

A Story from Dark Times



Imagine finding an old, yellowed photograph that tells a story from the 1930s. It is the story of Franz, an awkward boy who starts an apprenticeship in Vienna with Otto Trsnjek, the owner of a newspaper and cigar shop who lost his right arm in the Great War. Otto loves the peace and quiet of his little shop and the freedom that reading the world's newspapers opens up to him and his customers. But times are changing. The paperboy and the children who used to walk carefree in the streets are the first to notice that the men who are carrying a new flag to Vienna are changing the atmosphere in the city. Customers like the old Professor Freud, who has become a fatherly advisor to Franz, are suddenly no longer welcome in their own neighbourhood. And Franz's romance with the pretty Anezka, about whom he writes enthusiastically to his mother, seems to have no future either. When the hatred of angry neighbours is unleashed, Franz realises that it is time to write his own story – the story of one who is determined to find his own answers.

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**A Story from Dark Times –
an Erasmus Plus play based on Robert Seethaler's novel 'The Tobacconist'**

Franz Huchel – Julius Eichhorn (Year 10)

Otto Trsnjek – Josefine Metzen (Year 10)

Prof. Freud – Inas Khalaf (Year 11)

Customer – Stella Haumann (Year 10)

Paperboy – Luna Brackmann (Year 10)

Child I – Marlene Walter (Year 10)

Child II – Johanna Preuß (Year 10)

Anezka – Sophie Brenner (Year 10)

Neighbour and Mother – Pauline Schepke (Year 11)

Ilazi I – Mieke Arnold (Year 10)

Ilazi II – Annika Lutz (Year 10)

Ilazi III – Anne Le (Year 11)

Light and Sound Effects – Jakub Soltyski (Year 10)