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Grandfather and Grandmother

Scene I

Krystyna: What it says?...

Stefan: same old stuff

(landline phone ringing)

Stefan: Hello?

Voice: I would like to inform you that the Death will visit you soon.

Stefan: What?

Krystyna: Who's calling Stefciu?

Stefan: Some prankster! Hello?!

Voice: Sir, it is not a joke. In accordance with EU standards and numerous requests from the inhabitants of the Earth, a death build-up unit was created. We have been warning families about it visits in advance for two months already.

Stefan: I am surprised that you even want to do such things...

Voice: I understand your shock and disbelief, but I just want to warn you that tomorrow morning, Death will pay a business visit to you... goodbye.

Krystyna: Stefciu, you look so pale, sit down! What happened?

Stefan: This phone call... someone warned me, that one of us would die tomorrow...

Krystyna: joke in bad taste!

Stefan: And awkward...

Krystyna: What are you doing?

Stefan: A crossword... the occasional dark color...

Stefan: 8 vertically: music for funerals...

Krystyna: requiem...

Stefan: re... quie... and m... that's right!

Krystyna: Well, what else do you have there?...

Stefan: 7 horizontally: final car...

Christina:.. hearse?

Stefan: hea... rs... that's it!

Krystyna: Wait, show me this crossword, it's weird...

Stefan: why?

Krystyna: You didn't notice? All these words... revolving around death...

Stefan: maybe just a few of them...

Krystyna: show me! Well, as I thought: 2 vertically: place in the cemetery, a burial...

Stefan: burial plot...

Krystyna: 3 vertically... final farewell...

Stefan: turn on the TV, maybe we should watch a movie...

Krystyna: what's on?

Stefan: Series of some...

Krystyna: what kind of series?

Stefan: Two meters underground!

Krystyna: I asked you to stop!

Stefan: What are you angry about? What have I done?

Krystyna: You're still talking about death!

Stefan: I'm talking about death?!

Krystyna: Well, I don't!

Stefan: What did I say?!

Krystyna: You said two meters underground!!!

Stefan: This is the title of the series! You asked what movie! And stop being hysterical! You clung to this death as if it was a big deal!

Krystyna: For your information: it is something grand!

Stefan: Dumb woman!

Krystyna: Puffed up!

Stefan: what are you doing?... we were about to watch a movie...

Krystyna: I'm checking your suit... did moths ate it....

Stefan: but what for? I am not going anywhere...

Krystyna: I thought that if you are about to die, I will not put you in the coffin in some rags...
(doorbell rings)

Stefan: did you hear? Somebody's ringing!

Krystyna: So? Open!

Stefan: Open it yourself!

Krystyna: I can't, as you can see I'm busy

Stefan: and I'm fixing the socket!

Krystyna: it stopped...

Stefan: it stopped...

Krystyna: whoever that was they left...

Stefan: and very good!

Krystyna: Maybe we can have a cup of tea...

Stefan: good thought, Krysieńka!

Krystyna: what happened?

Stefan: (whispering) Look!

Krystyna: Where?

Stefan: There is someone standing there, by the bookshelf!

Krystyna: What are you saying... indeed!

Stefan: How did you get in here?!

Krystyna: Have you confused the floors?

Stefan: She says nothing... I will check if the doors are closed...

Krystyna: don't leave me alone with her!

Stefan: she won't eat you!

Krystyna: Maybe you would like to sit down... I made tea... and we have a cake... would you like some sugar? Here you are... so, where is that husband of mine... said he would come back soon, you see, he is so slow that I should only send him for death.... oh... sorry... he run away! He left me! He left me with his death! Scoundrel! So the die was cast... you know, I'm only worried about Stefan... he can't take care of himself... oh, I'm sorry, someone is ringing, I'll open... Stefan! You traitor!

Stefan: Are you alive Krysieńka? Thank God!

Krystyna: Don't hide yourself behind God's back now! You ran away like a coward! You left me alone!

Stefan: Krysieńko, forgive the stupid one. I would never forgive myself, if you didn't open these door for me now. I will tell you more - life without you would not make sense for me...

Krystyna: Stefanek...

Stefan: Is she gone yet?

Krystyna: Still sitting in the room...

Stefan: I will tell her that she came for me...

Krystyna: but I don't want to...

Stefan: shh, that's the way it has to be... it has to be... don't cry... ma'am, I'm ready... do your duty...

Krystyna: you saw that? she shook her head...

Stefan: does that mean...

Krystyna: it means that she came for me, right?

Stefan: She denies again...

Krystyna: let's stop playing with blind man's buff, I will ask you directly – are you here for one of us?

Stefan: She's negating!

Krystyna: I'm relieved.... I can already see Marysia's face as I tell her about the tea with Death...
(chuckles)

Stefan: we don't know what to do next...

Death: you do know... you will go with me...

Stefan: she spoke...

Krystyna: What do you mean 'you will go'?... you said you didn't come for me...

Stefan: not for me either...

Death: because I will take you both...

Krystyna: together?

Death: Together...

Krystyna: it means that I will not leave Stefan alone...

Stefan: and I will still be with you...

Krystyna: It turn out well!...

Death: It's time for us...

Krystyna: give me your hand, Stefan.

Stefan: Let's go, Krysia...