Mi:Wi 3027

Donald.Vincent. GOLLAN

(Gollan, Tangani, Raukkan, Coorong, Ngarrindjeri)
(GPS)

7th DRAFT

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(Aboriginal Diggers Project)

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BLAK AND BRIGHT FESTIVAL: Grant Street Theatre VCA Melbourne 2019

Reading Male Character: Leonhard Actor: Syd Brisbane

Reading Female Character: Wolfe Actor: Meta Cohen (German Translator)

Reading Male Character: Roland Actor: Glenn Shea

Selected by Playwriting Australia for further workshop development which took place between the $2^{nd} - 7^{th}$ December 2019 in South Australia

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Cast:

Roland: Lasarus Ratuere

Leonhard: Terry Crawford

Wolfe: Jo Stone

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SA TAFE Windmill Theatre Rehearsal Room / Level 3

Holden Street Theatre

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THE STORYTELLER Executive Producer

Producer / Director Glenn Shea

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Roland: Glenn Shea

Leonhard: Stephen Sheehan

Wolfe: Jo Stone

PRESENTATION READING

22nd April 2018 – 5pm Raukkan Community Hall (The community hall was full)



25th April 2018 – 3pm Dunston Playhouse, Festival Centre (Anzac Day) (The theatre was full)



CAST

Male Character: Roland 26 Years Old

Background: Ngarrindjeri (Aboriginal)

Speaks Ngarrindjeri

AIF Prisoner of War (POW) WW1

Actor: Lasarus Ratuere

Male Character: Leonhard 26 Years Old

Background: German / Jewish

Speaks with a German / English accent

Ethnologist/Anthropologist

Actor: Renato Musilino

Female Character: Wolfe 30 + Years Old

Nurse / German Soldier

Speaks German / English

Actor: Jo Stone

Character: Countryman NOT written in script yet (Could be Male or Female)

Background: Aboriginal

Narrator / Movement

IDEA – The idea for this character is to organically develop the countryman's journey through the rehearsal stages as each scene develops, we will then get a sense of their relationship to the story culturally and their connection to the characters.

SCENE ONE

Roland writes a letter to his friend Leonhard Adams, a German / Jewish ethnologist

ROLAND

Dr L Adams/My Dear Friend/ You will no doubt be surprised to get this letter from me after such a long interval, don't think for one minute that I have forgotten you because I haven't. Today I got a shock when Mrs Ewens wife of Capt. Ewens called me into their Home to meet a Lady who had arrived by the Mail and to my very pleasant surprise it was Miss Bailey, Helen, your Sister-in-Law and I cannot find a word good enough to tell how delighted and overjoyed I was to hear of you my dear Friend, and glad to know you and your Family are in good Health. I am going to try my hardest to come over to see you Doctor I am only a War Pensioner, but I think I can save up enough for me and my Wife to make the trip, since I've been ill I've never travelled about on my own I've always had the Wife with me, I must see you my Friend and I do hope and pray that it won't be long. My word when you come to think of it, the earth is small after all. I am sending you a Photo of me and the Wife, which was taken about a Month ago, and Doctor please send me a Photo of yourself and your Family. I'd like to show my people the gentleman who is very good enough to call me "Friend", Friends are hard to get and when one could think of me after Thirty years and I thank God for such a Friend as you for even thinking about me. The Officers asked me where I was going when they saw me dressed up to take Miss Bailey to my home to see my Wife and I told them the reason they just said, Well I never, it's nice to have a Friend to think about you after all those years, so don't forget to send me a Photo as my Family want to see you, my little girl Melva said to me before she went to bed, now don't forget to ask the Doctor for a Photo of him and his Family. I am very sorry, Miss Bailey's stay amongst us was very short, one night only, too bad don't you think Doctor. Well, my Friend I suppose you are now settled in Australia. I do hope you are and that it won't be long before I will have the greatest pleasure to clasp your hand. Now I will say, so long, my Friend, hope to

see you some day, and May God Bless you and your Family. / I remain your Loving Friend / Roland W. Carter. Mi:Wi 3027.

Lights fade to black

SCENE TWO

We hear people marching

1933, German propaganda

Wolfe enters, clears the room

She is dressed in a German Nazi party uniform

She puts a chair centre stage

She turns on the light above the chair

Leonhard enters

WOLFE

Sitzen.

(Sit - in German)

Leonhard sits

WOLFE

Ist dein Name Leonhard Adam?

(Is your name Leonhard Adam? - In German)

LEONHARD

Yes.

WOLFE

Doktor Leonhard Adam.

(Dr. Leonhard Adam - in German)

Yes.

WOLFE

Der Ethnologe/ Anthropologe

(The ethnologist / anthropologist - in German)

LEONHARD

Yes.

WOLFE

Ist deine Mutter Jüdin?

(Is your mother Jewish? - In German)

LEONHARD

Yes.

WOLFE

Bist du Jude?

(Are you Jewish? - In German)

LEONHARD

Yes.

WOLFE

Ich bin hier, dich zu informieren, dass du nicht mehr erkannt wirst.

(I am here to inform you that you are no longer recognised - in German)

LEONHARD

Recognised. What do you mean?

WOLFE

Aufstehen! Ziehe den Mantel aus.

(Stand up! Take off your coat - in German)

Leonhard takes of his coat

Wolfe hands Leonhard a yellow coat

WOLFE

Setze dieses Symbol auf, nimm es nicht ab.

(Put this symbol on, do not take it off - in German)

LEONHARD

What do you mean I am no longer recognised?

Wolfe hands Leonhard a toothbrush

WOLFE

Putze den Boden.

(Clean the floor - in German)

Leonhard stands there

WOLFE

Putze den Boden makellos.

(Clean the floor spotless - in German)

Leonhard slowly follows the command

Roland joins Leonhard on the ground

Wolfe observes

LEONHARD

I am Dr Leonhard Adam. Born a German Jew. Berlin was my birthplace on the 16th December 1891.

WOLFE

Annulliert!

(Revoked! - In German)

LEONHARD

I went on to study Ethnology, Law and Sinology at the University of Berlin.

WOLFE

Annulliert!

(Revoked! - In German)

LEONHARD

I am fluent in English, French and Italian and proficient in Greek, Latin, Chinese and Hindustani.

Wolfe kicks Leonhard

WOLFE

Annulliert!

(Revoked! - In German)

LEONHARD

I obtained a Doctor of Laws and became Chief Judge of Charlottenburg in Berlin.

WOLFE

Annulliert!

(Revoked! - In German)

LEONHARD

I was editor of the journal for comparative law, and an avid reader in primitive law.

WOLFE

Annulliert!

(Revoked! - In German)

Wolfe cuts in

LEONHARD

I am a member of the Board of Experts of the Berlin...

WOLFE

Annulliert!

(Revoked! – In German)

Deine akademischen Ränge werden dir aberkannt.

(Your academic degrees are revoked – in German)

Du wirst nicht mehr erkannt.

(You are no longer recognised – in German)

Untermensch.

(Subhuman - in German)

Wolfe spits on Leonhard

WOLFE

Untermensch.

(Subhuman - in German)

Wolfe exits

SCENE THREE

Enter Countryman

Roland and Leonhard write to each other, sharing their life stories

ROLAND

Dear Roland, in 1933, the Nazis ended my career in their rise to power. In 1938, I left Berlin and moved to Britain, where for two years I taught at the Universities of London and Cambridge. I became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and the Royal Anthropological Institute, and I wrote a seminal book, *Primitive Art, which was published* in 1940.

LEONHARD

Dear Leonhard, I had six weeks of freedom until we caught the ship to Australia in 1919. It was strange getting back to Raukkan after the war suddenly stopped. When I left it was a mission run by the churches. When I returned it was a government reserve with an Aboriginal protector. There were new rules, new expectations.

ROLAND

On the 16th of May 1940, I was "arrested' and classified as an "enemy alien" because of Britain's War Policy. I, along with other German refugees was deported to Australia, and we suffered abject conditions aboard a decrepit "hell ship" called the "Dunera", I was harassed by a brutal captain and his vindictive crew.

LEONHARD

I walked from Adelaide to Raukkan and arrived home in August. I received a grand community welcome and was greeted by my mother, Rosie, and my relatives and friends. Would you believe a children's fife and drum band played "Home Sweet Home"? Speeches were made, and a gold medal was presented to me.

ROLAND

I was sent to Tatura as an intern, it was a camp in Victoria, and I co-founded an institute. I taught Ethnology and the Chinese language. I recorded and captured camp life through my watercolour paintings, I will send you one and then on the 29th of May 1942, I left Tatura, thanks to some influential friends from Europe.

LEONHARD

When I got home, Raukkan was a changed place. No Jobs, little aid or support was given. I keep experiencing ongoing pain from my injuries. I now live in a small home with my grey army blanket. I have lots of memories, not always happy and in quiet reflection my wife sees the pain on my face. You were right, I was never given a soldier's settlement and I cannot even enter the RSL. I am again imprisoned in his own country without explanation or freedom, I am more imprisoned here at home than when I was in that half-moon camp in Germany.

ROLAND

I got released the other day, but there was a condition, I had to use my intellectual ability to study Aboriginal artefacts, I am working at the Museum of Victoria, also I am teaching Mandarin at the University of Melbourne. My friend, I have some excessively big news, I met and married a beautiful woman, you would love her too, her name is Julia Mary Bailey.

LEONHARD

I am now married, I have a family and a couple of children, I want them to experience what I had experienced with you when you took me to the moving pictures and the dance halls.

ROLAND

I am deeply grateful for the knowledge you have passed onto me; I have passionately shared your knowledge with my colleagues who are so fascinated by your ancient culture. Roland, I have found a haven here in this country. Australia, our country, I often think of you my friend, I **HOPE** you are living a full life.

LEONHARD

I will ask Helen, my sister-in-law to go to Point McLeay, Raukkan to find my friend Roland, to let him know that his friendship means the world to me, and that even though I am a scholar man, I have learnt the most from him sharing his knowledge of his culture, his people and his country. I want to buy land and give it back to my friend Mi:Wi 3027.

SCENE FOUR

Wolfe addresses the audience

*A note on the German: the word 'you' has two forms in German: 'du' (informal, spoken to an equal or to somebody younger/inferior), and 'Sie' (formal, spoken to a professional, a stranger, an esteemed person or somebody older than the speaker). Where necessary, the English translation specifies which form (formal = form., or informal = inf.) is being used.

WOLFE

Meine Mutter war eine freiwillige Hilfsschwester. Ihr lag das Pflegen sehr nah am Herz. Ich komme aus einem kleinen Dorf in der Nähe von Weimar, wo fast jeder jeden kennt. Ich bin in die Fusstapfen meiner Mutter getreten und folgte ihren Beruf: ich wurde vollamtliche Krankenschwester. Ich habe ein rigoroses Training, in praktischen und moralischen Situationen, in vielen Bundesländern Deutschlands absolviert. Ich habe viele Prüfungen absolviert und muss sagen, dass ich als Mitglied des Deutschen Roten Kreuzes, eine ausgebildete Spezialistin bin. Meine Mutter wäre stolz auf all meine Leistungen seit dem Ausbruch des Krieges im August neunzehnhundertvierzehn gewesen. Nach vier Jahren an der Front, vier Jahren Blut und Eingeweiden, habe ich mich hier vorgefunden. Ich befand mich in einem zaunlosen Lager voller farbiger Männer ... keine Zäune, nur eine Moschee.

(My mother was a voluntary auxiliary nurse. She loved caring for people. I come from a small town near Weimar, were just about everybody knows each other. I followed in the footsteps of my mother and took after her profession: I became a full-time nurse. I went through rigorous training in practical and moral situations, studying in many states around Germany. I sat through many exams, and I must say, as a member of the German Red Cross, I am a trained professional. My mother would be proud of all the things I have achieved since the war broke out back in August 1914. After four years on the front, four years of

blood and guts, I found myself here, walking into a fenceless camp of coloured men ... no fences, except a mosque. - in German)

WOLFE

Das neue Programm hier wird strenge Regeln durchsetzen, aber das Ziel ist Menschen anderen Glaubens zu überzeugen, die Seite zu wechseln und für Deutschland zu kämpfen. Der Kommandant hat mir versichert, dass es keine Fluchtversuche geben wird, und dass die Gefangenen mir keine Gefahr darstellen werden.

(The new program here will have strict laws, but it aims to convince people of different faiths to swap sides and fight for Germany. The commandant assured me that the prisoners would not try to escape, and that they would not pose any danger to me. – in German)

Silence

WOLFE

Ich bin Deutsche; wir sind keine Freunde. Ich war Schwester mitten in einem endlosen Krieg. Aber was mich jetzt freut ist meine Beförderung – mir wurde nämlich eine neue Rolle zugeordnet. Der Kommandant hat mich persönlich gebeten, ihm Bericht über die Entwicklung einer neuen anthropologischen Studie zu erstatten. Ich soll mit dem hochverehrten Dr. Leonhard Adam, einem Wissenschaftler der sechs Sprachen spricht, arbeiten... Er ist nicht verheiratet... glaub' ich zumindest... vielleicht ...

(I am a German; I am not their friend. I was a "Sister" in the middle of an endless war, but what is exciting for me now is my promotion — I have been assigned a new role. The commandant has personally asked me to report back to him on the development of a new anthropological study. I am to work beside the esteemed Dr. Leonhard Adam, a scholar who speaks six languages... I don't think he's married... Maybe... - in German)

A soft light reveals Leonhard

WOLFE

Nein! Ich hoffe er ist es nicht.

(No! I hope he's not. – in German)

Wolfe looks at her watch

LEONHARD

Hallo.

(Hello. – in German)

Wolfe hears him
She straightens herself

LEONHARD

Hallo!

(Hello! – in German)

WOLFE

Hallo!

LEONHARD

Hallo.

WOLFE

Hallo.

LEONNHARD

Ja.

(Yes. – in German)

WOLFE

Dr. Adam.

LEONHARD

Ja,

(Yes, – in German)

WOLFE

Hallo.

LEONHARD

Hallo... bist du meine Assistentin?

(Hello... are you my assistant? – in German, inf.)

WOLFE

Nein.

(No - in German)

LEONHARD

Also, wer bist du?

(So, who are you? – in German, inf.)

WOLFE

Ich bin keine Assistentin! Ich bin Spezialistin! Ich habe gerade vier Jahre an der Front verbracht. Ich bin Schwester. Qualifiziert, gleichberechtigt.

(I'm not an assistant! I'm a professional! I just spent four years on the front line. I'm a sister. Qualified, an equal. – in German)

LEONHARD

Qualifiziert.

(Qualified. – in German)

WOLFE

Qualifiziert, wie du.

(Qualified, like you. - in German, inf.)

Pause

Du wirst mich mit 'Sie' ansprechen.

(You will address me with the formal 'Sie'. – in German, inf.)

WOLFE

Sie?

(The formal 'Sie'? – in German)

LEONHARD

Das ist was du bist: eine Assistentin. Und während du mit mir arbeitest, gibt es Regeln. Du wirst mich höflich anreden und nur sprechen, wenn du dazu angefordert wirst. Ja?

(This is what you are, an assistant and whilst you are working with me there are rules. You will address me politely and you will speak when spoken to, YES. – in German, inf.)

WOLFE

Ja, Dr. Adam.

(Yes, Dr. Adam – in German)

Light fades on Leonhard

Silence

Wolfe addresses the audience

WOLFE

Na, das habe ich nicht erwartet. So habe ich mir Dr. Adam nicht vorgestellt. Ich werde meine Rolle mit dem Kommandanten besprechen, und ihn über meine Beobachtungen hier berichten. Ich werde ihm alles mitteilen. Zeit, mich ans Werk zu machen!

(Well, I didn't expect that. Dr. Adam is not who I thought he would be. I will check with the commandant on my role here and I will report back to him on all me observations here, I will share everything. Time to get to work. – in German)

Wolfe exits

Lights fade

Over a loudspeaker - We hear the morning prayers of the Muslim faith. (Arabic)

SURTITLE: World War One, Germany.

SURTITLE: 28th February 1918.

SURTITLE: A Prisoner of War Camp called Half Moon.

A light reveals Leonhard in the corner of a room.

LEONHARD

I have waited so long to participate in genuine fieldwork, this is the first time ever ... all of my research previously has been from books, from the scrutiny of the classics, but now, this is the real work... It is clear to me that I must be the observer and almost disguise myself as to be unobtrusive. I must steadily gain his confidence and trust. I will need to use understanding and sympathetic treatment. Each minute I must study each movement and accurately record every aspect of any given word. Remembering always my stance as participant must be invisible to gain entry into knowing what he precisely says and does. Right now, my systematic describing of events and his every behaviour begins. I must maintain focus to describe the subject, I must consider all details to paint a written image. I must explore his organized routines, learn the language and listen intently. Patience is most important and observation over time, I have an abundance of both. My challenge is to work through the three phases. Initially, clear observation, secondly as participant observer, and finally interrogation. I will adhere to these with upmost precision ensuring my reporting is as detailed and illustrative as possible. Now... to begin with precisely what I see and hear... He spends a good deal of time gazing beyond the window to the space outside. All his movements are steady, considered and it appears most often with calm intent. He rarely

speaks, when he does it is in a quiet, soft tone. He has his own language along with English. When he is solitary, he sings what I theorize is a gospel song. I aim to gain a familiarity with him, build rapport and trust. I wonder how this will come about with my involvement and

cultivation of an informative relationship. This is field research in its truest sense.

Soft heartbeat begins

LEONHARD

I will at some stage record his voice on the gramophone which has newly arrived in the camp

and is here in this room.

Lights fade up - slowly to reveal, Roland, a POW sitting at a table (Centre Stage), staring

into the distance. (Thinking of home, Raukkan).

There is a fireplace. Roland is waiting to be interrogated by Leonhard, an ethnologist, who

just finished his PhD (1916) from Berlin University. They are virtually the same age, but

from two different worlds.

SURTITLE: In April 1917, Roland Carter received a gunshot wound to the left shoulder and

is captured by the Germans.

CHANT - Roland

CHANT: Puntin Ngarrindjera

NOTE: The director will discover the length of time for Roland's chant in the beat

Once the actor understands his character and finds Roland's rhythm and balance

This is a chant that Roland whispers to himself for strength, its meaning is moving forward, a

survival mechanism in the POW camp

The chant is also a trigger for the next stage of Roland's painting to be done, the image is of

the Ngarrindjeri warriors all lining up to protect country

This image builds at different stages throughout the story, the audience witness its development, so they will see the image that Roland is thinking about when sitting in silence looking out into the audience.

There is a table and chairs, books by writer, E Phillip Oppenheim, The Great
Impersonation, The Cinema Murder, The Evil Shepard, The Double Traitor and Writer, H
Rider Haggard Books, King Solomon's Mines, the Vengeance of She as well as ragtime
songbooks a phonogram and records sitting on a long bench as well as a canvas, easel,
pencils, paints etc.

Wolfe enters, she is carrying a tray with a silver mounted razor strop and safety razor, shaving cream brush, shaving foam and two towels. She places the items down on the long bench, she then places a towel on either side of Roland

Wolfe Exits.

Leonhard moves to the silver mounted razor strop and safety razor and prepares.

LEONHARD

Are you nervous?

Silence

LEONHARD

Do you trust me?

Leonhard feels Roland's face.

LEONHARD

I am your friend.

Enter Wolfe with two buckets of water.

(hot/cold) She places one either side of Roland

She then wraps a towel around his neck

Wolfe puts on a recording of Beethoven. (softly)

Leonhard observes Roland.

LEONHARD

Head back slowly.

Leonhard listens to the music.

LEONHARD

Please don't move.

He shaves Roland.

LEONHARD

Perfect!

The music finishes.

Leonhard observes Roland feeling his face. Wolfe cleans up and exits

A whispered chant begins. An Image begins to appear in the background Leonhard / Wolfe can't hear or see it yet

ROLAND

Puntin Ngarrindjera

Enter Wolfe, she is carrying a tray with a tea pot, cup and saucer, milk, sugar, spoon, butter knife, bread and jam, a pocket bible, an Onoto fountain pen plus an order for a fob watch, she also has a blanket draped over her arm, she places the tray on the long bench, she exits.

SURTITLE: In September 1917 Leonhard Adam interviewed Indigenous POW Douglas Grant.

SURTITLE: But Grant knew nothing about his culture.

Leonhard touches the teapot; he picks up a cup and saucer.

LEONHARD

Do you miss your family?

Silence

LEONHARD

I have a letter from your mother.

ROLAND

Rosie!

(Softly)

He places the cup and saucer in front of Roland.

LEONHARD

It came in a Red Cross package. You are a long way from home and your mother is very concerned about you. Winter is coming and snow season is nearly upon us, it is very harsh here, the sharp northern winds show no mercy.

Leonhard picks up the teapot

LEONHARD

When did it last snow where you came from?
He pours the tea.
LEONHARD
Sugar.
Puts two teaspoons of sugar in the tea
LEONHARD
Milk. Hmmmm.
Pours milk into the tea.
ROLAND
1836.
LEONHARD
1836!
ROLAND
Yes.
LEONHARD
Are you sure?
Leonhard drinks the tea
ROLAND

Yes, quite sure.

Would you like another blanket?

ROLAND

Yes, thank you.

LEONHARD

Do you have blankets where you come from? In winter, how do you keep warm at home?

ROLAND

Cloaks.

Leonhard cuts a slice of bread

LEONHARD

Cloaks. What kind of cloaks.

ROLAND

Of possum Skin.

Leonhard spreads jam on the bread

LEONHARD

Possum skin, how intriguing!

And your possum skin keeps you warm.

ROLAND

Yes.

Like blankets.

ROLAND

As well as shark fat rubbed all over the body.

LEONHARD

Shark fat??

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Why the fat of a shark?

ROLAND

It's a sacred totem.

Leonhard eats

LEONHARD

It's cold out there.

ROLAND

Yes. Sounds like home.

LEONHARD

Like home?

ROLAND

The chilly pilbiangk.

LEONHARD

Pilbiangk?

ROLAND

East winds that herald the onset of "yorti". Winter.

LEONHARD

Although it's north here in Germany.

Our circumstances are reversed in the weather.

ROLAND

Yes.

Leonhard stokes the fire

LEONHARD

Der Herr gibt und der Herr kann wegnehmen.

(The lord giveth and the lord can taketh away - in German)

Silence

LEONHARD

Would you like a cup of tea?

ROLAND

Yes, thank you.

The giver of life.

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Why do you do what you do?

Silence

ROLAND

For freedom.

LEONHARD

For freedom, Ah, richtig.

(Ah, right - in German)

LEONHARD

Can you describe "freedom" for me?

ROLAND

Not being here.

LEONHARD

Here.

ROLAND

Yes.

But you *chose* to be here. You enlisted to be here. Or would you rather be home, rugged up in your possum skin cloak thinking of freedom.

Silence

LEONHARD

I came here to see somebody else, but realised they knew nothing about what I wanted to know. Their dark skin fooled my innocent eyes. The commandant informed me that he transferred you here.

ROLAND

The commandant.

LEONHARD

I am a, wie sagt man? A scholar man.

(How does one say? – in German)

LEONHARD

I am a graduate. But I assure you, I am thorough.

Leonhard places another cup and saucer down

Pours tea into cup

LEONHARD

Sugar?

ROLAND

Yes, please.

Milk?

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

When did your people last see white snow? Really?

ROLAND

White snow... Long time.

LEONHARD

You don't have dark skin to be who you are?

ROLAND

Do I need to have dark skin?

Silence

LEONHARD

No. Are you comfortable?

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Good, you came here to half-moon camp because you complained the last place was too cold, so the commandant was very generous, and you got moved to this warmer place, with a fire and three blankets... and a cup of warm tea. Satisfied.

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

We even bought you a new pair of shoes.

Leonhard exits

ROLAND

Tji:tjutjil tunkunan, nglemunat

(Jesus-Erg loves me know-l.ERG)

Yekau paipilil ramun ngan

(Yes Bible-ERG tell me)

Minyuwan po:rlar kinawi

(Little children his)

Kar nyangki, kitji piltenggi

(They weak, he strong)

Leonhard enters with the shoes

He observes

Roland stops singing

Leonhard places down a file

LEONHARD

Don't have to stop singing on my account.

Beautiful language.

ROLAND

Sorry.

LEONHARD

You have nothing to be sorry about, you are free to sing. Even in your language.

ROLAND

Am I free! Can I walk out of here?

LEONHARD

No, not that free. You are a prisoner of war, my friend.

Silence

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Can you confirm your name?

ROLAND

3027.

Leonhard writes in his file.

Seele 3027

(*Soul 3027 - in German*)

ROLAND

Soul?

LEONHARD

Yes, soul. As in human being. And your service *number* is 3027.

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

How is your left shoulder?

ROLAND

Healing, thank you.

LEONHARD

In your last camp you spoke about bush medicine.

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Do you remember what kind?

Roland thinks of the old mans weed, bush medicine

Silence

Do you know why you are here?

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Why do you do what you do?

ROLAND

For freedom.

LEONHARD

Are you sure? Here you are free to do many things, like singing. Did I not provide for you a cup of tea and another blanket?

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Would that not be freedom.

Leonhard stokes the fire

ROLAND

Maybe.

LEONHARD

Warmth. Is that not freedom?

Yes.

LEONHARD

The sensation of being warm.

ROLAND

Freedom.

LEONHARD

Would you like some bread and jam?

ROLAND

Thank you.

LEONHARD

Are you a Christian?

ROLAND

I have my religious and cultural beliefs.

LEONHARD

Soul (Seele) 3027 has his religious and cultural beliefs, such as?

ROLAND

RUWE. Country.

LEONHARD

Country.

Yes.

LEONHARD

And here you are in my country, 3027.

Mein Schönes Land

(My beautiful country - in German)

LEONHARD

Do you like my country?

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Yes, my friend.

ROLAND

Your friend.

LEONHARD

Our roles are reversed, once again.

ROLAND

Reversed.

LEONHARD

Yes. 1836 is a lovely little metaphor, don't you think?

ROLAND

Yes.

So, let's not play any more games Roland Carter.

Born 28th February 1892.

ROLAND

Okay.

LEONHARD

If two people can't speak the same language, how are we to communicate?

ROLAND

I understand.

LEONHARD

Do you.

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Then why do you fight for a country that does not recognize you.

ROLAND

For freedom

LEONHARD

I am giving you freedom, right now, we are at war and I' am giving you freedom, do you see any bars.

Do you see anybody telling you not to be who you are?

ROLAND

No.

LEONHARD

No. Shall we speak the same language?

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Yes.

ROLAND

Languages originated from an ill-tempered woman.

LEONHARD

And who said that?

ROLAND

The old people.

LEONHARD

For love of country.

ROLAND

Yes, for love of country. The different clans, north south, east and west.

LEONHARD

What is your full name?

Roland Wenzel Carter.

LEONHARD

And your rank and battalion?

ROLAND

Private 3027, 50th Battalion, AIF.

LEONHARD

And you were wounded in

ROLAND

Norieul, France.

LEONHARD

On the 2nd April 1917.

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

And now imprisoned near Wunsdorf, in what is called a half-moon camp.

ROLAND

Why do you call it half-moon?

LEONHARD

We have our religious and cultural beliefs, and today is the 28th February 1918.

Yes.

LEONHARD

Would you like another cup of tea?

ROLAND

Yes, please.

Leonhard exits

He observes

A whispered chant begins

ROLAND

Puntin Ngarrindjera

Roland's chant is whispered repeatedly

An Image continues appearing in the background

Wolfe enters, she has a new teapot, she pours.

Leonhard enters

WOLFE

Magst du Musik?

(Do you like music? - In German)

ROLAND

Pardon.

WOLFE

What kind of music do you like?

I have listened to the ragtime.

WOLFE

Ragtime. Do you like to dance?

ROLAND

Yes.

WOLFE

Have you heard of the trot?

ROLAND

I'm sorry?

WOLFE

The foxtrot.

ROLAND

The foxtrot.

WOLFE

In 1913, a man by the name of Harry Fox, he was a comedian from vaudeville.

WOLFE

Well, Mr. Fox liked to trot, and he introduced a step, his step which pushed every other trot to the ground.

Pause

I understand.

WOLFE

Do you?

ROLAND

Yes.

WOLFE

Really!

ROLAND

In my own way.

LEONHARD

Can you explain how you understand it?

WOLFE

Please, in your own way.

Roland makes a screeching bird sound

ROLAND

The Mingka bird (*the Stone Curlew*) is a 'night-time spirit'. Mingka means 'body of change... but it retains the head of a man'. The Mingka bird is heard calling from the trees near the burial grounds. The call sounds like someone dying or being strangled. Like 'the screeching of a night owl' It signifies that something is wrong. Big owl eyes see everything... Whales bring messages of life. Birds bring messages of death. Due to the introduction of the fox,

which is a predator, the Curlew, which is a ground dwelling bird has been mostly wiped out.

WOLFE (to Leonhard)

Ich verstehe nicht.

(I don't understand - in German)

LEONHARD

Quite clever 3027. I dare say the British empire may not agree with that analogy, but I do.

ROLAND

Really.

LEONHARD

Yes. Unable to fulfil their role.

ROLAND

On country.

WOLFE

Doktor Adam, darf ich Sie privat sprechen?

(Dr. Adam, may I talk to you privately? - In German)

LEONHARD

Yes Wolfe.

WOLFE

Der Kommandant hat mich gefragt, wie die Studie abläuft.

(The commandant has asked me how the study is progressing - in German)

I see, and what have you said?

WOLFE

Ich habe den Kommandanten informiert, dass Sie mit Subject 3027 zu Freundlich sind.

(I have informed the commandant that you are too friendly with subject 3027 - in German)

LEONHARD

Too friendly?

Pause

LEONHARD

Thank you, Wolfe.

Silence

LEONHARD

Do you like to dance Roland?

ROLAND

Do I like to dance?

LEONHARD

Yes.

ROLAND

I do.

Leonhard puts on the foxtrot

Wolfe could you dance with subject 3027 please.

Wolfe reluctantly holds out her hand, she positions Roland physically

They dance.

Leonhard takes over from Wolfe.

He teaches Roland the foxtrot

Wolfe observes, she stops the music

Roland sits

Wolfe exits

LEONHARD

Earlier you mentioned country, may I ask you about that?

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Do you consider your country currently occupied?

ROLAND

Yes.

Pause

ROLAND

May I ask you a question?

LEONHARD

Sure.

Do you like asking lots of questions?

LEONHARD

Yes, I do.

ROLAND

Why?

LEONHARD

It's part of who I am. I was born to discover, to laugh. To teach. I want to experience the world's cultures and what they have to offer.

ROLAND

And the significance of culture is?

LEONHARD

Life, living, breathing. Culture is all you can touch and understand as well as languages we can speak. It allows us to understand the world, we wish to live in.

ROLAND

If I was to take an artery and cut it, what would happen?

LEONHARD

The artery would bleed.

ROLAND

And once it bled out?

What was living would be dead.

ROLAND

The land dies. There is no more living, no more blood through the veins.

Where I come from the culture is an artery of a living body, connected to all living things.

LEONHARD

And you have laws that govern all living things?

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

And the people.

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

And the land.

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

How do I know you are telling me the truth?

ROLAND

How did I know you were not going to cut my throat?

LEONHARD

How do I know you aren't telling me what I want to hear?

ROLAND

How do I know you are not going to shoot me?

LEONHARD

I am not your oppressor.

ROLAND

And here I am, talking to you.

Silence

LEONHARD

If I was to come to your country, Roland, like you have come to mine, would we fight a war like we are fighting now?

ROLAND

Yes, absolutely.

LEONHARD

What kind of war would it be?

Like this one - a war to end all wars.

LEONHARD

How can you win!

ROLAND

What happens if we lose? Our people will prevail, we are resilient. One day that cut in the artery will heal or that clot will dissolve and the blood will continue to flow. What happens if we win!

LEONHARD

Do you believe that?

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Do you have a family?

ROLAND

I do.

LEONHARD

Do you have children?

ROLAND

No.

LEONHARD

Would you like to?

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Where will they grow up?

ROLAND

Home. On country.

LEONHARD

Where's that?

ROLAND

Lake Alexandrina.

LEONHARD

Lake Alexandrina.

ROLAND

They call it Point McLeay.

LEONHARD

Is that its original name?

ROLAND

No.

Does it have a name in your language?

ROLAND

Yes. Raukkan, the traditional meeting place of the Ngarrindjeri peoples.

ROLAND

Where the Murray River, Lake Alexandrina, and the Coorong all link to the Southern Ocean.

LEONHARD

Is it near the city?

ROLAND

No, it's a remote place.

LEONHARD

How many people are there?

ROLAND

Hundreds, sometimes thousands when a ceremony is taking place.

LEONHARD

That's a lot of people.

ROLAND

All related.

LEONHARD

All related, that's a big family.

ROLAND

Yes. Big Ngarrindjeri family.

LEONHARD

What can you tell me about your family?

ROLAND

Seriously?

LEONHARD

Yes.

ROLAND

So many questions?

LEONHARD

I am intrigued.

Silence

LEONHARD

How did you get here?

ROLAND

By boat.

Pause

I didn't want to be "NOTHING" anymore

Lights fade on Roland

ROLAND

Tji:tjutjil tunkunan, nglemunat

(Jesus-Erg loves me know-l.ERG)

Yekau paipilil ramun ngan

(Yes Bible-ERG tell me)

Minyuwan po:rlar kinawi

(Little children his)

Kar nyangki, kitji piltenggi

(They weak, he strong)

Lights fade up on Leonhard centre stage

LEONHARD

I didn't want to be "NOTHING" what does that mean. Subject 3027 is challenging me. He has provided many insights into his cultural practises. A word here, a word there, cloaks, what does cloaks mean and what has language got to do with a woman. He is quiet, honest, kind, generous, and a gentleman. Interesting. I wonder if his people are the same. I need to extract more information, continue participant observation, maybe a painting of home, to get a sense of country and how it is shaped. I wonder if he can reveal the culture, especially their law, that's the key that unlocks the door, and once we unlock the door to their world, then they are "SOMETHING". Books cannot give you the characteristics of a man. Their speech patterns, the way they move when they are taught to dance. How they interact and what they see, feel or hear, whether at home or abroad. Subject 3027 consistently staring out into the distance is intriguing, what is it that he is thinking about? Is it the memories of the war? He has spent a long time in the battlefield. It is interesting his personal connections. Why is the shark sacred? I need to keep gaining his confidence and trust. What is he singing, yes, it is in

language, his dialect, but I know the tune to the song, I will record it and discover more, sometimes subject 3027 talks in riddles and it is up to me to decipher and understand if they are true or not.

Lights fade too black
Roland is sitting at the table
Leonhard joins him
Projector starts silent French film
Judex 1916 – Love's forgiveness.
Audience watches (1-2 minutes)
Film finishes, Roland is amazed

ROLAND

I have never seen anything like that.

LEONHARD

It's amazing isn't it?

ROLAND

How did they do it?

LEONHARD

The moving pictures.

ROLAND

Yes, It's very clever.

LEONHARD

Did you understand the story?

I was watching their mouths move.

LEONHARD

It was a silent film.

ROLAND

Silent film.

Silence

LEONHARD

The plot involves a corrupt banker, who is the target of our hero's revenge. It is eventually revealed that his identity is Jacques de Trémeuse, a man whose family were ruined by the corrupt banker, what makes matters worse for our hero is that he has fallen in love with the bankers beautiful and innocent daughter Jacqueline. A simple story.

ROLAND

A simple story?

LEONHARD

Perhaps not so simple. The banker is Jewish.

ROLAND

I couldn't take my eyes of the screen.

LEONHARD

Why do you think that?

The fact that you can watch something like a picture that moves.

LEONHARD

As if you are seeing it for the first time again and again, and again.

ROLAND

It was like a ceremony.

LEONHARD

A ceremony?

ROLAND

A ritual, dancing and singing. Like they had been out hunting and were bringing the story back to share what they had discovered, again, and again and again.

LEONHARD

Can you give me an example Roland?

ROLAND

Marriage, love, revenge.

LEONHARD

Like

ROLAND

Someone who is promised to you.

LEONHARD

What do you mean?

ROLAND

From birth, someone who is promised to you, right blood line and you marry them and fall in love, then someone from another clan steals them away so, you seek revenge, it's part of us, our lore, you can't do that.

LEONHARD

No. You can't do that, it's wrong.

ROLAND

Yes, wrong way.

LEONHARD

So, you know the difference between right and wrong?

ROLAND

Of course.

LEONHARD

Do you have many laws?

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Are you allowed to talk to me about them?

ROLAND

Some of them.

Which ones?

ROLAND

There are different forms of lore like there are different forms of love magic.

LEONHARD

Love magic?

ROLAND

Yes, love magic; 'attracting', drawing attention between a man and a woman. A man using his *Mi:Wi* to attract a woman.

LEONHARD

His Mi:Wi?

ROLAND

He does this by staring, at first, then feeling his power in her *Mi:Wi* he draws her magically, staring unblinkingly at her. If he blinks, the spell is broken. Eventually the woman approaches him, at first looking about, then coming directly to him. On reaching the man, she tells him how her *Mi:Wi* has responded to his and would ask him what he wants from her. 'what will you do now? I came to you. I will go with you", she says, and in response he says, 'we will walk together', and off they go. Everyone understands that love magic has taken place and leaves them alone.

LEONHARD

Mi:Wi their souls connecting.

Yes.

LEONHARD

These are your beliefs?

ROLAND

Yes, what are your beliefs?

LEONHARD

I believe that the world can be a better place to live.

ROLAND

I believe that too.

LEONHARD

I believe that culture gives us insight into how peoples should live.

ROLAND

How peoples should live.

LEONHARD

Yes.

ROLAND

How they survive?

LEONHARD

Yes.

How some peoples make decisions for other peoples.

LEONHARD

Yes.

Silence

LEONHARD

What I find intriguing is that you are here, right now, to talk to me.

ROLAND

I could be dead!

LEONHARD

But you are not.

ROLAND

No.

LEONHARD

And thank goodness for that because we obviously have a lot to talk about.

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Are you angry with the British?

Sometimes.

LEONHARD

Why?

ROLAND

Because they are denying me the right to be who I am.

LEONHARD

And who is that?

ROLAND

A man.

LEONHARD

Yes.

ROLAND

A, hu-man.

LEONHARD

A, hu-man.

ROLAND

A man has certain roles in community.

ROLAND

He has a living lore to abide by, he has responsibilities for and must care for his family. He has a continuous connection to RUWE, country, his culture. His living stories, songs and dances. His connection to water, his fishing his hunting and gathering. His ability to teach, make sacred fire. The stars...

LEONHARD

Is that important to be a, hu-man?

ROLAND

Crucial.

LEONHARD

Why?

ROLAND

I am a custodian; I work in harmony with my mother as a hu-man, and in return, she nurtures and cares for me, my culture beliefs are *MY* lore's of my mother land.

LEONHARD

And you believe all this.

ROLAND

Don't you?

LEONHARD

You live in an occupied society.

ROLAND

And that's why I am here, fighting for freedom.

LEONHARD

But you are not going to get it when you go home.

ROLAND

How do you know that?

LEONHARD

My friend, I want to speak truthfully, from my heart, to you. You are never going to get your country back.

Silence

ROLAND

I will. I know it, I see it, I feel it in my bones. It's a part of me, who I am, always has been.

A whispered chant begins

ROLAND

Puntin Ngarrindjera

Roland's chant is whispered repeatedly

An Image continuous appearing in the background

Wolfe enters
She is carrying a pocket bible

Wolfe asks Leonhard if he would like a drink

WOLFE

Hätten Sie gerne ein Getränk?

(Would you like a drink? - in German)

Leonhard asks Roland

LEONHARD

Would you like a drink?

ROLAND

Thank you.

Wolfe hands Leonhard the pocket bible

WOLFE

Hier ist das, wonach Sie gefragt haben.

(Here's what you asked for - in German)

LEONHARD

Danke schön.

(Thank you - in German)

Wolfe exits

LEONHARD

Do you recognise this book?

ROLAND

Yes, it is my pocket bible. It was given to me the night I left the mission station to join the army.

Who gave it to you?

ROLAND

The superintendent.

LEONHARD

The superintendent.

LEONHARD

What happened the night before you left?

ROLAND

They threw a party for me.

LEONHARD

A party.

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

Did they sing you songs?

ROLAND

God save the king.

LEONHARD

God save the king.

They even dressed up in costume.

LEONHARD

Dressed in costume, and now you are dressed up in their costume.

Silence

LEONHARD

My understanding was that you weren't allowed to sign up and be part of the Australian Imperial Forces.

ROLAND

That's right. We are not allowed to enlist, so I had to sign an exemption form.

LEONHARD

Exemption form. Exemption from what?

Silence

LEONHARD

And once you signed this form, what did that mean?

ROLAND

I could leave the mission station and enlist in the Australian Imperial Forces.

LEONHARD

The British Army.

Yes.

LEONHARD

What do you mean by "mission station"?

ROLAND

Well, I live on a mission station. It was set up in 1859.

A priest sailed down lake Alexandrina and built a church there, they tried to convert us, so when we died, we would go to heaven.

LEONHARD

Was that successful?

ROLAND

Not everyone became Christian.

LEONHARD

This is your pocket bible.

ROLAND

I have my beliefs.

LEONHARD

What's going to happen when you get home?

ROLAND

I will have served.

Who will you have served?

Silence

ROLAND

I will have played my part for my country.

Leonhard opens the pocket bible

LEONHARD

What's your favourite passage?

ROLAND

Psalm 23: verse 4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

LEONHARD

I will fear no evil. A Psalm of David. The Lord is my Shepard; I shall not want.

ROLAND

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

LEONHARD

He leads me beside the still waters.

ROLAND

He restores my Mi:Wi, my soul.

He leads me into the path of righteousness for his name's sake.

ROLAND

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

LEONHARD

For thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

ROLAND

Thou prepare a table for me in the presence of mine enemies.

LEONHARD

Thou anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

ROLAND

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

LEONHARD

And I will dwell in the house of my Lord for ever.

ROLAND

Amen.

(in Ngarrindjeri)

LEONHARD

Amen.

(In German)

Is there a word for 'amen' in your language?

ROLAND

In Ngarrindjeri.

LEONHARD

Ngarrin-jeri.

ROLAND

No, Ngarrindjeri.

LEONHARD

Ngarun-jeddi

ROLAND

That's right.

LEONHARD

Right, Ngarrindjeri.

LEONHARD

Are there other words in your language – like 'amen'?

ROLAND

In the Bible?

LEONHARD

The whole Bible.

ROLAND

The whole Bible? What's the word for 'Bible' in German?

LEONHARD

Bibel.

(Bible – in German)

ROLAND

Bibel. Bee-bel. Bibble.

ROLAND

What's the word for 'House of God' in German?

LEONHARD

Hmm. Gotteshaus.

(House of God – in German)

ROLAND

Gotteshaus. Got-tes out of here!

They laugh

LEONHARD

What does 'house' mean in your Ngarrindjeri?

ROLAND

Segregation.

LEONHARD

Segregation! What do you mean?

ROLAND

Walls between people.

LEONHARD

Walls between people.

ROLAND

We all lived together in a humpy, as a community, day and night.

LEONARD

Ah, Tag und Nacht.

(Ah, day and night – in German)

ROLAND

Tag und Nackt.

(Day and naked – in German)

Leonhard laughing

LEONARD

Scheiße!

ROLAND

Are you laughing at me?

LEONHARD

Yes! You've just said, 'day and naked'. 'Nacht' is night and 'nackt' is naked. So, I said 'Scheiße'.

ROLAND

LEONHARD

Shit.

They both laugh.

ROLAND

Shy-ssa?

ROLAND / LEONHARD

Scheiße, scheiße, scheiße, scheiße!

(Shit, shit, shit, shit – in German)

Wolfe enters

She has a glass of water

She watches

She asks Leonhard

WOLFE

What are you doing?

LEONHARD

Nothing.

Pause

WOLFE

Brauchen Sie etwas?

(Do you need anything? - in German)

LEONHARD

Nein, danke.

(No, thank you - in German)

Leonhard exits

ROLAND

May I have some Water.

WOLFE

Would you like some water?

ROLAND

Yes please.

WOLFE

Would you like this glass of water?

ROLAND

Yes.

WOLFE

This glass right here?

ROLAND

Yes please.

Wolfe drinks the glass of water

WOLFE

But it's empty.

ROLAND

I can see that now.

WOLFE

Wir sind nicht Freunde.

(I am not your friend - in German)

Wolfe exits with the empty glass

A whispered chant begins

ROLAND

Puntin Ngarrindjera

Leonhard enters.

Roland knows he hears the chant

An Image continuous appearing in the background

Roland's chant is over before Wolfe enters

Wolfe enters

She is holding the book King Solomon's Mine

WOLFE

Ich habe das Buch gefunden, wonach Sie gefragt haben

(I have found the book you asked for - in German)

LEONHARD

King Solomon's Mine.

WOLFE

Ja.

(Yes -in German)

LEONHARD

A very popular novel.

WOLFE

Wer ist der Deutsche Autor?

(Who is the German author? - In German)

LEONHARD

It is written by the English Victorian adventurer H. Rider Haggard.

WOLFE

Und worum geht es?

(And what is it about? - In German)

LEONHARD

It tells of a search in an unexplored region of a country by a group of adventurers looking for the missing brother of one of the expedition party.

WOLFE

Es könnte Code sein.

Alliierte Soldaten, die durch Deutschland wandern, um ihren fehlenden Kameraden zu suchen.

(It could be code – in German)

(Allied soldiers exploring Germany, looking for one of their missing comrades - in German)

WOLFE

It could be code.

LEONHARD

You have a very vivid imagination. It's just an adventure book.

WOLFE

Und warum möchten Sie es?

(And why do you want it? - In German)

LEONHARD

So, Roland can read it.

WOLFE

Roland?

LEONHARD

Subject 3027.

WOLFE

Kann er lesen?

(Can he read? - In German)

LEONHARD

Ja, sicher.

(Yes, of course - in German)

WOLFE

Warum liest er dann keine Deutsche Abenteuerbücher?

(Then why isn't he reading German adventure books? - In German)

LEONHARD

He didn't ask for one.

WOLFE

Sie sollten ihm einfach...

(In German)

WOLFE

You should give him a German book when he asks for something to read.

(In English)

LEONHARD

But he didn't ask for one.

WOLFE

Egal.

(That doesn't matter - in German)

LEONHARD

Well it does matter. It's part of my research program
I am conducting.

WOLFE

Wir müssen unsere kulturelle Werte behalten.

(We need to keep our own cultural values - in German)

LEONHARD

Na klar

(Of course - in German).

WOLFE

We need to keep our own cultural values.

LEONHARD

I understand what you are saying.

WOLFE

Sie sind doch ein Deutsche.

(You are German after all - in German)

LEONHARD

Ja, Deutsch. And Jewish.

(Yes, German - in German)

Wolfe exits

ROLAND

Jewish.

LEONHARD

My mother is Jewish.

ROLAND

Were you born here?

LEONHARD

Yes, in Berlin.

ROLAND

And you just graduated. You said earlier you were a scholar man.

LEONHARD

Yes, I studied at the Royal Frederick William

Gymnasium and the Ethnological Museum.

ROLAND

Ethnological?

LEONHARD

The study of different cultures.

ROLAND

So, my culture.

LEONHARD

Yes. Memory is the scribe of the soul. Or Mi:Wi.

ROLAND

Who said that?

LEONHARD

Aristotle.

ROLAND

Aristotle.

LEONHARD

A Greek philosopher. It is the passion of my life. That is why I am here talking to you. It's what drives me to fieldwork after all the time studying books, it's what you can smell, feel and see of a culture that allows you to understand the very existence of a people.

ROLAND

And that is why you are here talking to me.

LEONHARD

I have studied and published extensively.

ROLAND

Published books.

LEONHARD

Yes. Your culture is thousands of years old. I would love to publish a book about your culture or put an art collection together.

ROLAND

Why?

LEONHARD

I enjoy the challenge I find myself in. I am a free thinking hu-man but I care little for patriotic fervour. I am a man without borders.

ROLAND

Is that why you work in a camp without fences?

LEONHARD

I would love for you to do some gramophone recordings, would you do that for me, yes.

ROLAND

Yes. Do you have a pen and a piece of paper please?

Leonhard exits

Roland sitting at table

He is thinking of home

ROLAND

Dear Rosie. Mum It has been so long. Your letters you are sending through the Red Cross are finally reaching me. I have moved camps a couple of times, but I am okay. The wound in my left shoulder has healed well. I am getting good treatment and I have gone into town nearby and seen the moving pictures, and I would like to let you know that every other Sunday I am going to church. Mum today is the 28th February 1918. It's my birthday and I am thinking of you. I love you; I hope Dad and the family are well. I am 26 years old today.

A whispered chant begins

ROLAND

Puntin Ngarrindjera

Roland's chant is whispered repeatedly

An Image continuous to appear in the background

Wolfe enters

She puts a birthday cake on the table and lights the candles

Leonhard enters

LEONHARD / WOLFE

Happy Birthday to you. Happy Birthday to you.

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Zum Geburtstag viel Glück Zum Geburtstag viel Glück

(Leonhard in English, Wolfe in German)

LEONHARD

Happy Birthday dear Roland.

WOLFE

Zum Geburtstag Subject 3027

(Happy Birthday, Subject 3037 - in German)

LEONHARD / WOLFE

Happy Birthday to you.

/

Zum Geburtstag—

(Leonhard in English, Wolfe in German)

Wolfe exits with the cake.

Leonhard hands Roland a present

It is a Onoto fountain pen and paper

LEONHARD

Would you like to write a letter home Roland Wenzel Carter?

ROLAND

Yes. I would.

Lights dim

LEONHARD

I have opened myself up to closer observation. Wolfe doesn't seem happy and is sceptical of my motives. I have now formed a close friendship with Roland. What is my perspective on my role and the specific information I have collected? Modern Anthropology derives from the Latin term for "the study of man". My German education is that human behaviour results from nurture rather than natures, distinct cultures whose evolution could be measured. But the twentieth century will see the development of what anthropology will become. It will be seen as an international movement that gathers Ideas and theories; it will build up a bigger picture. It will be viewed by non-European societies as windows to other worlds. This new object of study is "Hu-mankind" and crucial to my study is the culture of subject 3027. My approach has been methodical and theorised in detail, with daily contact and accurately recording of his everyday life as a POW. To grasp his points of view, I look forward to reading his letter.

Lights up

Wolfe enters

She sets up the grammar phone

LEONHARD

Roland.

ROLAND

Yes.

LEONHARD

You mentioned, they gave you a party and sang God save the king; I was wondering if you could sing that song for me.

ROLAND

May I sing my version?

LEONHARD

Of course.

Roland sings into the gramophone
(Might need to an actual recording?)

ROLAND

God bless our splendid men, send them home safe again, god save our men. Keep them victorious, patient and chivalrous, they are so dear to us; God save our men.

LEONHARD

And would you like to read your letter into the grammar phone please.

Roland clears his throat (Might need to do an actual recording)

ROLAND

(In Ngarrindjeri Language)

Ngati mungayun alyenik thunggarar ramel-urambi ngum-angk.

= I am writing these here words to tell you. (English Translation)

Kringkri palak ngai ngan-angk, kar wethun ngle:lurumi yarel-angan-ald.

= The white people here with me, they want knowledge of who we are. (English Translation)

Ngati tarno watjun nankeri thunggarar kan-ambi.

= I do have some good words for them. (English Translation)

Namawi ngle:lurum-ald, kaltja-ald, yanurm-ald, ruwar-ald, kruw-ald,

= Of our knowledge, of our culture, of speech, of body, of blood. (English Translation)

pakawi wruwalurum-ald, wunyi namawi ruw-ald yandelurl-angan.

= of our spiritual beliefs, and of our land where we are all from. (English Translation)

Mindingruwar kringkrar wethun nglel ya:ree (elun)

= Why does everybody want to know who we are. (English Translation)

Kar-au yikiki elildal ya:rel-angan

= Can't they just let us be who we are. (English Translation)

ROLAND

(In Ngarrindjeri Language)

Yant-el-au ngum-ambi.

=Peace be with you

LEONHARD

If only that would be the case, you would have nothing to worry about today, the 28th June 1918.

ROLAND

Ngapi platjinggun Ngarrindjeri Ko:rni

(In Ngarrindjeri Language)

SURTITLE: I am a proud Ngarrindjeri Man. (English Translation)

LEONHARD

Yes, you are a hu-man.

A loud siren is heard

Wolfe enters in her uniform.

She speaks softly in Leonhard's ear

WOLFE

Der Krieg ist vorbei.

(The war is over - in German)

Leonhard collects some things

He looks around

Leonhard exits

WOLFE

Der Krieg ist vorbei.

(Down Stage Left - The war is over - in German)

WOLFE

Der Krieg ist vorbei.

(Down Stage Centre - The war is over - in German)

WOLFE

Der Krieg ist vorbei.

(Down Stage Right - The war is over - in German)

WOLFE

The war is over.

(Centre Stage to the whole audience in English)

Wolfe exits

Roland softly begins his chant / repeats

The full image of the Puntin Ngarrindjera appears

ROLAND

Mi:Wi Puntin Ngarrindjera x 2

LEONHARD

Ngapi platjinggun Jewish Ko:rni x 1

ROLAND

Mi:Wi Puntin Ngarrindjera x 2

Silence

Lights dim

Enter Countryman

Creation Story

LEONHARD

In the Creation, Ngurunderi travelled down the Murray River in a bark canoe, in search of his two wives who had run away from him. At that time the river was only a small stream, below the junction with the Darling River.

ROLAND

A giant cod fish (Ponde) swam ahead of the Ngurunderi, widening the river with sweeps of its tail. Ngurunderi chased the fish, trying to spear it from his canoe.

LEONHARD

Near <u>Murray Bridge</u> he threw a spear, but missed and was changed into Long Island (Lenteilin). At <u>Tailem Bend</u> (Tagalang) he threw another; the giant fish surged ahead and created a long straight stretch in the river.

At last, with the help of Nepele (the brother of Ngurunderi's wives), Ponde was speared after it had left the Murray River and had swum Into Lake Alexandrina. Ngurunderi divided the fish with his stone knife and created a new species of fish from each piece.

LEONHARD

Meanwhile, Ngurunderi's two wives (the sisters of Nepele) had made camp. On their campfire they were cooking bony bream, a fish forbidden to the Ngarrindjeri women. Ngurunderi smelt the fish cooking and knew his wives were close. He abandoned his camp and came after them. His huts became two hills and his bark canoe became the Milky Way.

ROLAND

Hearing Ngurunderi coming, his wives just had time to build a raft of reeds and grasstrees and to escape across Lake Albert. On the other side, their raft turned back into reeds and grasstrees. The women hurried south.

LEONHARD

Ngurunderi followed his wives as far south as Kingston. Here he met a great sourcer, Parampari. The two men fought, using weapons and magic powers, until eventually Ngurunderi won.

ROLAND

He burnt Parampari's body in a huge fire, symbolized by granite boulders today, and turned north along the <u>Coorong</u> beach. Here he camped several

times, digging soaks in the sand for fresh water, and fishing in the <u>Coorong</u> lagoon.

LEONHARD

Ngurunderi made his way across the Murray Mouth and along the Encounter Bay coast towards Victor Harbor. He made a fishing ground at Middleton by Throwing a huge tree into the sea to make a seaweed bed.

ROLAND

Here he hunted and killed a seal; its dying gasps can still be heard among the rocks. At Port Elliot he camped and fished again, without seeing a sign of his wives. He became angry and threw his spear into the sea at Victor Harbor, creating the islands there.

LEONHARD

Finally, after resting in a giant granite shade-shelter on Granite Island (Kaike). Ngurunderi heard his wives laughing and playing in the water near King's Beach He hurled his club to the ground, creating the Bluff (Longkuwar), and strode after them.

ROLAND

Ngurunderi's wives fled along the beach in terror until they reached Cape Jervis. At

this time, Kangaroo Island was still connected to the mainland, and the two women

began to hurry across to it.

LEONHARD

Ngurunderi had arrived at Cape Jervis though, and seeing his wives still fleeing from

him, he called out in a voice of thunder for the waters to rise.

ROLAND

The women were swept from their path by huge waves and were soon drowned. They

became the rocky Pages Islands.

LEONHARD

Ngurunderi knew that it was time for him to enter the spirit world. He crossed to

Kangaroo Island and travelled to its western end.

ROLAND

After first throwing his spears into the sea, he dived in, before rising to become a star

in the Milky Way.

Silence

The soft heartbeat fades out

Image of Roland and Leonhard appears.

SURTITLE: Roland Carter and Leonhard Adam both die in 1960.

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SURTITLE: After 1918, they never met again.

Mi:Wi 3027 - German Corrections - Meta Cohen

Page	Line	Correction	English or German?
13	Der Gibt und	Der Herr gibt und der Herr kann wegnehmen	DE
15	I am a	Wie sagt man? (deleting 'was heiss')	DE
26	Magst Du Musik?	Magst du Musik?	DE
28	Ich verstehe nicht	-	DE
29	Dr Adam darf ich	Dr Adam, darf ich Sie privat sprechen?	DE
29	Der commandant	Der Kommandant hat mich gefragt, wie es mit Ihnen abläuft / wie die Studie abläuft / wie es Ihnen geht	DE
29	Ich habe	-	DE. Added 'too friendly?' (EN) in response from Leonhard
49	Wurde er etwas	Hätten Sie gerne ein Getränk?	DE
49	Hier ist was	Hier ist das, wonach Sie gefragt haben	DE
49	Danke schon	Danke schön	DE
55	Do you need anything?	Brauchst du etwas?	DE
55	Ich bin nicht dein	Wir sind <i>nicht</i> Freunde	DE
56	Ich habe das Buch	Ich habe das Buch gefunden, wonach Sie gefragt haben	DE
55	Ja	-	DE
56	Wer ist	-	DE
57	Und worum	-	DE
57	Also es konnte	Es könnte Code sein. Alliierte Soldaten, die durch Deutschland wandern, um ihren fehlenden Kameraden zu suchen. It could be code.	DE + EN (last line)
57	Und warum	Und warum möchten Sie es?	DE
58	Kann er	Can he read?	EN
58	Ja Sicher	Ja sicher	DE
58	Warum liest er	Warum liest er dann keine Deutsche Abenteuerbücher?	DE
59	Du solltest ihm	Du solltest ihm einfach – you should give him a German book when he asks for something to read	DE, corrects herself in EN

59	Egg1/(Dag gg1ltg)	Eggl (dalating 'dag gallto night vyightig gain')	DE
	Egal/(Das sollte)	Egal (deleting 'das sollte night wichtig sein')	
59	We need to share	Wir müssen unsere kulturelle Werte behalten	DE
59	Na klar	L: Na klar.	DE + EN
		W: We need to keep our own cultural values	
		L: I understand what you are saying	
59	Du bist doch	Sie sind doch ein Deutsche (deleting the other variant)	DE
63	Happy Birthday	Lonhard sings in English, Wolfe in German. Also on p 64.	DE + EN
		With the last line, Wolfe only sings 'Zum Geburtstag'	
67	She speaks to	Adding: 'Der Krieg ist vorbei'	DE
	Leonhard		
68	Der Krieg ist vorbei	3x in German,	EN
		1x in English ('the war is over')	
69	Sitzen	-	DE
69	Ist Dein Name	A few options:	DE
	Leonhard Adam	Ist Dein Name LA / Heißen Sie Leonhard Adam / Heißt	
		du Leonhard Adam / Ist Ihr Name Leonhard Adam?	
69	Der Ethnologe	-	DE
70	Ist deine Mutter	Ist deine Mutter Jüdin?	DE
70	Bist du Jüdisch?	Bist du Jude / Sind Sie Jude?	DE
70	Ich bin hier Sie	Ich bin hier Sie zu informieren, dass du nicht mehr	DE
		erkannt wirst	
70	Aufstehen! Ziehe	Aufstehen! Ziehe den Mantel aus.	DE
71	Setze dieses	-	DE
	Symbol		
71	Putze den Boden	-	DE
71	Putze den Boden	Putze den Boden makellos / bis er glänzt	DE
72	Weggenommen	Annuliert	DE (this change
			applies to all of the
			'revoked'-s)
73	I was editor of the	I was editor of the Zeitschrift für Vergleichendes Gesetz	EN + DE
73	Ihre Akademischen	Ihre akademische Grade werden Ihnen aberkannt / Deine	DE
		akademische Grade werden dir aberkannt	
		Du wirst nicht mehr erkannt.	
		Untermensch.	
73	Untermenschen	Untermensch	DE
, ,		- Chromonom	22

Basic rules(?):

- Wolfe addresses Roland with 'du' and Leonhard with 'Sie'
- Perhaps she changes to 'du' on p 69, when she's humiliating Leonhard?

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Mi:Wi 3027 by Glenn Shea

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The story of Mi:Wi 3027 is inspired by the life of Roland Carter (Service No. 3027), the first Ngarrindjeri man to join the Australian Imperial Forces during World War I and his lifelong friendship with Leonhard Adam, a Jewish-German ethnologist. The two first met in an internment camp to which Carter (Lasarus Ratuere) had been assigned as a prisoner of war. This camp was known as 'Halbmondlager' war camp or 'Half Moon Camp'. Mi:Wi is a Ngarrindjeri word translated as 'soul', the soul as fundamental to relations to country.

Essentially the play is an exploration of a friendship built around the notion of a liberated homeland, where freedom is paramount. Assigned as an ethnologist to this camp, Adam's (Renato Musolino) task was to learn about the culture and customs of the camp's ethnic prisoners, the majority of who were Muslims. They quickly became friends, and although separated after the war, maintained their friendship in the post-War period. In a somewhat uncanny turn of events Adam was later forced to flee his German homeland, in the 1930s, and worked in England at Cambridge University for a time.

It is perhaps interesting to note that the idea of heimlich or homeland, was quite a popular subject of discussion before and after the period of Carter's internment and is psychologised in Freud's studies on this area in his book 'Das Unheimliche' (1919).

Julia Kristeva adopted the concept in her studies of Abjection which was a development of Freud and Lacan's theories on the subject of Heimlich/Unheimlich. She points out that according to Freud's understandings "foreignness, an uncanny one, creeps into the tranquillity of reason itself ... Henceforth, we know that we are foreigners to ourselves, and it is with the help of that sole support that we can attempt to live with others" (Kristeva, 'Strangers to Ourselves', 1991: 170). This state of being, encapsulates a feeling of both being familiar and ill-at-ease that is said to confront a subject to unconscious, repressed impulses.

The uncanny feeling of being both strange and familiar was also brought to attention around the time by German philosopher Frederich Nietzsche in The Will to Power manuscript, in which he refers to nihilism as "the uncanniest of all guests". Nietzsche ascribes to this condition an affliction in which is apparent Enlightenment ideals that seemingly hold strong values also maintain characteristics that undermine themselves.

Against this intellectual background, Adam is later forced to flee his German homeland, first to Britain and then eventually, and paradoxically, to an Australian internment camp before starting a new life in Melbourne. Like Carter, he is rendered 'unheimlich', and forced to confront the strength of his beliefs.

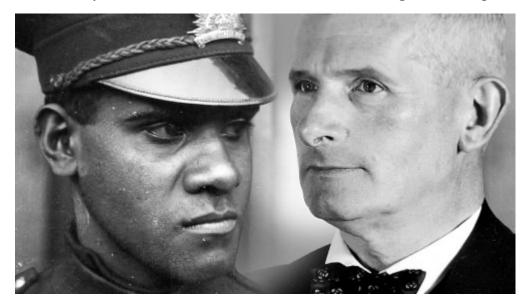
When Adam is himself confronted by Nazi persecution, he draws on the Ngarrindjeri creation story told by Carter to get him through. This is what gave strength to Carter in his incarceration, as he continually recited songs about country and often repeated the phrase, 'Ngarrindjeri going forward' in Ngarrindjeri language. These were very powerful moments in the play, and it appears that Carter, though physically removed from country, always holds it near in his Mi:Wi.

Mysteriously, the two friends never found an opportunity to meet again, except through Leonhard's sister-in-law, who travelled to Raukkan in 1947. This visit allowed them a form of reconnection and a continued correspondence by mail until their deaths in the same year.

Unfortunately, many of the manuscripts of the internment interviews with Roland were apparently destroyed by the Germans and other notes at Leonhard's house were also destroyed by a bomb attack on his house (Glenn Shea, pers. comm., (playwright)). These extra details might have a brought a greater depth of understanding of Carter's psychological state while in internment. But visual and sound effects in the final production will, undoubtedly, add depth of feeling where needed.

Despite these slight misgivings the reading of this play indicates its potential as a very strong, thought-provoking and compelling play and illuminates a long-neglected area of study. The play uncomfortably delves into the role of the anthropologist as an agent of the State, and the positioning as 'informant' of Carter. Yet it signals that in even in the most adverse circumstances there is always room for hope. Throughout, Carter's defiance and strong conviction deftly turns the spotlight back on his interrogator.





Addendum — Mi:Wi 3027

In relation to the previous agreement with Country Arts SA dated 8 May 2017, it has come to our attention that an option under Item 9 Intellectual property rights was not selected.

As the current agreement stands when a selection is not made option A is automatically applied.

This would mean that the Crown (Country Arts SA) hold Intellectual property rights.

The Crown will own al/ Intellectual Property Rights in anything that is delivered to the Principal or otherwise produced in the course of the provision of the Services.

We would like to follow correct standards in the industry and ensure you as the writer hold the . Intellectual Property Rights of Mi:Wi 3027.

On signing this addendum all Intellectual Property Rights created in anything that was delivered to the Principal or otherwise produced in the course of the provision of Services (as specified in original agreement dated 8 May 2017) now vests in and remains with the Contractor. (Glenn Shea, writer Mi:Wi 3027)

We would appreciate if you can ensure that acknowledgement of Country Arts SA as the original Producer and Commissioner of Mi:Wi 3027 continue as per the original agreement.

Playwright signature

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