

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:14,930

2  
00:00:14,930 --> 00:00:18,080  
OK, you were about  
to tell me a story.

3  
00:00:18,080 --> 00:00:19,190  
Yeah.

4  
00:00:19,190 --> 00:00:25,550  
We were working in the factory  
12 hours, night or day.

5  
00:00:25,550 --> 00:00:27,980  
And since they promised  
us they would give us

6  
00:00:27,980 --> 00:00:31,260  
one extra portion  
for night work,

7  
00:00:31,260 --> 00:00:37,580  
I had nothing better to do at  
night, so I was working nights.

8  
00:00:37,580 --> 00:00:41,930  
But the Sunday afternoon  
was free for everybody

9  
00:00:41,930 --> 00:00:44,060  
as far as you can.

10  
00:00:44,060 --> 00:00:49,580  
You sit on your mattress as  
long as there was a mattress.

11  
00:00:49,580 --> 00:00:51,680  
By the end, then there  
were not anymore.

12

00:00:51,680 --> 00:00:56,480  
So a group of Dutch women,  
because that's how I came

13  
00:00:56,480 --> 00:00:59,000  
was in this, those  
were my friends,

14  
00:00:59,000 --> 00:01:02,280  
we sat together and talked  
about lots of things.

15  
00:01:02,280 --> 00:01:08,360  
So one day I have  
never forgotten.

16  
00:01:08,360 --> 00:01:11,120  
We were thinking,  
when we come home--

17  
00:01:11,120 --> 00:01:15,140  
we didn't say if any more  
because we knew in the factory

18  
00:01:15,140 --> 00:01:20,750  
there was no gas and  
we would not be gassed.

19  
00:01:20,750 --> 00:01:23,550  
If we would get sick,  
that's another story.

20  
00:01:23,550 --> 00:01:27,800  
So we thought we  
would come home.

21  
00:01:27,800 --> 00:01:30,920  
What would be more  
difficult, to find

22  
00:01:30,920 --> 00:01:34,950  
your children or your husband?

23

00:01:34,950 --> 00:01:38,970  
Now, everybody was very frank.

24  
00:01:38,970 --> 00:01:45,870  
You didn't tell stories  
in such situation.

25  
00:01:45,870 --> 00:01:49,050  
And we were maybe  
12 or 13 women.

26  
00:01:49,050 --> 00:01:52,780  
Most of them had children  
in hiding, not all,

27  
00:01:52,780 --> 00:01:54,780  
but most of them.

28  
00:01:54,780 --> 00:01:59,670  
And obviously-- I  
think it was 13--

29  
00:01:59,670 --> 00:02:09,880  
when we were finished  
telling what would be harder,

30  
00:02:09,880 --> 00:02:13,060  
I think you the answer.

31  
00:02:13,060 --> 00:02:19,990  
Because only one woman  
said, I love my little boy

32  
00:02:19,990 --> 00:02:23,330  
and if I don't see him  
again, it's very difficult,

33  
00:02:23,330 --> 00:02:28,090  
but if my husband is not  
there I will lose my mind.

34  
00:02:28,090 --> 00:02:31,950  
She was the only one.

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00:02:31,950 --> 00:02:36,810

She did, after the war, she did.

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00:02:36,810 --> 00:02:39,840

But all the others said--

37

00:02:39,840 --> 00:02:42,750

they had more than  
one child, very often.

38

00:02:42,750 --> 00:02:45,280

So they said it's a piece of--

39

00:02:45,280 --> 00:02:48,630

you lose your  
husband, is terrible.

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00:02:48,630 --> 00:02:50,010

That's your best friend.

41

00:02:50,010 --> 00:02:53,310

It's the closest  
person you have.

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00:02:53,310 --> 00:03:02,385

But losing a child is physically  
in every way very, very

43

00:03:02,385 --> 00:03:02,885

painful.

44

00:03:02,885 --> 00:03:07,140

45

00:03:07,140 --> 00:03:08,060

Now let's go back--

46

00:03:08,060 --> 00:03:09,410

Yeah.

47

00:03:09,410 --> 00:03:11,270  
--to the selection.

48  
00:03:11,270 --> 00:03:14,960  
What did you notice about the  
selection, the age groups,

49  
00:03:14,960 --> 00:03:18,320  
and tell me a little  
more about that.

50  
00:03:18,320 --> 00:03:20,180  
At first the age groups--

51  
00:03:20,180 --> 00:03:22,130  
you see, you don't  
have a long chance

52  
00:03:22,130 --> 00:03:24,198  
to look what's going on there.

53  
00:03:24,198 --> 00:03:25,490  
It's not right in front of you.

54  
00:03:25,490 --> 00:03:27,140  
You have to walk a little.

55  
00:03:27,140 --> 00:03:29,570  
But you are stopping before--

56  
00:03:29,570 --> 00:03:31,770  
you're stopped before  
you come closer.

57  
00:03:31,770 --> 00:03:33,710  
You don't know what's going on.

58  
00:03:33,710 --> 00:03:36,950  
But it is a little  
older-- older people.

59  
00:03:36,950 --> 00:03:41,940

I would think-- we  
had one old lady.

60  
00:03:41,940 --> 00:03:44,490  
She was 10 years  
older than I was.

61  
00:03:44,490 --> 00:03:46,920  
So, she was in her middle 40s.

62  
00:03:46,920 --> 00:03:49,930  
An extremely good looking woman.

63  
00:03:49,930 --> 00:03:52,710  
And there was no question,  
she came with us.

64  
00:03:52,710 --> 00:03:55,530  
And she came out at the end.

65  
00:03:55,530 --> 00:04:01,970  
But the women with children,  
when they had children,

66  
00:04:01,970 --> 00:04:03,630  
there was no help.

67  
00:04:03,630 --> 00:04:07,160  
They had to go, both.

68  
00:04:07,160 --> 00:04:09,920  
But you are so short in  
contact, what's happening.

69  
00:04:09,920 --> 00:04:11,960  
You go to the other  
side, and you only

70  
00:04:11,960 --> 00:04:16,250  
think, oh, they are  
with the children,

71

00:04:16,250 --> 00:04:18,110  
they will be taken care of.

72  
00:04:18,110 --> 00:04:19,760  
That's what we  
thought, all of us.

73  
00:04:19,760 --> 00:04:23,260

74  
00:04:23,260 --> 00:04:26,830  
So, when we got  
away from this place

75  
00:04:26,830 --> 00:04:31,900  
where we lost practically  
everything, practically,

76  
00:04:31,900 --> 00:04:39,630  
and when we came to, at  
night, then to a barrack, we--

77  
00:04:39,630 --> 00:04:41,190  
there was hardly any room.

78  
00:04:41,190 --> 00:04:48,820  
We were 10 people in one  
six-people bed, bank,

79  
00:04:48,820 --> 00:04:50,560  
whatever you call it.

80  
00:04:50,560 --> 00:04:53,770  
And we all had to lie one side.

81  
00:04:53,770 --> 00:05:00,640  
And we all were deadly tired  
from the trip and all that.

82  
00:05:00,640 --> 00:05:04,740  
So, we all did sleep,  
but it wasn't long, maybe

83

00:05:04,740 --> 00:05:06,840

three or four hours  
when the light went on

84

00:05:06,840 --> 00:05:09,990

and we had to go to  
the famous roll cars.

85

00:05:09,990 --> 00:05:11,430

And they were every day.

86

00:05:11,430 --> 00:05:14,580

And they were every  
day as painful.

87

00:05:14,580 --> 00:05:16,000

That didn't change.

88

00:05:16,000 --> 00:05:19,830

But after a few weeks  
we got some work to do.

89

00:05:19,830 --> 00:05:23,610

But it was not the work  
that they kept us for.

90

00:05:23,610 --> 00:05:24,720

We found that out later.

91

00:05:24,720 --> 00:05:27,340

We had stupid things to do.

92

00:05:27,340 --> 00:05:31,350

We had to go to the so-called  
woods and cut out some grass

93

00:05:31,350 --> 00:05:36,530

and put the grass in front  
of the soldiers' houses

94

00:05:36,530 --> 00:05:39,620

that they could have flowers



in front of their houses,

95  
00:05:39,620 --> 00:05:41,450  
things like that.

96  
00:05:41,450 --> 00:05:46,100  
It had nothing to do  
with what we thought.

97  
00:05:46,100 --> 00:05:47,825  
And then after--

98  
00:05:47,825 --> 00:05:50,960

99  
00:05:50,960 --> 00:05:52,790  
What did they have  
in mind for you?

100  
00:05:52,790 --> 00:05:56,412  
But then one day we--

101  
00:05:56,412 --> 00:05:57,620  
while we were in this first--

102  
00:05:57,620 --> 00:06:00,536

103  
00:06:00,536 --> 00:06:01,420  
Birkenau.

104  
00:06:01,420 --> 00:06:02,310  
No, no.

105  
00:06:02,310 --> 00:06:04,140  
No, no, in the first--

106  
00:06:04,140 --> 00:06:05,220  
Work camp.

107  
00:06:05,220 --> 00:06:07,950

Not the camp, but the--

108  
00:06:07,950 --> 00:06:10,580  
Registration area.

109  
00:06:10,580 --> 00:06:14,690  
No, where the barracks  
were, in a barrack,

110  
00:06:14,690 --> 00:06:23,930  
two times afterwards what we  
knew by then who shall live

111  
00:06:23,930 --> 00:06:25,440  
and who shall die.

112  
00:06:25,440 --> 00:06:28,310  
And two of those--  
they were just--

113  
00:06:28,310 --> 00:06:33,020  
the whole barrack,  
every barrack,

114  
00:06:33,020 --> 00:06:36,050  
was for a day, a  
lot of times, you

115  
00:06:36,050 --> 00:06:38,090  
couldn't get out  
because something was

116  
00:06:38,090 --> 00:06:39,680  
happening in the other barrack.

117  
00:06:39,680 --> 00:06:41,330  
We didn't know what.

118  
00:06:41,330 --> 00:06:43,460  
So we were all locked in.

119  
00:06:43,460 --> 00:06:50,280

So when we were asked to get out  
and all the others were inside,

120  
00:06:50,280 --> 00:06:52,560  
then we knew what was happening.

121  
00:06:52,560 --> 00:06:55,170  
And Mengele was always there.

122  
00:06:55,170 --> 00:06:57,180  
I don't know why he  
came always to us.

123  
00:06:57,180 --> 00:07:03,490  
Because there were at least 24  
doctors who did the same thing.

124  
00:07:03,490 --> 00:07:07,410  
So, we had to take  
our dress off,

125  
00:07:07,410 --> 00:07:11,350  
put it over our arm,  
outstretched arm.

126  
00:07:11,350 --> 00:07:16,420  
And in the nude, we had to  
walk in front of Mengele.

127  
00:07:16,420 --> 00:07:20,320  
And Mengele said,  
this or this, also.

128  
00:07:20,320 --> 00:07:26,920  
The one place you had to  
go back into the barrack,

129  
00:07:26,920 --> 00:07:32,170  
into a certain room, and the  
other you go to another place.

130  
00:07:32,170 --> 00:07:35,650  
The other place was always--

131  
00:07:35,650 --> 00:07:39,310  
once in the barrack, they  
were picked up very soon.

132  
00:07:39,310 --> 00:07:42,380  
And they were killed  
that same day.

133  
00:07:42,380 --> 00:07:45,340  
So this was how  
they cleaned it out.

134  
00:07:45,340 --> 00:07:50,320  
People who, after a week, or  
two weeks, or three weeks,

135  
00:07:50,320 --> 00:07:55,240  
started to get very  
thin and very down,

136  
00:07:55,240 --> 00:07:58,600  
very down, they took those.

137  
00:07:58,600 --> 00:08:05,840  
So the third time when they did  
it, he counted out 300 people.

138  
00:08:05,840 --> 00:08:11,850  
And those 300-- and Mrs. Frank  
was with me at that time.

139  
00:08:11,850 --> 00:08:16,190  
She wasn't in the same barrack,  
but I mean she was in the 300,

140  
00:08:16,190 --> 00:08:17,270  
with Anne--

141  
00:08:17,270 --> 00:08:20,960  
with Anne-- but the other  
daughter, I didn't see.

142

00:08:20,960 --> 00:08:24,590

So we came in to  
another place, barrack.

143

00:08:24,590 --> 00:08:26,600

And we spent the night there.

144

00:08:26,600 --> 00:08:31,220

And the next morning, Mrs.  
Frank and her younger daughter

145

00:08:31,220 --> 00:08:32,390

were gone.

146

00:08:32,390 --> 00:08:35,900

And somebody told  
me that she did not

147

00:08:35,900 --> 00:08:40,250

go without Margaret,  
her older daughter.

148

00:08:40,250 --> 00:08:45,710

So she thought the same way we  
thought, we are going to work,

149

00:08:45,710 --> 00:08:47,750

around amount of 300.

150

00:08:47,750 --> 00:08:48,920

So she disappeared.

151

00:08:48,920 --> 00:08:52,880

And she must have gone  
into any other big barrack.

152

00:08:52,880 --> 00:08:56,740

And nobody knew who she  
was and nobody cared.

153

00:08:56,740 --> 00:09:00,950

And by that time,

we all already had

154  
00:09:00,950 --> 00:09:06,310  
all kinds of lice and things,  
so it made no difference.

155  
00:09:06,310 --> 00:09:09,630  
So we were going  
this same day then

156  
00:09:09,630 --> 00:09:11,970  
by train to Czechoslovakia.

157  
00:09:11,970 --> 00:09:17,640  
That was a factory who  
had asked for 300 people.

158  
00:09:17,640 --> 00:09:19,680  
This is the way it was.

159  
00:09:19,680 --> 00:09:24,330  
I mean, we didn't know, but  
many books about the system

160  
00:09:24,330 --> 00:09:32,230  
that the German took into  
their factories people,

161  
00:09:32,230 --> 00:09:33,820  
because they had no men anymore.

162  
00:09:33,820 --> 00:09:35,560  
So they took women.

163  
00:09:35,560 --> 00:09:39,510  
And there had to  
be a place ready

164  
00:09:39,510 --> 00:09:42,390  
where those people could stay.

165  
00:09:42,390 --> 00:09:46,430

And a lot of  
factories were given--

166  
00:09:46,430 --> 00:09:51,260  
taken away from their owners  
in Czechoslovakia and around.

167  
00:09:51,260 --> 00:09:55,880  
And some German trustees come.

168  
00:09:55,880 --> 00:09:58,100  
And they take over the factory.

169  
00:09:58,100 --> 00:10:00,830  
And they get all  
those people to work.

170  
00:10:00,830 --> 00:10:03,390  
And they pay so much.

171  
00:10:03,390 --> 00:10:05,580  
They have to pay for the  
food of those people.

172  
00:10:05,580 --> 00:10:07,830  
It was about \$0.50 a day.

173  
00:10:07,830 --> 00:10:11,380  
So they had workers.

174  
00:10:11,380 --> 00:10:13,720  
But certainly, I don't  
think that the workers

175  
00:10:13,720 --> 00:10:15,640  
were worth one cent.

176  
00:10:15,640 --> 00:10:18,410  
But that's beside the point.

177  
00:10:18,410 --> 00:10:19,810  
And so we worked.

178  
00:10:19,810 --> 00:10:23,070  
And I got my night shift.

179  
00:10:23,070 --> 00:10:29,345  
And we were working 12 hours  
without food in between.

180  
00:10:29,345 --> 00:10:33,980

181  
00:10:33,980 --> 00:10:37,480  
We have only a tiny bit.

182  
00:10:37,480 --> 00:10:40,920  
Define for me kapo.

183  
00:10:40,920 --> 00:10:43,600  
The kapo is a prisoner.

184  
00:10:43,600 --> 00:10:47,110  
And he's in charge  
of a group of people.

185  
00:10:47,110 --> 00:10:50,400

186  
00:10:50,400 --> 00:10:54,410  
I knew what the first K was.

187  
00:10:54,410 --> 00:10:56,360  
The apo is from police.

188  
00:10:56,360 --> 00:11:01,180  
I know what the K was,  
but I have forgotten that.

189  
00:11:01,180 --> 00:11:05,200  
But they had to keep the--

190  
00:11:05,200 --> 00:11:08,650



the men-- there was were men--

191

00:11:08,650 --> 00:11:13,450  
really under, because the  
man had sometimes hard work.

192

00:11:13,450 --> 00:11:17,350  
Impossible work for them  
because they were so weak.

193

00:11:17,350 --> 00:11:18,610  
OK, we have to reload.

194

00:11:18,610 --> 00:11:25,160

195

00:11:25,160 --> 00:11:31,200  
Mrs. Waterford, when you were in  
the work camp, in the factory,

196

00:11:31,200 --> 00:11:34,650  
there was an incident where  
an SS came up and asked you

197

00:11:34,650 --> 00:11:36,660  
about your crimes.

198

00:11:36,660 --> 00:11:37,690  
Not an SS.

199

00:11:37,690 --> 00:11:38,190  
No?

200

00:11:38,190 --> 00:11:39,390  
No.

201

00:11:39,390 --> 00:11:42,330  
Just tell me that story  
as though I don't know it.

202

00:11:42,330 --> 00:11:44,430  
Yeah.

203  
00:11:44,430 --> 00:11:48,420  
We had all kinds  
of different work.

204  
00:11:48,420 --> 00:11:51,890  
That was still in Auschwitz.

205  
00:11:51,890 --> 00:11:53,370  
Was it?

206  
00:11:53,370 --> 00:11:54,630  
Yeah, I think so.

207  
00:11:54,630 --> 00:11:57,040  
No, I don't no.

208  
00:11:57,040 --> 00:11:57,790  
It doesn't matter.

209  
00:11:57,790 --> 00:11:58,665  
Yeah, that was, yeah.

210  
00:11:58,665 --> 00:11:59,370  
The point is--

211  
00:11:59,370 --> 00:12:04,470  
Yeah, we had to do-- we had  
something with the two wheels.

212  
00:12:04,470 --> 00:12:05,520  
How do you call those?

213  
00:12:05,520 --> 00:12:06,260  
A cart.

214  
00:12:06,260 --> 00:12:07,590  
A cart?

215  
00:12:07,590 --> 00:12:08,220  
OK.

216  
00:12:08,220 --> 00:12:14,990  
And we had to collect in  
there stones or something.

217  
00:12:14,990 --> 00:12:22,910  
And so we walked by one of  
the German women, whatever

218  
00:12:22,910 --> 00:12:25,280  
they were, in uniform.

219  
00:12:25,280 --> 00:12:31,340  
And any time you had to  
bring this in, and come back,

220  
00:12:31,340 --> 00:12:33,200  
and you walked by.

221  
00:12:33,200 --> 00:12:37,070  
So I thought she looked  
very nice and young.

222  
00:12:37,070 --> 00:12:42,470  
And I said to her, this is  
good work we are learning here.

223  
00:12:42,470 --> 00:12:45,480  
We can use it when  
the war is over.

224  
00:12:45,480 --> 00:12:50,320  
And she looked-- and  
because I spoke German.

225  
00:12:50,320 --> 00:12:54,240  
And she said, yeah, that's  
right, that's right.

226  
00:12:54,240 --> 00:12:57,660  
So, I came back the next time.

227

00:12:57,660 --> 00:13:01,510  
And she said--

228  
00:13:01,510 --> 00:13:03,610  
I said, how do you  
like your work?

229  
00:13:03,610 --> 00:13:04,660  
Oh, it's OK.

230  
00:13:04,660 --> 00:13:05,830  
It's OK.

231  
00:13:05,830 --> 00:13:08,500  
They hated it in the village.

232  
00:13:08,500 --> 00:13:11,740  
There was nothing going  
on for the young girls.

233  
00:13:11,740 --> 00:13:15,100  
And then she came back.

234  
00:13:15,100 --> 00:13:18,540  
And she said, don't you like it?

235  
00:13:18,540 --> 00:13:20,820  
I said, I wasn't asked.

236  
00:13:20,820 --> 00:13:23,310  
She said, what do you  
mean, you were not asked?

237  
00:13:23,310 --> 00:13:25,720  
You were a criminal.

238  
00:13:25,720 --> 00:13:28,490  
Look at your clothes.

239  
00:13:28,490 --> 00:13:30,110  
I never thought of that.

240

00:13:30,110 --> 00:13:33,020

I said, those are  
not my clothes.

241

00:13:33,020 --> 00:13:34,185

And I was not a criminal.

242

00:13:34,185 --> 00:13:34,685

I'm a Jew.

243

00:13:34,685 --> 00:13:37,460

244

00:13:37,460 --> 00:13:41,240

So she went-- she took  
about two steps back.

245

00:13:41,240 --> 00:13:43,070

And this was all.

246

00:13:43,070 --> 00:13:46,450

She didn't know.

247

00:13:46,450 --> 00:13:48,950

That's what they knew,  
that we were criminals.

248

00:13:48,950 --> 00:13:52,180

And we looked it  
and we smelled it.

249

00:13:52,180 --> 00:13:55,870

I don't-- what this.

250

00:13:55,870 --> 00:13:59,080

I said one more thing  
the next time I came by.

251

00:13:59,080 --> 00:14:02,050

A friend of mine, she  
came with her little cart.

252

00:14:02,050 --> 00:14:04,390

And I said, look at this lady.

253

00:14:04,390 --> 00:14:08,820

Her father is one of the  
richest men in Amsterdam.

254

00:14:08,820 --> 00:14:10,750

And she has an MD.

255

00:14:10,750 --> 00:14:14,760

Oh, she said, don't  
tell me such stories.

256

00:14:14,760 --> 00:14:19,220

So, they didn't want  
to know it was true.

257

00:14:19,220 --> 00:14:27,490

258

00:14:27,490 --> 00:14:31,390

Tell me-- there was a time after  
liberation when you were hungry

259

00:14:31,390 --> 00:14:35,950

and you walked up to a Russian  
soldier, tell me that story.

260

00:14:35,950 --> 00:14:40,360

The war was over at the place  
where I was on the 9th of May.

261

00:14:40,360 --> 00:14:45,770

That was the last say could be,  
because the Germans were still

262

00:14:45,770 --> 00:14:47,070

doing something.

263

00:14:47,070 --> 00:14:49,130

So, the gate was open.

264

00:14:49,130 --> 00:14:53,900  
And the eight Germans who were  
in there for 1,200 women--

265

00:14:53,900 --> 00:14:59,360  
by that time we had  
maybe lost 150, who died.

266

00:14:59,360 --> 00:15:03,410  
And we buried them  
with our hands.

267

00:15:03,410 --> 00:15:05,090  
There was nothing.

268

00:15:05,090 --> 00:15:10,460  
And I opened-- I walked out.

269

00:15:10,460 --> 00:15:14,500  
The place itself was  
terribly, terribly dirty.

270

00:15:14,500 --> 00:15:16,970  
And there was nothing  
functioning anymore.

271

00:15:16,970 --> 00:15:19,270  
There was no food for days.

272

00:15:19,270 --> 00:15:22,420  
And I mean full days, no food.

273

00:15:22,420 --> 00:15:27,310  
And everybody had diarrhea  
and never made it.

274

00:15:27,310 --> 00:15:29,350  
So, it was very, very dirty.

275

00:15:29,350 --> 00:15:34,540  
And so when I walked out, the

first thing I saw were the--

276

00:15:34,540 --> 00:15:37,800

277

00:15:37,800 --> 00:15:42,790

the flower, the little  
white flower, in May.

278

00:15:42,790 --> 00:15:46,060

279

00:15:46,060 --> 00:15:48,670

Under a tree, there are  
little white flowers.

280

00:15:48,670 --> 00:15:51,156

They are here in the  
United States too.

281

00:15:51,156 --> 00:15:51,990

May flowers.

282

00:15:51,990 --> 00:15:53,440

Not may flowers--

283

00:15:53,440 --> 00:15:55,470

May flowers?

284

00:15:55,470 --> 00:15:57,720

Yeah?

285

00:15:57,720 --> 00:16:02,200

And I hadn't seen that.

286

00:16:02,200 --> 00:16:06,150

So I threw myself in  
them, and I smelled them,

287

00:16:06,150 --> 00:16:09,900

and they were wonderful, fresh.



288

00:16:09,900 --> 00:16:11,140

It was wonderful.

289

00:16:11,140 --> 00:16:12,690

So I went into town.

290

00:16:12,690 --> 00:16:15,660

Because we were always, every day, going through town.

291

00:16:15,660 --> 00:16:18,840

And the people there knew us.

292

00:16:18,840 --> 00:16:26,880

And I went into a sausage store I had seen every day.

293

00:16:26,880 --> 00:16:29,430

And I always wanted some of his sausage.

294

00:16:29,430 --> 00:16:34,290

So I walked in, dirty, and all I was, and smelling.

295

00:16:34,290 --> 00:16:36,300

And I said I would like--

296

00:16:36,300 --> 00:16:39,923

I said in German too, I would like to have some sausage,

297

00:16:39,923 --> 00:16:41,340

I wonder if you could give me one.

298

00:16:41,340 --> 00:16:44,040

He said, no.

299

00:16:44,040 --> 00:16:46,770

So I walked back into town, really into town.

300  
00:16:46,770 --> 00:16:48,450  
And here was a Russian.

301  
00:16:48,450 --> 00:16:52,080  
And he had a piece of  
black bread in his own hand

302  
00:16:52,080 --> 00:16:55,590  
and he had a chicken  
leg in his other.

303  
00:16:55,590 --> 00:16:57,240  
And he was a very tall guy.

304  
00:16:57,240 --> 00:17:00,250  
And I said something like that.

305  
00:17:00,250 --> 00:17:01,650  
And he looked at me.

306  
00:17:01,650 --> 00:17:06,190  
And I said, here?

307  
00:17:06,190 --> 00:17:07,089  
He gave it to me.

308  
00:17:07,089 --> 00:17:09,310  
He understood me perfect.

309  
00:17:09,310 --> 00:17:11,710  
Oh, it made me so sick.

310  
00:17:11,710 --> 00:17:15,099  
The next night, I  
was terribly sick.

311  
00:17:15,099 --> 00:17:16,599  
Shouldn't have done  
that, naturally.

312

00:17:16,599 --> 00:17:20,020

But who can say  
he wouldn't do it,

313

00:17:20,020 --> 00:17:22,720

would think of that  
what could come later.

314

00:17:22,720 --> 00:17:26,810

But I didn't stay long.

315

00:17:26,810 --> 00:17:33,710

The director of the factory  
came without his pin

316

00:17:33,710 --> 00:17:36,710

that he belonged to the  
Nazis, in a blue suit--

317

00:17:36,710 --> 00:17:38,690

blue elegant suit.

318

00:17:38,690 --> 00:17:42,730

And he thanked us  
for all our work.

319

00:17:42,730 --> 00:17:49,670

And he told us we had to wait  
until the International Red

320

00:17:49,670 --> 00:17:55,030

Cross would come, and  
pick us up, and bring us

321

00:17:55,030 --> 00:17:57,100

to our countries.

322

00:17:57,100 --> 00:18:02,350

Now, the International Red  
Cross had been there just

323

00:18:02,350 --> 00:18:05,260

before Christmas.

324  
00:18:05,260 --> 00:18:11,350  
And the rumors, what  
they had in their trains,

325  
00:18:11,350 --> 00:18:14,340  
what they came with  
was tremendous.

326  
00:18:14,340 --> 00:18:19,470  
Everybody knew all the things  
were for eating in their train.

327  
00:18:19,470 --> 00:18:25,230  
And we got-- the first day we  
got some sugar, loose sugar.

328  
00:18:25,230 --> 00:18:27,930  
But we had nothing to put it in.

329  
00:18:27,930 --> 00:18:32,430  
So we had it in our  
filthy, smelling hands.

330  
00:18:32,430 --> 00:18:33,750  
And we ate it.

331  
00:18:33,750 --> 00:18:37,050  
And the thing that  
came right after that

332  
00:18:37,050 --> 00:18:45,610  
was a can of sardines.

333  
00:18:45,610 --> 00:18:48,060  
And it was one can.

334  
00:18:48,060 --> 00:18:49,110  
And it was opened.

335  
00:18:49,110 --> 00:18:50,940  
It was for two people.

336  
00:18:50,940 --> 00:18:53,100  
This was it.

337  
00:18:53,100 --> 00:18:58,200  
The next Sunday we got peas in  
some kind of a so-called soup,

338  
00:18:58,200 --> 00:19:00,960  
I don't know.

339  
00:19:00,960 --> 00:19:03,030  
But there were  
four women who came

340  
00:19:03,030 --> 00:19:08,040  
with that in green uniforms.

341  
00:19:08,040 --> 00:19:13,030  
And they marched with the  
woman who was in charge.

342  
00:19:13,030 --> 00:19:15,970  
But we had to stand  
in fives, as always.

343  
00:19:15,970 --> 00:19:18,880  
And I was in front.

344  
00:19:18,880 --> 00:19:21,740  
I wanted to be in front.

345  
00:19:21,740 --> 00:19:27,220  
And they were telling the--

346  
00:19:27,220 --> 00:19:30,500  
the woman who was in  
charge was telling her,

347  
00:19:30,500 --> 00:19:34,280  
you look at those people,  
they are so filthy.

348  
00:19:34,280 --> 00:19:36,680  
And they don't want  
to take showers.

349  
00:19:36,680 --> 00:19:39,890  
We showed you the beautiful  
new showers we have.

350  
00:19:39,890 --> 00:19:42,410  
You saw how clean it was.

351  
00:19:42,410 --> 00:19:44,270  
They don't go in.

352  
00:19:44,270 --> 00:19:46,360  
She forgot to say  
that they don't--

353  
00:19:46,360 --> 00:19:47,600  
it wasn't open.

354  
00:19:47,600 --> 00:19:49,580  
They couldn't go in.

355  
00:19:49,580 --> 00:19:53,610  
And that's what you  
have when you have Jews.

356  
00:19:53,610 --> 00:19:55,550  
They don't want to  
wash themselves.

357  
00:19:55,550 --> 00:19:58,910  
They are filthy dirty.

358  
00:19:58,910 --> 00:20:01,310  
And that woman did  
not come-- the woman

359  
00:20:01,310 --> 00:20:04,790  
who walked by did

not come up and ask

360  
00:20:04,790 --> 00:20:08,040  
why don't you wash yourself.

361  
00:20:08,040 --> 00:20:11,290  
They believed everything.

362  
00:20:11,290 --> 00:20:15,860  
So this is the International Red  
Cross, who has now all that--

363  
00:20:15,860 --> 00:20:17,710  
where my husband  
died and all that.

364  
00:20:17,710 --> 00:20:21,190  
I don't know when  
I will ever get it.

365  
00:20:21,190 --> 00:20:29,240  
How does your experience make  
you feel about humankind?

366  
00:20:29,240 --> 00:20:33,050  
Oh, I believe, like Anne  
Frank said, if you--

367  
00:20:33,050 --> 00:20:35,870  
I don't know if you  
remember when you read it.

368  
00:20:35,870 --> 00:20:41,840  
I believe that people are  
basically good, I do, honestly.

369  
00:20:41,840 --> 00:20:44,000  
People are basically good.

370  
00:20:44,000 --> 00:20:48,260  
If they do those things,  
there are stronger--

371  
00:20:48,260 --> 00:20:50,520  
stronger things come  
up in their life

372  
00:20:50,520 --> 00:20:53,360  
which makes it more  
important to be a good Nazi,

373  
00:20:53,360 --> 00:20:55,480  
because they have a good time.

374  
00:20:55,480 --> 00:20:58,450  
And as a man, you can  
have any woman you want.

375  
00:20:58,450 --> 00:21:02,720  
And you get beautiful  
uniforms and everything.

376  
00:21:02,720 --> 00:21:09,310  
So, a lot of people fall  
under that and fall with it.

377  
00:21:09,310 --> 00:21:13,320  
No, I think basically  
we are good.

378  
00:21:13,320 --> 00:21:16,180  
I believe in it.

379  
00:21:16,180 --> 00:21:21,000  
Do you see survival  
as an achievement?

380  
00:21:21,000 --> 00:21:23,230  
No, I don't, no.

381  
00:21:23,230 --> 00:21:25,320  
I don't think that  
I did anything

382  
00:21:25,320 --> 00:21:33,210



more than any awake and  
sincere person would do.

383  
00:21:33,210 --> 00:21:37,350  
I try not to fall into  
the eye of the enemy.

384  
00:21:37,350 --> 00:21:44,710  
And I don't do  
dumb things maybe I

385  
00:21:44,710 --> 00:21:48,100  
think I have to do  
because it's so bad here.

386  
00:21:48,100 --> 00:21:49,840  
But that wouldn't  
make any sense.

387  
00:21:49,840 --> 00:21:51,700  
What is one life?

388  
00:21:51,700 --> 00:21:56,890  
When they kill them,  
24,000 in 24 hours,

389  
00:21:56,890 --> 00:21:59,020  
every day, what is one life?

390  
00:21:59,020 --> 00:22:00,520  
Nothing.

391  
00:22:00,520 --> 00:22:04,570  
So, no, I thought afterwards  
when I have my child,

392  
00:22:04,570 --> 00:22:05,440  
I am needed.

393  
00:22:05,440 --> 00:22:20,940

394

00:22:20,940 --> 00:22:26,198  
I've asked-- I think I've  
asked just about everything.

395  
00:22:26,198 --> 00:22:29,130

396  
00:22:29,130 --> 00:22:29,790  
Did I--

397  
00:22:29,790 --> 00:22:34,000

398  
00:22:34,000 --> 00:22:37,740  
OK, Mrs. Waterford  
what were your losses

399  
00:22:37,740 --> 00:22:41,340  
and what were the things  
you gained from this?

400  
00:22:41,340 --> 00:22:46,470  
Naturally, the losses is  
that I lost my husband.

401  
00:22:46,470 --> 00:22:50,610  
And it took me 13 years  
to get married again.

402  
00:22:50,610 --> 00:22:54,930  
And even after that  
time, every night

403  
00:22:54,930 --> 00:22:57,510  
I had nightmares that  
he maybe would come back

404  
00:22:57,510 --> 00:23:00,240  
and what I would  
do in this case.

405  
00:23:00,240 --> 00:23:02,310  
I never told him.

406  
00:23:02,310 --> 00:23:05,280  
But it was terrible,  
this thought.

407  
00:23:05,280 --> 00:23:07,170  
I hadn't thought  
so much about that

408  
00:23:07,170 --> 00:23:10,080  
before I was really married.

409  
00:23:10,080 --> 00:23:13,740  
But this is the great loss.

410  
00:23:13,740 --> 00:23:23,770  
And I have learned what people  
like me, like you, like anybody

411  
00:23:23,770 --> 00:23:26,410  
can do to each other.

412  
00:23:26,410 --> 00:23:31,142  
And there is nothing  
they cannot do.

413  
00:23:31,142 --> 00:23:31,975  
They'll do anything.

414  
00:23:31,975 --> 00:23:34,850

415  
00:23:34,850 --> 00:23:36,980  
This I have learned.

416  
00:23:36,980 --> 00:23:39,830  
But it isn't--  
basically, they are not--

417  
00:23:39,830 --> 00:23:43,540  
they don't come into the  
world covered with sin.

418

00:23:43,540 --> 00:23:49,610

I hope that nobody's religion is  
in any way against what I say.

419

00:23:49,610 --> 00:23:56,510

But I believe that we are  
good and only want to be good.

420

00:23:56,510 --> 00:24:03,190

A lot of things prevented  
that we are not good.

421

00:24:03,190 --> 00:24:08,830

And if there are things  
involved to other people,

422

00:24:08,830 --> 00:24:11,260

this is the greatest--

423

00:24:11,260 --> 00:24:16,730

the greatest terror  
I can think of.

424

00:24:16,730 --> 00:24:23,090

Because we were really  
degraded in every way, even--

425

00:24:23,090 --> 00:24:27,020

even lying that we don't  
want to wash ourselves,

426

00:24:27,020 --> 00:24:30,800

we love to go around  
stinking like that.

427

00:24:30,800 --> 00:24:35,430

All those things, nobody would--

428

00:24:35,430 --> 00:24:38,430

with a normal way of  
thinking would do that.

429

00:24:38,430 --> 00:24:43,740

But all the people who  
worked for the fascism,

430

00:24:43,740 --> 00:24:46,140

they did it wonderfully.

431

00:24:46,140 --> 00:24:50,160

They just-- they don't have  
to be belonging to them,

432

00:24:50,160 --> 00:24:52,440

but it was wonderful  
to know that there

433

00:24:52,440 --> 00:24:57,150

is a group or a large  
element of people who are

434

00:24:57,150 --> 00:24:59,880

lower than I am, than we are.

435

00:24:59,880 --> 00:25:01,530

That's wonderful.

436

00:25:01,530 --> 00:25:02,970

Don't help them to get up.

437

00:25:02,970 --> 00:25:06,030

438

00:25:06,030 --> 00:25:07,860

No, this I have learned.

439

00:25:07,860 --> 00:25:11,980

And it makes me very unhappy.

440

00:25:11,980 --> 00:25:15,890

But one person alone  
cannot do that.

441

00:25:15,890 --> 00:25:20,680

And people who have gone through  
exactly the same things I

442

00:25:20,680 --> 00:25:23,830

have, and they talk about--

443

00:25:23,830 --> 00:25:26,290

I guess you know  
better than I do,

444

00:25:26,290 --> 00:25:30,000

because I'm never together  
with any people who

445

00:25:30,000 --> 00:25:32,910

have the same experience.

446

00:25:32,910 --> 00:25:37,390

The thing is that they  
are crying, crying,

447

00:25:37,390 --> 00:25:42,520

look what's done to me,  
look what is done to us.

448

00:25:42,520 --> 00:25:43,390

That's terrible.

449

00:25:43,390 --> 00:25:44,530

I know it.

450

00:25:44,530 --> 00:25:47,980

I know everything.

451

00:25:47,980 --> 00:25:48,790

I know it.

452

00:25:48,790 --> 00:25:51,990

And when I speak  
to the students,

453

00:25:51,990 --> 00:25:56,420  
I never talk about violence.

454  
00:25:56,420 --> 00:25:58,850  
They can see enough  
violence on TV.

455  
00:25:58,850 --> 00:26:00,730  
They don't need me.

456  
00:26:00,730 --> 00:26:02,140  
I do not say that.

457  
00:26:02,140 --> 00:26:06,380  
I say what Anne Frank  
says, that I believe that.

458  
00:26:06,380 --> 00:26:10,870  
And I think it has helped me  
through my whole long life

459  
00:26:10,870 --> 00:26:13,320  
afterward.

460  
00:26:13,320 --> 00:26:16,470  
And I find it  
absolutely wrong only

461  
00:26:16,470 --> 00:26:18,820  
to talk what happened to me.

462  
00:26:18,820 --> 00:26:23,340  
And I lost my father, my mother,  
my 16 cousins, or whatever.

463  
00:26:23,340 --> 00:26:25,140  
It is terrible.

464  
00:26:25,140 --> 00:26:28,080  
But it's terrible to  
listen to it also.

465

00:26:28,080 --> 00:26:31,350  
Can't we make  
peace with ourself?

466  
00:26:31,350 --> 00:26:32,208  
Can't we?

467  
00:26:32,208 --> 00:26:35,016

468  
00:26:35,016 --> 00:26:38,070  
That we accept that  
it has existed.

469  
00:26:38,070 --> 00:26:40,040  
And it has.

470  
00:26:40,040 --> 00:26:43,720  
But you cannot carry it  
with you all your life.

471  
00:26:43,720 --> 00:26:46,990  
You have to say,  
yes, it has existed.

472  
00:26:46,990 --> 00:26:50,540  
And I will, every  
time when necessary,

473  
00:26:50,540 --> 00:26:53,470  
when I see it's  
necessary, talk about it,

474  
00:26:53,470 --> 00:26:58,040  
but now I have a new life.

475  
00:26:58,040 --> 00:27:03,070  
And I want to make the  
best in my new life.

476  
00:27:03,070 --> 00:27:08,360  
This is what I tell the  
students, the women.



477  
00:27:08,360 --> 00:27:13,340  
Now, just tell me, seeing the  
patch of Lilies of the Valley,

478  
00:27:13,340 --> 00:27:14,870  
as though you didn't  
tell me before.

479  
00:27:14,870 --> 00:27:15,740  
OK.

480  
00:27:15,740 --> 00:27:19,670  
When I walked out of the  
gate, the gate was open.

481  
00:27:19,670 --> 00:27:22,280  
And our people have--

482  
00:27:22,280 --> 00:27:26,850  
the German people have left and  
left their uniforms all there.

483  
00:27:26,850 --> 00:27:32,420  
And I was not interested  
in taking a uniform home.

484  
00:27:32,420 --> 00:27:34,730  
But the people really wanted it.

485  
00:27:34,730 --> 00:27:37,970  
And very close to  
the entrance was

486  
00:27:37,970 --> 00:27:40,100  
a big tree, which  
I never had seen.

487  
00:27:40,100 --> 00:27:45,140  
And under this tree were  
the Lilies of the Valley,

488

00:27:45,140 --> 00:27:47,900  
so beautiful, so white.

489  
00:27:47,900 --> 00:27:52,100  
I had forgotten that  
something like this existed.

490  
00:27:52,100 --> 00:27:55,550  
There was no way of bending  
down and rip them off.

491  
00:27:55,550 --> 00:27:57,080  
I wouldn't do that.

492  
00:27:57,080 --> 00:27:58,940  
So I put myself into them.

493  
00:27:58,940 --> 00:28:02,160

494  
00:28:02,160 --> 00:28:05,250  
And I still feel this  
feeling, wonderful.

495  
00:28:05,250 --> 00:28:08,030

496  
00:28:08,030 --> 00:28:13,050  
And one other thing,  
describe for me Dr. Mengele.

497  
00:28:13,050 --> 00:28:15,210  
Now, I talked about Mengele.

498  
00:28:15,210 --> 00:28:22,430  
And I didn't know that he  
was the head of the people,

499  
00:28:22,430 --> 00:28:25,160  
the head of the  
doctors, and that he

500

00:28:25,160 --> 00:28:29,690  
had fantastic ideas,  
what he thought

501  
00:28:29,690 --> 00:28:37,140  
he could solve medically,  
and he would be a big man,

502  
00:28:37,140 --> 00:28:38,550  
the greatest man ever.

503  
00:28:38,550 --> 00:28:40,830  
Because he had so much material.

504  
00:28:40,830 --> 00:28:44,070  
He said it himself,  
how much material

505  
00:28:44,070 --> 00:28:47,310  
he had to find out  
what's wrong with twins,

506  
00:28:47,310 --> 00:28:52,050  
and how can you maybe change the  
color of the eye from one color

507  
00:28:52,050 --> 00:28:55,320  
to another of a twin.

508  
00:28:55,320 --> 00:28:57,180  
I mean, those were  
very important.

509  
00:28:57,180 --> 00:29:02,610  
But he really thought this  
would be, what he was doing

510  
00:29:02,610 --> 00:29:09,260  
was really searching for help.

511  
00:29:09,260 --> 00:29:13,060  
But there's nothing,  
not one thing--

512  
00:29:13,060 --> 00:29:20,440  
and for many people he killed  
because absolutely on the--

513  
00:29:20,440 --> 00:29:23,440  
cutting this out and  
cutting that out,

514  
00:29:23,440 --> 00:29:28,340  
there's nothing in that  
he found anything new.

515  
00:29:28,340 --> 00:29:30,080  
What did he look like?

516  
00:29:30,080 --> 00:29:34,040  
I said before, and I will  
always say, excellent looking

517  
00:29:34,040 --> 00:29:43,720  
man, very friendly looking.

518  
00:29:43,720 --> 00:29:46,040  
And I mean, he  
didn't talk, or loud.

519  
00:29:46,040 --> 00:29:50,860  
He used just the only question,  
asking me if that was my child,

520  
00:29:50,860 --> 00:29:53,200  
and that was all.

521  
00:29:53,200 --> 00:29:57,280  
But if you don't  
know what he is,

522  
00:29:57,280 --> 00:30:01,210  
and it takes you about  
20 years until you really

523

00:30:01,210 --> 00:30:04,120  
know who he was and who  
all the others were.

524  
00:30:04,120 --> 00:30:07,510  
There are a lot of books  
in there about the doctors.

525  
00:30:07,510 --> 00:30:10,960  
And they all go to the museum.

526  
00:30:10,960 --> 00:30:13,900  
And then I learned.

527  
00:30:13,900 --> 00:30:17,795  
I learned a lot of things  
afterward, so much.

528  
00:30:17,795 --> 00:30:18,745  
Thank you.

529  
00:30:18,745 --> 00:30:23,030

530  
00:30:23,030 --> 00:30:24,760  
We have to do one other thing.

531  
00:30:24,760 --> 00:30:26,370  
Yeah.

532  
00:30:26,370 --> 00:30:29,970  
We have to record just  
the sound of this room.

533  
00:30:29,970 --> 00:30:35,090  
So you just have to sit  
very quietly and not move.