

CASABLANCA

Of the Good Times During the Bad Times

SYNOPSIS 150 words

The documentary film „Casablanca – Of the Good Times During the Bad Times“ tells the story of three people who are stranded in Casablanca on the escape from Nazi Germany and forge a friendship, which gives them hope and human warmth during these hard times.

Sophie Freud, Sigmund Freud's granddaughter, and her mother had to separate from the rest of the family. She describes her time in Casablanca as a rather joyful one.

Kurt Grossmann, a falsifier, was imprisoned at various labour camps and eventually worked as kitchen chef, since his greatest fear was to starve.

Fritz Koenig, the soccer-fanatic concentration camp-prisoner, made his living in Casablanca as a black marketer, spy and quasi-pimp.

Today, 60 years later, they meet again and have – perhaps for the last time a meal of “Couscous” together, just like they used to have more than half a century ago.

(Daniel Ritter, Vienna 2004)