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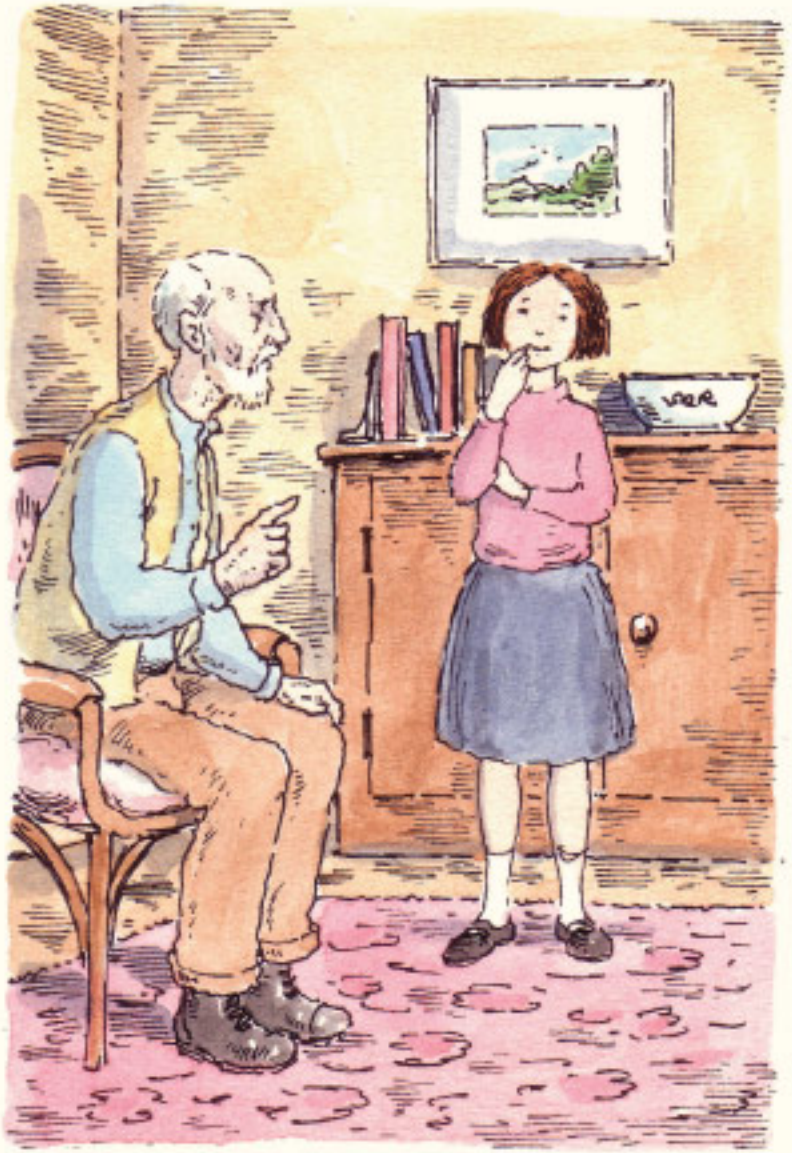
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To Barbara, who told me about the fish

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CHAPTER 1
Grandpa's Stories

Warsaw is an old city, but its bricks and mortar are new. The German army flattened it on their way home from Poland in 1945 at the end of the war. Grandpa told Lucja this many times each week.

Every time Grandpa told the story, Lucja saw a picture in her head of a giant black boot stepping out of the sky and crushing the spires and bridges of the city.

Sometimes this picture made Lucja giggle. It was funny, like a cartoon.

Grandpa Feliks did not like it when Lucja laughed at his story. Lucja didn't know why he got upset. It wasn't as if his stories were true.

"Warsaw is not a city of buildings," Grandpa would insist. "It is a city of people. We have been here longer."