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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:06,610

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00:00:06,610 --> 00:00:07,110
OK.

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00:00:07,110 --> 00:00:11,780

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00:00:11,780 --> 00:00:18,219
You were saying,
displaced person--

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00:00:18,219 --> 00:00:20,590
Ah.

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00:00:20,590 --> 00:00:26,470
I had Italian passport, but
Rhodes passed to the Greeks

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00:00:26,470 --> 00:00:28,570
in 1948.

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00:00:28,570 --> 00:00:33,670
And so I didn't
want to be Greek.

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00:00:33,670 --> 00:00:35,590
I pick up--

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00:00:35,590 --> 00:00:40,570
I choose to be DP, displaced
person to come in the United

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00:00:40,570 --> 00:00:47,740
States, so I have to
go to Bremen in Germany

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00:00:47,740 --> 00:00:53,380
because the Americans--
they used to send soldiers

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00:00:53,380 --> 00:01:01,990
to Germany, and the boats
empty, the boats in the Navy--

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00:01:01,990 --> 00:01:06,700
they used to come back and
bring refugees from Germany.

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00:01:06,700 --> 00:01:12,820
So I was in Germany
again for three weeks

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00:01:12,820 --> 00:01:17,770
to see those lousy
face of Germans,

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00:01:17,770 --> 00:01:23,900
but I never came out
there from my room.

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00:01:23,900 --> 00:01:27,160
I never went to
eat out because I

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00:01:27,160 --> 00:01:30,100
don't want to hear the
steps of the Germans,

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00:01:30,100 --> 00:01:34,100
and I don't want to
hear their voice.

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00:01:34,100 --> 00:01:40,990
So when the time came, we
went to the boat, to the Navy,

22
00:01:40,990 --> 00:01:44,560
and so I came to United
States, to New York.

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00:01:44,560 --> 00:01:52,990
From New York, I came to Los

Angeles, three nights and two

24
00:01:52,990 --> 00:01:56,200
days and a half by train.

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00:01:56,200 --> 00:01:57,235
I came to Chicago.

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00:01:57,235 --> 00:01:59,830

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00:01:59,830 --> 00:02:02,150
I missed the train.

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00:02:02,150 --> 00:02:07,730
So I have to stay another
24 hours there with no food,

29
00:02:07,730 --> 00:02:11,505
no nothing because I
didn't know the language.

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00:02:11,505 --> 00:02:14,550

31
00:02:14,550 --> 00:02:17,510
I didn't know what
to ask, to say,

32
00:02:17,510 --> 00:02:21,830
give me a tuna sandwich
or cheese sandwich.

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00:02:21,830 --> 00:02:23,870
I didn't know.

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00:02:23,870 --> 00:02:27,440
So I arrived to Los Angeles.

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00:02:27,440 --> 00:02:31,340
When I arrived to Los
Angeles, my aunt-- she says,

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00:02:31,340 --> 00:02:35,570
you know, I was in the depot.

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00:02:35,570 --> 00:02:37,790
She came to pick me
up, and she said,

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00:02:37,790 --> 00:02:42,050
the first thing, now
you are in America.

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00:02:42,050 --> 00:02:45,810
Your name is no Miru anymore.

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00:02:45,810 --> 00:02:49,630
We have to go and
change to Mary.

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00:02:49,630 --> 00:02:51,950
I say, I'm very sorry.

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00:02:51,950 --> 00:02:54,140
My parents-- they gave Miru.

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00:02:54,140 --> 00:02:55,880
I want to keep Miru.

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00:02:55,880 --> 00:02:59,000
If you don't like
Miru, call Mary.

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00:02:59,000 --> 00:03:04,520
First of all, I say, Aunt,
I got your mother's name.

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00:03:04,520 --> 00:03:09,200
I'm the only survivor who
got your mother's name.

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00:03:09,200 --> 00:03:13,110
We had four Mirus in the family.

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00:03:13,110 --> 00:03:14,490
I'm the only survivor.

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00:03:14,490 --> 00:03:17,240
Why you don't like?

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00:03:17,240 --> 00:03:21,590
So I say, OK, you call
me anything you want.

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00:03:21,590 --> 00:03:25,760
And I did like this
because I was exhausted

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00:03:25,760 --> 00:03:29,280
from the trains with no food.

53
00:03:29,280 --> 00:03:38,330
I came, and you start to
give me lecture, to say,

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00:03:38,330 --> 00:03:39,980
not Miru, Mary.

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00:03:39,980 --> 00:03:44,410

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00:03:44,410 --> 00:03:47,080
And I stay a few
months over there,

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00:03:47,080 --> 00:03:49,420
seven months with my aunt.

58
00:03:49,420 --> 00:03:52,750
I didn't get along.

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00:03:52,750 --> 00:03:58,550
I took one room with
somebody, and in the meantime,

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00:03:58,550 --> 00:03:59,980

I didn't have no money.

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00:03:59,980 --> 00:04:07,000

I brought with me \$500,
but it was easy to spend.

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00:04:07,000 --> 00:04:11,350

So I wrote to Italy.

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00:04:11,350 --> 00:04:14,770

I say, when I will
work, I will pay you.

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00:04:14,770 --> 00:04:17,500

They sent me every month \$100.

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00:04:17,500 --> 00:04:20,620

Like that, I can pay \$40.

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00:04:20,620 --> 00:04:25,810

And the \$60, I can eat
and take the carfare.

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00:04:25,810 --> 00:04:28,970

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00:04:28,970 --> 00:04:37,280

So I had more hard time in the
United States than in Germany

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00:04:37,280 --> 00:04:43,250

because in Germany I know
I was obligated, no choice,

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00:04:43,250 --> 00:04:48,470

but over here I couldn't
speak the language.

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00:04:48,470 --> 00:04:53,630

I couldn't find a job, and I
didn't have no place to stay.

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00:04:53,630 --> 00:04:58,100
I have a very bad life.

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00:04:58,100 --> 00:05:02,330
For one year I was
desperate until I

74
00:05:02,330 --> 00:05:05,280
decided to go back to Italy.

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00:05:05,280 --> 00:05:11,180
So I say, I wish to find
a job to make my ticket

76
00:05:11,180 --> 00:05:13,490
and to go back.

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00:05:13,490 --> 00:05:16,670
So a friend of
mine, my cousin who

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00:05:16,670 --> 00:05:21,500
I saved from Auschwitz who
got diarrhea-- she said,

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00:05:21,500 --> 00:05:26,430
come to Seattle, and I
will find job for you.

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00:05:26,430 --> 00:05:28,220
So I went to Seattle.

81
00:05:28,220 --> 00:05:30,800
I start to work.

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00:05:30,800 --> 00:05:37,000
But I had a hard time because
I didn't know the language.

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00:05:37,000 --> 00:05:43,550
I was working in a tailor shop,

but very hard to explain to me.

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00:05:43,550 --> 00:05:46,720

And I took time from
the other people

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00:05:46,720 --> 00:05:52,940

who teach me to tell me
what to do and my time also,

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00:05:52,940 --> 00:05:57,040

so they fired me.

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00:05:57,040 --> 00:06:00,340

And finally, I look
in the telephone

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00:06:00,340 --> 00:06:03,980

book, Italian family,
Italian place,

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00:06:03,980 --> 00:06:06,430

and I find a grocery store.

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00:06:06,430 --> 00:06:09,400

And I start to work
in grocery store.

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00:06:09,400 --> 00:06:13,600

So after five years, I
became American citizen.

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00:06:13,600 --> 00:06:16,580

I say, goodbye, everyone.

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00:06:16,580 --> 00:06:21,280

I'm going to Europe to see
where will be my destiny.

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00:06:21,280 --> 00:06:27,370

So I was going to Israel, and in
Israel they have war after war.

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00:06:27,370 --> 00:06:29,300

I said, not for me.

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00:06:29,300 --> 00:06:33,280

So when I went to
Italy, I found out

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00:06:33,280 --> 00:06:38,230

that life was very
hard to find job.

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00:06:38,230 --> 00:06:41,210

I said I will come
back to United States.

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00:06:41,210 --> 00:06:43,180

I will work more.

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00:06:43,180 --> 00:06:48,500

When I will have more money,
I'll go back to Israel.

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00:06:48,500 --> 00:06:52,790

So that is what I did.

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00:06:52,790 --> 00:06:55,980

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00:06:55,980 --> 00:06:59,050

So now, in the meantime,
my health is not good.

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00:06:59,050 --> 00:07:02,470

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00:07:02,470 --> 00:07:04,872

My health is very deteriorated.

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00:07:04,872 --> 00:07:11,120

107

00:07:11,120 --> 00:07:13,580
So is there anything
else you can think

108
00:07:13,580 --> 00:07:15,310
of that you'd like to add?

109
00:07:15,310 --> 00:07:15,832
Eh?

110
00:07:15,832 --> 00:07:18,290
Is there anything else that
you can think of that you would

111
00:07:18,290 --> 00:07:21,980
like to add before we finish?

112
00:07:21,980 --> 00:07:24,220
I don't know what to say.

113
00:07:24,220 --> 00:07:26,690
OK.

114
00:07:26,690 --> 00:07:30,740
Then I'll just say
that this interview

115
00:07:30,740 --> 00:07:34,080
was recorded on August 30--

116
00:07:34,080 --> 00:07:38,580
today is August 30, 1992--

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00:07:38,580 --> 00:07:41,660
in Los Angeles, California.

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00:07:41,660 --> 00:07:43,910
And that's it.

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00:07:43,910 --> 00:07:48,000