

As wars rage and famine threatens the livelihood of their children, Dmytro and Khrystina show resolve and teach their children of compassion in the face of adversity.

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Increasingly concerned for her children, Khrystina told Ganna to soil her face with ashes, put an old kerchief on her head, dress unattractively, and walk bend over, as an old woman would do. The Germans did not pay as much attention to such women.

Nonetheless, one summer day Fedir brought some German soldiers with him into Dmytro's house and pointed out a boy and a girl of working age. The Germans took Leonid and Ganna with them. Khrystina cried and begged them to leave the children but they did not respond to her lament. Fedir smiled the whole time, watching Dmytro who was trying to comfort Khrystina by half-heartedly saying, "They will be treated well. God will watch over them. Don't cry, Khrystina, they will be back."

"I will never see them again," Khrystina said continuing her sobbing.

"I would take you too, if you were younger," Fedir said to Dmytro laughing.

Dmytro looked angrily into Fedir's eyes and said, "One day you'll pay for what you've done to your own people."

"Perhaps, Dmytro, but you won't see that day. The Germans are here to stay," Fedir replied shoving Leonid and Ganna forward. "Let's go, you two. You'll soon see Germany and love it."

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