

GRANDMA KNOWS BEST

"Pilot"

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COLD OPEN

EXT. DUNBAR, WEST VIRGINIA - EVENING

A kid drives an old car by himself downhill. This is LOUIE, 11, a delinquent in the making. He SPEEDS well over the speed limit. He passes by a sign that reads Welcome to Dunbar.

LOUIE

I got this. I got this.

WHAM! He takes out a mailbox.

LOUIE (CONT'D)

Oh, man.

He jolts the wheel to the right. He then SMASHES a parked car's side mirror.

LOUIE (CONT'D)

My bad.

He sees a streetlight in front of him. There's cars crossing. He hits the brakes, but the brakes don't work.

LOUIE (CONT'D)

Why don't the brakes work?! They never prepared me for this.

Louie yanks the wheel to the left. He drives through a field before the car CRASHES into a tree. Louie ditches the scene and makes a run for it.

LOUIE (CONT'D)

Oh, God. Oh, God, Oh, God. Mom is gonna kill me.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

JEANNIE, 35, scrappy single-mom, looks in between couch cushions for loose money. SOPHIE, 13, pompous teenager, enters from upstairs.

JEANNIE

Hey, Sophie, my oldest and wisest, can I borrow twenty bucks?

SOPHIE

Mom, I only have twenty bucks and I'm using it later tonight.

JEANNIE

Doing want?

SOPHIE

Melissa, Megan, and I want to see  
Seventy Echoes of Blue.

JEANNIE

That movie doesn't even have a good  
story. It's just pure sexual  
fantasy.

SOPHIE

That's why I want to see it! It's  
my birthday at midnight. How do you  
have less money than me?

JEANNIE

Because I pay for everything around  
here.

Jeannie's phone rings. It's a 305 area code.

JEANNIE (CONT'D)

Damn bill collectors.

She turns the ringer off. KAYLA, 6, Jeannie's youngest, still  
sweet and innocent, runs from the kitchen.

KAYLA

Mommy, Louie is being weird again.

JEANNIE

All boys are weird, sweetheart. We  
talked about this.

SOPHIE

What's he doing this time?

KAYLA

He snuck in the backdoor and he  
looks hurt.

Jeannie rushes into the kitchen followed by Sophie. Louie  
dabs bruises with a wet paper towel.

JEANNIE

Louie, what happened?

LOUIE

I got into a fight.

KAYLA

Who did you fight?

SOPHIE

You're the type of person who loses  
a fight to a mirror.

LOUIE

I don't want to talk about.

JEANNIE

Oh, we're talking about it. Let me  
just get the rubbing alcohol.

DING! The doorbell sounds.

JEANNIE (CONT'D)

Who is that so late?

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Kayla runs to the window.

KAYLA

There's a motorcycle in the  
driveway with a flag that says  
"World's 4th Dopest Grandma."

Jeannie runs to the window. She sees a Harley-Davidson.

JEANNIE

No! No! No! Oh, crap. Okay, we're  
not home. Everybody get down on the  
floor. Nobody move!

Jeannie gets down on the floor.

LOUIE

Mom never says crap.

SOPHIE

She only says crap when she talks  
about one person.

KAYLA

Who?

The door BANGS loudly.

GRANDMA (O.S.)

Open up! It's Grandma! I got some  
croisan-nuts!

JEANNIE

Sophie, I prepared you for this.

SOPHIE

That was years ago, Mom.

JEANNIE

I was hoping she was still in jail.

GRANDMA (O.S.)

Don't make me break the window. You know how much I love breaking things!

JEANNIE

Remember our motto... "There's nothing to fear if she thinks you're not here. There's nothing to fear..."

GRANDMA (O.S.)

I can hear you! I have a motto too! "I've broke in before, I'll break in again!"

Jeannie army crawls to the door, debating to unlock it.

GRANDMA (CONT'D)

Okay, here comes the breaking!

Grandma starts breaking the window with a cane. Jeannie pops up, plasters a smile, and OPENS the door.

JEANNIE

Hello, Mom.

GRANDMA, 66, strong, badass, and knowledgeable, enters.

GRANDMA

These must be my grandkids. Your lives are about to change forever.

END OF COLD OPEN

ACT ONE

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The Wyatt family takes in Grandma.

SOPHIE

Hey, Grandma, long time... Forgot you were alive.

GRANDMA

Sophie, right? I can't believe you got boobies now. Look how plump they are. And who are these kids? Frick and Frack?

JEANNIE

Mom, this is Louie and Kayla.

GRANDMA

I was close enough. You kids like croissan-nuts?

KAYLA

What are croissan-nuts?

GRANDMA

They're half croissant, half donut.

Grandma opens a box. Literally, someone just cut croissants and donuts in half and put them together.

SOPHIE

That's not a cronut.

GRANDMA

I didn't say cronut. I said croissan-nut. Listen to your Grandma.

LOUIE

No offense, old lady, but I don't know who you are.

GRANDMA

Thought you might say that. So I got you something to make you like me. Do you enjoy violent video games?

LOUIE

Yes, of course! I'm only human.

Grandma takes out a video game from her purse. It's titled "Guts of Duty 12."

LOUIE (CONT'D)

Guts of Duty 12? That doesn't even come out till next month.

GRANDMA

Grandma got guts.

Grandma looks at Kayla with another present.

GRANDMA (CONT'D)

And for you little one. I got you a Transgender Barbie. And a Transgender Ken. You figure out which one is which.

SOPHIE

Grandma, you can't just buy our love with material things.

GRANDMA

Don't worry, Sophie. I didn't buy you any material things.

SOPHIE

Really? Nothing? What did I do? I'm the only grandchild who remembers you. And I get nothing?

GRANDMA

I'm buying you an experience. How about me and you see Ariana Grande?

Grandma takes out 2 tickets to Ariana Grande or the equivalent pop-star of the time.

SOPHIE

I missed you in my life so much.

GRANDMA

I researched you on the instacrap to find out what you like. For how much you post, your life is pretty boring.

Jeannie pulls Grandma aside.

JEANNIE

Mom, I need to see you in the kitchen immediately.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Jeannie tries to control her household.

JEANNIE

Mom, you can't just buy my kids off. They don't know you.

GRANDMA

Jeannie, I didn't know what to buy you exactly. So I'm letting you decide for yourself.

Grandma opens up her purse and throws a giant wad of cash at Jeannie. It's wrapped in a rubber band and only contains hundred dollar bills. 78 of them.

JEANNIE

How did you get this?

GRANDMA

Don't worry about it, doll. Treat yo self and buy something pretty.

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The kids talk amongst themselves trying to eavesdrop.

LOUIE

I didn't know Mom had a Mom.

KAYLA

Of course, everyone has a mom, fart-face.

SOPHIE

Mom made me promise not to tell you guys unless she returned.

LOUIE

Well, spill the dirt. What is Grandma like?

SOPHIE

She's a criminal mastermind. Her biggest claim to fame is being the Boston Market bandit.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Jeannie puts the money on the table.

JEANNIE

Did you rob another Boston Market?

GRANDMA

No, I thought about it, but I haven't yet.

JEANNIE

Are you selling pot again?

GRANDMA

No, my supplier died when I was in prison.

JEANNIE

Did you steal jewelry?

GRANDMA

That's so cliché. What am I, Ocean's 8? Don't worry about the details. It's been over a decade since I've seen you.

JEANNIE

So?

GRANDMA

So I want to spend more time with you and the kids. I know I made some mistakes in the past, but I want to have a future with my family.

JEANNIE

Don't play with me, Mom. I'm your daughter. Why are you really here?

GRANDMA

I'm serious. I may not have much time left on this earth and I'd like to get to know you, Sophie, Frick, and Frack.

JEANNIE

It's Louie and Kayla!

GRANDMA

Yeah, I was close.

JEANNIE

No, I don't want this right now.

GRANDMA

I know you don't think I'm a good influence on the kids.

JEANNIE

I don't think you're a good influence on anybody.

GRANDMA

But give me one more chance.

JEANNIE

Did you and Hank get into a fight?

GRANDMA

No. For twenty years, Hank is still the best man I met since your father.

JEANNIE

I know. I prefer Hank more than I prefer you. Do you have cancer or some kind of death coming your way?

GRANDMA

I'm as healthy as a rock star.

JEANNIE

So where did this money come from?

GRANDMA

Just take it. It's a good part of my cut. I was hoping in return I could stay here for a bit.

JEANNIE

You can afford to give me this but you can't afford a hotel?

GRANDMA

A hotel isn't my family. I want to be here with you and the kids. There's so much I can teach them.

JEANNIE

The kids don't need you to teach them how to be a criminal like you taught me.

GRANDMA

I taught you many great skills. If you want, I can teach you how to make a shank. That's a new skill I picked up in prison.

JEANNIE

The cops are after you again.  
aren't they? That's it! Are you  
wanted again? Did you come here to  
hide out?

GRANDMA

No, I swear. I just want to...

The doorbell rings again. Sophie looks out the window.

SOPHIE

Mom, the cops are here!

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Jeannie charges in followed by Grandma.

JEANNIE

I knew it! Sophie, watch your  
grandma!

GRANDMA

Why do you think they're here for  
me? Out of all the crimes I  
committed, I was only caught once by  
that one Boston Market.

JEANNIE

I will rat you out if I have to.  
I'm not your little sidekick  
anymore.

GRANDMA

I'm not going back to prison. I  
didn't do anything.

Jeannie opens the front door. OFFICER EDNA BABSTOCK, 30s,  
stands in the doorway,

OFFICER BABSTOCK

Good evening, Jeannie.

JEANNIE

Good evening, Edna. She's in the  
kitchen. Good work tracking her  
down.

OFFICER BABSTOCK

She?

JEANNIE

Don't worry, we won't put up a fight. She's all yours. Cuff her. Cuff her hard.

OFFICER BABSTOCK

Jeannie, I'm unfortunately here about Louie.

LOUIE

I'll be upstairs.

Louie makes a run for it. Jeannie catches him by his collar.

JEANNIE

Oh, no you don't! Edna, what did my son do?

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The Wyatt family talks about Louie with Officer Babstock.

JEANNIE

How could you steal a car?!

LOUIE

I didn't think I'd get caught. I swear.

GRANDMA

I've been there.

SOPHIE

Why would you do something so dumb?

LOUIE

My friends peer pressured me.

JEANNIE

Your friends aren't even old enough to drive. This is the stupidest thing you've done all year.

LOUIE

(admitting)

My older friends. Please don't kill me.

JEANNIE

I told you to stay away from those high schoolers. Damn it, Louie!

GRANDMA

What kind of car was it?

LOUIE

A 1998 Oldsmobile Intrigue.

SOPHIE

You couldn't steal a cool car? God, even when you break the law, it's still weak.

KAYLA

Even I know that's lame.

GRANDMA

In his defense, old cars are easier to steal. Especially Oldsmobiles. Been there, stole that.

Officer Babstock eyes Grandma.

GRANDMA (CONT'D)

Not lately.

JEANNIE

Oldsmobile? That sounds familiar...

OFFICER BABSTOCK

It's your neighbor's.

JEANNIE

Oh, Jesus, Louie, You stole Nancy's car?!

LOUIE

Kind of. I mean it was just parked there.

SOPHIE

Of course it was parked there. It's their driveway, Sherlock.

GRANDMA

How's the car now?

OFFICER BABSTOCK

Completely totaled. We checked. It's no longer drivable.

JEANNIE

And of course she doesn't have insurance.

GRANDMA

Is she pressing charges?

OFFICER BABSTOCK

We haven't told her yet. I figured since we're friends, I could give you a heads up and maybe you can talk to her first.

JEANNIE

Good idea. Thank you, Edna. Louie. Get your shoes on! You need to apologize to Nancy. Right Now! Sophie, watch the house.

SOPHIE

What about dinner? Are we just supposed to eat half cut donuts?

JEANNIE

I'll cook pasta when I get back.

SOPHIE

Pasta again?! God, Mom! You serve more pasta than the Olive Garden.

GRANDMA

Hello, I can cook something.

KAYLA

Yeah, let Grandma cook!

JEANNIE

Do you promise not to teach them anything?

GRANDMA

I'll try not to.

JEANNIE

Okay, okay. Sophie, you're in charge of watching your grandma. If she breaks any laws, call me.

Louie, Jeannie, and Officer Babstock exit the front door.

KAYLA

Grandma, can you make us breakfast for dinner?

GRANDMA

Sure. I'll teach you how to make a world famous Grandma omelet minus the mary jane.

SOPHIE

We don't have any clean dishes.

GRANDMA

That's okay. Go open my luggage, I got a pan in there and inside my purse is a cooking shank.

EXT. NANCY'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Jeannie, Louie, and Officer Babstock knock on Nancy's door. Nancy opens it. She holds two crying babies. There's three other children behind her drawing on the walls.

JEANNIE

Hey, Nancy. How are you?

NANCY

Awful. Never have twins after you already have twins. Should have stuck with only one pair of twins.

JEANNIE

I hear ya.

NANCY

Do you want a pair? I'll let you mix and match.

JEANNIE

No. I'm good on children.

NANCY

Edna, what are you doing here? You want a pair?

OFFICER BABSTOCK

Something happened to your car, Nancy.

NANCY

What happened to my car?

JEANNIE

Louie, take it away.

LOUIE

I'm so sorry, Mrs. Kowalski.

NANCY

Sorry about what, Louie?

LOUIE

I stole your car.

Nancy looks in her driveway to confirm.

NANCY

You stole my car. Are you kidding me?! So where is it now?

Edna takes out her phone and shows her a picture of the car crashed into the tree.

OFFICER BABSTOCK

Got in a fight with a tree and the tree won.

NANCY

Louie, do you have any idea what you did to me?

LOUIE

No.

NANCY

How am I supposed to get to my job? It's twenty miles away.

LOUIE

Hitchhike?

JEANNIE

Don't be a smartass.

NANCY

I loved that car. Sure, it was broken down and the breaks didn't work correctly, but it still got me places. What were you thinking?

LOUIE

I wasn't thinking.

NANCY

How am I supposed to drive Nancy Jr. to Charlottesville for hockey? Without her, the team sucks.

LOUIE

I didn't think about that.

Nancy yells to one of the kids behind her.

NANCY

Nancy Jr. you may have to quit hockey. Your classmate stole my car.

NANCY JR. 12, looks like a hockey player. Not a middle school hockey player, an actual NHL hockey player. She stares daggers of hate into Louie's soul.

NANCY JR.

You take away hockey, I take away you.

NANCY

Louie, when I used to babysit you, You used to be such a sweet kid. Where is that sweetness now?

LOUIE  
I'm really sorry.

NANCY  
I love that job. Right now, we can barely stay afloat.

LOUIE  
I'm sorry. Will you forgive me?

NANCY  
No.

LOUIE  
No?

JEANNIE  
Just because you're sorry doesn't mean she has to forgive you. Just please don't press charges.

NANCY  
You're my best friend, Jeannie. I'm not going to press charges, but I'm so disappointed with Louie.

She looks at him.

NANCY (CONT'D)  
I've been there for you you're whole life. I don't know how you could do this to me.

Nancy slams the door in Louie's face.

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER

Grandma and Kayla play Guts of Duty 12 on a PlayStation.  
Sophie eats an omelet on the couch.

SOPHIE  
Grandma, this is the best omelet I've ever had.

GRANDMA  
Yeah, that's the one benefit of prison. You have time to master the art of cooking.

KAYLA  
I wish Mom could learn how to cook like this without going to prison.

Grandma and Kayla play a first person shooter game. Grandma's avatar is an old lady with machine guns. Kayla's avatar is a fairiy with a knife.

GRANDMA

Here, I come. Grandma is locked and loaded. Time to eat lead, little girl!

KAYLA

I don't know what lead is.

Grandma's avatar shoots Kayla's avatar over and over.

GRANDMA

Frack, I'm guttin' you left and right.

KAYLA

My name is Kayla.

Jeannie enters from the kitchen.

JEANNIE

Mom, don't you think this game might be a inappropriate for a six-year-old.

GRANDMA

Depends on your definition of inappropriate.

Kayla's avatar is now a pile of guts. Grandma's side of the screen reads "You Got Guts." Kayla's side of the screen reads "You Got Duty."

GRANDMA (CONT'D)

Oh, you got the duty! Grandma got the guts!

KAYLA

I never played this before.

GRANDMA

I can tell. Let's play again.

Nancy enters from the front door with Nancy Jr.

JEANNIE

Hey, Nance, thanks for coming over.

NANCY

I can't stay long because of the family circus I have back home.

KAYLA

Grandma, how are you so good at this game?

GRANDMA

The only video game they had in prison was Guts of Duty 6. Brown Opps. It was less guts, but more duty.

INT. LOUIE'S BEDROOM - LATER

Louie makes an apology card. Sophie enters.

SOPHIE

Hey, little pit stain. I heard you broke Mrs. Kowalski's life.

LOUIE

I didn't mean to.

SOPHIE

Just like Dad. Breaking families everywhere you go.

LOUIE

I am not like Dad!

SOPHIE

So, what are you doing?

LOUIE

I'm making Mrs. Kowalski an I'm sorry card.

SOPHIE

Like that's gonna make up for what you did.

JEANNIE (O.S.)

Louie! Nancy Jr. is here to see you!

LOUIE

Oh, God.

Nancy Jr. stomps upstairs and enters his bedroom.

NANCY JR.

Me, you, lunch tomorrow. I'll bring my hockey stick.

LOUIE

You want to play hockey against me?

NANCY JR.

No, turd. Me and you are going to fight. I'm going to pretend your face is a puck.

LOUIE

But you can easily kick my ass.

NANCY JR.

Tell that to my hockey stick.

Nancy Jr. exits.

LOUIE

I am so dead.

SOPHIE

I would defend you, but she could also kick my ass.

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Nancy Jr. walks downstairs. Jeannie and Nancy talk to her. Grandma and Kayla play another round.

JEANNIE

Did you threaten him real good like I asked?

NANCY JR.

Yep.

JEANNIE

Good, keep it going. Now, Nancy, I want you to have this.

Jeannie takes out her \$7,800 wad of cash.

GRANDMA

Jeannie, What the hell are you doing?

JEANNIE

It's nearly \$8,000. Should be enough to get you another car.

NANCY

Jeannie, this is more than three times what my car is worth. Where did you get this?

JEANNIE

It was a gift, but I'm regifting  
it.

Jeannie gives her the wad of cash. Grandma puts the  
controller down.

GRANDMA

That money wasn't meant for her.  
That money was meant for you!

JEANNIE

Mom, I don't want your dirty money.

NANCY

I'll take it. Money is money to me.  
Clean. Dirty. Who cares? As long as  
I can spend it!

JEANNIE

Good. Then it's settled.

NANCY

I guess I can forgive your son  
after this.

JEANNIE

No. Let him suffer a few more days.

KAYLA

Yeah! A few more days!

JEANNIE

I'll tell you when it's okay to  
forgive him. Also, do you want him  
to shovel your driveway again all  
winter like he did last year?

NANCY

Yeah, I would love that.

JEANNIE

Consider it done. He's grounded  
until at least Spring.

NANCY

Come on, Nancy Jr. Mommy needs a  
new used car.

NANCY JR.

And your daughter could use a new  
hockey stick.

NANCY

Let's see how much a car costs first.

Nancy and Nancy Jr. exit.

GRANDMA

I can't believe you. I gave you almost \$8,000 and you just gave it all away.

JEANNIE

Nancy needs it more than I do.

Jeannie exits into the kitchen. Grandma pursues her.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

GRANDMA

She didn't need all of it!

JEANNIE

As long as the money is illegal, I don't want it in my house.

GRANDMA

I told you that money wasn't illegal!

JEANNIE

Then why won't you tell me where it's from or why you're here?

GRANDMA

I just want to help my daughter. That's all.

JEANNIE

I'm perfectly fine without you.

GRANDMA

(sarcastic)

I can see that.

JEANNIE

What does that mean?

GRANDMA

I don't know, Jeannie, look at your situation. A single mom still stuck in the same house you grew up in.

JEANNIE

My situation is a lot better if  
you're not in it!

GRANDMA

So that's it? You just want me out  
of your life completely?

JEANNIE

Yes. Did you not get the hint when  
I didn't open my door?

GRANDMA

I came here to make peace. I just  
want to know you again.

JEANNIE

Mom, my life has been a thousand  
times better since you went to  
prison. I don't want you here. Not  
for a day. Not for an hour.

GRANDMA

Okay... Let me just pack my stuff  
and get out of here. I'll never see  
you again if that's what you want.

JEANNIE

Good riddance!

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Sophie says goodbye to Grandma as she puts her cooking shank back in her luggage. Jeannie watches from the kitchen.

SOPHIE  
Do you really have to go Grandma?

GRANDMA  
Yeah, it's for the best.

Sophie whispers.

SOPHIE  
Is it Mom?

Grandma doesn't respond. Sophie gets it.

SOPHIE (CONT'D)  
I'll miss you. Maybe I'll see you for another hour in another decade or so.

GRANDMA  
I really look forward to it.

SOPHIE  
I'll go tell Louie you're leaving so he can say goodbye.

Jeannie watches them. Her phone rings once again with the 305 area code.

JEANNIE  
God! What do these people want?

Jeannie enters the kitchen and answers.

INTERCUT AS NEEDED:

JEANNIE (CONT'D)  
What?!

On the other side of the phone is MR. MATTHEWS, 45.

MR. MATTHEWS  
Hi, is this Jeannie Wyatt?

JEANNIE  
Yes, unfortunately.

MR. MATTHEWS

I've been trying to get ahold of you all week.

JEANNIE

Why are you calling so late at night? How much do I owe you?

MR. MATTHEWS

What do you mean? This is your Mom's parole officer.

JEANNIE

My Mom's parole officer? Sorry, I thought you were a bill collector. Why are you calling me?

MR. MATTHEWS

I have some news and I didn't want to tell you in a voicemail.

JEANNIE

What news?

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Grandma hugs her grandkids one last time.

LOUIE

I thought we were gonna play Guts of Duty 12 together.

GRANDMA

I thought so too. Maybe Sophie will play it with you. Your younger sister is terrible.

Kayla hugs Grandma's legs.

KAYLA

I'll kick your butt next time, Grandma.

GRANDMA

I'm sure you will, Kayla.

KAYLA

It was nice meeting you. Even without the presents, I still love you.

GRANDMA  
But we've only known each other a  
day?

KAYLA  
Yeah, but you're my Grandma.

Jeannie enters the living room. Grandma opens the front door.

GRANDMA  
Goodbye kids. Goodbye Jeannie.

Grandma exits and closes the front door.

SOPHIE  
She wasn't that bad, Mom.

JEANNIE  
Yeah, I know.

Jeannie opens the front door and also exits.

EXT. PATIO - CONTINUOUS

JEANNIE  
Hey, Mom!

Grandma turns around before she steps onto the driveway.

JEANNIE (CONT'D)  
Don't leave yet.

GRANDMA  
Do you want to chew me out some  
more? Go ahead.

JEANNIE  
No, I found out how you got the  
money.

GRANDMA  
How?

JEANNIE  
Your parole officer just called me.

Grandma doesn't say a word.

JEANNIE (CONT'D)  
I wanted to apologize for being so  
harsh, but how come you didn't tell  
me Hank passed away?

Grandma tries her best to talk about it.

GRANDMA

I... I just want to stop thinking about him. For just one second.

JEANNIE

I get it.

Jeannie gives her mom a deep hug.

After a silent beat, Grandma rests her head on her daughter's shoulders.

GRANDMA

I thought coming here might get my mind off him. God, I miss him so much.

JEANNIE

I'm sorry, Mom. I really am.

GRANDMA

He was the only person who visited me in prison. He came every chance he could. Eighteen years we were married and then he died the day before I was released.

JEANNIE

He was a good guy. I'm sorry we never visited too.

GRANDMA

Hank always wanted me to patch things up with you. So I drove here right after his funeral.

JEANNIE

That was this morning?

GRANDMA

Yeah.

JEANNIE

Mom, stay here as long as you want.

GRANDMA

Are you sure?

JEANNIE

Yes, 100%. I can't let you be alone right now.

(MORE)

JEANNIE (CONT'D)

Don't leave until you want to. I'm sure the kids will be thrilled too.

GRANDMA

Thank you.

JEANNIE

Of course, Mom.

GRANDMA

Do you regret giving away the \$7,800 now?

JEANNIE

No. Nancy needs it more than I do. Maybe I wish I kept a little bit. Especially for... oh, damn it.

GRANDMA

What?

JEANNIE

I forgot to get Sophie a birthday present. Hey, can I borrow some money?

GRANDMA

No, I'm not giving you physical money ever again after that.

JEANNIE

Can you pay for things for the children at least?

GRANDMA

What does she want?

INT. LIVING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Jeannie and Grandma enter from the patio.

JEANNIE

Kids, your grandma is going to stay with us for awhile.

LOUIE

Really? Yes!

SOPHIE

All right, Mom!

KAYLA

Yay!

(singing)

I GOT A GRANDMA. I GOT A GRANDMA.  
I GOT A GRANDMA TODAY.

Kayla gives Grandma a hug.

GRANDMA

Yes, you do.

LOUIE

Grandma, do you want to play Guts  
of Duty 12 with me now?

JEANNIE

Actually, Nancy's watching you.  
And Louie, Grandma is staying in  
your room. She's your new roommate.

LOUIE

That's not fair. Grandma, you don't  
want to stay with me. I snore real  
loud.

GRANDMA

I bet I snore louder. And I fart in  
my sleep too.

LOUIE

Eeeeew.

GRANDMA

Oh, they get nasty. Just wait and  
see.

JEANNIE

Sophie, I called Megan and  
Melissa's moms and they both said  
they're kids can't see that movie.

SOPHIE

You called their moms?

JEANNIE

Yeah, so your Grandma and I are  
taking you to see Seventy Echoes of  
Blue tonight. Happy Birthday.

SOPHIE

You never go to the movies.

JEANNIE

Yeah, it's been years so I hope  
it's good.

SOPHIE

I guess it's better than not seeing  
it at all.

GRANDMA

Bring a big purse so we can sneak  
in some croisan-nuts.

END OF ACT THREE

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INT. MOVIE THEATER - NIGHT

Seventy Echoes of Blue plays on screen. BLUE, a 20-something woman with blue hair covering her breasts whips her BOY TOY repeatedly in a blue room.

BLUE  
Say it! Say it!

BOY TOY  
Blue, Blue, Blue!

BLUE  
Yes! Yes! Make my blue room echo!

Grandma, Sophie, and Jeannie eat popcorn and croisan-nuts. Sophie sits in the middle.

GRANDMA  
She really gets off on her name.  
It's like she's never heard of  
another color before.

SOPHIE  
Grandma, you can't talk during the  
movie.

GRANDMA  
Hey, I paid for all this. I can do  
whatever the crap I want.

Blue whips her boy toy again.

BOY TOY  
Blue! Blue! Blue!

GRANDMA  
And yellow, yellow, yellow. Makes  
green, green, green.

SOPHIE  
Mom, you were right. I don't like  
this movie nearly as much as I  
thought I would.

JEANNIE  
Really, I love this. Oh, whip him  
again, Blue! Woo!

END OF SHOW