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Helene was born in Vienna. Helene loved swimming. Helene went to school and then got a job.

Helene became ill. The doctors said that Helene had **schizophrenia**. Schizophrenia can make people's thinking confusing and frightening.

Helene went to hospital. She began to get better.

The **Nazis** would not let Helene leave hospital. They told Helene's mother that they were going to move Helene to a different hospital.

The Nazis killed Helene.

The Nazis killed lots of people who had illnesses that affected their minds and lots of people who were disabled. These people were the first people the Nazis killed.

Glossary:

Different – Being 'different' is the opposite to being the same. We use the word 'different' to talk about lots of things, for example, red is a 'different' colour to blue, sunny weather is 'different' to cloudy weather. In our life stories the word 'different' is often talking about people and the groups they belonged to. The Nazis were a group of people who did not like people from other groups because they thought they were 'different' to them. The Nazis only saw the differences between people. This made them bad.

Nazis – The 'Nazis' were a group of people in Germany who believed that they were better than everyone else. The 'Nazis' were racist, they wanted to kill people who were Jewish for being 'different' to them.

Schizophrenia – 'Schizophrenia' is an illness that affects people's thinking. 'Schizophrenia' can make a person's thinking confusing and frightening.

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