What is your name and how old are you?

*I am 73 years old, my name is Elena Vladimirovna, Odnoraz.*

Describe the place where you were born? Where did you grow up? Was it a town or a village?

*I was born in Hlevcha. This is a small village. And why was I there? After the war, my parents returned to their mother, in the village of Saltanovka, Vasylkiv district. They lived in a small house. Well, do you know how much it was? Like this room and the kitchen together. And there were a lot of people. Then parents moved to a brick factory. There they were given a dilapidated house where cows were kept. And they gave part of that house. I was born there. In this cowshed.  Ulyanka helped to my mother birth of me. Then I met her when I came to the village later. Such a small hunchbacked old woman.*

What are your earliest memories? What are they about?

*The father resigned and went to the military enlistment office, to acquaintances. He was called up again. First we moved to Bila Tserkva, where he served for six months. Then we were moved in Pryluky, and then he must be going to Austria. But it was impossible to take the family, and at that time my brother Slavik was born. After all the relocations, we returned to Vasylkiv and bought a house. The old building, of course, had 3 rooms, two exits. The place was convenient, near the railway.*

*And so when we bought this house, my father went to Austria like military. A year later, permission came that the family could be taken to Austria too. And the mother with us two small children would not do well. At the time, some soldiers were on vacation in our region. My father gave them an address and they took us to my father in Austria. I remember we were riding a small train. Near Vasilkov, near the house, there was a small train. People called it - Gunka. And there was no light. Kerosene lamps hung near each door. And I remember, it was late, and we were in a way, and this little train was crowded. Strangers, there was nowhere to sit. As a cattle farm. We were transported by this train to Kalinovka village, and from there to Kyiv by a normal train. In Kyiv, I don't remember, maybe it was night and we slept. We woke up already in Chop city. Soldiers nearby. We waited for the train and left.*

*The train to Austria was dirty, and my mother dressed us in white dresses and white socks. And we ran barefoot on the train. There were no slippers. We were dirty. Then my father met us in Austria. And one thing more, our trains were different in width from the European ones. It was necessary to change the trains on the way to Austria. We ate boiled chicken. I remember. It was tough - horror.*

What was your favorite toy?

*We were presented with a toy Fisherman.*

*It consisted of a book, with a box inside. Painted with fish and plants. Fishing rod with a magnet on the end. And in this box a lot of paper fish. We even studied the names of the fish that were there.*

*On the spouts of fish metal. And when you sit down, you don't see behind the cardboard, you throw a fishing rod there and catch something, and there is either a crucian or a perch.*

What games did you play as a child?

*In general, on the street "the sea is worried", in "war" played. We were divided into two teams. We had 16 children. We played war, and we had flags and wood guns too.*

Maybe you had a hobby?

*Well, I don't know, there was no such thing as a hobby then. We liked to climb trees. They brought blankets, boards, pillows to the trees and built houses there. If it can be called a hobby.*

What things did you enjoy doing the most?

*Runing. That's all. There was such a period, I liked going to school. It was 5th grade. I liked History class very much. But then, when they started talking about politics and other things, I stopped like History class.*

How did you meet your husband?

*Vitya Mukhomor was fiance of my friend from work. He married my co-worker. And I went to the wedding. The wedding was original, there were a lot of people.*

*They set up a tent on the street, there was not much food. We made vinaigrette salat a lot. Prepared the salted cucumbers. There were a lot of dances.*

*And Kolya, sitting at the same table with me. 'Laughs'. And despite the fact that there was nothing to eat, he chewed everything. His mouth did not close. 'Laughs'. And he was constantly smiling. His teeth were bright. I liked it. We danced several times. And at that time I worked as a women's hairdresser. And the next day he came to work for me. He found me. Yes. That's how we met. We met for a short time, from May to November. During this period he came to me only 5 times. He worked as a supplier. He was constantly on business trips. That's why we saw each other 5 times only. The only thing is, I had a neighbor. She had her eyes on him (she likes Kolya). She told her neighbor that I and Kolya not a couple and he would be with her. And that neighbor told me about it. I answered 'why I need it?'. And at this time the father took vacation vouchers to Glibovka. At first I wanted to invite Kolya, but when I found out that there are competitors, I didn't want to invite him.*

*But he still came to me in Glibovka. That's exactly what happened.*