

The Trap - Part 7 What does each paragraph show about Joachim character?

<p>Escape day arrived. All over East Berlin, men, women and children, started to make their way towards the cottage. They set off at different times. Some walked, others took the bus or tram. Most of them were terrified. They'd hardly slept the night before, spending hours packing and re-packing the one bag they could take with them, squeezing in nappies, photos and clothes. Once they reached the West, this would be all they had to start their new lives with.</p>	
<p>Back at the tunnel, Joachim, Hasso and Uli were preparing for the breakthrough. These engineering students were afraid. They had never done anything like this before and had no idea if they would even be able to hack into the cottage, or what they would find when they did. They collected everything they needed - axes, hammers, drills and radios. They had also managed to get hold of pistols and even an old WW2 machine gun.</p>	
<p>"We wanted to be able to defend ourselves in case the Stasi were on to us," says Joachim.</p>	
<p>Slowly, quietly, they started crawling down the tunnel. When they reached the end, Joachim, Hasso and Uli started hacking into the cottage floor above them.</p>	
<p>"Then suddenly we heard something over the radio from the West," says Joachim. "They were shouting at us to come back." But the tunnellers kept going. "All we could think about were the people coming to the cottage and we didn't want to let them down," says Joachim.</p>	
<p>They carried on hacking into the floor, until finally they broke into the living room. They held a small mirror up so they could see into the room. It was empty except for a few chairs and a sofa. It was eerily quiet - too quiet. But they had come this far and had to go on. They climbed up into the room and Joachim crept towards the window. He peered through the side of a curtain.</p>	
<p>"I saw this man in civilian clothes, just outside the house, creeping under the window. I knew straight away he was Stasi." They were terrified. They knew the operation had been blown, but what they didn't know was that a group of soldiers was now standing right outside the living room door, Kalashnikovs in their hands.</p>	
<p>They jumped back through the hole into the tunnel and started crawling as fast as they could back into the West, their bags of tools and weapons swinging against their legs.</p>	
<p>They knew that at any moment, the soldiers could burst into the room, follow them into the tunnel and shoot after them. It was only a few minutes later when the soldiers rushed into the living room and entered the tunnel, but it was empty.</p>	