**Alvin’s Plight**

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**Prologue:**

*(Opening Scene: Heinrich is sitting down at his desk with another nazi in the room. There is a table in the middle filled with various things that included small flag of swastika, pens, map, etc. Heinrich is fiddling with a paper at his desk that contains information about Alvin.  Heinrich is wearing a nazi outfit he is discussing Alvin to the soldier saying how good he is and mainly praising him. The nazi talks to Heinrich about Alvin for clarifying questions.)*

**Heinrich:** Ah yes, Alvin, he is and will always be, a good man.! He loves working for his country, and always proud too!

**Nazi:** Why do you put him on a pedestal higher than the rest of the nazi soldiers.

**Heinrich**: He earned his rank by working extremely hard as well as extremely smart!

**Nazi:** He must have a few flaws that affect him in some ways!

**Heinrich**: Alvin is a good man! For sure, but Charles his long ago friend. Alvin gives too much mercy, it’s not good for his health as a general!

*(Heinrich rips paper in half)*

He doesn’t understand our struggle to be perfect! He is not at all in the image we want! Charles will only be a bug that we should stomp on easily!

**Nazi:**  If he’s a bug why should we be so concerned! The way you talk makes me seem he is very loyal!

**Heinrich:** He is a loyal man, but he loved Charles dearly when they were children! He may still love Charles even now.

**Nazi:** He must be an overall very loyal person!

**Heinrich:** If this problem grows, I’ll know about it, his loyalty is also easily seen through.

**Nazi:** We should be able take him out, if he has other plans right? If we can see through him we can pierce through him like a knife through butter!

**Heinrich:** Piercing through him will require a lot of precision and patience. What you don’t understand he also easily manipulated, and him being manipulated will ultimately lead to his downfall.

**Nazi:** Doesn’t he have presence of mind? We should know being loyal to us will bring him! Charles may manipulate him, but he should know we are the better side! His loyalty should be trusted right?

**Heinrich:**  His loyalty should be trusted and has been trusted, but with Charles he is simply being forced to choose a side. I want you to watch over Alvin make sure he’s making the right decisions. I don’t want anyone ruining my plans to capture the rest of the jews.

**Nazi:** How do I follow him without him noticing I’m there?

**Heinrich:** Pretend like you're keeping watch on the camp he won’t expect your following him at all and if you see something suspicious hide somewhere but make sure you listen to what he’s saying. If you see him with the jew just report it to me I’ll take care of it....

**Nazi:** What happens if theres nothing suspicious?

**Heinrich:** You just report to me and we’ll pretend like this conversation never happened.

**Nazi:** Ok I’ll get right on that sir!

**Heinrich:** Don’t screw this up soldier! This is important information regarding my plan to capture the rest of those jews

**Nazi:** Don’t worry sir my squadron and I we’ll get this all under control those jews won’t be a problem anymore!

**Heinrich:** Thats what I like to hear soldier! We could use more soldiers like you around here if we did those jews wouldn’t have been a problem now!

**Nazi:** Thank you sir! It means a lot coming from you.

**Heinrich:**  Yeah no problem now get out of here! I have things to tend to.

**Nazi:** Understood sir I’ll be on my way! *(Salutes and walks offstage)*

**Parados**

*(Chorus’ come up dressed as Jews with the Star of David on their arm)*

*(Chorus’ walk up from the isles at center stage)*

**Chorus One:** Alvin a very high ranked general looked upon by his people.

**Chorus Two:** Highly honored for his hard work and dedication.

**Chorus Three:** He is recognized within the ranks.

**Chorus Four:** The people always giving him thanks.

**Chorus One:** He is extraordinarily loyal to his country.

**Chorus Two:** He’d do anything to protect his people.

**Chorus Three:** As the people divide he must fight to pull them together.

**Chorus Four:** In the war against the Allies.

*(Chorus One and Chorus Two exit stage right)*

*(Chorus’ Three and Four exit stage left)*

**Scene One**

*(Charles is in front of a door in the middle of the stage, Alvin is on stage left sitting down reading the paper. Alvin is still dressed in his outfit. Charles is wearing normal citizen clothing, very ordinary looking)*

*(Knock on the door)*

**Alvin:** Who is it?*(Looks through the door hole)*

**Charles:** It’s me, Charles.

**Alvin:** (*Opens door. )*Charles...Its been so long*(Looks around)*Why are you even here? Its been so many years. What business do you have with me? Why are you being so secretive.*(Alvin invites Charles into his house, Charles enters, they close close the door behind Alvin. From Alvin Closes the door he looks around making sure no one is there.)*

**Charles:** I have a dilemma...Please don’t tell anyone, promise me...

**Alvin:** You have my word, old friend.

**Charles:** Help me. My children, my wife, even me. We need to get out of Germany as soon as possible. Alvin...my family everyone except I are...are...Jewish...

**Alvin:(***Baffled)*What? No way...You? Marry a jew impossible, you said you would never? Why would we have to come together again? At a time like this?

**Charles:** (*Pleading tone)*

Help my family and I escape we need to, or else we may be captured. I know you are extremely high up, but does this rank in the military determine how much compassion you can show your friend? *(Nazi walks behind door listening closely to what Alvin and Charles are talking about, is very quiet)*

**Alvin:** No it doesn’t you hit me hard...for that reason I shall listen to your plan. I may consider it depending on how it goes.

**Charles:** Ok here is the plan, you get a truck from wherever they won’t question you! Drive the truck back to your house fill it with blankets in the back of the truck,right on the edge of the truck fill it with things to make it look like its an important delivery back so no one will be suspicious. If all goes well you can get a truck without being asked and take us the border of France and let us get to the other side by walking or running!

**Alvin:** It may work, but the problem is the drive is about five to six hours away! Getting the truck will take about an hour anyway!

**Charles:** Trust me. It will work, you just need to believe in me.

**Alvin:** Trust, trust, trust it’s a very strong word that you’re bestowing upon me. I shall do it, just prepare your family. Be back here in two days. I must sleep on this thought though.

**Charles:** Do you think France would be a safe place for my family?

**Alvin:** Safer than Germany but there are a still nazis invading some parts of France. So be careful who you disclose personal information to the last thing you want is them knowing that you're jewish and escaped Germany.

**Charles:** Alright I understand. I can’t wait to tell the rest of my family that were getting out of Germany.

**Alvin:** Yes thats great but you need to get out of here now! I can’t have any nazis seeing you they’ll report me too since I was talking to you.

**Charles:** Ok I’ll be on my way then. Thank you Alvin you're a very generous man *(Shakes hand and quickly runs offstage)*

**Chorus One**

*(Lights dim up)*

*(Chorus’ walk out from stage left)*

**Chorus One:** What will Himmler do if he finds out.

**Chorus Two:** If Alvin is caught.

**Chorus Three:** He will surely die.

**Chorus Four:** Or worse go to a camp.

**Chorus One:** He will surely go in the sky.

**Chorus Two:** And if Alvin does make it.

**Chorus Three:** He’ll be a hero.

**Chorus Four:** Charles would be thankful.

**Chorus One:** If Alvin was faithful.

**Chorus Two:** For his country it’d be shameful.

*(Chorus’ walk out stage right heads down)*

**Scene Two**

*(Alvin is sitting at a table with Heinrich. There are two nazi soldiers by the side looking off stage left. Alvin is on the left side of the table with Heinrich sitting across from him. Alvin is just twiddling his thumbs while Heinrich is looking at a paper in his hands.)*

**Alvin:** Hello Sir, what is the reason you called me here?*(Heinrich doesn’t respond. Pause before Alvin talks again.)*

**Alvin:** Sir, what is the problem! *(Heinrich doesn’t respond. Heinrich rips the paper in his hands. Alvin is startled once he rips the paper.)*

**Alvin:** Sir! I respect you, but if you don’t tell me what’s wrong I’ll be forced to leave! I have other matters to attend to!

**Heinrich:** What other matters do you have to attend!

**Alvin:** Why would you even call me here? New orders? If so, tell them to me so I can carry those orders out!

**Heinrich:** Look at this! *(Hands the ripped paper to Alvin. Alvin stares at both paper for a minute and looks at Heinrich.)*

**Alvin:** If I was I guess he ratted me out. What is your business with me. I won’t deny the fact I was talking to Charles.

**Heinrich:** If you would like to erase this act of...of...(*Speaks Angrily and Looks Disgusted)* treason! This is a war crime! What should’ve happened already was you being publicly executed! I know you are a very loyal person to everyone,but Alvin *(Pause)* stay loyal to us. Everyone here knows you’re a loyal man, but you are loyal to too many people!

**Alvin:** What is your plan? That is just wrong sir.

*(Heinrich holds his hands together about to tell him his plan.)*

**Heinrich:** Since you’ve got other plans, I’ll be concise and to the point. Our nazi friend heard your conversation, he told us about you stealing a truck from us. We want you to take a truck from us,but fill it with Nazi’s before you depart to “bring them away”, then we will capture them and bring them to the respective camps. As with you, you shall be rid of all counts of treason against you.*(Alvin seems apprehensive, but then goes along with what he is saying.)*

**Alvin:** And what happens if I don’t agree with you?

**Heinrich:** Are you seriously asking that question? because if you don’t agree I’ll single handedly find your jewish friend and his family and throw them in the gas chamber with you in it! So, I suggest you agree to my plan.

**Alvin:** Anything for you sir, I respect your decision and thank you for your forgiveness.

**Heinrich:** Thats what I like to hear! I knew you would come around. My one warning is don’t abuse my privilege you know what happens when people cross me...

**Alvin:** I understand completely sir. I’ll be on my way then

**Heinrich:** Very good! Oh! and one quick thing transport the jews to a spot a couple miles away from the french border and we’ll be delivering them to the Drancy concentration camp in France.

**Alvin:** Understood sir. (Salutes Heinrich and walks off stage)

**Chorus Two**

*(Chorus’ One and Four enter up from stage right)*

*(Chorus’ Two and Three walk in from stage left)*

**Chorus One:** Two choices, but he can only go one way.

**Chorus Two:** Treason would be bad.

**Chorus Three:** If he doesn't help he would live everyday in sorrow.

**Chorus Four:** If he does help he will be shamed.

**Chorus Three:** Alvin cause treason?

**Chorus Two:** But he loves his country.

**Chorus One:** But he’s known Charles forever.

**Chorus Two:** Would he really not help Charles though?

**Chorus Three:** I thought he was a good friend but an even better General.

*(Lights fade out and all Chorus’ exit from the side they came in)*

**Scene Three**

*(Alvin is driving to the nearby town to take Charles’s family across the German border to France. Alvin is secretly taking them to a concentration camp under General Himmler’s command)*

*Alvin knocks on Charles’s door*

**Alvin:** We need to get going quick! Do you have all your stuff packed?

**Charles:** Yes were all ready. Are you sure we will pass through safely?

**Alvin:** Yes, unless the guards suspect something they will search the truck but, considering my high rank the guards shouldn’t expect anything.

**Charles:** Thats comforting to hear well we better get going. It means a lot you came all this way just to insure the safety of my family and I. I have to repay you somehow?!

**Alvin:** No need to repay Charles you deserve your freedom. It’s about time you left this god forsaken country

**Charles:** Great! is there any suspicion around you coming here and speaking to me?

**Alvin:** I told my boss that I was rounding up some jews from the town he has no idea

that I’m trying to get you out of here. There’s no need to worry Charles I have this all planned out! But once you get to France you need to change your identities I don’t want anybody getting suspicious. Most importantly you can never come back to germany the nazis might eventually find out that you fled the the country and if they find you, you and your whole family are dead.

**Charles:** Yes I understand thats why it was so hard making this decision with my family But I can’t live another day knowing I might die or be thrown in  a concentration camp.

**Alvin:** As long as I’m still around you and your a  family would never be thrown in a concentration camp. I would never let that happen.

**Charles:** Thats very reassuring Charles I’m glad you're going to be the one taking us across the border.

**Alvin:** Its good you're glad you should be but, there are still nazis scattered around France. Not yet taken over like Germany but still enough that if they found out you were jewish you would be thrown in a concentration camp.

**Charles:** I can’t believe the nazis have already taken over that much of Europe. I had no idea there were nazis even outside of Germany.

**Alvin:** They’ve expanded to other countries as well like Austria, Poland and Denmark but Germany is the worst out of all them I’m surprised your family has successfully been hidden for this long.

**Charles:** *(Charles drops his head and sighs)* Yes that is very true but if we didn't leave the nazis would’ve definitely caught us by now according to you of course. If you hadn’t of told of us we would’ve ended up in a concentration camp with the rest of the remaining jews who you used to live in this town.

**Alvin:***(Laughs)* If you hadn’t of came to me you would’ve been a dead man

**Charles:** Ha ha very true. Would you ever be able to visit my family in France?

**Alvin:** I doubt it. If I left the country without anyone knowing I would be betraying the nazis But if I had a choice I would visit you as much as I could!

**Charles:** So I might not ever see you again?

**Alvin:** Maybe if the this conflict dies down theres a possibility I could leave but no promises so this could be the last time we ever see each other

**Charles:** If thats true I just want to say that you're a great man Alvin I appreciate all you’ve done for my family and I (Shakes Alvin’s hand)

**Alvin:** Same to you Charles I hope you find a new life in France. We need to get going tell your family to pack your stuff we’ll get you and your family settled in the back of my truck.

*(Alvin Packs the families belongings into the back of the truck. Charles’s family settles into the the back of the truck while Alvin piles of blankets and supplies so they stay hidden)*

**Chorus Three**

*(Chorus’ walk up from stage left)*

**Chorus One:** How could he?

**Chorus One:** I thought he loved Charles

**Chorus Two:** I thought they were best friends since they were children

**Chorus Two:** How could this happen?

**Chorus Three:** Was it honor

**Chorus Three:** Or was it for recognition

**Chorus Four:** Or could it be for the rank

**Chorus Four:** Maybe he was just afraid

**All Chorus’:** We will never know

*(Chorus’ walk off stage right)*

**Scene Four**

*(Alvin stops the car, nazis grab charles’s family one by one from the back of Alvins truck. Charles is in shock.)*

**Charles:** What is the meaning of this Alvin?! where have you taken us?!!

*(Alvin sits in the front seat of the car in silence as Charles is screaming for help)*

**Charles:**  Alvin!! Alvin!! where are they taking us?!!

*(Charles’s is screaming at Alvin while Charles’s wife and kids a sobbing)*

**Nazi soldier:** You're on your way to Drancy in France one of the worst concentration camps in France! Your friend has betrayed you!

**Charles:** Is this true Alvin? Did you give my family and I up to the nazis.*(Alvin bows his head in disgrace as Charles and his family get transported in a truck with other jewish people)*

**Heinrich:** Alvin! Great work. You might feel you betrayed your friend but I assure you have done a service to your country. He was just using you to get him out of the country he never cared about you!

**Alvin:** I wished I felt that way but I honestly feel worse.

**Heinrich:** Well its too bad you feel that way CUFF HIM! *(A nazi handcuffs Alvin)*

**Alvin:** What is the meaning of this??! What about the deal!

**Heinrich:** Alvin you are a very valiant and loyal soldier but when I heard about your little conversation with Charles I was furious. My most loyal soldier and high regarded nazi general working with jews? Now thats just unacceptable. I can't believe that you thought that I would let you off with just a slap on the wrist? You will be sent to court and the jury will decide how to punish you because of your acts of treason thats how you will be punished.

**Alvin:** Than what was the deal for then? I did everything you told me to do.

**Heinrich:** The deal was only to get you to capture your friends for me and you thinking that you wouldn't be punished. I basically just lied to you for you to do my bidding.

**Alvin:** What about all I've done for you Heinrich. I'm the most loyal nazi in this war right now there must be some way I can repay you for such a petty crime..

**Heinrich:** NO ALVIN!! Thats just it YOU DON'T GET IT DO YOU?! You think its just a petty crime its no big deal, well it is a big deal! You working with a jew family overshadows every great thing you've done for the nazi army. I can't have someone like you in this army it makes the nazis look weak knowing that a nazi general worked with a jew.

**Alvin:** Well damn you should’ve just told me right then that I was going to be punished for my crimes! Instead of betraying my best friend and his family. Now I have to live wit the the fact I betrayed my country and my best friend do you know what that feels like?!

**Heinrich:** Well I guess thats too bad Alvin maybe next time you should’ve made better choices and now you pay the price for your poor decisions

**Alvin:** He came to me Heinrich! he didn’t come to me what was I supposed to do report him right as I saw him? he’s my friend!

**Heinrich:** That’s exactly what you should’ve done if you were actually loyal to this country! I’m pretty sure you're the only nazi ever that wouldn’t report a Jew trespassing in a nazi camp, so there is no excuse for this awful act.

**Alvin:** You know what you are a heartless man Heinrich I guess I was just too blind to see that you can burn in hell with the rest of your nazi comrades.

**Heinrich:** *( Heinrich Chuckles loudly)* Get him out of here! I’ve heard enough of your pity talk.

*(The guards deliver Alvin offstage)*

**Chorus Four**

*(Chorus’ One and Three enter from stage left)*

*(Chorus’ Two and Four enter stage right)*

**Chorus One:** Alvins betrayal has happened.

**Chorus Two:** What will happen to Alvin now?

**Chorus Three:** Will Himmler kill him?

**Chorus Four:** Or will he remain a general?

**Chorus One:** Charles’ family will go to the camp.

**Chorus Two:** And Charles will be killed.

**Chorus Three:** What about Alvin?

**Chorus Four:**Will he save them or let it go?

*(All Chorus’ exit center stage onto the crowds)*

*(And Scene)*

**Exodus:**

*(At a courthouse Alvin is sitting at a chair by himself. There is judge elevated up looking his attire is a nazi outfit, but very decorated. Alvin is wearing regular citizen clothing he is looking depressed. On stage left and right there are nazi soldiers protecting the doors/ escaping routes.)*

**Judge:** Alvin Hoffen...what a plight this is. With a last name of hoffen? No hope exist for you for committing treason. What do you have to say for yourself.

**Alvin:** What about my family? They took no part in this!

**Judge:** Don’t worry we aren’t monsters they are pardoned them on behalf of them not knowing at all, we aren’t monsters! Your faith however will not be so nice.

**Alvin:** Well...what would my faith be? Being hung? Send me to camp?

**Judge:** You shall be executed by firing squad. We don’t you want you to live anymore, you aren’t worth our time anymore. You have also been stripped of your rank of course, and deemed with Dishonorable discharge. You were a good man, keyword were, now you are just filth and a bug in the eyes of a nazi.

**Alvin:** Then why would you even be concerned with me if I’m a bug? You could just throw me a camp, but then leave me there!

**Judge:**  We aren’t stupid, we know what you are capable of. We might as well kill you now, we don’t want you to applying your knowledge and capability against us would we? After we finish this talk you will be executed outside. You shall be humiliated, people will be there

**Alvin:** You’ve overlooked every great thing I’ve done for the nazi army! I AM A NAZI WAR HERO! War heros don’t get executed for all their fellow comrades to watch. I’m sure many other soldiers have made similar mistakes.

(Judge arises from his seat. Seems aggravated)

**Judge:** Thats where you’re wrong Alvin!! No nazi has worked and helped jews that goes against everything our army stands for. I can’t have other nazis even Adolf finding out that a nazi war hero attempted to transfer 4 jews across the german border. This crime overshadows every great thing you’ve ever done for the nazis thats why you have no other choice.

**Alvin:** Thats the thing this doesn’t need to spread. We can cover it up no one would know about it!

**Judge:** This whole entire nazi camp knows about what you have done Alvin! The only way we cover this up is if we kill every nazi stationed at this base!

**Alvin:** Ok then we find out another way to punish me. Anything but being executed please!

**Judge:** (Chuckles) You still have that fight in you don’t you Alvin? I would love to find another way but you need to take responsibility for your actions YOUR poor decisions got you in this position and you will pay the price for them! Case dismissed Alvin Hoffen will be executed by firing squad immediately!

(Two guards grab Alvin. Alvin struggles to shake the guards off him)

**Alvin:** (Alvin screams and grunts) Let  me go I’ve done nothing wrong!! Heinrich he he tricked me he said I would’ve been innocent if I gave up the jews someone listen to me!

**Judge:** No one is listening to you because you're the one to blame! Get him out of here I’m done with you Alvin!

**Alvin:** All of you will pay for what you’ve done I guarantee it! The third reich will not survive!

*(The guards drag Alvin offstage. Later gunshots are heard)*