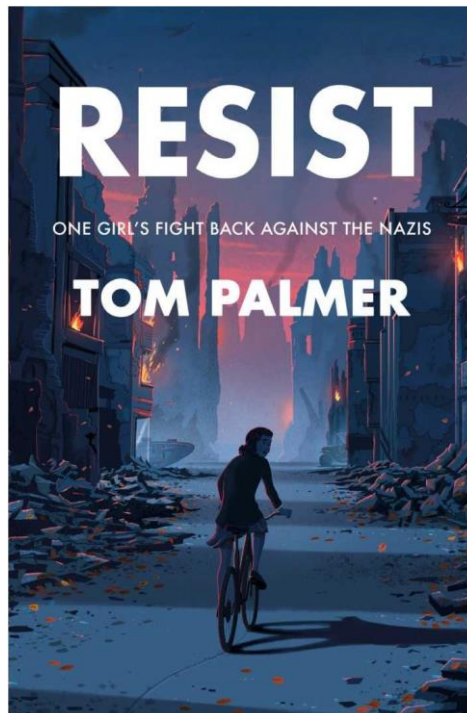


# Resist

# Playscript

To accompany the children's book  
**Resist** by Tom Palmer





## Scene 2

In the countryside

### Directions

(Edda wearing an oversize coat, hiding extra clothes and a hunk of bread, walks out of the garden gate, down a lane towards a wood, past the remains of a crashed American plane being guarded by 2 armed German soldiers. Edda skips past them and enters the wood. She waits and then creeps into the woods. She hides when she is startled by a crow flapping in the tree and then smells cigarette smoke and finds the American pilot on his ripped uniform. His hair is slicked back and he points his gun at her.)

Edda (whispers)                      Put out your cigarette. The Germans will smell it for miles. You might as well be waving an American flag.

(American Airman carries on smoking but puts gun down)

American Airman                      Are you serious?

Edda                                      Very. If they smell your cigarette, they'll know you're here. German cigarettes smell sour. Yours is different. It gives you away. They will smell it on the other side of the forest.

(American Airman nods and stubs it out)

American Airman                      I'm sorry

(Edda holds the bundle of clothes out in front of her)

Edda                                      These clothes are for you

American Airman                      I'm sorry about the cigarette. I didn't think

(Edda drops the package of clothes, food and water)

Edda                                      Here.

(American Airman's hands tremble. He stares at Edda)

American Airman                      You're just a kid

(Edda sees his trembling hands)

Edda                                      Where's your parachute? I need to hide it."

American Airman                      I buried it back there. It's hidden. Don't worry.



### Scene 3

At the edge of the woods

#### Directions

(Edda is walking. She hides the airman's flying kit under a rock in the stream that ran south. She picks a bunch of purple flowers. She leaves the wood and stops to breathe in relief. She walks briskly on along a lane.)

(First German Soldier enters)

First German Soldier                      Halt!

(First German Soldier clicks his riffle)

First German Soldier nervously      ID

(First German Soldier tries to look fierce)

(Edda shows him her ID card. Edda tries to smile)

(Second German Soldier enters aiming a rifle at Edda)

Second German Soldier                      What are you doing here?

(Edda's knees buckle and she breathes in deeply)

Edda    Flowers

Second German Soldier                      What?

(Distant noises of aircraft high above them and gunfire from the city)

Edda    For my mum. She is sick. They are for her bedside.  
She likes woodland flowers.

(Edda holds out the flowers in front of her)

Edda    But you can take them for your mother. Would she  
like some flowers?

(Second German Soldier's face drops and he looks sad)

Second German Soldier                      No. Thank you. My mother is in Cologne. I have not  
seen her for...

(Second German Soldier looks at the ground)

Second German Soldier                      ... Please go on. Take the flowers to your mother. I apologise.

Edda (kindly)                                      Thank you. I hope you get to see your mother soon.

Second German Soldier                      ...Thank you. I hope so too.

Edda walks fast down the lane and exits.

#### **Scene 4**

In a front garden

#### **Directions**

(Edda's mother paces back and forth, wringing her hands)

(Edda enters the garden and approaches her mother)

Edda's Mum                                      You're back. Did you have a nice ... walk?

Edda    I brought you these,

(Edda hands her mum the flowers).