The Chernobyl nuclear power plant explosion in 1986 left a huge swathe of southeastern Belarus uninhabitable and dozens of villages abandoned. Budische was one of these villages, where it had once had more than six hundred residents, only 56 remain today. All are elderly, except for the gentle 34-year-old Alexei. The villagers survive thanks to a one-hundred-year-old uncontaminated spring which serves as the center of the village's spiritual life.

Alexei and the Spring

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