

Scene 7:

Taken Away

Tuky, Misu, Punsci, and the other little kids are sitting playing on the floor. Anyu is cooking. Sami is studying, Mirca is working on her sewing, and Hindi is holding the baby. There's a loud knock at the door. Anyu opens the door and four officers enter.

Anyu: Yes, can I help you?

Officer 1: We are here to speak to Mrs. Gestetner.

Anyu: I am Mrs. Gestetner.

Officer 1: Where is your husband?

Anyu: He is out now.

The children all look up towards their mother. Mirca and Sami join the kids on the floor.

Officer 2: Never mind your husband.

The officers enter the house. Officer 2 hands Anyu some papers. The one of the other officers stands near the children. The fourth walks in with Uncle Colev. Punsci jumps up and runs over to him.

Officer 2: We found his brother in the factory downstairs.

Officer 1: You both need to come with us to headquarters

Hindi motions for the children to stand with her on the other side of the stage. The huddle closely together. The little children are scared and ask Hindi and Mirca questions. Like what's gonna happen and where Apu is.

Anyu: What is this all about!

Officer 2: You will find out at headquarters. You Jews are always asking questions.

Officer 1: Mrs. Gestetner, please, gather all your children and bring them with you.

Anyu: Surely you don't need to arrest my children.

Officer 1: Hurry, the truck is waiting.

Anyu gathers the children to center stage.

Anyu: We don't know how long we will be away from home. May Hashem protect us.

Officer 1: Let's go! We don't have all day Jews.

Lights go down.