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Episode 037 Carrots

Toby was beginning to think Nan was all right. With his parents working long and hard at their jobs, Toby was spending more time with his mother's mother. Actually she was great the way she let him stay up to watch a film. At home he'd have had to watch it in his room, with the sound turned down really low so his Dad didn't hear, especially on a school night. Some of the films were definitely unsuitable for Toby, or so Dad thought. Some of the films his Nan watched were very violent and full of swear words, but his Nan didn't seem to mind, and anyway Mum and Dad weren't there.

She always had loads of things to eat, his Dad would have said they were unsuitable for Toby, and they'd sit together on the old, but comfy settee in her overcrowded room, stuffing themselves with crisps and Coke, and watching something really horrible and gory on a DVD, but really really good.

She didn't nag at him about finishing his homework either and she was always interested in what he'd done at school, and who his friends were. She made the best chocolate cake ever and she didn't keep telling him to take smaller pieces or 'anymore and you'll be sick'.

There was still the problem of the small bedroom and that awful stinky pot pourri stuff but he threw it out of the window, and filled the bowl with bits of twigs and soil out of the garden when she was at the shops. Nan didn't seem to notice the difference.

And the carrots!

Nan boiled them, then mashed them or sliced them so they had carrots every day with their meals. "Eat them up Toby," she'd say. "Eat up all your carrots, and then you'll be able to see in the dark." He wasn't sure why it was so important. He could already see very well in the dark. He had his torch. But because he quite liked his Nan, she wasn't half bad for an old wrinkly, he ate some of the orange carrot and swede mash on his plate.

All in all it wasn't too bad stopping at his Nan's for a short time, but that didn't mean he'd rather stay than go back to their large house and his own large bedroom as soon as possible.

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