

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:23,830

2  
00:00:23,830 --> 00:00:27,280  
Mrs. Page, tell me  
what happened when

3  
00:00:27,280 --> 00:00:31,360  
the Germans arrived at your  
door to arrest your mother.

4  
00:00:31,360 --> 00:00:34,240  
Describe to me that  
incident and what happened.

5  
00:00:34,240 --> 00:00:38,410  
I was in our apartment  
alone at the time.

6  
00:00:38,410 --> 00:00:46,090  
My mother went downstairs  
to attend to someone

7  
00:00:46,090 --> 00:00:47,470  
who was sick in the building.

8  
00:00:47,470 --> 00:00:49,930  
You know, my mother  
was a physician.

9  
00:00:49,930 --> 00:00:54,100  
And there was a tremendous  
knock on the door,

10  
00:00:54,100 --> 00:00:55,480  
and I went to open.

11  
00:00:55,480 --> 00:00:59,110  
This was very early  
stages of the war,

12

00:00:59,110 --> 00:01:01,460  
so we were not used to it any--

13  
00:01:01,460 --> 00:01:02,320  
yet.

14  
00:01:02,320 --> 00:01:06,580  
This was November,  
1939, early November.

15  
00:01:06,580 --> 00:01:12,000  
And I opened the door,  
and I saw one German,

16  
00:01:12,000 --> 00:01:15,100  
whatever he was, some  
kind of an officer,

17  
00:01:15,100 --> 00:01:22,450  
and three men dressed in black  
uniforms of the local Germans,

18  
00:01:22,450 --> 00:01:24,940  
who were, of course,  
the traitors to Poland.

19  
00:01:24,940 --> 00:01:28,700  
And they collaborated,  
and before the war,

20  
00:01:28,700 --> 00:01:31,660  
and with the Ger-- and  
collaborated during the war

21  
00:01:31,660 --> 00:01:34,990  
with the occupiers.

22  
00:01:34,990 --> 00:01:37,720  
And they came, and  
the man said that we

23  
00:01:37,720 --> 00:01:39,130  
are-- where is my mother?

24  
00:01:39,130 --> 00:01:41,380  
In the meantime, my  
mother ran up the steps

25  
00:01:41,380 --> 00:01:43,330  
and came to the apartment.

26  
00:01:43,330 --> 00:01:49,420  
And they said that she's  
arrested on political grounds.

27  
00:01:49,420 --> 00:01:53,620  
And they said to take  
just a few warm things

28  
00:01:53,620 --> 00:02:00,160  
and put all the valuables,  
money, jewelry on the table.

29  
00:02:00,160 --> 00:02:02,050  
And we didn't know.

30  
00:02:02,050 --> 00:02:03,830  
I was not on the list.

31  
00:02:03,830 --> 00:02:07,090  
So my mother told me, why  
don't you go to your boyfriend?

32  
00:02:07,090 --> 00:02:08,979  
I said, I don't want  
to go to my boyfriend.

33  
00:02:08,979 --> 00:02:10,180  
I want to go with you.

34  
00:02:10,180 --> 00:02:12,850  
You know?

35  
00:02:12,850 --> 00:02:18,520  
And she told me to put the

valuables on the table.

36  
00:02:18,520 --> 00:02:19,660  
No, she did it.

37  
00:02:19,660 --> 00:02:20,330  
She did it.

38  
00:02:20,330 --> 00:02:25,960  
And then we went to the bedroom  
to collect our warm things,

39  
00:02:25,960 --> 00:02:28,160  
just a few things  
they let us have.

40  
00:02:28,160 --> 00:02:30,040  
And she said to me  
in Russian, my mother

41  
00:02:30,040 --> 00:02:35,050  
was Russian originally, she  
said to me, throw this--

42  
00:02:35,050 --> 00:02:37,600  
she had it in a little sack--

43  
00:02:37,600 --> 00:02:40,720  
throw it in the toilet  
and flush the water.

44  
00:02:40,720 --> 00:02:43,330  
And I, as an obedient  
daughter, did that.

45  
00:02:43,330 --> 00:02:47,380  
And they took us to--

46  
00:02:47,380 --> 00:02:49,420  
they closed the apartment.

47  
00:02:49,420 --> 00:02:51,160

They sealed it.

48  
00:02:51,160 --> 00:02:53,260  
And they took us  
to a place which

49  
00:02:53,260 --> 00:02:55,480  
was actually my high school.

50  
00:02:55,480 --> 00:02:57,190  
And there I saw--

51  
00:02:57,190 --> 00:02:59,560  
I thought that we  
were only arrested.

52  
00:02:59,560 --> 00:03:04,480  
Because deportations  
were not with it--

53  
00:03:04,480 --> 00:03:08,500  
they were not-- we didn't  
know about deportations yet.

54  
00:03:08,500 --> 00:03:10,390  
This was just  
November, you know?

55  
00:03:10,390 --> 00:03:13,030  
And we realized that  
there were maybe--

56  
00:03:13,030 --> 00:03:16,450  
later we found out about a  
thousand people, both Polish

57  
00:03:16,450 --> 00:03:19,435  
Catholics and Jews from Poland.

58  
00:03:19,435 --> 00:03:22,370

59

00:03:22,370 --> 00:03:26,920  
I would say that this was the  
intelligentsia of the city.

60  
00:03:26,920 --> 00:03:32,650  
They tried, the Germans tried  
to quell any kind of resistance,

61  
00:03:32,650 --> 00:03:35,440  
and they did the same  
thing in all the cities.

62  
00:03:35,440 --> 00:03:37,810  
The very beginning,  
they tried to get rid

63  
00:03:37,810 --> 00:03:40,870  
of the people who  
would provide, who

64  
00:03:40,870 --> 00:03:43,720  
would resist or  
something like that.

65  
00:03:43,720 --> 00:03:48,996  
And they put us in trains.

66  
00:03:48,996 --> 00:03:51,730  
At that time, there  
was passenger trains.

67  
00:03:51,730 --> 00:03:53,980  
There were no cattle trains yet.

68  
00:03:53,980 --> 00:03:57,280  
And they took part of  
us to the city of--

69  
00:03:57,280 --> 00:04:01,240  
part of the transport to  
the city of Czestochowa

70  
00:04:01,240 --> 00:04:05,170

and the other part, which  
I was-- and my mother and I

71  
00:04:05,170 --> 00:04:11,060  
were in it, to Krakow,  
the city of Krakow.

72  
00:04:11,060 --> 00:04:15,680  
OK, let's stop  
for just a second.

73  
00:04:15,680 --> 00:04:20,810  
OK, Mrs. Page, I want you to  
tell me that same story again

74  
00:04:20,810 --> 00:04:24,230  
but as though you haven't  
told it to me before,

75  
00:04:24,230 --> 00:04:27,130  
so that's how the Germans  
arrived at your door

76  
00:04:27,130 --> 00:04:28,375  
to arrest your mother.

77  
00:04:28,375 --> 00:04:29,410  
Mhm.

78  
00:04:29,410 --> 00:04:36,550  
It was November, I think  
11, 1939, early evening,

79  
00:04:36,550 --> 00:04:38,920  
and I was alone  
in the apartment.

80  
00:04:38,920 --> 00:04:42,610  
My mother had to go downstairs  
to attend to some patient

81  
00:04:42,610 --> 00:04:45,730  
in our apartment house.

82  
00:04:45,730 --> 00:04:51,550  
And I heard a knock or a  
ring, or the bell rang.

83  
00:04:51,550 --> 00:04:52,840  
I don't remember exactly.

84  
00:04:52,840 --> 00:04:57,670  
I went to open the door,  
and there were three Germans

85  
00:04:57,670 --> 00:04:59,060  
altogether.

86  
00:04:59,060 --> 00:05:02,320  
One was in a green uniform.

87  
00:05:02,320 --> 00:05:03,760  
I assume it was SS.

88  
00:05:03,760 --> 00:05:06,520  
In those days, I didn't  
distinguish it so clearly.

89  
00:05:06,520 --> 00:05:07,360  
You know?

90  
00:05:07,360 --> 00:05:10,540  
He was older-- and  
two younger men

91  
00:05:10,540 --> 00:05:14,710  
dressed in the dark uniforms  
of the local Germans,

92  
00:05:14,710 --> 00:05:21,160  
who were now within  
the German army,

93  
00:05:21,160 --> 00:05:23,890  
and who before collaborated



with the Germans,

94

00:05:23,890 --> 00:05:28,250  
and basically were  
traitors before the war.

95

00:05:28,250 --> 00:05:31,600  
And one of them said that--

96

00:05:31,600 --> 00:05:33,850  
my mother, in the  
meantime, came upstairs,

97

00:05:33,850 --> 00:05:36,460  
running up because  
someone probably

98

00:05:36,460 --> 00:05:41,170  
let her know that the Germans  
are knocking on the door.

99

00:05:41,170 --> 00:05:46,570  
And they told her that she's  
arrested on political grounds.

100

00:05:46,570 --> 00:05:48,700  
And I was not on the list.

101

00:05:48,700 --> 00:05:50,650  
They said I can go.

102

00:05:50,650 --> 00:05:53,440  
But my mother told  
me to go and see--

103

00:05:53,440 --> 00:05:56,050  
to my boyfriend's house.

104

00:05:56,050 --> 00:05:57,790  
First of all, I couldn't  
have gone anyway

105

00:05:57,790 --> 00:06:01,990  
because there was a curfew, and  
I couldn't move from the house.

106  
00:06:01,990 --> 00:06:03,400  
But I wouldn't go anyway.

107  
00:06:03,400 --> 00:06:06,100  
I told her I want  
to stay with her.

108  
00:06:06,100 --> 00:06:11,740  
And they told us to take  
a few warm things, put

109  
00:06:11,740 --> 00:06:15,650  
all the valuables and  
jewelry on the table.

110  
00:06:15,650 --> 00:06:18,460  
And as we were getting  
ready, my mother,

111  
00:06:18,460 --> 00:06:23,020  
in those days, being  
aware of the Germans

112  
00:06:23,020 --> 00:06:26,410  
and trying to be  
ready just in case,

113  
00:06:26,410 --> 00:06:29,320  
had her jewelry in  
a tiny little sack.

114  
00:06:29,320 --> 00:06:32,170  
And she told me, take this,  
and throw it in the toilet,

115  
00:06:32,170 --> 00:06:33,380  
and flush the water.

116  
00:06:33,380 --> 00:06:34,240

And I did it.

117  
00:06:34,240 --> 00:06:37,120

118  
00:06:37,120 --> 00:06:40,480  
Then we went out.

119  
00:06:40,480 --> 00:06:42,130  
They sealed the apartment.

120  
00:06:42,130 --> 00:06:44,440  
And they took us to  
a building, which

121  
00:06:44,440 --> 00:06:50,980  
was my pre-war high school  
which I graduated from,

122  
00:06:50,980 --> 00:06:55,930  
in the big gym, in  
the big, big room.

123  
00:06:55,930 --> 00:06:58,900  
I realized that there  
were many, many people.

124  
00:06:58,900 --> 00:07:01,840  
Later, we found out it  
was about a thousand,

125  
00:07:01,840 --> 00:07:07,270  
both Polish Catholics  
and Polish Jews.

126  
00:07:07,270 --> 00:07:10,600  
It was like an  
elite of the city.

127  
00:07:10,600 --> 00:07:16,486  
I realized that too over  
there, which was we--

128

00:07:16,486 --> 00:07:21,400  
which we understood later that  
probably the Germans wanted

129

00:07:21,400 --> 00:07:24,370  
to get rid of all the  
sources of resistance

130

00:07:24,370 --> 00:07:26,620  
at first, the leaders.

131

00:07:26,620 --> 00:07:32,020  
They did it in every city or  
every town that they were in.

132

00:07:32,020 --> 00:07:36,520  
This was their-- the  
procedure they went by.

133

00:07:36,520 --> 00:07:40,120  
And then they put us in--

134

00:07:40,120 --> 00:07:43,240  
on the trains, passenger  
trains at the time

135

00:07:43,240 --> 00:07:48,360  
because it was early  
days of the war.

136

00:07:48,360 --> 00:07:49,530  
And they took us.

137

00:07:49,530 --> 00:07:53,100  
Part of the transport went  
to the city of Czestochowa,

138

00:07:53,100 --> 00:07:56,190  
which is famous for  
its Black Madonna.

139

00:07:56,190 --> 00:08:01,860

And our part of the transport  
went to the city of Krakow.

140  
00:08:01,860 --> 00:08:07,420  
We were put in an old Polish  
fortress in the city of Krakow,

141  
00:08:07,420 --> 00:08:10,270  
from medieval times, I think.

142  
00:08:10,270 --> 00:08:17,050  
And we were put on straw, on  
straw, not even mattresses,

143  
00:08:17,050 --> 00:08:18,400  
just straw.

144  
00:08:18,400 --> 00:08:22,720  
And we were received  
by the Jewish community

145  
00:08:22,720 --> 00:08:25,330  
representatives, and  
the Polish Catholics

146  
00:08:25,330 --> 00:08:28,900  
were received by the Red Cross.

147  
00:08:28,900 --> 00:08:30,790  
And of course, we had no money.

148  
00:08:30,790 --> 00:08:33,710  
We had just the basic,  
basic necessities.

149  
00:08:33,710 --> 00:08:35,080  
So we were uprooted.

150  
00:08:35,080 --> 00:08:38,770  
We were in terrible despair.

151  
00:08:38,770 --> 00:08:41,350

We didn't know what  
deportation meant at the time

152  
00:08:41,350 --> 00:08:43,150  
because this was  
without precedent.

153  
00:08:43,150 --> 00:08:47,200  
This was the very first  
in our city and, I think,

154  
00:08:47,200 --> 00:08:51,250  
in whole occupied Poland,  
one of the very first ones.

155  
00:08:51,250 --> 00:08:55,120

156  
00:08:55,120 --> 00:09:00,540  
Describe the difference  
between the ghetto in Krakow

157  
00:09:00,540 --> 00:09:02,960  
and the ghetto in Warsaw.

158  
00:09:02,960 --> 00:09:07,180  
Well, oh, I know.

159  
00:09:07,180 --> 00:09:11,420  
We were in the ghetto of Krakow.

160  
00:09:11,420 --> 00:09:14,450  
But by that time, I  
was already married.

161  
00:09:14,450 --> 00:09:19,030  
And the ghetto of Krakow  
comparing to ghetto of Warsaw

162  
00:09:19,030 --> 00:09:20,730  
was not as terrible.

163

00:09:20,730 --> 00:09:24,340  
When my mother could  
not stay with-- she

164  
00:09:24,340 --> 00:09:28,390  
stayed with us in Krakow  
during the pre-ghetto days.

165  
00:09:28,390 --> 00:09:33,250  
When ghetto was established,  
or even before that,

166  
00:09:33,250 --> 00:09:36,730  
people who came  
after September 1939

167  
00:09:36,730 --> 00:09:40,720  
to Krakow who were  
not before that

168  
00:09:40,720 --> 00:09:44,290  
then had to leave the city.

169  
00:09:44,290 --> 00:09:49,270  
And they could choose  
any city or town

170  
00:09:49,270 --> 00:09:52,180  
within the  
Generalgouvernement, which

171  
00:09:52,180 --> 00:09:56,530  
was not the Deutsches Reich,  
the German Reich proper.

172  
00:09:56,530 --> 00:09:59,240  
So she chose to go to Warsaw.

173  
00:09:59,240 --> 00:10:03,460  
And for maybe twice,  
I went to visit her

174  
00:10:03,460 --> 00:10:05,080

with a special permission.

175  
00:10:05,080 --> 00:10:07,420  
In those days, you had to  
get a special permission

176  
00:10:07,420 --> 00:10:08,470  
to be able to.

177  
00:10:08,470 --> 00:10:10,630  
And I traveled by train.

178  
00:10:10,630 --> 00:10:15,220  
And even then, before the ghetto  
was not closed in Warsaw--

179  
00:10:15,220 --> 00:10:17,770  
I was not there when  
the ghetto was closed.

180  
00:10:17,770 --> 00:10:19,640  
I was there before  
it was closed--

181  
00:10:19,640 --> 00:10:23,860  
but all the Jews lived  
within a certain district.

182  
00:10:23,860 --> 00:10:26,650  
And it was just terrifying.

183  
00:10:26,650 --> 00:10:28,990  
People were already hungry.

184  
00:10:28,990 --> 00:10:32,910  
People were in rags.

185  
00:10:32,910 --> 00:10:36,280  
There was such a sense  
of despair over there.

186  
00:10:36,280 --> 00:10:41,350



My mother was still practicing  
medicine over there all alone.

187  
00:10:41,350 --> 00:10:45,340  
We tried to bring  
her to Krakow to us,

188  
00:10:45,340 --> 00:10:48,430  
but it was absolutely  
impossible.

189  
00:10:48,430 --> 00:10:53,540  
In Krakow, like  
on the other hand,

190  
00:10:53,540 --> 00:10:58,360  
we were all working for the  
German war effort, of course.

191  
00:10:58,360 --> 00:11:04,450  
There were deportations, but  
it was not as terribly gloomy.

192  
00:11:04,450 --> 00:11:06,610  
And first of all, we  
were not that hungry.

193  
00:11:06,610 --> 00:11:10,030  
Somehow, everybody  
managed to eat

194  
00:11:10,030 --> 00:11:11,740  
in those days of the ghetto.

195  
00:11:11,740 --> 00:11:16,010  
In Warsaw, hunger was  
there from the beginning,

196  
00:11:16,010 --> 00:11:18,130  
even before the  
ghetto was closed.

197  
00:11:18,130 --> 00:11:20,140

OK, we have to reload.

198  
00:11:20,140 --> 00:11:20,640  
OK.

199  
00:11:20,640 --> 00:11:28,432

200  
00:11:28,432 --> 00:11:30,870  
OK.

201  
00:11:30,870 --> 00:11:33,988  
So but don't worry about that.

202  
00:11:33,988 --> 00:11:36,030  
You don't have fill in  
the chronological details.

203  
00:11:36,030 --> 00:11:36,990  
Mhm.

204  
00:11:36,990 --> 00:11:41,850  
Now, I'm just going to ask  
you, who was Oscar Schindler,

205  
00:11:41,850 --> 00:11:43,990  
and what did he do?

206  
00:11:43,990 --> 00:11:45,780  
Describe him too.

207  
00:11:45,780 --> 00:11:46,590  
OK.

208  
00:11:46,590 --> 00:11:49,830  
Oscar Schindler was a  
German industrialist

209  
00:11:49,830 --> 00:11:54,360  
who came to the occupied city  
of Krakow in the early days,

210

00:11:54,360 --> 00:11:57,780

I think already  
maybe September 1939.

211

00:11:57,780 --> 00:12:01,530

I don't know exactly,  
maybe October.

212

00:12:01,530 --> 00:12:05,970

Like many Germans, he  
was not a military man.

213

00:12:05,970 --> 00:12:09,930

He belonged to the Nazi Party,  
but he was an industrialist who

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00:12:09,930 --> 00:12:13,590

lived-- he was from  
Sudetenland in Czechoslov--

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00:12:13,590 --> 00:12:20,010

which was the German--

216

00:12:20,010 --> 00:12:22,390

with the German population  
of Czechoslovakia.

217

00:12:22,390 --> 00:12:22,890

You see?

218

00:12:22,890 --> 00:12:29,310

He came to Krakow, I think,  
looking for possibilities

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00:12:29,310 --> 00:12:30,220

to do business.

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00:12:30,220 --> 00:12:33,570

This was occupied  
territory, and so on.

221

00:12:33,570 --> 00:12:36,300

Anyway, he took a small--

222

00:12:36,300 --> 00:12:39,270  
he took over because  
each Jewish business

223

00:12:39,270 --> 00:12:46,800  
had to have some kind of a  
German, like an overseer.

224

00:12:46,800 --> 00:12:50,200  
I don't know the  
exact term for that.

225

00:12:50,200 --> 00:12:57,030  
So he took over a Jewish  
enamel factory which produced

226

00:12:57,030 --> 00:13:00,330  
pots and pans at the beginning.

227

00:13:00,330 --> 00:13:06,210  
And he started to employ,  
first of all, Poles.

228

00:13:06,210 --> 00:13:10,080  
And then I think  
he got acquainted

229

00:13:10,080 --> 00:13:15,270  
with the bookkeeper, who  
was the main bookkeeper

230

00:13:15,270 --> 00:13:16,710  
of that factory.

231

00:13:16,710 --> 00:13:18,660  
And he kind of liked him.

232

00:13:18,660 --> 00:13:22,110  
And I think that bookkeeper,  
and maybe Mr. Schindler himself,

233

00:13:22,110 --> 00:13:26,340  
realized it would be very good  
to employ some Jewish labor.

234

00:13:26,340 --> 00:13:28,770  
And he did so.

235

00:13:28,770 --> 00:13:32,430  
He was a very, very warm man.

236

00:13:32,430 --> 00:13:35,880  
And from the beginning,  
the Jews who worked for him

237

00:13:35,880 --> 00:13:40,350  
worshiped him because he was  
kind and was such a contrast

238

00:13:40,350 --> 00:13:43,020  
to everybody else.

239

00:13:43,020 --> 00:13:47,370  
In the whole history of war,  
I didn't know anyone like him.

240

00:13:47,370 --> 00:13:49,120  
I didn't work for  
him at the time.

241

00:13:49,120 --> 00:13:52,200  
But those Jews who did--

242

00:13:52,200 --> 00:13:57,600  
excuse me-- had  
this opinion of him.

243

00:13:57,600 --> 00:14:02,370  
My mother-in-law had--  
was an interior decorator.

244

00:14:02,370 --> 00:14:06,040  
And this is I'm talking

about pre-ghetto days.

245

00:14:06,040 --> 00:14:12,420

And one day, he came over to her apartment, recommended by one

246

00:14:12,420 --> 00:14:13,050

of--

247

00:14:13,050 --> 00:14:16,500

some other Jewish acquaintances of hers,

248

00:14:16,500 --> 00:14:19,680

that he had a new apartment.

249

00:14:19,680 --> 00:14:22,350

He moved into an apartment, and he would like

250

00:14:22,350 --> 00:14:25,680

her to decorate it for him.

251

00:14:25,680 --> 00:14:30,330

In Poland, before the war, you didn't buy ready-made things.

252

00:14:30,330 --> 00:14:35,190

Everything was made to order, like drapes, and tablecloths,

253

00:14:35,190 --> 00:14:36,180

and everything.

254

00:14:36,180 --> 00:14:39,990

And this gave my husband's family,

255

00:14:39,990 --> 00:14:42,630

his parents, his sister, and myself--

256

00:14:42,630 --> 00:14:46,260  
you know, I was married to  
him in February of 1940--

257  
00:14:46,260 --> 00:14:52,740  
means of survival  
because he paid

258  
00:14:52,740 --> 00:14:55,560  
for all the services  
for everything

259  
00:14:55,560 --> 00:14:57,615  
and, besides, was  
very, very kind.

260  
00:14:57,615 --> 00:15:00,990

261  
00:15:00,990 --> 00:15:05,255  
So would you like me  
to tell you what hap--

262  
00:15:05,255 --> 00:15:06,630  
Why don't you  
describe him to me?

263  
00:15:06,630 --> 00:15:07,720  
What did he look like?

264  
00:15:07,720 --> 00:15:08,220  
Physically?

265  
00:15:08,220 --> 00:15:08,720  
Yeah.

266  
00:15:08,720 --> 00:15:13,530  
He was a very tall man,  
a little, I would say,

267  
00:15:13,530 --> 00:15:18,210  
kind of broad-shouldered, very  
blond, very blue-eyed, and had

268  
00:15:18,210 --> 00:15:23,370  
this air of such goodness  
emanating from him.

269  
00:15:23,370 --> 00:15:26,100  
I remember later on when  
we were in the camp, which

270  
00:15:26,100 --> 00:15:30,120  
he established in Sudeten  
at the very end of the war.

271  
00:15:30,120 --> 00:15:32,430  
You know, we were  
always freezing

272  
00:15:32,430 --> 00:15:35,085  
when we saw a German because  
it meant that either there

273  
00:15:35,085 --> 00:15:36,960  
would be shooting, or  
there would be beating,

274  
00:15:36,960 --> 00:15:43,350  
or there would be some  
other kind of torture

275  
00:15:43,350 --> 00:15:46,320  
of moral or physical.

276  
00:15:46,320 --> 00:15:49,740  
But when he came, all we  
could see was Herr Direktor.

277  
00:15:49,740 --> 00:15:51,390  
We used to call  
him Herr Direktor.

278  
00:15:51,390 --> 00:15:53,640  
And he smelled awfully good.



279

00:15:53,640 --> 00:15:58,350  
And he was always dressed  
beautifully and always dropping

280

00:15:58,350 --> 00:15:59,520  
cigarettes all over.

281

00:15:59,520 --> 00:16:03,930  
He was smoking a cigarette  
and then put butts around

282

00:16:03,930 --> 00:16:07,523  
so the people could  
pick it up and smoke it.

283

00:16:07,523 --> 00:16:09,690  
Because, of course, they  
didn't have any cigarettes.

284

00:16:09,690 --> 00:16:10,190  
You know?

285

00:16:10,190 --> 00:16:12,780

286

00:16:12,780 --> 00:16:15,090  
People loved to work for him.

287

00:16:15,090 --> 00:16:21,120  
Later on, after  
this original period

288

00:16:21,120 --> 00:16:25,290  
of time in Krakow in that  
factory, when the ghetto was

289

00:16:25,290 --> 00:16:31,260  
established, he decided  
to have his people,

290

00:16:31,260 --> 00:16:34,290  
his workers live

on the premises.

291

00:16:34,290 --> 00:16:38,910

He had his camp, his  
own little factory.

292

00:16:38,910 --> 00:16:42,330

And on the premises,  
the workers were living.

293

00:16:42,330 --> 00:16:43,760

They worked very hard.

294

00:16:43,760 --> 00:16:46,430

Because to work  
with enamelware, I

295

00:16:46,430 --> 00:16:49,370

understand they had to carry  
these heavy enamel pots,

296

00:16:49,370 --> 00:16:51,740

and there was a night  
shift and the day shift.

297

00:16:51,740 --> 00:16:54,790

But they were fed.

298

00:16:54,790 --> 00:16:58,030

Even though it was not easy  
to feed people in those days,

299

00:16:58,030 --> 00:16:58,780

they were fed.

300

00:16:58,780 --> 00:17:02,440

They were never, never harassed.

301

00:17:02,440 --> 00:17:05,530

Because the Germans  
who guarded the camp

302

00:17:05,530 --> 00:17:08,950  
were not allowed to do  
things which they didn't

303  
00:17:08,950 --> 00:17:12,490  
ask for permission to  
do in regular camps,

304  
00:17:12,490 --> 00:17:17,470  
because Direktor Schindler  
was bribing them, giving them

305  
00:17:17,470 --> 00:17:19,119  
presents, and so on.

306  
00:17:19,119 --> 00:17:21,410  
They were always  
treated humanely.

307  
00:17:21,410 --> 00:17:23,740  
So it was such a  
privilege to work for him

308  
00:17:23,740 --> 00:17:27,490  
that is was like a gift  
from God in those days

309  
00:17:27,490 --> 00:17:32,080  
to be able to work for Oscar  
Schindler in comparison

310  
00:17:32,080 --> 00:17:35,660  
to have to work in camps  
like we did in Plaszow.

311  
00:17:35,660 --> 00:17:38,270

312  
00:17:38,270 --> 00:17:41,570  
What was Schindler's  
list, and how big was it?

313  
00:17:41,570 --> 00:17:44,650

314

00:17:44,650 --> 00:17:51,820

At the end of the war,  
1944, around October,

315

00:17:51,820 --> 00:17:54,610

we realized that  
the camp in Plaszow

316

00:17:54,610 --> 00:17:58,210

would be liquidated because  
the Russians were approaching,

317

00:17:58,210 --> 00:17:59,770

and the Germans were retreating.

318

00:17:59,770 --> 00:18:03,050

So they were liquidating  
all the camps around.

319

00:18:03,050 --> 00:18:07,150

But Schindler wanted  
to protect his people.

320

00:18:07,150 --> 00:18:12,790

He decided-- he went on  
kind of a fact-finding trip

321

00:18:12,790 --> 00:18:16,900

to Sudetenland, which  
was his home, to a small,

322

00:18:16,900 --> 00:18:19,000

like a-- it wasn't even a town.

323

00:18:19,000 --> 00:18:24,520

It was a village, almost,  
called Brnenec in Czech.

324

00:18:24,520 --> 00:18:26,950

In the German, it was Brännlitz.

325

00:18:26,950 --> 00:18:30,655

And there he acquired  
two factories.

326

00:18:30,655 --> 00:18:31,510

We have to stop--

327

00:18:31,510 --> 00:18:32,080

Yeah.

328

00:18:32,080 --> 00:18:33,072

--for the helicopter, I think.

329

00:18:33,072 --> 00:18:33,572

OK.

330

00:18:33,572 --> 00:18:40,310

331

00:18:40,310 --> 00:18:43,400

OK, so now, tell  
me how Schindler

332

00:18:43,400 --> 00:18:46,524

was going to try to rescue  
more people toward the end.

333

00:18:46,524 --> 00:18:50,160

334

00:18:50,160 --> 00:18:52,700

First of all, he  
put on the list--

335

00:18:52,700 --> 00:18:54,290

this was how the--

336

00:18:54,290 --> 00:18:58,430

actually, not Schindler,  
but the administration

337

00:18:58,430 --> 00:19:03,080  
of the Camp Plaszow  
to which his factory

338  
00:19:03,080 --> 00:19:10,160  
and the adjoining  
quarters were belonged to,

339  
00:19:10,160 --> 00:19:12,240  
they belonged to  
the Camp Plaszow,

340  
00:19:12,240 --> 00:19:14,480  
so the administration  
of the Camp Plaszow

341  
00:19:14,480 --> 00:19:17,660  
started preparing the list.

342  
00:19:17,660 --> 00:19:22,460  
The list consisted  
mainly of his workers

343  
00:19:22,460 --> 00:19:25,140  
which were employed  
at his enamel fabryk--

344  
00:19:25,140 --> 00:19:29,360  
it was Emalia, called Emalia.

345  
00:19:29,360 --> 00:19:33,530  
Then also there was  
another businessman

346  
00:19:33,530 --> 00:19:39,050  
in the camp of Plaszow called  
Julius Madrich, for whom I

347  
00:19:39,050 --> 00:19:41,720  
worked at the time.

348  
00:19:41,720 --> 00:19:46,580  
He was also very good to his

workers, not like Schindler,

349  
00:19:46,580 --> 00:19:47,570  
by no means.

350  
00:19:47,570 --> 00:19:50,210  
And when the end of the  
war and the Russians

351  
00:19:50,210 --> 00:19:52,460  
started to approach  
and the Germans

352  
00:19:52,460 --> 00:19:57,200  
wanted to liquidate  
the camps and retreat,

353  
00:19:57,200 --> 00:20:00,260  
Schindler-- they were very good  
friends, Schindler and Madrich.

354  
00:20:00,260 --> 00:20:05,360  
And Schindler approached  
Madrich to do the same thing,

355  
00:20:05,360 --> 00:20:08,330  
to join forces and locate--

356  
00:20:08,330 --> 00:20:13,910  
relocate all the workers to the  
two factories in Sudetenland.

357  
00:20:13,910 --> 00:20:15,170  
But Madrich refused.

358  
00:20:15,170 --> 00:20:18,930  
He said, I did everything for  
my Jews, whatever was possible.

359  
00:20:18,930 --> 00:20:20,600  
But now, that's the end.

360

00:20:20,600 --> 00:20:23,280  
I cannot do anything else.

361  
00:20:23,280 --> 00:20:25,340  
So Schindler went alone.

362  
00:20:25,340 --> 00:20:28,520  
But from the list  
of Madrich workers,

363  
00:20:28,520 --> 00:20:36,440  
he picked up also a  
number of Madrich workers.

364  
00:20:36,440 --> 00:20:39,200  
It was a very difficult  
process because everybody

365  
00:20:39,200 --> 00:20:40,760  
wanted to get on that list.

366  
00:20:40,760 --> 00:20:44,540

367  
00:20:44,540 --> 00:20:46,970  
And this way, he--

368  
00:20:46,970 --> 00:20:50,360  
I think, it was  
about 1,300 people

369  
00:20:50,360 --> 00:20:55,910  
that he was able to  
relocate to Sudeten.

370  
00:20:55,910 --> 00:20:57,560  
What did the list represent?

371  
00:20:57,560 --> 00:21:00,470  
If you were on the  
list, were you safe?

372



00:21:00,470 --> 00:21:05,810  
Well, there was no safety  
under German occupation.

373  
00:21:05,810 --> 00:21:09,260  
There was no safety  
because these people had--

374  
00:21:09,260 --> 00:21:11,750  
they were torturers, murderers.

375  
00:21:11,750 --> 00:21:14,970  
There was no logic in  
it, no reason in it.

376  
00:21:14,970 --> 00:21:20,630  
This was just pure hatred  
and pure murder all the time.

377  
00:21:20,630 --> 00:21:24,080  
But Schindler assumed  
that if his workers

378  
00:21:24,080 --> 00:21:28,790  
would work for the war effort--

379  
00:21:28,790 --> 00:21:32,660  
and he changed it in BrÄ¼nnlitz.

380  
00:21:32,660 --> 00:21:38,000  
He changed his production  
to production of shells

381  
00:21:38,000 --> 00:21:39,440  
from enamelware.

382  
00:21:39,440 --> 00:21:42,950  
Because he had to prove,  
really, because they arrested

383  
00:21:42,950 --> 00:21:45,080  
him twice because  
they didn't think

384  
00:21:45,080 --> 00:21:48,950  
that he was working for  
the war effort, and so on.

385  
00:21:48,950 --> 00:21:51,080  
So we were doing--

386  
00:21:51,080 --> 00:21:53,330  
making shells, and  
we were supposed

387  
00:21:53,330 --> 00:21:54,560  
to polish these shells.

388  
00:21:54,560 --> 00:21:58,280  
But all the  
production was faulty.

389  
00:21:58,280 --> 00:22:03,440  
Because we, on purpose,  
were sabotaging this.

390  
00:22:03,440 --> 00:22:05,870  
They were never as  
they ought to be,

391  
00:22:05,870 --> 00:22:12,020  
always was something flawed in  
those shells during our months

392  
00:22:12,020 --> 00:22:13,770  
in BrÃ¼nnlitz.

393  
00:22:13,770 --> 00:22:19,220  
And this is how  
he could save us,

394  
00:22:19,220 --> 00:22:23,840  
proving that his factory was  
indispensable for the war

395

00:22:23,840 --> 00:22:24,980  
effort.

396  
00:22:24,980 --> 00:22:26,720  
He had connections always.

397  
00:22:26,720 --> 00:22:27,800  
He knew how to--

398  
00:22:27,800 --> 00:22:32,570  
he was always very well  
liked by Germans as well.

399  
00:22:32,570 --> 00:22:35,900  
And he always used  
to give them presents

400  
00:22:35,900 --> 00:22:38,130  
and do favors for them.

401  
00:22:38,130 --> 00:22:38,630  
So--

402  
00:22:38,630 --> 00:22:39,740  
We have to reload.

403  
00:22:39,740 --> 00:22:40,240  
OK.

404  
00:22:40,240 --> 00:22:47,630

405  
00:22:47,630 --> 00:22:49,640  
I want you to talk to  
me a little bit more

406  
00:22:49,640 --> 00:22:51,200  
about the sabotage.

407  
00:22:51,200 --> 00:22:53,900  
Was Schindler involved  
himself into that?

408  
00:22:53,900 --> 00:22:55,920  
Oh, he knew about it, of course.

409  
00:22:55,920 --> 00:22:59,240  
He knew that the  
production was faulty,

410  
00:22:59,240 --> 00:23:06,910  
and he was absolutely  
involved in everything.

411  
00:23:06,910 --> 00:23:08,350  
Was he the mastermind?

412  
00:23:08,350 --> 00:23:09,580  
Tell me whether it was--

413  
00:23:09,580 --> 00:23:10,970  
I tell you the truth.

414  
00:23:10,970 --> 00:23:13,580  
I really don't know  
that much about it.

415  
00:23:13,580 --> 00:23:15,790  
I think that my husband  
would be able to give you

416  
00:23:15,790 --> 00:23:19,480  
more details on that because  
he himself was more involved

417  
00:23:19,480 --> 00:23:20,910  
in that than I was.

418  
00:23:20,910 --> 00:23:25,720  
I was just polishing my shells.

419  
00:23:25,720 --> 00:23:30,460  
But we knew that there  
was sabotage going,

420

00:23:30,460 --> 00:23:36,490  
and this was about six months  
before the war when we--

421

00:23:36,490 --> 00:23:40,450  
before the end of the war when  
we arrived there in BrÄ¼nnlitz,

422

00:23:40,450 --> 00:23:44,620  
and that's how it  
turned out to be.

423

00:23:44,620 --> 00:23:47,140  
Cut the playing for a minute.

424

00:23:47,140 --> 00:23:49,670  
Going out from Plaszow.

425

00:23:49,670 --> 00:23:50,170  
Yeah.

426

00:23:50,170 --> 00:23:50,670  
Yeah.

427

00:23:50,670 --> 00:23:54,040

428

00:23:54,040 --> 00:23:55,660  
OK.

429

00:23:55,660 --> 00:24:01,000  
In some time, the beginning  
of November, my husband and I

430

00:24:01,000 --> 00:24:02,890  
found out that we  
were on the list.

431

00:24:02,890 --> 00:24:05,930

432

00:24:05,930 --> 00:24:07,070

We were very happy.

433

00:24:07,070 --> 00:24:08,880

We didn't know  
what will await us.

434

00:24:08,880 --> 00:24:11,990

But we knew that we were going  
to go to something better

435

00:24:11,990 --> 00:24:16,310

than anything that we  
could conceive at the time.

436

00:24:16,310 --> 00:24:21,170

The men left a week  
before the woman did.

437

00:24:21,170 --> 00:24:26,210

And later, we found out that  
they did not go directly

438

00:24:26,210 --> 00:24:29,240

to BrÄ¼nnlitz.

439

00:24:29,240 --> 00:24:33,590

They went to Gross-Rosen,  
which they stayed there

440

00:24:33,590 --> 00:24:35,120

I think a few days.

441

00:24:35,120 --> 00:24:38,930

And this was a very,  
very difficult camp.

442

00:24:38,930 --> 00:24:44,000

But they finally  
arrived in BrÄ¼nnlitz.

443

00:24:44,000 --> 00:24:47,750

The woman, on the other  
hand, we left a week later.

444  
00:24:47,750 --> 00:24:50,780  
And we were in  
the cattle trains,

445  
00:24:50,780 --> 00:24:53,780  
of course packed like sardines.

446  
00:24:53,780 --> 00:24:56,840  
And we were going.

447  
00:24:56,840 --> 00:24:58,610  
We didn't know where we going.

448  
00:24:58,610 --> 00:25:05,270  
We assumed we're going to  
go to BrÄ¼nnlitz directly.

449  
00:25:05,270 --> 00:25:11,580  
All of a sudden, we landed at  
this very famous now platform,

450  
00:25:11,580 --> 00:25:17,460  
train platform at a  
station in Auschwitz

451  
00:25:17,460 --> 00:25:20,790  
with the SS surrounding  
like mad people,

452  
00:25:20,790 --> 00:25:22,620  
with dogs barking all over.

453  
00:25:22,620 --> 00:25:26,400  
And they started to  
push us out of trains

454  
00:25:26,400 --> 00:25:33,850  
and run us to a selection,  
through a selection process,

455

00:25:33,850 --> 00:25:35,790

which was, by itself, terrible.

456

00:25:35,790 --> 00:25:38,190

We had to undress completely.

457

00:25:38,190 --> 00:25:41,370

I clutched-- in those days,

I already wore glasses.

458

00:25:41,370 --> 00:25:42,810

And I clutched them in my hand.

459

00:25:42,810 --> 00:25:45,600

Because I knew if I

don't have glasses,

460

00:25:45,600 --> 00:25:47,400

I won't be able to do any work.

461

00:25:47,400 --> 00:25:50,940

I won't be able

to see very well.

462

00:25:50,940 --> 00:25:51,780

So I clutched.

463

00:25:51,780 --> 00:25:55,500

And thank God, no

one ever discovered.

464

00:25:55,500 --> 00:25:59,580

Some woman had

their heads shaven.

465

00:25:59,580 --> 00:26:01,650

I didn't, just cut short.

466

00:26:01,650 --> 00:26:04,290

So I don't know how

they did it, probably



467

00:26:04,290 --> 00:26:08,475  
just picked certain people.

468

00:26:08,475 --> 00:26:12,030

469

00:26:12,030 --> 00:26:14,730  
And of course, the  
Germans were making--

470

00:26:14,730 --> 00:26:19,420  
laughing and making dirty jokes.

471

00:26:19,420 --> 00:26:23,100  
And it was just terrible.

472

00:26:23,100 --> 00:26:25,620  
We were completely  
not prepared for this

473

00:26:25,620 --> 00:26:30,600  
because we thought we going  
to Mr. Schindler, to his camp.

474

00:26:30,600 --> 00:26:34,020  
Then they took us to  
their so-called "sauna"

475

00:26:34,020 --> 00:26:34,930  
to a delouse--

476

00:26:34,930 --> 00:26:39,450  
you know, getting rid of  
lice, delousing process.

477

00:26:39,450 --> 00:26:44,830  
We had to put all our clothes  
and our bundles, everything,

478

00:26:44,830 --> 00:26:49,180  
in one room, get undressed,  
go through the showers,

479  
00:26:49,180 --> 00:26:54,470  
then go through to  
get our clothes.

480  
00:26:54,470 --> 00:26:57,500  
And the clothes were on the  
heap, and each one of us

481  
00:26:57,500 --> 00:26:59,510  
picked whatever we could.

482  
00:26:59,510 --> 00:27:06,380  
I remember I got some kind of  
a white shirt, some rag, which

483  
00:27:06,380 --> 00:27:10,220  
was probably from  
somebody dead already,

484  
00:27:10,220 --> 00:27:14,630  
and some kind of a dress,  
no underwear, and of course

485  
00:27:14,630 --> 00:27:16,110  
no shoes.

486  
00:27:16,110 --> 00:27:20,870  
I had to take the  
clogs, wooden clogs.

487  
00:27:20,870 --> 00:27:23,930  
Then we were led--  
this was Birkenau.

488  
00:27:23,930 --> 00:27:27,170  
We were led to the barracks.

489  
00:27:27,170 --> 00:27:33,370  
We arrive there,  
everybody in despair.

490

00:27:33,370 --> 00:27:36,010  
But at the moment when we  
were picking our clothes

491  
00:27:36,010 --> 00:27:37,690  
and we put them on--

492  
00:27:37,690 --> 00:27:41,620  
how strong human nature  
is in spite of everything

493  
00:27:41,620 --> 00:27:42,250  
you go through.

494  
00:27:42,250 --> 00:27:43,540  
Or maybe this was youth.

495  
00:27:43,540 --> 00:27:45,250  
We were young at the time.

496  
00:27:45,250 --> 00:27:48,550  
We started to laugh  
hysterically in that room

497  
00:27:48,550 --> 00:27:50,650  
where we were putting  
on those clothes.

498  
00:27:50,650 --> 00:27:53,590  
Because we couldn't  
see ourselves

499  
00:27:53,590 --> 00:27:55,900  
because there, of course,  
there were no mirrors.

500  
00:27:55,900 --> 00:27:58,810  
But we looked so  
ridiculous that we

501  
00:27:58,810 --> 00:28:00,850  
started to laugh hysterically.

502

00:28:00,850 --> 00:28:06,070

And I forgot to say that before  
that, in the sauna, of course

503

00:28:06,070 --> 00:28:08,050

there was no hot water.

504

00:28:08,050 --> 00:28:09,200

Forget that.

505

00:28:09,200 --> 00:28:14,260

But there was no soap of any  
kind, just freezing water.

506

00:28:14,260 --> 00:28:17,860

November in Poland  
is very, very cold.

507

00:28:17,860 --> 00:28:23,500

And so there were no  
toilet paper, no paper

508

00:28:23,500 --> 00:28:25,720

at all in the latrines.

509

00:28:25,720 --> 00:28:29,050

Then after we got dressed,  
they took us to the barracks

510

00:28:29,050 --> 00:28:30,580

in Birkenau.

511

00:28:30,580 --> 00:28:35,420

The mud in Birkenau  
at the time--

512

00:28:35,420 --> 00:28:38,650

and probably in Auschwitz  
maybe not so because the roads

513

00:28:38,650 --> 00:28:41,600

and the streets in

Auschwitz, within Auschwitz

514

00:28:41,600 --> 00:28:43,530

were paved, more or less.

515

00:28:43,530 --> 00:28:47,510

But in Birkenau, you walked,  
and the clogs stayed in the mud.

516

00:28:47,510 --> 00:28:48,920

And you kept on walking.

517

00:28:48,920 --> 00:28:50,960

You know, it was just terrible.

518

00:28:50,960 --> 00:28:52,250

We arrived.

519

00:28:52,250 --> 00:28:58,730

And in Plaszow, we slept  
like two to a bunk.

520

00:28:58,730 --> 00:29:02,420

There, I think we  
were 10, or 11, or 13.

521

00:29:02,420 --> 00:29:03,720

We were sleeping like sardines.

522

00:29:03,720 --> 00:29:06,860

523

00:29:06,860 --> 00:29:12,340

They give us some kind of  
an old, dirty comforter.

524

00:29:12,340 --> 00:29:16,570

And all of a sudden, in  
that barracks, somebody

525

00:29:16,570 --> 00:29:18,370

called my name.

526  
00:29:18,370 --> 00:29:19,880  
This was my friend.

527  
00:29:19,880 --> 00:29:22,330  
She was on the upper bunk.

528  
00:29:22,330 --> 00:29:26,110  
She came with a transport  
before us, a couple of months

529  
00:29:26,110 --> 00:29:27,790  
before us.

530  
00:29:27,790 --> 00:29:34,630  
And she was working for a German  
office, in the office anyway.

531  
00:29:34,630 --> 00:29:37,930  
And she gave me a piece of  
bread with honey at the time.

532  
00:29:37,930 --> 00:29:41,165  
I will never forget it  
because I never got it again.

533  
00:29:41,165 --> 00:29:44,530

534  
00:29:44,530 --> 00:29:48,490  
We didn't know anything about  
what happened to our men.

535  
00:29:48,490 --> 00:29:51,130  
We assumed the same  
fate happened to them

536  
00:29:51,130 --> 00:29:53,450  
in some other camp.

537  
00:29:53,450 --> 00:29:54,790  
And we were waiting.

538  
00:29:54,790 --> 00:29:57,590

539  
00:29:57,590 --> 00:30:00,470  
I think that all  
of us would have

540  
00:30:00,470 --> 00:30:03,950  
died even before being  
gassed because we were all

541  
00:30:03,950 --> 00:30:06,290  
terribly sick with dysentery.

542  
00:30:06,290 --> 00:30:09,150  
We were terribly hungry.

543  
00:30:09,150 --> 00:30:11,990  
And we couldn't-- the  
terrible food that they gave,

544  
00:30:11,990 --> 00:30:18,710  
some very watery soup with a  
few bits inside and a tiny piece

545  
00:30:18,710 --> 00:30:22,490  
of bread every day, which  
also caused our dysentery--

546  
00:30:22,490 --> 00:30:24,290  
this was this kind of bread.

547  
00:30:24,290 --> 00:30:26,630  
We were all sick.

548  
00:30:26,630 --> 00:30:33,320  
So I don't think if Oscar  
Schindler after three weeks

549  
00:30:33,320 --> 00:30:37,550  
through his trying

to get us out,

550  
00:30:37,550 --> 00:30:40,010  
through his connections  
and presence

551  
00:30:40,010 --> 00:30:42,470  
that he gave all around  
and everything, I

552  
00:30:42,470 --> 00:30:45,080  
don't think we  
would have survived.

553  
00:30:45,080 --> 00:30:48,320  
So finally, after  
about three weeks--

554  
00:30:48,320 --> 00:30:53,580  
I think we lost the count  
of time over there--

555  
00:30:53,580 --> 00:31:00,870  
they told us someone came,  
probably a Blockalteste or some

556  
00:31:00,870 --> 00:31:02,880  
German, I don't  
remember exactly,

557  
00:31:02,880 --> 00:31:05,610  
and started to call our names.

558  
00:31:05,610 --> 00:31:07,650  
Well, that was already  
good because we

559  
00:31:07,650 --> 00:31:10,950  
knew we are the 300  
womans and-- woman,

560  
00:31:10,950 --> 00:31:13,350  
and she called us by name.



561  
00:31:13,350 --> 00:31:15,600  
We didn't know what  
she wants us for.

562  
00:31:15,600 --> 00:31:22,040  
But they led us to a  
side, a train station

563  
00:31:22,040 --> 00:31:24,620  
like on the sideline,  
and they put us

564  
00:31:24,620 --> 00:31:30,330  
in the trains, again  
packed like sardines.

565  
00:31:30,330 --> 00:31:31,680  
Of course, no toilets.

566  
00:31:31,680 --> 00:31:36,740  
There was a pail in the middle.

567  
00:31:36,740 --> 00:31:37,730  
No food.

568  
00:31:37,730 --> 00:31:39,410  
We didn't get any food.

569  
00:31:39,410 --> 00:31:44,960  
I don't know if some of us  
had a little piece of bread

570  
00:31:44,960 --> 00:31:47,600  
from Birkenau we hid.

571  
00:31:47,600 --> 00:31:52,500  
And after a while, the  
train started to go.

572  
00:31:52,500 --> 00:31:53,810  
We were only guessing.

573

00:31:53,810 --> 00:31:55,670  
We didn't know where we going.

574

00:31:55,670 --> 00:32:04,290  
Because, first of all, there are  
no windows in the cattle cars.

575

00:32:04,290 --> 00:32:05,930  
We stopped.

576

00:32:05,930 --> 00:32:11,570  
I think, on the way,  
the German soldiers

577

00:32:11,570 --> 00:32:16,660  
let us go out for a while to--

578

00:32:16,660 --> 00:32:19,300  
and we had some  
snow that we took

579

00:32:19,300 --> 00:32:22,660  
from the ground and kind of--

580

00:32:22,660 --> 00:32:25,030  
instead of a drink.

581

00:32:25,030 --> 00:32:29,950  
And finally, we arrived in  
some very desolate station.

582

00:32:29,950 --> 00:32:32,500  
And it said Br<sup>Ä</sup>nnlitz.

583

00:32:32,500 --> 00:32:33,440  
It said Br<sup>Ä</sup>nnlitz.

584

00:32:33,440 --> 00:32:36,640  
So of course, we  
were terribly excited

585

00:32:36,640 --> 00:32:39,640

that finally we arrived  
at our destination.

586

00:32:39,640 --> 00:32:43,900

But in the background, we  
saw some very tall chimneys.

587

00:32:43,900 --> 00:32:48,490

And as we marched to  
Schindler's camp, which

588

00:32:48,490 --> 00:32:52,210

we assumed would be Schindler's  
camp, we marched by fives.

589

00:32:52,210 --> 00:32:56,110

And I was walking  
among other friends

590

00:32:56,110 --> 00:32:59,020

with a girl who came  
originally from Germany.

591

00:32:59,020 --> 00:33:01,030

But she was deported  
from Germany

592

00:33:01,030 --> 00:33:05,830

to Poland, and in Poland to  
camp in Plaszow, and with us

593

00:33:05,830 --> 00:33:08,500

to Birkenau and to  
Schindler's camp.

594

00:33:08,500 --> 00:33:10,390

Her name was Margot.

595

00:33:10,390 --> 00:33:13,450

And she said to me, oh, my  
god, now we going to die.

596  
00:33:13,450 --> 00:33:15,220  
Do you see these chimneys?

597  
00:33:15,220 --> 00:33:16,553  
And I said--

598  
00:33:16,553 --> 00:33:18,400  
I always get upset.

599  
00:33:18,400 --> 00:33:22,680

600  
00:33:22,680 --> 00:33:30,010  
And I said to her,  
Margot, we cannot die.

601  
00:33:30,010 --> 00:33:33,430  
Because if we would  
be destined to die,

602  
00:33:33,430 --> 00:33:36,220  
we would die in Birkenau.

603  
00:33:36,220 --> 00:33:37,585  
I was always an optimist.

604  
00:33:37,585 --> 00:33:42,450

605  
00:33:42,450 --> 00:33:45,810  
And finally, we were  
marching and marching.

606  
00:33:45,810 --> 00:33:50,540  
And we came to a  
building, which was--

607  
00:33:50,540 --> 00:33:52,270  
Mrs. Page, wait just a minute.

608  
00:33:52,270 --> 00:33:52,770

OK?

609

00:33:52,770 --> 00:33:54,270

OK.

610

00:33:54,270 --> 00:33:56,180

I'm sorry.