

## TOPIC: Peace in my Heart, Peace at Home, Peace in the World

### Sketch 1

#### Characters

**Andrei** – the main character

**Maria** – the peaceful teenager

**Ioana** – Andrei's girlfriend

**Sofia** – Andrei's deskmate

**Christine** – Andrei's mother

#### Act I, Scene 1

Maria is a kind and peaceful teenager, who hates tense moments.

Usually she intervenes and helps others. She's like a doctor of souls, that's why she's very loved.

*~In the classroom~*

*Sofia, Andrei, Maria*

All the pupils learn for the economy test. Andrei, one of Maria's classmates enters furiously slamming the door and disturbing the others. They tell him to make silence. He slams his bag on the desk and sits down.

**Sofia** (*she is Andrei's deskmate and she is a sensible girl*): Come on, man, take it easy!

**Andrei** (*disgusted*): Shut up! You have to learn, let me alone!

**Sofia** (*shocked*): What? (*she remains speechless*)

**Andrei** (*maggd*): I told you to leave me alone, don't you understand?

**Sofia**: Andrei, please! What's happened? You have never acted like this...

**Andrei**: It's none of your business! (*he turns back to her*)

**Sofia** (*she puts a hand on his back*): What's going on?

**Andrei** (*beat his fists on the table, he rises angrily*): Haven't you heard....

**Maria** (*she suddenly intervenes*): Andrei!!!

Sofia starts to cry. Everyone in the class stops and looks at them panicked.

**Maria** (*she goes next to Sofia*): Please, stop it! What's up?

**Andrei** (*a little quieter*): Nothing.

Andrei takes his bag and gets out of classroom . The others watch him leaving.

Maria remains next to Sofia and tries to calm her.

## Scene 2

*~In the schoolyard~*

**Andrei & Ioana**

After school, Andrei meets his girlfriend, Ioana. He waits at the door. He is still angry, but he tries to fake a smile when he sees her. She seems sad.

**Andrei**: Hey, are you fine?

**Ioana**: I don't know what's wrong with me... I'm in a bad mood. I can't concentrate on anything. What's happening with me?

**Andrei** (*naggy*): Have you fallen in love?

**Ioana** (*laughing*): Heey! Seriously...

**Andrei**: Excuse me, I'm not a shrink.

**Ioana**(*staring*): What makes you talk to me this way?

**Andrei** (*determined*): I want to go away and never see you again.

**Ioana**: These are the ugliest words you could say me!What have I done wrong?

**Andrei**: Please, I saw you yesterday with a guy and you were so tender. Do you think I liked that?

**Ioana** (*scared*): What are you talking about?

**Andrei:** Don't tell me you don't know what you did!

**Ioana:** Yes, but ... I need to explain!

**Andrei:** No way. I don't need explanations. (*he looks somewhere else*) I've seen enough.

**Ioana:** I need love, affection.

**Andrei:** Me too.

**Ioana:** You are always busy and we haven't got time for us.

**Andrei:** But that doesn't mean you have to throw yourself in someone else's arms.

**Ioana:** Andrei, listen to me!

**Andrei:** No, haven't you understood? I don't want explanations. It's all over!

**Ioana:** But I love you!

**Andrei:** So what? I love you too and too much, and you hurt me. (*he looks in her eyes*) I hate you with all the love in my heart! Goodbye!

And without words, she watches him leaving. Meanwhile, Maria has seen this incident. She realizes now why Andrei had that behaviour in the morning.

## Act II, Scene 1

*~Home ~*

**Andrei and his mother**

Andrei arrives home upset, because he broke up with his girlfriend. He enters his room and stays there all day long. In the evening his mother goes to his room and invites him to dinner.

**Christine:** Andrei, come and eat!

**Andrei:** I'm not coming, I'm not hungry.

**Christine:** But what's happened?

*Andrei:* Nothing, it's none of your business...

*Christine:* I'm sure something has happened, you don't usually have this behaviour.

*Andrei:* Listen, mind your own business and let me alone with my problems.

*Christine:* OK, I can understand you need some privacy, but don't forget I'm your mother, I'm here for you, ready to help you whenever you need it. I'm your best friend. Discussing all your problems with me may help you understand them better.

Besides he has broken up with his girlfriend, Andrei is sad because his father left home few weeks ago. His parents had quarreled, and his father had chosen to leave them. That has been annoying him very much for a time, because he was his best friend.

## Scene 2

Next day, Andrei arrives home very late and he enters in his room, thinking that his mother won't figure it out and won't scold him because he arrived home at that hour. He don't know his mother didn't sleep, but she waited for him to arrive home.

*Christine:* Andrei, where have you been up to now?

*Andrei:* Mom, leave me, please, with these questions, I've gone...It's my business where I've gone...

*Christine:* Something was happened at school? I just don't understand why you act this way.

*Andrei:* No, it's nothing wrong with school...it's..it's nothing (*he looks down*)

*Christine:* Do you miss your father?

*Andrei*(*surprised*): Only now did you remember?

*Christine* (*sighing*): I always think of him.

*Andrei:* And why have you let him go? Why, mom, why?

**Christine:** Because we were busy and we seldom saw each other. Jobs kept us separated.

**Andrei:** You had to find a way...

**Christine:** I know, but he didn't want to hear me.

In this moment, Andrei realizes he was wrong just like his father. He put first other things and he forgot to show his love. And also he left without listen to his girlfriend.

### Scene 3

#### ***Andrei, his mother and Maria***

Andrei invites Maria at home to make a project in pairs. She noticed that in Andrei's family, as much as there's left of it, things are not so rosy. She assisted one of the disagreements between them two.

**Maria:** Well, I think we need a meter tape measure. This ruler don't help us. (*smiling*) Do you have one around the house?

**Andrei:** I think so. To ask my mom. (*shouting*) Moom!!

**Christine** (*she comes quickly in the room*): Yes, honey!

**Andrei:** I need a meter tape measure. Do you know were we have one?

**Christine:** I'm afraid not. Your dad knows where this things are.

**Andrei** (*angry*): Dad, and where is my dad now when I need him?

**Christine:** He's gone. What can I do now?

**Andrei:** Bring him back!

**Maria:** Andrei...(*she doesn't continue the phrase; Andrei and his mother look to her*)

**Christine** (*she returns to his eyes*): How? Do you think I don't need him?

Andrei looks down and his mother gets out of room. Maria asks Andrei's explanations about this scene. Now she discovered another reason why he has this behaviour.

### Act III

After Maria find out the Andrei problems's, she tries to help him regain his behavior.

After several meetings and discussions, she manages to get him back on the old Andrei. And to be sure that such things would not happen, she thought of something.

*(Maria looking for Andrei)*

### Scene 1

**Maria:** Andrei! I've been thinking about something and I wanted to know your opinion. (*excited*) What about a peaceful campaign?

**Andrei:** It is a great idea, (*confused*) but how can we do that?

**Maria:** We can make a FREE HUGS campaign. And we can stick posters through the school, through which to promote peace.

**Andrei:** (*he understood the idea*) Yeeeah! We can capture our colleagues with hugs. Because of the lack of love and affection, people don't see that, either.

**Maria:** We will make everyone smile and I'm sure that they will continue our move.

**Andrei:** Can we do that and out-of-bounds. We can provide all of the people in the street. And also to share leaflets, stating: "don't forget to love!" or "love more".

**Maria:** This idea certainly remains. We'll have to do posters.

**Andrei:** I want today! (*laughing*)

*Maria*: Okeey, and we now do posters, and tomorrow we'll be capturing everyone with hugs!

*Andrei*: I can't wait !

They have met in the afternoon and have made many posters and leaflets. The next day, they put in practice this plan. They stuck posters, have divided leaflets, they have embraced all the people from school, and they have shared their good-thinking . Also they have been advised not to forget to prove love to people they care about, because they will lose them and will suffer. This plan has been a success. This campaign has expanded and in the Community as a result of their students.

## Epilogue

Maria has been witness of some episodes of "war" between the people who love each other. She concluded that in the moments when we forget to share with us the love, we lose the essence of life. Thus, we can cause war in the heart, but also all around us.

*The End*