

THE FUHRER

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SUPER: NUREMBERG, GERMANY - 29 NOVEMBER 1945

INT. NUREMBERG TRIALS - DAY

It's a day of retribution. It's a day of deliverance. It's a day of justice. It's late November, 29 November 1945 to be exact, and the Nuremberg Trials are in full swing to perform the daunting task of conducting a trial to bring to justice some of history's most infamous villains: The Nazis.

Footage of cheering crowds throughout the world is shown as the horrors of World War II come to an end.

BEGIN FLASHBACK

Montage of Allied Soldiers capturing Nazi Soldiers.

-Artillery shells bomb Berlin.

-Nazi stormtroopers surrender in the field.

-Allied Soldiers storm Hitlers bunker and capture Nazi leaders.

-Nazi leaders who try to escape punishment are captured throughout Germany.

END FLASHBACK

The is filled to the brim with judges from the United States, Great Britain, Russia and France; Nazi defendants; security guards and spectators.

"The Greatest Trial in History" is in full swing and twenty-four of the top-ranking officials of the Nazi party have to account for their heinous actions during the twelve year life span of the Nazi Party in Germany.

Footage of Jews in concentration and the liberation of Jews by Allied soldiers is shown.

The room is frozen in silence as the film "Nazi Concentration and Prison Camps" plays on a film projector in the center of the room.

Hearts sink with emotion as some of humanity's great atrocities are displayed on screen for the world to see.

More footage of Jews in concentration camps and scientific experiments being performed on Jews is shown.

The twenty-four Nazi defendants show smug, remorseless expressions.

A NEWSCASTER gives a statement as footage of the Nuremberg Trials play--

NEWSCASTER

The International Military Tribunal also known as the I.M.T. convened in the ruined city of Nuremberg on the twentieth of November 1945 to sit in judgement, the surviving members of Nazi Germany. The trials convened on 1 October 1946...

Footage of the twenty four Nazi leaders giving verbal testimony is shown.

NEWSCASTER (CONT'D)

It's a day of triumph as the world's most notorious criminals are placed on trials for: Participation in a common plan or conspiracy for the accomplishment of a crime against peace; Planning, initiating and waging wars of aggression and other crimes against peace; Participating in war crimes.

Footage of Hermann Goring giving a testimony is shown.

NEWSCASTER (CONT'D)

Of the twenty four Nazis on trial, eleven were sentenced to death.

A picture of Hermann Goring is shown.

NEWSCASTER (CONT'D)

Reich Marshal Hermann Goring was somehow able to commit suicide in his cell using a vile of cyanide smuggled to him.

Footage of Reich leaders being hanged by Allied, Russian and French soldiers is shown.

NEWSCASTER (CONT'D)

The remaining ten were sentenced to death by hanging by a team of U.S. Army executioners...

Footage of various Nazi leaders are shown.

NEWSCASTER (CONT'D)

The executions were botched
resulting in broken necks and even
one smashed his head on the trap
door.

Footage of botched hangings are shown.

NEWSCASTER

Another chapter in world history
has been closed as justice has been
served.

FADE OUT.

SUPER: LINZ, AUSTRIA - 1903

EXT. LINZ, AUSTRIA - DAY

A lush, mountainous town on the upper side of Austria just south of the Czech border is quiet and quaint with not much going on. The Danube River runs through the town which was one the prized possession of the Roman Empire and former home to Anton Buckner and Johannes Kepler.

The city is also the birthplace to another important resident...

INT. HITLER HOME - DAY

Its the early afternoon and a man, ALOIS HITLER, 60's, stern as a cement block is having an argument with his son ADOLF HITLER, 14, small build--we'll call him Hitler from now on.

ALOIS

Damnit, boy, you're going to be a lawyer if it kills you!

HITLER

I will not be a lawyer! I just want to live my own life without you telling me what to do.

ALOIS

I'm your father and you will do as I tell you.

HITLER

I will not be a lawyer!

ALOIS

You are a lazy, ungrateful poor
excuse of a child. I don't know
how your mother and I even had a
child like you.

Hitler steps back, takes this in. Stunned.

He tears up a little bit, then bolts out the door.

Hitler runs through the open field until he reaches a fence
on the outer limits of the property.

Hitler leans over the gate. Cries.

Meanwhile, back in the Hitler house, Alois grabs his chest,
falls to the ground and dies of a heart attack.

FADE OUT.

SUPER: Linz, Austria 1907

INT. HITLER HOME - DAY

Adolf Hitler, 17, returns home from an afternoon on a town to
greet a doctor who is attending his mother who is sick and
fading in health or her sick bed.

Hitler crashes through the front door and is intercepted by
the PHYSICIAN, 40's.

HITLER

Where is she!?!

PHYSICIAN

Your mother is very, very sick.
You mustn't disturb her--

Hitler pushes the physician out of the way.

HITLER

Move!

Hitler rushes past the Physician and sprints into his
mother's, KLARA HITLER, 40's, feeble from sickness.

KLARA

Adolf.

HITLER

Mother.

Hitler runs over to his mother, caresses her, she caresses him back.

KLARA

Adolf my days are behind me.

HITLER

Mother, don't leave us.

Hitler's younger sister, PAULA HITLER, 11 enters the room, runs over to Hitler and Klara.

Klara caresses Hitler's face and head.

KLARA

I have to go my beloved son. You are special. You will be somebody important one day. You just wait and see.

Hitler shamefully bows his head.

HITLER

What we do without you, mother?

KLARA

You will find out an answer.

Klara leans over and gently kisses Hitler on the head.

HITLER

Everything I love seems to leave me.

KLARA

Adolf.

Hitler begins to weep, gets up and runs out of the room.

SUPER: A Year Later

INT. LINZ COURTHOUSE - DAY

Hitler and Paula attend a hearing where a JUDGE, 50's, gives them a determination that they will receive an orphan's stipend.

JUDGE (V.O.)

You, Adolf Hitler, and you, Paula Hitler, will receive a lump sum of 70 schillings per month to cover living expenses.

Hitler stands at the hearing, no tears, cold-hearted.

INT. VIENNA ARTS ACADEMY - DAY

Hitler presents a piece of his artwork to a judging committee at the Vienna Arts Committee.

The CHAIRPERSON of the judging committee converses with several other BOARDMEMBERS.

HITLER

Members of the board, I present to you my most prized work.

The members of the board study Hitler's work for a moment, then convene.

OUTER HALLWAY

Hitler meets with a REPRESENTATIVE of the board in the hallway outside of the main room.

REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Adolf Hitler, the review board instructed me to inform you that you were not accepted into the Vienna Academy as your work was deemed unsatisfactory.

HITLER

This is unfair.

REPRESENTATIVE

I'm so sorry.

HITLER

You people don't understand true talent.

Hitler tears up hi artwork and storms out of the room.

SOME TIME LATER

EXT. VIENNA CONCERT HALL - NIGHT

Hitler leaves the Vienna Concert Hall after enjoying a concert featuring music by Richard Wagner.

As Hitler walks down the street he approaches a newsstand.

Hitler purchases a paper that expresses anti-semitic views.

INT. REICHSTAG BUILDING - DAY

The silhouette is followed through the halls of the headquarters of the Third Reich--The Reichstag.

As we follow this man we see him pass many loyal followers who include military personnel, political leaders and associates. However, these people bear a very familiar and infamous mark on their sleeve--the swastika.

This is the headquarters to the Nazi Party.

As we continue to follow this silhouette through the halls of this maze of a building, we see the glamour and importance of this person as every person he passes raise their right arm to give a Seig Heil salute and cry a familiar chant, "Heil Hitler".

As we continue to follow this man, we are led to a balcony where the man ends his route and is greeted by a courtyard filled with columns of German Stormtroopers, Nazi military leaders and other personnel.

As this person gives the Seig Heil salute, the crowd of military personnel return the salute a yell "Heil Hitler".

As we discover who the identity of this person is, we see that he is none other than Adolf Hitler, 40's, who is dressed in full military uniform.

Hitler stands above the crowd, full of fervor and pride.

FADE OUT.

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SUPER: MUNICH - 1914

EXT. FELDHERRNHALLE PLAZA - MUNICH - NIGHT

A demonstration is being held outside of the Feldherrnhalle on Munich's Odeonsplatz following the declaration of war on Russia by Germany.

The crowd goes wild as it cheers and sings "Die Wacht am Rhein" and "Deutschland, Deutschland uber alles".

A photographer readies to take a picture of the crowded excitement to capture of one, unique individual caught in the middle of the action--Adolf Hitler.

SUPER: BAVARIAN ARMY - 1914

INT. BAVARIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Adolf Hitler gets sworn into the Bavarian Army by a group of MILITARY OFFICERS.

Hitler is dressed in a military dress uniform.

MILITARY OFFICER

Do you swear to uphold the traditions and honor of the Bavarian Army and the country?

HITLER

I do.

Hitler lowers his hand, does an about-face and leaves the room.

EXT. SECOND RESERVE BATTALION/SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT - DAY

A regiment of new, "raw" recruits train for war by learning various infantry and fighting tactics in preparation for war.

The regiment includes Adolf Hitler, scrawny and unassuming.

A Bavarian Army SERGEANT stands in front of the group of soldiers to delivers orders.

SERGEANT

Alright, soldiers get in line...hurry up.

The soldiers scamper to form an organized platoon formation.

SERGEANT (CONT'D)

Shape up you lazy, poor excuses for a human being. We're gonna train to fight and fight to win this damned war.

The Sergeant gathers the platoon and starts to maneuver them through several training exercises--

BEGIN MONTAGE

-The regiment and Hitler train on an obstacle course.

-The regiment and Hitler train on firing weapons.

-The regiment and Hitler train using the bayonet.

Hitler trains with a fierceness as he develops a heart for war and a tolerance for suffering.

EXT. MENIN ROAD - DAY

Hitler and his battalion are engaged in a gruesome battle.

Tat-tat-tat-tat...

Scores of Bavarian Soldiers fire at the Russian Army.

Tat-tat-tat-tat-tat-tat...

Scores of Bavarian Soldiers get hit by rounds fired from the Russian Army.

Soldiers rise out of the trenches to assault the enemy...

Bodies fall helpless from enemy fire.

In the thick of it all is Adolf Hitler who looks at the bodies of his comrades, bloodied and dismembered, as they are carried in stretchers from the front line.

A SOLDIER runs over to Hitler--

SOLDIER

We gotta move. The enemy is closing in. We gotta relocate our position.

The Soldier runs away, then...

BOOOOMM!

A rocket propelled grenade hit the Soldier in mid-stride and blows him to smithereens.

Hitler looks in awe.

Hitler peaks up from behind his trench to see his comrades engage in a bloody battle to the death.

Hitler looks to the left--witnesses a squad of soldiers get mowed by heavy automatic machine guns.

Hitler looks to the right--sees another squad of soldiers get hit by a round of artillery.

Hitler tries to fire his rifle at the enemy then...

BOOOM

An artillery shell lands not too far from him but the shell shock knocks him down.

Hitler struggles to get up to get his bearing only to see more of his comrades getting killed.

HITLER (V.O.)

The deaths were staggering. Our force of thirty-six hundred men was quickly reduced to six hundred eleven.

BOOM.

More artillery shells and rocket propelled grenades continue to devastate Hitler's battalion.

Hitler looks on as his eyes transition from a youthful vibrance to cold and dark.

HITLER (V.O.)

In war, idealism--after seeing thousands killed and injured--gives way to the realism that life is a constant horrible struggle. From now on, death was my constant companion, immunizing me to death and suffering.

Screams of pain from the Soldiers of his battalion can be heard in the background.

Hitler cringes and cuddles under the pressures of combat and war.

HITLER

Even more than in the Viennese doss-house, I learned to close my eyes to sorrow and pity. Struggle, survival and victory: these were all that counted.

INT. BAVARIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Hitler is promoted to Corporal by his superiors for his service in battle during the war.

INT. BAVARIAN ARMY - SOLDIERS QUARTERS - NIGHT

Hitler, now a dispatch runner for the battalion, sits in his living quarters reading a book while a few of his fellow SOLDIERS, who are also dispatch runners, play cards.

SOLDIER #1
 Hey Adolf, what about looking
 around for a Mamsell?

The other soldiers laugh.

HITLER
 I'd die of shame looking for a
 French girl.

The soldiers burst into laughter.

SOLDIER #2
 Look at the monk.

HITLER
 Have you no sense of German pride!
 I will never taint my blood with
 that of a dirty French whore.

SOLDIER #1
 Adi, you're way too sensitive.

SOLDIER #2
 Adi's an artist who receives no
 mail, doesn't speak of family or
 friends and doesn't even go to the
 brothels. I don't know how he does
 it.

Hitler just sits in a corner by himself reading a book.
 Silent.

A soldier whose last name was BALTHASAR BRANDMAYER, 20's,
 approaches Hitler--

BRANDMAYER
 Haven't you ever loved a girl?

Hitler looks at Brandmayer, straight-faced--

HITLER
 Look, Brandoiri. I've never had
 time for anything like that, and
 I'll never get round to it.

Brandmayer embarrassingly returns to chat with the other
 soldiers.

SOLDIER #1
 It doesn't matter if Adi doesn't
 like girls. The war is lost and we
 won't have to worry about anything
 else when we're taken prisoners.

Hitler erupts with anger.

HITLER

For us the war can't be lost! How could you say such a thing when brave German blood is being sacrificed for our freedom on the battlefields of combat?

The room is silent.

SOLDIER #2

It was just a joke, Adi.

HITLER

Well it's not funny.

SOLDIER #1

Adi, calm down.

HITLER

I will never calm down. Never. Not until the battle's won.

The room is frozen.

Hitler returns to his corner and writes a letter:

HITLER (V.O.)

Each of us has only one wish, cost what it will , and that those of us who have the fortune to see their homeland again will find it purer and cleansed of alien influence, that through the suffering that so many hundred thousand of us make daily, that though the stream of blood that flows here day to day against an international world of enemies be smashed, but that our inner internationalism will also be broken. That would be worth more than all territorial gains.

Hitler finishes writing, folds the letter and looks out of the window.

EXT. WERVICK - DAY

Hitler and the soldiers of his regiment are fighting against the British while in their dug out positions.

Hitler and his men return fire to the enemy, then

PSSSSSSS...

Several canisters of tear gas are launched into the German trenches.

Hitler and his men don't know what to do and are blinded by the gas.

All hell is breaking loose.

There's nothing but screams and gun shots.

Pop-pop-pop-pop-psss-psss

Hitler tries to resist the gas, fires his weapon, then passes out from exposure to the gas.

Black Screen

SUPER: Pasewalk Hospital - October 1918

INT. MILITARY HOSPITAL - PASEWALK - DAY

Hitler lies in his hospital bed and stares at the ceiling.

A DOCTOR, 40's, comes in to check on Hitler.

DOCTOR

Well, how's are little hero doing today.

Hitler is resistant to speak.

HITLER

Not well. I just want to get out to the battle field.

DOCTOR

It looks like that's not a possibility.

HITLER

What could you possible be talking about?

DOCTOR

Didn't you hear the news? The Germans surrendered. The war is over. There is no more monarchy in Germany. It's a Republic now. We have to submit to the victors.

Hitler, shocked, turns over in his bed, digs his head into his pillow and begins to weep.

HITLER (V.O.)

It was when I heard the news that I experienced the greatest villainy of the century, an act of treachery, a stab in the back by the enemies of the German people-- the Jews. There will be no pacts, only the hard "either, or". Therefore, I, on my part, have decided to go into politics.

Hitler turns back on his back and closes his eyes.

INT. BAVARIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Hitler reports for duty to the BATTALION COMMANDER.

Hitler knocks on the outer door panel three times.

Knock. Knock. Knock.

BATTALION COMMANDER

Come in.

Hitler enters the room.

HITLER

Sir, you requested to see me.

BATTALION COMMANDER

Yes. Corporal Hitler, you're being discharged from the Army.

HITLER

Sir, the Army is my life. It's all I have.

BATTALION COMMANDER

The war's over, corporal. We've been defeated. You have orders to get your things and out-process in two days.

The Battalion Commander hands Hitler an envelope with his orders.

Hitler reluctantly grabs the envelope, pulls the orders out, observes them.

HITLER
This is absurd.

BATTALION COMMANDER
The war's over, son.

Hitler puts the orders back into the envelope, salutes the Battalion Commander, about faces and leaves the room.

A FEW DAYS LATER

SUPER: November 1918

EXT. MUNICH - DAY

Hitler arrives at the heart of downtown Munich dressed in a two-pieced suit, a trench coat and fedora.

Hitler walks to an open courtyard near the town center, stands in the middle of the commotion. Alone.

Hitler just stares at the people going to and fro with fire in his eyes.

FLASHBACK

SUPER: January 1918

EXT. BAVARIAN CITY CENTER - DAY

A speaker, KURT EISNER, 50's, Jewish, delivers a speech to a gathering outside of a local business district in Munich.

KURT EISNER
Our government is lost. Our
economy is ruined. We must embrace
a new form of government in line
with our bolshevik friends to
reclaim our livelihood.

The crowd cheers then a swoon of policemen appear and a scuffle ensues.

Shortly after, the scuffle turns into all out violence.

Scores of people are beaten an bloodied during the protest.

END FLASHBACK

EXT. BAVARIAN - CITY SIDEWALK - DAY

Kurt Eisner walks down a sidewalk on his way to resign from the Bavarian Parliament

As Kurt Eisner walks down the street, a mysterious person, GRAF ANTON VON ARCO-VALLEY, 20's, walks behind Kurt Eisner.

He trails Eisner for a few blocks.

Arco-Valley pulls a pistol out of his pocket, creeps up behind Eisner and points the gun to the back of Eisner's head, pulls the trigger--

POW.

Eisner falls to the ground. Blood creeps out of his forehead.

Arco-Valley stares at Eisner, spits on him, then walks away.

EXT. BAVARIA - DOWNTOWN - DAY

It's a time of turmoil, oppression and chaos as the assassination of Kurt Eisner sparked a period of time known as the Räterepublik where there are severe food shortages, curtailed freedom, press censorship and frequent riots.

CROWDS of Germans protest in a violent rage--

CROWD

The Jews and the Russians are
invading our government, raping our
women and taking our food!

EXT. BAVARIA - FACTORY DISTRICT - DAY

A SPEAKER gives a speech to a group of factory workers, tradesmen and peasants

SPEAKER

Bolshevism is killing our children,
threatening our jobs and corrupting
our way of life. Down with the
Russians. Down with the Jews.
Down with the bolshevik terrorists
from the East.

EXT. BAVARIA - DOWNTOWN - DAY

A busy downtown is covered in debris and broken glass as a result of frequent violent riots and protests.

A NEWSPAPER COURIER relays the headlines of the latest news to the masses that care to listen--

COURIER

Extra, extra, read all about it!
Jews and Russians stab the German people in the back. The Jews conspire to take over the world with their Russian brothers and do away with the German people.

The Newspaper Courier holds up a paper:

INSERT - Newspaper that shows,

The front page of a paper with a cartoon showing a Jewish gypsy stabbing a German soldier in the back.

INT. MUNICH UNIVERSITY - DAY

A class is being given by a professor named KARL ALEXANDER von MULLER, 40's, on German history, anti-Bolshevik and Pan-German ideology.

In the front row sits Adolf Hitler, attentive and consumed by the words of the lecture.

After the lecture ends, a group of kids surround a man who addresses them in a domineering, striking tone--it's Adolf Hitler.

Muller summons one of his colleagues, CAPTAIN KARL MAYR, 40's, head of the Information Department at Munich University.

MULLER

Hey...hey Karl.

MAYER

What is it, Muller?

MULLER

There's a new guy I want you to see. This guy is special.

Mayer walks over to Muller.

MAYER

Who is it?

MULLER

You see that young chap over there?

Muller points to Hitler who passionately speaks to his fellow students.

MAYER

That's Adi Hitler from the List Regiment.

MULLER

You know this guy?

MAYER

Yeah. I always thought of him as a loner, but I guess I was wrong.

MULLER

The guy's a natural with rhetoric.

MAYER

I never knew he had it in him.

INT. LECHFELD CAMP - DAY

A lecture on "Peace Conditions and Reconstruction" is being given by a familiar face--Hitler.

The audience is silent and focused on Hitler as he delivers a passionate speech.

HITLER

It's the Jews, I tell you, the Jews who are the source of treachery and betrayal of the German people...

The crowd listens as Hitler rages on--

HITLER (CONT'D)

...and I pose to you my brothers an answer to "What is the Jewish Question?". The answer is: the Jews are a race and not a religion and that their removal is key to the nationalism of the Fatherland.

The room cheers.

Hitler leaves the podium and is greeted enthusiastically by Karl Mayer who vigorously shakes his hand and hugs him.

SUPER: September 1919

INT. BEER HALL - STERNECKERBRAU, MUNICH - DAY

A gathering of the German Worker's Party in one of Munich's largest beerhall's to protest the Russian and Jewish presence is going on.

Among the crowd goers is Adolf Hitler who was assigned to attend the meeting with two of his friends from Lechfeld.

The speaker, GOTTFRIED FEDER, 30's, delivers a lecture--

FEDER

The idea of interest on loans is the diabolical invention of big loan-capital; it alone makes possible the lazy drone's life of a minority of tycoons at the expense of the productive peoples and their work potential...

A man, PROFESSOR BAUMANN, 40's, interrupts Feder--

BAUMANN

Mr. Feder, your insights are shallow and weak. If Bavaria were dislocated from this wreck of a country Germany, things would be a lot better for everyone.

The crowd is stunned.

Out of nowhere, Hitler intervenes.

HITLER

How dare you insult the character of the Fatherland who gives the very breath that gives you the strength to walk this Earth. You are a shrewd and a coward who breaks like a wet twig under the slightest pressure of adversity.

Professor Baumann is shocked.

BAUMANN

But, I...I...

HITLER

Have you no decency, sir. The fate of the people...this country lie in the wake and all you can talk about is division. You're a knave.

The crowd cheers.

Embarrassed, Professor Baumann puts on his hat and leaves while Hitler continues to speak looking like a "wet poodle".

As Hitler finishes his tirade the party chairman, ANTON DREXLER, 40's, approaches Hitler.

DEXLER

That was a fantastic moment. How do you do, sir?

HITLER

I'm fine. I was just doing what any normal patriot would do for his country.

DEXLER

Goodness, you gotta gob!

HITLER

Thank you.

Dexler pulls a pamphlet out of his pocket, hands it to Hitler.

DEXLER

Take this. Look it over. We could use a soul like you in the party.

Hitler takes the pamphlet, puts it in his pocket.

HITLER

I'll give it a gander.

Dexler grabs Hitler's hand.

DEXLER

We'll be here waiting.

HITLER (V.O.)

It was at this time that I realized I had a special gift...a talent. I could "speak" and reach people through my message.

INT. GERMAN WORKERS PARTY HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Hitler joins the German Workers Party and is congratulated by Dexler and a small crew of the members. Hitler's member number is "555" although he will later claim to be the seventh member of the party.

The room applauds the arrival of their newest member and greatest speaker, Hitler.

SUPER: Three years later

INT. BEERHALL - MUNICH - DAY

Hitler delivers the final moments of a speech addressing the "Jewish Question". The place is packed wall-to-wall with a mob of people.

HITLER

Who will take the blame? Who will bear the brunt of shame? Who will take the torch of responsibility for the tragedy in Bavaria? There is only one answer. The answer to the "Jewish Question".

Hitler ends his speech.

The volkisch crowd erupts with applause and cheer.

Hitler's the newest beerhall sensation.

A man, MOELLER VAN DEN BRUCK, 40's, emerges from the crowd.

VAN DEN BRUCK

Hitler. Hitler is the chosen one!

HITLER

No, no, I am nothing more than a drummer and a rallier. I am merely paving the way for the statesman to arise and save the Fatherland that's sinking into chaos.

The crowd silences.

HITLER (CONT'D)

Nor am I the architect to build the house of freedom for the German people where stone upon stone will be laid. I will need the greater one behind me whose command I could lean.

Mayer approaches Hitler--

MAYER

Adolf...Adolf...

Hitler takes notice.

HITLER

Yes.

MAYER

I want you to meet a very important person who can help us.

HITLER

Whop might that be?

MAYER

His name is Ernst Rohm. He has connections with the Army, a few patriotic associations and funding sources that can help us.

Mayer walks Hitler over to ERNST ROHM, 30's, stalky-figured man--

ROHM

Mayer, it's a pleasure to see you here.

MAYER

Rohm, this is Adolf Hitler. Adolf this is Ernst Rohm.

ROHM

It's an honor to meet you, Adolf. We are expecting great things from you.

HITLER

The pleasure's mine, Mr. Rohm. I could only wish to meet your high expectations.

ROHM

The way you speak, that shouldn't be too hard.

The three men chuckle.

HITLER

Hey, I have to go to prepare for my next speech. I'll see you two later.

Hitler shakes hands with Rohm, then leaves.

ROHM

That fella has excellent potential.

MAYER

You are most certainly right, my friend. It's just a matter of time before things fall into place.

INT. NSDAP MEETING - DAY

Hitler, Dexler and Mayer and a room full of NSDAP leaders attend a member's meeting.

Hitler finishes up a speech to a packed house of members in the Festaal of the Hofbrauhaus.

HITLER

To those who oppose me and degrade my name in the face of my comrades, I can assure you that the strength of the German people is behind me and I will rise the like a Phoenix in the ambers of justice and strike down the feeble, weak-hearted fools who dare to stand against me and the will of the people.

The crowd roars with cheers and applause.

HITLER (CONT'D)

I have never sought party office and have turned down the responsibility several times. But now, I have seen the glory of the light of opportunity and am prepared to accept and lead this party.

Hitler walks over to the desk and holds up a stack of papers.

HITLER (CONT'D)

Here, my friends, is our new Constitution granting me dictatorial powers as the new leader of the party. With your approval, I will take my place as your leader.

The room is quiet.

RUDOLF HES, 40's, an avid supporter of Hitler takes the podium.

HES

Are you truly blind to the fact that this man is the leader personality who alone is able to carry us through the struggle? Do you think without him people will pile into the beer houses?

One by one the members of the party vote in favor of making Hitler the new leader of the NSDAP.

HITLER

It is with great pride and duty
that I accept your endorsement as
leader of the glorious party.

The party cheers and applauds Hitler.

Hitler stands in the center of the room and glows with pride.

EXT. BAVARIA DOWNTOWN - DAY

Hitler and his followers continue an agitation campaign to exploit the civil unrest and vulnerability of the local government.

BEGIN MONTAGE

-Hitler, his followers and the newly formed SA group storm the streets to protest the government.

-Hitler, and his followers clash with opponent groups.

-Hitler give agitation speeches to his supporters in beer halls.

-Hitler gets arrested for a violent clash with police.

-Hitler and the Nazi party have violent clash in Franconia and claim victory after sieging the streets.

END MONTAGE

INT. BURGERBRAUKELLER - NIGHT

A speech is given in one Munich's largest beer halls by GUSTAV RITTER VON KAHR, 50's.

The room is silent until a disturbance at the entrance of the beer hall attracts the room's attention.

A group of men with steel helmets, Hitler's stormtroopers, appear armed with weapons barge into the room.

The room becomes rowdy and the noise is deafening.

Hitler enters the room with two armed guards, advances to the center of the room, stands on a chair, pulls out his browning pistol and fires a shot into the ceiling.

POW!

HITLER

The national revolution has begun. The hall is surrounded by six hundred men and if there is any trouble, I will order my men to bring their machine gun into the hall and settle any differences.

The room is silent.

HITLER (CONT'D)

The Bavarian government is hereby deposed and a new Reich government is formed.

(then)

Mr. Kahr, Mr. Lossow and Mr. Seiser, I would like you to join me in the adjoining room. I promise no harm will come to you.

The men are hesitant at first, then comply.

A Hitler follower, HERMANN GORING, 20's, emerges to say a few words--

GORING

This action is not directed at the police, the army or Kahr. You've got your beer, just stay calm.

The crowd quiets then goes about their business.

ADJOINING ROOM

Hitler waves his pistol in the air.

HITLER

Their will be a new Reich government headed by myself, Lossow will be Reichsweher Minister, Seiser will be Police Minister and Kahr will be head of state as regent. I apologize for having to force peace, but it had to be done. If things should go wrong, I have three bullets for each of you and one for myself. Any questions?

The room is frozen.

Hitler leaves the room and returns to the main room.

MAIN ROOM

Hitler returns to a boisterous main room.

HITLER

Listen up! I can assure you that these actions are not directed against the police or the Reichsweir, but the Berlin Jew government and the November criminals of 1918.

The crowd mumbles.

HITLER (CONT'D)

Either the German revolution begins tonight, or we die by dawn.

The crowd begins to favor Hitler and starts to clap.

Kahr steps up to the podium.

KAHR

In accordance with the request of the Fuhrer, Adolf Hitler, I have accepted the position as Regent for the Monarchy of Bavaria.

The crowd erupts with applause.

Hitler walks up to Kahr and firmly clasps his hands.

Next, a flurry of speakers approach the podium--

First, ERICH LUDENDORFF, 40's--

LUDENDORFF

I accept the position as head of the Army.

The crowd applauds.

Then OTTO VON LOSSOW, 50's,--

LOSSOW

I accept the position of Reichsweir minister.

Then, HANS RITTER VAN SEISSER, 40's,--

SEISSER

I accept the position of Police Minister.

The crowd applauds.

As position and roles were accepted, the rushed, hectic plan to take over the government, the Putsch, was in full effect.

MONTAGE

-Rohm and his men occupy the Reichwehr but fail to take over the telephone switchboard.

-Frick and Pohner take over police headquarters.

-Lossow orders transport of loyalists to Munich.

-Putschists attempt to take over government buildings and barracks but fail miserably.

END MONTAGE

As news of the putschists failure to secure the barracks spread through Munich, leaders and followers begin to renege on their loyalty to Hitler.

The Putsch is unraveling at a rapid pace.

Hitler needs a plan.

EXT. BERLIN - DAY

Around noon, Hitler and a column of around two thousand men decide to march to the office of the War Ministry, pistols at the ready, to take over the building.

SUPPORTERS on the sidewalk witness the march and scream their support.

SUPPORTER

Heil, Hitler!

The column confronts a small police front, but swept it aside and continued to its mission.

Throngs of supporters continue to support the Putsch despite the fact that morale was low among the men.

As the Putschists continued to march, they encounter a larger police force...

A PROTESTOR, screams--

PROTESTOR

Here they come. Heil, Hitler.

Shots rang out..

Pop. Pop.

All hell breaks lose.

A huge debacle takes place.

Men in the column go down...

Policemen go down...

A man, ERWIN VON SCHEUBNER-RICHTER, 40's, goes down and brings the man next to him, Hitler, down with him nearly missing a passing bullet.

When the firing ended, fourteen Putschists and four policemen lay dead.

INT. BAVARIAN COURTROOM - DAY

Hitler, Ludendorff, Rohm, and a host of other conspirators stand trial for their role in the Putsch uprising.

Hitler, allowed to be present in a suit, speaks for four hours.

A man, JUDGE GEORG NEITHARDT, 50's, presides.

After four days of deliberation, a sentence is given to Hitler and his accomplices--

JUDGE NEITHARDT

As a result of the failed attempt to take over the government of Bavaria and in listening to your testimony, I sentence you, Adolf Hitler, to five years in prison for high treason.

The courtroom mumbles in disgust.

Hitler displays a look of relief.

INT. LANDSBERG PRISON - DAY

Hitler sits in his cell and writes at his desk the preliminary pages for his seminal work "Mein Kampf".

HITLER (V.O.)

It is the sacred mission of the German people...to assemble and preserve the most valuable racial elements and raise them to the dominant position. All who are not of good race are chaff. Therefore, it is necessary for Germans to occupy themselves not merely with the breeding of dogs, horses and cats but also with care for the purity of their own blood. An henceforth, the elimination of the Jews must necessarily be a bloody process to provide the German people with "living space".

Hitler thinks to himself then--

HITLER (V.O.)

Therefore it is my duty as your heroic leader to bear the brunt and carry the torch to proclaim our place as leaders in the fight against Jewish Bolshevism.

SUPER: December 20, 1924

EXT. LANDSBERG PRISON - DAY

Hitler, dressed in a gray suit and topcoat, waits outside of the Landsberg prison.

It's cold outside as a few of Hitler's followers await him as he released from the Landsberg prison.

Hitler is greeted by warm hugs and smiles from his supporters.

INT. REICHSTAG BUILDING - DAY

Hitler meets with the Bavarian Minister President HEINRICH HELD, 50's.

HITLER

I promise to respect the authority of the state without condition and honor the customs and traditions of your office.

HELD

I understand, but your association with Ludendorff who passionately resists the Catholic Church...

HITLER

I no longer collaborate with Ludendorff or his ideals.

HELD

I need your absolute word that there will be no more antics.

HITLER

Mr. Minister President, you have my absolute word that there will be no more attempts to stage a Putsch against the government.

HELD

Very well. I will support the reinstatement of the NSDAP and will grant you the right to speak publicly again.

HITLER

Thank you, sir.

INT. BURGERBRAUKELLER - DAY

Hitler returns to his speaking routine in front of a packed house in one of Munich's largest beerhalls.

HITLER

The art of all popular leaders consists at all times in concentrating the attention of the masses on a single enemy, the Jews.

The crowd applauds.

Out of nowhere, members of opposing parties: HERMAN ESSER, GOTTFRIED FEDER, WIHELM FRIICK and more mount the podium, shake hands and swear loyalty to each other.

A man, JOSEPH GOEBBELS, 30's, emerges from the crowd.

GOEBBELS

I love this man! He is both great and simple at the same time.

HITLER

And who might you be.

GOEBBELS

My name is Joseph, Joseph Goebbels.
I'm a writer and a public speaker.

HITLER

My friend, I see something very
special in you. Please, be my
guest tonight at dinner.

GOEBBELS

It would be my pleasure, kind sir.

The two shake hands and make eye contact.

SUPER: July 1926

EXT. WEIMAR - DAY

Hitler speaks at a party rally to show party unity for the
NSDAP.

Over eight thousand people, including thirty six hundred
stormtroopers and one hundred sixteen SS (Schutzstaffel - SS
protection squad) are in attendance with the security guards
on public display.

As a symbol of unity, Hitler hands a "Blood Flag" to the
group.

Next to Hitler stands ERNST ROHM, the newly appointed leader
of the SA and an well-known homosexual and the subject of
negative publicity.

HITLER

To my loyal followers. My life and
the welfare of the Fatherland is in
your hands.

Hitler is returned with individual oaths of loyalty by the
STORMTROOPERS.

STORMTROOPERS

Heil, Hitler.

Stormtrooper, SS and the rest of the crowd present Hitler
with a Seig Heil.

CROWD

Heil, Hitler.

Goebbels is present and looks on with tears in his eyes.

GOEBBELS

I thank fate that it has given us
this man.

SUPER: October 1929

An image appears on the screen.

It's an insert of a New York Time that reads the following
headline

"STOCKS OFF 10 BILLION MORE. MARKET CRASHES!"

A German newspaper headline reads:

"DEMOCRACY FAILS THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD AGAIN."

As a result, Hitler and the NSDAP launch an agitation
campaign to gain supporters across Germany.

BEGIN MONTAGE

-Hitler incites the crowd in a beer hall.

-Goebbels gives a speech to a crowd of factory workers.

-Hitler gives a speech to Germany's social elite to gain
support.

-The NSDAP grows from 300,000 members to 2 million members.

END MONTAGE

INT. HOTEL - DAY

Hitler meets with OTTO STRASSER, 30's in a hotel room to
discuss the future of the Nazi party.

HITLER

Strasser, what a pleasure to meet
you.

STRASSER

Enough of the pleasantries, lets
get on with it.

HITLER

Certainly, how can I help you?

STRASSER

It's your position as leader of the
NSDAP.

(MORE)

STRASSER (CONT'D)

You do know that the leader must serve the idea, not the other way around. It's to the idea that we devote ourselves entirely whereas the leader passes and makes mistakes.

HITLER

Nonsense. That's the most revolting democracy we want nothing more to do with. For us, the leader is the idea and each party member has to obey only the leader.

STRASSER

You merely want to destroy the Kampfverlag to strangle the social revolution through a strategy of legality and collaboration with the bourgeois Right.

HITLER

That's nothing but pure Marxism. There is only one kind of revolution, a racial one. The only solution was is for a strong state to serve the interests of the working class.

STRASSER

I see we have our disagreements, Mr. Hitler.

HITLER

Your views are confused and out of touch.

(then)

If you don't mind, I would like to end this meeting.

Strasser is stunned.

Hitler gets up and leaves.

HALLWAY

Hitler is greeted by one of his AIDES in the hallway.

AIDE

How did everything go my Fuhrer?

HITLER

Strasser is nothing more than an intellectual white Jew incapable of organization and of the purest Marxist ilk. He's disgusting.

A FEW DAYS LATER

INT. HOTEL ROOM - DAY

Hitler and several of his aides and leaders from the NSDAP gather for an announcement--

AIDE

We just got word from the Strasser camp that Strasser and twenty-five of his supporters are leaving the NSDAP.

HITLER

Those idiots finally had the sense to purge themselves.

AIDE

This makes you, Hitler, the undisputed leader of the NSDAP.

The room applauds and cheers.

Hitler glows with excitement as leader and idea are on in the same.

Now that Hitler was the sole leader of the NSDAP, the election campaigns for public office were at full steam.

Throughout Germany, campaigns organized by Goebbels were taking place and recruiting more supporters by the day.

Patrons pack the beerhalls inside and outside to hear Hitler speak.

Hitler and the NSDAP win the September elections and the world begins to take notice.

INT. NAZI RALLY - DAY

Joseph Goebbels give a speech in front of a packed stadium to promote the Nazi party.

GOEBBELS

We will not falter. We will not back down.

(MORE)

GOEBBELS (CONT'D)

We will stand together as one
people, as one party as one
race....

The crowd roars with applause and cheers.

GOEBBELS (CONT'D)

And as for the Jews...they had
better watch for we will have our
day very soon and there will be
hell cast upon the Jewish devils.

INT. CAFE HECK - DAY

Hitler, his leadership staff and his entourage fellowship in a Munich cafe as they focus their attention on a young lady, GELI RAUBAL, 20's, dark-brown wavy hair, vivacious, dances in the center of the room flirting with the staff and crew.

GELI

Ladi...da. Di...da...di...da...

(then)

Hey, Uncle Alf, would you care to
dance?

HITLER

Certainly my dear, niece.

Hitler gets up out of his chair, approaches Geli, kneels, kisses her hand and the two dance.

As the two dance, observers can't help but notice the very intimate and sexually provocative relationship between uncle and half- niece.

Two MEN have a side-bar about the uncle-niece relationship.

MAN #1

It looks like Mr. Otto was right,
Hitler has a thing for his niece.

MAN #2

I heard he draws porn pictures of
her at night and had to pay of the
Treasurer Schwarz to not expose
them to the public.

Hitler and Geli dance the night away.

INT./EXT. MUNICH - DAY

Hitler and Geli attend various events and gathering throughout Germany.

BEGIN MONTAGE

-Hitler and Geli attend the theatre.

-Hitler and Geli enjoy dinner at a fancy restaurant.

-Hitler and Geli go for a drive along the countryside.

END MONTAGE

INT. HITLER'S APARTMENT IN PRINZREGENTPLATZ - DAY

Hitler and Geli have brunch at his apartment in Munich.

It's quiet as Geli has a very subtle mystique about her.

You can hear a pin drop...

HITLER

Anything you want to tell me?

GELI

No. Not at all.

HITLER

Geli.

GELI

What?

HITLER

Whenever you're quiet like this,
you're hiding something.

GELI

I'm not hiding anything--

HITLER

Damnit, Geli don't you dare lie to
me!

Geli pauses for a moment, thinks.

GELI

I want to return to Linz for a
while.

HITLER

Why?

GELI

To get away, that's all.

HITLER

Get away from what?

Geli pauses.

GELI

I've found someone that I want to
be with. He's an artist and the
father of my child.

Hitler, stunned, gets up and walks out of the room.

Geli, quiet, sulks and looks down at her food.

A FEW DAYS LATER

INT. REICHSTAG - DAY

Hitler and his entourage prepare for a trip to Nuremberg when
an AIDE meets him at the entrance to the building.

The aide renders a salute.

AIDE

Heil, Hitler!

HITLER

Make it quick.

AIDE

I have very important news to give
you...

HITLER

Well, come on...

AIDE

Geli, has been found dead in your
apartment. She was shot with one
of your pistols.

Hitler starts to tremble with fear, anxiety and sadness.

HITLER

Get me to her...

AIDE

Fuhrer...

HITLER

Get me to her now!

Upon word of Geli's death, the local newspapers have a "field day" with the situation.

The headlines read:

"Hitler's niece and mistress dies from his physical ."

"Hitler kills his mistress."

"Hitler tries to cover up niece's murder as accident."

INT. FUNERAL PROCESSION - LINZ - DAY

A funeral procession for Geli takes place with a family members and a few close friends.

Hitler did not attend.

INT. HITLER HOME - DAY

Members of the NSDAP and close friends monitor Hitler as he deals with the death of Geli.

Hitler is in a deep state of depression and is near hysterical.

INT. BEER HALL - MUNICH - DAY

Hitler continues to give speeches to his party despite his depression.

A FEW DAYS LATER

INT. CENTRAL CEMETARY - LINZ - DAY

Hitler visits the grave site of Geli in Vienna at the permission of the Austrian government.

Hitler tears up, kneels over the grave and whispers a few words--

HITLER

Farewell, my sweet Geli.

Hitler gets up, looks at the grave and walks away.

INT. REICH PRESIDENT'S CHAMBERS - DAY

Hitler and his entourage troop into the Reich President's chambers to take part in a very important ceremony.

Reich President, PAUL VON HINDENBURG, 70's, gives a small introduction.

FRANZ VON PAPEN, 50, current Reich Chancellor stands in attendance.

HINDENBURG

Thank you, gentlemen, for your attendance to this very important occasion as we face a new era in German history.

Papen steps forward--

PAPEN

Do you, Adolf Hitler, swear to carry out the obligations of this office without party interests and for the good of the whole nation as Reich Chancellor of Germany.

HITLER

I do.

PAPEN

I now pronounce you as the new Reich Chancellor of Germany.

Hitler lowers his hand then steps into the center of the room to make a statement.

HITLER

It is my honor and upmost privilege to uphold the ideals of the Constitution, respect the President and, after the next election, return to normal parliamentary rule.

Hitler and his cabinet stand, wait for an answer.

Hindenburg replies.

HINDENBURG

And now, gentlemen, forward with God.

Goebbels approaches Hitler and whispers in his ear.

GOEBBELS

My Chancellor, Strasser has resigned from the NSDAP and has taken some of his followers with him.

HITLER

Strasser is a traitor and will be dealt with appropriately when the new government is set up.

GOEBBELS

Your wishes are my command, Fuhrer.

HITLER

You are my most loyal follower and champion, my dear Josef. We will faithfully rule over Germany together.

GOEBBELS

I believe it is our time to make a bold statement on the "Jewish Question".

HITLER

Believe, me, it will be handled with the most ferocious of effort.

Hitler and Goebbels shake hands and look each other in the eyes.

EXT. BRANDENBURG GATE - DAY

Hordes of SA march through Brandenburg to celebrate the appointment of the new Reich Chancellor, Adolf Hitler.

On the side streets, Jews, Catholics and former opponents look in disgust and fear as they begin to fear for their safety and even their lives.

SUPER: 30 January 1933

EXT. GERMANY - DAY

Scores of Jews, politicians from the Left, and academics begin to flee Germany out of fear for retaliation.

Newspaper headlines showcase the new government:

"Hitler is Reich Chancellor! And what a cabinet!!"

"It is so unimaginably wonderful...What an achievement!"

EXT. BERLIN - NIGHT

Goebbels organizes a torchlight march with SA and SS men through the streets of Berlin to propagandize the appointment of Hitler to Chancellor.

INT. REICHSTAG CHANCELLERY - DAY

Hitler, wearing a dark blue suit with a black and white tie and sweating profusely, delivers a speech to the people of Germany in a packed auditorium while being broadcasted over the radio.

He speaks in a dull monotone voice.

Listeners across Germany listen intently.

HITLER

People of Germany we have had a very momentous spring upon us. The glory of the Fatherland has returned with my appointment as Reich Chancellor!

The crowd applauds.

HITLER (CONT'D)

There must be an Attack on Marxism. We must abolish the class divisions and reconcile the German government through the abolishment of the Reichstag. The parties of Marxism had fourteen years to see what they could do. Now, German people, then judge and sentence us.

The crowd applauds again.

HITLER (CONT'D)

We are not the Weimar Republic and will push for one government...one people. As a man of peace how great it would be to make an increase of our own weapons never necessary again.

The crowd cheers.

HITLER (CONT'D)

And to the Army who I love and cherish as the bearer of arms and symbols Germany's great past must be built up as the most important aim to regain our full political power.

The military officer long on with reserve.

HITLER (CONT'D)

Preparations for the build up of the Armed Forces must take place without delay and with the full support of the German people.

The crowd is silent.

HITLER (CONT'D)

My plan to return Germany to its greatness and increased export capability is not just the defeat of France but the conquest of new "living space" in the East and the Germanization of the continent of Europe. It is only through my loyal military and the Officers in their command, that we will be able to do this.

The crowd stands and gives a final applause.

EXT./INT. GERMANY - DAY

It's a dark day in Germany as a flurry of SA, SS and Stahlhelm soldiers begin to move on people they feel are in opposition to the new Chancellor--

First opposing businesses...

They crash down their doors with great force pulling guns and shooting everyone in sight.

Then the Communists...

Invading houses, burning businesses, creating improvised prisons to beat, torture and murder specific individuals.

Then....THE JEWS

Invading homes, setting fires to business, violently beating civilians...

The beatings by the SA, SS and Stahlhelm are brutal.

INT. REICHSTAG BUILDING - DAY

Hitler provides a radio announcement to the public.

HITLER

All molesting of individuals,
obstruction of automobiles and
disturbance of buildings have to
stop as a matter of principle.

They didn't.

Rohm continues to conduct some of the most violent, brutal
raids the country has seen.

EXT. GERMANY - DAY

Hitler and the Nazi continue to bully their way through the
German political system--sometimes by force to achieve total
power.

MONTAGE

--Hitler announces that the Reichstag is dissolved.

--Hitler and his Army victoriously march through Prussia.

--Hitler speaks at Konigsberg--he wins the election. The
crowd roars with cheer.

--Hitler appoints Rohm, Himmler and Heydrich.

--Hitler is celebrated by his acolytes.

EXT. PRUSSIA - DAY

As levels of terror spread across Prussia by the Nazis under
Himmler and Heydrich, a new holding facility is opened and
commissioned.

The new facility will be designed to hold the thousands of
new prisoners arrested by the police--a former powder mill.

The place is just outside of the city of Dachau.

Its' name will be marked for infamy by thousands of people.

EXT. PRUSSIA - DAY

Reich President Hindenburg, in the uniform of a Prussian field-marshal, raises his baton and points it to the empty throne of the exiled Kaiser as he parades down the pathway.

Hitler, dressed not in the normal military uniform, wears a dark morning-suit and bows before the Reich President and offers him his hand.

EXT. GERMANY - DAY

Nazi radicals continue to assault and terrorize the Jews.

Jewish businesses are burned down and Jews are beaten up by Nazi thugs.

The violence prompted Jews in the United States to initiate a boycott on German goods.

INSERT - Newspaper headline,

"United States to boycott German goods."

As a result, many PEOPLE wanted to counter-attack the boycott and protested in the streets.

PEOPLE
Boycott the Jews! Use the Jews to
stop the boycott.

INT. REICHSTAG BUILDING - DAY

Hitler holds a press conference.

HITLER
The authors, or at least the
beneficiaries, of the foreign
agitation--the German Jews--has to
be tackled. We must therefore move
to a widely framed boycott of all
Jewish businesses in Germany.

The boycott is a success.

Newspapers across the country announce the victory of the German boycott.

EXT. GERMANY - DAY

Just as the boycott ends, a flurry of great news covers Germany.

A MAN shouts the news in the streets.

MAN #1

The Zentrum just dissolved itself.
The Nazis are the only legal
political party in Germany!

INT. GOEBBELS HOUSE - NIGHT

Goebbels returns home from Bad Wiessee to make a phone call to Goring.

GOEBBELS

Goring.

GORING

Yes.

GOEBBELS

Kolibri.

Kolibri, which means Humming Bird, is a password which will set in motion a series of events that will change the face of Germany forever.

EXT./INT. GERMANY - NIGHT

Various political opponents are targeted by the Gestapo in Germany. The password given by Goebbels to Goring sparked off a killing spree of Nazi opponents throughout Germany.

BEGIN MONTAGE

--Herbert von Bose, Papen's press secretary is brutally shot down by a Gestapo hit squad.

--Edgar Jung, speech writer for Papen, is murdered and thrown in a ditch.

--Gregor Strasser is shot dead in his cell after he was arrested for treason.

--General Schleicher and his wife are shot dead in their home.

--Ritter von Kahr, Hitler's old adversary, is hacked to death outside of Dachau.

Over 150 people were killed on this night--the "Night of the Long Knives".

EXT./INT. HOTEL HANSELBAUER - NIGHT

Three cars containing Hitler and his SS men pull up to the hotel.

Hitler gets out of the car with his men, pistol in hand, and storms inside the hotel, prances up the steps and kicks open the door of a hotel room.

Boom.

The door crashes open.

In the room is Rohm, head of the SA, who is in bed with a young man.

Hitler fires his pistol into the air--

HITLER

Rohm, you are a traitor and I
declare you to be under arrest.

Hitler turns around and leaves.

Hitler pulls one of his AIDES to the side.

HITLER (CONT'D)

When you get Rohm to the
prison...shoot him in the head.

MOMENTS LATER

INT. STADELHEIM - NIGHT

The Commandant of Dachau, THEODOR EICKE, 40's, and his deputy, MICHAEL LIPPERT, 40's, approach Rohm, who stands bare-chested, in his cell.

EICKE

Well, Rohm, you can atone for your
sins by taking this pistol and
blowing your head off.

ROHM

I've done nothing, so I will atone
for nothing.

LIPPERT

You have betrayed the Fuhrer and
the Third Reich.

ROHM

I have done no such thing.

Eicke and Lippert look at each other, then look at Rohm.

They pull out their pistols, take careful aim, and fire--
killing Rohm dead.

INT. REICHSTAG BUILDING - DAY

Hitler gives a speech to the Reichstag after the mass
killings of his political opponents and those he deemed
traitors.

Thirteen members of the Reichstag had been among those
murdered with friends and comrades of those murdered in
attendance.

Armed members of the SS flank the hall showing Hitler's
wariness and insecurity of the SA after killing some of their
leaders.

HITLER

Greetings member of the Reichstag.
As you all may know, there were
beatings, killings and dealings
with among our ranks for traitors.
I accept full responsibility for
what amounted to mass murder.
Mutinies are broken according to
eternal, iron laws. In this hour,
I was responsible for the fate of
the German nation and thereby the
supreme judge of the German people.

The room applauds.

HITLER (CONT'D)

I gave the order to shoot those
most guilty of this treason, and I
further gave the order to burn out
down to the raw flesh the ulcers of
internal well-poisoning and the
poisoning from abroad.

The cheers from the crowd are tumultuous.

EXT. TANNENBERG MEMORIAL - EAST PRUSSIA - DAY

The funeral for Reich President Hindenburg takes place. The funeral takes place with great pomp and circumstance with a flood of people, including Hitler, in observance of this great event.

With the death of Hindenburg, Hitler succeeds and assumes the position of Reich Chancellor and Fuhrer.

With these powers Hitler is head of state, head of government, leader of the party and supreme commander of the armed forces.

Local newspaper headlines read:

"Today Hitler is Whole of Germany".

INT. REICHSTAG BUILDING - DAY

Hitler meets with a few of his AIDES in the main room of his headquarters.

HITLER

I am going to make Himmler head of the SS, effective immediately.

AIDE

I'll make the announcement.

HITLER

Be sure that everyone hereby addresses me as the Fuhrer. A man of my stature needs to be recognized for his genius and greatness.

AIDE

I'll make the announcement, Fuhrer.

HITLER

Also, make sure that there is a room dedicated to me. My achievements to this country and the people need to be acknowledged fully. I'm a wolf and wolves need a lair to rest in.

AIDE

Will do, Fuhrer.

(beat)

Will you be attending the museum dedication next week?

HITLER

I will not. I need to limit my public appearances.

AIDE

But everyone will be there.

HITLER

I'll do what I damn well please. The dedication is for the lower echelon. I'm the Fuhrer and will go to events worthy of my presence.

AIDE

Yes, Fuhrer.

HITLER

Finally, I want to intensify the engagements with the Jews and would like to send out a directive to all leaders to step up the violence. We need to address the Jewish Question with severity.

AIDE

I will send the memo immediately.

Hitler pauses.

Silence.

HITLER

Well hurry up. Chop. Chop.

The aide gets up and runs out of the room.

EXT. GERMANY - DAY

Hitler's directive to intensify violence against the Jews is in full swing throughout Germany.

- Nazi stormtroopers raid businesses and beat the Jews.
- Concentration camps are set-up to imprison and torture Jews.
- Jews are forced out of their homes and ordered to wear identification badges.
- Jews are systematically targeted, arrested and beaten in public.

EXT. 1936 OLYMPICS - BERLIN, GERMANY - DAY

Hitler and the Nazis arrive at the 1936 Olympics in full force. Swastika flags are on display throughout the stadium. The audience cheers Hitler and his party with a "Heil, Hitler" as they march down the track giving salutes to their followers and supporters.

Hitler and his party make their way to the ceremonial balcony where they greet the guest nations and teams.

Hitler makes a statement to the crowd.

HITLER

Welcome all nations to the 11th Olympiad. May you give your best effort in the games and may you participate with honor and courage of Olympians.

The crowd cheers.

Hitler retreats with his party to the stands.

EXT. 1936 OLYMPICS - BERLIN, GERMANY - CONTINUOUS

Hitler watches the Jesse Owens race.

The judge lifts the starter pistol--

POW!

They're off.

It's no contest as Jesse Owens leads the pack of other runners across the finish line.

SWOOSH.

Hitler looks at the event with both amazement and embarrassment.

Hitler turns to one of the MEN in his entourage.

HITLER

Aren't the negroes supposed to be butlers and maids?

MAN #1

Looks like they're good for more than cleaning houses.

EXT. AUSTRIA - DAY

A swarm of troops storm the streets of Austria, Hungary. They're Nazis led by their fearless leader, Adolf Hitler--the wolf.

Citizens line the streets to greet their new leader.

CROWDS cheer as the new Nazi party arrives.

CROWD
Heil, Hitler!

Hitler delivers a salute to the Austrian citizens.

HITLER
Heil, my adorable Austrian people.

The crowd throws rice at Hitler and his troops as a sign of solidarity.

CROWD
Heil, Hitler. You're our savior.

Hitler continues to salute the citizens of Austria.

Two military officers have a conversation as they follow Hitler's convoy.

MILITARY OFFICER #1
Well, well, well, take a look at our fearless leader.

MILITARY OFFICER #2
Hitler's a rube. It's only a matter of days before someone kills his ass.

MILITARY OFFICER #1
That'll be a good day in hell.

INT. REICHSTAG BUILDING - DAY

Hitler meets with his future flame, EVA BRAUN, 30's.

HITLER
Eva.

EVA BRAUN
My dear, Wolf.

The two embrace.

HITLER

My tasks are almost complete. The world is in my grasp with Britain and France in my sights.

EVA BRAUN

When will you have time to go to the lake?

HITLER

Not now, love. I have a lot of work to do.

EVA BRAUN

You always have so much work.

HITLER

Some things are just more important than the lake, my dear. Now if you'd excuse me, I need to plan for a showdown with our Beloved Britain and France.

Hitler exits the room.

EXT. AUSTRIA = DAY

With the attainment of Austria comes violence and terror towards the Austrian Jews.

All hell breaks loose as teams of soldiers storm the streets of Austria.

--Stormtroopers storm into Jewish homes and drag families into the streets.

--Protestors against Nazi rule are shot and killed immediately.

--Jewish leaders are imprisoned, tortured and killed.

--Some Jews commit suicide to avoid the intense violence of the Nazis.

--Nazi soldiers beat Jews in the middle of the streets. There is no escape from the torment and terror of Hitler.

It's a dark day for the Austrian Jews as the persecution of their race intensifies into something much more than a general public dislike.

INT. REICHSTAG BUILDING - DAY

Hitler reads a letter from Army Chief of Staff General Beck.

HITLER

(reading)

Germany's military incapacity to win a long war will put many Soldiers lives at stake. And should the British intervene in event of military action in Czechoslovakia, there may serious consequences...

Hitler tears up the letter.

HITLER (CONT'D)

That damned idiot! How dare he try to sabotage my plans for war!

Goring enters.

GORING

Fuhrer, I have to report that there has been little progress made on building the Westwall.

Hitler erupts.

HITLER

What in the hell is going on here? General Wilhelm Adam is baboon! I'm going to have him removed immediately.

GORING

We need to be strategic here.

BECK

These operations can be very delicate...

Hitler stomps his feet.

HITLER

All of you are out to get me and bring this country tumbling to the ground.

BECK

Fuhrer...

HITLER

Get out! You can tell the construction chiefs they're relieved of your duties as...of...now!

GORING

Then who will lead the effort?

HITLER

I'll place Fritz Todd in charge. He's probably the only one I can trust.

GORING

Very well. I'll create the order.

INT. GERMANY - DAY

Heinrich Himmler continues to grow the SS forces.

--Stormtroopers storm the streets

--SS personnel stand by their vehicles.

--Himmler atop the podium with a sparkle in his eyes.

EXT. GERMANY - DAY

Jews continue to be persecuted.

--More Jewish businesses are burned to the ground.

--Troopers the main synagogue in Munich and burn it to the ground.

--The Jews are excluded from the economy.

EXT. GERMANY - DAY

Third Legation Secretary ERNST VOM RATH, 29, leaves his office on the morning of 7 November 1938.

As vom Rath walks down the street, a man, HERSCHEL GRYNSPAN, 17, walks up behind him, pulls a pistol out of his pocket and pulls the trigger.

Vom Rath tumbles to the ground. Dies.

As blood flows from the skull of vom Rath, Grynszpan looks over him, grins, then runs away.

Vom Rath actually lived for two more days but succumbed to his wounds in a hospital.

INT. REICHSTAG PRESS ROOM - DAY

Goebbels gives a radio speech to the German people.

GOEBBELS

We will not tolerate violence
against us without inflicting
violence against them. We will win
and Germany will be restored.

The crowd roars.

GOEBBELS (CONT'D)

We will not go quietly into the
night. We will fight!

As Goebbels gives his speech, programs are launch to persecute the Jews.

MOMENTS LATER

INT./EXT. GERMANY - NIGHT

"The Crystal Night" is in full swing.

--100 synagogues are burned.

--8000 Jew shops are destroyed.

--Goods are plundered.

--Women, children, men and even elderly Jews are savagely murdered.

--Suicide was commonplace.

--The concentration camps at Dachau, Buchenwald and Sachsenhausen are places where over 30,000 Jews were tortured.

--The human misery was incalculable.

Jews across Germany suffer a horrible cost.

INT. REICHSTAG BUILDING - DAY

Hitler stands at a podium to deliver another address to the German people.

HITLER

We have achieved victory....

The crowd erupts with applause.

HITLER (CONT'D)

The iron horse of Germany has carried on its back and has delivered us to a new day...

The crowd cheers again.

HITLER (CONT'D)

We cannot consider anything less than challenging the "Jewish Question" by annihilating the "Jewish Question"...there will be no more "Jewish Question" or Jews for that matter.

The crowd chants "Heil, Hitler", "Heil, Hitler"...

Heil salutes are given.

HITLER (CONT'D)

There will be no more Jews.

EXT. REICHSTAG BUILDING - DAY

Hitler has a meeting with his top aides about the next strategic military moves against the Western Powers.

In attendance are JOACHIM VON RIBBENTROP, 40, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Goring and WILLHEIM KEITEL, 40's, Chief of the Oberkommando der Wehrmacht.

RIBBENTROP

I conclude that the real enemy is Britain, not Poland. If we mount a premature attack in 1939 on Poland and Russia, Germany would become too vulnerable and forced by western powers to concede territory.

GORING

What do you recommend we do?

RIBBENTROP

Germany needs to act together with Italy and Japan to retain Polish neutrality until France and Britain have been dealt with.

HITLER

Keitel, lay down plans to unite with Italy to defeat France and isolate Britain.

KEITEL

Will do.

HITLER

While that is being constructed, we will construct big battle Navy fleet directed directly at the British naval power for an eventual showdown with the West. At the same time, we will construct an "East Wall" for possible conflict with Poland over Danzig.

INT. POLISH BERGHOF - DAY

Hitler meets with Polish Foreign Minister Jozef Beck, 40's, about Germany's policy with Poland.

HITLER

Mr. Beck, I plead to you. The Danzig must come back to Germany and for access routes across the Corridor to East Prussia.

BECK

Mr. Hitler, the public wont allow any concessions on the Danzig to return to Germany.

HITLER

I see. We shall chat again later.

21 DAYS LATER

INT. REICHSTAG BUILDING - DAY

Hitler awaits the return of Ribbentrop from the second meeting with the Poles.

Ribbentrop arrives.

HITLER

Well, what happened.

RIBBENTROP

Still, the answer is no.

HITLER

Damn him. From now on we apply pressure, not pleasure. Poland will be excluded from any spoils of Czech destruction. Slovakia will be turned into a German puppet state to make a bigger threat to Poland's Southern border.

A FEW MONTHS LATER

INT. REICHSTAG BUILDING - DAY

Hitler meets with his advisors regarding the Pole situation. Czecho-Slovakia.

HITLER

I am astounded that the Poles have still despite Czecho-Slovakia being destroyed. I guess we need to take things further.

GOEBBELS

You're always pondering new plans.

An AIDE enters the room and gives Hitler a message.

Hitler reads it.

HITLER

The Prague government just deposed the Slovakian cabinet and arrested the former Prime Minister Father Jozef Tiso.

GOEBBELS

This is great news.

HITLER

Gentlemen, it's time to march in and smash the Prague gate.

GOEBBELS

Our borders must stretch to the Carpathians!

EXT. REICHSTAG - DAY

A meeting between Hitler and Czech State President DR. EMIL HACHA, 60's, concerning the surrender of the Czech Republic.

Hacha, sweaty, nervous and intimidated waits in a holding area before the meeting.

Around 1 a.m., ruddy and sweaty from nervousness, the Czech President enters the awe inspiring study room of the New Reich Chancellery.

This place is huge and intimidating.

Present are: Ribbentrop, Keitel, Weizsacker, State Secretary Otto Meissner, Press Chief Otto Dietrich, interpreter Paul Schmidt, Goring and of course Hitler.

Hitler mounts into a tirade.

HITLER

Welcome, Mr. President and the Czech "spirit of Benes" which still lives on. You cannot stop the force that is the Germany Army from entering the country! The German fury will not be stopped.

HACHA

There needs to be no bloodshed. Military force is unnecessary.

HITLER

Military force is very necessary and it will be used. The troops are already mobilized.

GORING

The Luftwaffe will be over Prague by dawn and it's in your hands if bombs fall.

Hacha faints.

He's revived by Hitler's physician.

INT. PHONE ROOM - DAY

Hacha delivers orders to the Czech troops.

HACHA

You will not fire on the invading German soldiers. I repeat, you will not fire on the invading soldiers.

Hacha signs the declaration and hands it to Hitler.

Hitler takes the declaration and runs into the next room.

Hitler greets his two secretaries: CHRISTA SCHROEDER, 30's and GERDA DARANOWSKI, 30's.

Hitler points to his two cheeks.

HITLER

Each of you give me a kiss here and there. This is the happiest day of my life. I have unified the Czechia and the Reich. I will be the greatest German leader ever.

EXT. CZECH BORDER - DAY

German Army units cross the Czech border.

The German Army, with tanks and foot soldiers, march down the streets of Czecho-Slovakia in full force.

Troops enter the Czech Republic through the icy roads, and snow-blowing winds.

The Czech troops remain in their barracks.

Hitler arrives in his fleet of Mercedes to salute his column of troops.

The Czech citizens looked on as Hitler too the almost deserted streets with some clenching their fists.

Hitler's motorcade arrives to the Hradschin Castle.

The next morning, the people of Poland saw the swastika flag and fluttering over the castle entrance.

INT. REICHSTAG BUILDING - DAY

Hitler and the Nazis celebrate the victory at Poland.

GOEBBELS

Yay! Our beautiful leader has landed us a victory for the ages.

The room begins to sing "Die Hitlerleute"

"In dem Kampfe um die Heimat Starben viele Hitleleute...."

Hitler quiets the room.

HITLER

Today, history was made and the power of Germany was present.

GORING

Heil, Hitler!

GOEBBELS

Heil, Hitler!

The room begins to give salutes and yell "Heil, Hitler".

As "Die Hitlerleute" plays in the background, the Nazis conduct mercy killings for the mentally ill and deformed throughout Germany.

EXT. POLAND - DAY

SS units begin to persecute the Polish Jews.

--Men, women, and children Jews are beaten in the middle of the street.

--Homes are raided and Jews are forced out onto the streets.

--Jews are stripped of their businesses and forced to become unemployed.

--Jews are stripped of their possessions and forced into temporary homes.

--Large numbers of Jews are shot and killed.

--Jews are transported by train to "dumping grounds".

INT. RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT ROOM - DAY

WINSTON CHURCHILL, 60's, delivers a speech to the public declaring war on Germany.

A NEWSCASTER gives an introduction.

NEWSCASTER

This is London. You will now hear a statement by the Prime Minister.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

I am speaking to you from the cabinet room of 10 Downing Street.

(MORE)

WINSTON CHURCHILL (CONT'D)

This Morning the British Ambassador in Berlin handed the German government a final note stating unless we heard from them by 1100 that if they would not withdraw their troops from Poland, a state of war will exist between us. I have to tell you now that no such undertaking has been received and that consequently this country is at war with Germany. You can imagine what a long blow I have felt since I have tried to gain peace. But Hitler would not have it. And we and France are today in fulfillment of our obligations will aid Poland in brave defense of their nation.

INT. GERMAN HOSPITAL - DAY

German doctors and nurses perform more mercy killings on the mentally ill and deformed.

--They use gas chambers for the mentally ill.

--They apply lethal injections.

--They shoot the mentally ill and throw them into piles of bodies.

INT. REICH PRESIDENT'S CHAMBERS - DAY

Hitler and his staff discuss plans to go to war with Britain and France.

HITLER

The season for war with the West is upon us.

GOEBBELS

The strike against the Western powers will not have to wait much longer.

FRANZ HALDER, 50's, Chief of Staff of the Army and WALTHER von BRAUCHITSCH 50's, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, interject.

HALDER

We have three options: attack, wait or seek "fundamental changes". None of the options offer us any kind of decisive success. We will be essentially vulnerable should we launch an attack on the West.

BRAUSHITSCH

Fuhrer, if we attack the West, it will be a most disastrous course of action.

Hitler erupts.

HITLER

Nonsense! I've never seen such weak men in the Army in all my days. I'd have the mind to remove the both of you. We will attack the West as planned.

HALDER

We cannot willingly risk the lives of our men. It'll be a slaughter.

BRAUSHITSCH

It will be a most certain slaughter. Please reconsider.

HITLER

There is no reconsider. We have no other choice but to act now. If you cannot support me, I will get someone who will.

Halder and Braushitsch are silent.

Then...

HALDER

Yes, Fuhrer.

BRAUSHITSCH

Heil, Hitler.

HITLER

That's the spirit.

Goebbels interjects.

GOEBBELS

Victory is in our grasp, gentlemen. Victory is in our grasp.

Halder and Braushitsch leave the room.

HALLWAY

HALDER

We cannot let that fool get us into
a war we cannot win.

BRAUSHITSCH

Hitler must be stopped before he
brings this regime tumbling down.

HALDER

We can try to have him arrested the
moment he orders an attack on the
West.

BRAUSHITSCH

We need to do whatever is necessary
to have that mad man removed from
office.

HALDER

Are you suggesting a coup?

BRAUSHITSCH

I'm suggesting whatever is
necessary to remove Hitler.

INT. MUNICH - DAY

A man, GEORF ELSER, 30's, breaks into an armament factory
where he works to steal explosives in preparation to make a
bomb.

Elser designs and creates a mechanism for a time bomb.

Elser reads a newspaper headline:

INSERT - Newspaper reads;

"NAZI PARTY LEADERS TO HOLD RALLY AT BURGERBRAUKELLER"

INT. BURGERBRAUKELLER - NIGHT

Elser visits the Burgerbraukeller to assess the security
situation and observe the pillar where Hitler will speak.

During the next few months, Elser performs recon on the
pillar where Hitler will address the crowd.

Elser digs a cavity into the pillar where he will place the bomb then leaves out a side door.

SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER

Elser returns to the pillar where he planted a fully developed and initiated bomb.

Leaving nothing to chance, Elser places his ear next to the bomb to make sure it's working--all good.

The next morning, Elser leaves Munich to Switzerland for safety.

8 NOVEMBER

INT. BURGERBRAUKELLER - NIGHT

Hitler and his leadership team, called the "Old Guard", arrive at the Burgerbraukeller to deliver an address to the assembly.

Typically the event lasts from about 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., however it was announced that the meeting will begin earlier and the meeting will be shorter due to the circumstances of the war.

Hitler begins his speech.

HITLER
Greetings my fellow Germans...

The crowd applauds.

Hitler leaves the podium surrounded by party leadership and rushes to catch the 9:31 p.m. train back to Berlin.

Then, just minutes later...

BOOOOOM!

The podium where Hitler stood moments before and the roof right above it are ripped apart by Elser's bomb.

Eight people were killed; sixteen were injured.

EXT. SWEDISH BORDER - DAY

Police apprehend Georg Elser for trying to illegally cross the Swiss border.

The guards search Elser's pockets and find pictures of Burgerbraukeller.

A few days later, Elser confesses to the bombing and his motives.

Elser is taken to Dachau and held until 1944, when just before the Americans arrive to liberate the concentration camp, is shot and killed.

INT. REICH CHNCELLORY - DAY

Hitler and his leadership team rejoice at the miracle of Hitler escaping death.

HITLER

Providence, I tell you. It is destiny that I lead Germany to a new day!

GOEBBELS

Fate is on your side, my dear Fuhrer. It is meant to be.

HITLER

The papers suggest that my popularity is stronger than ever because of my miraculous escape from death.

GOEBBELS

Your reputation has been renewed, now it's time to make more moves.

INT. REICHSTAG BUILDING - DAY

Hitler meets with his generals to discuss plans for war with Russia.

HITLER

After a few postponements, "Case Yellow" is ready for execution and the army has been replenished.

GORING

Fuhrer, your plans are too conventional. The enemy will know your every move.

HITLER

Well lets try something a little more daring involving an element of surprise such as a line of attack further south.

HALDER

That would mean attacking across the Ardennes which is a heavily wooded area making it difficult for our tanks.

BRAUSHITSCH

Any alterations to the established plans are non-negotiable.

HITLER

What about the plan from Lieutenant-General Erich von Manstein to take control of the South?

HADLER

We're considering everything.

BRAUSHITSCH

We just need to take our time.

HITLER

No. We need to move now. We will incorporate the Manstein plan into our strategy immediately.

BRAUSHITSCH

But, Fuhrer, the plan is way too risky...

HITLER

The plan is aggressive. We will implement the plan and take the South as indicated earlier. We'll call it the "sickle cut".

HADLER

But Fuhrer, we have one other concern--the Americans.

BRAUSHITSCH

Yes. What if the Americans join forces with the Russians?

Hitler pauses for a moment.

HITLER

We'll cross that bridge when we get to it as for now, we need to make
stead for a world war.

Hitler gets up and leaves the room.

EXT. FRANCE - DAY

The "sickle cut" works and German forces cut through the French military forcing retreats and civilian evacuation.

German forces cut the Allied forces in two.

EXT. DUNKIRK - DAY

British and French forces make a heroic advance across the channel to safety as a result of Hitler's decision to halt the German advance about fifteen miles from the beach.

EXT. ITALY - DAY

Mussolini and the Italian forces join the Germans to "cash in" on the early victories.

Italian forces conduct military drills and mobilize forces to join the Germans.

EXT. FRANCE - DAY

The Germans overpower the French and force a surrender.

Hitler, accompanied by Goring, Raeder, Brauchitsch, Keitel, Ribbentrop and Hess accepts an armistice from the French on a railway carriage once occupied by Marshal Foch who ushered the German surrender in 1918.

The symbolic purging of the old debt was completed.

SOME TIME LATER

EXT. FRANCE - DAY

Hitler and his leadership team go sightseeing in France--the conquered country.

EXT. EUROPE - DAY

Hitler's new General Government intensifies the pressure and persecution of the Jews.

POLAND: Jews are rounded up by the hundreds and transported to concentration camps and ghettos. The Jews are required to wear identification badges.

GERMANY: Jews are taken from their homes and forced into ghettos.

AUSTRIA: Jews are transported to concentration camps via train where they are tortured, shot and killed.

Full-scale genocide of the Jews is in effect with little hope for salvation.

INT. NAZI ARMY HEADQUARTERS - DAY

A group of Army Officers meet to discuss Hitler's latest set of directives--The Commissar Order.

The officers are: GENERAL HANS VON SALMUTH, 50's; LIEUTENANT COLONEL HENNING VON TRESCKOW, 40's and FIELD MARSHAL FEDOR VON BOCK, 60's.

TRESCKOW

The Commissar Order is complete rubbish.

BOCK

The Fuhrer has lost his mind.

SALMUTH

To treat the Russians like civilian villains is absolutely preposterous.

TRESCKOW

We need to find a way to convince the divisional commanders to ignoring the order.

SALMUTH

I recommend forming a coup to get that bastard out of office before he gets us all killed.

BOCK

Shooting partisans and civilians is totally out of line and incompatible with army discipline and therefor the Commissar Order should be ignored.

TRESCKOW

If international law is to be broken, then the Russians, not we should do it first.

EXT. YUGOSLAVIA - THE AMERIKA - DAY

Hitler sits on board his specialized train Amerika heavily guarded as he celebrates his fifty-second birthday.

Hitler is visited by a few special guests: KING BORIS of Bulgaria, ADMIRAL HORTHY the Regent of Hungary and COUNT CIANO the Foreign Minister for Italy.

The occasion for the appearances is simple--Yugoslavia has been conquered.

EXT. YUGOSLAVIA - DAY

The Yugoslav Army surrenders unconditionally to the Nazis.

About 344,000 men enter German captivity.

EXT. ATHENS, GREECE - DAY

Greek forces surrender to the Nazi and Italian armies.

218,000 Greek soldiers are taken prisoner.

INT. MUNICH - DAY

RUDOLF HES, 40's prepares for departure from his home in Munich.

He kisses his wife ILSE HES, 40's.

RUDOLF HES

Goodbye, love.

ILSE HES

When will you be back?

RUDOLF HES
By Monday evening. No need to
worry.

Rudolf Hes sneaks up on his son, WOLF RUDIGER HES, 8, and
kisses him on the head.

WOLF HES
Can I come?

RUDOLF HES
Not this time son. Go to bed.

Hes puts on his coat, goes outside, hops in his Mercedes and
drives away.

Hes drives to the Messerschmitt works in Augsburg.

EXT. AUGSBURG - DAY

Hes arrives at Augsburg.

He changes into a fur-lined flying suit and a Luftwaffe
captain's jacket.

A little after 6 p.m., on a clear, sunset evening, the
Messerschmitt 110 airplane flown by Hes taxied on the runway
and took off.

The plane navigated its way through Germany, across the North
Sea and over the Scottish Lowlands.

Hes ejected himself out of the cockpit and parachuted to the
ground.

A local Scottish farmhand discovers Hes.

FARMHAND
Sir, who are you? Who are you,
sir?

HES
My name is Hauptmann Alfred Horn
and I'm a German. I have an
important message for the Duke of
Hamilton.

INT. INTERROGATION ROOM - BUCHANAN CASTLE - DAY

The DUKE OF HAMILTON, 50's, and IVONE KIRKPATRICK, 50's,
interrogate HES.

DUKE OF HAMILTON
O.K., Sir. We don't have all day.

IVONE KIRKPATRICK
What is your mission?

HES
My plan is to make peace between
Germany and Britain.

DUKE HAMILTON
Who are you?

There is a pause by Hes.

HES
My name is Rudolf Hes...I'm a Nazi.

The Duke of Hamilton and Ivone Kirkpatrick are dumbfounded.

INT. BERGHOF - DAY

Hitler conducts a meeting with his adjutants.

A deputy adjutant to Hitler, KARL-HEINZ PINTSCH, 30's,
arrives at the Berghof with a letter from Rudolf Hes.

He is intercepted at the door by a few ADJUTANTS.

ADJUTANT
Just where do you think you're
going.

PINTSCH
I need to speak to the Fuhrer, now.
It is of the utmost urgency.

The adjutants think, let Karl-Heinz Pintsch in.

Pintsch races to the quarters where Hitler rests and hands
him a letter.

HITLER
What is this?

PINTSCH
It's a letter from Hes. He says
that it's extremely sensitive.

Hitler takes the envelope.

HITLER
Well...carry on.

Pintsch leaves the room.

Hitler opens the envelope and reads the letter from Hes.

HES (O.S.)
 ...for it is my true aim to achieve
 peace between the Britain and the
 Motherland Germany...

As Pintsch exits he hears a loud, animal-like scream.

HITLER (O.S.)
 Aaaaaahhhhhhhhhh!

The entire building is rocked by the scream.

INT. BORDER POLICE SCHOOL, LEIPZIG, GERMANY - DAY

Ideological training for German soldiers for the Barbarossa operation takes place.

REINHARD TRISTAN HEYDRICH, 30's, assembles four Einsatzgruppen, or task groups, to conduct the training.

Over three-thousand men arrive at the training site.

Speeches, videos, movies and other propaganda devices are used to brainwash the soldiers.

By 22 June, the genocidal machine was ready to roll.

INT. REICH CHANCELLORY - DAY

Hitler delivers his speech just before the invasion of Russia also known as "Barbarossa".

Nazi Generals arrive at the Reich Chancellory under secrecy to allude any crowds and avoid suspicion of something about to happen.

Hitler approaches the podium and begins to speak.

HITLER
 Welcome, comrades. A new day is
 upon us. The war against
 Bolshevism has started.

A strange silence fills the room.

HITLER (CONT'D)

The Russians will fight hard, but the Luftwaffe would attain quick successes and smooth the advance of land forces. The worst of the fighting will be over in about six weeks.

Brauchitsch and Halder sit in the crowd and remain silent.

Although the other generals had concerns, they voiced no objections.

HITLER (CONT'D)

The British may prefer peace and will sue for it...after, not before Barbarossa.

The crowd applauds.

TWO DAYS LATER - 21 June

INT. REICH CHANCELLORY - DAY

Hitler meets with Goebbels hours before the launch of Barbarossa.

GOEBBELS

You called for me, Fuhrer?

HITLER

Yes, I need to inform you of the significance of Barbarossa. It will be the most massive attack history had ever seen. There will be no repeat of Napoleon.

GOEBBELS

I understand.

HITLER

The Russians have their divisions stacked up at the Reich borders which gives us the advantage. There is no comparison in quality, Germany clearly has the advantage. They will be smoothly rolled up in four months.

GOEBBELS

I think it will take less time than that. Bolshevism will fall like a house of cards.

EXT. RUSSIAN BORDER - DAY

Guns from the German Army fire along the Russian border to begin operation Barbarossa.

As the guns fire along the Russian border, fanfare and celebratory music play over German radio stations.

Goebbels reads out Hitler's proclamation.

GOEBBELS

The cancerous growth of Bolshevism must be burned out. There is nothing more to do than attack. Stalin will fall! The fortune of war must now decide. We must counter the conspiracy of the Jewish-Anglo-Saxon warmongers who rule the Bolshevik headquarters in Moscow...

German troops attack Russia and commit war atrocities breaking the Geneva Peace Convention sparking the most destructive and barbaric war in the history of mankind--World War II.

EXT. GERMANY - DAY

A NEWSPAPER REPORTER makes an announcement that the Germans have invaded Russia.

NEWSPAPER REPORTER

Read all about it...Germany enters a war that nobody wants.

A WOMAN emerges from the crowd.

WOMAN

We're going to war! We don't want a war. What about our families? Does Hitler even care.

NEWSPAPER REPORTER

The Fuhrer only cares about his agenda.

A MAN emerges from the crowd.

MAN #1

The Brits are going to bomb us and destroy this city.

NEWSPAPER REPORTER

Hitler doesn't care. He only cares about his power.

WOMAN

That scoundrel is going to destroy this country.

NEWSPAPER REPORTER

That madam is an understatement.

EXT. RUSSIAN BORDER - DAY

German troops engage Russian troops and are taking heavy casualties.

Scores of Nazi soldiers are killed by artillery fire and small arms fire.

Generals call for retreat but fear the wrath of Hitler for desertion.

EXT. KIEV - DAY

German troops overrun Russian troops in Kiev and seize the city.

--Russian soldier raise their hands in surrender.

EXT. UKRAINE - DAY

German tanks and Nazi soldiers on horses overpower Russian forces and take Ukraine.

--Stormtroopers mercilessly shoot down Russian soldiers as a symbol of might and superiority.

Halder looks on as the Nazi army basks in victory.

HALDER

It is thus probably no overstatement to say that the Russian campaign has been won in the space of two weeks.

INT. WOLF'S LAIR - DAY

Hitler meets with Army leadership from his new headquarters located in a barbed wire bunker--the Wolf's Lair.

Hitler meets with Hadler and Brauchitsch to discuss Barbarossa.

HITLER

The encirclement at Bialystok is not tight enough.

BRAUSHITSCH

I can ensure you, Fuhrer, that our field leadership has every thing under control...

HITLER

Not good enough. The field leaders are weak and don't show enough initiative. I need you to make sure that they are alert and ready to be aggressive at a moments notice.

BRAUSHITSCH

Will do, Fuhrer, I'll see to it that the field leaders are in shape.

HITLER

Halder...

HALDER

Yes, Fuhrer.

HITLER

Why are the Army Group Centre and Army South operating too far in depth.

HALDER

There's nothing to worry about. Our troops are in prime position.

HITLER

There's always something to worry about.

HALDER

I beginning to think that you lack confidence in the top level of our high command, Fuhrer.

HITLER

Confidence is earned through victory. If you feel a lack of confidence, I suggest you and your men show a little more grit.

HALDER

Our men are doing the best they can given the circumstances.

HITLER

The time is now! The Soviets are weak and we will conquer them before winter arrives.

BRAUSHITSCH

We can't underestimate the Soviets.

HALDER

The strength estimates provided earlier need to be adjusted. The speed of victory needs to be reevaluated. The Soviet defense has been revived and are launching a counter attack.

HITLER

Nonsense! And you wonder why there is a lack of confidence.

Hitler gets up and leaves the room.

INT. HALDER'S QUARTERS - NIGHT

Halder makes an entry into his diary.

HALDER (V.O)

No other but the Fuhrer himself is to blame for the zig zag course caused by his successive orders. The treatment and disrespect of Brauchitsch was absolutely outrageous. I had proposed that we both offer our resignations but Brauchitsch refused and stated that they would be denied and we would be deemed traitors.

EXT. PEARL HARBOR - HONOLULU, HAWAII - DAY

It's around 7:48 a.m. on 7 December 1941 and the United States Naval Fleet performs their day-to-day duties.

Out of nowhere a swarm of planes flown by the Imperial Japanese military including fighters, level and dive bombers and torpedo bombers attack the idle fleet.

The attack was hell at its finest.

Of the eight battleships at Pearl Harbor, four sunk but were later raised except for the U.S.S. Arizona.

Three cruisers, three destroyers, and anti-aircraft training ship and one mine layer were also destroyed.

A total of one hundred eighty-eight U.S. aircraft were destroyed.

2,403 Americans were killed and 1,178 were wounded.

It was one of the darkest days in American history.

Later that day, Japan declared war on the United States and Britain.

Germany and Italy also declared war against the United States in support of Japan.

The United States responded by declaring war against Germany and Italy marking its entrance into World War II.

Franklin D. Roosevelt labeled the attack as a "Day of Infamy" in his speech to Congress a day after the attacks.

INT. REICHSTAG - DAY

Hitler delivers a speech outlining the German and Italian declaration of war against Britain and the United States.

EXT. GERMANY - DAY

Germans across the country listen to Hitlers speech with mixed feelings of triumph, fear and horror of a new World War that the many of Germany's citizens don't want.

INT. REICHSTAG - DAY

Hitler meets with Brauchitsch to discuss a very important matter.

BRAUSHITSCH

You asked to see me, Fuhrer.

HITLER

Yes, I did.

BRAUSHITSCH

As you know, von Brock has submitted his request to be relieved of duties as head of Army Group Centre.

HITLER

I am fully aware and we have appointed von Kluge in his stead.

BRAUSHITSCH

Then why did you call me?

HITLER

This has been long overdue, Braushitsch, but I think it is time for you to depart. I'm going to take over command of the Army. I've been speculating over this since November and I'm not in a position to change my mind.

BRAUSHITSCH

This is all so sudden.

HITLER

Your health has been cause for concern as noted by your staff. You're at the end of your tether and are too feeble to lead. You're no longer up to the job. I need you to tender your resignation...effective immediately. My apologies.

BRAUSHITSCH

I see. Well, it was an honor serving you and my country. Goodbye.

Braushitsch renders a salute.

Hitler returns it.

Braushitsch leaves.

A FEW DAYS LATER

INT. REICHSTAG - DAY

Hitler is officially appointed as head of the German Army.

EXT. RUSSIAN BORDER - DAY

German Army leaders read a letter from Hitler--the new commander of the army.

HITLER (V.O.)

The fanatical will to defend the ground on which the troops are standing must be injected into the troops with every possible means, even the toughest. Talk of Napoleon's retreat is threatening to become reality. Therefore, every piece of territory which is forced to be left to the enemy must be made unusable for him as far as possible. Every piece of habitation must be burnt down and destroyed without consideration for the population, to deprive the enemy of all possibility of shelter.

INT. WOLF'S LAIR - DAY

Hitler, along with his entourage, meets with one of his field generals, HEINZ WILHELM GUDERIAN, 50's.

GUDERIAN

The 2nd Panzer Army and 2nd Army are depleted. We need to plan on a retreat to reorganize in a different position.

HITLER

Never. Our troops will dig and stand fast.

GUDERIAN

But Fuhrer, the earth is frozen five feet deep and...

HITLER

Then use the Howitzers to blast craters in the ground just like it was done in the first World War.

GUDERIAN

You can't possibly compare the conditions in Flanders to that of Russia. The loss of life will be enormous.

HITLER

Do you think Fredrick the Great's men wanted to die? No, they wanted to live but the king was right in asking them to sacrifice their lives. And as the Fuhrer, I will do the same in asking the German soldier to sacrifice his life for his country.

Guderian is stunned at the comments given by Hitler.

HITLER (CONT'D)

You should stand back more. Believe me, things appear clearer when examined at a longer range.

Guderian is silent for a moment, then--

GUDERIAN

I'll be sure to take that into consideration.

Guderian issues Hitler a salute--

GUDERIAN (CONT'D)

Heil, Hitler.

Hitler returns it.

Guderian exits the room.

EXT. RUSSIAN BORDER - DAY

Guderian's troops, against the orders of Hitler, retreat from the Russian border to a line further south.

The loss of life of German soldiers and the numerous retreats by German units signals a "Winter Crisis" among the German Army.

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EXT. RUSSIAN BORDER - DAY

Guderian is informed, by letter from Hitler himself, of his dismissal.

EXT. RUSSIAN BORDER - DAY

Within the following three weeks of Guderian's firing, several other German leaders were fired for retreating including: Helmuth Forster, Hans Graf von Sponeck, Eric Hoepner, and Adolf Straus.

By the time the Winter Crisis was over in the Spring, several subordinate leaders were also replaced.

EXT. EASTERN POLAND - DAY

Hitler intensifies the persecution, removal and murder of the Jews across Europe as part of his program to confront "Jewry" and provide "living space" for Germans.

The chief of Einsatzkommando of Luzk in eastern Poland ordered his men to shoot 1,160n Jewish men.

EXT. KOWNO, LITHUANIA - DAY

During the month of July, the Einsatzkommando continue to carry out Hitler's orders of Jew removal and annihilation.

A group of firing squads from Einsatzkommando 3 kill as many as 2,514 Jews.

Some Jews are clubbed to death by Lithuanian nationalists, one by one, while crowds of onlookers--men, women and children--clapped and cheered.

After the clubbed Jews were slaughtered and made into a heap of corpses, the local enthusiast who butchered the Jews climbed onto the pile and played the Lithuanian national anthem.

Of the Jews being killed, most were either communist or members of the intelligentsia.

INT. HITLER YOUTH CAMP CLASSROOM - DAY

Scores of young Germans are indoctrinated and brainwashed by anti-Jewish doctrine.

INT. HITLER YOUTH CAMP - DORMITORY - NIGHT

A group of SOLDIERS write home to their parents regarding their thoughts on the Jews.

SOLDIER #1 (V.O.)

I was shocked at the evidence of Jewish Bolshevik atrocities. The sight was unbearable and I vow to have my revenge.

SOLDIER #2 (V.O.)

Everyone, even the last doubter, knows today that the battle against these subhumans, but came in the nick of time.

EXT. UKRAINE - DAY

Soldiers from the Einsatzkommando 4a of the Ukraine attached to Einsatzgruppe C round up Jews in retaliation for an arson fire in Kiev caused by a series of explosions killing hundreds of Germans.

The Jews were taken to Babi-Yar, just outside of Kiev, many of them men and women and massacred.

The captured Jews were forced to stand on a mound and undress just above a ravine.

The killing squads fired salvos at the Jews and watched as their bodies fell lifeless.

As the firing squads continued to assassinate the Jews, the bodies began to pile up the mound.

Over 33,771 Jews were killed during the month.

INT. FIELD HQ - DAY

Hitler, recovering from a sickness and in a state of paranoia from constant conflict with his Army leaders, meets with Goebbels.

HITLER

How can I help you, Goebbels?

GOEBBELS

I have a matter of utmost importance regarding the Jewish question.

HITLER

I'm not in the mood for any crazy programmes from even crazier people.

GOEBBELS

Fuhrer, the Jews in Berlin are diminishing the morale among the soldiers by consuming an excess amount of resources.

HITLER

So, what do you want me to do about it.

GOEBBELS

I suggest incorporating an identification system for the Jews...a badge to set them apart from the Germans.

Hitler thinks for a moment.

HITLER

Goebbels, you have my blessing.

EXT. BERLIN - DAY

Goebbels uses his propaganda machine in Germany to issue a decree that all Jews will wear an identification badge composed of a yellow Star of David.

Jews throughout Berlin line-up to receive their new identification badges--a new symbol of oppression.

INT. REICH GOVERNOR HQ - WARTHEGAU - DAY

ARTHUR GEISER, 50's, Reich Governor and Gauleiter of Warthegau reads a letter from Himmler regarding the Polish Jews.

HIMMLER (V.O.)

The Fuhrer wishes that the Old Reich and the Protectorate (Bohemia and Moravia) are emptied and freed of Jews from the west to the east as soon as possible. It is my intention to move the Jews into the Polish territories which had come to the Reich, then expel them further to the east in the following spring. With this in mind, I intend to send 60,000 Jews to the Lodz ghetto for the winter.

EXT. LODZ - DAY

Tens of thousands of Jews are removed from their homes and transported to the Lodz ghettos which quickly became overcrowded.

The situation in Lodz quickly influenced other areas to answer the "Jewish Question" where some even resorted to murder to rid their territories of Jews.

INT./EXT. GERMANY - DAY

Scores of Germans attend to their radios as Hitler makes a very formal announcement from the Reichstag.

A crowd of people listen to a radio at a beerhall.

HITLER (O.S)

As a result of recent events and the United States' declaration of war against our most respected ally, Japan, I hereby, as Fuhrer of Germany, make a declaration of war against the United States.

The crowd cheers.

However the cheers convey a subtext of concern as some of the onlookers embrace for an expanded war that could turn for the worst.

EXT. DISTRICTS OF LUBIN AND GALICIA - DAY

Jews in the regions of Lubin and Galicia are systematically killed as Hitler's plan for annihilation of the Jews takes shape.

As the systematic killings spread through the General Government, deportation trains arrive to transfer the remaining Jews to extermination camps in Belzec, Sobibor and Treblinka.

The annihilation of the Jews spread to western Europe as Jews were transferred to the largest of the extermination camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau the annexed territory of Upper Silesia.

Over 4 million Jews were killed in a new "World War" against Jewry.

INT. WOLF'S LAIR - DAY

Hitler meets with his military leaders to develop a new plan of attack.

HITLER

The opportunity is upon us. We must strike the Soviet Union where it hurts the most...Moscow.

One of his GENERALS intervenes.

GENERAL

But Fuhrer, we just survived a winter crisis where we incurred serious casualties.

HITLER

Our enemy are vermin that must be destroyed til there's nothing left, therefore sacrifices must be made.

The General is offended.

GENERAL

Fuhrer, you have never visited a field-hospital, nor the homeless after bomb-raids; you've seen no massacres, went near no concentration camps or compound for starving prisoners of war...

Hitler, apathetic, confronts the General.

HITLER

They're all an abstraction...a necessary suffering as our sons make the justified sacrifice for the survival of our people.

Goebbels interjects.

GOEBBELS

Fuhrer, you are becoming seen as a remote figure by the people and your military leaders. Your image needs to be refashioned to ensure the support of the people.

HITLER

Well, get to work.

GOEBBELS

The people's bond with you are beginning to loosen as they receive word that the Soviets are advancing.

Hitler becomes furious.

HITLER

Nonsense!!

GOEBBLS

The men are losing confidence, the Allies are advancing and we even lost our armaments minister Fritz Todt to a "mysterious" plane crash...

HITLER

I'll appoint Albert Speer's to replace Todt. He's intelligent, modest and not an obstinate military-head. As for the war...it'll figure itself out.

Goebbels and the General look at each other with uncertainty then look at Hitler for a brief moment.

EXT./INT. AUSCHWITZ CONCENTRATION CAMP - DAY

Thousands of Jews are transported to the Auschwitz concentration camp to be exterminated as part of Hitler's growing annihilation campaign.

EXT. RUSSIAN BORDER - DAY

The Soviet Spring offensive is proving to be successful as the Germans are losing battle after battle and are being pushed back through numerous retreats.

EXT. WEST GERMANY - DAY

British planes launch a 1,000 bomb attack on German cities leaving its citizens homeless and bitter.

EXT. LIBYA - NORTH AFRICA - DAY

Nazi commanding general ERWIN ROMMEL, 50's, is forced to retreat from Libya, North Africa along with Italian forces as the Allies gain momentum to drive the Axis forces out of the region.

EXT. GERMANY - NIGHT

It's a gloomy, Christmas night in Germany as families of soldiers in the Nazi 6th Army receive word of their loved ones who serve in the units have been killed by the advancing Soviet forces.

The streets and beerhalls are silent.

Letters from soldiers in the 6th Army to their families that tell of the encirclement of the unit by the Soviets spread quickly throughout the country.

EXT. WOLF'S LAIR - DAY

Hitler receives letters from his senior leaders regarding tragic situation in detail.

Hitler's Adjutant General, NICOLAUS VON BELOW, 30's, attempts to read one of the letters--

VON BELOW

Fuhrer, another letter from the field--

HITLER

Silence I don't need to hear any more of this.

Von Below rejects Hitler's request and reads a brief passage from a letter--

VON BELOW

"I can hear nothing but bullet piercing the uniforms of soldiers around me as tanks crushed the skulls of those caught beneath their tracts during the advance of their position to overrun our flanks..."

Hitler is silent and shaken for a moment, then--

HITLER

The fate of the 6th Army left for us a deep duty in the fight for the freedom of our people.

The room is silent as Hitler gently closes his eyes and meditates.

An AIDE enters the room with more messages from the field.

VON BELOW

Fuhrer, both General Paulus and General Manstein from the 6th Army request permission to surrender.

HITLER

Request denied. Our troops will fight to the end.

EXT. STALINGRAD - DAY

Soviet troops cut through the 6th Army and divide the Nazi Army in two.

On 29 January, one section of Germany raised the white flag

General Paulus gets promoted to Field Marshal on 30 January in hopes that he will end the soviet confrontation with a hero's death.

The evening of 30 January, General Paulus surrenders his troops to the soviets.

When the battle of Stalingrad ends, over one-hundred thousand German and Romanian soldiers died; one-hundred thirteen thousand soldiers were taken prisoner. Only a few thousand soldiers would survive captivity.

INT. ITALIAN ARMY FIELD HEADQUARTERS - REGGIO DI CALABRIA - DAY

The British Allied troops cross the Straits of Messina to Italy, landing at Reggio di Calabria.

On the very same day that the British troops land, the Italians secretly agree to an armistice which became public knowledge five days later.

EXT. BERLIN - DAY

British bombers continue to attack German targets including the city of Berlin infuriating its citizens and turning them against their once beloved leader Adolf Hitler.

INT. PHYSICIANS OFFICE - GERMANY - DAY

Hitler meets with his PHYSICIAN for his yearly check-up.

As the physician examines Hitler, he notices an extreme trembling of Hitler's left arm and a jerking in his left leg.

PHYSICIAN

Fuhrer, your cardiograms are showing that your heart condition is worsening...

HITLER

Do you have any good news to tell me?

PHYSICIAN

...and beyond the chronic and intestinal problems that were diagnosed prior to this session...

HITLER

I'm fine.

PHYSICIAN

...the symptoms are pointing to signs of Parkinson's Disease.

Hitler freezes.

HITLER

Well, there is only my beloved generals to blame for losing this war and killing the Fuhrer.

Hitler gets dressed and leaves.

INT. REICHSTAG - DAY

Hitler meets with ADMIRAL HORTHY, 75, Hungarian head of State.

HITLER

Allowing Jews to exist in Hungary without any hindrance is a threat to the German movement.

(MORE)

HITLER (CONT'D)

Therefore, military occupation of Hungary is necessary. If you decide not to approve of the decision, it will just happen by force. Any armed resistance will simply be crushed by a unified force and in such an event, I cannot guarantee the safety of your family.

HORTHY

Well, if everything is already decided, there's no point in staying any longer.

Horthy gets up and leaves the room.

THE NEX DAY

EXT. HUNGARY - DAY

German troops invade and occupy the capitol of Hungary-- Budapest.

Hungary's large and prominent Jewish community consisting of over 750,000 members is in big trouble.

Within days, German troops round up approximately 3,000 Jewish men, women and children, pack them into forty cattle wagons and sent them to Auschwitz to be slaughtered.

Within months, almost 300,000 Hungarian Jews were transported to their deaths at the gas chambers.

5 JUNE 1944

INT. REICHSTAG - DAY

Hitler meets with Goebbels to talk strategy

GOEBBELS

Fuhrer, I've just received reports that the Allies have taken Rome with our German troops pulling back to the Apennines.

Hitler is calm.

HITLER

Need to worry. We will redeem ourselves with the attack on London with our manless bomb planes.

GOEBBELS

Fuhrer, we have more intelligence that supports a possible Allied invasion to take place any day now.

HITLER

Yes, I received word that the invasion will be a diversion attack to confuse us, maybe on the Normandy coast.

GOEBBELS

What are your plans?

HITLER

I'll deploy two Panzer divisions to support the western front. That should clear things up.

GOEBBELS

We should move by night to gain the strategic advantage.

HITLER

No need to rush, we will wait till daylight to have an easier transport.

Little did Hitler know that his hesitation to move his troops by night caused German troops to lose the military advantage, the battle at Normandy and World War II.

EXT. NORMANDY COAST - DAY

The Allied armada of 3,000 vessels approach the Normandy coast to deploy American troops on Utah Beach on the Cotentin peninsula around 6:30 a.m..

There was no resistance from Axis forces.

British and Canadian forces landed at various sites shortly thereafter.

EXT. OMAHA BEACH - NORMANDY COAST - DAY

The second American landing at Omaha Beach is met with heavy German resistance and were mown down.

After hours of intense fighting and thousands of casualties the Allied troops were able to establish beachheads and defeat German forces and eventually cutting off the peninsula.

INT. STAUFFENBERG RESIDENCE - DAY

COLONEL CLAUS SCHENK GRAF VON STAUFFENBERG, 30's, writes a passage into his personal diary.

STAUFFENBERG (V.O.)
*Since the generals have so far
managed nothing, the colonels now
have to step in...*

Stauffenberg becomes deeply emotional as he continues to make an entry into his diary--

STAUFFENBERG (V.O.)
*It is now time that something was
done. But the man who has the
courage to do something must do it
in the knowledge that he will go
down in German history as a
traitor.*

20 JULY 1944

INT. WOLF'S LAIR - DAY

Stauffenberg is able to gain entrance to a meeting that will feature Hitler himself.

Stauffenberg is escorted by Hitler's entourage to the meeting room.

In his left hand, Stauffenberg carries a briefcase that contains some briefing papers--and a bomb detonated to go off and kill Hitler.

As Stauffenberg is ushered into the room, he notices Hitler sitting at the long side of the table closest to the door conferring with one of his generals about the worsening conditions of the German Army.

Stauffenberg is briefly introduced to Hitler, shakes hands, then is seated to the far right of the table--the briefcase was placed under the right table leg.

Within minutes, Stauffenberg makes an excuse to leave and exits the room.

Stauffenberg rushes to meet a colleague where they waited for a car to transport them to the airfield.

Stauffenberg and his associate make it to their plane, board it and pull off their way to Berlin.

INT. WOLF'S LAIR - DAY

Hitler is engaged with his men in planning strategy with his staff--

Then...

BOOOM!

The room explodes.

Several men are killed except for Hitler who only suffered minor bruises.

INT. BENDLERSTRASE - BERLIN - DAY

Plans by Stauffenberg and his conspirators arrange to execute the coup nicknamed Valkyrie.

No broadcasts were made by the coup that there was a takeover.

INT. REICH CAPITOL - DAY

Goebbels, at the behest of Hitler, makes a radio announcement to the German people.

GOEBBELS

This afternoon, an attempt was made on the life of our leader the Fuhrer. A device designed to make massive damage only left our beloved Fuhrer with minor bruises. Our Fuhrer is alive by the grace of God. Heil Hitler...Heil Hitler!

INT./EXT. BENDLERSTRASE - BERLIN - DAY

Stauffenberg and his co-conspirators are captured by Himmler and the Nazi Army.

The men are sentenced to execution, transported to the outside courtyard where a firing squad of ten men awaited them, shot and killed.

As shots enter Stauffenberg's body, he shouts in German "Long live holy Germany".

INT./EXT. BENDLERSTRASE - BERLIN - DAY

The Gestapo initiates a program to capture members of the Valkyrie coup.

Some members of the coup refuse to be captured and take their own lives.

Other members of the coup who allowed themselves to be captured faced gruesome torture.

Many executions connected to the Stauffenberg coup followed in the next few weeks with the death toll amounting to 200.

INT. WOLF'S LAIR - DAY

Hitler meets with his generals and his supporters at headquarters.

HITLER

Providence...it's God's will I tell you.

GOEBBELS

The Fuhrer is the new Messiah of Germany. Who can deny him?

As Hitler gestures, he checks the bandages on his stomach area--they're still bleeding.

GOEBBELS (CONT'D)

Is everything o.k.?

HITLER

All is well. It's just a formality. The doctor should be arriving soon to make everything alright.

As he Hitler speaks, he leans to his right side as a result of his ruptured ear drum which also made his eyes turn to the right.

GOEBBELS

Would like for me to prepare your speech for the event tonight?

HITLER

Cancel the event. I'm not fit to speak in public. I can't seem to stand for long and fear that I may pass out due to dizziness.

GOEBBELS
Will do, fuhrer.

Hitler limps to his desk, slowly sits and grabs his wounds.

INT. REICHSTAG - DAY

Hitler releases a decree over the radio initiating the Volkstrum, or people's militia, which is a military force consisting of German citizens.

EXT. GERMANY - DAY

Scores of German citizens sweat to an oath to protect the legacy of the Fuhrer and defend Germany to the death.

Gauleiter ERICH KOCH, 40's, writes a letter to one of his commanding officers regarding the Volkstrum.

KOCH (V.O.)
The men called up had to provide their own clothing, eating and drinking utensils. The weaponry provided to the men was of low quality and of little use. The Volkstrum is largely unpopular, pointless and a pain in everybody's side especially since the war is already over. Severe losses were calculated, with no stoppage of the Red Army making any effort futile.

EXT. AVRANCHES - DAY

An Allied attack, codenamed "Operation Cobra", launched a ferocious bombing of a German Panzer division in an area of only six miles making a pathway to France and signaling a major Allied victory over Germany.

EXT. ATLANTIC OCEAN - DAY

Allied forces, undeterred by German U-boats since they were not able to recover from losses during battles of the second half of the war, crossed the Atlantic untouched.

EXT. FRANCE - DAY

Allied troops continue their advance taking Marseilles and Toulon and eventually liberating Brussels and Belgium. The Allied forces now have 2 million troops on the continent.

INT. HIMMLER'S HEADQUARTERS - DAY

Himmler receives a telegram from Adolf Hitler.

HITLER (V.O.)

In retaliation for the rise of the insurgents against the German Army occupying Warsaw, I order you, SS leader Himmler, to oversee the total destruction of the said insurgents and the city of Warsaw.

Himmler reads the letter, folds it and tucks it into his coat.

EXT. WARSAW - DAY

Himmler and a swarm of Nazi soldiers murder and torture insurgent Poles along with civilians as they incinerated the city.

Men, women and children were slaughtered in the thousands as Warsaw burned.

On 2 October, the Polish underground surrenders but it's too late as the Polish casualties numbered near 200,000 and the Nazi casualties numbered 26,000.

INT. WOLF'S LAIR - DAY

Hitler meets with one of his "clean-up" men OTTO SKORZENY, 30's, in the dimly lit bunker of the Wolf's Lair.

HITLER

Otto, my dear friend, how is everything?

SKORZENY

All is well Fuhrer.

HITLER

I want to commend you on your performance in Hungary.

SKORZENY

It was a necessity to uphold the
prestige of our nation.

Hitler pulls out a service metal and pins it on Skorzeny's
chest.

HITLER

This metal is to acknowledge your
extraordinary accomplishments in
the field. In addition, I'm
promoting you to
Obersturmbannfuhrer (Lieutenant
Colonel).

SKORZENY

It would be an honor to serve in
such a capacity.

Skorzeny gives a salute and heads towards the door.

HITLER

Don't go Skorzeny. I have perhaps
the most important job for you. In
December, Germany will start a
great offensive...the Ardennes
Offensive.

Skorzeny turns around and looks at Hitler.

Hitler pulls out a map and details plans for invasion of the
Ardennes.

EXT. THE ARDENNES - DAY

The Axis forces initiate the Ardennes offensive in October,
but by January of the following year, the Allied invasion
overpowers any attempt at victory.

Operation North Wind takes places initiating air attacks on
Allied airfield but causing extreme collateral damage in
downing almost 300 German planes of which they could not
recover.

The last glimmer of hope for the Nazis was no more.

INT. WOLF'S LAIR - DAY

Goebbels and Hitler meet at the Wolf's Lair.

GOEBBELS

Fuhrer, I just received word that
the Ardennes...

HITLER

No need to divulge, I got the word.

GOEBBELS

The situation looks bleak, Fuhrer.

HITLER

The failure of the Luftwaffe and
the traitors in the army are to
blame for this catastrophe.

GOEBBELS

What do we do from here?

HITLER

The superior power was too great.
The war is lost. Those who were
against me profited from National
Socialism and were decorated for
their treason--that's the thanks.
I should just put a bullet through
my head.

Hitler begins to tremble then pulls himself together.

GOEBBELS

Will you surrender the German
forces?

HITLER

No! We'll not capitulate. Never. If
we go down, we'll take the whole
world with us.

EXT. POLAND - DAY

Allied forces defeat German forces on both the Western and
Eastern fronts to recapture Poland.

The Red Army continues to advance through the Warthegau and
on its way to Berlin.

EXT. BERLIN - DAY

Allied forces increase the bombing raids on Berlin with the
devastation totaling 3,000 and injuring 2,000 making it the
most treacherous of air raids to date.

INT. HITLER'S BUNKER - DAY

Hitler and his entourage move into a bunker and make it the official headquarters of the Reich.

As Hitler assimilates to his new home, he becomes more withdrawn, seldom seeing daylight.

An AIDE approaches Hitler as he stares at a wall with a blanket covering his shoulders.

EXT. HUNGARY - DAY

The Red Army forces Germany out of Hungary and heads to Vienna.

EXT. RUSSIA - DAY

German troops surrender in Konigsberg after being cut off.

EXT. GERMANY - DAY

Americans take control of Essen and Hanover.

EXT./INT. RUHR - DAY

The Red Army succeeds in taking the Ruhr after splitting German forces.

A favorite of Hitler, GENERAL MORITZ WALTER MODEL, 50's, dissolved his encircled troops to avoid capitulation.

However, over 325,000 troops and thirty generals surrendered to American forces on 17 April.

Four days later, General Model puts a gun to his head and pulls the trigger in a wooded area south of Duisburg.

The Red Army is now at the gates of Hitler's headquarters.

INT. HITLER'S BUNKER - DAY

Hitler celebrates his fifty-sixth birthday in his bunker. Normally, there is normally a festive party, but not this year.

Reluctant to greet his men at first, Hitler eventually agreed to receive birthday greetings at the request of his wife, Eva Braun.

EVA BRAUN
 Wolfy, it's time to go.

HITLER
 I'm ready.

Hitler gets up and leaves his room with Eva following behind him.

HALLWAY

As Hitler proceeds down the hallway, he receives murmurs from his Generals and Field Marshalls.

GENERAL #1
 Happy Birthday, Fuhrer.

Hitler delivers a light handshake.

FIELD MARSHAL #1
 Fuhrer, Happy Birthday.

Hitler gives another light handshake.

As Hitler proceeds down the hallway and shakes hands with his men, GENERAL WILHELM BURGDORF, 40's, bursts into the hallway with a message--

BURGDORF
 Fuhrer, their's been a Soviet
 breakthrough and advance towards
 Cottbus, some sixty miles from
 here...

Hitler pauses for a moment--

HITLER
 No need to worry...our forces will
 fight them back and achieve
 absolute victory.

Burgdorf issues a salute--

BURGDORF
 Heil, Hitler.

As Hitler makes his way down the hallway, he climbs the steps leading into the Reich Chancellory park where, waiting with raised Heil, Hitler salutes, were delegations from the Courland army, SS units in Berlin and twenty boys from the Hitler youth camp who were distinguished in battle.

Hitler greets each of the Soldiers, the SS men and the youth with a light pat on the cheek.

Afterwards, Hitler gave a brief speech of encouragement to liven spirits--all was lost.

Hitler returned to the Reich for lunch with his secretaries.

Hitler returned to his bunker with Eva Braun--this was the last time his staff would see Hitler alive.

EXT. REICH CHANCELLORY COURTYARD - DAY

A near chaotic scene emerges in the Reich courtyard as Hitler's staff and supporters load their vehicles with personal belongings as artillery shells destroy Berlin to signify the Red Army's emergence.

INT. REICH CHANCELLORY - LIVING ROOM - DAY

With Hitler gone to bed, a small, unofficial party takes place in the living room.

The attendants are Eva Braun, TRAUDL JUNG, 20's, Hitler's youngest secretary, and several other women.

The party-goers danced throughout the afternoon ignoring the artillery shelling from the Red Army in Berlin.

They listened to the pre-war hit "Red Roses Bring You Happiness", laughed, danced and drank champagne.

MOMENTS LATER

INT. REICHSTAG - HITLERS BUNKER - DAY

Hitler makes several hysteria-infused phone calls forcing them to sacrifice their lives in defense of Germany.

HITLER

Every commander withholding forces
has forfeited his life for the
protection of Germany...

Hitler grows more furious and hysterical by the moment.

HITLER (CONT'D)

Any retreat to the west is strictly
forbidden and any officers
unwilling to obey are to be shot
immediately.

Several Generals: Keitel, Jodl, Krebs and Burgdorf, enter the Bunker.

BURGDORF

Fuhrer, the Soviets have penetrated our lines and are advancing to the northern suburbs.

HITLER

No worries, we will attack with Steiner's forces.

KEITEL

Fuhrer, the attack by Steiner's forces never materialized. His troops are combat ineffective.

Hitler becomes furious.

HITLER

You all are traitors! First the army, now the SS has turned against me. I mind as well put a bullet through my head and end it all right here.

(beat)

I want everyone out of my bunker...immediately.

The generals and staff evacuate the bunker.

Hitler sits in his chair and slumps.

Eva Braun and a his remaining secretaries.

EVA BRAUN

Is everything o.k.--

HITLER

I want you and the rest of the staff to pack your things. A plane has been prepared to take all of you south in an hour. It's all lost...hopelessly lost.

EVA BRAUN

My dear, Wolfie. I will never leave you...even until death will I be by your side.

Eva Braun gives Hitler a light peck on the cheek.

INT. HITLER'S BUNKER - DAY

Goebbels and his family move into the bunker with Hitler as a final testament to his loyalty to the Fuhrer.

INT. HITLER'S BUNKER - NIGHT

Just after midnight with the bunker shaken from constant artillery bombings, Hitler and Eva Braun exchange vows in front of a small group of people to include Goebbels and Bormann.

A light reception followed.

Hitler commands the attention of the room by clanging a fork against his glass.

HITLER

This is my political testament. It was desired and instigated by those of Jewish decent or who worked for Jewish interests that the war in 1939 was desired by Germany or myself. Centuries will pass away, but out of the ruins of our towns and cultural monuments the hatred will renew itself against Jewry and its helpers.

The crowd claps.

HITLER (CONT'D)

And as a reward for continued service and loyalty to the Reich, I will appoint, to the position of Reich President, Josef Goebbels.

The crowd applauds and congratulates Goebbels.

HITLER (CONT'D)

And now all that remains is the self-destruction of the Fuhrer.

MOMENTS LATER

INT. HITLER'S BUNKER - CONTNUOUS

The room is in despair as everyone anticipates the suicide of Hitler in the waning moments of World War II.

A doctor passes out brass-cased capsules filled with prussic acid to everyone in the room in case anyone makes the decision to take their own lives.

AIR RAID SHELTER

Two doctors test a prussic acid on Hitler's dog, Blondi, to make sure of its efficacy.

One doctor forces the dog's mouth open and crushes the jaws closed to crush the capsule.

Blondi instantly falls to the floor and was motionless.

Hitler walks into the room, looks at Blondi for a brief moment, then walks out.

HITLER'S QUARTERS

Hitler sits with Eva Braun as his staff continues to dwindle.

Hitler steps outside of his room to say goodbye to a gathering of twenty-five servants and guards.

HITLER

I've just received word that
Mussolini has been captured and
executed in Italy. With this in
hand, I bid all of you farewell.

Hitler shakes the hands of each of the staff then returns to his room.

EXT. BERLIN - DAY

Soviet artillery overwhelms German forces as it begins to devastate the Reich Chancellory.

INT. HITLER'S BUNKER - DAY

Hitler inquires of one of his generals of the current status of Berlin.

HITLER

General, what are your
observations?

GENERAL

The Soviets will have won Berlin by the evening, Fuhrer.

HITLER

The time has come. I will shoot myself in the head by the afternoon. Eva will also commit suicide. Our bodies are to be cremated.

The General rushes out of the room to make arrangements for Hitler and Braun's cremation ceremony.

INT. HITLER'S ROOM - DAY

Hitler and Eva Braun sit alone in his room as members of the "inner circle" wait outside and stand guard.

The only noise that could be heard was the diesel ventilator.

Just after half past three o'clock in the afternoon, two men from Hitler's entourage peek into Hitler's room to see--

Hitler and Eva Braun sitting on the couch--slumped over.

The distinct smell of prussic acid, bitter almonds, resonates from Eva Brauns' body.

Hitler's head dips over his body lifelessly as blood oozes from his right temple--his pistol, a 7.65 Walther--lie on the ground.

INT./EXT. HITLER'S BUNKER - REICH CHANCELLORY - DAY

Members of the entourage retrieve the bodies of Hitler and Eva Braun, wrap them in blankets and take them to the outside courtyard, where a small ceremony is held in honor of the two to cremate the remains.

INT. GOEBBLE'S QUARTERS - REICH CHANCELLORY - DAY

With Hitler dead, Goebbels carries out the deaths of his children and the suicide of his wife and himself.

One of the doctor's assigned to Goebbels administered a shot of Morphine to each of the four children.

Once in a drugged state, another doctor crushed a prussic acid cap in each of their mouths--killing the children.

INT. GOEBBEL'S QUARTERS - DAY

Goebbels and his wife bid farewell to their staff, retreat into their private rooms, bite on prussic acid capsules to commit suicide.

A guard enters the room, fires two shots into the bodies to make sure they are dead, then leaves.

The corpses are taken to the courtyard and burned.

INT. HITLER'S BUNKER - DAY

Several prominent officers: Krebs, Burgdorf and Schadle, also chose to take their lives.

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INT. RHEIMS - DAY

A special meeting at the Supreme Headquarters-Allied Expeditionary Force building with representatives of the Allies and the Axis present is held.

A full, unconditional pact of surrender is signed by German representatives ends the war.

EXT. LOCATIONS ACROSS THE WORLD - DAY

The world rejoices as the German forces capitulate and end one of history's great human tragedies.

Music plays as a montage of World War II is shown...

FADE TO BLACK.