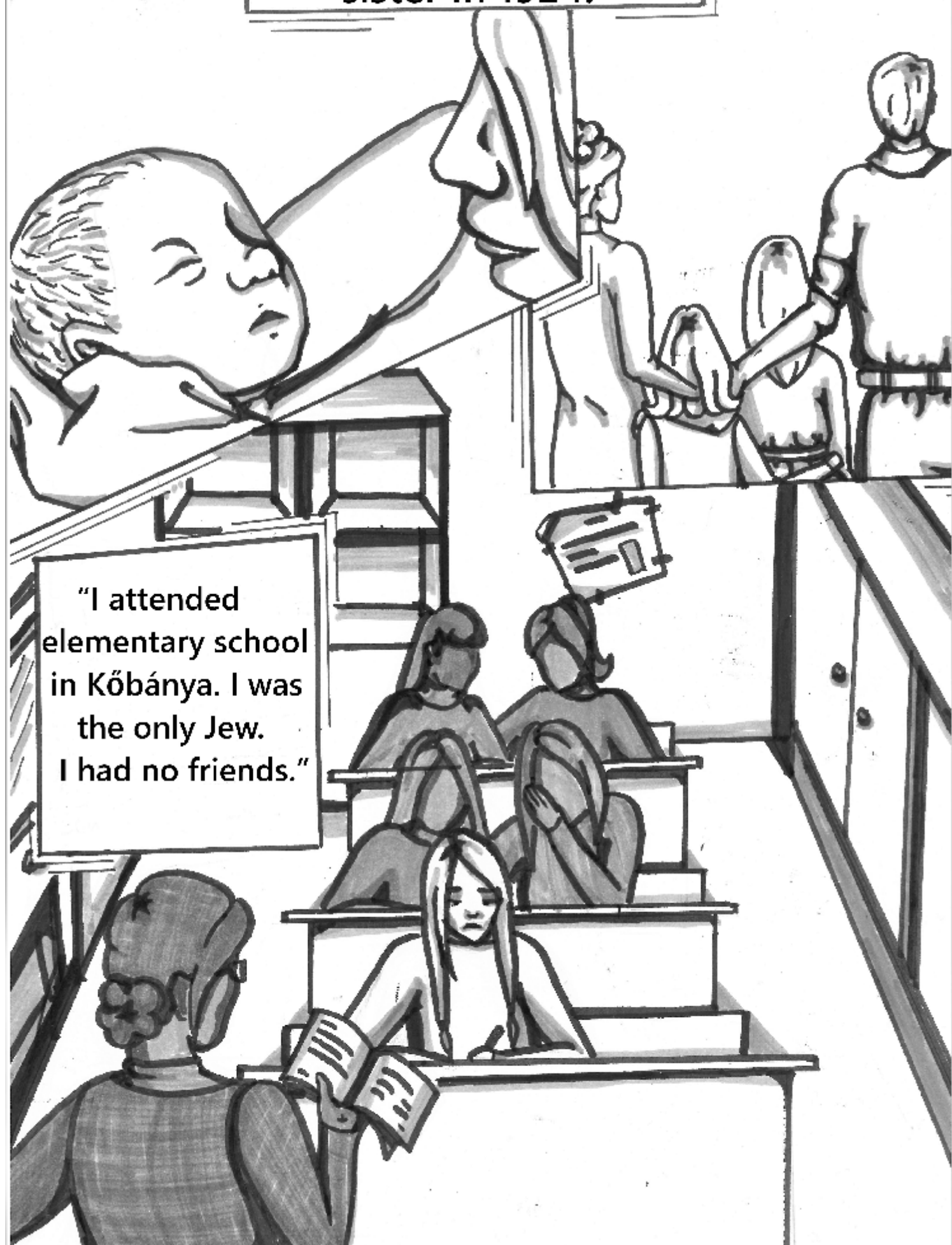


How can one survive?



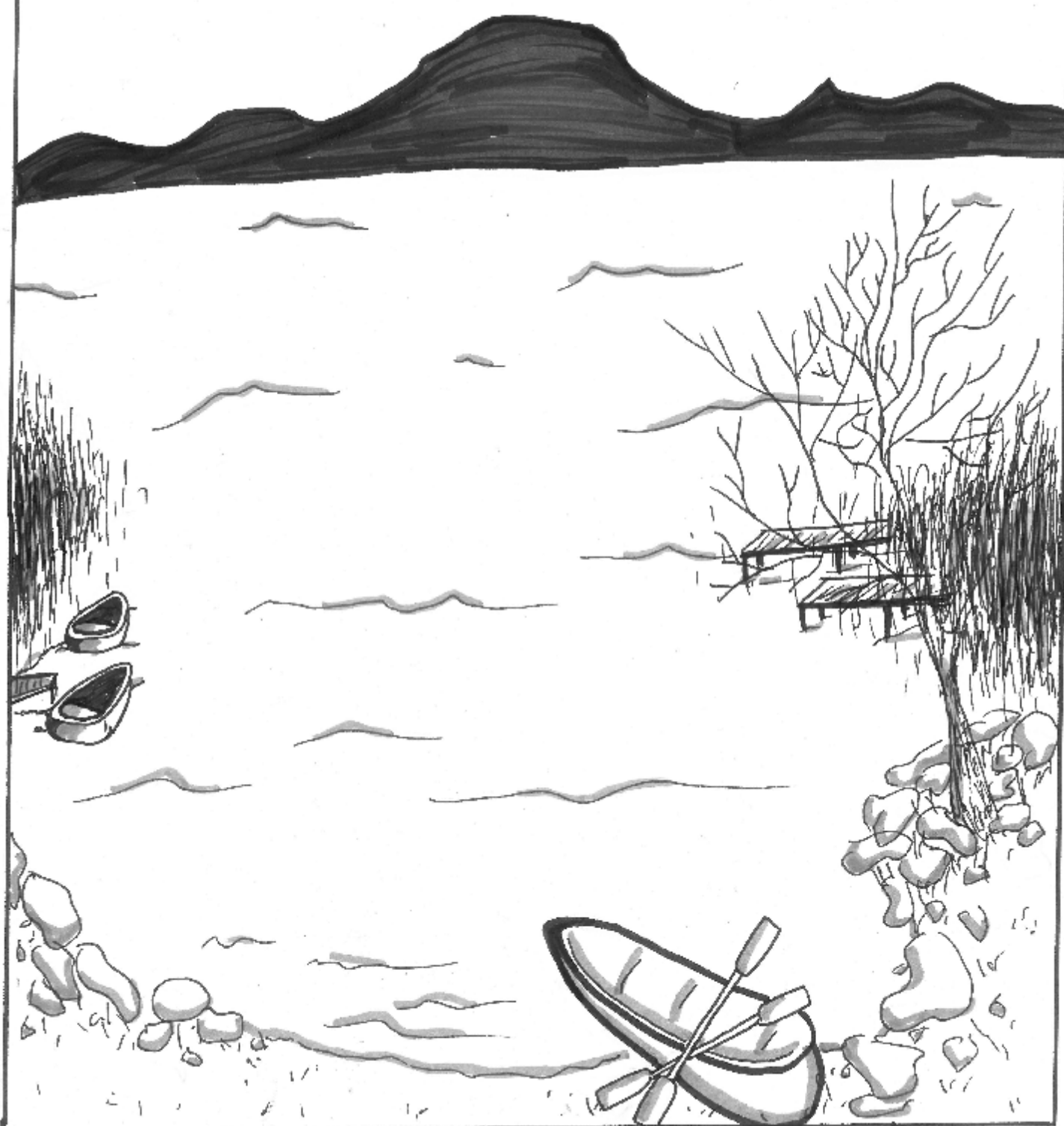
The story of Mrs Bence-né Vera Wechsler

"I was born in 1918, my
sister in 1924."



"I attended
elementary school
in Kőbánya. I was
the only Jew.
I had no friends."

"We had a summer house in
Balatonfenyves, at Lake Balaton.
We went there every summer."

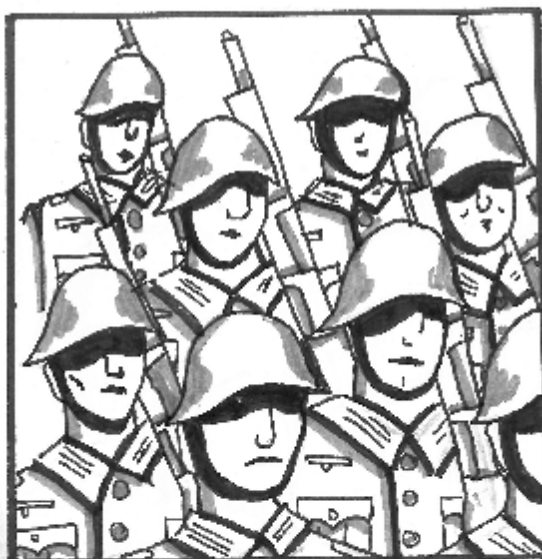


Husband:
"Vera often
passed the
shop on her
way to work.
We began to
notice and
check each other
out. And then
one day she came
into the shop."

Husband: "I
asked her out on
a date and she
accepted."

Husband:
"It started
like this."

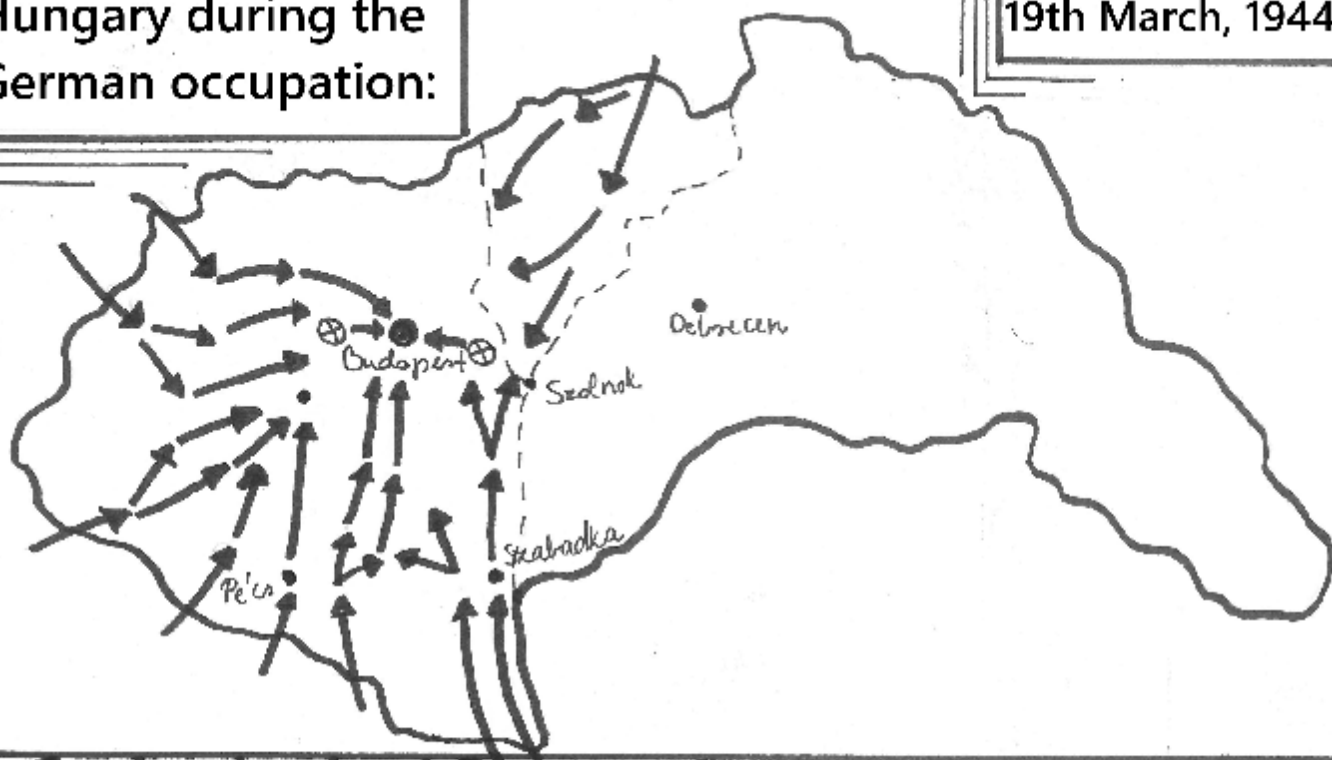
"On 19th March the
Germans occupied
Hungary, on 15th April
we got married."



Husband: "Saying that nothing
really matters anymore."

Hungary during the
German occupation:

19th March, 1944.



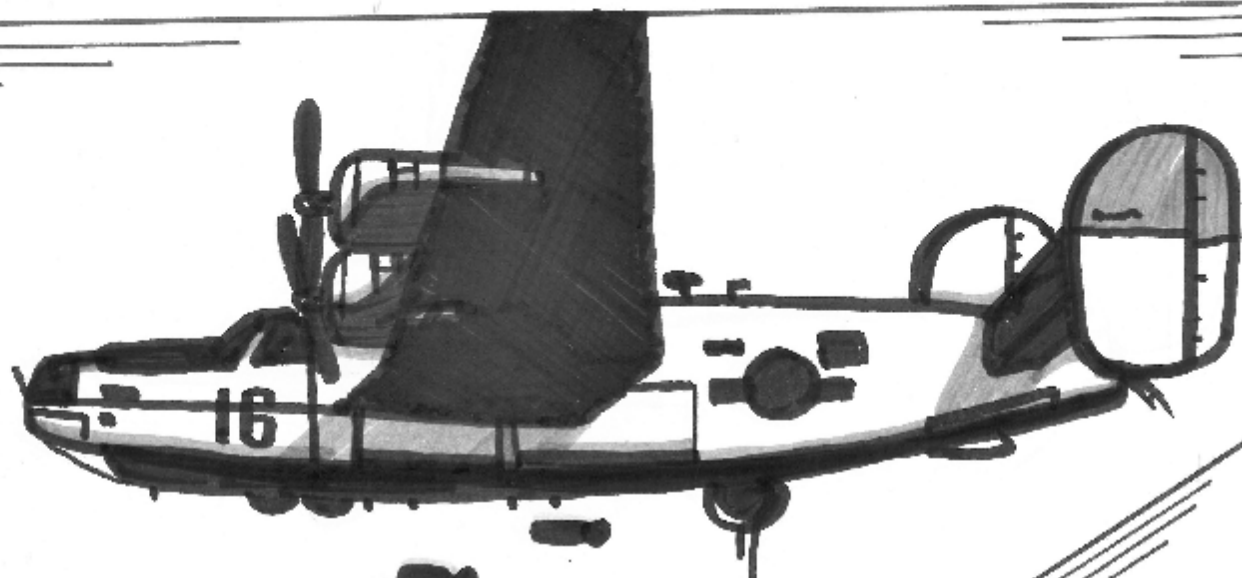
The
yellow-star-houses
protected the
Jews.

They tried to survive
the German occupation
by using false
documents.

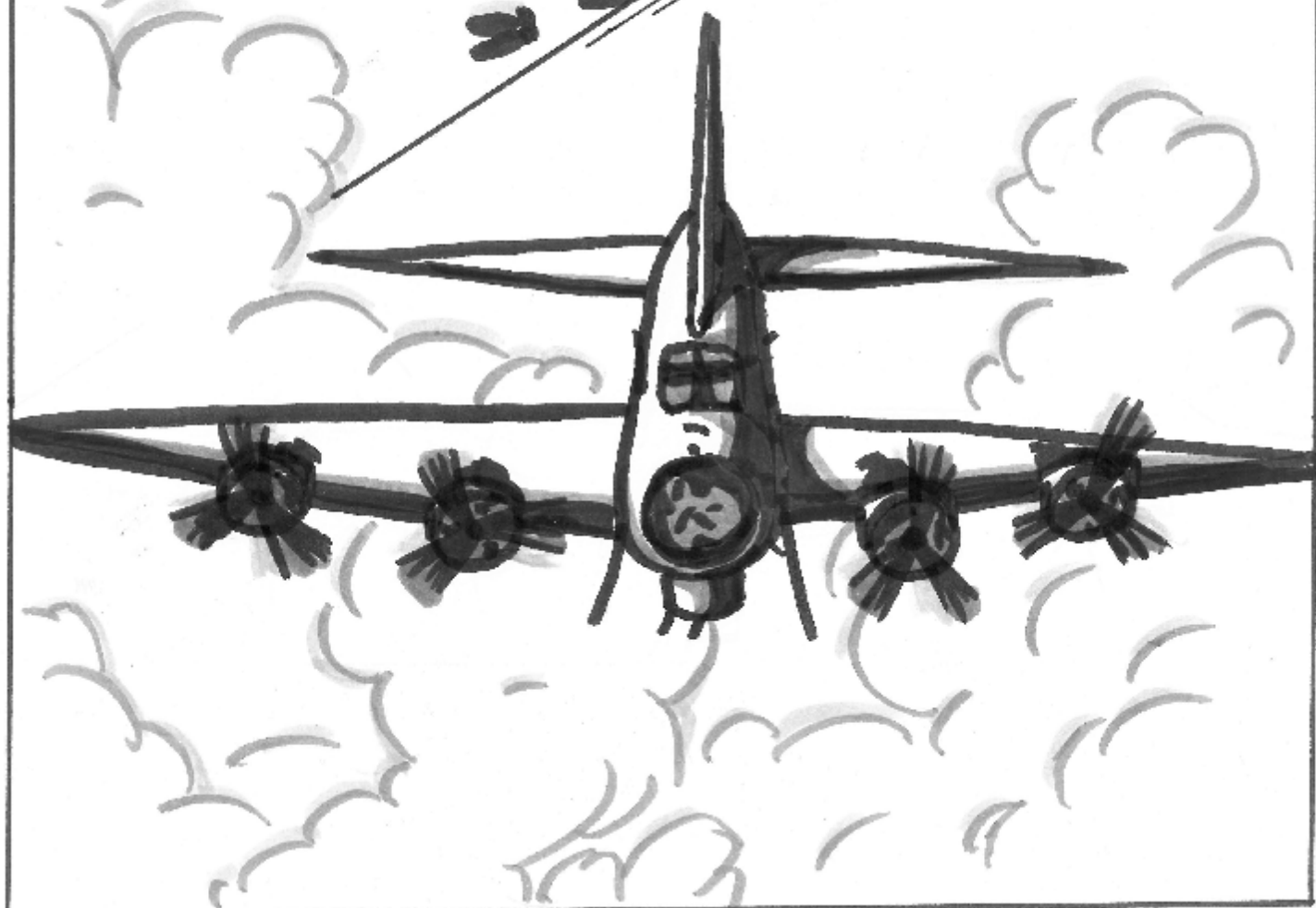
Many avowed
themselves
Christians.




The bombings have started

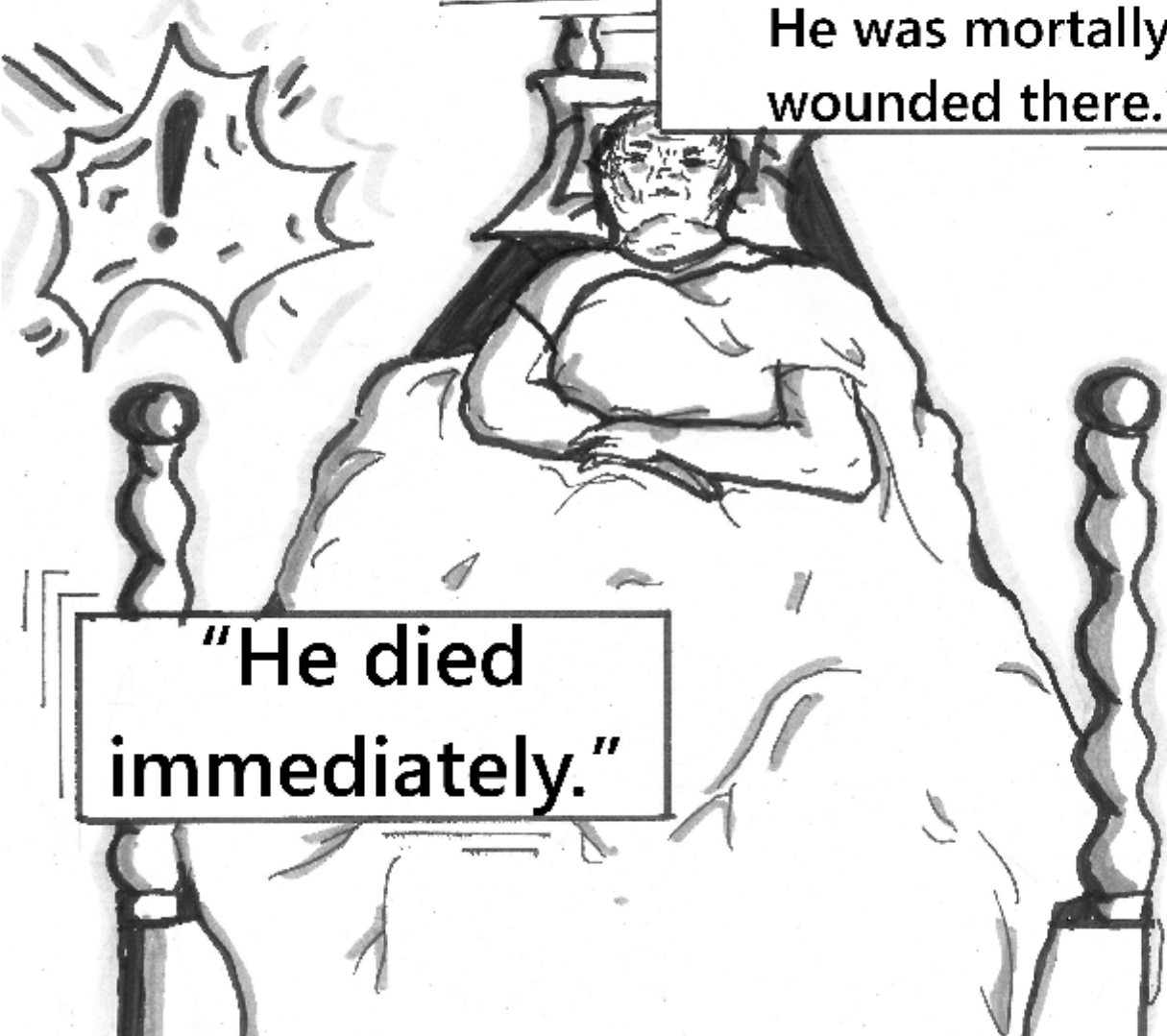


"We were glad that
we could come out
of the cellar."



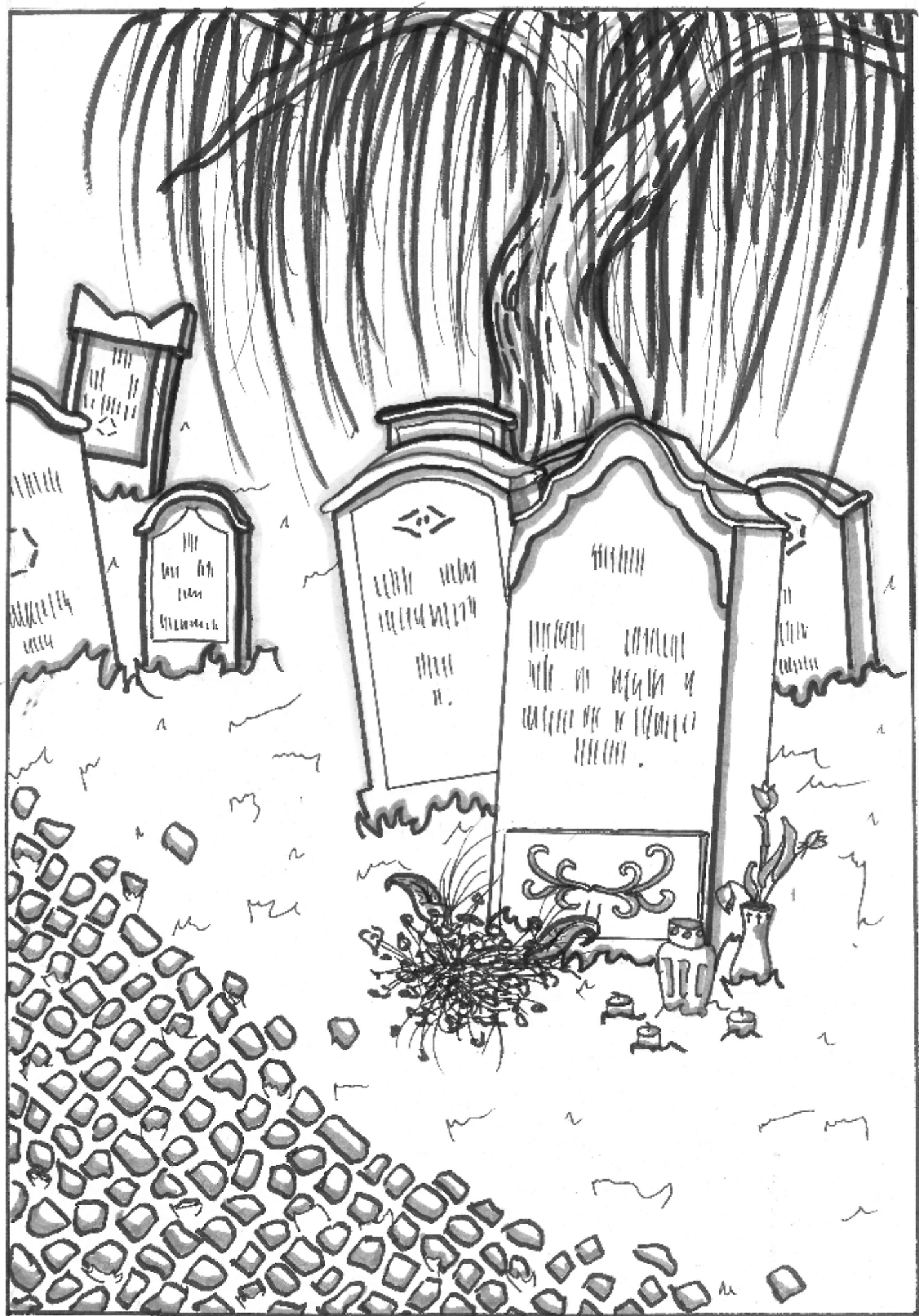


"On one occasion the main wall of the opposite house was hit by a shell."




"And a shell fragment flew through a window into the room where my father was lying in bed. He was mortally wounded there."


"He died immediately."



"In 1945 we moved back to Sziget Street."



"I renovated a small room and waited for Miklós to come home for our wedding anniversary."



"In 1949 I got pregnant."

"I didn't raise my sons as Jews, but I've regretted it. Somehow we became Jews."

"I still go to the
synagogue to pray."

