

Chapter 3

As soon as they get off the train, the men and women are _____. Elie parts from his mother and sisters. As the new arrivals enter the camp, a _____ prisoner advises Elie and his father to lie about their ages so they could be together. Another prisoner points to the chimney of the _____ and warns them that it is the place of their graves.

In the middle of the square, Dr. Mengele, an SS officer with a conductor's _____ in his hand, separates the men according to who can work and who cannot. Elie and his father remain together. As the new prisoners march toward the barracks, they witness babies being thrown into a ditch filled with flames. The Jews cannot believe their eyes; it is like a _____. They begin to recite the Kaddish, the Jewish _____ for the dead. For the first time, Elie begins to feel a sense of _____ against a God who would allow something like this to happen. As he nears the flames of the ditch, Elie thinks about jumping to his death. But at the last moment, he chooses to live. Two steps from the pit, they are ordered to turn left. That first night in camp is forever etched into the memory of Elie Wiesel:

"Never shall I forget that night, the first night in camp, which has turned my life into one long night, seven times cursed and seven times sealed....Never shall I forget those moments which murdered my God and my soul and turned my dreams to dust. Never shall I forget these things, even if I am condemned to live as long as God Himself. Never."

The new arrivals are taken to the _____, shaven at the barber, and given work clothes. Elie notices that both he and his father have changed during the grueling process of being turned into _____ of camp. Elie feels that the child in him has died; he is no longer the young, studious boy he once was:

"The night was gone. The morning star was shining in the sky. I too had become a completely different person. The student of the Talmud, the child that I was, had been consumed in the flames. There remained only a shape that looked like me. A dark flame had entered into my soul and devoured it."

An SS officer, with an "odor of the Angel of Death," tells the prisoners that they are at _____ and that they should remember this forever. He warns the prisoners that anyone who cannot _____ will be sent to the crematory.

The prisoners are assigned to their respective blocks. After the meal, the prisoners are engraved with their prison _____ numbers. Elie becomes A-7713.

On the eighth day, Elie and his father come across Stein of Antwerp, a _____ of theirs. He asks them about the whereabouts of his wife and children. Although Elie does not know, he _____ and says that he has heard news about them. Stein weeps with joy. He continues to visit, bringing with him extra rations of _____ for Elie. One day, a transport from Antwerp arrives and Stein finds out the _____ about his

family. Elie does not hear from him again.

In the evenings, the Jews spend time talking about the mysteries of God. Akiba Drumer, a _____ man with a deep, solemn voice, sings Hasidic melodies. Elie, however, ceases to _____. He sympathizes with Job when he says, "I did not deny God's existence, but I doubted His absolute justice."

The prisoners stay in Auschwitz for three weeks; after which they are relocated to a new work camp, _____ .