

S C E N E F O U R

Francoise (firmly commands):
Two steps back.

(He moves.)

Turn around.

(He moves.)

Five steps forward.

(He moves.)

Turn around.

(He moves.)

(In her natural voice.)

Now you can sit down.

Leon:
What was that, a comedy?

Francoise:
Lieutenant Collignon, we are here on the battlefield! You may not realize it, but I do! I obey my commander and this is the only way I can fight. I am a helpless coward without my commander.

Leon:
You are the most courageous woman I have ever met. I admire you.

Francoise:
There is nothing to admire. I am a Jewess as you know. My folks were robbed, imprisoned, and killed by the enemy. My duty is to fight, but I'm a coward, I can not fight. Jeff Smeerkaas gives orders and I obey. What he orders contributes to the liberation of my people. I obey him, knowing that this is my duty. Your duty towards your country is to obey and Jeff was appointed to be your leader, because of his ability. Jeff, you, and me, are in the same camp.

Leon:
I am an officer and I am trained for action, who is Jeff Smeerkaas?

Francoise:
He is the one who provided your commando with weapons. He found a safe shelter for your men and you, he provides you with all information and now he has gone to find you a safe refuge after your blunder.

Leon:
What blunder?

Francoise:
Uselessly carrying a gun. He told you not to do it. You