Chapter 4/The Noose Tightens

Vocabulary Define each term – using context clues from the chapter as well as definitions provided by reference materials – in the context of the Holocaust.

1. **Aryan**
2. **Auschwitz**
3. **Black Market**
4. **Convalescent Home**
5. **Gemeinde**
6. **Ghetto**
7. **Reichsmark**
8. **Theresienstadt**
9. **Zlotys**

Discussion/Comprehension Questions

1. What new item does Art bring to this meeting with Vladek that causes the two to bicker over how much Art paid for it?

2. Name the 12 people who were living at Vladek’s father-in-law’s house when Vladek returned from Lublin.
   
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3. Describe how Vladek was able to generate income for the family during this time period, in spite of Nazi restrictions.

4. Who offers to arrange for Richieu to go into hiding? What is Vladek and Anja’s response?

5. What event involving men associated with Vladek, named Cohn and Pfefer, caused so much anxiety for Vladek that he did not go outside for three days?

6. What activity was Anja engaging in at this time that deeply interests Art?

7. What notice arrives concerning Anja’s grandparents? What does the family do in response to the notice? What is the outcome?

8. What happens to Vladek’s father at Dienst Stadium?

9. (Flash Forward) What does Art do following his conversation with Mala about the fate of her parents?

10. Describe the activities depicted in the family dinner scene on pages 74-76. What do they tell you about the Zylberbergs?

11. During the brutal mass arrest depicted on page 80, Vladek is framed by a panel shaped like a Jewish Star. How does this device express his situation at that moment?