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## Family Album, USA

### Episode 3 "[Grandpa's Trunk](#)"

#### Act 1

Ellen Marilyn, you want coffee or tea?  
Marilyn Coffee, please.  
Ellen I am so excited! At this time tomorrow morning, Grandpa will be sitting in the kitchen with us.  
Marilyn When does he arrive?  
Ellen At six o'clock this evening.  
Marilyn By plane?  
Ellen No, by train.  
Marilyn Are we picking him up at the station?  
Ellen Not Grandpa. He doesn't want anybody picking him up. He likes to be independent.  
Marilyn Huh.  
Ellen Oh, let's go upstairs and prepare Grandpa's room.  
Marilyn Great! Let's do it!  
Richard Good morning, Mom.  
Robbie Morning.  
Ellen Well, hi, fellas.  
Richard Hello.  
Marilyn Hi, honey.  
Richard Hi, honey.  
Robbie Morning, Marilyn.  
Marilyn We're going upstairs to set up Grandpa's room. There's coffee ready.  
Robbie I'm really excited about seeing Grandpa.  
Richard Me, too. Milk, please.  
Robbie He's so funny. He always makes me laugh. I hope Grandpa's going to like living with us.  
Richard I think he will. It just takes time to feel comfortable in a new place.  
Robbie Won't he miss being in Florida?  
Richard Will, he will. But I think he'll like being here with the family.  
Robbie Are you sure about that? It's crazy here most of the time.  
Richard But it's fun.  
Robbie That's for sure.  
Richard You know, maybe I'll put together some photos of Grandpa as a "welcome" present.  
Robbie That's a neat idea. What can I do? I've got it! I have a picture of Grandpa and Dad and me in my wallet. It's from the Fathers and Son's Breakfast at my junior high school graduation.  
Richard Oh, I remember this picture.

Robbie I'd really like to pick up Grandpa at the railroad station.  
Richard Railroad stations or airports-Grandpa always tells us he'll get here by himself.  
Robbie He's something!  
Marilyn Is this all Grandpa's stuff?  
Ellen That's it. But I'm sure he has a few bags with him on the train.  
Marilyn What's inside?  
Ellen I don't know. It's locked.  
Philip Hi.  
Ellen Oh, hi, darling.  
Marilyn Morning, Philip.  
Philip I want to put some of my good hangers in Grandpa's closet. You know I'm very excited about his arrival.  
Ellen We are, too. Susan called early this morning. She's unhappy and can't leave till tonight. She wants to be here for Grandpa.  
Philip Well, Grandpa will be disappointed, too. He loves Susan. She always reminds him of Grandma. Well, how's everything here?  
Marilyn Fine. We were just wondering about this trunk.  
Ellen It's locked.  
Philip Oh. I have the key. Grandpa sent it to me.