

Dying Wish

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INT. - HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

JANE is finishing a wrought labor, husband ROBERT sits at her side while THE DOCTOR delivers the baby.

THE DOCTOR
That's it, keep pushing! He's almost here.

ROBERT
You can do it, baby!

Jane screams and pushes one last time, then collapses back into the bed.

THE DOCTOR
He's here.

The Doctor wraps the baby and puts him in the little thing for babies. Jane faints.

ROBERT
Jane? Jane? Is she ok?

THE DOCTOR
Her vitals are dropping- I'm not sure whats happening.

ROBERT
What do you mean?

THE DOCTOR
I'm not sure- I need CTU in here right now!

ROBERT
(to Jane)
Baby, stay with me.

As THE NURSE runs in and fumbles with the IV next to The Doctor, Jane's pulse audibly fades- she's using all of her strength. **The moment feels genuine and heartfelt.**

JANE
Robert...

ROBERT
I'm here honey, and our little guy's here. You did it.

JANE
He's beautiful-

ROBERT

Yeah... he is. What do you wanna call him?

JANE

Call him...
(she chokes on a final breath)
...Nosferatu.

Jane dies. The pulse flatlines.

THE DOCTOR

I'm... sorry, Mr. Schmidt, there's nothing we could do.

(BEAT, to the Nurse:)

Did she say Nosferatu?

NURSE

I think so...

ROBERT

What? No, I think you misheard.

NURSE

I'm pretty sure she said 'name the baby Nosferatu'.

ROBERT

Why would she say that?

THE DOCTOR

Maybe thats what she wanted to name him.

ROBERT

Surely, no... what kind of name is that for a child? Or any human being.

THE DOCTOR

It seemed like her final request...

Nurse mumbles an agreement.

ROBERT

Oh! You know what, she has a step Uncle named Nestor- I bet thats what she was thinking.

NURSE & THE DOCTOR

Oh...

ROBERT

Yeah, definitely, so, that clears that
(MORE)

ROBERT (CONT'D)
 up. Phew- well not "phew" ... Oh,
 baby... You would have been such an
 amazing mother to our little boy.

Jane gasps loudly and awakes. Robert screams. The pulse is
 back.

ROBERT (CONT'D)
 Oh my god- Jane?

NURSE
 Doctor!

Pulse fainting...

JANE
 Robert...

ROBERT
 I'm here-

JANE
 Name the baby *Nosferatu*...

ROBERT
 I will honey, Nestor, right? After
 your uncle?

JANE
 After the vampire...

She gasps, and dies again. Pulse flatlines.

BEAT.

THE DOCTOR
 I guess that's settled-

ROBERT
 No! She's delirious- the- theres no
 oxygen in her brain, she doesn't know
 what she's saying! - Right?

THE DOCTOR
 Well...

NURSE
 Shall I prepare the birth certificate?

ROBERT
 No! Not for *Nosferatu*- I mean- that
 can't be- I can't have my only son-
 (MORE)

ROBERT (CONT'D)
whose mother died in childbirth- be
named Nosferatu... I mean, she's gone,
people are gonna think *I* did this!

NURSE
(writing, unfazed, to doctor)
Is there an umlaut in that?

ROBERT
Oh! You guys, I am so dumb- I just
remembered, Uncle Nestor was a
Phlebotomist... Duh! And thats
obviously where she's thinking
"vampire", also, he was huge Olivia
Rodrigo Stan...
(he mimes his wrist breaking)
If you know what I mean- closet case!
See she's making a joke cause he loves
blood- I tell you what, that is
actually classic Jane. So, yeah, bring
on that birth certificate- Lets get
this in writing, huh- Quickly.

The Nurse fumbles with the clipboard and hands it to Robert.
As he goes to write, Jane gasps awake again.

JANE
Robert... please-

ROBERT
Oh baby, it's okay, I already told
them about Your Uncle Nestor - the
phlebotomist..
(back to med team)
for the army, did I mention? A hero,
really.

JANE
Robert-

ROBERT
I'm here baby-

JANE
Nos-

ROBERT
a-AND I was about to tell them he was
deployed to Romania - just in case,
uh, that should come up.

JANE
Do you need me to spell it?

No. ROBERT NURSE
That would be helpful,
actually.

JANE
N-

ROBERT
(interrupting, louder)
N-n- never gonna give you up, never
gonna let you down! Our wedding song-
her life must be flashing before her
eyes! Don't be afraid of that light,
okay?

Jane coughs, will she die?

JANE
...0.... -S-F-

She dies again. **BEAT.** She gasps alive again.

JANE (CONT'D)
E!

ROBERT
Do something!!

THE DOCTOR
(to the Nurse)
Go get Thompson.

JANE
(weak)
Robert- this is my dying wish...

ROBERT
Well you have to die to get one of
those, and someones being stubborn!

JANE
Doctor-

ROBERT
Oh, shhh- shh

JANE
Nosferatu...

Robert puts his finger over her lips then covers her mouth &

nose with his hands while The Doctor locks in at the monitor. Jane's pulse quickens & her legs dramatically kick up in to the air as she struggles.

ROBERT
She's seizing!! Why cant you let her
pain end, God, why?!

THE DOCTOR
Her pulse is strengthening! Whatever
you're doing is helping, she's
fighting again!

ROBERT
(letting go)
For fuck's sake.

JANE
(sitting up and screaming)
NAME OUR SON NOSFERATU OR I WILL HAUNT
THE SHIT OUT OF YOU.

She dies.

THE DOCTOR
I definitely heard it that time.

The Nurse returns with FATHER THOMPSON.

FATHER THOMPSON
I'm here to baptize baby- Nosferatu?
That can't be right.

ROBERT
(finally relenting)
You know what, good idea.

FATHER THOMPSON
Before I start, what's his last name?

ROBERT
Oh, we were gonna hyphenate. So,
Jingleheimer-Schmidt.

BLACKOUT.