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*Maus II* Study Guide: Chapters 3-5  
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Chapter 3: ...And Here My Troubles Began

1. Artie seems heartened to have read that some prisoners that worked in the gas chambers revolted, killing three S.S. men and blowing up a crematorium. What does Vladek think of the story when Vladek shares it?
2. How does Vladek preserve his safety in the packed cattle car?
3. What does Vladek accomplish at the grocery store?
4. “Here,” Vladek says of Dachau, “my troubles began.” Why do you think Spiegelman chose to use Vladek’s phrase as the title of this chapter and the subtitle of *Maus II*?
5. For what offense did prisoners at Dachau lose their soup?
6. Why does Vladek keep working even while he is in the infirmary with an infected hand?

7. What disease does Vladek contract at Dachau? How specifically, did this affect Vladek?
8. What attitude of Vladek's disgusts Francoise so thoroughly that she yells at him? Why do you think Spiegelman includes this minor incident?

#### Chapter 4: Saved

1. How is Vladek's life imperiled even after the war is declared over?
2. Comment on the way the American soldiers are portrayed in this chapter. Are they kind to the camp survivors?
3. Comment on the symbolism of the scattered family photographs. How do they reflect what has happened to the Jewish community as a result of the Holocaust?

#### Chapter 5: The Second Honeymoon

1. Why was Vladek reluctant to move to America after the war?

2. What has happened to Wurzburg after the war? Why do you think Spiegelman includes this information in the book?
3. After the war is over, who begins killing Jews in Sosnowiec?
4. Describe the effect created by the surprising presence of an actual photograph of the young Vladek.
5. What final trading and organizing does Vladek do before returning to Anja?
6. What does Vladek say to Artie on his deathbed? What does this say about Vladek?