TRAINS WERE STILL GOING FROM PROTECTORATE TO REICH. ONLY, ONE NEEDED LEGAL PAPERS. OF COURSE, THIS I DIDN'T HAVE ...







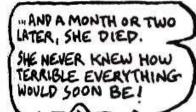




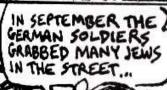






















At 7:00 it was a rule. All Jews had to Be in their home and all lights out.









I GRABBED MY SON. HE WAS 22 YEARS.















































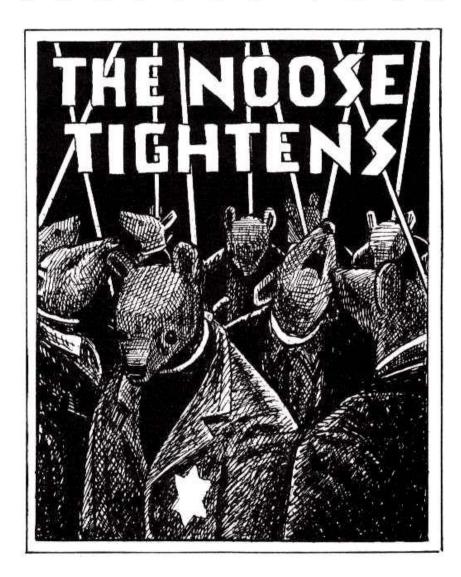








## CHAPTER FOUR





















IT WAS TWELVE OF US LIVING IN FATHER-IN-LAWS HOUSEHOLD ...



AND OUR BOY, RICHIEU...



ANJA'S OLDER SISTER, TOSHA HER KUSBAND, WOLFE, AND THEIR LITTLE GIRL, BIBI ...



AND IT WAS ANIA'S GRAND-PARENTS. THEY HAD MAYBE 90 YEARS, BUT VERY ALERT...



AND, OF COURSE, IT WAS MY FATHER-IN-LAW AND MY MOTHER-IN-LAW ...

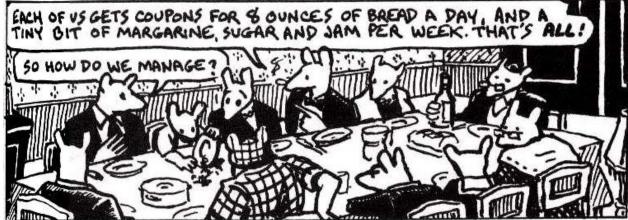


AND ALSO THE 2 KIDS FROM YOUR UNCLE HERMAN AND AUNT HELEN: LOLEK AND LONG

HERMAN AND HELA WERE LUCKY. THEY WERE VISIT-ING THE N.Y. WORLD'S FAIR WHEN THE WAR CAME



























I WENT THE NEXT DAY TO MODRZEJOWSKA STREET. HERE PEOPLE STILL MADE MONEY, FROM SECRET BUSINESSES\_NOT SO LEGAL...



WENT THEN TO SHOPS WHAT STILL OWED WE MONEY FROM BEFORE THE WAR...











SO I MADE A NICE FEW 2LOTYS THE VERY FIRST WEEK I CAME HOME. I REMEMBER, FATHER-IN-LAW WAS SO HAPPY WITH ME.









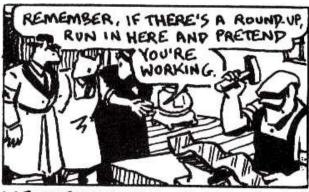


## I TALKED ABOUT IT TO FATHER-IN-LAW ...









I LEARNED HERE TO DO THINGS WHAT WERE USEFUL TO ME WHEN I CAME TO AVSOIDUTE

AND SO WE LIVED FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. BUT ALWAYS THINGS CAME A LITTLE WORSE, A LITTLE WORSE...





WOLFE AND I SHLEPPED EVERYTHING VALUABLE DOWNSTAIRS FOR A POLISH NEIGHBOR TO HIDE.

ANJA'S MOTHER HAD GALLSTONES. THE DAY THE GERMANS CAME SHE LAY IN THE BED.





FATHER-IN-LAW HAD AN OLD FRIEND WHO CAME ALWAYS OVER TO PLAY CARDS.

HIDDEN, WE HAD NO USE FROM THE FURNITURE. SO WE SHLEPPED IT AGAIN UPSTAIRS TO SELL.









HE WAS SO UNHAPPY AFTER. SO UNHAPPY!





THEN FROM FAR, I SAW ILZECKI WALKING, SO I WENT HASTY OVER TO HIM.







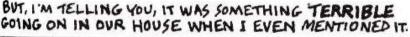
ILZECKI HAD A SON THE SAME AGE LIKE RICHIEV. IF YOU ONLY COULD SEE HOW THOSE CHILDREN PLAYED TOGETHER.





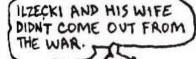












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ALL 12 OF OUR HOUSEHOLD WERE GIVEN NOW TO LIVE IN 2'2 SMALL ROOMS ...



BUT THIS WASN'T YET A REAL GHETTO. STILL YOU COULD GO INTO OTHER PARTS OF TOWN SO LONG YOU WERE HOME AT NIGHT-TIME





FOR A COUPLE MONTHS I DID HERE STILL MY BLACK MARKET BUSINESS. THEN CAME MORE BAD NEWS, VERY BAD...

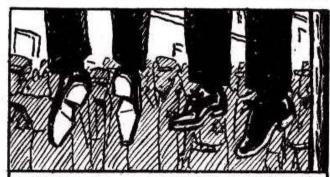








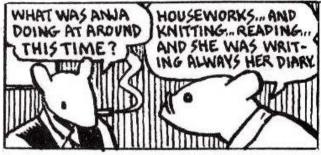
COHN HAD A DRY GOODS STORE. HE WAS KNOWN OVER ALL SOSNOWIEC. OFTEN HE GAVE ME CLOTH WITH NO COUPONS.



I TRADED ALSO WITH PFEFER, A FINE YOUNG MAN-A ZIONIST. HE WAS JUST MARRIED. HIS WIFE RAN SCREAMING IN THE STREET.





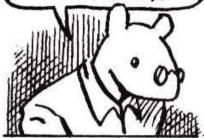














FOR A WHILE I HAD ALSO A FOOD BUSINESS THAT I DIDN'T YET TELL YOU ...

I MET SZKLARCZYK. HE HAD A BIG GROCERY ON MODRZEJOWSKA ..



SO, TOGETHER WE SAT AND SPOKE, AND HE HELPED FROM TIME TO TIME, A CUSTOMER...



THEN A LITTLE MORE WE SPOKE AND HE MADE TO ME A PROPOSITION ...



WHEN SOMEBODY IS HUNGRY HE LOOKS FOR BUSINESS...



ONE TIME I HAD 10 OR 15 KILOS SUGAR TO DELIVER.



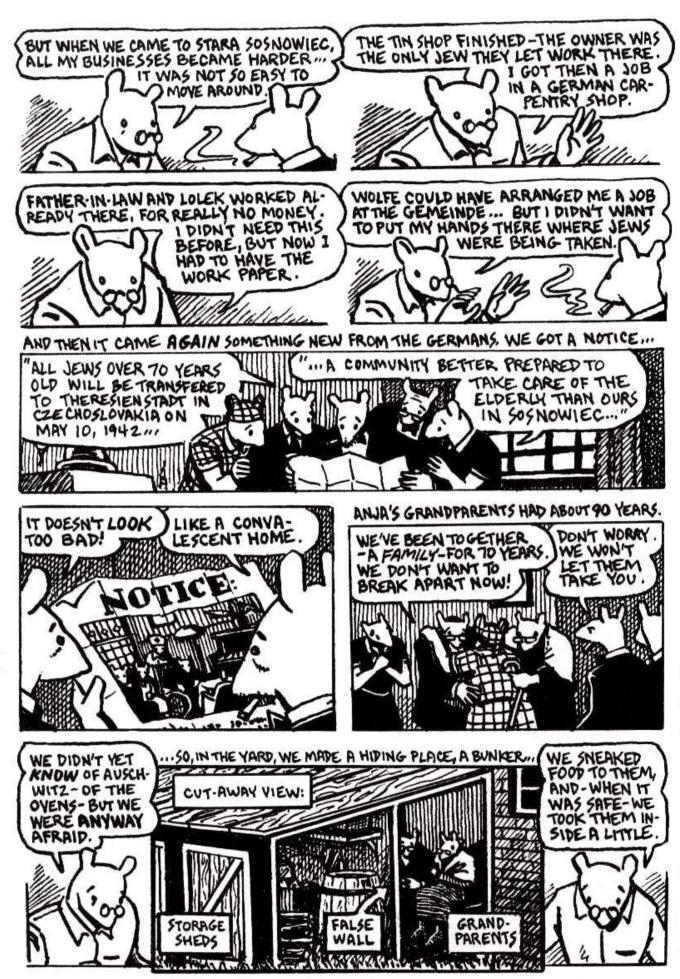
WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO SAY? FOR THIS I COULD REALLY HANG!

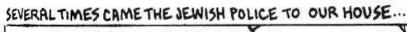












OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT MR. AND )
MRS. KARMIO LIVE HERE, THEY
HAVEN'T REGISTERED FOR TRANSFER.

PARENTS - THEY WITH WORD A MONTH AGO.





SOME JEWS THOUGHT IN THIS WAY: IF THEY GAVE TO THE GERMANS A FEW JEWS, THEY COULD SAVE THE REST.

AND AT LEAST THEY COULD SAVE THEMSELVES. AND A MONTH AFTER, THEY AGAIN CAME TO FATHER IN LAW.



HE HAD STILL A LITTLE "PROTECTION" FROM THE GEMEIN-DE, SO THEY TOOK ONLY HIM AWAY-NOT HIS WIFE.



HE WROTE THAT WE HAD TO GIVE OVER THE GRANDPARENTS. EVEN IF THEY TOOK DALLY HIM AWAY NOW, NEXT THEY WOULD GRAB HIS WIFE, AND THEN THE REST OF THE FAMILY.

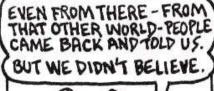
SO, WHAT HAPPENED?



THEY THOUGHT IT WAS TO THERESIENSTADT THEY WERE GOING.











AFTER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GRANDPARENTS IT WAS A FEW MONTHS QUIET. THEN IT CAME POSTERS EVERYWHERE AND SPEECHES FROM THE GEMEINDE...







MY FATHER-HE HAD 62 YEARS-CAME BY STREETCAR TO ME FROM DABROWA, THE VILLAGE NEXT DOOR FROM SOSHOWIEC.



AFTER MY MOTHER DIED WITH CANCER, HE LIVED THERE IN THE HOUSE OF MY SISTER FELA, AND HER FOUR SMALL CHILDREN.











REALLY, I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO ADVISE HIM.





WHEN WE WERE EVERYBODY INSIDE, GESTAPO WITH MACHINE GUNS SURROUNDED THE STADIUM.

LINE UP BY FAMILY
AT THE TABLES TO
REGISTER! QUICKLY

THEN WAS A SELECTION, WITH PEOPLE SENT EITHER TO THE LEFT, EITHER TO THE RIGHT.





WE WERE SO HAPPY WE CAME THROUGH. BUT WE WORRIED NOW-WERE OUR FAMILIES SAFE?





BUT LATER SOMEONE WHO SAW HIM TOLD ME ... HE CAME THROUGH THIS SAME COUSIN OVER TO THE GOOD SIDE.



HER, THEY SENT TO THE LEFT. FOUR CHILDREN WAS TOO MANY.



MY DAUGHTER! HOW CAN SHE
MANAGE ALONE - WITH FOUR
CHILDREN TO TAKE CARE OF?

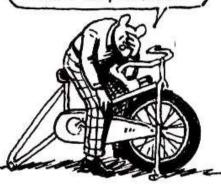
AND, WHAT DO YOUTHINK? HE SNEAKED ON TO THE BAD SIDE!

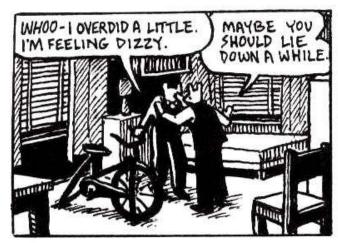


THOSE WITH A STAMP WERE LET TO GO HOME. BUT THERE WERE VERY FEW JEWS NOW LEFT IN SOSNOWIEC ...



WELL... IT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY. YES, ARTIE?...

















BUT MY MOTHER SURVIVED THAT. HER BROTHER WAS ON THE JEWISH COM. MITTEE, AND HE HID HER IN A COAL CELLAR TIL ALL THE TRANSPORTS LEFT.



THEN HE GOT ME A JOB SCRUBBING THE PEOPLE'S FILTH - VOMIT! EXCREMENT! - OUT OF SEVERAL APARTMENTS, AND I MANAGED TO SMUGGLE HER OUT.

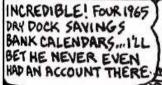












HE DRIVES ME CRAZY! HE WON'T EVEN LET ME THROW OUT THE PLAS-TIC PITCHER HE TOOK FROM HIS HOSPITAL ROOM LAST YEAR!









## CHAPTER FIVE

