

Love Never Fails

It happened many years ago, during The Second World War. Franciszek and Tekla lived in Warsaw, Poland. They knew each other as they had been neighbours since early childhood and they had attended the same school.

Franek and Tekla had just graduated from high school, which was quite an achievement as for those times. They were both very intelligent, brave and full of willingness to help other people. Tekla was also very good at medicine, so she decided to become a nurse on the battlefield. Franciszek wanted to fight for the independence of his nation. They were very lucky because they got into the same battalion. They were sent to the war front, but they were not scared. For some time they were in the camp protected by the air force.

One evening they were sitting in the common room and, feeling the flames of love, Franek bent over Tekla with the intention to kiss her, when the battalion commander entered the room and he gave this terrible piece of news to the people gathered there. They were ordered to enter the enemy territory. They left immediately.

When, about midnight, they were making their way through the thickets of a ruined village, Franek realised that he couldn't see Tekla anywhere. Then he found her. Her name was on the list of missing people. At once he came to the commander asking for permission to search for his friend.

'It's too dangerous' the commander said. 'We have just lost Tekla, so we can't lose you too. I can't'. They shoot hard there.'

But Franek ventured there anyway, because he knew he could not leave his friend alone. After a few hours of strenuous walking he found her. She was fatally wounded. He took her in his arms carefully. Suddenly, he was blinded by an unimaginable pain. He realised that a bullet had hit him. With a superhuman effort, he managed to bring Tekla to the camp.

'Was it worth dying to save the dead person?' the commander asked harshly.

'Yes' he whispered back.

Then he turned to Tekla, who was still lying next to him:

'I knew you were coming' said this young and beautiful girl.

'And I knew I would find you. Now we will be happy and safe together, away from wars and death. Please, close your eyes and kiss me as long as you can. Let us be joined by the bond of love and go to 'The Land of Eternal Happiness', said Franek.

'Yes, Darling' said Tekla. 'I love you and your love never fails'.

And contrary to appearances, it was a very happy ending for those two young patriots.



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