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EICHMANN IN JERUSALEM

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CAST OF CHARACTERS:

ADOLPH EICHMANN

CHRIST

SASSEN

THIRD MAN

AGENT ONE

AGENT TWO

DR SERVATIUS

PASTOR HULL

PASTOR'S WIFE

EICHMANN'S WIFE

THE JEWISH WOMAN

BEN GURION

HOSS

HIMMLER

MULLER

HEYDRICH

STORFER

THE JUDGE

THE JEWISH MAN

THE STATISTICIAN

FIRST, SECOND MAN (ARGENTINIAN FASCISTS)

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Author' s Notes

Please note that the scenes between Eichmann and Pastor Hull, as well as the courtroom scenes are all closely based on historical record and in some cases, taken from verbatim transcripts. All the facts and figures quoted in the play are also a matter of historical record.

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Production Notes

Any production of this play should require no more than EIGHT actors. All the parts, with the exception of EICHMANN, should be shared by the core group of actors as indicated in the list of characters.

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ACT ONE

ACT ONE SCENE ONE

LIGHTS. The JEWISH WOMAN is sitting in a chair with her arms tied behind her back. Her mouth is taped over. Her eyes are filled with terror. Seated, watching her are several MEN. As she squirms and attempts to make sound, they watch impassively.

FIRST MAN

So, what do we do now?

SECOND MAN

Hang her...just like those Zionist bastards did to him..

The THIRD MAN steps closer to the WOMAN.

FIRST MAN

Maybe we just leave her here...who is going to find this place?

THIRD MAN

We want to send a message to the rest of them. A *living* example...

The THIRD MAN pulls out a knife.

THIRD MAN (CONT'D)

Pull open her blouse...take the tape off...no one will hear anything.

In darkness...

EICHMANN'S VOICE

8th May 1945. Fifteen years later, writing about that day, I can recall how I sensed from then on I would live a leaderless, difficult, individual life, I would receive no directives from anybody, no orders and commands would any longer be issued to me, no pertinent ordinances would be there to consult - in brief, a life never known before lay ahead of me...

LIGHTS. EICHMANN is seated at a table. A sumptuous meal lays before him, as if at a five star restaurant. There is a bottle of wine on the table and a glass. EICHMANN has clearly finished his meal. He takes a sip of wine.

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Out of the corner of his eye he sees the THIRD MAN coming towards him. The THIRD MAN is wiping blood off his knife. EICHMANN is not alarmed. The scene is tranquil. A tape recorder also sits on the table. The THIRD MAN/CHRIST sits down and turns it on.

EICHMANN

I have been waiting for you.

CHRIST

Are you well.

EICHMANN

Yes, quite well.

CHRIST

What is your attitude today?

EICHMANN

Just the same. I have not changed at all.

CHRIST

Are you still looking to man for hope and pardon?

EICHMANN

Man does not interest me. I do not care what he thinks. I am not guilty of the things charged against me. The greatest part of what was said in court was not true.

CHRIST

The court sessions must have been very hard for you.

EICHMANN

No, it was not hard. I cannot be responsible for all that is said about me.

CHRIST

Tell me something...are you resigned to your fate?

EICHMANN

Yes, I am quite prepared to die. As were you.

CHRIST

Won't you let me help you to further prepare?

EICHMANN

What is the use of discussing it?

CHRIST

The only comfort I can bring you is from the Bible.

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EI CHMANN

I am not interested in Jewish stories.

CHRIST

It is not stories I want to read to but what my father has spoken.

EI CHMANN

I made it very clear, I am not interested in anything else.

CHRIST

Then what is the point of my being here?

EI CHMANN

I cannot pretend to believe something that I do not.

CHRIST

Haven't you given any thought as to what will be your end?

EI CHMANN

It means nothing to me.

CHRIST

But you are going to hell.

Pause. EICHMANN looks around.

EI CHMANN

I do not believe in hell. Those are men's thoughts; there is no hell.

Pause.

CHRIST

Why do you not believe in God?

EI CHMANN

God must be all powerful. If he was all powerful, he would have stopped the genocide against the Jews.

CHRIST

The Holocaust.

EI CHMANN

(Nonplussed)

Whatever you would like to call it.

CHRIST

But didn't you believe God was on your side?

EI CHMANN

It had nothing to do with God, but about blood!

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CHRIST

Was I supposed to have stopped you...stopped the Nazis?

EICHMANN

If you were all powerful...and just!

CHRIST

But I didn't...

EICHMANN

Even though you could have?

CHRIST

The Lord works in mysterious ways.

EICHMANN

That's right! That means you wanted it to happen.

CHRIST

How do you know that?

EICHMANN

A just God would *not* have let it happen.

CHRIST

God *is* all powerful. To be all powerful, he cannot always be Just.

EICHMANN

If you are all powerful and did nothing to stop the murder of a million children, when you are supposed to have intervened on countless other occasions, then you might as well be the Devil, and surely he was on our side!

EICHMANN starts laughing, feeling that he has trumped CHRIST.

CHRIST

Tell me Eichmann, what methods did you use to find all the Jews?

EICHMANN hits the stop button on the tape recorder. LIGHTS. The SECOND and THIRD MAN go over to the WOMAN. The THIRD MAN raises his knife. A blood curdling SCREAM.

ACT ONE SCENE TWO

LIGHTS on the STATISTICIAN. He is every bit the faceless Nazi bureaucrat.

STATISTICIAN

Argentina... a working class suburb on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, 1956...

LIGHTS on EICHMANN and SASSEN, a fellow former SS in hiding. EICHMANN is noticeably affected by the alcohol.

EICHMANN

How many Sassen?

SASSEN

How many what...? What is it Eichmann...? Maybe you have had too much to drink...

EICHMANN

Pages...pages. We have met like this so many times over...

SASSEN

Five months...and six hundred and ninety five pages...

EICHMANN

And these tapes?

SASSEN

No fewer than sixty seven reels.

EICHMANN

Some of the others...Fritsche, Mildner, are not happy with our little project.

SASSEN

Then they should stop showing up.

EICHMANN

It looks like they have.

SASSEN

I took the liberty of not inviting them for this session.

EICHMANN

Maybe they are right...history has already judged us...if you publish this...

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SASSEN

Listen Eichmann, we were all SS...whether Gestapo, Waffen or Death's Head, RHSA, when it came to the Jew, we did our duty...You said yourself none of these contemporary accounts of what happened are authentic, from the point of view of a central participant...

EICHMANN

Then why your obsession with numbers Sassen? If we did our duty...why quibble over the numbers? The fact remains...we did not kill them all...

SASSEN

This is your last opportunity to redress the past...or at least your role in it. Do not let history...the Israelis, condemn Hitler and the Third Reich simply for what happened to the Jews. These numbers you talk about would mean we almost-

EICHMANN

Exactly Sassen. All it would have taken is a few more months...

SASSEN

So tell me Eichmann, do you have any regrets?

ACT ONE SCENE THREE

LIGHTS on PASTOR HULL hurriedly packing his belongings, spare collars, black shirts, a Bible, a crucifix. The STATISTICIAN goes up to EICHMANN.

One. God's judgement versus man's.

EICHMANN

Is it all ready Korrher?

The STATISTICIAN prepares to read from a prepared list.

STATISTICIAN

Six zones just as you instructed. Zone one will comprise Carpatho Ruthenia and north eastern Hungary...

EICHMANN

How many?

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STATISTICIAN
An estimated target of 200,000 Jews.

EICHMANN
Next.

STATISTICIAN
Zone Two... includes Kolozsvar/Ciuj and northern Transylvania, approximately 100,000.

PASTOR HULL
Two. All have sinned.

EICHMANN
Zone Three, comprising Northern Hungary, around 55,000 Jews.

PASTOR HULL
Three. All are lost because of sin.

STATISTICIAN
Zone Four, Debrecen and Szeged in the South... say 45,000 Jews...

PASTOR HULL
Four. Christ died for sinners. Five. All can be saved!

STATISTICIAN
Zone Five in south west Hungary about 30,000.

PASTOR HULL
Six.

The PASTOR pauses.

PASTOR HULL (CONT'D)
What is six...?

STATISTICIAN
...and on the periphery of Budapest, Zone Six should net us another 25,000.

PASTOR HULL
SIX! Salvation is through faith!

STATISTICIAN
Everything is in place Herr Obersturmbannfuhrer.

EICHMANN lights a cigarette and takes a refreshing drag as he contemplates the universe. As EICHMANN speaks, the AGENTS appear quietly behind him and stealthily approach.

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EI CHMANN

"I myself believe that it is better for us - us together- to have born this out for our people, that we have taken the responsibility for it on ourselves, and that we should take this secret with us to our graves..."

LIGHTS on the STATISTICIAN.

STATISTICIAN

By 1944, he was known as the Grand Inquisitor of all the Jews in Europe. If Jews were alive he would find out about it. No obstacle got in his way. No matter how hard the camps were working, he complained that the quotas were too low. No loophole was too small for him to close, whether it be the un-co-operativeness of the Italians or the free zone in Vichy France. Eichmann used to say, if Himmler had given him a free hand in Denmark earlier on, no Jew would have made it to Sweden!

ACT ONE SCENE FOUR

LIGHTS on BEN GURION and AGENT ONE. He hands BEN GURION a file. EI CHMANN remains visible in his cell.

BEN GURION

So who is this one?

AGENT ONE

Adolph Eichmann.

LIGHTS on the STATISTICIAN.

STATISTICIAN

May 1960...

BEN GURION

Rank?

AGENT ONE

Obersturmbannfuhrer.

BEN GURION give him a reprovng look.

AGENT ONE (CONT'D)

Lieutenant Colonel. SS. He ran the Department IVB4 as part of the SD. He is a Nazi through and through.

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BEN GURION

There are plenty of former SS running around, most of them still in Germany right under their noses.

AGENT ONE

The tip off came from Germany. One of their top lawyers apparently... a Fritz Bauer.

BEN GURION

And what are we supposed to do with him? The Arabs want to destroy us just as much as the Nazis ever did. They are our problem now.

AGENT ONE

Eichmann arranged *all* the transportations, all the cattle cars to all the camps. He was doing it right till the end, even against Himmler's orders... the Vatican assisted with his escape Prime Minister. They knew what he had done.

Pause. BEN GURION takes a closer look at the file.

BEN GURION

So where is he?

The AGENT lays out documents in front of BEN GURION.

AGENT ONE

Argentina. We've already confirmed his identity. He lives with his whole family outside Buones Aires.

BEN GURION

Their government is pro Nazi. There is no point in seeking extradition. It must be a covert operation.

AGENT ONE

The snatch team is ready to go sir. All we need is your permission.

BEN GURION hands AGENT ONE the file.

BEN GURION

Whatever happens, if Eichmann does not get on that plane, he cannot remain alive.

AGENT ONE

Of course.

LIGHTS.

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BEN GURION

"Dear Mr. President. At this hour, as a result of the capture of the Nazi war criminal Adolph Eichmann, and his transfer to Israel, misunderstandings may arise in the relations between the Republic of Argentina and the State of Israel..."

LIGHTS. The AGENTS are huddled around a small table with a map on it.

STATISTICIAN

11th May 1960...

AGENT ONE

This is his address, Fourteen Garibaldi St. He has no neighbours so visibility for him is 360 degrees. Therefore we need to grab him before he arrives home. We know he walks from the house to a nearby bus stop on route 202 and takes the 203 autobus to work every morning. He returns by the same bus every evening.

AGENT TWO

We snatch him on the way home under the cover of darkness.

AGENT ONE

The bus drops him off punctually at 7.40pm. He walks three hundred yards to his home in almost total darkness...

AGENT TWO

Sometimes he uses a torch...for puddles.

AGENT ONE

Once he passes a small shop before the junction of route 202 and Garibaldi St, there is no illumination. Nobody around. That's where we abduct him.

LIGHTS on the AGENTS closing in on EICHMANN.

AGENT ONE (CONT'D)

Eichmann. Adolph Eichmann?

He turns to look at them.

EICHMANN

Who wants to know?

The AGENTS leap upon EICHMANN grabbing his arms subduing him. He screams like a cornered animal. A hood is placed over EICHMANN'S head. He is thrown onto a chair.

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LIGHTS on BEN GURION. He refers to the recently captured EICHMANN.

BEN GURION

"Hundreds of people in Israel and abroad would not rest since the end of the war until they had found the man who had been in charge of this appalling campaign of extermination. They regarded it as their mission in life to bring this man responsible for this crime, without precedence in history, to stand trial before the Jewish people. Such a trial can only take place in Israel..."

ACT ONE SCENE FIVE

LIGHTS. EICHMANN is surrounded by the AGENTS. His hood is taken off. BEN GURION looks on.

EICHMANN

Why have you kidnapped me and taken me to this place? I am a simple family man. This doesn't make any sense!

AGENT ONE

SHUT UP! You will have plenty of time to ask questions where you're going. But first we have a few questions...

AGENT TWO

Was is dein Name?

EICHMANN looks around warily before answering.

EICHMANN

Otto Heninger.

AGENT ONE

Your SS number, was 45526.

EICHMANN

No. 45326.

AGENT ONE

Good. Now- Was ist dein Name?

EICHMANN hesitates. AGENT TWO sticks a gun to EICHMANN'S head.

EICHMANN

Ich bin Adolph Eichmann.

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The AGENTS look at each other with inestimable relief.

AGENT TWO
Would you like something to drink?

EICHMANN
No.

AGENT ONE
I just have a few simple questions for you. Answer them for me and we won't have any problems.

EICHMANN
Jawohl, mein Herr.

AGENT TWO
First, we're interested in finding out where Mengele lives. Can you tell us?

EICHMANN
No, I don't know about that.

AGENT ONE
I suppose you don't even know if he's in Argentina?

EICHMANN
I don't know.

AGENT TWO
But wasn't it your friends who helped you with false papers and to reach Argentina.

EICHMANN
That was a long time ago.

AGENT TWO
Do you want us to help your family?

EICHMANN
Have you done anything to them?

AGENT ONE
They're fine. (Pause) Let's talk about your wife. We'll get back to the matter of your SS comrades later. What do you think she's done about your not having returned?

EICHMANN
Nothing. She's frightened. She doesn't understand.

AGENT TWO
What about your sons Nicholas and Dieter?

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EI CHMANN

They will know something has happened. Perhaps an accident. They'll check where I work, with the driver of my bus, maybe at the hospitals.

AGENT TWO

Will they go to the police?

EI CHMANN

I don't know. I don't think so.

AGENT ONE

What's your connection with the Parties of the Right here in Argentina?

EI CHMANN

We are Germans. We keep company with Germans.

AGENT TWO

Do you know who we are?

EI CHMANN is silent.

AGENT TWO

Do you know who we are?

EI CHMANN

You are Israelis. I knew immediately.

One of the AGENTS places a document in front of EI CHMANN.

AGENT ONE

Read and sign please...

EI CHMANN

"I Adolph Eichmann, the undersigned, declare of my own free will: Since my identity is now known, I recognise that there is no sense in attempting to evade justice any longer. I declare myself willing to go to Israel and face proceedings there before a competent court...

EI CHMANN looks at the AGENTS surrounding him. He signs the document.

ACT ONE SCENE SIX

LIGHTS on BEN GURION.

STATISTICIAN

23rd May 1960...

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BEN GURION

A short time ago one of the greatest of Nazi criminals was found by the Israeli Security Service. Adolph Eichmann, who was responsible, together with the Nazi leaders, for what they called the "Final Solution of the Jewish Problem" - that is the extermination of six million Jews in Europe. Adolph Eichmann is already under arrest in Israel, and he will shortly be brought to trial under the Nazis and Nazi Collaborator Law of 1950..."

A shocked silence, followed by gasps and small cries. SOUND of cheering and applause. BEN GURION beams with pride. LIGHTS. EICHMANN is dragged to his feet by the AGENTS.

AGENT ONE

Take off your clothes.

EICHMANN hesitates.

AGENT TWO

That is an order!

EICHMANN begins immediately. LIGHTS on the JUDGE behind his bench.

JUDGE

Adolph Eichmann, are you Adolph Eichmann, the son of Adolph Karl Eichmann?

LIGHTS. EICHMANN continues to undress.

EICHMANN

Yes.

JUDGE

Are you represented in this trial by Dr. Robert Servatius and by Mr Diter Wechtenbruch?

EICHMANN

Yes.

JUDGE (CONT'D)

Adolph Eichmann you are charged under the 1950 Israeli Law enacted to punish Nazis and their collaborators...

AGENT ONE

Don't worry Eichmann...you will receive the best representation the Israeli government can afford.

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LIGHTS on DR. SERVATIUS. As he speaks the AGENTS prepare EICHMANN for his new life in jail as described by SERVATIUS.

SERVATIUS

The detention of Adolph Eichmann was unprecedented by the standards of any country. The Israelis went to great lengths to ensure their prize did not kill himself. He was issued with a set of clothes comprising khaki trousers, shirt, pullover, underwear socks, slippers sandals and shoes. His glasses were replaced with specially made plastic ones and he could only wear them under supervision. Eichmann was guarded day and night and none of the guards were allowed to converse with him. To ensure this, none of them spoke German. All were screened to make sure they had not lost relatives to the Nazis. A light burned constantly in his cell even as he slept and he was not even allowed to cover his head with a blanket. Each day a doctor examined him to ensure he was fit to stand trial, checking for concealed poison or any sign of self inflicted wounds...

LIGHTS on DR SERVATIUS and EICHMANN.

STATISTICIAN

October 1960...

DR SERVATIUS

You are quite the defendant Herr Eichmann. For someone whom the Israelis knew so little about only a few years ago, your burden of responsibility in this matter has become enormous.

EICHMANN

I was merely a functionary Herr Doctor.

DR SERVATIUS

I see.

EICHMANN

It is precisely because of your experience representing those framed by the Allies that I requested your services Herr Doctor.

DR SERVATIUS

We don't have much time and there is a great deal of material we must go through. I will warn you now Herr Eichmann, the case does not look good.

EICHMANN is silent.

DR SERVATIUS (CONT' D)

There is no questioning your participation in the events and crimes for which you are charged.

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EI CHMANN

I was merely following orders Herr Doctor, I was a loyal subject of the-

DR SERVATIUS

Your subordinates have all testified against you Herr Eichmann. Those that were executed immediately after the war, such as Wisliceny, Becher....

EI CHMANN

But they are as guilty as I!

DR SERVATIUS

Nevertheless they gave sworn statements...

EI CHMANN

They are all cowards trying to save their own skins, nothing else Herr Doctor..!

Pause.

DR SERVATIUS

No clemency was granted to any of them. The particulars have something to do with what was described as a "Murder March," during the Hungarian Aktion..?

EI CHMANN

There was no death march. I tried to save thousands from the Hungarian Police who were slaughtering Jews in the streets.

DR SERVATIUS

Do you have any witnesses to this?

Pause.

EI CHMANN

There was an occasion with a Dr Storfer. He was one of the most useful Jewish leaders, a senior civil servant who had been a major in the Austrian army during World War 1.

LIGHTS on STORFER, looking every bit the proud major in the Austrian Army during World War One except that he is wearing a large Jewish star on his chest.

EI CHMANN (CONT' D)

I had a weakness for this Storfer. He never took a penny from his racial comrades and he had a very nice proper way of negotiating.

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SERVATIUS

Negotiating?

EICHMANN

With my assistance Storfer successfully organised the departure of 2,228 Jews from Prague in December of '39.

SERVATIUS

Departure to where?

EICHMANN

Palestine of course. This was in February 1940. By this stage any emigration from Europe would have been impossible so it was just in the nick of time.

SERVATIUS

What happened to this Storfer?

EICHMANN

He was sent to Auschwitz and assigned to a labour block.

SERVATIUS

So you couldn't do anything for him?

EICHMANN

I spoke to Hoss. Everyone had to work. But I had it arranged that Storfer would be given a broom to sweep the gravel.

SERVATIUS

If there was any hope of finding this Storfer alive...that he might testify on your behalf...

EICHMANN

Storfer was already a Musselman.

SERVATIUS

Musselman?

EICHMANN

Like the Muslims who pray...never mind.

Pause.

SERVATIUS

Before we finish today Herr Eichmann, I need to know how you wish to plead?

EICHMANN

Why, not guilty, to all indictments.

SERVATIUS gets up to leave.

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EICHMANN (CONT' D)

Herr Doctor...before you leave, what do you think my chances are of acquittal?

SERVATIUS

The evidence Eichmann, it is overwhelming. And quite frankly, we are severely restricted in whom we can call to testify on your behalf. Most are either dead or...shall we say, still at large and the Israelis will give no guarantees that they would not be arrested and tried if...they ever considered appearing before this trial.

EICHMANN

At the Nurnberg trial, not one Russian, no Israeli, no Englishman or North American was punished in even a single instance because he carried out commands given to him while he was in an official position or under military oath!

Pause.

SERVATIUS

The cornerstone of our defense will be that you were not part of the leadership which made decisions, but that you only carried them out.

EICHMANN

To the best of my ability Herr Doctor.

SERVATIUS

The case is yet to be tried. I need your interpretation of events, not what you told the Israelis under interrogation. This is vital. You will be provided with sufficient writing materials. All under supervision of course.

SERVATIUS is about to leave.

SERVATIUS (CONT' D)

You should also know Herr Eichmann...your discussions with...Wilhelm Sassen, all the recordings you made in Argentina, are in Israeli hands.

LIGHTS on the JUDGE. He hands SERVATIUS a note.

SERVATIUS (CONT' D)

December 1st 1961. When Eichmann was brought into the courtroom for sentencing, people actually held their breath. The judges filed in. Before them lay a 211 page document, a synthesis of historiography on the mass murder of the Jews. No document had been produced like it. It took them fifteen hours to read it working in relay. They finished it in the afternoon of the following day.

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SERVATIUS looks at the verdict.

SERVATIUS (CONT' D)
I will begin my appeal immediately...

ACT ONE SCENE SEVEN

LIGHTS on EICHMANN'S WIFE wearing a simple coat and carrying a bag of groceries. EICHMANN is startled but immediately recognizes her. While he is still in jail, this interaction is carried out as if they are in their own kitchen. She begins to empty the bags contents.

EICHMANN
Muttie, what are you doing here...I don't want you to see me like this.

EICHMANN'S WIFE
The Warden said it is alright Adolph. I have brought you some things I know you must be missing.

She sits by his bed still holding the bag.

EICHMANN
Dr. Servatius believes that I am not guilty, he has told me that I am merely a scapegoat...

EICHMANN'S WIFE
Dr. Servatius cannot save you.

She takes a Bible out of her bag.

EICHMANN'S WIFE (CONT' D)
Only the word of the Lord can save you now. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie. Thesallonians 2: 11...

EICHMANN
How many times do I have to tell you! Stop answering me from the Bible!

EICHMANN grabs the Bible from her hands and is about to rip it apart. His WIFE watches calmly. EICHMANN puts it down. EICHMANN sinks in defeat.

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EI CHMANN' S WI FE

The children ask after you.

EI CHMANN

They are doing well at school? I will not tolerate any laziness on their part. We are sending them to the best Catholic schools in Argentina at no small expense...

EI CHMANN' S WI FE

They miss their father.

Pause.

EI CHMANN

Send them my love. Tell them their father expects to look after their mother and to be good...loyal to their country. The eldest, does he ask questions about what they say I have done...

EI CHMANN' S WI FE

He refuses to believe anything but that his father was an officer in the SS who was simply doing his duty...

EI CHMANN nods his head in satisfaction with this answer.

EI CHMANN

You must go now. It will only be a matter of time before I am released on appeal and we are all together again.

EI CHMANN' S WI FE prepares to leave.

EI CHMANN (CONT' D)

They want me to confess Mutti. A Pastor has come to save my soul.

EI CHMANN' S WI FE

Maybe it is not a bad idea Adolph...

EI CHMANN' S WI FE di sappears.

LIGHTS on PASTOR HULL. Her is composing a letter and reading it out loud.

PASTOR HULL

"To Mr A. Nir, Commi ssioner of Prisons, Tel Aviv, Israel. Sir, In view of the verdict now handed down to the Nazi war criminal Adolph Eichmann..." There is no turning back...if Eichmann agrees then I must treat him as any other sinner in need of redemption..."it would seem incumbent upon the State of Israel to offer a spiritual advisor to its prisoner.

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PASTOR HULL (CONT'D)

Whether the convicted prisoner appeals his case or not, I believe that he should, at this time, be offered the opportunity of spiritual consultation with a Christian clergyman"...no matter what history chooses to call him...as long as there is a spark of faith left, then his soul can be saved..."As such I offer my services at your convenience. Sincerely yours, William L. Hull."

LIGHTS on the JUDGE and EICHMANN.

JUDGE

I declare the ninety-sixth Session of the trial open. The Accused will continue with his testimony in cross-examination. I remind the Accused that he is still testifying under oath.

EICHMANN

Yes, I am aware of the fact.

JUDGE

We heard this morning that you got the transcripts back from Sassen three times, is that correct?

EICHMANN

No - not that I got them back three times, that is not correct - that I received three small packets, and when I had seen what was in these, I rejected it. I did not receive one item two or even three times.

JUDGE

And each packet contained a number of transcripts.

EICHMANN

That is correct.

JUDGE

When you saw that these transcripts were not accurate, did you note anywhere - at even one single point in your own writing - that it was not correct?

EICHMANN

I cannot remember precisely, but I will definitely have made comments to that effect. Above all - and this is the decisive point - I gave up making corrections because there was no sense and no point whatsoever in continuing to correct the text.

JUDGE

I assume that you found that matters were not accurate already when you received the first packet?

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EI CHMANN

I found this on practically every page, not just in the first packet. I was horrified as to how this whole matter had been reproduced, but that could not upset me any more, as once I saw how inaccurate things were, I insisted on a contract, and that was signed.

JUDGE

We have already heard that. But why did you not immediately stop the recordings, if you noticed right from the beginning, as you are saying, that things were inaccurate?

EI CHMANN

Because basically I was happy to be able for once to talk about the whole complex matter, and to some extent dispose of it. That was really my main motive, but I could not foresee where it would lead to.

JUDGE

And I am telling you that in the corrections which have been identified as being made by you, in your handwriting, from page 18 to page 667, that is to say, all the way through the pages of the transcriptions of the tapes, there are notes which contain your corrections.

EI CHMANN

That is quite possible, but that does not mean that I acknowledge that. On the contrary, I know that I wrote and described long corrections as inserts, and even these inserts were not sufficient to correct the rubbish written there.

JUDGE

You never accused Sassen of falsifying your words, did you?

EI CHMANN

There was no point in levelling any accusations; instead, I agreed with him that the whole thing had to be redone, and it was postponed and postponed...

JUDGE

Did you accuse him of falsifying your statement?

EI CHMANN

I did not use the word "falsify."

JUDGE

You did not do so?

EI CHMANN

I said, "It is wrong in substance."

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JUDGE

But you did not accuse Sassen of typing anything else but what you had said.

LIGHTS on SASSEN and EICHMANN.

SASSEN

The process of the Final Solution Eichmann...how it was all carried out by your department...

EICHMANN

How what was carried out?

SASSEN

The removal of Jews. The fact that the Holocaust as the Zionists choose to call it was in fact...a legally sanctioned process...

EICHMANN

As I have said to you many times...I was only following orders.

LIGHTS on the JEWISH MAN and the JEWISH WOMAN sitting at their dinner table. A pram stands next to it. They are about to begin a sabbath meal. The JEWISH WOMAN goes to light the candles sitting on the table. EICHMANN is aware of them.

JEWISH WOMAN

Heal those broken souls who have no peace and lead us all from darkness into light...

EICHMANN

First of all we would descend upon the Jewish community in the particular city or region designated. Terror would, unfortunately, often have to be used to instil compliance before establishing a Jewish Council.

LIGHTS. The JEWISH MAN gets up from the dinner table and approaches EICHMANN.

JEWISH MAN

Are you in charge here...? I demand to know what you intend to do with all these people...there are stories being told of incredible brutality by your men-

Reflexively, EICHMANN slaps the JEWISH MAN hard across the face. It is a vicious calculated move that does not phase EICHMANN at all.

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The JEWISH MAN falls to the ground, stunned into silence. He stays there. LIGHTS on STORFER this time dressed as the classic bourgeois civil servant, again with the Jewish star across his chest. He attempt to stand as proudly as before but cannot conceal his creeping fear. He peers down at the JEWISH MAN who can barely move, more from the shock of humiliation. EICHMANN goes back to his narrative.

EICHMANN

Then we would register and mark the Jews. Ghettoization would follow, but even within the ghetto the Jews were segregated by social status and wealth. Then my agents from Referat IVB4 would construct the Jewish Council out of the elite of the community and target the poor initially for deportation to Auschwitz - Birkenau.

STORFER

It is clear to me Herr Obersturmbannfuhrer that you and I are quite alike...

EICHMANN

Who are you?

STORFER

Berthold Storfer. Banker. My specialty is emigration Herr Obersturmbannfuhrer. I am at your disposal...

SASSEN

What about Hungary? How did the situation in Hungary differ from other countries in Eastern Europe?

EICHMANN

In Hungary...we needed to meet with the new Prime Minister Dome Sjtójay and Interior Ministry Officials to agree on policy towards the Jews...this included legislation for depriving the Jews of whatever rights they still had, removal of their wealth, and the measures that would have to be taken for their ghettoization, concentration and deportation. After the debacle in Warsaw and the escape of the Danish Jews, we could no longer take any chances. Without the absolute cooperation of the Hungarian government, our mission would have been almost impossible.

SASSEN

And were they cooperative?

STORFER

Of course Herr Obersturmbannfuhrer, I will do whatever is asked to ensure the purification of Eastern Europe...

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EI CHMANN

Hungary really offered us the Jews like sour beer and Hungary was the only country where we could not work fast enough...

SASSEN

And what would happen to them once they arrived at Auschwitz?

A loud klaxon sound is heard. EI CHMANN turns to the JEWISH FAMILY with a sanguine look on his face as if the answer was quite obvious. STORFER looks on with utter fascination and disbelief.

EI CHMANN

FIGUREN WSTAWAC!

The JEWISH MAN and his WIFE stand. The STATISTICIAN removes the baby from the pram and points a gun to its head. Their dining room disappears. The JEW and his WIFE become petrified with fear at the fate of their child.

STATISTICIAN

The first stage Herr Obersturmbannfuhrer!

The JEWISH MAN does not move. The STATISTICIAN places the gun to the baby's temple. The JEWISH MAN and his WIFE turn their faces away towards EI CHMANN, imploring his intervention. EI CHMANN watches passively.

EI CHMANN

The first stage of malnutrition is characterized by weight loss, muscular asthenia, and progressive loss of energy in movement. At this stage the organism is not yet deeply damaged. Aside from slowness of movement...loss of strength, those suffering from malnutrition do not show any symptoms.

The STATISTICIAN prepares to fire. STORFER turns his face away from the fate of the JEWISH FAMILY. SOUND of a gun shot. LIGHTS.

EI CHMANN

Herr Hauptmann...!

GUARD VOICE OVER

What is the matter Herr Eichmann? Something wrong with the food?

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I want to speak to the
EICHMANN
Warden...

LIGHTS on AGENT ONE.

I am here Eichmann.
AGENT ONE

The Priest, is he...
EICHMANN

Pastor Herr Eichmann.
AGENT ONE

Of what nationality is he?
EICHMANN

English.
AGENT ONE

Please inform the Pastor I have no intention of confessing my
sins.
EICHMANN

As you wish.
AGENT ONE

There is to be no publicity...let him know I am in agreement.
EICHMANN

End of Act One

ACT TWO

ACT TWO SCENE ONE

LIGHTS. The PASTOR sits across a desk from EICHMANN.

PASTOR HULL

Guten Tag.

EICHMANN

Guten Tag.

PASTOR HULL

Do you understand English at all?

EICHMANN

Enough to get by, but you must speak slowly.

PASTOR HULL

We have come to help you.

EICHMANN

Dr Servatius told me that you had come to him and expressed a desire to talk with me. I knew that you would be coming, but did not know when. I would like to know what you believe, of what faith you belong.

PASTOR HULL

I am an Evangelical Protestant. Your father, I believe was of a similar faith.

EICHMANN does not respond to this remark. Then after a few seconds.

EICHMANN

I have not made a deep study of the Bible, but I have read it. I wish to make myself clear in the beginning. I know God; I have never lost touch with God.

LIGHTS on the JEWISH MAN holding a crucifix, surrounded by MULLER, HEYDRICH and HOSS in full SS uniform. On the spot he begins to walk his own Via Dolorosa. As his persecutors they begin to taunt and abuse the hapless victim. This is all conducted as if in a silent film melodrama.

EICHMANN (CONT' D)

Did you hear me father?

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PASTOR HULL

We cannot take time now for you to do a lot of talking; our time is limited.

EICHMANN

Can I discuss these things later?

PASTOR HULL

Yes, later you will be given an opportunity to talk. Now we have come to read the Bible and to discuss it with you. Today we want to talk about God's judgement in contrast with man's judgement. There is a judgement of God to be faced. Please turn to Luke 12:4-5.

EICHMANN is handed the Bible by the WARDEN. EICHMANN takes out his reading glasses from his shirt pocket and peers closely at the words.

EICHMANN

"I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

The three NAZIS begin to punch, kick and whip the JEWISH MAN, who is barely able to hold the cross. His silent cries are heard by EICHMANN.

EICHMANN (CONT' D)

But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear Him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear Him. "

PASTOR HULL

I want you to notice the two judgements here- man's and God's. It is God's judgement which should be feared. You have had man's judgement, but you have yet to face God's judgement.

EICHMANN

My God is too great to bother with the little things of man.

The JEWISH MAN, with arm reaching towards his tormentors, begs for water. HOSS opens a canteen and empties it onto the ground. The JEWISH MAN tries to lap it off the ground but is beaten back. He continues towards his own Golgotha.

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PASTOR HULL

Every person good or bad, has to face God and be judged for the good or bad done here. Now please turn to Ecclesiastes 12:14.

EICHMANN

Is that in the Old Testament?

PASTOR HULL

Yes.

EICHMANN

I will not read the Old Testament: it is nothing but Jewish stories and fables. I refuse to read them!

PASTOR HULL

The Old Testament is the word of God. We have planned a series of studies. If you will not read the Bible and cooperate with us we cannot help you. There would be no use in our coming; we would only be wasting our time and yours.

EICHMANN is silent.

PASTOR HULL (CONT' D)

If you will not consider what I have to say from the Bible I will have to leave. The Bible is not divided: for the Christian, the Old and New Testaments form one book. Both Old and New Testaments were written by Jews and the Christian Church was composed only of Jews in it's beginning.

EICHMANN looks at the passage.

EICHMANN

"For God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil..."

PASTOR HULL

This applies to all men. Now please turn to page 552 in the Old Testament. It is Psalm 9:17. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

He looks at EICHMANN waiting for a reaction. There is none. He continues.

PASTOR HULL (CONT' D)

God will certainly punish the wicked in hell.

EICHMANN

I do not believe in hell. Those are men's thoughts; there is no hell.

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LIGHTS on the JEWISH MAN being nailed to the cross with each NAZI hammering away at either his hands or feet...

PASTOR HULL

We are studying what is written in the Bible. The Bible says there is a hell and describes it. Turn to page 278 in the New Testament. Read it-Jude 13.

AGENT ONE hovers behind HULL. He looks closely at the text.

AGENT ONE

You cannot tell him that...

PASTOR HULL

He needs to know. Read it please.

As EICHMANN starts reading, he slowly gets up from the chair.

EICHMANN

"Raging waves of the sea...foaming out their own shame...wandering stars"...why have you given me this ?!

LIGHTS on the JEWISH MAN as he is raised on the cross. MULLER, HEYDRICH and HOSS look admiringly at their handiwork. EICHMANN quickly sneaks a look but nothing is there. LIGHTS. EICHMANN'S cell disappears. A canopy of stars shrouds the stage. The JUDGE ceremoniously walks to his bench.

JUDGE

Keep reading Herr Eichmann.

EICHMANN

...to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

LIGHTS. EICHMANN has entered this darkness. He is alone. He looks around nervously. LIGHTS on the JUDGE.

JUDGE

Do not be alarmed Herr Eichmann. We are completely alone.

EICHMANN

Yes. Of course...

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JUDGE

So let us get down to business. You say you had nothing to do with the killing?

EICHMANN

Yes sir, that is true, insofar as I received orders to evacuate them. But not all people I evacuated were killed. I had no knowledge whatsoever of who was killed and who was not. Otherwise, 2.4 million Jews would not have been found alive after the war.

JUDGE

The final solution of the Jewish question mentioned in the documents presented at this trial, is the extermination of the Jews in the death camps.

EICHMANN

As I've already had the privilege of saying. Final Solution, that's a much used expression. In the end, Final Solution meant extermination, just before that, it has other meanings, it meant exclusion of the Jews from the living space of the German people, that went under the name of final solution.

JUDGE

At the time of the Wannsee conference, on July 1 1942-

EICHMANN

...the killing had already begun.

LIGHTS. A farmer's hut appears as it would in a children's storybook, colourful and innocent. The STATISTICIAN waits at the entrance. LIGHTS on the JEWISH FATHER and MOTHER who is holding an infant in her arms. As if in a wonderland of promise, they enter the hut. He holds their luggage for them as they enter. STORFER appears ready to enter the hut. He looks imploringly to EICHMANN.

STORFER

Herr Obersturmbannfuhrer...!

EICHMANN considers STORFER'S fate for a moment then nods to the STATISTICIAN who pulls STORFER away from the hut. STORFER rushes to EICHMANN'S side. The STATISTICIAN quickly seals the hut and attaches a hose to it.

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EI CHMANN

An airtight chamber was built inside a farmer's hut. The Jews went in there, it was sealed up, then exhaust gas was injected from the U Boat motor. It only took a few minutes.

STATISTICIAN

ISN'T SHE A BEAUTY SIR?

EI CHMANN

Yes. How many thus far?

STATISTICIAN

Since when Herr Obersturmbannfuhrer?

EI CHMANN

1941...

STATISTICIAN

(boastful)

Since 1941, I would say 97,000 have been processed Sir, using three vans without any defects showing in the vehicles.

EI CHMANN

Are they all in?

STATISTICIAN

It's not like we've got to worry about overcrowding!

SOUND. The huge roar of an engine which is quickly drowned out with CLASSICAL MUSIC. LIGHTS. Through the walls of the hut we momentarily see the JEWISH FAMILY scampering about, desperately looking for a way out. Their bodies spasm uncontrollably. The image defies realism, and should be all the more grotesque for it. By this stage all we should hear is the MUSIC.

EI CHMANN

STOP IT! SHUT THE MOTOR OFF! IT'S TAKING TOO LONG! IT'S TAKING TOO LONG!

The MUSIC stops.

STATISTICIAN

Don't worry sir. All done.

The bodies, as if in some surreal landscape, continue to move.

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EI CHMANN

What are you talking about. All done?! THEY ARE STILL ALIVE!

STATISTICIAN

When I have a little too much schnapps beforehand, I think I hear them talking too sir. But it's just the schnapps. There's enough gas in there to kill a herd of elephants.

JUDGE

What was tried next?

EI CHMANN

They found a more humane method. Again Muller found it necessary for me to see the demonstration.

JUDGE

Well, what was it?

EI CHMANN

He sent me to Berlin, where they used buses with the help of fume gas, and as Muller put it, "The whole story was finished in three minutes."

JUDGE

Did you count how long it took?

EI CHMANN

But of course. I knew that Muller's information was incorrect.

LIGHTS on MULLER sitting at his desk. The hut disappears. The FAMILY come to life. The bus appears. They enter warily, as MULLER stamps his papers. Through the windows of the bus we see the FAMILY seated nervously. Suddenly STORFER'S face is pressed against the inside window of the bus. He bangs it repeatedly. EI CHMANN nods to the STATISTICIAN who opens the back door. STORFER is unceremoniously thrown out. He falls to the ground turns and watches his second near miss with death.

EI CHMANN (CONT' D)

About 80 to 100 were seated in the bus. The driver invited me to sit in the cabin where there was a small window from which one could see inside the back of the bus. After five minutes the Jews still fought with death.

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The STATISTICIAN enters the drivers seat. SOUND. The engine of the bus kicks in. The FAMILY plaster their faces against the windows. MULLER keeps stamping louder and louder.

JUDGE

Did you look inside?

EICHMANN

I couldn't. I was simply afraid. I tried to force myself but I saw a grasping hand.

A hand is thrust out of the bus.
EICHMANN is momentarily shocked.

MULLER

What's the matter Eichmann? You look like you have seen a ghost.

EICHMANN

It is not good enough Muller...just not good enough. We must find a more efficient method of disposing of the Jews than...liquidating them...with engine exhaust.

MULLER

The results thus far have been very encouraging Eichmann. Exhaust is very cheap, though it is hard to process large numbers in a bus.

The STATISTICIAN looks inside the bus,
fascinated.

EICHMANN

It is not the efficiency of the methods that I am talking about Muller. If we continue with this method our own SS men will be severely traumatized watching such a grisly spectacle. I think we need consider a more humane method for our own troops.

MULLER

What do have in mind Eichmann?

EICHMANN

Why not shoot them. One bullet and it's all over.

MULLER

Do you know the cost of each bullet Eichmann?

EICHMANN

No I do not.

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MULLER

Well it's a fine coincidence anyhow! Jews are being shot near Minsk. Tomorrow 5,000 of them are getting theirs.

EICHMANN

5,000?

MULLER

I want a report. You will leave tomorrow morning. You may rest tonight after your ordeal.

JUDGE

How did this make you feel Eichmann?

Pause.

EICHMANN

I was still in effect a travelling salesman for the Gestapo, just as I had once been a travelling salesman for an oil company in Austria!

JUDGE

What happened when you arrived in Minsk?

LIGHTS. The bus disappears from stage. The JEWISH FATHER and MOTHER, (still holding the child), now petrified with fear, get undressed. They look down. STORFER collects their clothing.

EICHMANN

Although I was wearing a leather coat which reached almost to my ankles, it was very cold. I watched the last group of Jews undress down to their shorts. They walked the last 100 or 200 yards. They were not driven! And they jumped into the pit!

STORFER looks to EICHMANN who gives the nod of approval. STORFER then pushes the JEWISH FAMILY into the pit. Only their heads are visible. The STATISTICIAN is holding a machine gun and aims it into the pit.

EICHMANN (CONT'D)

It was impressive to see them all jumping into the pit without offering any resistance whatsoever. Then the men banged into the pit with their rifles and machine pistols.

SOUND of machine gun fire. The heads drop from sight. LIGHTS.

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The JEWISH WIFE, holding her CHILD out for salvation, rises from the bottom of the pit.

EICHMANN (CONT' D)

What is that woman doing with her child!?

STATISTICIAN

Looks like she is begging for child's life.

EICHMANN

DON'T SHOOT! HAND OVER THE CHILD! I AM NOT AN ANTI- SEMITE!

Everything stops for second. STORFER grabs the baby from the JEWISH WOMAN and motions towards EICHMANN whether he wants to save its life. Every action here hangs on EICHMANN'S word.

JUDGE

Did she hand over the child?

Pause. EICHMANN considers the child's fate for a moment.

EICHMANN

That's what I wanted to say. The child was hit.

STORFER confusedly drops the baby into the pit and the STATISTICIAN finishes them off. SOUND of gunfire.

JUDGE

Pity.

EICHMANN

Later I found bits of brains splattered on my long leather coat. My driver helped remove them. Then we returned to Berlin.

JUDGE

That is all that happened?

EICHMANN

On the way I reflected on the meaning of life in general.

MULLER

So what do you think of this solution Eichmann?

EICHMANN

The solution Gruppenfuhrer, was supposed to have been a political one. But now that the Fuhrer has ordered the physical solution, obviously a physical solution it must be.

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MULLER

Your point?

EICHMANN

We cannot go on conducting executions as they do in Minsk, and I believe other places. Of necessity, our men will be educated to become sadists.

MULLER

They are SS soldiers Eichmann. They will do their duty.

EICHMANN

Yes...But we cannot solve the Jewish problem by putting a bullet through the brain of a defenceless woman who is holding her child up to us!

MULLER

Did you look this time to see how long it took for them to die?

JUDGE

Did you Eichmann?

EICHMANN

I admitted that I did not check to see how long it took for them to die. This time too Muller behaved like a sphinx. He forgave me, so to speak, for not having looked. Perhaps forgive seems like an odd expression here.

JUDGE

How do you account Herr Eichmann for the fact that gassing was being done and that all the persons involved in this gassing point their finger at you and Bureau 1VB4?

EICHMANN

Well, that's just the funny part of it. Because we had nothing to do with it, nothing whatever...we had nothing to do with it. Nothing! Nothing! Nothing!

JUDGE

And all these statements are-

EICHMANN

Officially..officially I had. Officially we had nothing to do with it. I had nothing to do with these things, I can tell you truthfully. And nobody here will ever prove the contrary.

JUDGE

But you did have knowledge that the gassing was going on?

EICHMANN

I knew it, of course I knew.

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LIGHTS. EICHMANN is alone in his cell. He picks up the copy of the Bible, attempts to find a particular page, then listlessly places it on the table. He grabs a pen and paper and begins writing.

EICHMANN (CONT'D)

"Very respected Pastor Hull... Our meeting yesterday gave me cause dear Reverend, to tell you the following openly and freely. I am afraid to preoccupy your limited time. My reasons for saying this are objective, as well as purely technical. (Pause.) In case you should harbor expectations that after a certain number of visits and conversations I will return to the lap of the Evangelical Church, this will never happen. I am sorry that I must spell out what must seem to you discouraging statements, but if I did not I would consider myself a hypocrite..."

EICHMANN considers his letter for a moment then puts the pen down, satisfied. He lies down on his cot. A moment of silence as EICHMANN almost falls asleep. LIGHTS on the STATISTICIAN.

STATISTICIAN

The Wannsee Conference, July 1st 1942...

LIGHTS. HEYDRICH and MULLER stand on either side of EICHMANN'S cot.

HEYDRICH

Eichmann. The Fuhrer has ordered the physical extermination of all the Jews in Europe.

EICHMANN is startled but immediately aware of where he is and who he is talking to. He sits by the edge of the bed.

EICHMANN

But I have never killed anyone in my life...

HEYDRICH

Neither you nor your men will have anything to do with the physical liquidation.

EICHMANN

All the Jews of Europe?

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HEYDRICH

Eleven million to be exact.

MULLER

(Laughing) You will be our policeman Eichmann. You round up the Jews for the others and they'll take good care of them..

EICHMANN

But where will we dispose of them?

HEYDRICH

We will park them in the swamps of Russia.

HEYDRICH and MULLER find this highly amusing.

EICHMANN

What about half and quarter Jews?

MULLER

We are considering sterilization and some other possibilities.

HEYDRICH

So what do you say Eichmann?

MULLER

It is the Fuhrer's decree Eichmann that no Jew in Europe shall remain alive...

HEYDRICH

The whole operation will depend on your Department Eichmann. If the Jews are not transported efficiently and smoothly to all the killing centres we have planned in Poland and Eastern Europe...then it will be doomed to fail.

MULLER

You could then say it really all rests with you. Killing them will be the easy part. It will be in your hands to find them all and make sure none escape.

EICHMANN

All 10.5 million of them...?

HEYDRICH

Give or take.

Pause.

EICHMANN

I am a loyal member of the SS and will carry out this order to the utmost of my ability...

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HEYDRICH and MULLER are delighted with EICHMANN'S response. LIGHTS on the JUDGE.

JUDGE

And then what happened Eichmann?

EICHMANN

We... Heydrich, Muller and your humble servant sat cozily around the fireplace.

EICHMANN recalls the following with great fondness. SOUND of German folk music of the period playing in the background. The STATISTICIAN serves drinks.

EICHMANN (CONT'D)

I noticed for the first time that Heydrich was smoking. Not only that but he had a cognac! Normally he touched nothing alcoholic. We all had drinks then. We sang songs. After a while we got up on the chairs and drank a toast, then on the table round and round- on the chairs and on the table again.

HEYDRICH

....to the SS!
(They all toast)

MULLER

....to the Fuhrer!
(they all toast)

EICHMANN

. ..to Germany and the Third Reich!
(They all toast)

HEYDRICH

. ..to the FINAL SOLUTION TO THE JEWS!

JUDGE

What about written orders. Surely Hitler or Himmler must have given some written orders?

EICHMANN

Do you think Reichfuhrer Himmler sat down to write, "My dear Eichmann, the Fuhrer has ordered the physical annihilation of the Jews...?"

JUDGE

What about orders specifically for you Eichmann?

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EI CHMANN

I would like to stress again that my department never gave a single annihilation order.

JUDGE

But what was discussed...specifically during the conference.

EI CHMANN

Specifically, we discussed killing...annihilation...and extermination.

HEYDRICH

We the SS have to carry out this order. The existing extermination sites in the East are not in a position to carry out these intended operations on a large scale. Himmler has therefore chosen Auschwitz for this purpose...

MULLER

You will meet with Rudolph Hoss, Commandant of Auschwitz, and brief him on what we have planned...

EI CHMANN

Here now the Popes of the Third Reich had spoken and at that moment I sensed a kind of Pontius Pilate feeling.

JUDGE

How so?

EI CHMANN

(Dreamily)

I lost all sense of guilt...

LIGHTS. EICHMANN stands alone.

EICHMANN (CONT'D)

"I will leave it to you dear Reverend, to decide whether you want to continue to see me despite my very naturalistic conceptions are in disregard of the considerations I have mentioned here. Yours respectfully, Adolph Eichmann".

LIGHTS. EICHMANN is facing PASTOR HULL.

WARDEN

Friday the 20th of April 1962.

PASTOR HULL

Guten Morgen.

EI CHMANN

Guten Morgen. I wrote you a letter to make myself clear to you so that you knew where I stood. I did not want to appear a hypocrite in your eyes.

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PASTOR HULL

Yes we received your letter and wish to discuss it with you and ask some questions.

EI CHMANN

Bitte.

PASTOR HULL

We do not consider it a waste of time to try to save your soul.

EI CHMANN sternly nods his head.

PASTOR HULL (CONT' D)

Did you read the scriptures we left for you to read?

EI CHMANN

Yes I read and studied them all. I asked myself more questions before leaving the Church, primarily the thought of God and the Holy Ghost as taught by the Churches. I was not satisfied by this. It was all just politics to get people into the Churches. It seemed to me none of them had direct contact with God. I carried my own burden until 1937. Then I found God through nature when I left the Church. And for the last twenty five years I have had peace in my heart.

PASTOR HULL

If you have peace with God.

EI CHMANN

Not peace with God, peace in God. God leads me.

PASTOR HULL

Then did God lead you here to Ramleh prison?

EI CHMANN

No! No! God did not bring me here but the...It is not my fault that I am here and it is not God's fault. The fault was with the Nazi Party. I did not kill anybody. I am not a murderer. I did not steal, I was not a thief. I am not to blame. Even Jesus Christ would not condemn me!

EI CHMANN stumbles for a cigarette. The WARDEN steps in and lights it.

PASTOR HULL

We are not here to discuss these things. We are here to get your soul saved.

Pause.

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PASTOR HULL (CONT' D)

Did you know that Jesus died to save sinners?

LIGHTS on HOSS in uniform. He reads from a document.

HOSS

"The Jews are the eternal enemies of the German people and must be exterminated. All the Jews within our reach must be annihilated during this war. If we do not succeed in destroying the biological foundation of Jewry now, then one day the Jews will destroy the German people."

LIGHTS on the JUDGE.

JUDGE

In your eyes, was someone who was involved with the extermination of the Jews a criminal?

EI CHMANN

He was an unhappy man.

JUDGE

Was he a criminal? "Yes" or "No"?

EI CHMANN

I would not venture to answer this question, as I was never put or placed in such a situation.

JUDGE

You saw Hoss doing this in Auschwitz. At that time did you consider him to be a criminal, a murderer?

EI CHMANN

I told him that what he was ordered to do I could never do.

JUDGE

But that is not my question. My question is whether at heart you saw him as a murderer.

EI CHMANN

In my inner life?

JUDGE

No, in your heart.

EI CHMANN

That is a question which affects me very personally, and if I did not express this then, I have no intention of articulating this today either, because what my inner life tells me is something which I have to carry with me on my own.

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JUDGE

You will have to reply to this now. How did you regard Hoss when you saw him as a murderer of Jews, how did you regard him - as a criminal or not? You will have to answer this now.

EI CHMANN

I pitied him and felt sorry for him.

JUDGE

Did you regard him as a criminal or not?

EI CHMANN

I shall not reveal my innermost feelings.

JUDGE

This is one question you cannot evade. You have to answer this question: How did you see the extermination process and those who engaged in it?

HOSS

Eichmann had told me about the killings by engine exhaust in the gas vans and how they had been used in the East up until now. But this method was not suitable in view of the expected mass transports to Auschwitz.

LIGHTS on EICHMANN and HOSS. HOSS takes a moment then hands the document to EICHMANN.

HOSS (CONT' D)

You realise we do not have the facilities to deal with what you are talking about here...

EI CHMANN

What about using carbon monoxide through the shower heads?

HOSS

We would need too many intricate installations...

EI CHMANN

They are using this method at various sites in Germany for dealing with the mentally ill. I don't see why-

HOSS

All the Jews within our reach? We are talking millions. Not to mention we need to find a suitable place...

EI CHMANN

This is your job to figure out.

JUDGE

Then what happened?

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EI CHMANN

We drove around Auschwitz looking for a special place. Both of us agreed on a farmhouse at the north west corner of Birkenau near planned section III. The house has been abandoned and it was hidden from view by the surrounding trees and bushes and was not too far from the railroad.

HOSS

The bodies could be buried in long deep pits in the nearby meadows. If we find a suitable gas, then approximately eight hundred people could be killed if we make the place airtight.

EI CHMANN

Start right away Hoss. The orders have not yet been given but there can be no delays once it starts.

HOSS

Have you considered Eichmann what methods you will use to find all these Jews?

The ROAR of a train engine. LIGHTS on the STATISTICIAN.

STATISTICIAN

15th of May 1944, Jews from Zones One and Two in Hungary are herded into cattle cars. They go without food, water and sanitation for three days...hundreds of course will die on route...

HOSS

Special Order. A case of indisposition with slight symptoms of poisoning by hydrocyanic gas which occurred today makes it necessary to warn all those participating in the gassings and all other SS members that in particular on opening rooms used for gassing.

LIGHTS on the JEWISH WIFE holding her CHILD. STORFER watches her. He is a man abandoned and condemned, finally a victim of the Final Solution and not an opportunistic bystander.

STORFER

Women were fainting: in one corner of the wagon people were shouting "wasser", but there was no water - we could not provide water for there was none.

HOSS

SS not wearing masks must wait at least five hours and keep at a distance of at least 15 metres from the chamber. In addition, particular attention should be paid to the wind direction.

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STORFER

In another corner of the wagon a mother was comforting her child. I remember the words well: Schluf mein kind, sleep my child. But the child could not fall asleep, for it was very hungry...

HOSS

The gas being used at present contains less odorous warning agent and is therefore especially dangerous.

STORFER

(compassionate)

The child had not eaten any food for days already, since our departure from the town...

HOSS

The SS garrison doctor declines all responsibility for any accident that should occur in the case where these directives have not been complied with by SS members.

STORFER

Then at last we knew what was in store for us, what our fate was, where we were...

HOSS

...signed, SS Lieutenant-Colonel and Commander of Auschwitz Concentration Camp, Rudolph Hoss.

EI CHMANN

As the transport trains rolled into Auschwitz, sometimes bringing as many as 10,000 units a day...I was a bureaucrat, merely dealing with figures. I did not have the luxury of thinking about these units as human beings!

JUDGE

What did you see Eichmann as they arrived?

LIGHTS on the JEWISH WIFE undressing. She is in complete resignation to her fate. HOSS coolly watches her. He is holding her child.

EI CHMANN

(ebullient)

On the platform all is colorful confusion. Elegant Frenchwomen wearing fur coats and silk stockings, helpless greybeards, curly headed children, little old grannies, men in the prime of life, some in elegant business suits and some in work clothes, mothers with infants in their arms, and sick people carried by those willing to help them, all get off the train...

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STORFER

Through the camp wire I saw the eyes of thousands... feet stamping the ice cold ground... eyes staring at nothingness... tradesmen, artists, the lords of society, men with souls and men without... eyes that once knew a life... these were the musselmen... barely human...

LIGHTS. The JEWISH WIFE is naked, attempting to cover herself with her hands. HOSS hands her back the child.

EICHMANN

Hoss often complained about the condition of the Jews who arrived, especially when the deportations started from Hungary. This proves that Auschwitz was not primarily a death camp!

The JEWISH WIFE, still holding her child stands as if frozen in effigy.

EICHMANN (CONT' D)

Down to business Hoss. I have received your complaints and am here to see if there's anything I can do about it.

HOSS

(with no hint of irony)

This camp is being worked to death. I have written to Himmler many times, nothing changes. I cannot understand why no consideration is shown for me and my staff. They are working day and night to meet these quotas Eichmann.

EICHMANN

The Hungarian Aktion will soon commence. Productivity will have to increase.

HOSS

But that is impossible. The camp cannot handle such an influx.

EICHMANN

Do not worry. They will be marched from Budapest. By the time they get here... I am sure you will have enough room.

HOSS

There is talk of closing the camp down...

EICHMANN

Auschwitz will be here till the end. Hungary's Jews are the last bastion Hoss! Once they are gone we can all relax. Where did you finally build the crematorium?

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HOSS

Underneath you. . .

EICHMANN briefly looks down. LIGHTS on the STATISTICIAN methodically preparing himself; placing a gas mask over his face and gloves over his hands. He stands and holds a canister in his hands. LIGHTS on STORFER who changes into the striped uniform and black beret of the SonderKommando. EICHMANN recounts his first impressions with an almost perverse fascination.

EICHMANN

The crematoriums weren't really noticeable. The ground was hollowed on an incline and an outsider would only see that the wagons disappeared into a depression on the ground. A big door led to the so-called undressing rooms where there were numbered places and cloak room tickets. Arrows on the wall point to the showers. The signs were in at least six or seven languages. In the enormous crematoriums everything was so clean. Nothing suggested that thousands of people had been slaughtered here the previous night! Nothing would be left of them, not even a speck of dust on the oven fittings. HOSS

EICHMANN notices STORFER resignedly preparing for his fate.

EICHMANN (CONT'D)

Fantastic how compliant they are!

HOSS

Why not? We have told them this will be their only chance for a shower.

The STATISTICIAN proceeds to drop the crystals down a chute leading into the gas chambers. Audible signs of growing panic and SCREAMS inside the chamber. Again, the CLASSICAL MUSIC drowns out the SCREAMS. The STATISTICIAN throws the can of Zyklon B to EICHMANN who deftly catches it. He holds it up to the audience and begins to "explain"...

EICHMANN

Death is caused by the cyanide gas combining with red blood cells, thus prohibiting them from carrying needed oxygen to the body. Victims of this gas first fall unconscious due to lack of oxygen.

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EICHMANN (CONT' D)

As the body struggles to save the vital organs, it cuts off the flow to the extremities, attempting to bring the oxygen full blood to the heart brain and other vital organs. But as the gas paralyses the lungs, this becomes impossible. And the cost...

EICHMANN smiles briefly. The LIGHTS go out on the JEWISH WIFE. EICHMANN turns to HOSS.

EICHMANN (CONT' D)

Dante's Inferno seems to me almost a comedy compared to this!

HOSS

They don't call Auschwitz the camp of annihilation for nothing!

EICHMANN

You know Hoss, no one must ever come out Auschwitz alive.

HOSS

Gehemmenstreiger!

JUDGE

So what did you think of this Hoss?

EICHMANN

I liked to visit him. He lived with his wife and children in a five room house on the camp grounds. It was a homey place, clean and simple and furnished in SS-style natural wood.

Pause.

EICHMANN (CONT' D)

Tell me something Hoss. Are you ever affected watching this?

HOSS

Sometimes the women with babies try to hide their children because they think the disinfectant process will harm their infants.

Pause.

HOSS (CONT' D)

Does this disgust you Eichmann?

EICHMANN points to the body of the JEWISH WIFE lying prostrate between them.

EICHMANN

When I see your corpses, I think of those charred German bodies in the air raid shelters in Berlin!

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HOSS

Your Jew, Storfer, has been asking after you...

LIGHTS. STORFER methodically removes the clothing, checks for gold teeth, jewelry hidden in the JEWISH WIFE'S recesses.

EICHMANN

Storfer! What a surprise...

STORFER continues with his work as he speaks.

STORFER

Herr Eichmann, how considerate of you to take time out to visit me!

EICHMANN

How are they treating you here Storfer?

STORFER

You must get me out of here Herr Eichmann! I do not know how much longer I can go on...

EICHMANN

Ah, my dear Storfer, I really can't help you! What rotten luck we've had.

STORFER

Please, do something!

EICHMANN

Try not to worry Storfer. Are they feeding you enough?

STORFER

It is never enough Herr Eichmann. Men die...or kill for a morsel of food...

Pause. EICHMANN ponders this for a second.

EICHMANN

Think about the work Storfer and everything else will seem...unimportant.

HOSS

Storfer is to be assigned to hard labour...

STORFER

Herr Eichmann, I must leave this place!

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HOSS

The only way you will be leaving is through the smokestacks!

EICHMANN

As I have explained to you already Storfer... Himmler has given orders that no one can be released from a concentration camp.

STORFER

Then... at least Herr Obersturmbannfuhrer... get me transferred from the work details.

HOSS

Here everybody has to work.

EICHMANN looks at HOSS.

HOSS (CONT' D)

I'll put in a note that Storfer should be given a broom and sweep the little gravel paths in the gardens outside the Kommandantur and that he's entitled to sit down on one of the benches at any time...

JUDGE

And what did Storfer think of this gesture?

EICHMANN

He was delighted, we shook hands, they gave him his broom and he sat down on his bench. That made me very happy.

STORFER is given his broom and sits on his bench like some tragicomic figure. He waves to EICHMANN.

JUDGE

And what happened to this Storfer...

EICHMANN

Not long after my visit he tried to escape and was shot.

LIGHTS. HOSS is pointing his gun at the head of STORFER.

HOSS

The second stage...

EICHMANN

What?

HOSS

The second stage Eichmann..!

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STORFER

Herr Obersturmbannfuhrer!

EICHMANN weighs up whether to once more intervene. STORFER is reduced to a blithering mess as he awaits execution.

EICHMANN

There is nothing more I can do Storfer. It is all over for you. Remember...this is Auschwitz.

HOSS pulls back the trigger on his pistol. He aims it at STORFER'S head. STORFER looks pleadingly to EICHMANN for assistance.

STORFER

Please Herr Eichmann...

EICHMANN thinks for a moment then becomes completely indifferent to STORFER'S fate. He turns away.

EICHMANN

It was possible to ascertain that the second stage began when the starving individual lost a third of his normal weight...his facial expression changes, becoming cloudy and mechanical...his eyes seem deeply layered into his face. His skin takes on a pale...gray color, becoming thin and hard like paper. He became very sensitive to every kind of infection and contagion...

SOUND of gunshot. HOSS is pointing his handgun towards the ground. STORFER lies dead next to the JEWISH WIFE. EICHMANN is staring at the two bodies as the LIGHTS come up on HULL and his WIFE.

EICHMANN

No I do not believe that Jesus died to save us.

PASTOR HULL

But you cannot come to God apart from Jesus. I want you to read Romans 3:10 AND 23.

EICHMANN picks up the Bible and turns to the correct page.

EICHMANN

"There is none righteous, no, not one.
(MORE)

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EICHMANN (CONT' D)

For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God. "
(Pause.) I believe that. Yes, I believe that.

LIGHTS.

WARDEN

It is time.

LIGHTS. EICHMANN sits at his desk
busily writing in his journal.

EICHMANN

Despite conscientious self-examination, I have to conclude in my own defense that I was neither a murderer nor a mass murderer. On the basis of this attitude, I carried out with clean conscience and faithful heart the duty imposed upon me. I was always a good German, I am today a good German, and I shall always be a good German.

ACT TWO SCENE FIVE

LIGHTS. HULL once more appears to EICHMANN across from the table. CHRIST appears behind HULL tapping him on the shoulder. HULL reluctantly but understandingly, gets up and gives CHRIST his seat. CHRIST adjusts himself and prepares to get down to business. (Please note if HULL and CHRIST are played by the same actor the this business will be unnecessary. Costume and demeanour will distinguish the two adequately). EICHMANN watches this, grim faced and determined to do battle.

CHRIST

Guten Morgen.

EICHMANN

Guten Morgen.

CHRIST

Are you ready to admit that you made a mistake when you left God and joined the Nazi Party?

EICHMANN

I am not prepared to take up your ideas. I have my own beliefs and I hold to them. Your way does not bring me any comfort.

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CONTI NUED:

CHRIST

Are you comforted by your way? Can you truthfully say that you have peace in your heart?

EI CHMANN

Yes, although I freely admit that it is possible for me to make a mistake-many people do. But I do not believe that I have made a mistake or that all of my ideas are illusions.

LIGHTS on MULLER and HEYDRICH sitting in the witness chairs. Alternating, they read out from the witness statements then throw them away...

MULLER

"We were discovered while hiding from the Nazis. They shot my father before any of us got out..."

EI CHMANN

I am talking about whether I am ready to meet God. You say that the only way is through you, Jesus Christ; yet even you get it out of that book which is Jewish thought. I don't believe it. Then two thirds of the world would be lost.

CHRIST

Yes! Yes! Yes! Two thirds would be lost and are lost. You cannot make a detour around the cross; you must come straight through me.

EI CHMANN

I do not believe that God needed you as a mediator. You say that God did not lead me. I do not blame myself for anything I did. I am not responsible for what was done and if you are trying to show me my sins and what I have done then these meetings are not to my liking!

CHRIST

I told, you once that you will not be judged by your deeds. Your judgement will be based on your faith and only on your faith. The only basis of God's judgment is whether you believe and have faith in me.

HEYDRICH

"All my family were massacred at Babi Yar..I was shot in the neck but lived..."

EI CHMANN

I cannot believe that all those who do not believe in you are lost. I do know God through nature. God leads me. I never lost touch with God.

(CONTI NUED)

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CHRIST

If you were led by God now you would repent for all that you did and would now confess.

EICHMANN

I have nothing to confess, I have not sinned. I am clear with God. I did not do it. I did nothing wrong. I have no regrets.

CHRIST

Even though you did what you did because you were commanded by the Party it was still sin. God does not justify sin because someone else tells us to do it.

EICHMANN

I have no sin. I have no sin. What I did was what I was ordered to do. I was a subordinate.

HEYDRICH

"I waited till dark underneath the corpses then crawled out and hid..."

CHRIST

But do you have no regrets or sorrow for all the people who have died?

MULLER

"Some went mad the others were shipped to Treblinka..."

EICHMANN

I have no regrets, no regrets. I did nothing wrong, I did nothing wrong. I am clear with God. He does speak to me. He shows me all things in nature!

CHRIST

But now will you let me make you know what's in your heart?

EICHMANN

I believe in God; if I were godless then you could teach me your way. But I believe in God and cannot believe your way!

CHRIST

You talk of God speaking to you through nature. Did you ever hear a tree speak?

EICHMANN

Yes, I have. On the other hand God has not spoken except through nature for the last three to five thousand years.

MULLER

"The rest of us were shipped to the Warsaw Ghetto. My younger brother died of malnutrition within the week..."

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CHRIST

My father speaks now through my lips to you.

EICHMANN

This I accept, it is clear, I do not argue. But you speak this way. One priest speaks one way and one another. Everyone has different ideas, but a tree never changes.

CHRIST

Do you ever pray?

EICHMANN

Yes, every day. As son of God you should know. I have not stopped praying since childhood.

CHRIST

Do you feel that you receive an answer?

EICHMANN

If I had not been praying I never could have gotten through the last two years.

HEYDRICH

"I did not eat for three days till I was discovered by the Partisans..."

CHRIST

The world condemns you for the things that you did during the war. Did you pray then?

EICHMANN

Yes, no one forbade me to pray.

CHRIST

But could you pray then when you were doing the terrible things you did and so many died as a result of what you did?

EICHMANN

Yes, I could because what I did I was commanded to do. I did nothing for myself; only what I was told to do. But I never gave up my belief in God or in prayer. What I was accused of in court I did not do. If it had been true I would have acknowledged it. But I denied it because it was not true. It was not I who did the killing; I can pray.

HEYDRICH

"I joined the Partisans. After a few months we were ambushed by an SS commando squad..."

EICHMANN is becoming more and more excited. LIGHTS. AGENT ONE appears and hands EICHMANN a lighted cigarette.

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EI CHMANN

I did not kill. There were people who did, but I did not have to do this. A lot of people had to kill but not I.

CHRIST

You had some responsibility...

EI CHMANN

In the war the church representatives blessed the war effort and what went on, clergymen of the Evangelical Church, the Roman Catholics, and the rabbis, so why should I be blamed for what I did?

CHRIST

There can be no excuse if one does wrong.

HEYDRICH

"They hung all of the men...the women were raped..."

EI CHMANN

I did as I was commanded, but I did not kill anyone!

CHRIST

You made it possible for people to be killed.

MULLER

"I saw a woman holding onto her baby. An SS officer demanded she turn her child over. The woman refused..."

EI CHMANN

No, I did not make it possible.

MULLER

"The SS officer tore the baby from the woman's arms and then grabbed each leg and ripped it in two..."

CHRIST

But you must feel some guilt for what you have done?

LIGHTS on the JUDGE.

JUDGE

Mr. Hausner you may call the next witness.

EI CHMANN

(to CHRIST)

Can you hear it? The voices, stories, sounds of terror...heartbreaking yes, but as if I was the cause of it all.

CHRIST

What has led you to this place?

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EI CHMANN

Fear overflows my soul. They want to kill me...All of them.

CHRI ST

You helped transport six million to their deaths...that going to make a lot enemies Eichmann...in this world or the next...

EI CHMANN

But I am guilty before God only, not the law...

LIGHTS on the JEWISH WIFE giving survivor testimony at EICHMANN'S trial.

JEWI SH WIFE

Only about fourteen survived. The rest were hunted down by the SS and the local population...At Chelmo, 400,000 people were gassed in the vans..I was one of two survivors...As we dug up the graves to dispose of the remains by cremation, I recognized my three sisters and their children...

EI CHMANN

How was this possible?

JEWI SH WIFE

By the clothes they were wearing.

LIGHTS. EICHMANN stands to attention.

EI CHMANN

I shall gladly hang myself in public as a warning example for all anti-Semites on this earth!

EICHMANN collapses into his seat at the table. He is broken. LIGHTS on PASTOR HULL and EICHMANN.

PASTOR HULL

Do you repent of these things that you were forced to do?

Pause.

EI CHMANN

Yes. I do.

PASTOR HULL pulls out a piece of paper from his briefcase and tentatively gestures it towards EICHMANN.

PASTOR HULL

Would you sign a paper saying that you are sorry for what you have done?

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Pause.

EICHMANN

No, because if I did this now it would look as though I were a hypocrite.

PASTOR HULL is about to say something but EICHMANN cuts him off.

EICHMANN (CONT' D)

But write it out anyway and I will consider it.

Pause.

EICHMANN (CONT' D)

Did you hear what I said?

PASTOR HULL

Yes, of course...I will prepare this paper and give it to you to sign.

EICHMANN

I am afraid that people will misunderstand my reason for doing so.

PASTOR HULL

More people will think well of you for signing such a confession than will think bad of you.

EICHMANN

But the judgment is not given. It will look as though I am doing this to be pardoned.

PASTOR HULL

The judgement is already written. Nothing you can do will change it.

This hits EICHMANN with an awful suddenness. His fear is never more palpable. Then he quickly adopts the manner of the SS officer.

EICHMANN

Very well, if you will prepare this in German I will sign it.

The PASTOR quickly gathers his papers and Bible, afraid that if he stays any longer EICHMANN will change his mind again.

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PASTOR HULL

That is fine. I will get it ready. Auf Wiedersehen.

EICHMANN

Auf Wiedersehen.

EICHMANN sits down alone, shattered. He is at his most vulnerable, aware that there is nothing left for him but the inevitability of his execution.

EICHMANN (CONT' D)

8th May 1945. Fifteen years later, writing about that day, I can recall how I sensed from then on I would live a leaderless, difficult, individual life, I would receive no directives from anybody, no orders and commands would any longer be issued to me, no pertinent ordinances would be there to consult - in brief, a life never known before lay ahead of me...

LIGHTS on EICHMANN and SASSEN.

EICHMANN (CONT' D)

I was the last Sassen... even when all the others were ready to betray their oath, to "negotiate" with the Jew, I would not take the easy way out...

SASSEN

You are a true believer Eichmann, next to Himmler...

EICHMANN

Next to Himmler... I was the only one who continued to do his duty! Do you understand? The war was finished, Germany destroyed... but I did not give in!

End of Act Two

Act Three

SOUND of huge explosions. EICHMANN is awakened by the noise. LIGHTS on the STATISTICIAN sitting behind a radio microphone.

STATISTICIAN

ACHTUNG! ACHTUNG! This is a broadcast from Stettin. Enemy shell are whistling into the city across the Oder River. Large holes are torn into roofs of buildings. Stones and debris crash down onto the pavement..! Our batteries reply with a roar. On the road out of the city, refugees are assembled with their belongings. Some have only a rucksack..

LIGHTS on EICHMANN and HIMMLER.
HIMMLER, dressed in drab civilian clothing, is frantically getting ready for a hasty retreat.

EICHMANN

Herr Reichfuhrer, I have just come from Budapest. All the German police units have withdrawn.

STATISTICIAN

Military police stop every vehicle and ensure that it is fully occupied. Lorries and carts are piled high with the last possessions of our people enduring hardship to escape the advancing enemy!

The EXPLOSIONS fade into the background.

HIMMLER

And the Russians?

EICHMANN

The road was choked with artillery fire Herr Reichfuhrer. Refugees are flooding westward towards Vienna..

HIMMLER

I have been negotiating with Count Bernadotte about the Jews..

EICHMANN

Negotiating...?

HIMMLER

Hold on to at least one hundred of the most prominent Jews. Keep them in a safe place..

EICHMANN

Keep them in a safe place?

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HIMMLER

They are a bargaining tool. They will strengthen our hand. I have absolute confidence that we can still make a separate peace Eichmann.

EICHMANN

But the Russians are at the gates Herr...

HIMMLER is lost in thought. He finally slaps his thighs, a wellspring of optimism.

HIMMLER

We'll get a treaty! We'll lose a few feathers, but it will be a good one!

EICHMANN

A treaty Herr Reichfuhrer...but we have exterminated nearly all the Jews of Europe..?

HIMMLER

That's why we must hang onto the hundred most prominent Jews. They will see that we have not been totally inflexible with our plans to free Europe of the Jew.

EICHMANN is speechless. The SOUND of artillery fire is louder, more ominous. Both EICHMANN and HIMMLER listen.

STATISTICIAN

(affecting a British accent
suitable for a BBC REPORTER)

This is the BBC. The city of Aachen no longer exists. That's the price of prolonging the war...

HIMMLER then pulls out a passport from his coat and gives it to EICHMANN.

HIMMLER

How do you want your fake papers to read?

EICHMANN

Papers Herr Reichfuhrer..?

HIMMLER

You will be hunted Eichmann. Your name is signed to thousands of documents. All SS and Gestapo are authorized to select a civilian for which he could say he worked for the last few years...

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EI CHMANN

But our work Reichfuhrer... you said it yourself ... "I myself believe that it is better for us - us together- to have born this out for our people, that we have taken the responsibility for it on ourselves, and that we should take this secret with us to our graves..."

HI MMLER

You will receive employment certificates, "instructions," or correspondence from the company, anything that will hide your real job from post war investigators...

EI CHMANN looks down at where his pistol should be by his side and places his hand there without a hint of self consciousness.

EI CHMANN

Reichfuhrer...I don't need these papers. Look here, this is my certificate. When I see no other way out, it is my last medicine. I have no need for anything else.

HI MMLER

Take them Eichmann. Otherwise...you will be executed.

HI MMLER is silent. EI CHMANN is at a loss. He gives the Nazi salute. HI MMLER barely notices and disappears. EI CHMANN watches his departure. LIGHTS on SASSEN and EI CHMANN.

SASSEN

But you didn't take your last medicine did you Eichmann...choosing instead to hide your identity three times before escaping to Argentina...

EI CHMANN

Twice Sassen. Only twice. I had no choice...We were acting under orders.

SASSEN

I don't think that will cut it Eichmann.

EI CHMANN

What needs to be explained?

SASSEN

The figures are exaggerated...

EI CHMANN

The Jews were a threat to the welfare of Germany...

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SASSEN

Most of the Jews got out before the war...

EI CHMANN

They plotted the destruction of the German economy...

SASSEN

Six million? No one will believe it...no one will *want* to believe it...

EI CHMANN

They all knew, the British, Americans, Russians...

SASSEN

The Vatican...

EI CHMANN

They did nothing...

SASSEN

We were doing them a favor. No one wanted them..and when the chance came to save them they all closed their doors...

EI CHMANN

They will thank us in another fifty years..!

Pause.

SASSEN

How does it feel Eichmann, knowing you helped put six million in their graves?

Pause.

EI CHMANN

A hundred deaths is a tragedy...six million is merely an abstraction.

SASSEN hands EI CHMANN his confession.

SASSEN

Then why confess to a Priest?

LIGHTS.

EI CHMANN begins to read out the points listed becoming more outraged as he continues.

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EICHMANN

"I do confess....I arranged for the transport of Jews and others from various countries...made no real effort to be relieved of my command..remain responsible for the final solution...share of responsibility for all the acts of the Nazi Party...PERFORM MY DUTIES IN A MANNER WHICH GAVE LITTLE CHANCE FOR THE SURVIVAL OF ANY JEW WHO CAME UNDER MY JURISDICTION?!!

SASSEN

It's all a lot of crap Eichmann. The game is up.

EICHMANN

THIS IS FALSE! IT IS NOT TRUE! I AM NOT GUILTY! IT IS NOT TRUE!

LIGHTS on PASTOR HULL.

PASTOR HULL

You admitted to all this in court. You said that you were in charge of and organized the transportation!

EICHMANN ignores him and keeps reading the confession.

EICHMANN

"I do hereby accept the Lord Jesus Christ as my saviour...!?"

PASTOR HULL

If you do not yet have faith in Jesus Christ you may remove the lower part.

EICHMANN

I do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

EICHMANN hands the confession, unsigned, back to PASTOR HULL. LIGHTS on the AGENTS who pounce on EICHMANN. They strip EICHMANN of his clothing. He stands there in his underwear.

AGENT ONE

I can still recall exactly how I was touched, even a bit disgusted when I saw his shabby clothing, particularly his underwear. I could not help but ask myself spontaneously, is this really the great Eichmann, the man who decided the fate of millions of my people?

AGENT TWO

The third stage Eichmann. What is the third stage...

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AGENT TWO cocks his pistol and aims it at EICHMANN'S head. EICHMANN transforms himself into a MUSSELMAN as he speaks.

EI CHMANN

In the final stage of malnutrition the inmate suffers from large or small edemas. As the state of malnutrition worsens, they become indifferent to their environment and everything happening around them. They exclude themselves completely from all forms of interaction. If they can move it is in slow motion without bending their knees. They are always shivering as their body temperature falls below 98.7 degrees. Seeing them from a distance they appear to be Arabs praying, hence the term used at Auschwitz for people dying of malnutrition, Muslims, or Musselman...

EI CHMANN struggles for his life.

EI CHMANN (CONT' D)

YOU CANNOT DO THIS! I AM A COLONEL IN THE SS!

AGENT ONE viciously slaps EICHMANN to the ground. He is initially shocked into compliance. EICHMANN is thrown onto a chair by the AGENTS. As the AGENTS descend upon EICHMANN he struggles with all his might. His efforts are futile. Trousers are placed on him. A military style tunic on his upper body. Shiny black boots on his feet. EICHMANN is covered by the bodies of the AGENTS who are working on his new "identity." One of them is applying a false moustache to his face. a cap is placed on his head. When he is done he stands back proudly to admire his work.

AGENT ONE

You may look in the mirror.

EI CHMANN stands and walks slowly as if facing a mirror. He is wearing a crisp uniform of an SS officer replete with highly polished boots and a peaked cap. As he sees his reflection in the mirror, he freezes, transfixed by the image. Then he begins to straighten his posture, throwing his shoulders back.

EI CHMANN

Ist gut! Nice uniform!

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He adjusts the peak of his cap.
EICHMANN feels like an SS Officer
again.

EICHMANN (CONT' D)

Ist wunderbar!

He turns and starts walking around the room, regaining more of the old arrogance with every step, until he is almost strutting, back straight, chin out, eyes narrowed almost to slits. All he needs now is a riding crop and he might as well be on an inspection of Auschwitz. The AGENT working on EICHMANN turns to the audience with a certain flourish as if announcing an exotic animal for the first time.

AGENT TWO

Gentlemen, allow me to present Obersturmbanfuhrer Adolph Eichmann!

EICHMANN

I am not an adherent of violence, but any opposition will be broken. If you think of joining the partisans or applying their methods, I shall have you mercilessly slaughtered. After the war the Jews shall be free; all the Jewish measures will be abandoned and the Germans will be good natured, as before. You will tell me if anyone harms you and I will protect you; but I warn you not to mislead me. I know all about Jews.

AGENT ONE

Do you think he'll pass as an Israeli commercial pilot?

AGENT TWO

He will be drugged before getting onto the plane. Any resistance before leaving Argentina and we are to kill him immediately.

EICHMANN stands there in his own world, oblivious to what they are saying. He is mightily pleased with his appearance. EICHMANN adores his reflection.

AGENT ONE

Tell me Eichmann, what methods did you use to clear out the Jews?

Pause.

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EI CHMANN (CONT' D)

The forces assigned to the rounding up of Jews absolutely have to be furnished with axes, hatchets, or similar instruments...

LIGHTS on the STATISTICIAN.

STATISTICIAN

April 1942 to April 1944... From Poland, transported by trucks, approximately 300,000, by train, 600,000...

EI CHMANN

...since almost all the doors are bolted and can only be forced.

STATISTICIAN

Holland, 100,000, Greece, 45,000, France, 150,000, Belgium, 50,000, Germany, 60,000...

EI CHMANN

Even if access to the attic cannot be discovered at first, it must be considered possible that people may be found there...

STATISTICIAN

Yugoslavia, Italy and Norway, 50,000, Lithuania, 50,000, Bohemia, Moravia, and Austria, 30,000, Slovakia, 30,000...

EI CHMANN

Each attic must be eventually be carefully searched, from the outside if necessary...

STATISTICIAN

From the various camps for foreign Jews in Poland, the number is approximately... 300,000.

EI CHMANN

Even if there is no cellar, a large number of people may be found in a little space between the floor and the ground...

STATISTICIAN

The figures of those accounted for by natural causes, not to mention the Einsatzgruppen's work of course, which early estimates point to over the one million mark... are yet to be calculated.

EI CHMANN

In such places it is advisable to lift the flooring from the outside and send in the police dogs. It is advisable to explore the ground around the houses with a hard object for many people hide away in well camouflaged holes.

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EICHMANN (CONT' D)

In order to uncover the hiding places, it is recommended that the aid of adolescents be enlisted, in the promise of their lives. This method...is always effective.

LIGHTS on the STATISTICIAN.

STATISTICIAN

All the men are ready Herr Obersturmbannfuhrer. The March is ready to commence...

EICHMANN

And the convoy itself...?

STATISTICIAN

Destined to be much lighter once we reach Auschwitz Herr Obersturmbannfuhrer...

LIGHTS on MULLER and EICHMANN.

MULLER

Eichmann...the Reichfuhrer has ordered us to stop killing all the Jews...

EICHMANN

Stop?

MULLER

Your work is done. I would advise you get out of Hungary as soon as possible.

EICHMANN

It is the Fuhrer's decree that no Jew in Europe shall remain alive.

MULLER

The Reichfuhrer has changed his mind.

EICHMANN

But it all rests with me. You said it yourself, killing them will be the easy part...I cannot leave these Jews left to themselves Muller...

MULLER

They will never make the journey Eichmann...a march of this magnitude under these conditions...

EICHMANN is reticently silent. MULLER realises EICHMANN'S plan. MULLER smiles.

MULLER (CONT' D)

If we had 50 Eichmann's we could have won this war!

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LIGHTS on the JUDGE.

JUDGE

On the matter of the so called Murder March Herr Eichmann...

EICHMANN

Yes of course, it seemed to have gone all right for the first few kilometers but the farther we got the sadder it looked...

LIGHTS on the JUDGE.

JUDGE

And now, with the infamous operation known as "The Death March" came the finale of Eichmann's campaign or murder... There was no longer any trains available, so he organised, with the help of his Hungarian fascist allies, a march of Jews in the direction of Austria, ostensibly to provide labour for fortifications, but actually to murder them... the March began in November in rain, snow and cold along a two hundred kilometre route. The marchers spent each night in the open or in pig sties. Thus were the women, children and old people deported. Anyone who found the walking difficult was shot by the guards who beat and tormented their victims every step of the way. Those who had no strength left, collapsed and died. Hundreds committed suicide or died of typhus. All that was issued to them, once every two days, to eat and drink, was hot water and a little bread. They died like flies and the whole route was strewn with corpses...

LIGHTS on EICHMANN who remains completely unaffected by this speech, and SERVATIUS.

SERVATIUS

Are you ready Herr Eichmann?

EICHMANN

For what?

SERVATIUS

The sentencing. It is today.

EICHMANN

But my appeal...?!

SERVATIUS

It was rejected.

EICHMANN

How can that be?! I never...I was ordered...I was only...

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SERVATIUS

Please Herr Eichmann, this cannot be avoided. You must listen.

SOUND of a gavel. LIGHTS on the JUDGE.

JUDGE

But at the stage of passing sentence consideration must also, and perhaps primarily, be given to the injury inflicted on the victims as individuals, which was implicit in these crimes, and the immeasurable anguish which they and their families suffered and still suffer to this very day because of these crimes...

EICHMANN

Why am I the only scapegoat?!

JUDGE

For the despatch of each train by the Accused to Auschwitz, or to any other extermination site, carrying one thousand human beings, meant that the Accused was a direct accomplice in a thousand premeditated acts of murder, and the degree of his legal and moral responsibility for these acts of murder is not one iota less than the responsibility of the person who with his own hands pushed these human beings into the gas chambers.

EICHMANN

Everyone knew...all of them..no one complained...no one tried to stop us...no one wanted to know...because NOBODY CARED!

JUDGE

This Court sentences Adolf Eichmann to death, for the crimes against the Jewish People, the crimes against humanity and the war crimes of which he has been found guilty.

LIGHTS on SASSEN.

SASSEN

So tell me Eichmann, do have any regrets?

EICHMANN

No, I have no regrets at all and I am not eating humble pie at all. In the four months Sassen, during which you have rendered the whole matter, during which you have endeavoured to refresh my memory, a great deal has been refreshed. It would be too easy, and I could perfectly reasonably, for the sake of current opinion, play the role as if a Saul had turned into a Paul. But I must tell you that I cannot do that, because my innermost being refuses to say we did something wrong.

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EICHMANN (CONT' D)

No - I must tell you, in all honesty, that if of the 10.3 million Jews shown by my statistician Korrher, as we now know, we had killed 10.3 million, then I would be satisfied. I would say "All right. We have exterminated an enemy. "

SASSEN switches off his tape recorder. There is a silent moment between EICHMANN and SASSEN as they stare into each other's souls. LIGHTS on the JUDGE.

JUDGE

Herr Eichmann, you may address the Court.

EICHMANN regains his composure. As EICHMANN speaks AGENT ONE retrieves the tape recorder from the table between SASSEN and EICHMANN. He rewinds it and presses play...

EICHMANN

I am... disappointed. I understand the demand for atonement and shared feelings of horror within this courtroom...

VOICE OVER

"All right. We have exterminated an enemy. "

AGENT ONE rewinds the tape once more.

EICHMANN

But guilt lay with the political leadership. My flaw was in unflinching loyalty and obedience. Now the subordinates are victims. I am one such victim.

VOICE OVER

"All right. We have exterminated an enemy. "

AGENT ONE rewinds the tape again. The SOUND is louder beginning to drown out EICHMANN'S pleas.

EICHMANN

I have never killed anyone nor intentionally lied under interrogation or in court. I simply made slips. I have always tried to live ethically but was prevented by the State from living according to this principle.

VOICE OVER

"All right. We have exterminated an enemy. "

The tape is rewound once again. A figure slowly emerges from below the stage.

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EI CHMANN

I had to switch from the unity of ethics to one of multiple morals. I had to yield to an inversion of values which was prescribed by the State.

VOICE OVER

"All right. We have exterminated an enemy. "

The tape is rewound once again. The figure is almost completely above the stage.

EI CHMANN

I would now ask the Jewish people on a personal level of forgiveness, and would admit that I am overwhelmed by shame when I think about the evil committed against the Jews and the acts that were perpetrated against them.

VOICE OVER

"All right. We have exterminated an enemy. "

EI CHMANN realizes that it is all futile. He sinks down to the chair, resigned to his fate. AGENT ONE switches the tape off. LIGHTS on the figure that is now fully risen on the stage. It is the JEWISH WOMAN dressed circa 1962. LIGHTS on the FIRST and SECOND MAN behind the JEWISH WOMAN. They place a hand over her mouth and quickly subdue her to the ground. LIGHTS. AGENT ONE begins to give EI CHMANN a medical exam producing a portable scale, taking his weight and measurements. EI CHMANN is being prepared for his execution. At the same time there is the sound of construction, hammering and sawing. The gallows for EI CHMANN'S execution is being constructed. EI CHMANN faces his darkest moment.

EI CHMANN

(Fearfully)

What is this Herr Hauptmann. . ?

AGENT ONE

I am sorry Eichmann. . this cannot be helped. . . Please remove your jacket and shoes. . .

EI CHMANN, reluctantly, but obediently complies.

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AGENT ONE motions EICHMANN to step on the scale. He writes down a figure.

WARDEN

That is all Eichmann. You may put your shoes back on.

EICHMANN does so. AGENT ONE leaves.
LIGHTS on PASTOR HULL.

PASTOR HULL

Call on the name of Jesus.

EICHMANN remains silent. The PASTOR notices the notebook on the desk between them.

PASTOR HULL (CONT' D)

Have you written much?

EICHMANN

Some observations...here and there.

PASTOR HULL

Do you have any special message you wish us to give to your wife and family?

EICHMANN

Tell my wife I took it calmly and that I had peace in my heart, which guarantees me that I am right.

LIGHTS. The WARDEN appears with handcuffs. EICHMANN notices them.

EICHMANN

Can I have a moment to pray?

PASTOR HULL gives a quick look to the WARDEN who nods to EICHMANN. EICHMANN silently prays. As he does so, EICHMANN'S cell becomes his death chamber. He is flanked by REPORTERS and JAILERS. The PASTOR walks up to EICHMANN.

PASTOR HULL

"Jesus Jesus, Lord Jesus, my Saviour..."

EICHMANN briefly looks at PASTOR HULL then turns away. A coiled rope appears above EICHMANN'S head.

PASTOR HULL (CONT' D)

Do you have any final words to say before you die?

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EICHMANN is silent. LIGHTS on MULLER.

MULLER

We are the "keepers of secrets" Eichmann.

EICHMANN

Gehemmenstrager.

The PASTOR repeats his question.

PASTOR HULL

Do you have any final words to say before you die?

EICHMANN

Yes. LONG LIVE GERMANY, LONG LIVE AUSTRIA, LONG LIVE ARGENTINA. I OWE A LOT TO THESE COUNTRIES AND I SHALL NOT FORGET THEM. I HAD TO OBEY THE RULES OF WAR AND MY FLAG. I am ready. Gentlemen, we shall meet again soon, so is the fate of all men. I have believed in God all my life and I die believing in God.

A black head cover is offered to EICHMANN. He refuses it. A drum roll. PASTOR HULL opens his Bible.

PASTOR HULL

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw them dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and the death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire...

WARDEN

Pull the lever.

SOUND of body falling, neck snapping. EICHMANN'S body has vanished from the stage. One of the REPORTERS looks down the hole. The remaining characters on stage walk off. Blackout. An intense blazing LIGHT covers the stage. LIGHTS on PASTOR HULL and AGENT ONE who is holding an urn.

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PASTOR HULL
(With hint of disbelief)
Cremation..?

AGENT ONE
What did you expect Father?

PASTOR HULL
He died bravely. A headstone to mark his grave...

AGENT ONE
And let it become a shrine for all the Nazi lovers in the world?

PASTOR HULL
The ashes...I assume the family will want them.

AGENT ONE
They are going on a little voyage in the Mediterranean, outside Israeli territorial waters where they will be scattered into the sea.

The PASTOR is clearly shocked.

PASTOR HULL
A man truly damned!

AGENT ONE
You still have sympathy Father?

PASTOR HULL
He had some positive ideas. (Pause.) There was a book, a notebook..?

AGENT ONE considers answering PASTOR HULL then turns and walks away. LIGHTS on EICHMANN finishing some notes in his diary. LIGHTS. As EICHMANN speaks, CHRIST watches as the JEWISH WOMAN struggle and eventually tied to the chair from the opening scene by the FIRST and SECOND MAN. CHRIST pulls out a knife and heads towards the JEWISH WOMAN. Her blouse is ripped open. As the THIRD MAN he begins to carve the knife into her flesh. This is all conducted in silence. The agony of this act is evident on the WOMAN'S face in contrast with EICHMANN'S serenity.

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EI CHMANN

I believe that there is a God. All nature and the order of the universe prove this to me. I believe that God is absolutely kind and loving. I believe that man is in a process of improvement which will finally result in a perfect man. Animal instincts will disappear as man labours towards perfection. I believe that God is not a God of judgement and punishment, but only of love. I believe that God orders and regulates all things and thus I submit to this. I believe that death is a release the soul and that this is only another step in the individuals development. It is like the release of a child's body at birth. Arms legs and other members which were of no use prior to birth become available for use after birth. Thus the soul develops after the death of the body...

The MEN are finished. The THIRD MAN/CHRIST cleans the knife on his clothing and leaves the stage with his accomplices. The JEWISH WOMAN has fainted. Blood covers her face and chest. LIGHTS. AGENT ONE stands over EICHMANN who reluctantly hands over the diary.

LIGHTS.

AGENT ONE

The day after Eichmann's execution, a group of Argentine fascists kidnapped a young Jewish woman, Graciela Sirota, and carved a swastika into her breast. Another Jewish woman, accused of collaborating with the Israeli snatch squad, was shot dead. These were Eichmann's last victims.

Blackout.