LOVERS IN FREE

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CHARACTERS:

A

B

A couple who’ve been together for a while.
Both any age, any gender.

PLACE:

Their living room.
A ushers B into the room. B’s eyes are closed.

A
Wait. Wait. Keep ‘em closed ...

B
OK.

A
Alright, sit. Good. Good?

B
Yup.

A
Okay. Ready?

B
Yup.

A
Okay. Wait. Open!

B opens eyes. Takes a second to absorb.

B
Wha ...? Wow. I mean ... Wow!

A
Right?

B
It’s ... it’s ... my goodness!

A
I know! Right?

B
Huge!

A
Yeah.

B
Unbelievable!

A
Thanks.

B
I mean, it’s really ...
    (a moment)
And that’s ... that’s all ...
that’s all Lego??
A
Lego. One hundred percent.

B
My goodness.

A
It’s that place, where we--

B
I know! I remember.

A
The spires. Remember?

B
Of course. They’re amazing! And the gate!

A
The gate! The best part. Where we--

B
Yes!

A
And you asked--

B
I did!

A
And I said--

B
You said yes!

A moment.

B
But how did you get that color?

A
Well, red, it’s just red.

B
But the shade. I didn’t know Lego came in that shade.

A
It’s the light. The roof was harder.
The roof! On the tower!

That was hard.

The moss. The green. It’s perfect. My goodness!

Yeah.

Wow. The angle, too. Exactly right.

Hard. Like I said.

It’s so high!

I know.

Did you use? Like, a ladder? Or something?

A chair. And some books.

I’m just. Wow.

Well, there’s a lot of time. I mean, on my hands. A lot of spare--

Time. Yes. Well you’ve put it to good use.

They admire the work for a moment.

The structure. The base. That was the key.

I get it.

Once I had that ...
There must be like—what?—like, a million pieces.

Not that many.

But a lot. A lot of Lego.

It accumulates over the years.

Apparently.

In boxes. In the garage.

I had no idea.

So I thought, why not do something with it? And then I thought, what to make? And then I thought: our trip.

Such a great trip.

I’ll never forget it.

Me neither.

One for the ages.

Wait! Is that? Is that the ticket guy?

Yeah.

You made the ticket guy??

Couldn’t leave him out.
His hair! That hair!

They laugh.

A
We didn’t have the right money. You asked him if he would take dollars. And he pointed at us.

B
“In love. Lovers in free.”

A
“Lovers in free.”

B
The first of many gifts. Of being with you.

Pause.

B
Hey. Where’s the TV?

A
Oh. It’s inside.

B
Inside?

A
Inside the Lego.

B
How are we supposed to ...?

A
Through the gate. We sit on the couch.

B
The couch?

A
Yeah.

B
It’s inside?

A
Yup.
Our couch.

Yes.

Inside.

Yup.

B I thought there was something funny about the room ...

A Now you know.

B How big is this thing?

A Well, not life size, obv--

B Obviously.

A But close.

B Giant.

A Pretty much.

B inspects.

B Those high windows.

A Clerestories.

B “Clerestories.”

A Gotta get the terms right.

B I’d expect no less. They’re amazing. They’re perfect.
A

That light.

B

I remember. So clear. Those shafts, like arrows from the sky, and the dust all lit up. They were like columns, like steel beams of light, all stacked in a row. You could almost touch them.

A

When you sit on the couch, at the right hour, you get them.

B

Inside?

A

Yes. It’s like being there again. Like being then, again.

B

On that trip.

A

That trip when you asked and I said yes.

B

And we went inside for free and we looked around and the space and the spires. And the roof and the moss. And the columns of light that shone on us from heaven.

A

And I looked at you.

B

And we sat and we held hands.

A

And so quiet.

B

And the time.
(a moment)
And you said yes.
(a moment)
So you built it. Here.

A

In our living room. Yes.
B
Out of Lego.

A
It’s what we had.

B
We had Lego.

A
A ton of it.

B
Apparently.

A
And we have time.

B
A ton of it.

A
(sigh)
Apparently.

Pause.

A
And we have each other.

B
We have.

Pause.

A
Should we go in?

B
Why not. But no TV.

A
No. Just each other. And the light.

B
And the hands.

A
And the time.

B
Lovers in free.
They go in.

END.