

INT. OFFICER HOSS'S HOUSE - OFFICE

Sophie is writing and working in the officer's office. Sophie is writing down what Officer Hoss is saying to her.

OFFICER HOSS

...and lastly a trait of character,  
common to all people of southern  
climes..., Coma., a certain dullness  
of mind... Do I speak too fast?

SOPHIE

No, Commandant.

Knock on the door.

FRAU HOSS

Excuse me Rudolf, I'm sorry to  
disturb you, but I thought maybe if  
you could go to Berlin and explain  
to Himmler in person, how unfair  
his order is, maybe he'd change his  
mind.

OFFICER HOSS

There's no appeal. We're being  
transferred and that's that.

Officer Hoss comes back into the room.

OFFICER HOSS (CONT'D)

Give me my pills, quick! (beat)  
Why..

SOPHIE

One moment. (beat) Shall I call the  
doctor? Be quiet.

OFFICER HOSS

It's unbearable. (beat) It's better  
now.

SOPHIE

Yes.

OFFICER HOSS

That ergotamine is a miracle.

SOPHIE

I'm glad, Commandant.

OFFICER HOSS

Sit down. Yes, come. (beat) How did you come here? Not many prisoners are lucky enough to find such work.

SOPHIE

I think, it must have been fate. Fate brought me to you, because I knew only you would understand.

OFFICER HOSS

Understand what?

SOPHIE

That a mistake has been made. May I show you something? This is one of the earliest Polish documents suggesting a "final solution" to the Jewish problem. I helped my father to write it. Perhaps you will realize the injustice of my imprisonment.

OFFICER HOSS

So, you claim you are innocent?

SOPHIE

Sir, I freely admit my guilt of the minor charge, which caused me to be sent here. But, I only ask that this misdemeanor be compared to my record, not only as a Polish sympathizer with National Socialism, but as an active campaigner in the sacred war against the Jews. That pamphlet in your hand, Commandant, will prove my point. I implore you. You have the power to give clemency and freedom. Please...

OFFICER HOSS

You forget you are a Pole and therefore, an enemy of the Reich and that you always will be, even if you are not guilty of a crime. (beat) You've been flirting shamelessly with me. It's hard to believe you're Polish with your perfect German and the way you look, your fair skin, the structure of your face. So typically Aryan. You are an unusually attractive woman.

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OFFICER HOSS (CONT'D)  
 There is something about certain  
 Aryan women. A pure and radiant  
 beauty, fair of skin and fair of  
 hair, that inspires me to idolize  
 that beauty.

Officer Hoss kisses Sophie.

Knock on the door.

OFFICER HOSS (CONT'D)  
 Fuck. One moment.

Officer Hoss opens the door.

OFFICER HOSS (CONT'D)  
 Yes?

SS OFFICER  
 Your pardon, sir. A question from  
 Frau Hoess, sir. As the child just  
 recovered from the flu, madam  
 wishes to know, if in your view,  
 Iphigenie is well enough to go to a  
 matinee or should she consult Dr  
 Schmidt?

OFFICER HOSS  
 Please tell Frau Hoess, that if she  
 thinks she's well enough to go to a  
 matinee, then I expect she's well  
 enough to go to a matinee!!!

Officer Hoss comes back to the room.

OFFICER HOSS (CONT'D)  
 I would risk a great deal to have  
 relations with you. If I were not  
 leaving I'd take that risk. But I  
 must go. And so must you. I'm  
 sending you back to Block 3. You  
 will go tomorrow morning.

SOPHIE  
 Commandant, I know I can't ask much  
 for myself and that you must follow  
 the rules. But I beg you to do one  
 thing for me before you send me  
 back. I have a young son in the  
 Camp. His name is Jan, Jan  
 Zawistowski. He is ten years old. I  
 am afraid for his health. I beg you  
 to consider some way to release  
 him.

(MORE)

SOPHIE (CONT'D)

He is frail, and so very young. Please. If I have impressed you, even slightly, with my presence, I beg you to do this for me, not to release me, just free my little boy. Please.

OFFICER HOSS

You think you could get me to contravene regulations, because I showed some little affection? It's disgusting.

SOPHIE

No, no no. There is a legal way! There is the "Lifeborn" program. He is a perfect candidate for it. You could move my child from the Camp into the "Lifeborn" program. Send him to the Reich to be raised as good German. He is blond and looks German and speaks perfect German as I do. Don't you see how my little boy, Jan, would be so right for "Lifeborn"?

OFFICER HOSS

I will have your son brought here tomorrow. I will see him and then I will arrange, for him to be removed from the Camp.