
And as you saw me coming  
in like a teddy bear,

188  
00:08:24,720 --> 00:08:28,710  
that's how I was dressed,  
in a hat and a glove.

189  
00:08:28,710 --> 00:08:29,970  
And we went down.

190  
00:08:29,970 --> 00:08:31,560  
On the other side,  
the Hungarians

191  
00:08:31,560 --> 00:08:33,960  
didn't even hear us  
coming because they were

192  
00:08:33,960 --> 00:08:36,720  
so busy roping and shooting.

193  
00:08:36,720 --> 00:08:39,580  
And we stood on  
the left way over.

194  
00:08:39,580 --> 00:08:42,179  
We had doctors and  
nurses in the cars,

195  
00:08:42,179 --> 00:08:44,790  
and then we had people  
outside to pull us out.

196  
00:08:44,790 --> 00:08:48,180  
Four of us, three men  
and me, we jumped.

197  
00:08:48,180 --> 00:08:52,860  
And thanks to the icicles,  
the ropes hang on to it,

198  
00:08:52,860 --> 00:08:54,540

and we saved people out.

199  
00:08:54,540 --> 00:08:55,860  
But only 50.

200  
00:08:55,860 --> 00:08:59,790  
And then we were so frozen  
that we couldn't do it anymore.

201  
00:08:59,790 --> 00:09:01,890  
But without Raoul  
Wallenberg, we wouldn't have

202  
00:09:01,890 --> 00:09:05,760  
saved even one single person.

203  
00:09:05,760 --> 00:09:09,060  
And you know, when 40 or almost  
50 years going, sometimes,

204  
00:09:09,060 --> 00:09:10,740  
you think, do I dream this?

205  
00:09:10,740 --> 00:09:12,540  
Did it really happen?

206  
00:09:12,540 --> 00:09:15,750  
Until last year, I  
spoke in New Jersey.

207  
00:09:15,750 --> 00:09:17,640  
And I told them the  
Wallenberg story,

208  
00:09:17,640 --> 00:09:22,540  
and an old gentleman got up,  
and he said, young lady, hold it

209  
00:09:22,540 --> 00:09:23,040  
right there.

210  
00:09:23,040 --> 00:09:24,450

Do you see this little hole?

211  
00:09:24,450 --> 00:09:26,100  
And I said, yes, sir.

212  
00:09:26,100 --> 00:09:28,260  
He said, that's where  
the bullet hit me.

213  
00:09:28,260 --> 00:09:30,450  
And you pulled me out.

214  
00:09:30,450 --> 00:09:32,370  
And I looked at him,  
I said, no, I didn't.

215  
00:09:32,370 --> 00:09:33,930  
He says, yes, you  
were the only girl.

216  
00:09:33,930 --> 00:09:37,020  
Because we met you  
after in the hospital.

217  
00:09:37,020 --> 00:09:38,010  
And it was--

218  
00:09:38,010 --> 00:09:41,130  
I was shaken up terribly.

219  
00:09:41,130 --> 00:09:43,620  
But some of us, Raoul--

220  
00:09:43,620 --> 00:09:48,060  
Per Anger had the same  
wonderful meeting one day

221  
00:09:48,060 --> 00:09:50,250  
when the Russians  
were in already,

222  
00:09:50,250 --> 00:09:52,080

and they had the uprising.

223

00:09:52,080 --> 00:09:55,230

And some of the Jews  
escaped on boats.

224

00:09:55,230 --> 00:09:59,220

And he was already  
a consul in Vienna.

225

00:09:59,220 --> 00:10:02,490

And he suddenly thought, oh,  
why don't I do what Raoul did

226

00:10:02,490 --> 00:10:05,140

and help people  
out of the water?

227

00:10:05,140 --> 00:10:07,600

And he went down just  
with the little flashlight

228

00:10:07,600 --> 00:10:08,890

and helped people out.

229

00:10:08,890 --> 00:10:11,770

And one lady came over, and  
saw him, and ran to him.

230

00:10:11,770 --> 00:10:14,910

And he said, Mr. Per Anger  
you saved me from the Nazis,

231

00:10:14,910 --> 00:10:17,110

now you're saving me  
from the Russians.

232

00:10:17,110 --> 00:10:19,420

Well, you see, we wouldn't  
recognize those people.

233

00:10:19,420 --> 00:10:22,270

But they knew us

because we were so few.

234  
00:10:22,270 --> 00:10:25,900  
But it is a wonderful feeling  
that because of Raoul, we

235  
00:10:25,900 --> 00:10:28,120  
could've done these things.

236  
00:10:28,120 --> 00:10:30,790  
And then his very  
last and huge--

237  
00:10:30,790 --> 00:10:33,160  
and these arguments, I  
have with many people.

238  
00:10:33,160 --> 00:10:37,210  
They say, ah, he probably  
saved 5,000 people.

239  
00:10:37,210 --> 00:10:38,890  
What is absolutely ridiculous.

240  
00:10:38,890 --> 00:10:42,950  
Because by that time,  
we had a real ghetto.

241  
00:10:42,950 --> 00:10:45,200  
And it was surrounded  
by the Hungarians--

242  
00:10:45,200 --> 00:10:51,110  
all the houses around the  
main synagogue of Budapest.

243  
00:10:51,110 --> 00:10:55,340  
And there were 70,000  
people in there.

244  
00:10:55,340 --> 00:10:58,580  
And the Russians were already  
at the outskirts of Budapest.

245  
00:10:58,580 --> 00:11:01,040  
And Eichmann decided  
that this is the time

246  
00:11:01,040 --> 00:11:03,380  
that he should kill everyone.

247  
00:11:03,380 --> 00:11:07,730  
And he ordered to have  
the 70,000 people killed.

248  
00:11:07,730 --> 00:11:11,960  
And how we found out is some  
of these Hungarian Nazis,

249  
00:11:11,960 --> 00:11:13,850  
they wanted to help Raoul.

250  
00:11:13,850 --> 00:11:16,580  
Because they knew  
that the war is over.

251  
00:11:16,580 --> 00:11:17,900  
And he was like me, too.

252  
00:11:17,900 --> 00:11:19,790  
Oh, yes, I promise I help you.

253  
00:11:19,790 --> 00:11:20,340  
OK.

254  
00:11:20,340 --> 00:11:22,490  
But they came and one of them--

255  
00:11:22,490 --> 00:11:23,675  
We've got to change.

256  
00:11:23,675 --> 00:11:25,770  
We've got to change film.

257

00:11:25,770 --> 00:11:26,270  
Sorry.

258  
00:11:26,270 --> 00:11:35,170

259  
00:11:35,170 --> 00:11:41,000  
I want you to go back to the  
beginning of the 70,000 story.

260  
00:11:41,000 --> 00:11:44,260  
So I want you to start  
with when people speculate

261  
00:11:44,260 --> 00:11:46,420  
about how many he saved.

262  
00:11:46,420 --> 00:11:47,590  
All right.

263  
00:11:47,590 --> 00:11:54,910  
So we had this beautiful,  
beautiful synagogue.

264  
00:11:54,910 --> 00:11:59,230  
And the houses around  
it became a ghetto.

265  
00:11:59,230 --> 00:12:03,010  
70,000 people were  
pushed in there.

266  
00:12:03,010 --> 00:12:07,330  
Only thing it was that  
the Swedish government

267  
00:12:07,330 --> 00:12:10,900  
went in at least twice a  
week to deliver some food

268  
00:12:10,900 --> 00:12:13,790  
and medication.

269

00:12:13,790 --> 00:12:18,160

And this one morning, one  
of the Hungarian officers

270

00:12:18,160 --> 00:12:20,380

who already thought  
that Raoul will help him

271

00:12:20,380 --> 00:12:25,420

after the Soviet comes  
in said, Raoul, Eichmann

272

00:12:25,420 --> 00:12:29,050

just ordered to kill the  
70,000 people in the ghetto.

273

00:12:29,050 --> 00:12:32,830

And the guns are  
already standing there.

274

00:12:32,830 --> 00:12:35,650

Raoul, without batting  
an eye, said, oh, boy,

275

00:12:35,650 --> 00:12:38,320

and we have two of our  
Swedish girls in there now.

276

00:12:38,320 --> 00:12:39,940

They just delivered  
the medication.

277

00:12:39,940 --> 00:12:42,100

Go back to your  
headquarters and tell them

278

00:12:42,100 --> 00:12:47,110

the Germans have  
called off the killing.

279

00:12:47,110 --> 00:12:49,720

And then he looked at us  
all, we were in the office,



280  
00:12:49,720 --> 00:12:51,880  
and he said, listen to  
me, what I'm going to do.

281  
00:12:51,880 --> 00:12:54,040  
Because he was  
always full of ideas.

282  
00:12:54,040 --> 00:12:57,760  
And dangerous ideas because  
he could have been killed.

283  
00:12:57,760 --> 00:13:04,750  
He picks up the phone and he  
dials the German headquarters.

284  
00:13:04,750 --> 00:13:08,650  
And he says, I want to speak  
to General Schmitthuber.

285  
00:13:08,650 --> 00:13:13,240  
In beautiful German, he says,  
this is Lieutenant Kraus.

286  
00:13:13,240 --> 00:13:15,670  
So who dares to tell a  
Lieutenant Kraus that he

287  
00:13:15,670 --> 00:13:18,010  
can't speak to the general?

288  
00:13:18,010 --> 00:13:19,600  
And the general  
came to the phone.

289  
00:13:19,600 --> 00:13:21,520  
And Raoul introduces  
himself again,

290  
00:13:21,520 --> 00:13:22,720  
this is Raoul Wallenberg.

291

00:13:22,720 --> 00:13:25,480

Well, he couldn't  
hang up on him.

292

00:13:25,480 --> 00:13:29,720

And Raoul said, I don't  
understand what you are doing.

293

00:13:29,720 --> 00:13:34,690

I understand you are a highly  
decorated First World War

294

00:13:34,690 --> 00:13:35,800

general.

295

00:13:35,800 --> 00:13:38,470

How can you take  
it on your heart

296

00:13:38,470 --> 00:13:41,770

to kill 70,000 innocent people?

297

00:13:41,770 --> 00:13:45,370

Whereby he must have  
answered, Eichmann ordered.

298

00:13:45,370 --> 00:13:50,200

Now, Eichmann could have been  
standing right by the general.

299

00:13:50,200 --> 00:13:51,550

But Raoul had to try.

300

00:13:51,550 --> 00:13:53,620

And he starts laughing,  
and he looks at us,

301

00:13:53,620 --> 00:13:56,050

and do like this and  
that with his eye.

302

00:13:56,050 --> 00:13:57,430

He said, Eichmann told you?

303

00:13:57,430 --> 00:13:59,560

Didn't you know  
that he left town?

304

00:13:59,560 --> 00:14:01,310

I had lunch with him yesterday.

305

00:14:01,310 --> 00:14:03,190

Which was, of course, a lie.

306

00:14:03,190 --> 00:14:07,750

Whereby the man  
answered, I didn't know.

307

00:14:07,750 --> 00:14:10,960

So I said to him,  
in not simple words,

308

00:14:10,960 --> 00:14:14,620

that if you don't call off  
the killing immediately,

309

00:14:14,620 --> 00:14:16,930

I as a diplomat will  
be sure that you

310

00:14:16,930 --> 00:14:22,240

will be the first one  
hanged before your office.

311

00:14:22,240 --> 00:14:26,030

Within two minutes, he  
called off the killing.

312

00:14:26,030 --> 00:14:30,770

And therefore, 70,000 people,  
plus the two Swedish girl

313

00:14:30,770 --> 00:14:32,100

have been saved.

314

00:14:32,100 --> 00:14:33,650

So if he wouldn't  
have done anything

315

00:14:33,650 --> 00:14:37,070

more than that, that would  
have been enough, didn't it.

316

00:14:37,070 --> 00:14:39,310

But he did not.

317

00:14:39,310 --> 00:14:42,180

And that was that.

318

00:14:42,180 --> 00:14:45,258

And then, as you know, maybe  
before that we also had.

319

00:14:45,258 --> 00:14:46,800

Stop for a minute  
because there's a--

320

00:14:46,800 --> 00:14:50,400

321

00:14:50,400 --> 00:14:50,900

all right.

322

00:14:50,900 --> 00:14:54,100

Let's go on from there  
and do another story.

323

00:14:54,100 --> 00:14:57,840

You want to do the having  
Eichmann to dinner?

324

00:14:57,840 --> 00:14:59,710

Oh, yeah, that was  
a wonderful thing.

325

00:14:59,710 --> 00:15:03,240

One day he decided he

invites Eichmann for dinner,

326

00:15:03,240 --> 00:15:07,320

but he was so busy, he  
completely and wholly forgot

327

00:15:07,320 --> 00:15:08,140

about it.

328

00:15:08,140 --> 00:15:11,010

So frantically, he  
called other diplomats.

329

00:15:11,010 --> 00:15:12,160

Do you have any food?

330

00:15:12,160 --> 00:15:13,350

Do you have any drinks?

331

00:15:13,350 --> 00:15:15,720

I forgot I invited Eichmann.

332

00:15:15,720 --> 00:15:20,700

So they decided that they will  
go to another consul's place.

333

00:15:20,700 --> 00:15:24,930

No, he was then also  
third secretary Burg.

334

00:15:24,930 --> 00:15:28,560

And Raoul has been,  
of course, as usual

335

00:15:28,560 --> 00:15:32,730

just with an open  
shirt, very relaxed.

336

00:15:32,730 --> 00:15:36,030

And the little man  
Eichmann arrived

337

00:15:36,030 --> 00:15:40,590  
with about seven or eight  
guns around him and two men.

338  
00:15:40,590 --> 00:15:43,620  
And they had a very  
pleasant dinner.

339  
00:15:43,620 --> 00:15:49,200  
And they had a very  
pleasant drinks there.

340  
00:15:49,200 --> 00:15:51,240  
And Raoul turned  
to him suddenly,

341  
00:15:51,240 --> 00:15:54,720  
and he said, look, Eichmann,  
I think what you're doing

342  
00:15:54,720 --> 00:15:55,350  
is crazy.

343  
00:15:55,350 --> 00:15:58,200  
You know that the  
Germans lost the war.

344  
00:15:58,200 --> 00:16:00,960  
Now, we were by candlelight,  
of course, they were.

345  
00:16:00,960 --> 00:16:04,500  
And he went to the window  
and pulled up the shade.

346  
00:16:04,500 --> 00:16:08,490  
And right then, they were  
bombing Budapest terribly.

347  
00:16:08,490 --> 00:16:11,490  
And he says, look, the whole  
beautiful city is burning.

348

00:16:11,490 --> 00:16:15,360  
So give up your idea  
of killing the Jews.

349  
00:16:15,360 --> 00:16:17,790  
Because you will  
be killed anyhow.

350  
00:16:17,790 --> 00:16:21,360  
And Eichmann's answer was, I  
know that if they catch me,

351  
00:16:21,360 --> 00:16:22,890  
I will be killed.

352  
00:16:22,890 --> 00:16:25,740  
But I took it to my head to  
kill everybody, and I will.

353  
00:16:25,740 --> 00:16:27,958  
But you're disturbing me.

354  
00:16:27,958 --> 00:16:29,500  
Whereby Raoul looked  
at him, he says,

355  
00:16:29,500 --> 00:16:31,900  
I don't disturb you enough.

356  
00:16:31,900 --> 00:16:33,910  
And he said, but Mr.  
Wallenberg, don't forget,

357  
00:16:33,910 --> 00:16:37,550  
just a diplomatic passport  
doesn't really help.

358  
00:16:37,550 --> 00:16:40,750  
Diplomats are dying, too.

359  
00:16:40,750 --> 00:16:44,950  
And sure enough, in a few weeks,  
after a big, heavy truck rammed

360  
00:16:44,950 --> 00:16:46,900  
into Raoul's car.

361  
00:16:46,900 --> 00:16:49,510  
But thanks god,  
Raoul wasn't in it.

362  
00:16:49,510 --> 00:16:53,230  
And Raoul picked up the phone  
and screamed at Eichmann,

363  
00:16:53,230 --> 00:16:55,960  
you ruined my best car.

364  
00:16:55,960 --> 00:16:58,390  
Whereby he answered,  
I wanted to kill you.

365  
00:16:58,390 --> 00:17:01,270  
He said, that's not  
so easy to kill me.

366  
00:17:01,270 --> 00:17:02,290  
He wasn't afraid.

367  
00:17:02,290 --> 00:17:06,190  
The only thing he was afraid,  
yes, it was the bombing.

368  
00:17:06,190 --> 00:17:09,700  
Because there, he  
couldn't do a thing.

369  
00:17:09,700 --> 00:17:13,150  
And that, too, you know,  
we had two orphanages.

370  
00:17:13,150 --> 00:17:14,185  
Did you know that?

371  
00:17:14,185 --> 00:17:17,060



That he had two orphanages.

372

00:17:17,060 --> 00:17:20,359

And in one of them  
there were 79 children.

373

00:17:20,359 --> 00:17:22,849

And they were so frightened  
when it was bombing.

374

00:17:22,849 --> 00:17:25,130

And so was Raoul.

375

00:17:25,130 --> 00:17:26,810

But instead of  
being afraid then,

376

00:17:26,810 --> 00:17:28,580

he picked up the  
children, and he

377

00:17:28,580 --> 00:17:31,160

started to tell them stories.

378

00:17:31,160 --> 00:17:33,860

And he would imitate  
little animals

379

00:17:33,860 --> 00:17:37,580

so that the children  
forgot to be afraid.

380

00:17:37,580 --> 00:17:39,500

And that was the  
most wonderful thing,

381

00:17:39,500 --> 00:17:42,560

to see how he cared  
for these kids,

382

00:17:42,560 --> 00:17:45,200

and they caught him Uncle Raoul.

383

00:17:45,200 --> 00:17:49,910

And this was his greatest  
and most horrible heartache,

384

00:17:49,910 --> 00:17:52,250

when one day he arrived home.

385

00:17:52,250 --> 00:17:54,170

Because we had  
these safe houses,

386

00:17:54,170 --> 00:17:56,310

what they called the  
international ghetto,

387

00:17:56,310 --> 00:17:57,620

what it wasn't.

388

00:17:57,620 --> 00:18:02,960

It was given to us, and not  
bought, by Christians and Jews

389

00:18:02,960 --> 00:18:05,180

who didn't wanted  
their houses and villas

390

00:18:05,180 --> 00:18:08,600

on both sides of the  
Danube to fall in Russian--

391

00:18:08,600 --> 00:18:10,610

in German hands.

392

00:18:10,610 --> 00:18:12,110

And they gave that to Raoul.

393

00:18:12,110 --> 00:18:15,590

And so immediately, these  
people with these passes

394

00:18:15,590 --> 00:18:18,860

were put in there, even if

they were not comfortable.

395

00:18:18,860 --> 00:18:21,140

But at least they  
had Raoul Wallenberg,

396

00:18:21,140 --> 00:18:22,850

who came out twice a week.

397

00:18:22,850 --> 00:18:26,360

And there was medication  
and there was food.

398

00:18:26,360 --> 00:18:29,150

Otherwise, they were  
frightened and being there.

399

00:18:29,150 --> 00:18:35,300

But it was taken care of by  
young Aryan-looking Jewish boys

400

00:18:35,300 --> 00:18:38,630

who were dressed  
up in Nazi uniform.

401

00:18:38,630 --> 00:18:44,210

And so was one of these  
wonderful orphanages.

402

00:18:44,210 --> 00:18:45,890

And one day, Raoul arrived.

403

00:18:45,890 --> 00:18:48,950

He's always visited  
the orphanage.

404

00:18:48,950 --> 00:18:53,450

And he found all  
the children killed.

405

00:18:53,450 --> 00:18:56,990

And the young guard from  
outside could tell the story

406  
00:18:56,990 --> 00:18:59,150  
because he was hit  
in the shoulder

407  
00:18:59,150 --> 00:19:01,790  
that these young punks  
came in and just started

408  
00:19:01,790 --> 00:19:03,500  
to shoot the kids.

409  
00:19:03,500 --> 00:19:05,630  
But one little boy  
went under the chair

410  
00:19:05,630 --> 00:19:10,050  
because when he thought that  
he sees his mother last,

411  
00:19:10,050 --> 00:19:13,410  
the mother says, if anything  
happens, just try to hide.

412  
00:19:13,410 --> 00:19:16,070  
He went under the chair.

413  
00:19:16,070 --> 00:19:18,980  
And when it was all  
over, he climbed out.

414  
00:19:18,980 --> 00:19:20,480  
And he went out on the street.

415  
00:19:20,480 --> 00:19:24,350  
And the first person  
he met was his mother,

416  
00:19:24,350 --> 00:19:29,600  
who was by then in a Raoul  
Wallenberg safe house.

417

00:19:29,600 --> 00:19:31,340  
He's also in this country today.

418  
00:19:31,340 --> 00:19:35,090  
And the other one who  
survived was a woman whom

419  
00:19:35,090 --> 00:19:37,290  
I hope you already interviewed.

420  
00:19:37,290 --> 00:19:41,450  
She is now professor  
of humanities

421  
00:19:41,450 --> 00:19:46,010  
and English in Mercer  
College in New Jersey.

422  
00:19:46,010 --> 00:19:47,780  
Dr. Vera Gutkin.

423  
00:19:47,780 --> 00:19:50,720  
She has been saved  
twice by Raoul.

424  
00:19:50,720 --> 00:19:53,150  
The second time, she  
had scarlet fever

425  
00:19:53,150 --> 00:19:55,010  
and she was in the orphanage.

426  
00:19:55,010 --> 00:19:57,737  
And Raoul had to give  
her some false papers.

427  
00:19:57,737 --> 00:19:58,820  
And she was in a hospital.

428  
00:19:58,820 --> 00:20:01,250  
That's why she wasn't killed.

429

00:20:01,250 --> 00:20:02,490  
So these two people.

430  
00:20:02,490 --> 00:20:04,700  
And that was the  
only time I ever

431  
00:20:04,700 --> 00:20:08,750  
saw Raoul Wallenberg go down  
on his knees and cry bitterly.

432  
00:20:08,750 --> 00:20:11,900  
Because killing  
children was something

433  
00:20:11,900 --> 00:20:15,260  
he could have never  
imagined that anyone can do.

434  
00:20:15,260 --> 00:20:19,280  
But then he got up again and  
he was as tall as seven foot.

435  
00:20:19,280 --> 00:20:22,250  
And he said, I'm  
fighting on because I

436  
00:20:22,250 --> 00:20:24,080  
want to save the young.

437  
00:20:24,080 --> 00:20:27,260  
Because the young are  
going to make peace.

438  
00:20:27,260 --> 00:20:30,420  
That was his idea.

439  
00:20:30,420 --> 00:20:35,550  
And if anything,  
there was a young man

440  
00:20:35,550 --> 00:20:37,830  
who was then about 15.

441  
00:20:37,830 --> 00:20:39,570  
And his mother was taken.

442  
00:20:39,570 --> 00:20:40,890  
And they were crying.

443  
00:20:40,890 --> 00:20:43,980  
And he's today, he's a  
television and newspaper

444  
00:20:43,980 --> 00:20:45,420  
man in Israel.

445  
00:20:45,420 --> 00:20:49,710  
Teddy Lapin, I think, is  
his name, if I remember.

446  
00:20:49,710 --> 00:20:52,720  
And he cried very bitterly  
when his mother gone.

447  
00:20:52,720 --> 00:20:55,320  
And in about an hour,  
suddenly, his mother

448  
00:20:55,320 --> 00:20:58,852  
arrived back with  
all other women.

449  
00:20:58,852 --> 00:21:00,310  
And when they looked  
at each other,

450  
00:21:00,310 --> 00:21:04,630  
their mother, all she  
could say was Wallenberg.

451  
00:21:04,630 --> 00:21:06,280  
And what happened,  
he heard about it

452

00:21:06,280 --> 00:21:08,830  
that they taking women from--

453  
00:21:08,830 --> 00:21:11,620  
they came in  
through the basement

454  
00:21:11,620 --> 00:21:13,900  
and they just  
carried people out.

455  
00:21:13,900 --> 00:21:16,360  
And they went to the  
Danube to kill them all.

456  
00:21:16,360 --> 00:21:18,970  
And suddenly, the car  
arrives and this one man

457  
00:21:18,970 --> 00:21:20,230  
in a coat and hat--

458  
00:21:20,230 --> 00:21:23,500  
they already knew that must  
be Wallenberg-- demanded

459  
00:21:23,500 --> 00:21:25,180  
that these are my people.

460  
00:21:25,180 --> 00:21:28,360  
And they are under  
my protection.

461  
00:21:28,360 --> 00:21:31,210  
And you Germans have absolutely  
no right to take them.

462  
00:21:31,210 --> 00:21:33,530  
And he brought them back home.

463  
00:21:33,530 --> 00:21:36,050  
So he was again with his mother.



464

00:21:36,050 --> 00:21:38,690

And he did thousands  
of thousands of things.

465

00:21:38,690 --> 00:21:42,890

And never, never, ever thinking  
that he shouldn't do it.

466

00:21:42,890 --> 00:21:45,590

And now, you really thought  
that he has done everything.

467

00:21:45,590 --> 00:21:48,470

Now there was the  
Russians coming in.

468

00:21:48,470 --> 00:21:52,760

And everybody told him,  
Raoul, don't go anywhere.

469

00:21:52,760 --> 00:21:56,300

But he said, yes, I want to  
go to the Russian headquarters

470

00:21:56,300 --> 00:21:59,480

because we need help  
for the people we saved.

471

00:21:59,480 --> 00:22:02,930

Now, there is a lot of stories  
about how he disappeared.

472

00:22:02,930 --> 00:22:07,070

But the real story I heard  
from the Swedish Red Cross

473

00:22:07,070 --> 00:22:09,670

man who was still in Budapest.

474

00:22:09,670 --> 00:22:11,520

And I met him later on.

475

00:22:11,520 --> 00:22:12,220  
Let's stop.

476  
00:22:12,220 --> 00:22:13,892  
Let's wait.

477  
00:22:13,892 --> 00:22:14,600  
We had to reload.

478  
00:22:14,600 --> 00:22:19,910

479  
00:22:19,910 --> 00:22:24,860  
Change film, camera roll  
six is up, soon take.

480  
00:22:24,860 --> 00:22:25,640  
Seven is up.

481  
00:22:25,640 --> 00:22:33,500

482  
00:22:33,500 --> 00:22:36,580  
I want to go back and  
I want you to explain

483  
00:22:36,580 --> 00:22:39,310  
to me what the Schutz-Pass was.

484  
00:22:39,310 --> 00:22:43,900  
What it was, and how you did it,  
and how big an endeavor it was.

485  
00:22:43,900 --> 00:22:47,630  
Remember that I have  
never heard of it before.

486  
00:22:47,630 --> 00:22:48,130  
All right.

487  
00:22:48,130 --> 00:22:51,020

488  
00:22:51,020 --> 00:22:56,720  
As I told you before, that the  
first 80 of these real passes,

489  
00:22:56,720 --> 00:22:58,280  
passports, were given out.

490  
00:22:58,280 --> 00:23:00,050  
And Raoul was very annoyed.

491  
00:23:00,050 --> 00:23:02,530  
He said, that's not enough.

492  
00:23:02,530 --> 00:23:05,750  
And we have 280,000  
people to save.

493  
00:23:05,750 --> 00:23:08,570  
And he said, I want to go to  
the Hungarian headquarters

494  
00:23:08,570 --> 00:23:10,100  
and talk to them.

495  
00:23:10,100 --> 00:23:12,110  
So he went to these Nazi people.

496  
00:23:12,110 --> 00:23:15,680  
And he offered them to take  
the Jews off they hand.

497  
00:23:15,680 --> 00:23:19,190  
Because they still could have  
trains going through Germany

498  
00:23:19,190 --> 00:23:20,540  
into Sweden.

499  
00:23:20,540 --> 00:23:23,150  
And he said, I put  
up big railroads

500  
00:23:23,150 --> 00:23:25,580  
and I just take them all out.

501  
00:23:25,580 --> 00:23:28,550  
And the Hungarians said,  
oh, that's wonderful,

502  
00:23:28,550 --> 00:23:30,620  
you can take 5,000 people.

503  
00:23:30,620 --> 00:23:35,390  
So he tipped his hat and said,  
thank you, and came home.

504  
00:23:35,390 --> 00:23:37,730  
And he said, 5,000  
people, that's ridiculous.

505  
00:23:37,730 --> 00:23:39,740  
They will never  
allow us any other.

506  
00:23:39,740 --> 00:23:43,850  
And he sat down, as he was a  
great draftsman and architect.

507  
00:23:43,850 --> 00:23:50,900  
And he has designed a paper  
in the Swedish colors,

508  
00:23:50,900 --> 00:23:56,240  
yellow and blue, with  
the Swedish crowns there.

509  
00:23:56,240 --> 00:24:00,320  
And he explained that  
what we will write on it.

510  
00:24:00,320 --> 00:24:03,830  
And I already once  
translated it word by word

511

00:24:03,830 --> 00:24:07,650  
to the New York Times, and yet  
they put it down all wrong.

512

00:24:07,650 --> 00:24:12,620  
It says exactly that the  
bearer of this Schutz-Pass,

513

00:24:12,620 --> 00:24:15,890  
what is protective pass,  
and the picture was

514

00:24:15,890 --> 00:24:18,350  
up there with the  
person's signature,

515

00:24:18,350 --> 00:24:22,850  
is protected by the  
Swedish government.

516

00:24:22,850 --> 00:24:27,950  
And when and if we can go  
in a collective passport

517

00:24:27,950 --> 00:24:33,380  
to Sweden, after two weeks,  
this paper will be invalid.

518

00:24:33,380 --> 00:24:37,700  
That's all what it says in  
German and in Hungarian.

519

00:24:37,700 --> 00:24:40,370  
And yet you're constantly  
that this was a passport,

520

00:24:40,370 --> 00:24:42,560  
the people were  
Swedish citizens.

521

00:24:42,560 --> 00:24:43,640  
No.

522

00:24:43,640 --> 00:24:46,190

So he went with  
this beautiful paper

523

00:24:46,190 --> 00:24:50,840

with the Swedish  
crown, the stamps on it

524

00:24:50,840 --> 00:24:51,950

from the Swedish embassy.

525

00:24:51,950 --> 00:24:56,420

And each of them were  
signed by the ambassador.

526

00:24:56,420 --> 00:24:57,950

Not by Raoul Wallenberg.

527

00:24:57,950 --> 00:25:00,350

Because that, too, they  
said, this was all fake

528

00:25:00,350 --> 00:25:01,560

and they were no good.

529

00:25:01,560 --> 00:25:02,390

It's not true.

530

00:25:02,390 --> 00:25:03,500

It wasn't fake.

531

00:25:03,500 --> 00:25:05,240

It was real.

532

00:25:05,240 --> 00:25:08,360

And with this paper, he  
went back to the Hungarians.

533

00:25:08,360 --> 00:25:14,990

And they said, all right, you  
can make out about 15,000.

534

00:25:14,990 --> 00:25:19,340

Well, of course, we made out  
30,000 to 40,000 of this.

535

00:25:19,340 --> 00:25:22,280

And people came up to the  
embassy by the thousands

536

00:25:22,280 --> 00:25:26,090

to bring their pictures  
to put on and to do.

537

00:25:26,090 --> 00:25:30,890

Now, thousands and thousands of  
people, yes, have been saved.

538

00:25:30,890 --> 00:25:35,360

How much money Raoul gave  
the Germans, we don't know.

539

00:25:35,360 --> 00:25:41,710

But he blew them up as big  
as the wall on the streets.

540

00:25:41,710 --> 00:25:44,590

And it said that anybody  
who has these papers

541

00:25:44,590 --> 00:25:47,590

should be left free.

542

00:25:47,590 --> 00:25:49,510

Now, my two  
girlfriends, whom I told

543

00:25:49,510 --> 00:25:56,170

you came after being early  
morning there to report,

544

00:25:56,170 --> 00:25:58,330

the German officer  
must have heard

545

00:25:58,330 --> 00:26:00,580

that they had a German  
accent because they

546

00:26:00,580 --> 00:26:03,160

had a Hungarian father but  
they went back to Germany

547

00:26:03,160 --> 00:26:04,690

after he died.

548

00:26:04,690 --> 00:26:06,550

And he said them  
in German, you know

549

00:26:06,550 --> 00:26:08,720

what you can do with the paper?

550

00:26:08,720 --> 00:26:10,810

But the two girls  
turned around and ran,

551

00:26:10,810 --> 00:26:13,450

and he never shot after them.

552

00:26:13,450 --> 00:26:15,370

So they knew.

553

00:26:15,370 --> 00:26:18,620

The Hungarians were  
sort of different.

554

00:26:18,620 --> 00:26:20,860

They did that with my  
father, who was there

555

00:26:20,860 --> 00:26:21,940

when the girls arrived.

556

00:26:21,940 --> 00:26:25,370

And he cried bitterly because  
he loved them like his own.



557

00:26:25,370 --> 00:26:28,090

And he said, I can't see  
all this crying anymore.

558

00:26:28,090 --> 00:26:31,390

So on his pajamas, he  
put on his winter coat.

559

00:26:31,390 --> 00:26:34,030

And he said, I'm going  
down to buy bread.

560

00:26:34,030 --> 00:26:36,160

Within a half an hour,  
we got a little note

561

00:26:36,160 --> 00:26:40,030

what he scribbled and  
gave it to someone that he

562

00:26:40,030 --> 00:26:43,280

is in a Hungarian prison.

563

00:26:43,280 --> 00:26:47,360

So right away, I  
called Raoul, he

564

00:26:47,360 --> 00:26:50,540

was about going somewhere  
else, but he sent two diplomats

565

00:26:50,540 --> 00:26:52,130

with his car.

566

00:26:52,130 --> 00:26:55,400

And we went to look  
after my father all day.

567

00:26:55,400 --> 00:26:57,230

And we never found him.

568

00:26:57,230 --> 00:27:00,350  
Next day, they came very  
early morning, around 5:30,

569  
00:27:00,350 --> 00:27:01,670  
and we went again.

570  
00:27:01,670 --> 00:27:07,280  
Finally, we came to a  
huge, big sports palace.

571  
00:27:07,280 --> 00:27:09,380  
And the two diplomats go in.

572  
00:27:09,380 --> 00:27:11,420  
And I see them  
saying, Heil Hitler.

573  
00:27:11,420 --> 00:27:12,500  
And they're running back.

574  
00:27:12,500 --> 00:27:14,630  
And they said, your  
father is home.

575  
00:27:14,630 --> 00:27:15,530  
Do we have a phone?

576  
00:27:15,530 --> 00:27:16,260  
I said, yes.

577  
00:27:16,260 --> 00:27:18,170  
So we called home,  
and papa was home.

578  
00:27:18,170 --> 00:27:19,490  
And he told us what happened.

579  
00:27:19,490 --> 00:27:22,910  
He went down, he had  
the pass in his pocket.

580

00:27:22,910 --> 00:27:24,920

And this Hungarian punk came up.

581

00:27:24,920 --> 00:27:28,100

He says, hey, you Jew,  
show me your paper.

582

00:27:28,100 --> 00:27:32,600

And papa pulled it out, and they  
said, what he can do with it?

583

00:27:32,600 --> 00:27:35,120

And took him in to the prison.

584

00:27:35,120 --> 00:27:36,710

A German officer walked in.

585

00:27:36,710 --> 00:27:39,260

My father spoke perfect German.

586

00:27:39,260 --> 00:27:40,700

So he showed it to him.

587

00:27:40,700 --> 00:27:42,230

He threw him out.

588

00:27:42,230 --> 00:27:44,720

This went on about  
20 times that day.

589

00:27:44,720 --> 00:27:47,720

The Hungarian took him back  
and German let him out.

590

00:27:47,720 --> 00:27:50,660

Finally, the Hungarians  
won and marched them

591

00:27:50,660 --> 00:27:54,860

for eight hours to all this  
outskirt to the sports palace.

592

00:27:54,860 --> 00:27:58,310  
They stood there all  
night, papa with his bread.

593  
00:27:58,310 --> 00:28:02,690  
And finally, in the morning,  
two German officers came.

594  
00:28:02,690 --> 00:28:05,240  
And they were telling each other  
some jokes and they laughed.

595  
00:28:05,240 --> 00:28:07,010  
And my father  
thought, good, this

596  
00:28:07,010 --> 00:28:08,880  
is the moment I  
can talk to them.

597  
00:28:08,880 --> 00:28:10,550  
And he walked up  
and he said, look

598  
00:28:10,550 --> 00:28:12,320  
what the Hungarians did to me.

599  
00:28:12,320 --> 00:28:14,570  
And he was thrown out.

600  
00:28:14,570 --> 00:28:17,570  
And before that, he gave  
his bread to an old man.

601  
00:28:17,570 --> 00:28:20,840  
And besides him was a young man  
who also had the same paper.

602  
00:28:20,840 --> 00:28:21,830  
And he was thrown out.

603  
00:28:21,830 --> 00:28:25,250  
And this time, papa made

it all the way home.

604

00:28:25,250 --> 00:28:30,680

So whether again, whether Raoul  
bribed the Germans to do this.

605

00:28:30,680 --> 00:28:34,580

And not every German did,  
but the Hungarians absolutely

606

00:28:34,580 --> 00:28:36,740

didn't care.

607

00:28:36,740 --> 00:28:39,890

Now, the fake came  
in very easily

608

00:28:39,890 --> 00:28:43,480

because there was a  
Polish gentleman who

609

00:28:43,480 --> 00:28:45,340

saved people for two years.

610

00:28:45,340 --> 00:28:47,080

A Polish Jew in Poland.

611

00:28:47,080 --> 00:28:49,540

And when he was finished,  
he figured somehow

612

00:28:49,540 --> 00:28:52,090

he makes his way to  
Hungary, maybe he can help.

613

00:28:52,090 --> 00:28:54,280

Because by that time, he  
knew we were occupied.

614

00:28:54,280 --> 00:28:58,000

And he had a tiny  
little printing machine.

615

00:28:58,000 --> 00:29:00,910

And he found that there  
was an angel in Budapest

616

00:29:00,910 --> 00:29:02,290

who is doing this.

617

00:29:02,290 --> 00:29:06,610

Now, Mr. Danielson's handwriting  
was very easy to fake.

618

00:29:06,610 --> 00:29:09,580

And he started to  
make these passes.

619

00:29:09,580 --> 00:29:11,950

And he gave it out to people.

620

00:29:11,950 --> 00:29:14,350

And Raoul got wind  
of it and met him.

621

00:29:14,350 --> 00:29:16,220

And first, very  
angrily, he said,

622

00:29:16,220 --> 00:29:17,620

how dare you are doing this?

623

00:29:17,620 --> 00:29:19,960

Because we can get  
in big trouble.

624

00:29:19,960 --> 00:29:22,360

And then he put on his  
big smile, he said,

625

00:29:22,360 --> 00:29:26,810

but if you can save one human  
life, go ahead and do it.

626

00:29:26,810 --> 00:29:30,190

So we have the feeling that  
maybe another 100,000 people

627  
00:29:30,190 --> 00:29:34,120  
got saved with the fake paper.

628  
00:29:34,120 --> 00:29:38,110  
Because it was just the  
idea, save the people.

629  
00:29:38,110 --> 00:29:42,390  
And we did as much as we could.

630  
00:29:42,390 --> 00:29:45,060  
And of course, many people  
died with the same paper,

631  
00:29:45,060 --> 00:29:48,930  
too because the  
Hungarians don't care.

632  
00:29:48,930 --> 00:29:51,460  
So it was a very exciting time.

633  
00:29:51,460 --> 00:29:54,120  
And naturally, they only think--

634  
00:29:54,120 --> 00:29:57,960  
what was really neat, it was the  
real ambassador's handwriting

635  
00:29:57,960 --> 00:29:59,800  
on each of them.

636  
00:29:59,800 --> 00:30:01,150  
He was with us.

637  
00:30:01,150 --> 00:30:02,860  
He didn't like to  
do it, but he had

638  
00:30:02,860 --> 00:30:05,620

to do it because Raoul  
would make him do it.

639  
00:30:05,620 --> 00:30:07,540  
And Raoul never  
signed those papers.

640  
00:30:07,540 --> 00:30:10,360  
What Raoul signed was  
our working papers,

641  
00:30:10,360 --> 00:30:12,430  
what you probably can see here.

642  
00:30:12,430 --> 00:30:15,620  
That is his handwriting.

643  
00:30:15,620 --> 00:30:18,390  
And he was just wonderful.

644  
00:30:18,390 --> 00:30:21,800  
And that, too, we were  
told all the time now here

645  
00:30:21,800 --> 00:30:23,000  
that they didn't believe it.

646  
00:30:23,000 --> 00:30:26,360  
Oh, this working  
paper saved her life.

647  
00:30:26,360 --> 00:30:27,290  
No, it didn't.

648  
00:30:27,290 --> 00:30:31,490  
Because in that time, everyone,  
even a shoe shiner in Budapest,

649  
00:30:31,490 --> 00:30:33,080  
had to have a working paper.

650  
00:30:33,080 --> 00:30:35,210



Because you could  
not just go around,

651  
00:30:35,210 --> 00:30:37,690  
whether you were  
Christian or Jewish.

652  
00:30:37,690 --> 00:30:42,040  
And many people died  
with this paper.

653  
00:30:42,040 --> 00:30:46,800  
And many people, as I was  
lucky, I lived with this paper.

654  
00:30:46,800 --> 00:30:51,720  
Now, I want you to tell  
the story about the Danube.

655  
00:30:51,720 --> 00:30:55,320  
But I don't want you to refer  
back to telling it to me

656  
00:30:55,320 --> 00:30:55,890  
before.

657  
00:30:55,890 --> 00:30:58,260  
And I don't want you  
to talk about coming in

658  
00:30:58,260 --> 00:30:59,520  
like a teddy bear.

659  
00:30:59,520 --> 00:31:02,200  
I want you to tell it as though  
I've never heard it before,

660  
00:31:02,200 --> 00:31:03,220  
never met you before.

661  
00:31:03,220 --> 00:31:04,270  
All right.

662

00:31:04,270 --> 00:31:08,590

So it was the coldest  
winter in Budapest

663

00:31:08,590 --> 00:31:12,790

for already since the  
beginning of October.

664

00:31:12,790 --> 00:31:15,640

So much so that the  
Danube was frozen,

665

00:31:15,640 --> 00:31:19,150

with huge, big slabs of ice.

666

00:31:19,150 --> 00:31:21,940

And this Hungarian  
Nazi party decided

667

00:31:21,940 --> 00:31:25,870

that the best way to kill  
people is to take them down

668

00:31:25,870 --> 00:31:29,470

on the side of the  
Danube in a dark night,

669

00:31:29,470 --> 00:31:36,150

and rope three together, and  
shoot them into the Danube.

670

00:31:36,150 --> 00:31:37,500

And they did that.

671

00:31:37,500 --> 00:31:40,680

It was no moonlight, no stars.

672

00:31:40,680 --> 00:31:43,740

It was just a very black night.

673

00:31:43,740 --> 00:31:46,380

And Raoul wasn't

around for two days.

674

00:31:46,380 --> 00:31:48,150

He was somewhere  
else saving people.

675

00:31:48,150 --> 00:31:49,890

And when he came  
home, he heard this,

676

00:31:49,890 --> 00:31:53,400

and he was besides himself,  
what will Eichmann think next?

677

00:31:53,400 --> 00:31:55,470

And he turned around  
to us this time.

678

00:31:55,470 --> 00:31:57,690

And he said, how  
many of you can swim?

679

00:31:57,690 --> 00:32:00,000

So I put my hand up,  
and I said, I can.

680

00:32:00,000 --> 00:32:02,820

And we went down  
together to the Danube.

681

00:32:02,820 --> 00:32:05,610

We were all dressed in our  
winter coats, and hats,

682

00:32:05,610 --> 00:32:07,320

and boots.

683

00:32:07,320 --> 00:32:10,170

And every time the  
Hungarians shot--

684

00:32:10,170 --> 00:32:13,140

four of us, there was

three men and myself--

685  
00:32:13,140 --> 00:32:16,320  
we fell into the  
Danube the same time.

686  
00:32:16,320 --> 00:32:19,800  
And thank you for  
the big icicles,

687  
00:32:19,800 --> 00:32:22,140  
the ropes hung on to the icicle.

688  
00:32:22,140 --> 00:32:25,200  
And we knew where there is  
a rope, there is a body.

689  
00:32:25,200 --> 00:32:28,020  
And we pulled the people out.

690  
00:32:28,020 --> 00:32:31,710  
And the Red Cross trucks  
were waiting with hot soup

691  
00:32:31,710 --> 00:32:32,790  
and change of clothes.

692  
00:32:32,790 --> 00:32:34,860  
And there were  
doctors and nurses.

693  
00:32:34,860 --> 00:32:37,080  
And then we went  
to our hospital.

694  
00:32:37,080 --> 00:32:39,300  
But we only saved  
about 50 people

695  
00:32:39,300 --> 00:32:42,330  
because then we were so frozen  
that we didn't know whether we

696

00:32:42,330 --> 00:32:44,460  
going forward or backwards.

697

00:32:44,460 --> 00:32:46,650  
But 50 people, without  
Raoul Wallenberg,

698

00:32:46,650 --> 00:32:48,710  
would not have been saved.

699

00:32:48,710 --> 00:32:53,780  
But because of him, we  
did save those 50 people.

700

00:32:53,780 --> 00:32:59,990  
And I was lucky enough to meet  
someone a few years after who

701

00:32:59,990 --> 00:33:01,520  
was in New Jersey.

702

00:33:01,520 --> 00:33:04,760  
And he asked me if I saw  
the hole in his finger.

703

00:33:04,760 --> 00:33:06,570  
And I said, yes.

704

00:33:06,570 --> 00:33:09,320  
And he said, that's  
where the bullet hit me.

705

00:33:09,320 --> 00:33:10,820  
But you pulled me out.

706

00:33:10,820 --> 00:33:12,237  
And I said, I didn't.

707

00:33:12,237 --> 00:33:13,820  
He said, yeah, you  
were the only girl.

708

00:33:13,820 --> 00:33:15,830

We met you after  
in the hospital.

709

00:33:15,830 --> 00:33:19,500

So it was a very good feeling.

710

00:33:19,500 --> 00:33:21,870

Is that what you want to know?

711

00:33:21,870 --> 00:33:24,510

I think we're about to run out.

712

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