

"It was an idyllic platform..." (2776)

### Tadeusz Borowski: "Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Gas Chamber"

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Aschwitz-Birkenau Train Depot

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### Context

- Norton's Intro. is incorrect.
  - Nazi Occupation of Poland
- Auschwitz
  - Hans Münch
  - Guards and SS (2777, 2778)



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### "Ladies and Gentlemen..."

- "Are we good people?" (2781)
- Architect of Final Solution: Adolf Eichmann (2784, 2785)
  - Witness Dinur (2780)
- Metaphor & euphemism
  - Heat and lice (2773)
  - Naked people and infected horses (2775)
  - Luggage (2779)
- Deceit (2779)
- Choice (2783)
- Humanity (2786)
- "Are we good people?" (2781)
- Hannah Arendt, Eichmann in Jerusalem.
- "Adolf Eichmann went to the gallows with great dignity... It was as though in those last minutes he was summing up the lessons that this long course in human wickedness had taught us--the lesson of the fearsome, word-and-thought-defying banality of evil."

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