

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,458
[TEST TONE]

2
00:00:03,458 --> 00:00:21,270

3
00:00:21,270 --> 00:00:22,200
OK, turning over.

4
00:00:22,200 --> 00:00:23,010
Here we go.

5
00:00:23,010 --> 00:00:25,200
That's good.

6
00:00:25,200 --> 00:00:26,690
Did you put in a new tape there?

7
00:00:26,690 --> 00:00:28,610
Yes.

8
00:00:28,610 --> 00:00:29,375
All right.

9
00:00:29,375 --> 00:00:32,840

10
00:00:32,840 --> 00:00:39,320
So tell me about the story
about-- you exhausted all of--

11
00:00:39,320 --> 00:00:40,460
you wanted to get a visa.

12
00:00:40,460 --> 00:00:43,670
You kept going to
[PLACE NAME],, you gave up hope.

13
00:00:43,670 --> 00:00:45,380
Then you heard about Sugihara.

14
00:00:45,380 --> 00:00:47,800
You want-- yeah,
I'm not doing it.

15
00:00:47,800 --> 00:00:48,980
Can I say something?

16
00:00:48,980 --> 00:00:51,690
You want me to say all
this what you just said?

17
00:00:51,690 --> 00:00:52,580
Pretty much, yes.

18
00:00:52,580 --> 00:00:54,260
I mean, take me through--

19
00:00:54,260 --> 00:00:55,760
take me through your mind.

20
00:00:55,760 --> 00:00:57,300
OK.

21
00:00:57,300 --> 00:01:01,270
I don't have to go back
how I got to Vilna?

22
00:01:01,270 --> 00:01:01,970
No, no.

23
00:01:01,970 --> 00:01:02,780
No.

24
00:01:02,780 --> 00:01:05,660
All I have to tell you
is that we get to Vilna

25
00:01:05,660 --> 00:01:09,110
and we wanted to go out,
where we were covering all

26
00:01:09,110 --> 00:01:10,590
the consulates and embassies.

27
00:01:10,590 --> 00:01:11,090
Right.

28
00:01:11,090 --> 00:01:12,170
All right.

29
00:01:12,170 --> 00:01:14,450
So tell me about
your experiences

30
00:01:14,450 --> 00:01:17,830
with all the other embassies--

31
00:01:17,830 --> 00:01:18,455
And consulates.

32
00:01:18,455 --> 00:01:22,460
--and consulates, and then tell
me about the Sugihara story.

33
00:01:22,460 --> 00:01:24,260
Go ahead.

34
00:01:24,260 --> 00:01:27,140
So finally, when we
finally got to Vilna,

35
00:01:27,140 --> 00:01:29,300
we're happy to get there.

36
00:01:29,300 --> 00:01:32,150
Because here, we
had the opportunity

37
00:01:32,150 --> 00:01:35,990
to get to the consulates
and embassies who

38

00:01:35,990 --> 00:01:40,580
were representing most of
the countries in the world.

39
00:01:40,580 --> 00:01:44,240
And we were just going from
one consulate to the other

40
00:01:44,240 --> 00:01:47,570
to the embassies,
begging and telling them

41
00:01:47,570 --> 00:01:51,130
about our tragic situation.

42
00:01:51,130 --> 00:01:55,180
And no one would pay
any attention to us.

43
00:01:55,180 --> 00:01:57,010
No one wanted us.

44
00:01:57,010 --> 00:02:00,580
We were just rejected
by all the consulates,

45
00:02:00,580 --> 00:02:02,440
by all the embassies.

46
00:02:02,440 --> 00:02:06,550
We were desperate,
absolutely desperate.

47
00:02:06,550 --> 00:02:11,890
We didn't see any hope,
absolutely no hope.

48
00:02:11,890 --> 00:02:20,190
We just were a people with
no land, nobody to turn to.

49
00:02:20,190 --> 00:02:24,120
And then we heard

about Chiune Sugihara.

50
00:02:24,120 --> 00:02:27,250

51
00:02:27,250 --> 00:02:32,380
By hearing about other
refugees going to his consulate

52
00:02:32,380 --> 00:02:39,220
and getting a transit visa,
if you had a Curacao visa,

53
00:02:39,220 --> 00:02:43,180
which is one of the small
Dutch islands in the Caribbean.

54
00:02:43,180 --> 00:02:45,960

55
00:02:45,960 --> 00:02:50,910
The problem was that I
did not have a passport.

56
00:02:50,910 --> 00:02:52,950
So my husband had
then difficulties

57
00:02:52,950 --> 00:02:57,230
putting me on his passport.

58
00:02:57,230 --> 00:03:01,010
And then by the time we
had all those formalities,

59
00:03:01,010 --> 00:03:04,610
the Dutch consulate, which
was an honorary consul,

60
00:03:04,610 --> 00:03:08,190
he already left the city.

61

00:03:08,190 --> 00:03:14,750
So we went to the consulate,
of the Japanese consulate,

62
00:03:14,750 --> 00:03:20,020
and it was my husband who
got to see Mr. Sugihara.

63
00:03:20,020 --> 00:03:23,110
And he told him about
what has happened to us.

64
00:03:23,110 --> 00:03:25,700
And he already knew about
from the other refugees.

65
00:03:25,700 --> 00:03:31,420
And despite that we
did not have a visa

66
00:03:31,420 --> 00:03:33,640
to get somewhere--
because transit visa is

67
00:03:33,640 --> 00:03:36,280
only to get you somewhere.

68
00:03:36,280 --> 00:03:42,310
Consul Sugihara granted us
this wonderful visa for life,

69
00:03:42,310 --> 00:03:45,680
the transit visa.

70
00:03:45,680 --> 00:03:46,850
Great, great.

71
00:03:46,850 --> 00:03:53,510

72
00:03:53,510 --> 00:04:00,440
Can you tell me the story of why
you got remarried in Lithuania?

73
00:04:00,440 --> 00:04:04,280
Well, that was before we
even knew about Sugihara.

74
00:04:04,280 --> 00:04:07,310
But we were going to--

75
00:04:07,310 --> 00:04:10,665
we got remarried in Vilna.

76
00:04:10,665 --> 00:04:12,290
You could start over
again with we got?

77
00:04:12,290 --> 00:04:13,190
OK.

78
00:04:13,190 --> 00:04:16,490
We got remarried in Vilna.

79
00:04:16,490 --> 00:04:20,220
Because the wedding
certificate what we had,

80
00:04:20,220 --> 00:04:22,320
I don't even have it.

81
00:04:22,320 --> 00:04:24,650
Which was the wedding.

82
00:04:24,650 --> 00:04:27,180
I'll start over.

83
00:04:27,180 --> 00:04:27,680
OK?

84
00:04:27,680 --> 00:04:28,930
Do you know what that buzz is?

85
00:04:28,930 --> 00:04:29,480

I don't know.

86
00:04:29,480 --> 00:04:30,410
Is it--

87
00:04:30,410 --> 00:04:31,920
The refrigerator?

88
00:04:31,920 --> 00:04:32,420
39.

89
00:04:32,420 --> 00:04:35,080
Standing by.

90
00:04:35,080 --> 00:04:35,580
OK.

91
00:04:35,580 --> 00:04:36,140
Here we go.

92
00:04:36,140 --> 00:04:37,280
And rolling.

93
00:04:37,280 --> 00:04:40,820
Can you tell me about your
marriage, your second wedding

94
00:04:40,820 --> 00:04:41,850
in Lithuania?

95
00:04:41,850 --> 00:04:48,770
Why, and what was
it like, and also,

96
00:04:48,770 --> 00:04:52,350
did you remember the date?

97
00:04:52,350 --> 00:04:56,580
We got married
again in Lithuania.

98

00:04:56,580 --> 00:05:01,050

My first wedding, which
took place in Lwow,

99

00:05:01,050 --> 00:05:03,720

was a religious wedding.

100

00:05:03,720 --> 00:05:06,240

And we didn't have
any certificate.

101

00:05:06,240 --> 00:05:07,800

For the Russian
government, you need

102

00:05:07,800 --> 00:05:10,210

to have something, a
different type of certificate.

103

00:05:10,210 --> 00:05:13,680

You had to have also
a civil wedding.

104

00:05:13,680 --> 00:05:18,030

So we had to go to a
rabbi to get remarried.

105

00:05:18,030 --> 00:05:21,000

We took some two
witnesses with us.

106

00:05:21,000 --> 00:05:22,710

And we never
mentioned to the rabbi

107

00:05:22,710 --> 00:05:26,220

that we were previously married
because otherwise, he would not

108

00:05:26,220 --> 00:05:30,720

have granted us
this certificate.

109

00:05:30,720 --> 00:05:31,860
So we got that.

110
00:05:31,860 --> 00:05:32,880
And were very overjoyed.

111
00:05:32,880 --> 00:05:35,100
I mean, to tell you the
truth, I didn't even

112
00:05:35,100 --> 00:05:38,280
remember what date it was
because my only wedding

113
00:05:38,280 --> 00:05:40,860
anniversary, which
we always celebrated,

114
00:05:40,860 --> 00:05:44,030
was the 26th of December.

115
00:05:44,030 --> 00:05:48,290
That's the date when we
were married in the Lwow.

116
00:05:48,290 --> 00:05:50,740
But I never knew about the
second one until today.

117
00:05:50,740 --> 00:05:54,880

118
00:05:54,880 --> 00:05:57,430
Why did you need--

119
00:05:57,430 --> 00:05:58,390
did we get that?

120
00:05:58,390 --> 00:05:59,980
I can't remember.

121
00:05:59,980 --> 00:06:04,420

I don't know if you told us why you needed to get remarried.

122
00:06:04,420 --> 00:06:07,120
Well, my first--
our first wedding

123
00:06:07,120 --> 00:06:09,920
was strictly a
religious wedding,

124
00:06:09,920 --> 00:06:14,680
which was not recognized
by the Russian authorities.

125
00:06:14,680 --> 00:06:18,640
Because they didn't have
much use for religion.

126
00:06:18,640 --> 00:06:22,210
So we realized that in order
if you want to get somewhere

127
00:06:22,210 --> 00:06:25,090
and if you do want to
get a visa, just in case,

128
00:06:25,090 --> 00:06:27,310
we should get a civil--

129
00:06:27,310 --> 00:06:28,690
have a civil wedding.

130
00:06:28,690 --> 00:06:31,300
And have a certificate
to show to the Russians

131
00:06:31,300 --> 00:06:33,590
that we are married.

132
00:06:33,590 --> 00:06:35,620
So we decided to do it.

133

00:06:35,620 --> 00:06:39,300

134

00:06:39,300 --> 00:06:39,800

Great.

135

00:06:39,800 --> 00:06:46,490

136

00:06:46,490 --> 00:06:50,370

Can you tell me about your
flight from Lithuania?

137

00:06:50,370 --> 00:06:53,030

You know, you got
the Sugihara visa,

138

00:06:53,030 --> 00:06:56,390

and then how about
the Soviet exit visa,

139

00:06:56,390 --> 00:07:00,590

and then did you take the
Trans-Siberian Railroad?

140

00:07:00,590 --> 00:07:04,160

Well, after we got
the Sugihara visa,

141

00:07:04,160 --> 00:07:08,180

we were really quite delighted
to have the transit visa.

142

00:07:08,180 --> 00:07:10,280

But then we had another problem.

143

00:07:10,280 --> 00:07:15,080

We needed to get an exit visa
from the Russian authorities.

144

00:07:15,080 --> 00:07:17,180

And I remember like today.

145
00:07:17,180 --> 00:07:20,120
We went to the NKVD
or KGB, whatever

146
00:07:20,120 --> 00:07:25,670
they call, my husband and I,
applying for an exit visa.

147
00:07:25,670 --> 00:07:31,160
And the officer says to us,
exit visa, where are you going?

148
00:07:31,160 --> 00:07:33,560
So we didn't have
a Curacao visa.

149
00:07:33,560 --> 00:07:35,450
We only had a transit visa.

150
00:07:35,450 --> 00:07:37,910
So we said, well, we're
going through Japan,

151
00:07:37,910 --> 00:07:41,660
but eventually, we hope to
get to the United States.

152
00:07:41,660 --> 00:07:43,340
And he says, how
do you know you are

153
00:07:43,340 --> 00:07:44,790
going to get the United States?

154
00:07:44,790 --> 00:07:47,030
What do you mean, you're
going to leave the country

155
00:07:47,030 --> 00:07:50,030
and you have no visa
to go to any place?

156

00:07:50,030 --> 00:07:53,870

So we said, well,
listen, my husband says,

157

00:07:53,870 --> 00:07:57,440

when we get to Moscow, there
is an American embassy there.

158

00:07:57,440 --> 00:08:00,320

Because there was
done in Kaunas.

159

00:08:00,320 --> 00:08:03,260

And I am sure that
if I go there,

160

00:08:03,260 --> 00:08:08,150

the American ambassador
will recognize my passport

161

00:08:08,150 --> 00:08:09,140

and my tourist visa.

162

00:08:09,140 --> 00:08:12,580

And I'm sure that I'm going
to get an extension there.

163

00:08:12,580 --> 00:08:16,150

So the officer said to us, OK.

164

00:08:16,150 --> 00:08:19,870

Leave the passport with
me and I will check on it.

165

00:08:19,870 --> 00:08:23,170

If the American
embassy or consulate

166

00:08:23,170 --> 00:08:27,010

is willing to give
you an American visa,

167

00:08:27,010 --> 00:08:29,290
I will give you an exit visa.

168
00:08:29,290 --> 00:08:33,940
Well, there were no more
unhappy and sad people

169
00:08:33,940 --> 00:08:37,630
who left this KGB office
than Nathan and I.

170
00:08:37,630 --> 00:08:40,990
Because we knew that this
was impossible, absolutely

171
00:08:40,990 --> 00:08:41,860
impossible.

172
00:08:41,860 --> 00:08:43,720
And here, we didn't
even have our passport

173
00:08:43,720 --> 00:08:46,890
because they took our passport.

174
00:08:46,890 --> 00:08:49,530
And we didn't expect
to hear from them.

175
00:08:49,530 --> 00:08:51,210
And you know how
things were being

176
00:08:51,210 --> 00:08:53,400
done in Russia at that time?

177
00:08:53,400 --> 00:08:56,130
Two weeks later,
they called us in

178
00:08:56,130 --> 00:08:58,590
and they gave us our exit visa.

179

00:08:58,590 --> 00:09:00,400

Just like that.

180

00:09:00,400 --> 00:09:03,690

So then after we got
our exit visa, and then

181

00:09:03,690 --> 00:09:06,930

we had to worry about
transportation through Russia,

182

00:09:06,930 --> 00:09:08,350

where we didn't
have enough money.

183

00:09:08,350 --> 00:09:10,590

We had very limited funds.

184

00:09:10,590 --> 00:09:16,320

And I think the Jewish
Joint in the States

185

00:09:16,320 --> 00:09:18,780

had some money for the
refugees to help them

186

00:09:18,780 --> 00:09:20,220

with their transportation.

187

00:09:20,220 --> 00:09:23,750

But not very much, very little.

188

00:09:23,750 --> 00:09:28,890

And all the transport
that was being

189

00:09:28,890 --> 00:09:33,300

done by one firm in Russia.

190

00:09:33,300 --> 00:09:36,030

191

00:09:36,030 --> 00:09:39,350
So we went to Intourist bureau.

192

00:09:39,350 --> 00:09:41,960
So we went to this
Intourist bureau,

193

00:09:41,960 --> 00:09:48,410
applying to get a ticket
to go across Russia

194

00:09:48,410 --> 00:09:50,210
in this Trans-Siberian train.

195

00:09:50,210 --> 00:09:53,470
And we had to stop
over in Moscow.

196

00:09:53,470 --> 00:09:56,230
And the fellow said, oh,
sure, you can get it.

197

00:09:56,230 --> 00:09:58,390
And he says, it will be
so much and so much money.

198

00:09:58,390 --> 00:10:00,542
About \$300 or more.

199

00:10:00,542 --> 00:10:01,750
And we didn't have the money.

200

00:10:01,750 --> 00:10:05,620
And say, well, how come we
still have to pay all this?

201

00:10:05,620 --> 00:10:07,990
And he said, because
you have to eat

202

00:10:07,990 --> 00:10:13,150
in the restaurant

wagon on the train

203
00:10:13,150 --> 00:10:17,060
and the meals are
very expensive.

204
00:10:17,060 --> 00:10:21,310
We said to him, listen, we
don't have to eat in this wagon.

205
00:10:21,310 --> 00:10:24,000
We're going to get
some sausage with us,

206
00:10:24,000 --> 00:10:27,670
and we will get some tea on
the way, and water, that's

207
00:10:27,670 --> 00:10:28,270
all we need.

208
00:10:28,270 --> 00:10:29,720
We'll bring our own bread.

209
00:10:29,720 --> 00:10:30,220
No.

210
00:10:30,220 --> 00:10:32,420
You can not travel like that.

211
00:10:32,420 --> 00:10:35,840
You have to go, you
have to have this.

212
00:10:35,840 --> 00:10:37,080
And you come back to me.

213
00:10:37,080 --> 00:10:40,190
And I will see if you
can manage or not.

214
00:10:40,190 --> 00:10:42,920

And we came back to
him, and we said again,

215
00:10:42,920 --> 00:10:44,630
the same, said, listen,
we can't afford.

216
00:10:44,630 --> 00:10:46,190
It we can not do it.

217
00:10:46,190 --> 00:10:49,140
We just don't have
the money to do it.

218
00:10:49,140 --> 00:10:52,740
So he said to my husband,
how much money do you have?

219
00:10:52,740 --> 00:10:56,100
And he says, I have \$100.

220
00:10:56,100 --> 00:11:01,170
And the fellow said to him, I
tell you what, you give me \$50

221
00:11:01,170 --> 00:11:03,390
and you keep for yourself \$50.

222
00:11:03,390 --> 00:11:07,710
And he gave us the tickets
and we went across.

223
00:11:07,710 --> 00:11:09,000
Wow.

224
00:11:09,000 --> 00:11:10,700
You were really lucky.

225
00:11:10,700 --> 00:11:15,510

226
00:11:15,510 --> 00:11:16,170

OK.

227

00:11:16,170 --> 00:11:18,785

So let's see.

228

00:11:18,785 --> 00:11:20,160

Can you tell me
what the trip was

229

00:11:20,160 --> 00:11:24,210

like on the
Trans-Siberian Railroad?

230

00:11:24,210 --> 00:11:26,060

And try and look
at me, you know.

231

00:11:26,060 --> 00:11:29,410

232

00:11:29,410 --> 00:11:33,190

Now then we were already
very fortunate enough

233

00:11:33,190 --> 00:11:36,430

to find ourselves on this
Trans-Siberian Railroad.

234

00:11:36,430 --> 00:11:40,780

We stopped in
Moscow for two days

235

00:11:40,780 --> 00:11:42,640

and then we caught this train.

236

00:11:42,640 --> 00:11:45,670

And of course, we were
not in first class.

237

00:11:45,670 --> 00:11:49,280

It was like the third class.

238

00:11:49,280 --> 00:11:51,980
There were many Russian
people on the way.

239
00:11:51,980 --> 00:11:55,430
The trip lasted
about 10 or 12 days.

240
00:11:55,430 --> 00:11:58,160
And actually, we had
no problems on it.

241
00:11:58,160 --> 00:11:59,690
Nobody bothered us.

242
00:11:59,690 --> 00:12:02,330
And we just stopped
in different places

243
00:12:02,330 --> 00:12:04,700
and we maybe get
some tea or chai,

244
00:12:04,700 --> 00:12:06,800
what they call in Russian.

245
00:12:06,800 --> 00:12:10,070
But we were actually
very uneventful trip.

246
00:12:10,070 --> 00:12:14,150
And we just had our food what
we brought with us, which we ate

247
00:12:14,150 --> 00:12:16,400
until we got to Vladivostok.

248
00:12:16,400 --> 00:12:22,220
And when we got to Vladivostok,
the city was in the evening,

249
00:12:22,220 --> 00:12:23,960
and the city was

all blacked out.

250

00:12:23,960 --> 00:12:27,080

And they wouldn't
let us off the train

251

00:12:27,080 --> 00:12:29,540

until they provided
with some buses

252

00:12:29,540 --> 00:12:33,380

to take us directly to
the port of Vladivostok.

253

00:12:33,380 --> 00:12:39,960

And from there, we boarded
a boat for Tsuruga, Japan.

254

00:12:39,960 --> 00:12:42,470

Was this your honeymoon?

255

00:12:42,470 --> 00:12:47,040

You know, we didn't even think
of honeymoons at that time.

256

00:12:47,040 --> 00:12:49,230

So you know, it's a
completely different--

257

00:12:49,230 --> 00:12:53,040

I mean, you are young, you
don't take it as seriously as--

258

00:12:53,040 --> 00:12:55,680

you know, I didn't know what
was happening in my family.

259

00:12:55,680 --> 00:12:57,810

And I was young,
and I was in love,

260

00:12:57,810 --> 00:13:00,240

and I was with my husband,

and I was quite happy

261

00:13:00,240 --> 00:13:04,920

because I wasn't by myself,
you know, I was very fortunate.

262

00:13:04,920 --> 00:13:06,960

Was it a steam engine train?

263

00:13:06,960 --> 00:13:10,050

And did it take a long time?

264

00:13:10,050 --> 00:13:10,920

Where did you sleep?

265

00:13:10,920 --> 00:13:12,870

What did you eat?

266

00:13:12,870 --> 00:13:18,990

Well, the trip took from
Moscow about 10 days.

267

00:13:18,990 --> 00:13:22,440

10 or 12 days, I don't
remember correctly.

268

00:13:22,440 --> 00:13:26,430

And we had the food which we
took along with us, you know.

269

00:13:26,430 --> 00:13:30,720

The sausages, some bread, and
we getting tea on the way,

270

00:13:30,720 --> 00:13:32,317

and things like that.

271

00:13:32,317 --> 00:13:33,900

And sometimes, we
got off the station.

272

00:13:33,900 --> 00:13:36,120

But we were very afraid
to get off the train.

273
00:13:36,120 --> 00:13:38,340
Because the train would
just leave without--

274
00:13:38,340 --> 00:13:40,920
some people were left behind
because the train didn't

275
00:13:40,920 --> 00:13:44,370
give you any notice
when it is leaving.

276
00:13:44,370 --> 00:13:46,560
After all, it was
kind of wartime,

277
00:13:46,560 --> 00:13:49,840
so it wasn't so regular.

278
00:13:49,840 --> 00:13:51,640
The trains in Russia
were never regular.

279
00:13:51,640 --> 00:13:54,970

280
00:13:54,970 --> 00:13:58,270
And as I say, and of course,
we slept on hard benches,

281
00:13:58,270 --> 00:14:00,760
because we were not in a
sleeping car or anything

282
00:14:00,760 --> 00:14:02,650
like that.

283
00:14:02,650 --> 00:14:07,492
But the trip itself was, I
would say, very uneventful.

284
00:14:07,492 --> 00:14:09,430
Could you cut for a second?

285
00:14:09,430 --> 00:14:10,790
Could you?

286
00:14:10,790 --> 00:14:11,705
OK, rolling.

287
00:14:11,705 --> 00:14:14,470
Turning over.

288
00:14:14,470 --> 00:14:19,710
So when you got to Vladivostok,
did you see the city,

289
00:14:19,710 --> 00:14:21,660
or did they take you
right to the boat?

290
00:14:21,660 --> 00:14:23,670
And what were the
boat conditions like?

291
00:14:23,670 --> 00:14:26,070
What was the trip
across the sea to?

292
00:14:26,070 --> 00:14:28,650
And what did you expect
when you got to Japan?

293
00:14:28,650 --> 00:14:32,590
I mean, you were a young girl.

294
00:14:32,590 --> 00:14:34,560
So finally, we got
to Vladivostok.

295
00:14:34,560 --> 00:14:38,250
And the city was

all blacked out.

296

00:14:38,250 --> 00:14:40,650

I guess it was the
war precaution.

297

00:14:40,650 --> 00:14:44,010

And they never let
us off the train.

298

00:14:44,010 --> 00:14:48,480

They'd let us off until the
proper buses came to the train,

299

00:14:48,480 --> 00:14:52,410

took us on this bus, and the
bus directly took us to the port

300

00:14:52,410 --> 00:14:59,550

to board the ship which took
us to Tsuruga, a port in Japan.

301

00:14:59,550 --> 00:15:01,560

It was a freighter.

302

00:15:01,560 --> 00:15:06,120

And of course, our accommodation
was the lowest class

303

00:15:06,120 --> 00:15:07,560

on this freighter.

304

00:15:07,560 --> 00:15:10,380

And at that time, the people
who are on the freighter,

305

00:15:10,380 --> 00:15:12,870

they were not used
to see white people

306

00:15:12,870 --> 00:15:14,400

being in the lower classes.

307

00:15:14,400 --> 00:15:16,950

Because white people
were always traveling

308

00:15:16,950 --> 00:15:20,010

in luxury accommodations.

309

00:15:20,010 --> 00:15:25,860

And I remember so exactly
that it was a very stormy sea.

310

00:15:25,860 --> 00:15:27,720

And I am not a
very good traveler

311

00:15:27,720 --> 00:15:32,700

when it comes to
all travel on a sea.

312

00:15:32,700 --> 00:15:34,830

And I got extremely seasick.

313

00:15:34,830 --> 00:15:38,340

So I would say that for two
days, until we got to Tsuruga,

314

00:15:38,340 --> 00:15:40,290

I was very, very sick.

315

00:15:40,290 --> 00:15:43,440

And I really could not have
cared if I live or die.

316

00:15:43,440 --> 00:15:45,480

I just didn't care
about anything.

317

00:15:45,480 --> 00:15:48,690

And when we landed in Tsuruga,
I was just like a zombie

318

00:15:48,690 --> 00:15:52,780

after this sickness
on this boat.

319
00:15:52,780 --> 00:15:55,500
And here we are,
we come to Tsuruga.

320
00:15:55,500 --> 00:15:57,925
It was a beautiful--
this I remember exactly.

321
00:15:57,925 --> 00:16:00,020
It was a beautiful day.

322
00:16:00,020 --> 00:16:01,930
It was in January.

323
00:16:01,930 --> 00:16:05,440
The cherry trees were
started to bloom.

324
00:16:05,440 --> 00:16:08,110
Was sky was blue.

325
00:16:08,110 --> 00:16:11,950
And everything was so
colorful in my eyes.

326
00:16:11,950 --> 00:16:13,870
And here, I see the
Japanese people,

327
00:16:13,870 --> 00:16:16,540
which I have never seen
before walking down

328
00:16:16,540 --> 00:16:20,170
the street in those kimonos,
in those special shoes

329
00:16:20,170 --> 00:16:21,490
what they are wearing.

330

00:16:21,490 --> 00:16:22,660

I was excited.

331

00:16:22,660 --> 00:16:25,270

It was something so fantastic.

332

00:16:25,270 --> 00:16:28,150

I could never believe
that here I am in Japan.

333

00:16:28,150 --> 00:16:31,900

Who could believe a girl from
Warsaw all the way to Japan

334

00:16:31,900 --> 00:16:34,210

in my wildest imagination?

335

00:16:34,210 --> 00:16:38,030

So it was very exciting
in this moment.

336

00:16:38,030 --> 00:16:44,330

And from Japan, they took
us by a train to Kobe.

337

00:16:44,330 --> 00:16:46,420

And when we got to
Kobe, we did not

338

00:16:46,420 --> 00:16:48,580

have to look for
any accommodation.

339

00:16:48,580 --> 00:16:53,170

Because Joined provided
houses for all those refugees

340

00:16:53,170 --> 00:16:58,600

who are coming through
Russia to Japan.

341

00:16:58,600 --> 00:17:03,100

And so we were
living in one house,

342
00:17:03,100 --> 00:17:05,020
and used to be called Home.

343
00:17:05,020 --> 00:17:07,930
And Jewish is Haim.

344
00:17:07,930 --> 00:17:09,940
And we used to call them Haims.

345
00:17:09,940 --> 00:17:14,710
Now, this home was
probably about 28 or 30

346
00:17:14,710 --> 00:17:16,930
people were living in one house.

347
00:17:16,930 --> 00:17:17,680
And we--

348
00:17:17,680 --> 00:17:20,500
I'm sorry, we have an airplane.

349
00:17:20,500 --> 00:17:22,089
Outside going through.

350
00:17:22,089 --> 00:17:23,670
It's not such an easy job.

351
00:17:23,670 --> 00:17:25,180
No, it's not easy at all.

352
00:17:25,180 --> 00:17:27,799
My goodness, they have
to repeat and repeat.

353
00:17:27,799 --> 00:17:31,640

354

00:17:31,640 --> 00:17:39,310
So why don't you take me of
landing in Tsuruga again.

355
00:17:39,310 --> 00:17:41,550
OK.

356
00:17:41,550 --> 00:17:43,980
I remember, when we
landed in Tsuruga,

357
00:17:43,980 --> 00:17:46,110
it was a beautiful day.

358
00:17:46,110 --> 00:17:49,320
Sun was shining,
the sky was blue.

359
00:17:49,320 --> 00:17:55,230
Those colorful Japanese ladies
in beautiful, colorful kimonos

360
00:17:55,230 --> 00:17:56,640
walking down the street.

361
00:17:56,640 --> 00:18:00,330
Actually, like making
those funny noises

362
00:18:00,330 --> 00:18:02,940
with their wooden shoes.

363
00:18:02,940 --> 00:18:04,500
It was exciting.

364
00:18:04,500 --> 00:18:07,650
And having those babies on
the backs, which I never

365
00:18:07,650 --> 00:18:09,900
saw before.

366

00:18:09,900 --> 00:18:11,370
It was very, very excited.

367
00:18:11,370 --> 00:18:12,750
And we were just wondering.

368
00:18:12,750 --> 00:18:16,800
I mean, you know, it was
something out of this world.

369
00:18:16,800 --> 00:18:21,420
And by train, there
were some people

370
00:18:21,420 --> 00:18:25,080
from the Jewish
Community Center in Kobe.

371
00:18:25,080 --> 00:18:27,870
And they took us to Kobe.

372
00:18:27,870 --> 00:18:33,030
And in Kobe, that allotted
us to a house, which

373
00:18:33,030 --> 00:18:35,850
was called like a home, a Haim.

374
00:18:35,850 --> 00:18:40,890
And about 28 refugees
were living in one house.

375
00:18:40,890 --> 00:18:42,720
The house had a few rooms.

376
00:18:42,720 --> 00:18:44,940
We were all sleeping
on the floor.

377
00:18:44,940 --> 00:18:47,770
There were about 10
or 12 to each room.

378

00:18:47,770 --> 00:18:49,620
We were sleeping on those mats.

379

00:18:49,620 --> 00:18:53,670
But not because the Japanese
people were mistreating us,

380

00:18:53,670 --> 00:18:56,710
but it was the custom
of the country.

381

00:18:56,710 --> 00:19:04,580
And we didn't have, let's say,
a shower or a bathtub in our--

382

00:19:04,580 --> 00:19:07,140
in the home which we lived.

383

00:19:07,140 --> 00:19:11,040
But we had like a little
water, like a sink, and so on,

384

00:19:11,040 --> 00:19:12,510
and toilets.

385

00:19:12,510 --> 00:19:17,070
And then we have like hibachis,
which we are cooking on.

386

00:19:17,070 --> 00:19:21,970
But next door to it
was a bath house.

387

00:19:21,970 --> 00:19:26,380
About a house away, and for
very few cents, like \$0.10,

388

00:19:26,380 --> 00:19:29,990
which was like one
American penny at the time,

389

00:19:29,990 --> 00:19:33,400

you could have your bath, and
you could have your shower.

390
00:19:33,400 --> 00:19:35,410
And it was another experience.

391
00:19:35,410 --> 00:19:37,600
Because here, we saw all
those Japanese people

392
00:19:37,600 --> 00:19:40,510
in those really hot tubs
and everything like this.

393
00:19:40,510 --> 00:19:43,420
And it was very, very unusual.

394
00:19:43,420 --> 00:19:48,610
And being in Kobe and living
in this home, here we were.

395
00:19:48,610 --> 00:19:50,865
We were a bunch of young people.

396
00:19:50,865 --> 00:19:55,300
We were all-- there was
nobody over the age of 30

397
00:19:55,300 --> 00:19:57,100
in this place.

398
00:19:57,100 --> 00:19:59,530
And at first, to all
of us, it was really

399
00:19:59,530 --> 00:20:00,720
something of an experience.

400
00:20:00,720 --> 00:20:03,183
So we started to go out.

401
00:20:03,183 --> 00:20:04,600

And because we
were not forbidden.

402
00:20:04,600 --> 00:20:08,620
We could go anyplace we
wanted to go in Kobe.

403
00:20:08,620 --> 00:20:11,650
And the Japanese people
were just staring at us

404
00:20:11,650 --> 00:20:15,730
because this mass of these
white people all of a sudden

405
00:20:15,730 --> 00:20:18,070
invading their city.

406
00:20:18,070 --> 00:20:23,680
And we went to different
places, you know, in Kobe,

407
00:20:23,680 --> 00:20:26,080
to those red districts
and here and there.

408
00:20:26,080 --> 00:20:28,630
It was quite an experience.

409
00:20:28,630 --> 00:20:31,270
We sometimes would
go to a restaurant

410
00:20:31,270 --> 00:20:35,090
and have some
coffee or something.

411
00:20:35,090 --> 00:20:36,880
And we were always
so amazed at the way

412
00:20:36,880 --> 00:20:42,170
the Japanese women were treating

the men when they came in.

413
00:20:42,170 --> 00:20:46,160
So it was really quite
exciting when we were there.

414
00:20:46,160 --> 00:20:50,198
But of course, we didn't
fully appreciate all this

415
00:20:50,198 --> 00:20:51,490
because we were still worrying.

416
00:20:51,490 --> 00:20:53,470
We were worrying
about our families

417
00:20:53,470 --> 00:20:55,120
which were left behind.

418
00:20:55,120 --> 00:20:57,310
We were worrying
about our future.

419
00:20:57,310 --> 00:20:59,170
We knew that we
had only a transit

420
00:20:59,170 --> 00:21:02,350
visa, which actually
let you stay

421
00:21:02,350 --> 00:21:04,510
in the country for four weeks.

422
00:21:04,510 --> 00:21:08,530
But through the graciousness
of the Japanese government,

423
00:21:08,530 --> 00:21:11,450
we were allowed to stay
just about six months.

424

00:21:11,450 --> 00:21:13,750

And so we were very uneasy.

425

00:21:13,750 --> 00:21:16,030

With all this, we were
very, very uneasy.

426

00:21:16,030 --> 00:21:18,680

We wanted to get out.

427

00:21:18,680 --> 00:21:21,670

We knew that we
can not stay there.

428

00:21:21,670 --> 00:21:23,890

And I was very fortunate
that my husband, who

429

00:21:23,890 --> 00:21:27,220

is very persistent,
he was traveling

430

00:21:27,220 --> 00:21:30,700

all the time to Tokyo, where
all the embassies were located,

431

00:21:30,700 --> 00:21:35,920

trying to find for us a place
of refuge, which was not very

432

00:21:35,920 --> 00:21:39,820

easy at that particular time.

433

00:21:39,820 --> 00:21:43,020

How did you finally
get a visit to get out?

434

00:21:43,020 --> 00:21:49,230

Well, my husband was
going constantly to Tokyo.

435

00:21:49,230 --> 00:21:54,340

And while he was in
Tokyo, he joined--

436
00:21:54,340 --> 00:21:57,000
there was a group of engineers.

437
00:21:57,000 --> 00:21:59,310
He was an agricultural engineer.

438
00:21:59,310 --> 00:22:02,580
The professional people that
there was a group of them.

439
00:22:02,580 --> 00:22:05,940
And they formed kind
of an organization.

440
00:22:05,940 --> 00:22:09,660
And they had some connections
with the maybe Polish embassy

441
00:22:09,660 --> 00:22:12,010
and so on.

442
00:22:12,010 --> 00:22:15,370
And my husband found out
that the Polish embassy

443
00:22:15,370 --> 00:22:18,970
had 20-some visas for
professional people

444
00:22:18,970 --> 00:22:21,970
to go to Canada.

445
00:22:21,970 --> 00:22:23,840
Since he was a
professional people,

446
00:22:23,840 --> 00:22:29,020
so he was one of them
who was provided,

447

00:22:29,020 --> 00:22:32,380

was going to be provided
with a visa to Canada.

448

00:22:32,380 --> 00:22:36,790

But they had only one visa
only for him, not for his wife.

449

00:22:36,790 --> 00:22:38,590

So of course, he
says, well I am not

450

00:22:38,590 --> 00:22:42,160

going unless I can get
a visa for my wife also.

451

00:22:42,160 --> 00:22:48,130

And at that time, he
phoned me, to Kobe,

452

00:22:48,130 --> 00:22:50,360

and he said, you-- or
no, he didn't actually.

453

00:22:50,360 --> 00:22:50,860

Cable.

454

00:22:50,860 --> 00:22:53,020

He cabled to Kobe, he cabled.

455

00:22:53,020 --> 00:22:55,630

Because there was no phone
like it is right now.

456

00:22:55,630 --> 00:22:58,600

And we didn't have
one in our home.

457

00:22:58,600 --> 00:23:02,890

And urging me to come
immediately to Tokyo

458

00:23:02,890 --> 00:23:06,490
because there is a possibility
that if I get there

459
00:23:06,490 --> 00:23:08,620
and we go together,
maybe we will

460
00:23:08,620 --> 00:23:10,300
be able to get another visa.

461
00:23:10,300 --> 00:23:11,530
And that's what happened.

462
00:23:11,530 --> 00:23:14,560
I left immediately
without taking anything

463
00:23:14,560 --> 00:23:16,450
and I joined Nathan.

464
00:23:16,450 --> 00:23:21,900
And somehow, we did get
another visa for me.

465
00:23:21,900 --> 00:23:26,340
And then I had about 24
hours to return to Kobe,

466
00:23:26,340 --> 00:23:29,310
and to collect the few
things what we had,

467
00:23:29,310 --> 00:23:32,970
and to board a boat for Canada.

468
00:23:32,970 --> 00:23:35,150
Because the boat was
leaving the following day.

469
00:23:35,150 --> 00:23:39,810

470

00:23:39,810 --> 00:23:42,720

How was your journey
on the boat to Canada?

471

00:23:42,720 --> 00:23:46,430

Well, again, I was very sick.

472

00:23:46,430 --> 00:23:47,400

So start it with--

473

00:23:47,400 --> 00:23:48,893

Oh, I shouldn't say that.

474

00:23:48,893 --> 00:23:49,393

OK.

475

00:23:49,393 --> 00:23:51,870

That's all right.

476

00:23:51,870 --> 00:23:56,490

The journey to Canada was
on a boat called Hiamaru.

477

00:23:56,490 --> 00:23:59,910

And this boat also
was a freighter.

478

00:23:59,910 --> 00:24:02,880

We didn't have the
best accommodation.

479

00:24:02,880 --> 00:24:06,330

But I'm a very poor
traveler on boats.

480

00:24:06,330 --> 00:24:07,920

And I was very sick.

481

00:24:07,920 --> 00:24:09,570

And as much as we were hungry.

482

00:24:09,570 --> 00:24:11,550
And they had really
some delicious food

483
00:24:11,550 --> 00:24:13,200
in the dining room.

484
00:24:13,200 --> 00:24:14,820
I just couldn't.

485
00:24:14,820 --> 00:24:16,570
I didn't want to eat anything.

486
00:24:16,570 --> 00:24:19,710
My husband was pushing
me up on the deck.

487
00:24:19,710 --> 00:24:23,250
But I, again, I couldn't
care less if I live or die,

488
00:24:23,250 --> 00:24:24,300
I can tell you.

489
00:24:24,300 --> 00:24:28,560
Because I was sick for
12 days until we got.

490
00:24:28,560 --> 00:24:31,230
There we got to Seattle,
which I will never forget.

491
00:24:31,230 --> 00:24:34,470
Because our boat
landed in Seattle.

492
00:24:34,470 --> 00:24:40,200
And to being from Warsaw and
United States, that was heaven.

493
00:24:40,200 --> 00:24:43,120
This most democratic
country in the world.

494
00:24:43,120 --> 00:24:46,470
And here we are in Seattle.

495
00:24:46,470 --> 00:24:53,940
It was just such an
unbelievable joy and exuberance

496
00:24:53,940 --> 00:24:56,790
to see those people,
the Americans, working.

497
00:24:56,790 --> 00:24:58,770
The way they were
directing those boats

498
00:24:58,770 --> 00:25:02,040
with their little fingers,
how to unload a boat.

499
00:25:02,040 --> 00:25:03,000
It was amazing.

500
00:25:03,000 --> 00:25:05,250
And we stayed there until
they unloaded the boat

501
00:25:05,250 --> 00:25:07,560
in the States, in Seattle.

502
00:25:07,560 --> 00:25:09,840
And from there, they
took us to Vancouver.

503
00:25:09,840 --> 00:25:12,570
The same board
came to Vancouver.

504
00:25:12,570 --> 00:25:13,120
Great.

505
00:25:13,120 --> 00:25:13,620

Good.

506

00:25:13,620 --> 00:25:16,868

507

00:25:16,868 --> 00:25:18,593

Let's see.

508

00:25:18,593 --> 00:25:21,010

What were you able to take
with you on this whole journey?

509

00:25:21,010 --> 00:25:24,160

510

00:25:24,160 --> 00:25:26,480

Starting when you left Warsaw.

511

00:25:26,480 --> 00:25:29,590

What did you take with you?

512

00:25:29,590 --> 00:25:32,440

When I left Warsaw--

513

00:25:32,440 --> 00:25:35,043

you see the point is
like, he's typing,

514

00:25:35,043 --> 00:25:36,460

let him not type
right now, I just

515

00:25:36,460 --> 00:25:37,080

want to tell you something.

516

00:25:37,080 --> 00:25:38,373

No, tell me, tell me, go ahead.

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00:25:38,373 --> 00:25:39,790

I just want to
tell you something.

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00:25:39,790 --> 00:25:41,290

Because you see,
when I left Warsaw,

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00:25:41,290 --> 00:25:44,150

I told you my
sister-in-law also left.

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00:25:44,150 --> 00:25:47,230

I told you before, but we
didn't put that in this story.

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00:25:47,230 --> 00:25:49,000

Anyhow, she was--

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00:25:49,000 --> 00:25:50,050

I took two dresses.

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00:25:50,050 --> 00:25:52,690

But I had to give her one
because his things were all

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00:25:52,690 --> 00:25:53,200

stolen.

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00:25:53,200 --> 00:25:55,690

So I was left with one of
everything, whatever I had.

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00:25:55,690 --> 00:25:57,593

Anyhow, now, I will go.

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00:25:57,593 --> 00:25:58,135

OK, go ahead.

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00:25:58,135 --> 00:25:59,110

OK.

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00:25:59,110 --> 00:26:02,080

When I left Warsaw,
I took a knapsack.

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00:26:02,080 --> 00:26:07,950

And I had a pair
of ski boots, and I

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00:26:07,950 --> 00:26:16,280

had one dress, some underwear,
that's about it, a comb.

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00:26:16,280 --> 00:26:17,570

I didn't have anything else.

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00:26:17,570 --> 00:26:21,900

I just had my father's
belt around my waist.

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00:26:21,900 --> 00:26:23,960

I didn't have any photographs.

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00:26:23,960 --> 00:26:26,260

I even had a ring.

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00:26:26,260 --> 00:26:27,980

I didn't take my watch along.

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00:26:27,980 --> 00:26:29,460

I didn't take a ring along.

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00:26:29,460 --> 00:26:33,320

I was so sure that
I'm going to go back.

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00:26:33,320 --> 00:26:40,970

I only had \$4 American and I
had about 100 Polish zlotys.

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00:26:40,970 --> 00:26:41,720

That's what I had.

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00:26:41,720 --> 00:26:42,650

Very few things.

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00:26:42,650 --> 00:26:44,480
First of all, it
would too heavy to be

543
00:26:44,480 --> 00:26:47,510
walking across and carrying
a heavy knapsack, you know,

544
00:26:47,510 --> 00:26:50,690
across the border.

545
00:26:50,690 --> 00:26:52,580
So that's all I had.

546
00:26:52,580 --> 00:26:57,350
And then when we
get to Lithuania,

547
00:26:57,350 --> 00:26:59,810
we had to buy a pillow.

548
00:26:59,810 --> 00:27:01,880
You know, and in
the old country,

549
00:27:01,880 --> 00:27:06,050
when they had a pillow,
was one big square.

550
00:27:06,050 --> 00:27:08,390
Not like two pillows what
you got in this country,

551
00:27:08,390 --> 00:27:11,090
but there was one, big pillow.

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00:27:11,090 --> 00:27:11,900
So we had to.

553
00:27:11,900 --> 00:27:13,100
We bought a pillow.

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00:27:13,100 --> 00:27:15,740
So we had this one big pillow.

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00:27:15,740 --> 00:27:20,250
And what I'm taking with me,
this pillow never left us.

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00:27:20,250 --> 00:27:21,470
Would you believe it?

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00:27:21,470 --> 00:27:26,600
We took this pillow
all the way to Japan.

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00:27:26,600 --> 00:27:32,250
We landed in Vancouver
with this pillow.

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00:27:32,250 --> 00:27:38,970
And then years later, it was
a down pillow, or feathers.

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00:27:38,970 --> 00:27:41,580
We went to a place and
they divided this pillow,

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00:27:41,580 --> 00:27:45,560
and they made two
pillows out of it.

562
00:27:45,560 --> 00:27:49,610
And those two pillows,
we had for a long time.

563
00:27:49,610 --> 00:27:51,480
Then finally, we changed.

564
00:27:51,480 --> 00:27:53,570
And when my daughter
bought a summer home,

565
00:27:53,570 --> 00:27:54,950
we gave her those two pillows.

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00:27:54,950 --> 00:27:57,911

I think those two pillows
are still in her summer home.

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00:27:57,911 --> 00:27:58,411

OK.

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00:27:58,411 --> 00:27:59,410

That's a great story.

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00:27:59,410 --> 00:28:00,330

I love it.

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00:28:00,330 --> 00:28:03,100

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00:28:03,100 --> 00:28:08,450

What role do you think luck
played in your survival?

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00:28:08,450 --> 00:28:11,345

Oh, I would say 90%.

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00:28:11,345 --> 00:28:12,470

Can you give me a complete?

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00:28:12,470 --> 00:28:14,540

Oh, I forgot.

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00:28:14,540 --> 00:28:16,760

Sorry.

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00:28:16,760 --> 00:28:22,010

I think that I was a very lucky
person because many people who

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00:28:22,010 --> 00:28:24,500

escaped by themselves,
they didn't have anybody,

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00:28:24,500 --> 00:28:26,360
they were just by themselves.

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00:28:26,360 --> 00:28:29,960
Even though I left home
and I was always very much

580
00:28:29,960 --> 00:28:32,510
doted on by my
family, because I came

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00:28:32,510 --> 00:28:35,780
from a quite well-to-do home.

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00:28:35,780 --> 00:28:37,280
I was never by myself.

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00:28:37,280 --> 00:28:40,220
Because the minute I left,
then I joined my husband.

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00:28:40,220 --> 00:28:42,800
And I was very fortunate
because I always

585
00:28:42,800 --> 00:28:44,960
had my husband by my side.

586
00:28:44,960 --> 00:28:48,490
I mean, if we suffered,
we suffer together.

587
00:28:48,490 --> 00:28:52,630
And I think that I was just
about the luckiest person.

588
00:28:52,630 --> 00:28:55,840
I consider myself very
lucky despite all this,

589
00:28:55,840 --> 00:28:57,640
because I always--

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00:28:57,640 --> 00:29:02,720
we always had each other, which
very few people could say that

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00:29:02,720 --> 00:29:04,880
through the war.

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00:29:04,880 --> 00:29:11,610
And of course, when we came to
Canada, the war was still on.

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00:29:11,610 --> 00:29:14,160
That was 1941.

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00:29:14,160 --> 00:29:18,300
And my husband joined
the Canadian Army.

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00:29:18,300 --> 00:29:23,490
And he actually did not have
to join the Canadian Army.

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00:29:23,490 --> 00:29:27,090
Because he couldn't get
a job in his profession.

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00:29:27,090 --> 00:29:29,160
It was very hard to get a job.

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00:29:29,160 --> 00:29:36,690
So he got a very hard
job working in a factory,

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00:29:36,690 --> 00:29:41,130
where they were carrying
animals on his back,

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00:29:41,130 --> 00:29:43,650
you know, something like
beef in a packing house.

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00:29:43,650 --> 00:29:46,200

He gets a job for a short time.

602
00:29:46,200 --> 00:29:50,130
He was working there for
about 10 months or a year.

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00:29:50,130 --> 00:29:53,250
And while he was there,
he went to school.

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00:29:53,250 --> 00:29:56,520
Since the war was on, to
learn to work on a lathe.

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00:29:56,520 --> 00:29:58,590
And he was to make tools.

606
00:29:58,590 --> 00:30:02,610
So after, he left his
job and he got a job

607
00:30:02,610 --> 00:30:06,840
with Boeing, which had also
a place here in Vancouver.

608
00:30:06,840 --> 00:30:07,960
And he worked there.

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00:30:07,960 --> 00:30:10,390
So that was the
essential industry.

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00:30:10,390 --> 00:30:13,720
But that was like '43.

611
00:30:13,720 --> 00:30:16,390
And he did not have
to go to the Army.

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00:30:16,390 --> 00:30:19,780
But he said to me, I
have to join the Army--

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00:30:19,780 --> 00:30:22,840

because she could
be exempt working

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00:30:22,840 --> 00:30:24,700

in an essential industry.

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00:30:24,700 --> 00:30:28,690

But he said, look, after
the war, how would I feel?

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00:30:28,690 --> 00:30:31,780

Here I am, a young man, and
our people are suffering.

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00:30:31,780 --> 00:30:34,420

I can not even talk
about, makes me cry.

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00:30:34,420 --> 00:30:39,390

And our people suffer so much.

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00:30:39,390 --> 00:30:43,980

And after the war, I never
contributed anything.

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00:30:43,980 --> 00:30:45,250

I just didn't do anything.

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00:30:45,250 --> 00:30:48,280

So he joined the army.

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00:30:48,280 --> 00:30:51,430

And by that time,
I had a little boy.

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00:30:51,430 --> 00:30:53,050

So it was really
very hard for me.

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00:30:53,050 --> 00:30:55,630

But I never felt that

it's hard for me.

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00:30:55,630 --> 00:31:00,570

I truly never had felt that
anything is hard for me.

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00:31:00,570 --> 00:31:02,420

I really--

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00:31:02,420 --> 00:31:12,064