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#### **ZADANIE 1**

Welcome to a special episode of *Heroes Unveiled*. I'm your host, and today, we'll explore the remarkable story of Louis Zamperini, an American soldier and a true hero. Have you ever heard of him? If you haven't, listen to our programme. You won't regret it.

Let me start with his early life. Louis Zamperini was born to Italian immigrant parents on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1917, in the state of New York. Louis was a very naughty and energetic child, who often got into trouble. That's why, when he was in primary school, his brother encouraged him to join the track team. But, it wasn't until he started high school that he discovered his talent for long-distance running. In 1934, Zamperini set the national high school mile record for the first time. The result was so incredible that it would stand for 20 years.

His success in running also impressed the University of Southern California, and they offered him a scholarship to attend their school. There, he quickly became known for his amazing ability as a long-distance runner. In fact, in 1936, he even took part in the Berlin Olympics, where he came in eighth place in the 5000-meter race. You may find it interesting that Adolf Hitler himself wanted to meet him personally. After the run, they even took a photo together. In 1940, Zamperini finished his studies at the University of Southern California. But, unluckily for him, because of World War II, the Olympics were cancelled and he didn't have a chance to run for an Olympic medal.

As you may guess, Zamperini joined the Army. He served in Air Corps as a bombardier on a B-24 Liberator plane. In May 1943, he and his crew had a mission to find a pilot whose plane had crashed in the Pacific Ocean. Unfortunately, their own plane had a mechanical failure and crashed into the ocean. Out of the 11 people on board, only Zamperini and two other crew members survived. It was a truly tragic moment for them. They were stuck on a raft together in the ocean for 47 days because no one came to rescue them.

The survivors had a really tough time during those days at sea. We can only imagine how hard they were trying to stay alive faced with burning sun and sharks swimming around them. What is worse, they didn't have enough drinking water. To stay alive, they collected rainwater and caught birds that landed on their raft. Sadly, one of the men died at sea before Zamperini and the pilot, Russell Phillips, reached the shore on a Pacific island. The island was 2,000 miles from the crash site and in enemy Japanese territory. After landing on the beach, the men were soon taken as prisoners of war by the Japanese. They didn't know what to expect as conditions in Japanese camps varied depending on the location.

Zamperini and Philips were imprisoned in two different camps, and both suffered physical and mental torture, for example beating, hunger and lack of sleep. Zamperini, especially, had a tough time because of a prison guard called the Bird, who was aggressive, brutal and unpredictable. However, Zamperini's past as an Olympic athlete made him valuable for Japanese propaganda. He was even forced to record anti-American broadcasts over the radio. It probably saved him from being executed. The imprisonment lasted for more than two years. He was released from the camp only after the war ended in 1945, and he returned to the United States.

After returning from the war as a hero, Louis Zamperini's wartime experiences had a negative influence on his mental and emotional health. He suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). He and his wife, Cynthia, came close to divorce because he didn't want to look for professional help. Fortunately, a turning point took place in his life. In 1949, he took part in a religious campaign, called the Billy Graham Crusade. This event helped him to find faith and forgiveness, and he finally managed to deal with his inner demons.

Zamperini's life has inspired a biography written by Laura Hillenbrand. The book has also become the subject of a film, titled *Unbroken*, which was directed and produced by actress Angelina Jolie. What's more,

Zamperini himself wrote two diaries. Both of them became bestsellers all over the world.

In conclusion, Louis Zamperini's life showed the power of the human spirit and determination.

Thank you for joining us on this special episode of *Heroes Unveiled*. Stay tuned for more stories.

#### **ZADANIE 2**

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome. My name is Major Matthew Paterson, and I am the Chief of Staff for the 12<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade Combat Team of the British Army. Today, my task is to brief you on the upcoming fourth phase of Exercise ORION 23.

Let me quickly remind you that ORION 23 is the biggest NATO military exercise in decades. It is a large-scale training program designed to develop our operational skills in urban zones. Our focus will be on operating effectively and providing safety and security to the populations that we want to protect.

Now, let me move on to the daily schedule for our troops. Before the start of planned activities, all participating units will attend an opening meeting with exercise supervisors. They will mainly discuss the area map. You will also receive a list of all strategic installations and potential challenges. Your presence at this meeting is of course obligatory.

Day 1 will focus on urban reconnaissance. Days 2 and 3 will concentrate on cordon and search operations. I am sure you already know all the activities and practices connected with these drills. That's why I would like to move on to days 4 and 5, which will involve various simulated military operations. Teams will come into direct contact with enemy forces. The challenge is to use tactics that can both eliminate the threats and test the existing safety procedures.

Another point on the daily schedule is that each day's activities will end with professional discussions of the training event. These discussions will be conducted by experienced leaders who, as usual, will be chosen by the Brigade Commander. Discussion leaders will expect you to analyse what happened during the exercise and develop a strategy for improving your performance. That's why your presence there is a must!

I would like to stress that the ORION 23 military exercise is of great importance for NATO partners to build long-term cooperation. It will sure be beneficial for us and our allies, and it will make you realise that NATO soldiers have a lot in common.

And, last but not least, let's talk about emergencies. If an emergency takes place, make sure to follow the procedure and report the situation to your unit leader. Provide first aid if necessary and call for a medic. I want you to remember that trained medical personnel will be available at the main base.

In conclusion, Exercise ORION 23 Phase 4 represents a key point in our training. I believe that you will demonstrate readiness to face any mission.

Thank you for your attention.

#### **ZADANIE 3**

Host: Welcome to *Better*, the weekly show where we help you improve your career. I'm your host, Jane Dickinson. In our last programme, we talked about how to prepare for a job interview, and today we will focus on financial aspects of our jobs. Our special guest today is Ezra Singer, who was a Human Resources executive for many years. Now he consults on salary negotiations. Ezra, thanks for being here today.

**Ezra Singer:** Thank you, Jane. It's great to be here.

**H:** Ezra, many of our listeners are wondering how to ask for more money at work, especially during these uncertain times. After all, tens of millions of Americans lost their jobs during the pandemic. Is it a good idea to negotiate a salary offer these days?

**E:** Absolutely, Jane. It might sound interesting, but with companies more desperate than ever to hire top talent now is a good time to do it if you approach it smartly.

**H:** That's interesting. You mentioned a few challenges during salary negotiations. Could you explain them to our listeners?

**E:** Of course, Jane. I helped to hire hundreds of top managers, and almost all of them didn't ask for as much money as they could. I knew how much they were ready to pay them, but they didn't ask for that amount. I spent a lot of time thinking — why didn't

they get the most money they could? And I see three major difficulties here. First, not knowing your market value. Second, not knowing how to ask. And third, handling a "no" during negotiations.

**H:** Let's analyse them, starting with not knowing your market value. Nowadays, there are websites like *Glassdoor* with salary information. How can our listeners use these resources effectively?

**E**: Well, you can use these websites to learn the typical salary range for your job.

**H:** That makes sense. Now, the second challenge, not knowing how to ask. What's your advice on discussing your earnings?

**E:** First of all, you should discuss your salary when they become interested in you as a potential worker. That way the amount of money they are ready to pay you will go up. But remember, don't tell them how much you earned in your previous job. It can act against you.

**H:** That sounds like a good strategy. Lastly, handling a "no" during negotiations. What should listeners do if they receive an offer below their expectations?

**E:** When you get an offer but the salary isn't what you hoped for, don't see it as a final word. Remain enthusiastic and continue negotiations.

**H:** Great tips, Ezra. I wish I'd known that during my negotiations.

**E:** Well, better late than never.

H: Indeed. All right, before we finish this show, I want to tell you about an upcoming event with our guest that you should not miss. Ezra will host an online webinar on August 15<sup>th</sup>. To join this event just visit our show's website. Remember that the registration for the event closes on the last day of July and, as always, there will be many people who want to take part in this meeting, and learn more about how to advance in their job. Are you already interested? So, hurry up. The clock is ticking. And to wrap things up a friendly reminder: the first 15 people who will register and pay for the event will receive a bonus of a 15-minute one-to-one consultation with Ezra scheduled after the webinar. Once again, thank you, Ezra, for being our special guest today.

**E:** Thanks for having me and hopefully see you online.

