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HOUR OF NEED

The Daring Escape of the Danish Jews
during World War II



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“Should danger ever come, then Holger Danske will raise himself . . . ‘Ah yes, remember me, you Danish people, keep me in your memory. I will come in your hour of need.’”

—*Holger Danske* by Hans Christian Andersen, 1845

“We are one people, one family, the human family, and what affects one of us affects us all.”

—John Lewis

A composite illustration. At the top, a large Nazi flag with a central swastika is displayed. Below the flag, on the left, a German soldier in a dark uniform and cap sits on a brown horse. In the center, a young girl with dark hair, wearing a yellow dress with a floral pattern and black shoes, is walking towards the viewer with her arms outstretched. To the right of the girl is a large stone statue of a Viking or Norse figure, seated and holding a long staff or sword. The statue has a beard and a horned helmet. Below the Viking statue, the words "HULDER DANSKE" are inscribed on the stone. In the bottom right corner, there is a statue of a mermaid sitting on a rock. The background shows a city street with buildings and a small flag on a pole.

AS A CHILD, I LIVED IN DENMARK, A SMALL COUNTRY NORTH
OF GERMANY. A LAND FAMOUS FOR ITS FAIRY TALES.

WHEN THE NAZIS INVADED, THEY INVENTED
THE FAIRY TALE THAT WE COULD LIVE IN
PEACE UNDER THEIR OCCUPATION.

FORTUNATELY, NOT EVERYONE BELIEVED THEM.

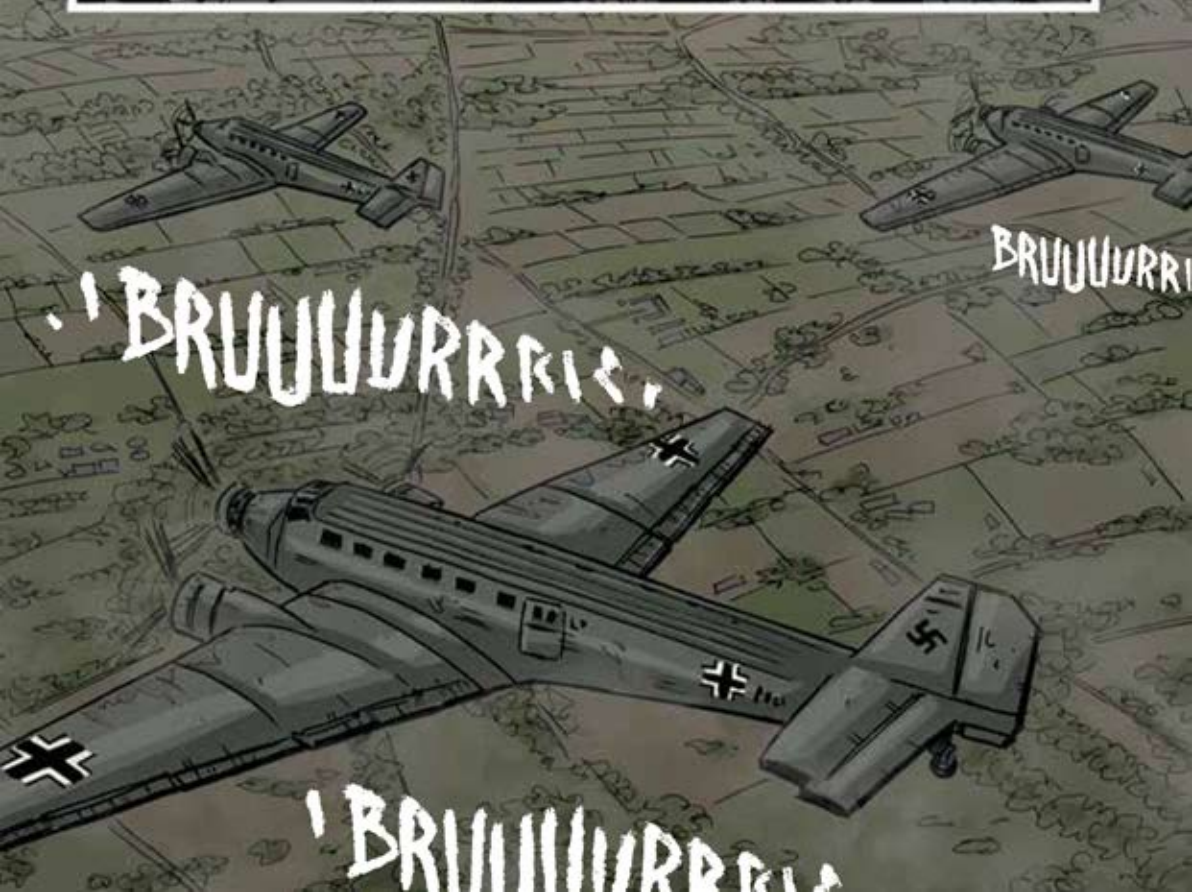


GRROOM!!!

KNACK



NYBORG, DENMARK, 4:30 A.M.



DANISH WAR
MINISTRY, 5 A.M.

William Prior,
Chief of the Royal
Danish Army

WE NEED TO
MOBILIZE ALL UNITS,
EVEN THE PALACE GUARD!
SEND WORD THAT WE ARE
UNDER ATTACK ON ALL
FRONTS—LAND, SEA, AND
AIR!

YOU'VE
BEEN ASKED
TO REPORT TO
AMALIENBORG. THE
KING HAS CALLED FOR
AN EMERGENCY
COUNCIL.

King Christian X

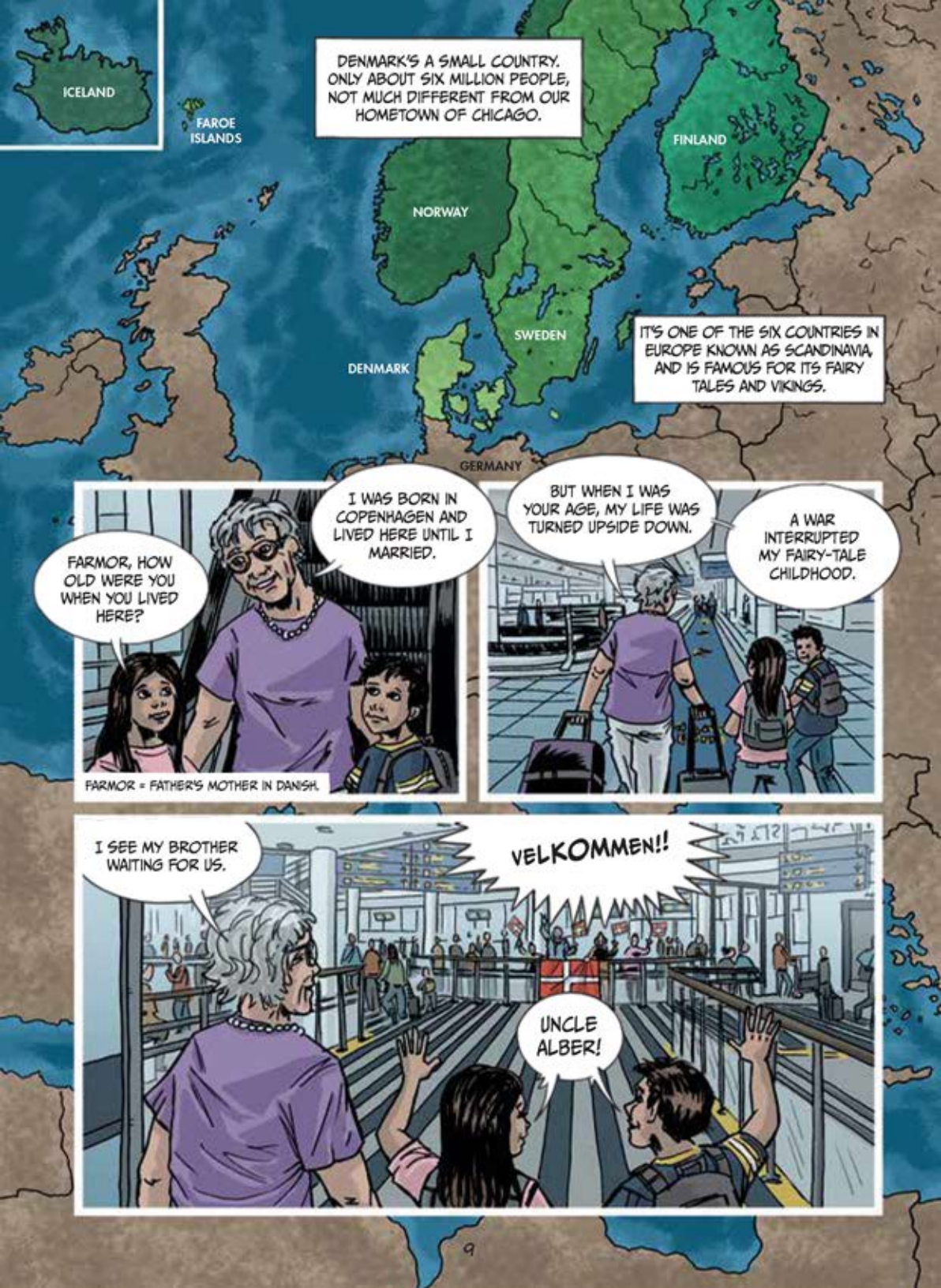
AMALIENBORG PALACE, 5:30 A.M.

YOUR HIGHNESS,
YOU MUST EVACUATE
AMALIENBORG WHILE WE
STILL HAVE TIME!









ICELAND

FAROE ISLANDS

DENMARK'S A SMALL COUNTRY.
ONLY ABOUT SIX MILLION PEOPLE,
NOT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM OUR
HOMETOWN OF CHICAGO.

FINLAND

NORWAY

SWEDEN

DENMARK

GERMANY

IT'S ONE OF THE SIX COUNTRIES IN
EUROPE KNOWN AS SCANDINAVIA,
AND IS FAMOUS FOR ITS FAIRY
TALES AND VIKINGS.

FARMOR, HOW
OLD WERE YOU
WHEN YOU LIVED
HERE?

I WAS BORN IN
COPENHAGEN AND
LIVED HERE UNTIL I
MARRIED.

FARMOR = FATHER'S MOTHER IN DANISH.

BUT WHEN I WAS
YOUR AGE, MY LIFE WAS
TURNED UPSIDE DOWN.

A WAR
INTERRUPTED
MY FAIRY-TALE
CHILDHOOD.

I SEE MY BROTHER
WAITING FOR US.

VELKOMMEN!!

UNCLE
ALBER!