

## **UNIVERSES OF LOVE**

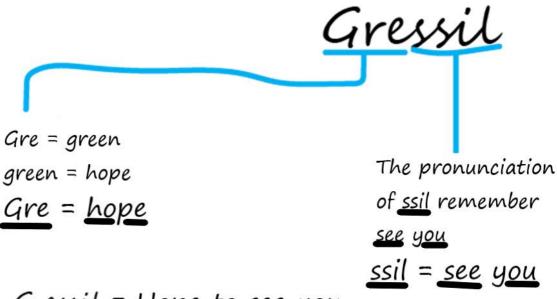
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Machine

From swedish Kärlek, in english <u>Love</u>

MacKarlek = Machine of Love



Gressil = Hope to see you

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## A LOVE BEYOND LIFE

Valkyrie is about to get married. But her fiance, Paul, doesn't like her one bit. She's only getting married because her father, Mr. MacKarlek, has a huge debt and Paul's money can help him.

On the night of their engagement, after they return home, Mr. MacKarlek notices Valkyrie looking downcast.

"Daddy this won't work". Said Valkyrie. "I won't be happy marrying Paul"

"I know my daughter, but there is no other way."

That same night, Valkyrie wakes up scared and calls Paul. He says that he is near the lake of the MacKarlek family farm and that Valkyrie is not supposed to go after him. But she will.

Once there, she sees that Paul is not alone. He is with Stefani, Valkyrie's "best friend" cheating on her. Valkyrie angrily pushes Stefani, who can't swim, into the lake. Paul jumps in to save her. Crying, Valkyrie rips the ring off her finger and throws it to Paul:

"Take this crap and put it on the finger of this... this bitch... And don't think we're getting married!"

That said, she runs into the middle of the forest, until she comes out on the other side, where there is a castle, which once belonged to the Gressil family, whose last heir, Peter Gressil, was killed by his own uncle. The latter would have committed suicide months later.

The girl drops to her knees and starts to cry. Soon, a heavy rain starts to fall. Valkyrie enters the castle for shelter. She climbs a ladder and enters a room. Lie on the bed and sleep. Beside her a mysterious figure watches her.

The next day, upon waking up, Valkyrie goes into the kitchen and finds a table set for breakfast. Wondering, she

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asks herself, but out loud how it was possible or if it was possible.

"Can I eat?"

"You can eat whatever you want lady, feel free"

Valkyrie turns around and is startled by the mysterious figure in front of her. A tall man with long hair and very, very pale skin, almost colorless. He wore clothes from a probably remote time.

"Sorry, I didn't mean to scare you. Allow me to introduce myself, I am Peter Gressil, the last heir of the Gressil family, at your service". he bends down and kisses the girl's hand. "and who are you?"

"Valkyrie, Valkyrie MacKarlek... Wait a minute, did you say you are Peter Gressil?"

"Yes, I'm Peter Gressil"

"No, that's not possible. Peter Gressil died over a hundred years ago."

"Yes, I was killed by my brother. I died protecting my treasure."

"I know. I know your story... Wait, you were killed by your uncle"

"No, no, you are wrong. My mother was Grizela Gressil. My brothers were Jerimiah, Lisandra, Jefferson and Madeline. Who killed me was Jerimiah."

"I think the truth only came out after your death. Your mother was Madeline!"

"How? When I was born, Madeline was just 12 years old."

"That's why your grandmother decided to hide her during pregnancy and both decided to travel and only return when the baby was already born, so they could say that the baby was Grizela's and not Madeline's..."

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