Grandma's Smile



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Chapter 1

Sunday



Last week, my grandpa died.

Today, Grandma came from the country. She is going to stay with us for a few weeks.

"Grandma's feeling very unhappy right now," Mum said to me. "She needs us to look after her for a while."

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We are all feeling very unhappy about Grandpa. We know that Grandma is sad too, and we want to help her. But our house is very small. We live in a flat behind our bakery shop, near the middle of the city.

I said to Mum and Dad, "I could sleep on a mattress on the floor in your room, and Grandma could have my room."

"That's nice of you, Trudy," said Mum and Dad. So that's what we did.



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When Grandma came, she hugged me, like she always does. But she didn't smile when she saw me, like she always does. She looked sad.

When she saw the room we'd prepared for her, she looked even sadder. She said, "I didn't want to put you out of your room, Trudy. I could have slept on the couch in the lounge."

I told her it was okay.

I hoped she'd feel happier now. I hoped she'd smile.

But she didn't.





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Chapter 2

Monday



When I got home from school today, Mum and Dad were serving in the shop, like they always do.

"Where's Grandma?" I asked.

"She's sitting in the lounge," said Mum. She looked worried. "She's been there all day. I can't get her to go out."