

There was Gotthold, who plays our Colonel—Hauptsturmfuehrer doesn't translate well on American television...

(to GOTTHOLD)

You're very funny.

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I can play this man. The lines are funny, or funny enough—I've learned some tricks to get more laughs, as you can see.

LEAH

Will it disturb you? A Jew playing the commandant?

GOTTHOLD

No. I'm an actor. I've played Richard III, I've played many horrible men.

LEAH

I'm not sure our Colonel is exactly Richard III.

GOTTHOLD

No, he's comic, of course. Inept. He loves his country, I think, he loves the idea of being in authority, but he finds it stressful. He doesn't completely believe the idea of the Final Solution—that's why his "Heil Hitler" is never full-blown; it's an obligation, he has to say it and get it over with.

(demonstrates, in character)

"Heil Hitler..."

LEAH

Yes...that's very good.

GOTTHOLD

I will play this man if you and the producers will have me. But only if he always loses.

LEAH

Well, we're not going to have the Nazis win the war.

GOTTHOLD

Over the course of a TV show, writers like to give their villains little moments of dignity, little victories. This man can't have that kind of dignity, he can't win sometimes. He can't win at all. That I could not play.