

BROTHER'S WAR

Anna 46.

He glances over at Anna, who has calmed down since the attack. A ray of sunlight illuminates her hair and face, basking it in a warm glow. The floral pattern of her dress seems strangely vibrant in the dull landscape of war.

Andrew finds himself lost in her beauty. Her voice snaps him back.

ANNA

Where did you come from?

ANDREW

Don't really know... Russia I think, It has been one long journey.

ANNA

I mean where in England are you from?

ANDREW

Oh, sorry... Oxford

Anna

Oxford?

ANDREW

Do you know it?

ANNA

I lived and nursed in Cheltenham in nineteen thirty seven and-

Anna picks up her belongings from the ground and hands them to Andrew. He places the items in the truck.

ANDREW

Cheltenham? I know it well. Why did you come back to Germany?

ANNA

I am Polish not German, Andrew. I was a nurse and lived in Warsaw when the Germans invaded.

ANDREW

I see, but you did all right then?

ANNA

I survived, and when the Russians invaded Poland we had to choose between the Germans and the Russians... I chose to stay a nurse.

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Klaus exits the house with a few more items and tosses them into the truck.

KLAUS

Let's go.

They jump into the front of the truck, Klaus behind the wheel. He attempts to start the truck but it won't turn over.

KLAUS (CONT'D)

Damn it!

Klaus jumps from the cab of the truck and lifts the hood.

ANDREW

What are you doing out here on the front line?

ANNA

The front line was thirty miles from here yesterday.

ANDREW

Oh, I had no idea -

ANNA

The Russians starting rounding up my friends in Warsaw so we fled with the rest of the Germans.

Klaus fiddles with some wires, a SPARK, nothing.

The Russian artillery barrage begins. The explosions get closer.

Another SPARK. This time the engine turns over. Klaus slams the hood down and jumps back in the cab.

They drive away on the dirt road. Explosions are seen next to the truck and behind it as they race away swerving.

Andrew holds on to the roof of the truck for balance. Anna sits between them. She appears scared and grabs Andrew's hand. Klaus struggles to avoid the blasts.

Klaus sees Andrew and Anna holding hands, he smiles, as he pulls away from the final explosions. Andrew sees him smile.

ANDREW

What?

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Klaus just smiles and shakes his head.

ANDREW (CONT'D)
What is it?

Anna looks at them. Klaus begins to laugh.

ANDREW (CONT'D)
What are you laughing at?

KLAUS
(grinning) Nothing, not a thing.

Anna looks confused.

ANNA
What are you two talking about?

Now both Andrew and Klaus are grinning.

ANDREW AND KLAUS
Nothing?

They all look at each other and begin to laugh, as we.

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The truck races towards a couple German soldier by the road. They aim their guns at the truck which screeches to a stop.

KLAUS
Halt! Don't shoot! Captain Muller.
The Russian offensive has just
started.

The German soldiers look beaten and tired. They start walking again but one man stays a German Sergeant. He steps up to the cab and salutes.

GERMAN SERGEANT
Captain, I have many wounded men
here.

He sees the nurse.

ANNA
Show me.

KLAUS
We don't have time now.

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