

Crossing Over

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Cast:

Beth, 20's-30's

Alex, 20's-30's

Timmy, 12

John, 30's

Grandma, 80's

Optional: KK Slider, a dog

Setting: the present

CROSSING OVER

This is several mini-scenes, indicated by lighting changes.
The whole thing can be done with lighting and no set.

SCENE ONE

Beth and Alex talking.

BETH

No, absolutely not. You're crazy.

ALEX

It's not crazy. I was just reading some people are actually
having their weddings there.

BETH

I don't care what other people are doing. We are not having
my grandfather's funeral in Animal Crossing.

ALEX

It's a way we can all be together.

BETH

It's a video game.

ALEX

It was Timmy's idea. He's excited.

BETH

He's twelve.

ALEX

It was something they did together. It would honor their
friendship.

BETH

No, this is crazy. I don't even know how it would work.

Lighting change.

SCENE TWO

Timmy on phone with Beth. Timmy's father John is nearby.

TIMMY

So we each get the friend code and we arrive at the airport.

BETH

Airport? What airport? We have to fly somewhere?

TIMMY

It's in the game, on the island. We can have some music by KK Slider.

BETH

Who's KK Slider?

TIMMY

He's a dog. I have all his albums.

John indicates he wants the phone.

JOHN

Let me talk to her for a second.

He gets on the phone.

JOHN

Hey Sis, I gotta talk to you about something. I think it would only be fair if Timmy gets the house.

BETH

House?

JOHN

Grandpa's house. It's only right he should inherit it. You and Alex are never going to get married anyway.

BETH

First of all, Alex and I will get married when we're ready. And what house? Grandpa lived in a tiny apartment in Rogers Park. Did he secretly own a house I didn't know about?

JOHN

It's in the game.

BETH

You want Timmy to inherit a cartoon videogame house?

JOHN

He put in all kinds of work. Planted all those turnips. Does the weeding. There has not been a single cockroach.

BETH

Just a second, Grandma is beeping in.

Grandma enters, on phone.

BETH

Hi Grandma, I'm talking to John.

GRANDMA

Good. I'll just be a minute. This is very important.

BETH

Oh, sure, what is it?

GRANDMA

I know Timmy wants the house, and it's okay. But you must tell him, under no circumstances should he sell the cherry orchard.

BETH

The cherry orchard? Is my life suddenly a demented Chekhov play?

GRANDMA

That Tom Nook will try to get him to mortgage it, but we own it free and clear. It's the biggest orchard in the whole game, it's in the Nookipedia. We can't sell it.

BETH

Is Tom Nook, um, a person?

GRANDMA

He's a raccoon. Well, technically a tanuki I think.

BETH

I'd better get back to John and Timmy.

GRANDMA

Okay dear. I'll see you at the airport.

Grandma hangs up.

BETH

Timmy?

TIMMY

I know Gam-Gam is worried about the cherry orchard, but don't worry, I'd never sell it.

BETH

Um. So. What is the friends code?

SCENE THREE

The island. Beautiful lighting change, indicating sunshine and tropical loveliness. They all step into it.

BETH

My gosh. It's beautiful here. It's so clean. The air is so fresh.

ALEX

Let's go see the house.

TIMMY

It's this way.

They walk in place. Lights change.

JOHN

See, not a cockroach in sight.

GRANDMA

I picked the wallpaper.

BETH

Wow. Is that a Monet?

JOHN

Timmy downloaded paintings from the Art Institute.

TIMMY

Would you like a memento?

BETH

I don't know.

TIMMY

Really, you can have something. I have a Van Gogh. Or my butterfly net.

BETH

Oh-Can I have this dinosaur fossil?

TIMMY

Sure, we have plenty.

ALEX

I can't wait to see the museum.

GRANDMA

If we can avoid that chatty Blathers. That owl is such a know-it-all.

JOHN

Well, we should get to the cemetery.

BETH

Cemetery?

GRANDMA

Timmy and I picked out the headstone.

They walk in place to the cemetery.
Light changes to cool evening.

BETH

This is so nice and peaceful. Ah, I can see the cherry orchard from here. You're right, we can't sell it.

JOHN

Timmy would like to make a little speech.

TIMMY

Thanks Dad. Auntie Beth, Alex who maybe one day will be Uncle Alex, when you're ready, and Gam-Gam. We're here to bury Big Tim. He was a man who lived to see a lot. He was born in a world of black and white, and he died in a world of sixteen million colors at ten-eighty P. And seeing those colors through his eyes is what makes me want to be a man just like he was. Honest, hard working, and kind of cool. That's all. And I want to thank all of you for coming to this little island we made together.

Beth crying.

BETH

Oh Alex. Would you please, marry me in Animal Crossing?

ALEX

Really?

BETH

I want to get married here.

JOHN

We could put up a tent in the orchard.

ALEX

Let's have the ceremony in the museum.

TIMMY

Can I invite my friends?

BETH

Of course.

GRANDMA

It's about time. We can shop for your dress at the Able Sisters. If we have enough bells.

TIMMY

We have plenty of bells.

ALEX

Love, you've made me so happy.

BETH

I love you too.

JOHN

Let's go check out the beach and dig up some clams before sunset.

BETH

Yes. Timmy, show us the way.

TIMMY

Come on. Hit it, KK.

Perhaps someone in a dog costume enters with guitar.

KK Slider music plays.

They walk in place.

Lights go down.

End of Play.