Korrekturhinweise

Coming back to Katowice

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The speaker says: "Katowice looks very much like a city in transition, with soot-covered buildings marking its days as a mining town and <u>new construction on every corner</u>, its rapid transformation is obvious to the naked eye." Katowice is therefore a town of change with lots of building projects.

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The speaker says: "But for Gregory Grabiac, who grew up here and left for the US when he was a child, Katowice is almost unrecognizable."

Gregory Grabiac says: "What I remember as a young child was, the air was hard to breathe." In his childhood Gregory was therefore affected by pollution.

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The speaker says: "The Katowice Gregory remembers was one <u>people wanted to leave if they did not</u> have to work there." Therefore, in the past people used to stay in Katowice for their occupation.

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The speaker says: "Now, 30 years later, Gregory has returned with his family and says he enjoys a lifestyle he never could have imagined here." For Gregory present-day living conditions in the town are therefore unexpectedly good.

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The speaker says: "You have a country that has people that want to focus on the environment, - especially here in southern part of Poland, in Katowice, in the region which was really devastated as an industrial monolith for so many years. Now people are coming out of that smoke and you have a situation where things are going right." Therefore, considering the changes Gregory sees clear signs of improvement.

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The speaker says: "Outside the center of the city, near a highway, is one of Katowice's new sources of pride. The GPP Business Park may not seem like a must-see attraction, but it <u>could soon be labeled as 'Outstanding' by Europe's Sustainable Building Certification System, BREEAM</u>." The GPP business park is therefore praised as excellent.

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The speaker says: "What makes it even more impressive says GPP's marketing director Justina Barteka is that it was built on land considered untouchable by many companies. [...] Land developers steered clear of this area for decades because they were concerned of land contamination left over from the mining days [...]." Experts had therefore regarded the site the GPP park was built on as quite polluted.

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The speaker says: "Land developers steered clear of this area for decades because they were concerned of land contamination left over from the mining days, so almost all cleaned land in Katowice <u>was paid for by the government</u>." Measures to improve the soil were therefore financed by the state of Poland.

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The speaker says: "[...] GPP decided to tap into EU funds set aside for regional development. The money the company received covered almost half the cost of the €9.5 million project [...]." The European Union therefore backed the GPP project by providing financial aid.

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The speaker says: "The ground is already being prepared to create what the city is calling <u>a new district</u> <u>of Katowice</u>, the upper Silesian industrial park." Preparations have therefore been made to set up a new urban quarter.