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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: Your fuel goes out of the de-airing line when you take the pressure off. You have the line to take the pressure off.

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: And when you have your scale plucked, they're over-fueled, and it run out the other side but, now comes a but,

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: there was a welding seam in this tube, and the welding seam had broken.

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: So, when they over-tanked, the fuel run back.

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<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: Is that alcohol that's running?

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<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: That's alcohol run back, and you could smell it.

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<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: Mmhmm.

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: [??] something badly, and they didn't care about.

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: So you knew that is highly dangerous for fire, and the first thing I did when I came there, I closed the door and said, "That's an impossibility," they have first to correct that.

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: And we corrected it, and I could only say, "Okay, the other side you have to correct as well"

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: "You cannot leave it that way, and you have to watch it."

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: And after I was gone, after a month are so, that line broke again,

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<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: mmhmm

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: and that tank again came close to the wall, [].

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: When I left, I could only say that the facility is highly dangerous.

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: And then one day we got a call, you know the, uh, there was a big explosion and, uh, the whole crew has been killed.

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<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: Mmhmm.

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: So, I was sent there, and told you that story with--

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<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: With Oberth's daughter was killed in it.

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: ...got killed and,

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: I had to see them, but a new great group of people came there who built it up and could operate it again.

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<i>Karl Heimberg</i>: Okay, that was one, uh, part of, uh, my activity being called from Peenemünde but--



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