

## The Red Banner

Reiny only saw Ilsa twice, once when she smiled at him on the street that morning, and twice when she hung from the gallows an hour later. She swung with a perfect likeness to the red banner behind her. Reiny shuddered, buttoning his coat. Every German knew what one had to do to deserve this fate. The challenger of the red banner dies. That was simply how new Germany operated. But Reiny chose a silent type of rebellion, and even that was treason, but if he was vocal about his views on the red banner, he would join Ilsa.