

WALK OF DEATH

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EXT. FOREST - DAY

Death walks through the forest. They continue on to a path, and walk, before the beating of an EKG machine is heard faintly. Death turns, with a small head tilt, and walks off the path.

INT. HOSPITAL - EVENING

Death appears in a hospital room, and sees a little GIRL laying in a hospital bed, her FATHER crying over her.

FATHER

You have to keep fighting, baby...
please.

Death walks over to the bed, opposite side as the Father, and looks at the girl, and then him. They raise their hand, and everything freezes. Death then grabs the hand of the child, and she unfreezes and reacts.

GIRL

What the- Who are you?!

The Girl backs up quickly from Death, freeing her hand from their grasp. Death reacts with a soft curiosity and then smiles. The Girl looks at her Father, frozen.

GIRL (CONT'D)

Dad, help!

The Father doesn't respond to her plea.

GIRL (CONT'D)

Dad...?
(to Death)
What did you do?

Death holds out their hand again.

DEATH

It's okay, I'm a friend. What's
your name?

The Girl looked at Death, terrified and confused.

GIRL (MINNIE)

(Softly)
Minnie... Minnie Warren.

Death smiles even wider at this and looks at the Father and then back at Minnie in the bed.

DEATH

Nice to meet you Minnie. I knew
your mother, you know?

Minnie sits up at this, staring back at Death, guard beginning to drop.

MINNIE

You knew my mom?

Death nods softly, smiling to themselves.

DEATH

She was quite lovely. You have the
same lovely eyes as her.

Minnie begins to smile from this, giggling to herself.

DEATH (CONT'D)

Oh, same smile, too.

MINNIE

(Giggly)

Yeah my dad always tells me that.

Minnie's expression goes from joyful to somber as she thinks of her mom.

DEATH

You okay, Minnie?

MINNIE

(Shaky)

I miss my mom..

Minnie begins to cry, and Death takes a step closer.

DEATH

Hey, I can take you to where I last
saw her, if you want?

Minnie quickly looks up, a spark of hope forming in her eye.

MINNIE

Really?

DEATH

Yeah we can go right now if you
want. It isn't far at all.

MINNIE

Wait but...

Minnie looks at her father

MINNIE (CONT'D)

What about my dad?

Death looks at the Father, and glances at Minnie.

DEATH

It would be so quick; he wouldn't even realize.

MINNIE

Okay... I just don't want to leave him alone.

DEATH

He'll be okay.

Death holds out their hand again, and Minnie takes it this time, willingly. Minnie gets out of the bed and walks with Death, coming into the forest.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

Death walks with Minnie on the path, hand in hand. Minnie looks at the bird flying around, giggling. Death whistles, and the bird flies to them, landing at their feet. Minnie crouches down, and admires it. Death sticks out a hand, and pets the bird.

DEATH

Come on Minnie. We are almost there.

MINNIE

Okay.

Death and Minnie continue to walk. The bird, however, drops to the ground behind them, dead. They continue to walk, Minnie unaware of the bird, and Death looks at her.

DEATH

Thank you for joining me on this. I will miss you.

Minnie looks up and smiles.

MINNIE

Will I ever see you again?

Death kneels down, and looks Minnie in the eye.

DEATH

I'm afraid not, little one. But
come with me and see what I have to
show.

Minnie looks confused, but takes Death's hand anyway, walking
a few more steps. As they walk, Minnie grows paler, losing
the color that once permeated her skin.

MINNIE

(Confused)

I feel weak... is everything okay?

DEATH

Everything is just fine. I am
taking you to where I took your
mother.

MINNIE

(Softly)

Okay...

They continue to walk, hand in hand, until Minnie fades away
into nothingness. Death looked where Minnie once was, the
same unnaturally-appeased amused expression on their face.

DEATH

Goodbye, Minnie.

Death begins to walk back, brushing their hand on a tree,
which begins to rot. They raise their hand and brush it
against the sky, as time begins to move again in the real
world.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - EVENING

The EKG machine sounds a long beep, no heartbeat present, and
the Father weeps over his dead child.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

Death continues to walk, before hearing a scream. Death turns
to it and tilts their head curiously, beginning to walk off
again

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