

The Rat Line Dilemma

You are an adventurous young woman and at the age of 18 decide to study at Buenos Aires University instead of going to an American college like your friends. Living in Argentina is a major adjustment, but you eventually make a lot of friends from many different backgrounds. Ultimately you meet a young man named Klaus and fall in love. He has grown up in Argentina, but he is of German decent. Your Argentinian friends are skeptical when they meet him. You believe that they are all wrong to be suspicious of him and his family simply because they are of German heritage. He asks you to meet him at his home one day but when you get there you find out from his mother that he is running late. You are invited in and presented to an older gentleman who introduces himself as your boyfriend's uncle. He seems extremely frail and old and you engage in small talk with him to be polite. When Klaus arrives, he calls the older gentleman grandpa. You begin to grown suspicious...

When you question Klaus, he tells you that family titles are less stringent in Argentina. You don't think about the incident again until you learn in a history class that some Germans living in Argentina are criminals from WWII. You want to question Klaus about this, but how do you bring it up? Luckily you do not have to. Eventually, he starts bragging about his grandfather and how he was a high ranking officer in Hitler's army. You are still unsure of his exact role, but the whole scenario sounds fishy to you. You consider alerting the authorities, but you know if you do it could mean the end of your relationship with Klaus. Also, his grandfather is a very old man and you wonder what good it would do to turn him in so many years after the war. What do you do?

Adolf Eichmann



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Adolf Eichmann was a Nazi and one of the major organizers of the Holocaust. After WWII, he fled to Argentina like so many other German and Italian high ranking officials involved in the war. A young woman named Sylvia Hermann became romantically involved with Eichmann's son in the 1960s. The son began to brag about his father's war efforts, Sylvia told her father, and her father alerted West German authorities. This was one of the major clues that lead to Eichmann's capture.

Hunting Eichmann: How a Band of Survivors and a Young Spy Agency Chased Down the World's Most Notorious Nazi by Neal Bascomb

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