

Play edit for Staged Reading: TTNO conference 2024. At the start The PowerPoint is live. **1** This first slide is either blank or will have written on it: Welcome to Our family Restaurant: The Child's Play.

Stage Manager: (SM) Welcome everyone. My name is MaryJane Cowtan and I will be reading the stage directions in our staged play reading. Today we are presenting: *Fairy Godmother & Granny With Their Usual Flair, A Pyramid, A Mouse & A Little White Hare*. This is the first play in The Relationship, Love, and Death Trilogy for Children, written by Heather Gurd.

Let me introduce you to our readers:

Fairy Godmother in a wheelchair is being played by Helen Jane Will

Granny is being played by Heather Grace Gurd

Child is being played by Julia Von Flotow

Our Setting: A table at a restaurant. Lights up!

Child: Granny, I'm troubled and don't know what to do, my friends sometimes hurt me, and my family does too. (cries)

Granny : *My darling! This is terrible, cause there's one thing I know, if they love you then only with love you will grow. Now growing can hurt, this is also true. But love softens the blows life can deal to you. (smooches) There is one way to know absolutely for sure if the relationships you have are true and pure. It's a formula I created to help to teach others. It's a container that neither drops nor smothers.*

SM: Something from the restaurant kitchen drops and shatters. The lights go out. Fairy God Mother suddenly is there in her wheelchair. In the dark, from their purses both Granny and Fairy Godmother pull out various things including candles. The glow is enough for them to see each other clearly.

Child: You! You are here!

Fairy

Godmother: Yes, I told you I'd be.

Child And with candles! You're like magic cause now we can see!

Fairy

Godmother: I heard you crying, and with Granny talking,
so I thought to myself I better get walking!

Child But How???

Fairy

Godmother: Ha! I simply rolled up quietly in the dark.
Now what's up with you my little spark?

Child: Granny has some container she likes,
and it's supposed to help me ...
(truly frightened) Oh my gosh! Yikes!!!

Fairy

Godmother: My pet mouse! Awww..Its ok. She got out of my purse.
(The mouse cuddles with child)
Now you be the patient and we three (!) will nurse.
We'll show you a plan and give you some tips
that will help navigate all relationships.

SM: Behind the restaurant table is a very big TV/computer screen. It comes to life and as the talk continues. We see images as if they are projected from the Child's imagination.

Granny: *Just breathe darling child and imagine you're a bird, flying over a pyramid, 2 looking down, when a word, is written by some invisible hand, at the top and north corner right there in the sand.*

Child I see it. 3 Says HONESTY. Ooohh this gives me the shivers.

Fairy

Godmother: As it should. It's the foundation of all of the pillars.

Child: Hmm..after HONESTY, 4 TRUST, 5 ACCEPTANCE, AND 6 RESPECT are all there.

Granny: *Right. Without these four qualities... 7 Is that a white hare?! (everyone giggles) 8 Without these four basic qualities to start, your relationship has no love and certainly no heart.*

Fairy

Godmother: **Exactly correct. Without these nothing's true. Power struggles and bullying will likely ensue! But now watch how this grows. These 4 qualities are like seeds. They grow into new values fast as beautiful weeds! 9**

SM: **From a new perspective on the screen, we see the child standing in the pyramid looking out from each direction. Transparent walls have grow up around her, and words on the screen appear while Granny and Fairy God Mother continue to teach.**

Granny: 10 *From Honesty grows Integrity.*

Fairy

Godmother: 11 **From Trust: Innocence.**

Granny: 12 *From Acceptance grows Presence.*

Fairy

Godmother: 13 **From Respect sweet Charis. (Karis)**

Child Ch(k)aris? What's that? Something I've never heard...

Fairy Godmother: **Hehehe Not Surprising. It's a big and fine word.**

Granny: *It's 1 of the 6 types of love from "The Way". It's something... deeply special ...that I can say.*

Fairy Godmother: **Ch(k)aris' is benevolence, sweet as clouds at sunset.**

Granny: *Yes! It's this effortless kindness, in grace, for all met.*

Fairy

Godmother: 14 It's an overflowing love from the soul to the heart –
It's natural abundance from the end to the start.

Child : "End to Start?" Ha! So Backwards!!! Hahahahaha!!
SM Blows Raspberry.

Child: OOOPs! Please pardon my fart.

All: hahahahahahahahaha!!!!

Granny

*But here comes the most beautiful part.
When I first saw this...Ohhh my beating heart. 15*

Fairy

Godmother: At the top of the pyramid new qualities bloom.
Take your time and savour each like a rare perfume.

Child: 16 I see! From Integrity blooms Truth,
17 From Innocence Grace,
18 From Presence blooms Peace... (giggles)
Ooohhh what an extraordinary place!

Fairy

Godmother: And now after Ch(k)aris, 19 it reads: Revelation.

Granny: *And right after that, there's a natural elevation.*

SM: Now we see the side of the pyramid with a portal of love light flowing through it.)

20 Child and Fairy God Mother: Wow/Whoa/...

Granny: *As above so below, this my sweet container.
The Pyramid of True Relationship – it's the perfect explainer.*

Fairy

Godmother:

Just look for those first four, they are truly the base for what can evolve in this wonderful place. 21
If your friends and your family hold on to these four, then you're safe, you can grow and open any door.

Granny:

But lies, suspicion, manipulation, and scorn, will result in a spirit and heart that gets torn.

Fairy

Godmother:

While with honesty, acceptance, respect and trust, you can get through life's hurdles, and challenges and musts.

Carter:

But how do I know if someone's true or not?
Words are cheap! People lie!

Fairy

Godmother:

It's a tricky spot.

Granny: 22

Just grow these qualities in yourself and you'll see, there's a part inside of you that will know quietly.

Fairy

Godmother:

Meditation can help! And its not all that hard.
It's a present that keeps giving, like a secret card.

Carter

Meditation! Oh My Gosh - Like those goofs chanting ohm?

Fairy

Godmother:

Nahhh..Sometimes it's just like writing a poem. 21

SM: Lights down.

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