

That night there was an inch of snow on the rooftops; Ruth and Bronia were asleep in the bedroom next to their mothers. Edek's room was on the top floor, below the attic.

Then suddenly BOOM! The sudden noise woke everyone up, all the children heard their mother shout, "Get to the attic...NOW!"

Ruth carried Bronia upstairs where they met Edek then Bronia said, "Hey where's Mummy going?"

They looked out of the window and saw their mum trying to escape the clutches of a Nazi storm trooper. She punched one of the storm troopers in the face and tried to race back to the house, but the Nazis dragged her to the truck and threw her inside.

Bronia started to cry and her cries were heard by one of the storm troopers, who turned and looked up to the window the children were standing at. Edek filled with rage and anger picked up a rifle and shot at the guards, hitting one in the shoulder, the other bullet went wide and hit the truck tyre. The storm troopers took off, leaving the injured guard behind.

Ruth said, "Wait here and I'll be back shortly." After a short while Ruth returned with the injured soldier, they threatened him with the gun Edek had found, tied him up and forced him to tell them where their mother was. He told them that she had been taken to Germany to work on the land.

It was then that the van returned and the tied up soldier, with a smirk on his face snorted, "Now we're all going to die!" The children quick as a flash rushed to their armoured concrete basement, where they found some gas masks and waited to see what would happen to them.

The explosion destroyed the whole house and lots of shrapnel and debris had filled the basement too, as the storm troopers had used so many explosives. In spite of near starvation and being freezing cold the children dug their way out into freedom.

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My version of Chapter 8 – 'The Night of the Storm troopers' – from the novel 'The Silver Sword' by Ian Serraillier