

Grandma's Special Recipes

(Scene 1: Beginning/Introduce your characters) Maria is a hands-on little girl who lives across the street from her grandma. “Ring, Ring, Ring” Maria went running to the phone, she knew who it was. Her grandmother was calling her like usual on Sunday. Every Sunday Maria and her grandmother would cook dinner together.

(Scene 2: Build your setting-where and when your story takes place) When Maria arrived at her grandmother's house she was so excited to see what they were doing that day, eggplant parmesan! It was her favorite dish but also a very hard one. She knew today was going to be a busy day.

(Scene 3: Rising Action) Maria and her grandmother started to prep all the ingredients for their eggplant parmesan. Grandma took out the cans of tomatoes and pots to make the sauce. Maria started peeling the eggplant.

Then, Maria took out milk, eggs, and bread crumbs to bread the eggplant.

(Scene 4: The main PROBLEM of the story) They begin to start cooking. Maria is hard at work peeling the eggplant. Grandma is done grinding the tomatoes for her sauce. Maria takes out her bowl of milk and bowl of eggs to start breading each piece of eggplant.

After a few minutes, they are now ready to start putting it all together. Maria goes to the cabinet and takes out grandma's casserole dish. First layer sauce, second layer eggplant, third layer cheese ...but wait. Grandma forgot the cheese! She started to add another layer of sauce. This is strange, grandma loves cheese, how could she forget the cheese?

(Scene 5” Climax/Turning Point in your Story) “Grandma, what about the cheese!?” Maria said in a shocked voice.

“ Oh dear! How could I forget. Thanks for reminding me Maria, sometimes I forget”Grandma said in a quiet voice.

“It’s okay, we all forget sometimes. Let me get the cheese for you.” as Maria heads to the refrigerator.

Maria goes back to the kitchen table and they continue working on the eggplant parmesan. Sauce, eggplant, cheese, sauce, eggplant, cheese, and repeat. It was finally done. Now all they had to do was put it in the oven to bake for the cheese to get all gooey and melted, Maria’s and grandma’s favorite part! But something was bothering Maria, she was worried about grandma. How could she forget her favorite part? Was something wrong with grandma? Grandma said she forgets things sometimes, so maybe she needs help remembering, but how?

(Scene 6: Falling Action) While they were waiting for the cheese to get all gooey and melted, Maria decided she was going to write the recipe down so grandma would never forget again! She runs over to grandma’s [China cabinet](#) and grabs a piece of paper and a pencil.

“Grandma, when I get older I want to be able to cook for my family just like you. Can you help me write down the steps of the recipe for eggplant parmesan?” Maria asked grandma.

“Sure, what a lovely idea Maria,” Grandma replied in a delightful voice.

They sat at the kitchen table and as grandma told her the recipe Maria wrote as fast as she could. She made sure to get every step.

(Scene 7: The SOLUTION to the problem) After dinner, Maria went home and was looking at the recipe she wrote down. She was still feeling concerned.

At that moment, she had a great idea. What if she wrote down ALL the recipes she and grandma cooked together. Then she thought, “Wait, what if I put ALL the recipes together and make a book. I can give it to grandma as a gift.”

Maria got so excited with this idea she started **digging** in her room for her favorite notebook. She wanted to get started right away.

The next day, she ran to grandma's house and told her the idea, she loved it too!

For the next few months, every Sunday Maria and grandma cooked a new recipe and Maria wrote the recipe in her notebook.

(Scene 8: Ending-Lesson learned/Theme) It was Christmas time and it was Maria's turn to give grandma her present. She hands grandma a beautiful wrapped present with a big gold bow. When grandma opened it, tears started streaming down her face. Maria was worried, "Oh no, does she not like it?"

Grandma held up the book and read the title, "Grandma's Special Recipes". She opened the book and started looking at all the recipes.

She walked over to Maria and gave her a big hug and said, "Maria, this is the most thoughtful gift I have ever received. Thank you. I love this book and I love cooking with you."

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