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## Family Album, USA

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

#### Act 2

**Elsa** Excuse me .Is this seat taken?

**Grandpa** No, it's not taken.

**Elsa** Oh, thank you.

**Grandpa** Oh, let me help you with this.

**Elsa** Oh, thank you.

**Grandpa** Do you want to sit by the window?

**Elsa** No, no,no. I like the aisle seat better. Please, you sit by the window.

**Grandpa** My name is Stewart...Malcolm Stewart. Pleased to meet you.

**Elsa** I'm Elsa Tobin. How do you do?

**Grandpa** Do you live in New York?

**Elsa** No,no. I'm from Florida.

**Grandpa** I am, too. But didn't you just get on?

**Elsa** No,no. I just changed my seat. A man next to me was smoking, and smoke really bothers me .Where are you from in Florida?

**Grandpa** Titus ville. It's near Orlando.

**Elsa** Small world. I'm form Titus ville, too.

**Grandpa** Really? What part?

**Elsa** My husband and I live near Spaceport.

**Grandpa** I know that area. My house is only a few miles from Spaceport. Do you still live there?

**Elsa** Oh yes, yes. My husband's there now. He couldn't take time off to come to New York with me. Do you still live there?

**Grandpa** No. I sold the house and the furniture, put a few personal things in an old trunk, and shipped it to my children in New York. That's my destination.

**Elsa** Are you married?

**Grandpa** My wife died four years ago. She was a wonderful woman. A real friend.

**Elsa** I'm sorry. Really, I'm sorry.

**Grandpa** Lots of wonderful memories. We were married almost fifty years. Well, forty-seven, to be exact.

**Elsa** John and I celebrate our fortieth anniversary next month.

**Grandpa** Oh, congratulation! That's nice. What does John do?

**Elsa** He's an aerospace engineer and works for Orlando Aircraft Corporation. He started with them almost forty years ago. What do you do?

**Grandpa** I just retired. Had my own company. A construction company. Roads, bridges, big stuff. But I just sold it and retired.

**Conductor** Excuse me, ma'am. Ticket,please.

**Elsa** Would you kindly hold these keys, please? I have a ticket, I know. I was in the smoking section.

**Conductor** It's OK, lady. Take your time.

**Grandpa** I'm sure it's in your purse, Mrs. Tobin.

**Elsa** Oh, here it is.

**Grandpa** And here are your keys.

**Elsa** Thank you.

**Grandpa** Do you have family in New York?

**Elsa** No, no. But do have very close friends in New York City. We like to go to the theater together. You said you have family in New York.

**Grandpa** Yes, indeed. A son and his wife and their three children-my grandchildren.

**Elsa** You must be excited.

**Grandpa** I can't wait, to see them!

**Elsa** Are you going to live with them?

**Grandpa** Yes.

**Elsa** Permanently?

**Grandpa** Well...they want me to, but it's too early to know for sure. I'm pretty independent. I tried to teach my kids the importance of independence, but I'm not sure I want to be alone. Some people don't mind being alone. I do.

**Elsa** I understand. But tell me. Why did you stop working?

**Grandpa** I retired because... I wanted to be with my family. I didn't want to be alone anymore!