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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,780

2
00:00:01,780 --> 00:00:02,410
Ready to go?

3
00:00:02,410 --> 00:00:05,410
All right, so I've described
the village to you.

4
00:00:05,410 --> 00:00:07,270
Yes.

5
00:00:07,270 --> 00:00:07,870
OK.

6
00:00:07,870 --> 00:00:14,230
The household-- I mean, I
could describe our house.

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00:00:14,230 --> 00:00:16,870

8
00:00:16,870 --> 00:00:21,670
Very briefly, I'll tell you that
life was centered, for the most

9
00:00:21,670 --> 00:00:24,130
part, around the
kitchen, primarily

10
00:00:24,130 --> 00:00:25,720
because it was
the warmest place.

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00:00:25,720 --> 00:00:31,570
There was no central heating
of any kind, in fact.

12
00:00:31,570 --> 00:00:35,200
There's usually a

fireplace in one room,

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00:00:35,200 --> 00:00:44,680
and the wall against which
the fireplace is in one room

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00:00:44,680 --> 00:00:51,070
is the bed wall in the
adjacent room simply because

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00:00:51,070 --> 00:00:52,360
of the heat.

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00:00:52,360 --> 00:00:54,040
You know, the warmth.

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00:00:54,040 --> 00:00:56,200
There was one room
which must have

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00:00:56,200 --> 00:01:01,030
been the back of the kitchen,
the wall behind where

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00:01:01,030 --> 00:01:03,580
the oven-- where we
baked our bread was.

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00:01:03,580 --> 00:01:06,580
And we used to sit in
that room a great deal.

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00:01:06,580 --> 00:01:11,740
Or if not sit, we would stand
with our hands behind our back,

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00:01:11,740 --> 00:01:14,680
leaning on that warm wall.

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00:01:14,680 --> 00:01:19,300
And we would take turns
because there was only one spot

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00:01:19,300 --> 00:01:21,340
on the wall was really warm.

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00:01:21,340 --> 00:01:23,230
And so we would take turns.

26

00:01:23,230 --> 00:01:25,840
And that was how our
evenings were spent.

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00:01:25,840 --> 00:01:27,790
We would tell stories.

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00:01:27,790 --> 00:01:30,490
In fact, Rya devised a game.

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00:01:30,490 --> 00:01:33,040
She would start a story.

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00:01:33,040 --> 00:01:41,920
She would say, Mirka and Vali
were two beautiful children

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00:01:41,920 --> 00:01:44,530
and they went on a picnic.

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00:01:44,530 --> 00:01:47,590
And when they got
out to the woods,

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00:01:47,590 --> 00:01:51,850
a wolf suddenly jumped
out from behind the tree.

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00:01:51,850 --> 00:01:53,650
And Mirka said?

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00:01:53,650 --> 00:01:55,780
And she would point
to me, and I would

36

00:01:55,780 --> 00:01:57,520
have to pick up the story.

37
00:01:57,520 --> 00:02:01,240
And then I would take the
story to some precipice.

38
00:02:01,240 --> 00:02:03,610
And then the next person
would go on with it.

39
00:02:03,610 --> 00:02:06,850
You know, and this is how we
entertained ourselves at night.

40
00:02:06,850 --> 00:02:08,544
And then we would
all go to sleep.

41
00:02:08,544 --> 00:02:09,580
Just you and Rya?

42
00:02:09,580 --> 00:02:13,048
No, and the other members of
the family whom I'll tell--

43
00:02:13,048 --> 00:02:14,090
With your other brothers?

44
00:02:14,090 --> 00:02:16,900
Yes, I'll tell you about that.

45
00:02:16,900 --> 00:02:19,210
That's how our
evenings were spent.

46
00:02:19,210 --> 00:02:21,040
And there wasn't
much to the evening

47
00:02:21,040 --> 00:02:24,310
because we woke up
to the roosters.

48
00:02:24,310 --> 00:02:27,760
And they took off.

49
00:02:27,760 --> 00:02:30,490
At the first light
they would crow.

50
00:02:30,490 --> 00:02:32,860
And by then, you
know, life would

51
00:02:32,860 --> 00:02:35,420
start at 5:00 in the
morning, or whatever it was.

52
00:02:35,420 --> 00:02:40,540
And I'm sure that we were all
in bed and asleep by dark.

53
00:02:40,540 --> 00:02:42,140
Candlelight inside?

54
00:02:42,140 --> 00:02:42,640
Kerosene.

55
00:02:42,640 --> 00:02:43,180
Kerosene.

56
00:02:43,180 --> 00:02:46,426
We had kerosene lamps.

57
00:02:46,426 --> 00:02:49,400
OK, the members of the family.

58
00:02:49,400 --> 00:02:53,720
The priest had died.

59
00:02:53,720 --> 00:03:00,580
And some years before, two,
three, five, I don't know.

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00:03:00,580 --> 00:03:05,680

The wife of the priest was very highly revered in the town.

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00:03:05,680 --> 00:03:08,170

And she was, in fact, feared.

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00:03:08,170 --> 00:03:11,335

And she was spoken of in the third person.

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00:03:11,335 --> 00:03:16,470

64

00:03:16,470 --> 00:03:19,090

Enormous respect was accorded her.

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00:03:19,090 --> 00:03:20,920

She was spoken of the way you speak

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00:03:20,920 --> 00:03:25,510

of almost a god, or a monarch, or whatever.

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00:03:25,510 --> 00:03:28,450

Very highly respected and revered.

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00:03:28,450 --> 00:03:33,320

And people paid court.

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00:03:33,320 --> 00:03:36,190

There were obligatory visits that they had to make.

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00:03:36,190 --> 00:03:39,700

And they brought baskets of fruit or whatever to visit her.

71

00:03:39,700 --> 00:03:41,860

And they would nod
in our direction,

72
00:03:41,860 --> 00:03:44,750
whether we were sitting
by the window or not,

73
00:03:44,750 --> 00:03:48,182
nod toward our house as they
walked by to pay respects.

74
00:03:48,182 --> 00:03:49,390
You know, that sort of thing.

75
00:03:49,390 --> 00:03:53,410

76
00:03:53,410 --> 00:03:57,940
Now, she was a
very bright woman.

77
00:03:57,940 --> 00:04:10,540
And it was decided that my new
identity was going to be that--

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00:04:10,540 --> 00:04:13,420

79
00:04:13,420 --> 00:04:14,980
she spoke fluent Polish.

80
00:04:14,980 --> 00:04:16,480
She was very well-educated.

81
00:04:16,480 --> 00:04:18,640
She was fluent in Polish.

82
00:04:18,640 --> 00:04:25,870
So my identity was going
to be that she was Polish

83
00:04:25,870 --> 00:04:30,760

and had married the
Ukrainian priest.

84
00:04:30,760 --> 00:04:34,480
But she had a sister
back in Poland.

85
00:04:34,480 --> 00:04:37,630
And I was that sister's child.

86
00:04:37,630 --> 00:04:41,800
And that was why-- since
I came from, I don't know,

87
00:04:41,800 --> 00:04:44,710
wherever they had me
come from in Poland,

88
00:04:44,710 --> 00:04:48,070
I had been a little
better educated.

89
00:04:48,070 --> 00:04:49,240
I spoke Polish.

90
00:04:49,240 --> 00:04:52,840
My Ukrainian was not perfect.

91
00:04:52,840 --> 00:04:55,600
My Russian was not
absolutely perfect.

92
00:04:55,600 --> 00:04:56,860
But that was the excuse.

93
00:04:56,860 --> 00:05:05,120
I was brought from the city
and I was her niece or her,

94
00:05:05,120 --> 00:05:06,590
you know, whatever, relative.

95

00:05:06,590 --> 00:05:11,090

And that was why my
name was different

96

00:05:11,090 --> 00:05:14,540

and I didn't look
exactly like them.

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00:05:14,540 --> 00:05:17,270

And that was my beard.

98

00:05:17,270 --> 00:05:18,680

You were given a new last name.

99

00:05:18,680 --> 00:05:19,850

Yes, yes.

100

00:05:19,850 --> 00:05:24,020

So I had a new last name,
which was a Polish last name.

101

00:05:24,020 --> 00:05:27,770

Theirs was a Russian
name, obviously.

102

00:05:27,770 --> 00:05:32,000

I remember only that
my name was purported

103

00:05:32,000 --> 00:05:40,250

to have ended in -ski, whereas
theirs ended in -kov, -ov,

104

00:05:40,250 --> 00:05:44,000

which means son of whatever.

105

00:05:44,000 --> 00:05:46,430

As -ski, I think.

106

00:05:46,430 --> 00:05:50,600

In any case, so I was--

107

00:05:50,600 --> 00:05:51,570
well, it's irrelevant.

108
00:05:51,570 --> 00:05:52,070
OK.

109
00:05:52,070 --> 00:05:53,360
I won't give you all that.

110
00:05:53,360 --> 00:06:01,790
In any case, this woman
had five children.

111
00:06:01,790 --> 00:06:04,510

112
00:06:04,510 --> 00:06:08,320
The oldest was Ivan.

113
00:06:08,320 --> 00:06:14,260
And Ivan was the son
who really didn't take

114
00:06:14,260 --> 00:06:16,037
too terribly well to education.

115
00:06:16,037 --> 00:06:17,620
I don't think he was
ever sent abroad.

116
00:06:17,620 --> 00:06:20,500
He was more
interested in farming.

117
00:06:20,500 --> 00:06:22,780
And he was very practical
and he was the farmer.

118
00:06:22,780 --> 00:06:24,070
He was huge.

119
00:06:24,070 --> 00:06:26,290

He had a mustache,
he never smiled.

120
00:06:26,290 --> 00:06:31,330
He rolled his own cigarettes,
he spat into a spittoon.

121
00:06:31,330 --> 00:06:34,690
He was more like a peasant.

122
00:06:34,690 --> 00:06:36,940
And he was very
well-liked and respected,

123
00:06:36,940 --> 00:06:40,510
and he was like one of the
boys, and probably the head boy,

124
00:06:40,510 --> 00:06:41,500
you know.

125
00:06:41,500 --> 00:06:45,580
Then there was a middle son,
and he was very rebellious.

126
00:06:45,580 --> 00:06:49,750
And he ultimately
ran off to the forest

127
00:06:49,750 --> 00:06:52,060
and was with the Partisans.

128
00:06:52,060 --> 00:06:57,970
And in fact, I used to
hide out by the woods

129
00:06:57,970 --> 00:06:59,200
when the Germans came.

130
00:06:59,200 --> 00:07:03,400
At one point, I was hidden in
the hay loft, haystack, rather.

131

00:07:03,400 --> 00:07:07,990

And he once or twice came
and gave me messages,

132

00:07:07,990 --> 00:07:10,540

which I carried back.

133

00:07:10,540 --> 00:07:13,120

But I hardly remember
him because he left.

134

00:07:13,120 --> 00:07:15,820

I don't even remember his name.

135

00:07:15,820 --> 00:07:20,590

I remember that his
mother described--

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00:07:20,590 --> 00:07:25,270

I remember his mother describing
him to someone, and she said--

137

00:07:25,270 --> 00:07:27,190

and it's funny because
it's an expression

138

00:07:27,190 --> 00:07:32,470

that I've used many times
because it described him

139

00:07:32,470 --> 00:07:33,070

so well.

140

00:07:33,070 --> 00:07:35,470

It described his nature.

141

00:07:35,470 --> 00:07:42,250

She said that this middle
son, when he has a cause

142

00:07:42,250 --> 00:07:44,110

or feels strongly

about something,

143
00:07:44,110 --> 00:07:49,395
would fight until he was
up to his knees in blood.

144
00:07:49,395 --> 00:07:51,520
And I don't know whether
that was a Russian saying,

145
00:07:51,520 --> 00:07:56,170
but I've heard
myself saying that

146
00:07:56,170 --> 00:07:58,990
in describing such
a person, a kind

147
00:07:58,990 --> 00:08:02,110
of tenacious, stubborn person.

148
00:08:02,110 --> 00:08:05,560
The youngest son was two
years older than I was.

149
00:08:05,560 --> 00:08:07,450
His name was Vali.

150
00:08:07,450 --> 00:08:14,180
And he and I slept
in the same bed.

151
00:08:14,180 --> 00:08:21,280
I was, I don't know, 5 and 1/2,
six, he was two years older.

152
00:08:21,280 --> 00:08:23,210
I can describe him perfectly.

153
00:08:23,210 --> 00:08:25,630
He's very towheaded.

154

00:08:25,630 --> 00:08:29,050

He had a cowlick sort
of in the wrong place,

155

00:08:29,050 --> 00:08:36,730

it was just above the widow's
peak, where his hairline began.

156

00:08:36,730 --> 00:08:39,070

And he had a sort
of a double cowlick,

157

00:08:39,070 --> 00:08:42,169

with cowlicks going in opposite
directions at that point.

158

00:08:42,169 --> 00:08:45,310

And because of that, his
hair was almost shaved off.

159

00:08:45,310 --> 00:08:48,010

Because had it not
been, it probably

160

00:08:48,010 --> 00:08:51,250

wouldn't have been
able to sort of stay

161

00:08:51,250 --> 00:08:52,880

all in the same direction.

162

00:08:52,880 --> 00:08:59,260

So he had this Russian
version of a crew cut.

163

00:08:59,260 --> 00:09:01,570

So those were the three sons.

164

00:09:01,570 --> 00:09:04,990

The two daughters were Rya, who
I've already told you about.

165

00:09:04,990 --> 00:09:10,780

And the older one, whose
name I really don't remember,

166
00:09:10,780 --> 00:09:16,000
and whom I didn't get to know
very well because she already

167
00:09:16,000 --> 00:09:20,920
worked and lived in town.

168
00:09:20,920 --> 00:09:25,840
So she had some sort
of office-type job.

169
00:09:25,840 --> 00:09:28,630

170
00:09:28,630 --> 00:09:36,550
Rya was the homemaker
and Ivan was

171
00:09:36,550 --> 00:09:42,550
the farmer who grew whatever,
the provider, and the man

172
00:09:42,550 --> 00:09:44,380
around the house.

173
00:09:44,380 --> 00:09:50,260
Vali was the kid
and my playmate.

174
00:09:50,260 --> 00:09:56,050
And the middle boy was the
rebellious, I don't know,

175
00:09:56,050 --> 00:10:00,430
14 whatever old he was, who ran
off and joined the Partisans

176
00:10:00,430 --> 00:10:02,245
and became what
we call a Cossack.

177
00:10:02,245 --> 00:10:06,670

178
00:10:06,670 --> 00:10:08,140
So that was the household.

179
00:10:08,140 --> 00:10:13,000
Now, I was not received with
any degree of love or kindness.

180
00:10:13,000 --> 00:10:18,190
I wasn't sheltered, or
shielded, or loved at all.

181
00:10:18,190 --> 00:10:21,340

182
00:10:21,340 --> 00:10:22,470
I was tolerated.

183
00:10:22,470 --> 00:10:25,060
I was respected.

184
00:10:25,060 --> 00:10:29,020
And I was sort of taken care of.

185
00:10:29,020 --> 00:10:32,530
But never with kindness,
never with love.

186
00:10:32,530 --> 00:10:35,440
I was never complimented.

187
00:10:35,440 --> 00:10:40,840
If I did something
very well, it was--

188
00:10:40,840 --> 00:10:43,810
more than anything, I had
the feeling of resentment.

189

00:10:43,810 --> 00:10:46,330

190

00:10:46,330 --> 00:10:49,690

Furthermore, I
was from the city.

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00:10:49,690 --> 00:10:51,970

I was urbane.

192

00:10:51,970 --> 00:10:55,720

And Vali was a peasant.

193

00:10:55,720 --> 00:10:57,430

He had never been to the city.

194

00:10:57,430 --> 00:11:01,910

I described the building
in which I had lived,

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00:11:01,910 --> 00:11:05,080

which had four floors.

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00:11:05,080 --> 00:11:09,220

And he couldn't understand that
there was a room above a room.

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00:11:09,220 --> 00:11:11,770

And I explained to him
that it was like the attic

198

00:11:11,770 --> 00:11:19,900

where they dried their apple
slices, strung from one end

199

00:11:19,900 --> 00:11:22,780

to the other, and stored things.

200

00:11:22,780 --> 00:11:31,900

And also like the cellar, where
the cabbage slaw was kept.

201

00:11:31,900 --> 00:11:36,400

And that, in fact, his
house had three floors.

202

00:11:36,400 --> 00:11:39,640

But these were four floors
of one above the other,

203

00:11:39,640 --> 00:11:42,520

and bedrooms, and
you know, apartment.

204

00:11:42,520 --> 00:11:44,170

I described an
apartment building.

205

00:11:44,170 --> 00:11:46,960

He couldn't conceive
of such a thing.

206

00:11:46,960 --> 00:11:50,410

He couldn't conceive of such
a thing as chocolate, either.

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00:11:50,410 --> 00:11:58,030

So that when we were finally
invaded by the German army, I--

208

00:11:58,030 --> 00:12:00,790

well, the first time, I
was hidden in the haystack,

209

00:12:00,790 --> 00:12:02,680

which I already mentioned.

210

00:12:02,680 --> 00:12:06,620

But then they went back
and forth, in and out.

211

00:12:06,620 --> 00:12:11,860

They were driven
out by the Russians.

212

00:12:11,860 --> 00:12:14,120

And there was fighting
back and forth.

213

00:12:14,120 --> 00:12:17,230

So they were there
several times in and out.

214

00:12:17,230 --> 00:12:22,000

And at some point, I
became very brazen.

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00:12:22,000 --> 00:12:25,390

And I wound up sitting on
the laps of the officers.

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00:12:25,390 --> 00:12:28,765

And they would pinch my cheeks,
and coochie coo, and you know,

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00:12:28,765 --> 00:12:29,890

play with me, and so forth.

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00:12:29,890 --> 00:12:30,940

And give me chocolate.

219

00:12:30,940 --> 00:12:33,580

And I would then take the
chocolate and give it to me.

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00:12:33,580 --> 00:12:36,310

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00:12:36,310 --> 00:12:39,670

Until the mother
found out about this

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00:12:39,670 --> 00:12:43,300

and put a stop to
it because it was

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00:12:43,300 --> 00:12:45,022

absolutely life-threatening.

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00:12:45,022 --> 00:12:52,110

225

00:12:52,110 --> 00:12:56,010

Well, anyway, I never
really had any love.

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00:12:56,010 --> 00:12:59,760

I was incredibly lonely.

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00:12:59,760 --> 00:13:03,540

I kept thinking about my mother.

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00:13:03,540 --> 00:13:07,815

And one day, it just occurred
to me that she's not living

229

00:13:07,815 --> 00:13:08,940

and she'll never come back.

230

00:13:08,940 --> 00:13:12,500

231

00:13:12,500 --> 00:13:18,340

Meanwhile, the mother,
Vali's mother, Rya's mother,

232

00:13:18,340 --> 00:13:30,940

was teaching me to read, to sew,
to be a Ukrainian child, girl.

233

00:13:30,940 --> 00:13:33,010

Taught me all the things--

234

00:13:33,010 --> 00:13:36,370

how to spin, and how to
weave, and how to sew,

235

00:13:36,370 --> 00:13:40,090

and how to mend, and how

to cook a little bit.

236

00:13:40,090 --> 00:13:44,110

Although it was very
difficult because

237

00:13:44,110 --> 00:13:48,610

of the primitive style of
cooking in deep ovens with iron

238

00:13:48,610 --> 00:13:49,210

pots.

239

00:13:49,210 --> 00:13:53,620

And you know, children couldn't
physically manage that.

240

00:13:53,620 --> 00:14:00,220

But everyone had jobs and
mine was peeling the potatoes.

241

00:14:00,220 --> 00:14:03,730

And in the time that I was
there, the 2 and 1/2 years,

242

00:14:03,730 --> 00:14:08,200

I must have peeled 10
truckloads of potatoes.

243

00:14:08,200 --> 00:14:09,730

That's all I did.

244

00:14:09,730 --> 00:14:11,920

I peeled the potatoes.

245

00:14:11,920 --> 00:14:18,020

And I read with the mother.

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00:14:18,020 --> 00:14:23,110

And at first, she
would read to me.

247

00:14:23,110 --> 00:14:25,840
She read me Bible stories.

248
00:14:25,840 --> 00:14:27,730
And she would read to me.

249
00:14:27,730 --> 00:14:30,100
And she would point to
the words with her finger,

250
00:14:30,100 --> 00:14:34,810
and I would watch her moving
finger across the page.

251
00:14:34,810 --> 00:14:36,850
And then she would
turn the page and there

252
00:14:36,850 --> 00:14:41,710
would be a picture that
related to the story.

253
00:14:41,710 --> 00:14:46,690
And you know, she would
continue the story.

254
00:14:46,690 --> 00:14:50,110
And I kind of fell in
love with one story.

255
00:14:50,110 --> 00:14:52,480
And I kept asking her to
read it over and over.

256
00:14:52,480 --> 00:14:57,060
And it was the story
of the Prodigal Son.

257
00:14:57,060 --> 00:14:59,890
I don't know why I liked
that one especially.

258
00:14:59,890 --> 00:15:01,660

But somehow.

259

00:15:01,660 --> 00:15:02,935

So she read it over and over.

260

00:15:02,935 --> 00:15:04,810

And then one day, in
the middle of the story,

261

00:15:04,810 --> 00:15:10,870

she sort of looked up,
and she said, you read.

262

00:15:10,870 --> 00:15:12,800

And I did.

263

00:15:12,800 --> 00:15:14,800

And not only did
I read, but maybe

264

00:15:14,800 --> 00:15:19,420

because I had heard that one
so many times, I understood it.

265

00:15:19,420 --> 00:15:20,470

And I and I read it.

266

00:15:20,470 --> 00:15:23,380

And we turned the page and
went on to the next story.

267

00:15:23,380 --> 00:15:26,230

And at one point,
we turned the page,

268

00:15:26,230 --> 00:15:30,070

and there was a picture
of a little girl

269

00:15:30,070 --> 00:15:37,000

crossing a little bridge
over like a little stream

270
00:15:37,000 --> 00:15:39,040
and hovering.

271
00:15:39,040 --> 00:15:42,370
And it was a very sort
of rickety little bridge,

272
00:15:42,370 --> 00:15:44,690
maybe a log, I don't
know, whatever it was.

273
00:15:44,690 --> 00:15:48,940
And it looked dangerous with
the rushing water underneath.

274
00:15:48,940 --> 00:15:54,400
And hovering in flight,
with arms outstretched

275
00:15:54,400 --> 00:16:00,160
behind the little child was
an angel with beautiful wings

276
00:16:00,160 --> 00:16:03,730
like a bird and a flowing gown.

277
00:16:03,730 --> 00:16:06,170
And I said, what is that?

278
00:16:06,170 --> 00:16:08,155
And she explained
to me about angels.

279
00:16:08,155 --> 00:16:10,780

280
00:16:10,780 --> 00:16:13,810
And I said, everybody
has an angel?

281
00:16:13,810 --> 00:16:19,510
She said every child has

an angel to protect it.

282

00:16:19,510 --> 00:16:23,410

I said, even Jewish children?

283

00:16:23,410 --> 00:16:26,680

She said, yes, even

Jewish children.

284

00:16:26,680 --> 00:16:27,940

And even you.

285

00:16:27,940 --> 00:16:31,690

You have a very special angel.

286

00:16:31,690 --> 00:16:33,220

So that night, I went to sleep.

287

00:16:33,220 --> 00:16:37,960

288

00:16:37,960 --> 00:16:41,890

And I woke up, and I

knew who my angel was.

289

00:16:41,890 --> 00:16:48,610

And I was absolutely certain

that my angel, my own angel,

290

00:16:48,610 --> 00:16:54,670

was the infant Jesus, and

that I would be protected

291

00:16:54,670 --> 00:16:56,380

because I had a Jewish angel.

292

00:16:56,380 --> 00:16:59,440

293

00:16:59,440 --> 00:17:02,290

And no harm would come to me.

294

00:17:02,290 --> 00:17:04,319

And I knew that I
would be all right.

295

00:17:04,319 --> 00:17:10,780

296

00:17:10,780 --> 00:17:15,940

I can tell you a lot of stories
about life in the village.

297

00:17:15,940 --> 00:17:24,220

I was there two Christmases
and three Easters,

298

00:17:24,220 --> 00:17:25,660

or maybe the other way around.

299

00:17:25,660 --> 00:17:28,900

No, it's the other way around.

300

00:17:28,900 --> 00:17:37,070

And one day-- you're not
going to believe this,

301

00:17:37,070 --> 00:17:41,060

you're not going
to believe this.

302

00:17:41,060 --> 00:17:45,020

One day, in the middle
of the severest winter,

303

00:17:45,020 --> 00:17:48,740

a horse-drawn sled
came into town

304

00:17:48,740 --> 00:17:57,450

on the road, which was an event.

305

00:17:57,450 --> 00:18:00,510

I mean, nothing

came in the winter.

306

00:18:00,510 --> 00:18:04,680

Sometimes, if the German Army
was there, the trucks came.

307

00:18:04,680 --> 00:18:07,170

But we never saw
anything like cars.

308

00:18:07,170 --> 00:18:11,910

Or in fact, once, a car
came, and all the children

309

00:18:11,910 --> 00:18:13,950

of the village
gathered around the car

310

00:18:13,950 --> 00:18:17,070

and stared at it as if
it was a flying saucer.

311

00:18:17,070 --> 00:18:18,090

You had seen one before.

312

00:18:18,090 --> 00:18:18,590

They hadn't.

313

00:18:18,590 --> 00:18:20,340

Well, I mean, to
me, it was cars.

314

00:18:20,340 --> 00:18:21,900

I mean, it was nothing.

315

00:18:21,900 --> 00:18:23,100

I had been in cars.

316

00:18:23,100 --> 00:18:25,860

I mean, my
grandfather had a yard

317

00:18:25,860 --> 00:18:28,500
full of big, shiny, black cars.

318
00:18:28,500 --> 00:18:31,650
And I remember sitting on
his lap and blowing the horn.

319
00:18:31,650 --> 00:18:33,210
It was outside the car.

320
00:18:33,210 --> 00:18:35,580
You know, one of those
things you squeezed.

321
00:18:35,580 --> 00:18:38,380
I mean, cars, it
was nothing to me.

322
00:18:38,380 --> 00:18:40,020
I was a city child.

323
00:18:40,020 --> 00:18:43,800
And I remember being fascinated,
watching all these children

324
00:18:43,800 --> 00:18:47,640
staring at the car like
it was something, really.

325
00:18:47,640 --> 00:18:52,170
But in any case, it was a great
event in the middle of winter.

326
00:18:52,170 --> 00:18:56,070
A sled came into town.

327
00:18:56,070 --> 00:19:01,350
Also, a wagon sled, pulled by
a single horse with a bell.

328
00:19:01,350 --> 00:19:04,800
And a guy huddled
up, and dressed,

329
00:19:04,800 --> 00:19:08,490
and bundled with a whip.

330
00:19:08,490 --> 00:19:11,990
And it came right to our house.

331
00:19:11,990 --> 00:19:19,070
And Rya came to me,
and she said, Mirka,

332
00:19:19,070 --> 00:19:20,720
do you remember
your uncle Jacob?

333
00:19:20,720 --> 00:19:24,060

334
00:19:24,060 --> 00:19:26,940
This is a note from
your uncle Jacob.

335
00:19:26,940 --> 00:19:29,760
He's waiting for you.

336
00:19:29,760 --> 00:19:32,930
And I was put on the
sled the next morning.

337
00:19:32,930 --> 00:19:37,600

338
00:19:37,600 --> 00:19:43,360
And that morning,
Vali, the little boy,

339
00:19:43,360 --> 00:19:47,830
who was two years older
than I, disappeared

340
00:19:47,830 --> 00:19:52,220
and hid with my teddy bear.

341
00:19:52,220 --> 00:19:57,420
And finally, the sled
driver was anxious to leave,

342
00:19:57,420 --> 00:19:59,780
and we could wait no longer.

343
00:19:59,780 --> 00:20:03,530
And I had to leave
without my teddy bear.

344
00:20:03,530 --> 00:20:05,460
For the first time in your life?

345
00:20:05,460 --> 00:20:06,860
Yes.

346
00:20:06,860 --> 00:20:10,490
And that teddy bear
is alive, and well,

347
00:20:10,490 --> 00:20:12,230
and living in the Ukraine.

348
00:20:12,230 --> 00:20:14,630
And I know that.

349
00:20:14,630 --> 00:20:21,200
Because that
artifact would never

350
00:20:21,200 --> 00:20:23,870
be destroyed or discarded.

351
00:20:23,870 --> 00:20:24,950
Never.

352
00:20:24,950 --> 00:20:26,150
They loved your teddy bear.

353

00:20:26,150 --> 00:20:33,350
And I know that teddy bear
is living and well somewhere

354
00:20:33,350 --> 00:20:34,160
in the Ukraine.

355
00:20:34,160 --> 00:20:37,040

356
00:20:37,040 --> 00:20:44,450
So several hours later,
by sled, we got into town.

357
00:20:44,450 --> 00:20:50,600
And a tall, extremely
handsome man

358
00:20:50,600 --> 00:20:52,820
with a mustache
and dark hair-- he

359
00:20:52,820 --> 00:21:04,040
looked kind of like, well,
Clark Gable, and possibly,

360
00:21:04,040 --> 00:21:05,210
oh, my goodness.

361
00:21:05,210 --> 00:21:05,990
Coleman?

362
00:21:05,990 --> 00:21:06,710
No, no.

363
00:21:06,710 --> 00:21:07,250
No.

364
00:21:07,250 --> 00:21:08,120
No.

365
00:21:08,120 --> 00:21:12,500

No, even more
distinguished than that.

366
00:21:12,500 --> 00:21:16,610
Not as romantic a figure.

367
00:21:16,610 --> 00:21:18,230
Oh, the one who--

368
00:21:18,230 --> 00:21:21,500
what was that great war movie?

369
00:21:21,500 --> 00:21:22,640
Mrs. Miniver?

370
00:21:22,640 --> 00:21:26,390
Who was the husband
of Mrs. Miniver?

371
00:21:26,390 --> 00:21:29,780
Not Gregory Peck,
but Walter Pidgeon.

372
00:21:29,780 --> 00:21:34,790
So my uncle Jacob, looking
kind of like Walter Pidgeon

373
00:21:34,790 --> 00:21:39,890
in black, shiny boots,
very natty, very straight,

374
00:21:39,890 --> 00:21:46,550
like a soldier, lifted me out
of the wagon and sat me down.

375
00:21:46,550 --> 00:21:48,290
And I looked up at him.

376
00:21:48,290 --> 00:21:49,380
Up, up, up.

377
00:21:49,380 --> 00:21:53,150

He was so tall.

378

00:21:53,150 --> 00:21:55,950

And he said, do you remember me?

379

00:21:55,950 --> 00:21:58,460

And I said, of course,
you're uncle Jacob.

380

00:21:58,460 --> 00:22:00,050

Well, how do you remember me?

381

00:22:00,050 --> 00:22:02,220

And he carried me
into the house.

382

00:22:02,220 --> 00:22:05,793

And I told him the story of
when the horse had kicked him

383

00:22:05,793 --> 00:22:06,335

in the chest.

384

00:22:06,335 --> 00:22:08,960

385

00:22:08,960 --> 00:22:10,010

Those were the days.

386

00:22:10,010 --> 00:22:12,950

387

00:22:12,950 --> 00:22:17,060

Well, uncle Jacob and I
traveled around Europe.

388

00:22:17,060 --> 00:22:20,660

We went to a number of capitals.

389

00:22:20,660 --> 00:22:22,160

I remember that we went to--

390

00:22:22,160 --> 00:22:25,310

I think we were in
four or five countries.

391

00:22:25,310 --> 00:22:32,040

We traveled by those
same rail road cars,

392

00:22:32,040 --> 00:22:34,590

looking for survivors.

393

00:22:34,590 --> 00:22:42,300

We lived in rooms that
were incredibly cold.

394

00:22:42,300 --> 00:22:44,340

I'd like to tell you
about one experience.

395

00:22:44,340 --> 00:22:47,040

But first, I'm sure
you'd like to know

396

00:22:47,040 --> 00:22:50,040

how it was that
uncle Jacob found

397

00:22:50,040 --> 00:22:54,120

this needle in the
haystack hidden

398

00:22:54,120 --> 00:22:57,310

in a village in the Ukraine
when he had been in Siberia.

399

00:22:57,310 --> 00:23:00,280

400

00:23:00,280 --> 00:23:02,050

And so now, I'll
tell you a story

401

00:23:02,050 --> 00:23:05,710
that you will not believe.

402
00:23:05,710 --> 00:23:11,230
Uncle Jacob left Siberia,
where he had been

403
00:23:11,230 --> 00:23:14,890
put in charge because he was--

404
00:23:14,890 --> 00:23:18,430
I had told you before, he was
so trustworthy, and efficient,

405
00:23:18,430 --> 00:23:19,910
and good at everything.

406
00:23:19,910 --> 00:23:25,660
So he had been put in
charge of the food supply.

407
00:23:25,660 --> 00:23:27,130
Mainly the meat.

408
00:23:27,130 --> 00:23:30,100
He was the head butcher
in charge of-- you know,

409
00:23:30,100 --> 00:23:31,450
he never touched the meat.

410
00:23:31,450 --> 00:23:34,720
But he was in charge
of all the food.

411
00:23:34,720 --> 00:23:39,520
And with the little bit of
black marketing and finagling

412
00:23:39,520 --> 00:23:45,490
that he did, he was able to fill
several suitcases or bundles

413
00:23:45,490 --> 00:23:48,640
with goods.

414
00:23:48,640 --> 00:23:50,470
Lady's silk underwear.

415
00:23:50,470 --> 00:23:52,570
I don't know where
he got this stuff.

416
00:23:52,570 --> 00:23:55,930
I mean, I'm sure they were
payoffs for favors, whatever.

417
00:23:55,930 --> 00:24:03,620
But as we traveled around
Europe later, after he found me,

418
00:24:03,620 --> 00:24:06,800
those suitcases got
lighter and lighter.

419
00:24:06,800 --> 00:24:14,850
Because their contents
is what kept us fed.

420
00:24:14,850 --> 00:24:16,080
That was your money?

421
00:24:16,080 --> 00:24:18,510
That was our money.

422
00:24:18,510 --> 00:24:21,090
He also kept a journal.

423
00:24:21,090 --> 00:24:23,490
And unfortunately,
at one point, we

424
00:24:23,490 --> 00:24:25,440
had to cross a
border, where I was

425
00:24:25,440 --> 00:24:28,500
told that I was to play
the part of a deaf mute,

426
00:24:28,500 --> 00:24:29,590
since we were going.

427
00:24:29,590 --> 00:24:32,940
I didn't speak the language
of wherever we were going.

428
00:24:32,940 --> 00:24:37,830
And he was so fearful that
he burned the journal.

429
00:24:37,830 --> 00:24:40,830
And it was the history
of the entire war, day

430
00:24:40,830 --> 00:24:45,090
by day, from the
time he left Warsaw.

431
00:24:45,090 --> 00:24:48,130
So unfortunately, a
great treasure was--

432
00:24:48,130 --> 00:24:48,630
That's--

433
00:24:48,630 --> 00:24:49,917
And I watched that burn.

434
00:24:49,917 --> 00:24:51,000
--an understatement, yeah.

435
00:24:51,000 --> 00:24:52,350
I watched that burn.

436
00:24:52,350 --> 00:24:55,200
And that was a daily log.

437
00:24:55,200 --> 00:25:01,230
Anyway, Jacob left Russia, or
Siberia, and traveled until--

438
00:25:01,230 --> 00:25:04,080
he traveled to many places.

439
00:25:04,080 --> 00:25:07,920
And at one point, he
wound up in this town.

440
00:25:07,920 --> 00:25:12,300

441
00:25:12,300 --> 00:25:14,800
Town that's near the village
where you were sort of staying?

442
00:25:14,800 --> 00:25:16,150
Yes.

443
00:25:16,150 --> 00:25:18,700
And the way the Jews--

444
00:25:18,700 --> 00:25:23,230
there were no train
schedules, you know.

445
00:25:23,230 --> 00:25:26,020
I mean, people would, if
they wanted to go east,

446
00:25:26,020 --> 00:25:31,210
they went to the platform
where the train heading east

447
00:25:31,210 --> 00:25:34,450
was going, and they sat
on the platform for a day,

448
00:25:34,450 --> 00:25:36,430

for an hour, or for
a week, whatever.

449
00:25:36,430 --> 00:25:37,570
Until the train came.

450
00:25:37,570 --> 00:25:39,970
When the train came,
they boarded the train,

451
00:25:39,970 --> 00:25:42,010
and they went east.

452
00:25:42,010 --> 00:25:44,850
And when the train stopped, they
got off, or they kept going,

453
00:25:44,850 --> 00:25:45,350
or whatever.

454
00:25:45,350 --> 00:25:47,080
And that's how
people got around.

455
00:25:47,080 --> 00:25:50,500
And so there were always
people sitting on the platform.

456
00:25:50,500 --> 00:25:52,840
They were going
either east, or west,

457
00:25:52,840 --> 00:25:54,760
or wherever they were
going, north, south,

458
00:25:54,760 --> 00:25:56,950
waiting, sitting on platforms.

459
00:25:56,950 --> 00:26:00,310
Well, apparently, Jacob
got off the platform.

460

00:26:00,310 --> 00:26:01,720

And I've already
described to you

461

00:26:01,720 --> 00:26:04,270

that he was extremely handsome.

462

00:26:04,270 --> 00:26:11,620

Very nattily dressed, which was
very unusual, highly unusual.

463

00:26:11,620 --> 00:26:14,260

So this handsome guy
gets off the train

464

00:26:14,260 --> 00:26:19,120

with two bulging suitcases.

465

00:26:19,120 --> 00:26:23,860

And the women were
extremely attracted to him.

466

00:26:23,860 --> 00:26:27,430

And he began to
talk to a woman who

467

00:26:27,430 --> 00:26:29,980

was waiting for
a train which was

468

00:26:29,980 --> 00:26:38,400

going east, the opposite
direction, toward Siberia.

469

00:26:38,400 --> 00:26:39,060

Is that east?

470

00:26:39,060 --> 00:26:39,780

Yes.

471

00:26:39,780 --> 00:26:40,937

OK.

472
00:26:40,937 --> 00:26:42,520
The direction from
whence he had come.

473
00:26:42,520 --> 00:26:45,420
From whence he had come.

474
00:26:45,420 --> 00:26:48,180
So he gets off the train,
he's on the platform.

475
00:26:48,180 --> 00:26:50,460
He begins to chat
with this woman.

476
00:26:50,460 --> 00:26:53,260

477
00:26:53,260 --> 00:26:54,310
What is your name?

478
00:26:54,310 --> 00:26:57,160

479
00:26:57,160 --> 00:27:10,580
That woman was the only human
being who knew my whereabouts.

480
00:27:10,580 --> 00:27:15,630
She was the woman who had shared
the room with me and my mother.

481
00:27:15,630 --> 00:27:17,790
Before your mother
gave you to Rya?

482
00:27:17,790 --> 00:27:20,070
Yes.

483
00:27:20,070 --> 00:27:24,900
And had her train come first--

484
00:27:24,900 --> 00:27:28,280

485
00:27:28,280 --> 00:27:31,130
it was absolute sheer chance.

486
00:27:31,130 --> 00:27:35,080

487
00:27:35,080 --> 00:27:36,970
He said, Berliner.

488
00:27:36,970 --> 00:27:38,990
My mother had changed her name.

489
00:27:38,990 --> 00:27:41,560
It was no longer
using her married name

490
00:27:41,560 --> 00:27:46,660
because she was so disillusioned
with her husband, my father.

491
00:27:46,660 --> 00:27:50,620
So she had gone back
to her name, Berliner.

492
00:27:50,620 --> 00:27:53,410
This woman said, oh, your
name is Jacob Berliner.

493
00:27:53,410 --> 00:27:58,180
My dear friend was Berliner.

494
00:27:58,180 --> 00:28:02,245
My uncle, I'm hearing
this, apparently fainted.

495
00:28:02,245 --> 00:28:06,090

496

00:28:06,090 --> 00:28:09,060

Her train came.

497

00:28:09,060 --> 00:28:11,800

She got on the train
and disappeared.

498

00:28:11,800 --> 00:28:17,130

He wasn't sure what niece.

499

00:28:17,130 --> 00:28:18,730

He didn't get all the facts.

500

00:28:18,730 --> 00:28:22,530

He knew the village,
he knew a child.

501

00:28:22,530 --> 00:28:24,300

He thought it might be me.

502

00:28:24,300 --> 00:28:28,830

But it could have been
any number of his nieces.

503

00:28:28,830 --> 00:28:30,300

He didn't know.

504

00:28:30,300 --> 00:28:32,460

He fainted.

505

00:28:32,460 --> 00:28:34,590

I don't know how long
he was on the platform.

506

00:28:34,590 --> 00:28:40,650

Anyway, he was found
passed out by someone,

507

00:28:40,650 --> 00:28:43,110

who I think was also a priest.

508

00:28:43,110 --> 00:28:45,810

He was taken home to
that person's home,

509

00:28:45,810 --> 00:28:49,380

maybe because he looked
wealthy or whatever.

510

00:28:49,380 --> 00:28:52,950

In any case,
apparently, he was sick,

511

00:28:52,950 --> 00:28:56,820

delirious, ill, I don't know,
whatever, for a number of days.

512

00:28:56,820 --> 00:29:02,220

In that time, he told us
later that he had a dream.

513

00:29:02,220 --> 00:29:08,270

And in the dream, he dreamed
he was back in Warsaw.

514

00:29:08,270 --> 00:29:09,980

It was before the war.

515

00:29:09,980 --> 00:29:15,140

And he was wearing
his tails and top hat

516

00:29:15,140 --> 00:29:17,540

because he had come
from a ball, or gone

517

00:29:17,540 --> 00:29:19,020

to the opera, whatever it was.

518

00:29:19,020 --> 00:29:23,450

And he was walking along the
street with his walking stick.

519

00:29:23,450 --> 00:29:30,680

And as he got near the street
lamp, gas-lit street lamp,

520

00:29:30,680 --> 00:29:34,835

he heard the clippity-clop
of an oncoming carriage.

521

00:29:34,835 --> 00:29:37,760

522

00:29:37,760 --> 00:29:39,890

And it was very foggy night.

523

00:29:39,890 --> 00:29:47,295

And out of the fog, approached
this horse-drawn black

524

00:29:47,295 --> 00:29:47,795

carriage.

525

00:29:47,795 --> 00:29:51,000

526

00:29:51,000 --> 00:29:54,870

And he tried to peer
inside, but he couldn't

527

00:29:54,870 --> 00:29:56,250

see because of the fog.

528

00:29:56,250 --> 00:30:00,930

But it stopped right
under the street lamp.

529

00:30:00,930 --> 00:30:06,160

And a woman leaned forward and
she was all dressed in white.

530

00:30:06,160 --> 00:30:07,990

She leaned out of the window.

531

00:30:07,990 --> 00:30:11,100

Oh, here comes the
lump in the throat.

532
00:30:11,100 --> 00:30:13,980
And it was my mother,
his young sister.

533
00:30:13,980 --> 00:30:17,910
And she said Jakow,
take care of my child.

534
00:30:17,910 --> 00:30:20,420

535
00:30:20,420 --> 00:30:23,890
And he knew who it was.

536
00:30:23,890 --> 00:30:30,130
And it was the next day that
he sent this sled to get me.

537
00:30:30,130 --> 00:30:32,800
She was your guardian angel.

538
00:30:32,800 --> 00:30:35,790
Perhaps you're right,
perhaps you're right.

539
00:30:35,790 --> 00:30:39,790
So it was out of a hunch and
limited information in a dream?

540
00:30:39,790 --> 00:30:41,540
In a dream.

541
00:30:41,540 --> 00:30:49,780
An absolute meeting
by chance, two trains

542
00:30:49,780 --> 00:30:51,460
coming from
different directions,

543

00:30:51,460 --> 00:30:54,790

people chatting on a platform.

544

00:30:54,790 --> 00:30:57,940

It wouldn't have happened if he
was raggedy like all the rest.

545

00:30:57,940 --> 00:31:00,310

But he was so natty
and so attractive.

546

00:31:00,310 --> 00:31:02,260

And this woman began to--

547

00:31:02,260 --> 00:31:06,340

she was attracted to him
and began to chat with him.

548

00:31:06,340 --> 00:31:11,080

I just want to tell you that
when I was born, apparently,

549

00:31:11,080 --> 00:31:15,310

I was a very sickly infant.

550

00:31:15,310 --> 00:31:19,180

And the story goes that
I couldn't be cured.

551

00:31:19,180 --> 00:31:21,820

I apparently had all of
the childhood diseases

552

00:31:21,820 --> 00:31:23,300

all at the same
time or something.

553

00:31:23,300 --> 00:31:27,040

And anyway, I was
given up for dead.

554

00:31:27,040 --> 00:31:31,300

I had everything,
including whooping cough,

555
00:31:31,300 --> 00:31:32,740
all at the same time.

556
00:31:32,740 --> 00:31:34,210
And they gave me up.

557
00:31:34,210 --> 00:31:35,450
This child will never live.

558
00:31:35,450 --> 00:31:39,250
And finally, my mother, in
desperation, said, well,

559
00:31:39,250 --> 00:31:40,840
then she'll die at home.

560
00:31:40,840 --> 00:31:42,340
And she took me out
of the hospital,

561
00:31:42,340 --> 00:31:44,230
away from the
specialists and so forth,

562
00:31:44,230 --> 00:31:47,770
and took me home to a room
that she had painted white.

563
00:31:47,770 --> 00:31:49,600
Everything, including the floor.

564
00:31:49,600 --> 00:31:52,720

565
00:31:52,720 --> 00:31:56,950
She had prepared
this room for me.

566
00:31:56,950 --> 00:31:59,520

And she took me into this room.

567

00:31:59,520 --> 00:32:01,710

And no one was
allowed in the room.

568

00:32:01,710 --> 00:32:04,020

She cared for me herself.

569

00:32:04,020 --> 00:32:09,900

No one could come in the room
until her brother Jacob came.

570

00:32:09,900 --> 00:32:15,120

And she said to him, Jacob, I
know this sounds ridiculous.

571

00:32:15,120 --> 00:32:18,330

Everything has been
done for my child.

572

00:32:18,330 --> 00:32:21,570

And my child is
given up for dead.

573

00:32:21,570 --> 00:32:25,200

There are no more medical cures.

574

00:32:25,200 --> 00:32:31,380

I know you'll think it's silly,
but there's one last thing

575

00:32:31,380 --> 00:32:34,740

that we haven't done.

576

00:32:34,740 --> 00:32:37,485

We haven't tried
to fool the dybbuk.

577

00:32:37,485 --> 00:32:40,150

578

00:32:40,150 --> 00:32:43,060
The dybbuk wants my child.

579
00:32:43,060 --> 00:32:46,020
And he said, tell
me, I'll do anything.

580
00:32:46,020 --> 00:32:49,920
And my mother said, we
must fool the dybbuk

581
00:32:49,920 --> 00:32:54,150
into thinking this
is a different child.

582
00:32:54,150 --> 00:32:58,560
He said, well,
what should we do?

583
00:32:58,560 --> 00:33:03,210
So she said to him, well,
I will sell you this child.

584
00:33:03,210 --> 00:33:05,610
And you will give
her a new name.

585
00:33:05,610 --> 00:33:06,930
And she'll be yours.

586
00:33:06,930 --> 00:33:09,060
And then the dybbuk
won't want her anymore

587
00:33:09,060 --> 00:33:12,360
because it's not the child
that the dybbuk wants.

588
00:33:12,360 --> 00:33:17,510
And he said, all right, how
much do you want for her?

589
00:33:17,510 --> 00:33:21,890

And she said, well what
is a child's life worth?

590
00:33:21,890 --> 00:33:23,250
Give me your hat.

591
00:33:23,250 --> 00:33:24,410
And took off his hat.

592
00:33:24,410 --> 00:33:29,120
She said, OK, take this
hat, fill it with pennies,

593
00:33:29,120 --> 00:33:32,780
bring it back, and I
will give you my child.

594
00:33:32,780 --> 00:33:35,810
So he went, and he filled
the hat with pennies,

595
00:33:35,810 --> 00:33:40,370
and he came back,
and he bought me.

596
00:33:40,370 --> 00:33:45,840
And she said, Jacob, what
is your child's name?

597
00:33:45,840 --> 00:33:52,850
And he said, her name
is Chaya Berliner.

598
00:33:52,850 --> 00:33:55,670
Chaya because it means life.

599
00:33:55,670 --> 00:34:01,760

600
00:34:01,760 --> 00:34:03,540
And I survived.

601

00:34:03,540 --> 00:34:05,060

And I got well.

602

00:34:05,060 --> 00:34:09,820

So I was very precious to Jacob.

603

00:34:09,820 --> 00:34:15,460

And all that bubbe
meise fits, you see.

604

00:34:15,460 --> 00:34:19,900

And it just was meant
that Jacob would find me.

605

00:34:19,900 --> 00:34:25,110

606

00:34:25,110 --> 00:34:25,650

All right.

607

00:34:25,650 --> 00:34:29,250

So Jacob and I traveled.

608

00:34:29,250 --> 00:34:32,070

We stayed in all
kinds of places.

609

00:34:32,070 --> 00:34:34,469

There was one time I
remember he woke me

610

00:34:34,469 --> 00:34:35,810

very early in the morning.

611

00:34:35,810 --> 00:34:38,050

We were in a room somewhere.

612

00:34:38,050 --> 00:34:39,210

We had slept.

613

00:34:39,210 --> 00:34:40,380

It was so cold.

614
00:34:40,380 --> 00:34:45,510
I used to sleep on top of him,
huddled on top of his chest,

615
00:34:45,510 --> 00:34:47,340
snuggled up.

616
00:34:47,340 --> 00:34:48,780
I was tiny, teeny.

617
00:34:48,780 --> 00:34:52,350

618
00:34:52,350 --> 00:34:54,150
He woke me.

619
00:34:54,150 --> 00:34:55,560
He said quickly, get up.

620
00:34:55,560 --> 00:34:58,730
We must get dressed.

621
00:34:58,730 --> 00:35:03,560
But Wujaszek-- I
called him Wujaszek.

622
00:35:03,560 --> 00:35:05,750
[POLISH] in Polish is uncle.

623
00:35:05,750 --> 00:35:10,310
Wujaszek is
diminutive, a loving--

624
00:35:10,310 --> 00:35:10,910
Endearing.

625
00:35:10,910 --> 00:35:15,248

626
00:35:15,248 --> 00:35:18,470

I said, Wujaszek,
but it's still dark.

627
00:35:18,470 --> 00:35:19,400
It's so cold.

628
00:35:19,400 --> 00:35:20,630
I can't get dressed.

629
00:35:20,630 --> 00:35:25,370
He said here, you dress inside
the bed, under the covers.

630
00:35:25,370 --> 00:35:28,970
He said, and while you
dress, I'll get you the milk.

631
00:35:28,970 --> 00:35:30,950
I have milk.

632
00:35:30,950 --> 00:35:33,380
And he reached for the
milk, which was sitting

633
00:35:33,380 --> 00:35:35,210
in a bottle on the corner.

634
00:35:35,210 --> 00:35:41,450
But the bottle was full
and the milk had frozen,

635
00:35:41,450 --> 00:35:45,560
and the bottle had cracked open.

636
00:35:45,560 --> 00:35:47,480
It was still frozen.

637
00:35:47,480 --> 00:35:49,050
Yes, but it was still frozen.

638
00:35:49,050 --> 00:35:53,030
And that's how

cold our room was.

639

00:35:53,030 --> 00:35:54,360

Anyway, we dressed.

640

00:35:54,360 --> 00:35:58,850

And he said, come, we
must go to the market.

641

00:35:58,850 --> 00:35:59,640

To the market.

642

00:35:59,640 --> 00:36:01,100

Why are we going to the market?

643

00:36:01,100 --> 00:36:02,880

It's the middle of the night.

644

00:36:02,880 --> 00:36:04,520

He said, come, we must rush.

645

00:36:04,520 --> 00:36:05,450

We must run.

646

00:36:05,450 --> 00:36:06,530

He explained nothing.

647

00:36:06,530 --> 00:36:07,520

I dressed.

648

00:36:07,520 --> 00:36:10,280

And we walked, and
walked, and walked.

649

00:36:10,280 --> 00:36:11,600

And it was still dark.

650

00:36:11,600 --> 00:36:16,700

And we got to the market in
the first light of morning.

651

00:36:16,700 --> 00:36:21,080

And instead of the usual
stalls, the farmers

652

00:36:21,080 --> 00:36:29,230

selling their produce, there
were just hundreds and hundreds

653

00:36:29,230 --> 00:36:35,140

of people in this
cobblestone marketplace.

654

00:36:35,140 --> 00:36:40,630

And as the morning
dawned, Jacob said,

655

00:36:40,630 --> 00:36:46,200

I'm going to put
you on my shoulders.

656

00:36:46,200 --> 00:36:49,090

I want you to watch.

657

00:36:49,090 --> 00:36:52,180

And no matter how
horrible the sight,

658

00:36:52,180 --> 00:36:57,250

I want you to keep your
eyes open and watch.

659

00:36:57,250 --> 00:37:00,260

And I said, Wujaszek,
what am I going to see?

660

00:37:00,260 --> 00:37:02,620

Why are we here?

661

00:37:02,620 --> 00:37:09,970

He said, they've caught
some German officers

662

00:37:09,970 --> 00:37:13,210

and they are going to hang them.

663

00:37:13,210 --> 00:37:15,640

And I want you to watch.

664

00:37:15,640 --> 00:37:17,110

Why?

665

00:37:17,110 --> 00:37:24,760

He said, because I don't

want you to have any hate.

666

00:37:24,760 --> 00:37:27,430

The man you're

going to see hanged

667

00:37:27,430 --> 00:37:32,180

is the man who

murdered your mother.

668

00:37:32,180 --> 00:37:34,720

And he sat me on

his shoulders, and I

669

00:37:34,720 --> 00:37:37,375

watched three men being hung.

670

00:37:37,375 --> 00:37:40,350

671

00:37:40,350 --> 00:37:44,760

He just didn't want me to hate.

672

00:37:44,760 --> 00:37:46,350

He wanted it all to--

673

00:37:46,350 --> 00:37:49,960

674

00:37:49,960 --> 00:37:52,750

he wanted me to be

healthy, to let it

675

00:37:52,750 --> 00:38:00,600

all out in this one, traumatic,
ugly, horrible experience.

676

00:38:00,600 --> 00:38:04,410

677

00:38:04,410 --> 00:38:10,090

How did he know that this
officer killed your mother?

678

00:38:10,090 --> 00:38:12,880

How come he knew that,
where your mother had been?

679

00:38:12,880 --> 00:38:15,100

Obviously, he didn't.

680

00:38:15,100 --> 00:38:17,140

It was just--

681

00:38:17,140 --> 00:38:17,800

Therapy.

682

00:38:17,800 --> 00:38:19,060

It was just therapy.

683

00:38:19,060 --> 00:38:20,230

It was his way.

684

00:38:20,230 --> 00:38:23,650

685

00:38:23,650 --> 00:38:26,020

There was no
connection whatsoever.

686

00:38:26,020 --> 00:38:30,460

He just didn't want
me to hate anyone.

687

00:38:30,460 --> 00:38:33,680

I have to admit, 50 years
later, that it didn't work.

688

00:38:33,680 --> 00:38:36,720

689

00:38:36,720 --> 00:38:44,190

I can't hear German
spoken without--

690

00:38:44,190 --> 00:38:45,460

it didn't work.

691

00:38:45,460 --> 00:38:52,230

692

00:38:52,230 --> 00:38:57,110

He used to leave me
alone in the room.

693

00:38:57,110 --> 00:39:01,250

He would say, here's
food, here's my watch.

694

00:39:01,250 --> 00:39:03,320

I'm going to be gone
for eight hours.

695

00:39:03,320 --> 00:39:06,630

I'll be back at 7 o'clock.

696

00:39:06,630 --> 00:39:09,920

I want you to sit here
and listen to the radio.

697

00:39:09,920 --> 00:39:12,410

Here's paper and pencil.

698

00:39:12,410 --> 00:39:13,130

Just listen.

699

00:39:13,130 --> 00:39:15,620

If you hear-- don't
change the station.

700

00:39:15,620 --> 00:39:17,570

It's on just the station.

701

00:39:17,570 --> 00:39:18,620

Listen carefully.

702

00:39:18,620 --> 00:39:23,840

If anything sounds
familiar, write it down.

703

00:39:23,840 --> 00:39:29,000

And I would listen all
day to coded messages.

704

00:39:29,000 --> 00:39:36,950

Messages like,
Wujaszek is searching

705

00:39:36,950 --> 00:39:42,170

for the little girl who
untied his shoelaces,

706

00:39:42,170 --> 00:39:45,150

only usually shorter.

707

00:39:45,150 --> 00:39:47,340

Or there would be
lists of names.

708

00:39:47,340 --> 00:39:53,220

The following are documented
to have died in Treblinka.

709

00:39:53,220 --> 00:39:56,400

And then an hour of names.

710

00:39:56,400 --> 00:39:58,410

And he would come

home, what do you have?

711
00:39:58,410 --> 00:39:59,330
You know.

712
00:39:59,330 --> 00:40:04,770
And while I was
doing that, he was

713
00:40:04,770 --> 00:40:08,790
going to the various agencies,
searching, and looking,

714
00:40:08,790 --> 00:40:12,360
and authenticating,
and documenting deaths,

715
00:40:12,360 --> 00:40:13,950
and looking for survivors.

716
00:40:13,950 --> 00:40:15,760
And there were none.

717
00:40:15,760 --> 00:40:20,610
And finally, one day,
he said, that's it.

718
00:40:20,610 --> 00:40:25,050
And we got into one of those
boxcars, of which there is

719
00:40:25,050 --> 00:40:27,940
a photograph that I gave you.

720
00:40:27,940 --> 00:40:32,010
It's only many years
later in the United States

721
00:40:32,010 --> 00:40:36,960
that I realized what was written
on the exterior of that boxcar.

722

00:40:36,960 --> 00:40:38,610
It's in English and in Hebrew.

723
00:40:38,610 --> 00:40:44,310
It says, to liberty and
from Auschwitz to New York.

724
00:40:44,310 --> 00:40:47,220

725
00:40:47,220 --> 00:40:49,410
You know, when I arrived
in the United States,

726
00:40:49,410 --> 00:40:52,860
I didn't speak any
English whatsoever.

727
00:40:52,860 --> 00:40:54,630
I knew two words.

728
00:40:54,630 --> 00:40:56,370
They were OK.

729
00:40:56,370 --> 00:40:59,730
And I reasoned that
if OK meant yes, then

730
00:40:59,730 --> 00:41:03,840
obviously NOK meant no.

731
00:41:03,840 --> 00:41:08,600

732
00:41:08,600 --> 00:41:11,550
The little schooling you
had would have been--

733
00:41:11,550 --> 00:41:16,350
The little schooling that
I had was at the knee

734

00:41:16,350 --> 00:41:21,390
of the Ukrainian mother.

735
00:41:21,390 --> 00:41:24,060
A little bit of
schooling in the village.

736
00:41:24,060 --> 00:41:26,940
But only until it
got too cold for me

737
00:41:26,940 --> 00:41:32,910
to walk barefoot to the
school because I had no shoes.

738
00:41:32,910 --> 00:41:40,500
And then in the DP camp to
which we went in that boxcar.

739
00:41:40,500 --> 00:41:43,620
And the DP camp was in Munich.

740
00:41:43,620 --> 00:41:46,140
We were in the DP camp
for I can't tell you

741
00:41:46,140 --> 00:41:50,280
how long, maybe a year or more.

742
00:41:50,280 --> 00:41:54,840
In the DP camp,
Jacob had the job

743
00:41:54,840 --> 00:41:59,220
of being in charge of
the social hall, which

744
00:41:59,220 --> 00:42:01,470
meant that he was the
electrician, the plumber,

745
00:42:01,470 --> 00:42:03,390
he set up the chairs,

he took them down,

746

00:42:03,390 --> 00:42:05,430

he was the stage
manager, and he was

747

00:42:05,430 --> 00:42:09,720

the emcee of all of
the various goings on.

748

00:42:09,720 --> 00:42:11,250

And being handsome,
and charming,

749

00:42:11,250 --> 00:42:12,280

and witty, and so forth.

750

00:42:12,280 --> 00:42:14,175

He was the perfect emcee.

751

00:42:14,175 --> 00:42:18,180

752

00:42:18,180 --> 00:42:20,190

And I went to school
in the morning.

753

00:42:20,190 --> 00:42:25,200

But school was mostly
the learning of Hebrew.

754

00:42:25,200 --> 00:42:29,880

Because most of the people
in the DP camp, all of them,

755

00:42:29,880 --> 00:42:32,550

were going to Palestine.

756

00:42:32,550 --> 00:42:38,580

And it was kind of
embarrassing, shameful to admit

757

00:42:38,580 --> 00:42:40,260
that we were going to America.

758
00:42:40,260 --> 00:42:43,630

759
00:42:43,630 --> 00:42:47,710
So I went to school
and I studied Hebrew.

760
00:42:47,710 --> 00:42:49,360
When I came to
the United States,

761
00:42:49,360 --> 00:42:53,380
I spoke Polish,
Russian, Ukrainian.

762
00:42:53,380 --> 00:43:05,770
I could understand Greek,
a little bit of Hebrew,

763
00:43:05,770 --> 00:43:11,620
a little bit of German,
and somewhat more,

764
00:43:11,620 --> 00:43:16,050
I would say, understand but
not speak fluently Yiddish.

765
00:43:16,050 --> 00:43:18,630

766
00:43:18,630 --> 00:43:22,400
And if I'm not mistaken,
that's seven languages.

767
00:43:22,400 --> 00:43:24,620
Had you known any Yiddish
before your ordeal

768
00:43:24,620 --> 00:43:27,860
began when you were in Warsaw?

769
00:43:27,860 --> 00:43:33,650
My grandparents in their home
spoke Yiddish and Polish.

770
00:43:33,650 --> 00:43:34,980
So I heard it.

771
00:43:34,980 --> 00:43:38,630
There was no Yiddish
spoken between my parents.

772
00:43:38,630 --> 00:43:45,980
And of course, I heard it after
my experience in the Ukraine,

773
00:43:45,980 --> 00:43:55,060
as we were displaced persons
traveling from place to place.

774
00:43:55,060 --> 00:43:56,950
I left out one
part of the story.

775
00:43:56,950 --> 00:44:01,440
And I will tell it to you
as briefly as I can do it.

776
00:44:01,440 --> 00:44:09,420

777
00:44:09,420 --> 00:44:15,990
On the one part of my story,
which I really never told--

778
00:44:15,990 --> 00:44:17,760
and the reason I'm
telling it to you

779
00:44:17,760 --> 00:44:22,620
now is that earlier
today, I told it

780

00:44:22,620 --> 00:44:24,450
in front of my children.

781

00:44:24,450 --> 00:44:27,910
And it's the first time that
my children ever heard it.

782

00:44:27,910 --> 00:44:36,250
And so now, I feel at liberty
to tell it to the world.

783

00:44:36,250 --> 00:44:38,520
It's not something
of which I'm proud,

784

00:44:38,520 --> 00:44:41,420
but it is a significant
part of my life.

785

00:44:41,420 --> 00:44:46,860

786

00:44:46,860 --> 00:44:49,580
My father left us.

787

00:44:49,580 --> 00:44:56,090
I can't with all honesty
say that he deserted us.

788

00:44:56,090 --> 00:44:58,310
But it sure felt that way.

789

00:44:58,310 --> 00:45:00,620
My father was a blue-eyed blond.

790

00:45:00,620 --> 00:45:02,130
My father was a linguist.

791

00:45:02,130 --> 00:45:04,160
He was fluent in German.

792

00:45:04,160 --> 00:45:05,000
And he could pass.

793
00:45:05,000 --> 00:45:07,600

794
00:45:07,600 --> 00:45:13,310
And whereas he promised
to send for us, he didn't.

795
00:45:13,310 --> 00:45:17,680
It could easily have
been impossible.

796
00:45:17,680 --> 00:45:19,190
It's not something I ever knew.

797
00:45:19,190 --> 00:45:22,050

798
00:45:22,050 --> 00:45:23,740
But I resented my father.

799
00:45:23,740 --> 00:45:26,310
And when my mother
became Berliner again,

800
00:45:26,310 --> 00:45:28,380
changing her name back
to her maiden name,

801
00:45:28,380 --> 00:45:30,150
I simply went along with that.

802
00:45:30,150 --> 00:45:34,410
And I went along with
my mother's attitude

803
00:45:34,410 --> 00:45:38,760
about my father,
which wasn't generous.

804

00:45:38,760 --> 00:45:45,330
It wasn't severe or bad, either,
but their last months together

805
00:45:45,330 --> 00:45:49,434
were not affectionate.

806
00:45:49,434 --> 00:45:55,010

807
00:45:55,010 --> 00:45:58,550
So I felt that my father
had betrayed and deserted me

808
00:45:58,550 --> 00:45:59,420
throughout the war.

809
00:45:59,420 --> 00:46:00,700
And I never thought about him.

810
00:46:00,700 --> 00:46:04,860

811
00:46:04,860 --> 00:46:11,360
In the DP camp, while
Jacob worked at the duties

812
00:46:11,360 --> 00:46:15,770
in the social hall, which was
an all day and evening job,

813
00:46:15,770 --> 00:46:20,450
I went to school in the
morning, where I studied Hebrew.

814
00:46:20,450 --> 00:46:22,640
And then when school
ended in the morning,

815
00:46:22,640 --> 00:46:24,410
I would have lunch with Jacob.

816

00:46:24,410 --> 00:46:26,420

And then I was free
in the afternoon.

817

00:46:26,420 --> 00:46:28,950

818

00:46:28,950 --> 00:46:34,800

Now, Jacob told me
that we were going

819

00:46:34,800 --> 00:46:43,260

to go to America on a
ship across a big ocean.

820

00:46:43,260 --> 00:46:45,870

And the ship would
sway back and forth,

821

00:46:45,870 --> 00:46:51,120

and there was a good possibility
that I would be seasick.

822

00:46:51,120 --> 00:46:53,790

And I had never been seasick.

823

00:46:53,790 --> 00:46:56,040

But he described it.

824

00:46:56,040 --> 00:47:01,500

And to avoid that, it would be
a wonderful idea if I acclimated

825

00:47:01,500 --> 00:47:07,410

myself to the swaying motion
by going to the playground

826

00:47:07,410 --> 00:47:11,270

and spending my
time on the swings.

827

00:47:11,270 --> 00:47:15,435

So I spent every

afternoon on the swings.

828

00:47:15,435 --> 00:47:18,530

829

00:47:18,530 --> 00:47:22,490

Now, the swings faced
a cyclone fence.

830

00:47:22,490 --> 00:47:25,510

And on the opposite
side of the fence--

831

00:47:25,510 --> 00:47:30,950

this was Munich-- there
was a bench, a bus stop.

832

00:47:30,950 --> 00:47:35,540

And in the afternoon,
a bus would come.

833

00:47:35,540 --> 00:47:38,270

Now, I sat on the swings
swinging back and forth

834

00:47:38,270 --> 00:47:40,190

every day.

835

00:47:40,190 --> 00:47:43,100

And every day, about
an hour before the bus

836

00:47:43,100 --> 00:47:46,770

came, or half hour, an
old woman would come.

837

00:47:46,770 --> 00:47:48,570

And she would sit on the bench.

838

00:47:48,570 --> 00:47:54,640

And she would take out of her
bag a little package of crumbs.

839

00:47:54,640 --> 00:47:59,413

And she would throw the crumbs
to the little birds, pigeons,

840

00:47:59,413 --> 00:48:00,080

whatever it was.

841

00:48:00,080 --> 00:48:03,310

842

00:48:03,310 --> 00:48:06,120

And she would turn around,
and she would nod to me.

843

00:48:06,120 --> 00:48:11,070

And then this happened
afternoon, after afternoon.

844

00:48:11,070 --> 00:48:13,380

And so finally,
we began to chat.

845

00:48:13,380 --> 00:48:15,760

And then one day,
she said to me,

846

00:48:15,760 --> 00:48:20,880

why are you spending so
much time on the swings?

847

00:48:20,880 --> 00:48:23,440

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00:48:23,440 --> 00:48:30,850

So I explained, I'm going to
go on a long voyage on a ship

849

00:48:30,850 --> 00:48:33,890

and going to America.

850

00:48:33,890 --> 00:48:39,100

And I know that I'm

going to get seasick.

851

00:48:39,100 --> 00:48:41,860

And I explained the whole thing.

852

00:48:41,860 --> 00:48:46,240

And she said, you know, I
have a brother in America.

853

00:48:46,240 --> 00:48:51,430

Someday, I'm going
to go to my brother

854

00:48:51,430 --> 00:48:54,970

when my quota number comes up.

855

00:48:54,970 --> 00:48:58,600

I said, well, you know, if
you're going to go on a ship,

856

00:48:58,600 --> 00:49:03,490

then you would be wise to get
acclimated to the swaying also.

857

00:49:03,490 --> 00:49:08,110

And from then on, instead
of feeding the birds

858

00:49:08,110 --> 00:49:11,590

and sitting on the bench,
she would come inside,

859

00:49:11,590 --> 00:49:13,390

and she would sit on the swings.

860

00:49:13,390 --> 00:49:15,790

And we would swing
back and forth,

861

00:49:15,790 --> 00:49:18,350

criss-crossing each
other, and chatting away.

862

00:49:18,350 --> 00:49:23,680

And one day, as
displaced persons do,

863

00:49:23,680 --> 00:49:26,290

we began to talk
about our backgrounds,

864

00:49:26,290 --> 00:49:30,570

and she began to
ask me questions.

865

00:49:30,570 --> 00:49:31,670

What is your name?

866

00:49:31,670 --> 00:49:32,580

Who are you?

867

00:49:32,580 --> 00:49:33,780

Where are you from?

868

00:49:33,780 --> 00:49:39,440

And I told her about my
life before the blitzkrieg

869

00:49:39,440 --> 00:49:40,790

in Warsaw.

870

00:49:40,790 --> 00:49:44,630

My father had been a violinist
and a violin teacher.

871

00:49:44,630 --> 00:49:48,300

She said, tell me his name.

872

00:49:48,300 --> 00:49:51,700

And I told her his name.

873

00:49:51,700 --> 00:49:55,000

And the next day, she returned,
and we sat on the swings.

874

00:49:55,000 --> 00:50:00,970

And she said to
me, tell me, do you

875

00:50:00,970 --> 00:50:06,980

have any marks on
your body, anything

876

00:50:06,980 --> 00:50:09,470

that could identify you?

877

00:50:09,470 --> 00:50:12,110

Anything that's
different from anything

878

00:50:12,110 --> 00:50:16,680

that anybody in the world has?

879

00:50:16,680 --> 00:50:17,775

I said, yes.

880

00:50:17,775 --> 00:50:20,510

881

00:50:20,510 --> 00:50:30,350

I have a beauty mark on my
right forearm, shoulder.

882

00:50:30,350 --> 00:50:33,650

And when I was a little
girl, my grandfather

883

00:50:33,650 --> 00:50:37,490

used to tease me
by making believe

884

00:50:37,490 --> 00:50:42,350

he took the beauty mark
off my right forearm

885

00:50:42,350 --> 00:50:44,060

until I began to cry.

886
00:50:44,060 --> 00:50:46,910
And then he'd say, don't cry,
don't cry, I'll give it back.

887
00:50:46,910 --> 00:50:51,320
And he would give it back to me
on my left forearm or shoulder.

888
00:50:51,320 --> 00:50:55,270
And I would look, and
there it would be.

889
00:50:55,270 --> 00:50:57,520
So she left and came
back the next day.

890
00:50:57,520 --> 00:50:59,980
And she said, that was
a very interesting story

891
00:50:59,980 --> 00:51:01,120
about your grandfather.

892
00:51:01,120 --> 00:51:05,650
But isn't there anything
else on your body?

893
00:51:05,650 --> 00:51:12,480
Any scars, anything that's
different and unique?

894
00:51:12,480 --> 00:51:15,130
And I said, well, I don't
like to talk about it,

895
00:51:15,130 --> 00:51:21,010
but we have a family trait,
and I was born with it also.

896
00:51:21,010 --> 00:51:25,280

897

00:51:25,280 --> 00:51:27,890

We have six toes.

898

00:51:27,890 --> 00:51:31,410

My uncle Jacob has
six toes on one foot.

899

00:51:31,410 --> 00:51:35,180

And when I was born, I
had six toes on each foot.

900

00:51:35,180 --> 00:51:38,120

And they were
surgically removed.

901

00:51:38,120 --> 00:51:39,680

And I have a scar on each foot.

902

00:51:39,680 --> 00:51:42,490

903

00:51:42,490 --> 00:51:45,730

The next day, the woman
came and brought my father.

904

00:51:45,730 --> 00:51:55,830

905

00:51:55,830 --> 00:51:58,680

I don't know where he survived,
but I think in Germany.

906

00:51:58,680 --> 00:52:01,820

907

00:52:01,820 --> 00:52:04,960

Well, my father insisted
that I stay with him.

908

00:52:04,960 --> 00:52:10,540

But we were going to
sail two weeks hence,

909
00:52:10,540 --> 00:52:13,300
having waited for
our quota number,

910
00:52:13,300 --> 00:52:19,330
having found the
uncle in America.

911
00:52:19,330 --> 00:52:22,330
I mean, all of these
years of waiting.

912
00:52:22,330 --> 00:52:25,390
And uncle Jacob
said absolutely not.

913
00:52:25,390 --> 00:52:27,100
And they argued.

914
00:52:27,100 --> 00:52:29,920
And uncle Jacob had
the same resentment,

915
00:52:29,920 --> 00:52:33,460
or appeared to have the same
resentment, toward my father

916
00:52:33,460 --> 00:52:35,980
that my mother had had.

917
00:52:35,980 --> 00:52:39,910
And I didn't show
him great warmth.

918
00:52:39,910 --> 00:52:40,940
Did you recognize him?

919
00:52:40,940 --> 00:52:42,200
Oh, of course.

920
00:52:42,200 --> 00:52:43,136

Of course.

921
00:52:43,136 --> 00:52:49,230

922
00:52:49,230 --> 00:52:50,670
So they argued.

923
00:52:50,670 --> 00:52:57,550
And finally, uncle Jacob said
to me, OK, it's her choice.

924
00:52:57,550 --> 00:53:03,400
And of course, I insisted
on going to America.

925
00:53:03,400 --> 00:53:09,900
Well, about a year later,
my father followed me.

926
00:53:09,900 --> 00:53:11,280
And he knew where we were.

927
00:53:11,280 --> 00:53:14,050

928
00:53:14,050 --> 00:53:21,290
And by the time he came, a
year later, I had begun to--

929
00:53:21,290 --> 00:53:26,640
I had not begun, I had
succeeded to a great extent

930
00:53:26,640 --> 00:53:31,610
in assimilating
into American life.

931
00:53:31,610 --> 00:53:36,230
Just like the chameleon that I
learned to be in the Ukraine,

932

00:53:36,230 --> 00:53:41,660

I did once again of necessity
in the United States.

933

00:53:41,660 --> 00:53:45,740

I had arrived here on June 24.

934

00:53:45,740 --> 00:53:49,040

By September, I was in school.

935

00:53:49,040 --> 00:53:52,250

On my first day of school,
I called the teacher outside

936

00:53:52,250 --> 00:53:56,360

and said to her something
like, I am greenhorn,

937

00:53:56,360 --> 00:53:59,090

do not call on me,
I will not answer.

938

00:53:59,090 --> 00:54:02,090

When I'm ready, I
will raise my hand.

939

00:54:02,090 --> 00:54:05,970

Then you call me.

940

00:54:05,970 --> 00:54:07,170

Shake?

941

00:54:07,170 --> 00:54:08,250

And we shook hands.

942

00:54:08,250 --> 00:54:10,890

And she never called on
me until I raised my hand

943

00:54:10,890 --> 00:54:14,310

only a very short time later.

944

00:54:14,310 --> 00:54:16,440

And I remember the
amazement of the class

945

00:54:16,440 --> 00:54:19,500

and the round of applause.

946

00:54:19,500 --> 00:54:21,990

I even remember the
question and the answer.

947

00:54:21,990 --> 00:54:24,090

Garbo talks.

948

00:54:24,090 --> 00:54:27,370

Something like that.

949

00:54:27,370 --> 00:54:30,630

Anyway, suddenly,
my father shows up

950

00:54:30,630 --> 00:54:33,600

and he wants to
take me back to-- he

951

00:54:33,600 --> 00:54:35,310

wants to make an
immigrant of me again.

952

00:54:35,310 --> 00:54:36,840

He doesn't speak
a word of English.

953

00:54:36,840 --> 00:54:40,200

I'm going to be living, again,
with displaced persons who've

954

00:54:40,200 --> 00:54:45,570

just arrived somewhere in
Brooklyn, where I have a life.

955

00:54:45,570 --> 00:54:48,720

My name is Berliner, I'm

starting to have friends,

956

00:54:48,720 --> 00:54:50,040

I speak English.

957

00:54:50,040 --> 00:54:55,590

I've grown, having gone from

the smallest child in the class

958

00:54:55,590 --> 00:54:59,610

to the tallest, all

in one semester.

959

00:54:59,610 --> 00:55:01,890

I'm appearing in

their amateur hour

960

00:55:01,890 --> 00:55:04,470

and winning a prize

doing my kazotsky

961

00:55:04,470 --> 00:55:05,655

and singing Russian songs.

962

00:55:05,655 --> 00:55:08,420

963

00:55:08,420 --> 00:55:09,950

And suddenly he

wants to take me--

964

00:55:09,950 --> 00:55:13,490

he wants to turn

the clock around

965

00:55:13,490 --> 00:55:15,950

back to when I'm going

to be the [YIDDISH]..

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00:55:15,950 --> 00:55:17,960

Look, the [YIDDISH].

967

00:55:17,960 --> 00:55:20,960

968

00:55:20,960 --> 00:55:23,090

Which was pejorative, of course.

969

00:55:23,090 --> 00:55:28,070

50 years of time have turned
the [YIDDISH],, the pejorative,

970

00:55:28,070 --> 00:55:31,490

into the survivor.

971

00:55:31,490 --> 00:55:33,800

You know, this exalted.

972

00:55:33,800 --> 00:55:36,860

As if I did
something phenomenal.

973

00:55:36,860 --> 00:55:38,615

I simply lived.

974

00:55:38,615 --> 00:55:42,860

975

00:55:42,860 --> 00:55:45,980

Just like that
little dress, that

976

00:55:45,980 --> 00:55:50,450

schmatte that I've
had for 50 years,

977

00:55:50,450 --> 00:55:55,205

today became an artifact.

978

00:55:55,205 --> 00:55:57,290

It's just a dress.

979

00:55:57,290 --> 00:56:00,620

No, it was a schmatte, trust me.

980
00:56:00,620 --> 00:56:02,150
A schmatte.

981
00:56:02,150 --> 00:56:04,670
And now, they have it
hermetically sealed

982
00:56:04,670 --> 00:56:05,750
or god knows what.

983
00:56:05,750 --> 00:56:09,350
And you know, it'll be
there for 1,000 years

984
00:56:09,350 --> 00:56:12,110
or whatever in a museum.

985
00:56:12,110 --> 00:56:15,980
Oh, my god, it's incredible
what 50 years will do.

986
00:56:15,980 --> 00:56:18,230
But there was my
father and he wanted

987
00:56:18,230 --> 00:56:27,180
to undo the year of
very hard adjustment.

988
00:56:27,180 --> 00:56:29,370
So I said no.

989
00:56:29,370 --> 00:56:35,880
And he argued with
my aunt and uncle.

990
00:56:35,880 --> 00:56:41,070
I now was living with
the rich uncle in America

991
00:56:41,070 --> 00:56:45,690

and his American wife
and going to school

992
00:56:45,690 --> 00:56:48,750
in Forrest Hills, Long Island.

993
00:56:48,750 --> 00:56:54,990
PS3, my teacher was Mrs.
Riskin, and the principal

994
00:56:54,990 --> 00:56:57,858
was Mrs. Morris.

995
00:56:57,858 --> 00:57:00,910
My god, how do you
remember all that, Miki?

996
00:57:00,910 --> 00:57:01,410
Anyway.

997
00:57:01,410 --> 00:57:03,990

998
00:57:03,990 --> 00:57:06,990
I didn't want to go
back with my father.

999
00:57:06,990 --> 00:57:09,180
Well, my father persisted.

1000
00:57:09,180 --> 00:57:12,660
And now, my birthday came,
and my father sent me a gift.

1001
00:57:12,660 --> 00:57:15,690
Actually, a very
beautiful gift, a box

1002
00:57:15,690 --> 00:57:17,685
of oil paints and brushes.

1003
00:57:17,685 --> 00:57:20,970

1004
00:57:20,970 --> 00:57:25,730
However, he addressed it Mirka--

1005
00:57:25,730 --> 00:57:28,500

1006
00:57:28,500 --> 00:57:29,670
I still can't say it.

1007
00:57:29,670 --> 00:57:31,350
His last name.

1008
00:57:31,350 --> 00:57:35,160
In care of Berliner.

1009
00:57:35,160 --> 00:57:40,020
And I was mortified
because the mailman knew,

1010
00:57:40,020 --> 00:57:44,910
and the doorman might know, and
the girl who lived on the floor

1011
00:57:44,910 --> 00:57:47,070
below might find out.

1012
00:57:47,070 --> 00:57:48,730
And everyone might find out.

1013
00:57:48,730 --> 00:57:50,750
And oh, my god, it's all going.

1014
00:57:50,750 --> 00:57:52,680
He's going to turn
it all around for me.

1015
00:57:52,680 --> 00:57:54,990
And they'll start to
point at me again.

1016

00:57:54,990 --> 00:57:56,750

And I'll be [YIDDISH] again.

1017

00:57:56,750 --> 00:58:00,250

1018

00:58:00,250 --> 00:58:03,940

And there was huge arguments
between my aunt and uncle

1019

00:58:03,940 --> 00:58:08,490

and my father, who persisted.

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00:58:08,490 --> 00:58:12,180

And then my uncle
offered my father the--

1021

00:58:12,180 --> 00:58:19,100

1022

00:58:19,100 --> 00:58:22,910

he said he wanted
to legally adopt me.

1023

00:58:22,910 --> 00:58:25,640

It didn't mean that
my father couldn't

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00:58:25,640 --> 00:58:27,560

have a relationship with me.

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00:58:27,560 --> 00:58:32,330

We could have any relationship
that we mutually wanted.

1026

00:58:32,330 --> 00:58:33,530

I could visit him.

1027

00:58:33,530 --> 00:58:38,510

I could go on a travel
with him or whatever.

1028

00:58:38,510 --> 00:58:40,580

But he wanted to
legally adopt me,

1029

00:58:40,580 --> 00:58:47,330

to give me the benefits
of his moderate wealth,

1030

00:58:47,330 --> 00:58:51,540

and American citizenship,
and so forth.

1031

00:58:51,540 --> 00:58:53,960

And of course, my
father refused.

1032

00:58:53,960 --> 00:58:56,810

And the arguments
went back and forth.

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00:58:56,810 --> 00:59:05,820

And then one day, my
father sent a letter,

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00:59:05,820 --> 00:59:12,550

which named a sum of
money for which he

1035

00:59:12,550 --> 00:59:16,240

would sign the adoption papers.

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00:59:16,240 --> 00:59:18,640

And that caused
my aunt and uncle

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00:59:18,640 --> 00:59:22,300

to tell him to go get lost.

1038

00:59:22,300 --> 00:59:28,540

And consequently, I was
not adopted until I was 21.

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00:59:28,540 --> 00:59:31,720

Now, I already told you the
story of the chocolate bar

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00:59:31,720 --> 00:59:37,660

and how the UNRRA gave
the monthly packages.

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00:59:37,660 --> 00:59:40,210

And the family who
had a child under 10

1042

00:59:40,210 --> 00:59:42,460

received the added
chocolate bar.

1043

00:59:42,460 --> 00:59:47,500

And so my uncle Jacob registered
me as being a year younger.

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00:59:47,500 --> 00:59:50,470

Consequently, I was
really, in fact, 22--

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00:59:50,470 --> 00:59:51,370

When you became free.

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00:59:51,370 --> 00:59:57,310

--when I became free to
sign the papers myself.

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00:59:57,310 --> 01:00:01,960

And I became a
citizen in that year.

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01:00:01,960 --> 01:00:05,380

And I was also engaged to
my husband, who gave me

1049

01:00:05,380 --> 01:00:08,710

an engagement ring on
the very anniversary

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01:00:08,710 --> 01:00:11,720
of my arrival in the United
States, which was June 24th.

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01:00:11,720 --> 01:00:15,208

1052
01:00:15,208 --> 01:00:18,400
We're almost on
that anniversary.

1053
01:00:18,400 --> 01:00:19,280
Exactly.

1054
01:00:19,280 --> 01:00:20,900
Well, yes, this is June 12th.

1055
01:00:20,900 --> 01:00:25,370
And it's really strange that
so many events and things

1056
01:00:25,370 --> 01:00:27,800
have happened to me in June.

1057
01:00:27,800 --> 01:00:33,090
And today was a wonderful day
and a very beautiful weekend

1058
01:00:33,090 --> 01:00:36,230
in which I have my
family with me--

1059
01:00:36,230 --> 01:00:40,210
my husband, my daughter Merle,
my daughter-in-law Gina,

1060
01:00:40,210 --> 01:00:42,860
and my son Randy.

1061
01:00:42,860 --> 01:00:46,250
And we're staying in a beautiful
suite in a lovely hotel

1062
01:00:46,250 --> 01:00:47,030
in Washington.

1063
01:00:47,030 --> 01:00:49,370
And the sun is shining.

1064
01:00:49,370 --> 01:00:53,630
And I've survived the
ordeal of this tape.

1065
01:00:53,630 --> 01:00:56,780
And life is wonderful.

1066
01:00:56,780 --> 01:00:58,730
Let's hope it remains so.

1067
01:00:58,730 --> 01:01:00,240
Thank you very much.

1068
01:01:00,240 --> 01:01:03,150
Thank you.

1069
01:01:03,150 --> 01:01:03,650
This is--

1070
01:01:03,650 --> 01:01:06,240
This is still June 12, 1992.

1071
01:01:06,240 --> 01:01:09,900
And we're about to add a
postscript to our interview.

1072
01:01:09,900 --> 01:01:17,070
A tiny anecdote which might
help to clarify the date.

1073
01:01:17,070 --> 01:01:23,250
My uncle, and I, and his two
suitcases were somewhere.

1074
01:01:23,250 --> 01:01:25,590

It was in the middle of winter.

1075

01:01:25,590 --> 01:01:33,640

And we were in a tiny
railroad station.

1076

01:01:33,640 --> 01:01:36,150

It wasn't a big city
railroad station.

1077

01:01:36,150 --> 01:01:40,710

There weren't platforms,
train platforms.

1078

01:01:40,710 --> 01:01:43,440

It was a track.

1079

01:01:43,440 --> 01:01:45,840

And there was a
little tiny building.

1080

01:01:45,840 --> 01:01:49,530

And inside the building, it
was just one room, smaller,

1081

01:01:49,530 --> 01:01:52,030

or perhaps the
size of this room.

1082

01:01:52,030 --> 01:01:55,680

And there was a-- which
is a 12 by 20 or 15,

1083

01:01:55,680 --> 01:01:56,980

something like that.

1084

01:01:56,980 --> 01:02:01,020

And in the corner, there
was a potbelly stove

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01:02:01,020 --> 01:02:02,220

and there was a desk.

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01:02:02,220 --> 01:02:06,568

And on the desk was one of
those tick-tick-tick machines.

1087

01:02:06,568 --> 01:02:07,110

What is that?

1088

01:02:07,110 --> 01:02:07,610

Telegraph?

1089

01:02:07,610 --> 01:02:09,060

Telegraph, right, OK.

1090

01:02:09,060 --> 01:02:11,070

Thank you I'm sorry.

1091

01:02:11,070 --> 01:02:12,180

Telegraph.

1092

01:02:12,180 --> 01:02:14,250

And there was a
guy who sat huddled

1093

01:02:14,250 --> 01:02:18,090

up next to the potbelly stove
with his telegraph machine.

1094

01:02:18,090 --> 01:02:22,650

And in the back of the
room, sitting on the floor,

1095

01:02:22,650 --> 01:02:28,630

when we came in from a blizzard,
walked into this building.

1096

01:02:28,630 --> 01:02:30,090

I don't know where
we came from, I

1097

01:02:30,090 --> 01:02:31,710

don't remember how we got there.

1098

01:02:31,710 --> 01:02:33,090

I know it was a blizzard.

1099

01:02:33,090 --> 01:02:35,490

This is shortly after
you've been taken.

1100

01:02:35,490 --> 01:02:37,350

After he found me, OK.

1101

01:02:37,350 --> 01:02:39,990

And we're going somewhere.

1102

01:02:39,990 --> 01:02:43,320

And we're going to
wait for a train.

1103

01:02:43,320 --> 01:02:44,640

The train is going somewhere.

1104

01:02:44,640 --> 01:02:45,973

We're going to wait for a train.

1105

01:02:45,973 --> 01:02:50,400

It's night, it's a blizzard,
and it's night, it's cold,

1106

01:02:50,400 --> 01:02:51,060

it's freezing.

1107

01:02:51,060 --> 01:02:56,370

We walk from whatever conveyance
brought us to this station.

1108

01:02:56,370 --> 01:02:59,190

And I remember seeing the
little building with the light

1109

01:02:59,190 --> 01:03:00,160

inside, and so forth.

1110

01:03:00,160 --> 01:03:02,250
Anyway, we walk in.

1111
01:03:02,250 --> 01:03:05,430
A blizzard of snow
flies in with us.

1112
01:03:05,430 --> 01:03:07,950
There's this guy
sitting at the desk.

1113
01:03:07,950 --> 01:03:11,970
And there are maybe
half a dozen people

1114
01:03:11,970 --> 01:03:14,430
who looked like ruffians.

1115
01:03:14,430 --> 01:03:17,910
Men, very rough-looking
characters,

1116
01:03:17,910 --> 01:03:19,800
sitting on the floor.

1117
01:03:19,800 --> 01:03:21,480
Some are smoking,
and they're sort

1118
01:03:21,480 --> 01:03:25,770
of lounging on the
floor on bundles,

1119
01:03:25,770 --> 01:03:29,130
obviously waiting for the train.

1120
01:03:29,130 --> 01:03:30,030
And we walk in.

1121
01:03:30,030 --> 01:03:31,930
And Jacob is very well-dressed.

1122

01:03:31,930 --> 01:03:35,760

And he has these two
important-looking suitcases

1123

01:03:35,760 --> 01:03:39,090

and this little
child all bundled up.

1124

01:03:39,090 --> 01:03:39,960

And we walk in.

1125

01:03:39,960 --> 01:03:42,000

And there was one other
item which I forgot,

1126

01:03:42,000 --> 01:03:44,020

extremely important.

1127

01:03:44,020 --> 01:03:46,830

The guy at the desk has
this telegraph machine

1128

01:03:46,830 --> 01:03:51,870

and a small radio with
a great deal of static.

1129

01:03:51,870 --> 01:03:55,200

And he's listening to the radio.

1130

01:03:55,200 --> 01:03:57,990

And we come in,
and we sit separate

1131

01:03:57,990 --> 01:04:00,090

from these rough-looking men.

1132

01:04:00,090 --> 01:04:02,220

And Jacob goes and
talks to the man

1133

01:04:02,220 --> 01:04:05,640

and explains to him that we
want to get on the train.

1134
01:04:05,640 --> 01:04:08,850
And the man argues with
Jacob and says, no, no, you

1135
01:04:08,850 --> 01:04:09,990
can't get on the train.

1136
01:04:09,990 --> 01:04:11,910
And they argue back and forth.

1137
01:04:11,910 --> 01:04:16,230
And Jacob offers him
goods or whatever.

1138
01:04:16,230 --> 01:04:16,890
He'll pay.

1139
01:04:16,890 --> 01:04:17,550
Blah-blah.

1140
01:04:17,550 --> 01:04:19,530
And the man says, no, no.

1141
01:04:19,530 --> 01:04:21,810
And Jacob says, well,
what about these men?

1142
01:04:21,810 --> 01:04:25,530
No, they're going to
sit on top of the cars,

1143
01:04:25,530 --> 01:04:27,180
on the roof of the cars.

1144
01:04:27,180 --> 01:04:29,530
And you have a child
and those boxes.

1145
01:04:29,530 --> 01:04:30,810
And you can't.

1146

01:04:30,810 --> 01:04:32,580

And Jacob pleads with him.

1147

01:04:32,580 --> 01:04:36,630

And suddenly, the radio starts crackling, and the man says,

1148

01:04:36,630 --> 01:04:38,010

quiet, quiet.

1149

01:04:38,010 --> 01:04:39,690

Listen.

1150

01:04:39,690 --> 01:04:42,390

And they all listen.

1151

01:04:42,390 --> 01:04:45,665

And suddenly, the men jump up and run to the radio,

1152

01:04:45,665 --> 01:04:46,290

and they crowd.

1153

01:04:46,290 --> 01:04:48,270

And I have no idea what is going on.

1154

01:04:48,270 --> 01:04:49,500

And there's static.

1155

01:04:49,500 --> 01:04:51,690

And the men are all excited.

1156

01:04:51,690 --> 01:04:54,750

And suddenly, they all begin to cheer.

1157

01:04:54,750 --> 01:04:59,280

Warsaw is liberated.

1158

01:04:59,280 --> 01:05:02,955

Talking mid-January 1945.

1159
01:05:02,955 --> 01:05:04,320
God bless you.

1160
01:05:04,320 --> 01:05:06,010
Thank you so much.

1161
01:05:06,010 --> 01:05:07,790
Oh, isn't that wonderful?

1162
01:05:07,790 --> 01:05:10,710
Oh, it's so great.

1163
01:05:10,710 --> 01:05:13,710
You see, I really
belong in history.

1164
01:05:13,710 --> 01:05:17,700
Anyway, Jacob opened
one of his suitcases

1165
01:05:17,700 --> 01:05:23,840
and he took out the most
treasured of all possessions,

1166
01:05:23,840 --> 01:05:27,810
a bottle of vodka.

1167
01:05:27,810 --> 01:05:29,820
And we passed it around.

1168
01:05:29,820 --> 01:05:31,530
Everybody drank from it.

1169
01:05:31,530 --> 01:05:32,740
Even you?

1170
01:05:32,740 --> 01:05:33,240
You?

1171

01:05:33,240 --> 01:05:34,530
No.

1172
01:05:34,530 --> 01:05:37,380
The ruffians became
our best friends.

1173
01:05:37,380 --> 01:05:40,200
And suddenly, in the
middle of this revelry,

1174
01:05:40,200 --> 01:05:43,110
we heard the train.

1175
01:05:43,110 --> 01:05:46,080
And the train came, and
we all rushed outside.

1176
01:05:46,080 --> 01:05:49,650
And the man behind the
desk said to Jacob, listen,

1177
01:05:49,650 --> 01:05:51,660
these men are going on the roof.

1178
01:05:51,660 --> 01:05:54,660
But if you will do
it, you can stand

1179
01:05:54,660 --> 01:05:57,690
in front of the locomotive.

1180
01:05:57,690 --> 01:06:00,070
There's a little guardrail.

1181
01:06:00,070 --> 01:06:00,930
You'll stand.

1182
01:06:00,930 --> 01:06:03,110
Hold on to the guard.

1183
01:06:03,110 --> 01:06:05,610

Your little girl will
stand in front of you.

1184
01:06:05,610 --> 01:06:07,400
Put your coat around her.

1185
01:06:07,400 --> 01:06:10,730
Remember, we'll
tie the suitcases

1186
01:06:10,730 --> 01:06:12,350
on the front of the locomotive.

1187
01:06:12,350 --> 01:06:14,900
And remember, you're going
to be heading directly

1188
01:06:14,900 --> 01:06:16,190
into the storm.

1189
01:06:16,190 --> 01:06:19,940
I don't guarantee that
you won't freeze to death.

1190
01:06:19,940 --> 01:06:24,650
But if you want this
train, that's it.

1191
01:06:24,650 --> 01:06:27,280
We got on the front
of the locomotive.

1192
01:06:27,280 --> 01:06:30,530

1193
01:06:30,530 --> 01:06:35,030
I stood in front of him
against the guardrail.

1194
01:06:35,030 --> 01:06:38,660
Jacob's coat was
wrapped around me.

1195

01:06:38,660 --> 01:06:41,120

I leaned back against him.

1196

01:06:41,120 --> 01:06:47,450

The train took off into
this blinding snowstorm.

1197

01:06:47,450 --> 01:06:51,185

And I don't know where we
went, but we were happy.

1198

01:06:51,185 --> 01:06:54,500

Did you know, this
scene reminds me of you,

1199

01:06:54,500 --> 01:06:57,770

and your mother, and
David on the truck

1200

01:06:57,770 --> 01:06:59,450

not knowing where
you were going.

1201

01:06:59,450 --> 01:07:00,216

It's the same.

1202

01:07:00,216 --> 01:07:00,975

It's the same.

1203

01:07:00,975 --> 01:07:01,940

Same situation.

1204

01:07:01,940 --> 01:07:05,570

But you see, I fit into
the context of time.

1205

01:07:05,570 --> 01:07:06,650

That's so exciting.

1206

01:07:06,650 --> 01:07:12,920

1207

01:07:12,920 --> 01:07:14,690

I am so excited.

1208

01:07:14,690 --> 01:07:19,460

And I can't tell you,
it's so important.

1209

01:07:19,460 --> 01:07:21,457

January, 1945.

1210

01:07:21,457 --> 01:07:22,790

I could give you the exact date.

1211

01:07:22,790 --> 01:07:23,600

Fantastic.

1212

01:07:23,600 --> 01:07:24,800

But you see, it fit.

1213

01:07:24,800 --> 01:07:26,480

It fit.

1214

01:07:26,480 --> 01:07:27,560

OK.

1215

01:07:27,560 --> 01:07:29,615

And how long had you
been in this village?

1216

01:07:29,615 --> 01:07:32,240

You'd been liberated
shortly before this day.

1217

01:07:32,240 --> 01:07:33,800

Yes, because it was winter.

1218

01:07:33,800 --> 01:07:35,030

It's all winter, right?

1219

01:07:35,030 --> 01:07:35,540

Yes.

1220
01:07:35,540 --> 01:07:37,190
And you were there
2 and 1/2 years?

1221
01:07:37,190 --> 01:07:38,300
Yeah.

1222
01:07:38,300 --> 01:07:40,985
So that would have
been, let's see.

1223
01:07:40,985 --> 01:07:44,790

1224
01:07:44,790 --> 01:07:46,800
Sometime in '42, summer.

1225
01:07:46,800 --> 01:07:49,020
Summer of '42.

1226
01:07:49,020 --> 01:07:50,790
My god, it sounds
like some movie

1227
01:07:50,790 --> 01:07:54,960
with Elvis Presley or somebody.

1228
01:07:54,960 --> 01:07:56,100
I don't know, whatever.

1229
01:07:56,100 --> 01:07:59,948

1230
01:07:59,948 --> 01:08:00,930
That's it.

1231
01:08:00,930 --> 01:08:02,820
That was our anecdote
in postscript.

1232

01:08:02,820 --> 01:08:04,620

Oh, thank you so much.

1233

01:08:04,620 --> 01:08:06,890

Thank you, once again.

1234

01:08:06,890 --> 01:08:09,000