

My Grandma is a Smart Cookie

A video play for a Grown up and Two Kids

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SCENE ONE

(A grandmother and granddaughter
are talking on a video platform.)

NONNY (GRANDMOTHER)

Hello Sweetheart, how are you?

KRISTEN

Hi. I'm okay, I guess.

NONNY

How is online school going?

KRISTEN

It's okay. I miss my friends.

NONNY

I understand that. I do, too! At least you get to see them on
the computer.

KRISTEN

There's one girl who is very annoying.

NONNY

What do you mean?

KRISTEN

She copies everything I do! She's right in the corner of my
screen. She moves her mouth and acts like she's talking when
I'M talking! She's bugging me.

NONNY

Oh, I see.

KRISTEN

Yesterday, she left the screen and came back wearing the
exact same colors I was wearing. I had on a red shirt and a
yellow hat. Guess what she put on.

NONNY

A red shirt and a yellow hat?

KRISTEN

Yes! Ugh, so annoying!

NONNY

It sounds like she likes your style. You know, that reminds me of when that happened to me at your age. There was a girl who imitated me all of the time. She imitated everything I said, everything I did and everything I wore.

KRISTEN

What did you do?

NONNY

At first, I stopped talking so she wouldn't have anything to copy. But that gets boring. So, finally one day, I was determined to make her stop. I went right up to her on the playground and I said, "Listen, stop doing everything I do!"

KRISTEN

What did she do?

NONNY

She said, "Do you like peanut butter cookies?" I nodded and she gave me one and we just sat there eating cookies. And guess what?

KRISTEN

What?

NONNY

She became my very best friend.

KRISTEN

She can't be as annoying as this girl.

NONNY

Oh, believe me, she was very annoying. But guess what else?

KRISTEN

What?

NONNY

She's still my best friend! Remember Caroline?

KRISTEN

Yes, I like Caroline! Is she still your annoying friend?

NONNY

Yes! I mean, no. I mean, yes, she's my friend, but, no, I don't find her annoying anymore. I find her to be wonderful.

KRISTEN

I don't think Lynn Gongolini is wonderful. I think she's trying to drive me crazy.

NONNY

Lynn Gongolini! I know her grandmother, Jenifer. You know what? I'm going to call Jenifer and set up a video play date with you two!

KRISTEN

What? Oh, no, Nonny, don't do that!

NONNY

Let me call you back. I'll call Jenifer and then I'll call Lynn's Mom and I'll call your Mom and then I'll call you and then we can set something up for Saturday. Bye bye, talk soon!

KRISTEN

Wait! Nonny! Wait! I don't want to! Nonny? Oh, GREAT.

(NONNY is gone from the
screen)

SCENE TWO

A bell rings and KRISTEN answers.

LYNN is already on the screen.

LYNN

(SHE is very excited and
keeps moving around.)

Hi! Hi! Kristen! Is that you?

KRISTEN

Yup. It's me all right.

LYNN

Isn't it so great that our grannies know each other? It's so great.

KRISTEN

It's great, all right. But she doesn't like to be called Granny. I call her Nonny.

LYNN

Oh. I call my Granny "Nonny," too.

KRISTEN

That's interesting.

LYNN

It's so interesting!

KRISTEN

First, I have a question. Why did you put on a red shirt and a yellow hat?

LYNN

Did you like it? I love those colors. It looked so cool on you. I just had to try it. What did you think?

KRISTEN

Well, I...

LYNN

I always like what you wear. Hey, I like to draw my own pictures of clothes. Want to see?

KRISTEN

Well, I...

(LYNN reaches under something and pulls out some drawings and shows KRISTEN)

LYNN

I did this one yesterday. It would look good with your hair, don't you think?

KRISTEN

Look, Lynn, I just wanted to say that it drives me crazy when you- (SHE stops and looks at the picture.) Wow. That is really good! Did you draw that?

LYNN

Yes, I draw all the time. Here's another. And another. And another. See all the pictures on the wall behind me? I drew them all.

KRISTEN

WOW! I didn't know you could sit still that long.

LYNN

My Granny says the only time I sit still is when I'm drawing. She says I'm a "designer."

KRISTEN

There are some beautiful things up there. What's that blue one?

LYNN

That's funny! I was thinking of you when I drew that dress.

KRISTEN

I love that.

LYNN

I'll save it for you.

KRISTEN

What's that silver thing?

LYNN

Oh, that's a car. I like to imagine cars. And airplanes. Here's my red airplane. It's called The Candy Apple Flyer. Next, I'm going to draw a space pod. I'm not sure what color yet.

KRISTEN

How about a bright neon green? Then you could see it from far away.

LYNN

Great idea! I am so glad our Grannies got us together. I just KNEW you were smart and talented, just like me.

KRISTEN

Oh, well, thank you. I think.

LYNN

I'd better get going. My Mom's calling me for lunch. It's just me and my Mom here. How about you?

KRISTEN

Mom, Dad, two baby brothers and a gerbil named Kelly.

LYNN

Lucky duck! I have to run! See ya!

KRISTEN

Hey, wait! Lynn! Maybe we could- oops. Too late. Bye.

SCENE THREE

NONNY

Well hello, my sweet! How did your play date with Lynn go?

KRISTEN

Oh my gosh, Nonny, that girl! She is such a good artist. She drew me a dress! It was amazing! And she draws airplanes and cars and all kinds of things. I couldn't believe it.

NONNY

Well, isn't that something! Do you think we should all have a play date when we can get out again?

KRISTEN

Oh, yes, let's do!

NONNY

I'll make peanut butter cookies to celebrate.

KRISTEN

That would be so fun. Guess what?

NONNY

What?

KRISTEN

She smart and talented just like me.

NONNY

Really?

KRISTEN

Yes.

NONNY

Not annoying like you?

KRISTEN

Nonny! I'm not annoying. Okay, sometimes I can be annoying. But it doesn't matter, because she is really interesting. I don't know anyone like her. I can't wait.

NONNY

I can't either! I can't wait to see you and hug you. We'll do all sorts of fun things.

KRISTEN

We miss our grannies.

NONNY

Who's a granny? Not me.

KRISTEN

I'm just teasing you, Nonny! I love you!

NONNY

Goodbye, my love. I love you, too.

THE END.

